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COMING EVENTS 2012

Monday 16 th April to Friday 27 th April	Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 30 th March	Last day of Term 1 - Bus collection at 2pm
Monday 16 th April	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 1 st May	Parents & Friends, 7.30pm Campus Staffroom

Hello Everyone,

The end of Term 1 has arrived rather quickly. Where did it all go? This will be the last newsletter for the term that will be sent home via your child every Friday. From the beginning of Term 2 this newsletter will be emailed fortnightly to all those households that have provided the school with their e-mail address. A paper copy can be collected from the General Office for those who still like reading it in hard copy but to save paper we will be e-mailing from next term.

If you would like to give the school your e-mail address please do so at the General Office or send it in with your child.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parent-Teacher Interviews on Wednesday afternoon. The number of parents that attended was down a little but those who attended, I'm sure made excellent use of the time to discuss the progress of their child with the respective teachers. The time invested in these interviews will certainly pay high dividends to those parents that made the time to attend. When your child knows and sees that his or her parents are interested enough in their education to come to Parent –Teacher interviews they will perform much better in their classes.

Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students will be undertaking 2 weeks of work experience at the beginning of the new term. I know that in the past quite a number of students have picked up work from the work experience they attended. But more importantly perhaps, a lot of students pick up skills that they can use in their future working lives. Skills like responsibility, punctuality, perseverance and adaptability. Real life skills that are so important to all working people.

We wish all our Year 10s the very best for their time experiencing working life away from school for the 2 weeks.

Long Service Leave and Staff Movement

We say "good bye" and safe travels to Bernie Cropper and Dave Egan for Term 2. Both of these long serving Churchill teachers will be taking leave for the duration of Term 2. Both will be doing a lot of travelling while on leave. Dave will be getting on his motorbike to travel within Australia while Bernie will continue her passion for overseas travel to South America and Europe. We wish them both well and a safe journey. We will also be saying "good luck" to Nick Schilling who will transfer to the Morwell Campus. Nick has been a very tireless worker in the PE area at Churchill Campus and I know that he has had a very positive impact on all his students. Nick will be missed here. We wish him the very best at Morwell Campus and know that he will continue the great work he does in the area of his passion.

Happy Easter and a Safe Holiday to all

I'd like to wish everyone a safe, Happy Easter and a relaxing break. Please drive carefully and party safely. See you all back on 16th April full of new energy.

Nello Carbone
Churchill Campus Principal

2012 CHINA TRIP

Again this year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to travel and discover the delights of China. The school will be undertaking a study tour of China during September 2012. The three week tour will visit Kou'an (our sister school in China) where students will stay with a Chinese family and attend some classes at Kou'an Middle School. Some of the other places the tour plans to visit will include Beijing, the Great Wall, Shanghai and Hong Kong. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover the wonders of China.

During next term we will have a family information session to update families on the details of the trip and give parents and students an opportunity to find out more information.

Later this year there will be some classes run by the Language Centre to teach students and/or families the basics of the Chinese language. Knowing some basic Chinese will be greatly useful on the tour. All students in China learn English at school, but many older people in China don't speak English.

The full cost of the tour will be around \$3,000, and there will be some financial support available for some families. Costs will be confirmed later as itineraries are set. All students will need to have a passport, so there will also be this extra expense for some families. So if you are interested in travelling, start saving now.

If you need more information or have any queries you can contact Darren Hodgson on 51323836 or on hodgson.darren.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.



If you are interested in taking part of this study tour please complete the expression of interest below:

I _____ (Student name) are expressing an interest of being involved in the Kurnai Study Tour of China in September 2012.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signed: _____

Please return this form to your campus office by 30th March (last day of term 1)

"IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY"

Absence Hotline: 51 323703

If your child is going to be absent for the day or a number of days please contact the Absence Hotline and leave details. This service has been set up for the convenience of both families and the college with voicemail access 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The voicemail is checked several times a day. Thank you to the many parents already utilising this system.

Please leave a recorded message stating:

- Your name.
- The student's name.
- Year level or Home group.
- The reason for the absence and the duration if known.

There are a growing number of students who are constantly late to school.

Home group commences at 8.30. It is important that students attend, as valuable information is passed on to the students regarding school activities and daily school news. If the student misses home group they commence the day without the knowledge they need to set them up for the day on a positive note.

- If your child is late, they **must** bring a signed and dated note.
- Being **Late or Sleeping in** are **not** acceptable reasons.
- We also require a signed and dated note for students to leave the college early.

SRC NEWS

It's the last week of term! Are you excited or what? The SRC have been very busy organizing quite a few fundraisers (which includes an out of uniform day) and tallying House Points! I'm sure you're all excited to know who gets to wear their House Colours to school for a day.

We're currently organizing two fundraisers; school shirts with the year ten student's names on it for graduating students and the Salvation Army Homeless Teenagers appeal.

Now, we all know how likely it is that in ten or twenty years' time you'll forget who you went to high school with. To counteract this problem, the Year 10's are getting printed shirts with the names of all their year level members on the back so you never forget! We'll have more information on this shortly.

Each year in May, the Salvation Army holds an appeal. This year, they're holding an appeal for homeless teenagers. Did you know, that just in Australia, there are 22,000 teenagers sleeping on the streets each night? Horrible, we know. So the SRC decided we'd do something to help. We're holding a sleepover! Members of the community who find they have no-where warm to sleep can come and stay at our school for the night. They'll be fed and get to sleep in a safe environment. A good deed on our part, I think. More information will be available closer to the date.

Mrs. Taylor brought something serious, and sad, to our attention at last week's meeting. Despite the civil war in South Sudan being over, the damage is far from gone. Many children from a village in South Sudan called Bor are now orphans as their parents didn't survive the war. These children have built themselves a school so that the older orphans can teach the young ones. Unfortunately, without the right funds or resources this school is just a small hut made from sticks and mud. The village of Bor needs our help.

Land has been donated to build a school for the children of Bor but now they need supplies. It has come to our attention that we can offer these supplies. A container full of school supplies will be shipped to South Sudan in November and we're going to try and do everything we can to help fill that container. So, if you have any spare pens, pencils, erasers, textas, rulers, books or backpacks we'd really appreciate if you could donate them to this cause. There will be a box in the library and one in the language centre that you can place your donations. It's only a small object but it can make a lot of difference to a child who needs it.

And last, but certainly not least, the winner of the House Colour Day! In 4th place with 474.5 points is Freeman! 3rd place goes to Siddle with 666 points. 2nd place, on 684 points is Thorpe! And 1st place is awarded to... (Insert drumroll)...Forsyth! With 725.5 points! Congratulations Blue House and well done to everyone else. The House Colours day will unfortunately have to be held off until next term but we'll set a date then for members of Blue House to wear their house colours.

I hope the weather treats you well this week everyone but remember, there's still progress reports to be written. So everyone on their best behavior!

Until next week,

The Media Team, SRC

If you're interested in advertising in the Buy, Swap, Sell page, there will be a box in the office where you can submit your advertisements. A form is attached.

Name:	Contact Details:
Object:	BUY SWAP SELL (Please circle)

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YEAR 7 NEWS

I would like to thank all of the parents and families who attended Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday night. It was great to catch up with so many and also to hear so much positive feedback about how our Year 7's have enjoyed their transition to high school and settled in well. If you were unable to attend the interviews and would like to discuss your child, please don't hesitate to contact me, either at hogan.adam.d@edumail.vic.gov.au, or on 5132 3700.

I would also like to thank the Year 7 Team for their outstanding efforts this term, often going above and beyond what's expected to ensure our students are safe, happy, and importantly making the most of their learning opportunities.

Finally I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy Easter break, and look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks as we embark on an exciting Term 2.

Camp Details

An information letter has gone home to all students who were on the lists as attending camp this year. This letter includes information about the camp, and importantly what students need to bring. Please ask your child if you haven't seen this letter yet.

The Easter raffle has been drawn at our final assembly this afternoon. Winners will be notified and names published in the first newsletter next term. We'd like to thank everyone who supported this raffle, either through selling or purchasing tickets.

All Stars

Each round of progress reports, I undertake an analysis of every student's progress and acknowledge the highest achieving students in the year level. These students are titled 'All Stars' for their year level, in recognition of their excellent commitment to their school. It is important to note that this is not specifically a measure of academic performance, but takes into account a student's attitude, conduct, work ethic in class and work completion.

The **All Stars** for our second progress report are: Lucy Severson, Sinead Cantrill, Emily Vella, Ryley Smyth, Bonnie Kearns, Alice Davey, Sam Davey, Annabelle Linton, Jaryd Downes-Smith, Maddison Schneider, Blake Ewald, Cameron Ipsen, Aidan Quigley, Alana Dossier, Sarina Molinari, Rose Van Rooy, Vanessa Wilson, Blake Hunter, Hayden Kimpton, Alison Parmenter, Jamie Iorangi, Cameron Stewart, Breanna Langhans, Mirrin McKay, Daniel Wynne, Ben Cheffers, Kimberley Gordon, Meika Ormerod, Neesha Simmons.

I would also like to acknowledge the following students for having the **most significant improvement** in their progress reports: Meika Ormerod, Alicia Ewen, Alanna Dossier, Emily Vella, Blake Hunter, Hayden Kimpton, Breanna Lamont, Bailey Fielder, Aiden Quigley, Johnny Phelan, Brandon Woodbridge, Bayley Quigg, Jason Grunberg, Jaryd Downes-Smith, Alex Ramos

Adam Hogan

Year 7 Team Leader

YEAR 9 NEWS

Coastal Ambassadors Camp at Phillip Island:

This camp will be running again in 2012 for Year Nine students from across Victoria. Coastal Ambassadors is designed for students who have a keen interest in marine and environmental conservation. Working with Phillip Island Nature Parks Rangers and Researchers students learn about the amazing Victorian marine environment.

Students participate in:

- Hands on environmental conservation work
- Presentations from leading Australian Fur Seal and Little Penguin scientists
- Surf Lesson
- Summerlands Bike Challenge
- Seal Rocks Boat Cruise
- Visiting the Penguin Parade

The program also has a strong emphasis on developing student leadership, teamwork and communication skills. During the camp, students use their new knowledge and skills to develop a conservation 'action plan' for their school or local community which is then implemented by the students after the camp. Students who are interested in this camp can see Ms. Otten for more details.

ALL STARS:

Congratulations to all those students (34!!) who have made it onto the All-Stars list. Well done guys! The students are: Kieran Marriot, Riley Hogarth, Ryan Marriot (37), Jack Findlay (36), Rhys Hooimeyer (35), Maddy Young, Jade Stevenson, Brody Turner, Bevan Kemp (34), Jaymi Wright, Teegan Marriott, Zoey Hibbert (33), Sophie Chambers, Joelly Firmin, Lani Murdoch (32), Jess Fossati, Ashlee Mayer, Courtney Vella, Rowan Flake-Farrell, Bronwym Slater, Bijanka Langanke (31) Zach Helyar, Stacey Webster, Tony Foster, Liam Kearns, Mikayla Gangi, Kaitlin Nardino, Daniel Blakeley, Jaymee-Lee McIntosh, Pat McGrath, Vanessa Keogh, Caitlin Mareska, Mitch Renwick and Taylah Van Tilburg (30).

Almuth Otten

Year 9 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

Just a reminder for all of the year tens that all of the arrangement forms for work experience should have been brought back to Mrs Kane by now and should be completely filled out. If you are unaware of your start and finish times or uniform, etc, then you need to speak with your employer. Hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter break and good luck to all the year tens with your two weeks of work experience.

By Kayley Hodson and Maddy Turpin



COLLEGE MUSIC



FUNDRAISING

Drink cans – being collected. Bag of cans can be placed in the Can Bin located at the front office at Churchill Campus

Vehicle Battery drive:

Churchill campus: *Last 2 weeks of term* on Mondays, Tuesdays and Friday.

Drop-off point at front of school – see Music Trailer.

ONLY INSTRUMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE ARE:

Trombone x 3; Trumpet x 2; French Horn x 1; saxophone/clarinet x 3.

Get an Expression of Interest Form from the office if interested. Can commence classes on the above instruments ASAP.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

- Generations In Jazz Festival @ Mt Gambier, South Australia
Friday 4th May til Monday 7th May

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRAFALGAR SKATE BOWL FESTIVAL

Young people who enjoy skating or tricks with BMX bikes or scooters are invited to a great afternoon of showcasing and competitions on Sunday 22nd April from 2-6pm. The Trafalgar Skate Park is located in Depot lane, behind the Baw Baw Technology Centre on Princes Highway. Registrations will take place from 1.40pm.

This festival has been made possible by a grant from Youth Foundations- a partnership between the Trafalgar Bendigo Community Bank and the State Government. Trafalgar Community Development Association applied for the grant after the success of last year's event and is pleased to support the young people of our area.

The YMCA Skate Services (YSS) will facilitate and manage a festival run the competitions

The competition will include a Best Trick, Jam or Single Run sessions. There will be a great range of prizes.

YMCA CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1. All competitors must have a completed and signed *entry form* by a parent or guardian
- 2. All competitors must be smoke, drug and alcohol free
- 3. All competitors must wear helmet whilst competing (helmets supplied)

There will be food and drinks available to purchase and useful info from a variety of youth organisations.

For more information check the website: www.skatepark.ymca.org.au or contact TCDA president Sue Jacka 0409 757 170, or Trafalgar High School Youth Worker, David Lyons 0409015662.



JUNIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

MLC Tennis Australia Hotshots for ages 5-12

FREE trial lessons available, **FREE** tennis racquet & t-shirt upon enrolment in term program

LET'S PLAY TENNIS – For ages 12 & above

FREE trial lessons available

MUM' & DAD'S PROGRAM

Ladies & Men's groups (beginners or experienced)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

School holiday clinics will be offered during each week of the holidays. Phone for details.

CALL GLEN: 51762678 OR SALLY: 51749661

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

CHURCHILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - 2012 SEASON IS STARTING SOON.

New and continuing players welcomed for UNDER 12'S, UNDER 14'S & UNDER 16'S.

TRAININGS: Tuesday and Thursday nights at Gaskin Park Junior Football Ground.

Under 12's from 4:30 to 5:30pm, Under 14's and 16's from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Great value with registration fee only \$80 for the season.

For more information call President Noel Hawkins on 0458 358 307 or Secretary Ray Smith 5166 1793

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive your Newsletter, student information/work via email, please complete and return the form below.

Please ensure you write clearly.

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STUDENT NAME: **YEAR LEVEL**

PARENT NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS: