Principal

24/02/2015

Primary school captains
I am delighted to announce that our Primary College Captains for 2015 are Grace and Jaryd with our vice-captain being Heidi. The grade six students made speeches and read them at assembly. All the primary school students voted as to who they thought would make a good leader. The results were very close with each candidate polling very well.

Primary captains will do a wide range of leadership activities which include:
- run the primary assembly’s on a Friday afternoon.
- support younger students and help where required
- listen to any student concerns
- fund raising activities

They have made a great start in their roles and Grace helped me write this section of the newsletter.

Lavers Hill Chess program
Our Games Elective is up and running and many of the students are keenly playing Chess. I am thoroughly enjoying the chance to hone my skills and am playing regularly with Edward who is currently up 3 games to 2. I am not very happy with this and am very keen to get back to 3 all next week.

To build on this interest we would like to invite community members to join us to help build our collective skills. If you are interested please do contact me.

Victorian Schools Castlemaine Chess Tournament is coming up on Wednesday 20th May and Thursday 21st May. (see https://castlemainechess.wordpress.com/ offering $20,000 prize money. The concept grows upon the Castlemaine Community’s development of chess excellence in education on a local and global level over the past 9 years. The Challenge is funded by various private benefactors from Castlemaine, and sponsors such as Maldon & District Bendigo Community Bank. The inaugural tournament is on Prize money won at this event will be used solely for developing chess programs within schools and community.

The Lavers Hill Chess Team. We will be putting a team together over the coming weeks and plan to hold a local tournament in preparation for the trip to Castlemaine. There is also an opportunity to bring a sleeping bag and sleep in one of the Old Gaol cells. This will be a free night’s accommodation for people who travel beyond 100km.

Professional Learning : Providing Effective Feedback

At our Professional Learning Meeting last week staff continued to explore ‘what makes for effective feedback’. We have looked at a range of readings and together identified the effective feedback was:
• Constructive, thoughtful. appropriate and helpful
• In reference to a goal or clear criteria
• Recognition of doing well and success
• Is honest and respectful
• Specific and timely
• Can be both challenging and supportive
• Can be succinct and often non-verbal encouragement
• Outlines possible next steps

Importantly feedback, does not need to involve advice or telling someone what to do. We don’t need to say if something is good or bad, but rather observe, acknowledge and ask thoughtful and insightful questions,

Effective feedback is a strong form of learning in itself and actively involves and empowers all involved. We are keen to continue to reflect on how we can best provide feedback to help our students’ and one another learn. I look forward to sharing further thoughts in this area.

Curriculum Planning

As part of the College’s 2015 plan we have signed up to a Curriculum Mapping Program call ‘Rubicon Atlas’. This is an excellent program that enables teachers to plan and share their course outlines and unit plans. We have developed a template for all of our unit plans and will soon be adding our units to the program. Over the coming weeks we will work through a number of professional learning sessions to practice and become skilful in using the program.

Andrew Kohane

Dates to remember:

Wed 25th-Friday 27th Feb Year 7 & 8 Portsea Camp.
Thurs 26th Feb Year 5 & 6 overnight camp and Fri 27th Feb do the Great Ocean Walk.
Friday 27th Feb Senior students visit the Air Show (Avalon).
Friday 27th Feb VCE Biology (Year 12) student excursion to Apollo Bay P-12 College.
Mon 2nd Mar 6pm start. College Council AGM.
Tue 3rd Mar 7 – 8:15pm Middle Years Information Night & Team Challenge.
Thurs 5th Mar Secondary Interschool Swimming (Apollo Bay) qualifying swimmers only.
Fri 6th Mar Bike Buller volunteer team heads off.
NEWS FROM THE PRIMARIES

VOLUNTEERS

If there is anyone out in the community who has some spare time and would like to volunteer at the school for some classes as a helper please contact Miss Ferrari at the school with times and days that would best suit you. Your support is much appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY

Can parents please check their child’s uniform has their name on it, there is a large selections of jumpers hanging outside the primary classrooms with no names on them. We also have parents informing us of missing jumpers so please check that your child has not accidently collected the wrong jumper. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulation Ella Brauer on getting 3rd place in shot put at Little Aths in Ballarat. Well done El!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Darcy Pomorin – Darcy received the star award for being a kind, sharing student in his music class. Darcy offered one of his stickers to another student who missed the music session and therefore didn’t get a sticker. Well done Darcy!

William Wyld – William received the star award for being a fantastic, caring, consistent student in class and maintaining his grades. Keep up the good work Willie.

A Healthy You – Amy & Kath

We are continuing on from our healthy tips from last week and have included 5ys to 12yrs fact sheet of physical activity guidelines.

This week the secondary students and staff will begin a 10,000 Step Challenge. Each participating staff and student will wear a pedometer daily and recording their total steps. Why? A survey was conducted by myself, Amy Brauer, earlier this term as a part of my Unit 3 VCE Physical Education studies. I uncovered that in our school we have a particularly high percentage, 71 % in fact, of students who are not meeting the Nation Physical Activity Guidelines® Only half the staff are meeting the requirements also. In Unit 3 of my studies I have been exploring different ways of increasing, measuring and recording physical activity
within populations. Rather than reading about it and using published data I decided to collect meaningful data and see if I can create a change/challenge that will benefit the staff and students at the school.

Make your move-Sit Less-Be Active For Life!

UPDATE FROM THE SRC

The new Student Representative Council has been formed with Ms Collingbourne as staff coordinator. We have been busy with our projects which include research new canteen furniture and preparing for the crazy sports day. On crazy sports day (hopefully end of term date next week) it will be a gold coin donation. Any ideas will be welcome. If you have any idea please give them to your S.R.C. representative.

Tom Gilbert,
On Behalf of SRC

Our SRC is a great team. A few of our members (not the whole team) are captured here planning future events at the College.
Lunch orders need to be placed at the OFFICE by the start of Thursday morning!!

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