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COMING EVENTS 2012

Wednesday 5 th to Thursday 13 th December	Headstart classes – Year 10's begin Monday 3 rd November
Tuesday 11 th December	Orientation Day for 2013 Year 7's & Year 11's
Friday 14 th to Wednesday 19 th November	Headstart - Meetings For Success No formal classes
Wednesday 19 th December	Awards Day 1pm @ Monash University 5N104
Friday 1 st February, 2013	START OF TERM 1 2013

Hi Everyone,

The staff of Churchill Campus would like to wish all students and their families a very happy Christmas and a safe new year.



STAFF FAREWELLS

Churchill campus will be bidding a fond farewell to a few teaching staff at the end of the year.

Bernie Cropper will take up a Leading Teacher role at the Precinct Campus as VCE Coordinator, Laurel Kane will join the Art department at the Precinct Campus and Holly Campbell will join Morwell Campus. Scot Gardner is leaving the College to focus on his already award-winning writing career. Cheryl Taylor, who has been battling ill health, will not be returning in the immediate future. Lab technician, Stacey Swallow, will be taking maternity leave in 2013. All of these staff have made a significant and valued contribution to the Churchill Learning Community and will be sadly missed by staff and students. We wish them all the very best for their future and thank them for the passion, dedication and effort they have invested in our campus.

New staff to Churchill Campus from the Precinct Campus will be Matt Jobling as Campus Principal and Sandra Flake as a Leading Teacher in charge of the Year 10 team. From Morwell Campus we are joined by Rebecca Lynch in English and Dave Frendo in Technology. We will also be welcoming a new Lab Technician to the College in Cheree Rogers. We wish all these staff a smooth transition into the Campus and look forward to working with them in 2013.

HEADSTART

The Headstart program is progressing well and students and staff are busy getting into the new learning and preparing for a successful 2013. Staff have also begun the 'Meetings for Success' with students and their families to provide an opportunity to discuss each individual student and what we can do together to help your child get the most out of their schooling. If you haven't been contacted for an appointment time you can expect a call in the very near future; we believe this is a valuable time in which important information can be passed on to the new team overseeing a student's year level that may not be available through academic assessments.

AWARDS DAY

The awards for 2012 will be presented on Wednesday 19th December with the event commencing at 1pm. We welcome all parents and families to this event to share in the acknowledgment of effort and outstanding achievements of our students in 2012.

HOLIDAYS

Whilst it is important to have a break and relax over the summer holidays it is also important to be prepared for a positive return to study in February. Students need to complete any tasks set during Headstart and where possible read ahead so they can build on their learning when they return.

FIRST DAY 2013

Students begin their classes in 2013 on Friday 1st February. Staff will be returning on Tuesday 29th January and will be busy participating in some professional learning sessions as well as preparing for classes and finalising plans for the campus operations in 2013.

YEAR 7 GLOBAL POVERTY PROJECTS

Congratulations to all the Year 7 students and the Year 7 Team of staff for their excellent display of the detailed and awareness raising project work last week. A range of visitors to the display including parents, community members, primary school students and staff, as well as our

own students were able to interact with many of the displays and presenters and find out about some of the incredible hardships faced by young people of a similar age in other parts of the world that are not as well off as us. The explanations of what was learnt indicated that our students had become acutely aware of the struggles that others face and expressed a new appreciation for the lifestyles that we enjoy in Australia.

HEADING NORTH 2012

Former Churchill Campus student Sam Alexander is nearing the final stages of his epic journey travelling a solo journey of 5,330km on horseback on the Bicentennial National Trail. Taking a year off from his medical studies Sam started in Healesville, Victoria and is headed to Cooktown in far north Queensland and hoping to arrive in mid-December. His overall goal is to utilise this unique ride to promote the importance of medical care in rural Australia and raise awareness of the important work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Along the way Sam has been visiting local schools and communities to promote his cause. Sam is seeking to raise funds through donations to support the work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and anyone interested in making a donation or wanting to hear more about his trek or follow his progress can access details on his website at www.headingnorth2012.com



Matt Jobling
Campus Principal

YEAR 7 NEWS

During Term 4, all Year 7 have been exploring the topic of Global Poverty. Within this they have learned about the United Nations, the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the Millennium Development Goals. In small groups, they have picked an issue to do with one of the Millennium Development Goals and developed and implemented a practical action aimed at deepening their own understanding of the issue as well as educating others about the issue.

Some of the practical actions include: the creation of websites, undertaking radio interviews, attending local primary schools to educate younger students and assist at breakfast club, spending a day and night living on less than \$2 a day, volunteering at a local Soup Kitchen and raising money to buy mosquito nets for people in Senegal, Africa.

Students have also designed and built solar cookers to learn about solar rich – fuel poor countries and alternate energy usage. In the near future, they will be testing out their cookers to see if they work!



Ross Fitzpatrick working on an oil-pastel picture with Courtney Ritchie



Jaryd Downes-Smith building his solar cooker



Maddy Schneider, Sinead Cantrill, Lucy Severson, Peter Duncan and Sarina Molinari are excited to be making a difference to those in poverty.