From the Principal

The term is rapidly drawing to a close and I must thank students and staff for the smooth running of the college during this time. Reports and Parent Teacher night are coming up. Please take the time to make appointments to see teachers and come along to parent teacher night. It is an essential part of the school year and does set up the tone for the student work for the year. All too often I hear parents cry that they wish they had known earlier of failures and also successes. Mr Gwynne is planning to have a system of making appointments on the new school website: http://www.kwrsc.vic.edu.au/.

Many thanks to Ms McGinley and Mrs Nicolson for their work in setting up the new website. Please take the time to look at it. There is much there such as the school calendar for example which lets parents know what is coming up and much more. It is a rich resource and will become an integral part of college communication.

The school population is now 1080. We do have an accommodation crisis and will take actions this year to stop the growth as unfortunately we cannot accommodate all who would like to come here and future families well out of our area will need to attend their local schools as we must provide for locals first. Another portable is coming to our site which will enable us to move some classes into general purpose rooms rather than specialist rooms. Mr Bottomley has commenced landscaping the Greenhouse area and plans are in for the new bus bay. We have also employed a painting company to repaint and refresh many areas of the college while we await our building program. Patrick Architects has been appointed to design the new buildings and once they have finished we will await the Government to announce a funding date.

I would like to thank Mrs Dakic for organising the hugely successful swimming sports this year. It was the biggest attendance we have had and all had a thoroughly fantastic day! HPV at Wonthaggi is coming up on March 23/4th and if you have not seen it before, come down and have a look. Many camps have already been run and thanks to those students and staff as well. In particular the Yr 12 camp organised by Mr Fleming and the Out Door Ed Camps organised by Mr Miller and Ms Moulynoux.

Please make sure you all have a great break and enjoyable Easter. Remain safe please.

Kym Bridgford, Principal

KEY DATES COMING UP

March 30th – term 1 ends at 2.15pm
April 4th – College band departs for overseas tour to London and Paris
April 16th – Term 2 starts
April 24th – Parent Teacher interviews
2012 TERM DATES

Term 1  February 1 to March 30
Term 2  April 16 to June 29
Term 3  July 16 to September 21
Term 4  October 8 to December 21

UNIFORM SHOP:
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday during term time from 8am to 2pm. Please note that it is now located behind the canteen.

Any queries regarding uniform contact Julie McKay on 0430 134 548

TERM 1 CALENDAR, 2012

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GENERAL OFFICE HOURS:
8.00am – 4.30pm. Please note that after 4.30pm phone calls will go to the switchboard message bank.

STUDENT MANAGEMENT
Miss McGinley, Assistant Principal

THE SCHOOL WEB SITE:
Parents will now find copies of the following on the web site in the PARENTS section:
- School timetable
- Canteen menu and price list
- Uniform price list

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

All students were required to return these by February 27th. Some students have forgotten. Until they are returned, students are not able to access the school computer network nor bring mobile phones/ipods to school. Spare copies are available from the General Office.

NEXT PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING will be on Monday April 23rd at 7.30pm. We are very keen to see more parents attend. New members always welcome.

THE HOMEWORK CLUB HAS NOW STARTED.
Each Tuesday 3.30 to 4.45pm. Consent form must be completed.

TERM 1 REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Reports will be posted in the first week of term 2. Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday April 24th. This year, for the first time, we will be using an online booking system for Parents to book interviews.

THE GRADE 6 INFORMATION NIGHT for prospective 2013 Year 7 students
Tours and an Information evening will be held on Tuesday May 1st for Grade 6 students and their parents. Further details will be sent to primary schools before the end of this term.

MATHS FOR PARENTS

- Want to assist your child doing Maths homework but forgotten how?
- Not confident that the way you learnt Maths is the same as your children do now?

Come along to a one-hour session aimed at refreshing your Maths knowledge. The first session on Tuesday, 27th March (5-6pm) will focus on the basics (+, -, x, ÷) and BODMAS and will be most helpful to parents of Year 7 students. More sessions will be held throughout the year. Please contact Mr Beard at school or email beard.dean.a@edumail.vic.gov.au to express interest in attending this and/or future sessions.
HPV Casey Fields

On a hot and windy Saturday 25th Feb, the Junior and Senior Bikes were both in action at Casey Fields in Cranbourne. The students arrived early to set up at 7.45am and get the bikes through scrutineering. The forecast was for a top of 38°C and a fresh northerly wind. Nevertheless we had 15 students ready to ride. The two bikes, Mario and Luigi were sporting some scratches from their recent foray in Maryborough. We had a keen group of new junior students eager to prove their worth to the team and some students stepping up to the senior team to compete with their more fancied rivals. Despite the heat, the competition was still pretty intense. Speaking of tents, our new marquees, kindly donated by the Bendigo Bank, served us well to keep us in the shade.

We wish to thank all the parents of our students who provided transport to and from the venue. We also appreciate the support of parents who stayed to support the team and assist with setting up and packing away of the pit equipment.

We are continuing fundraising efforts to improve facilities for the team and improve their experience; watch this space for news of activities. If you are a local business person who could help by providing sponsorship for our HPV team, please contact Tim Sturges or Peter Scott. In return we can provide you with advertising within the College and at events or there may be other means to reward our sponsors upon negotiation.

We’re looking forward to a huge 2012. Please support our HPV team.

HPV Team.

Year 8 Girls Volleyball

The girls played Volleyball on Tuesday 28th Feb at the State Volleyball Stadium in Dandenong. We had 8 girls who were keen to show that they had come a long way since year 7 Volleyball. Best Player went to Paige Barwick- diving for everything. Best server- Josephine Power- who won about 6 points in a row at 1 stage! Most Improved player throughout the day was Gemma Mintern Hibbert- who became a confident player that the girls knew they could rely on to get the volleyball back over the net. Happy Birthday to Brit our captain, it was lovely to hear all of the Year 8s sing her happy birthday on the bus on the way home. They were a fantastic group of girls who represented our College well in sportsmanship and had a great day improving as a team. The team did well and made it to the finals, however went down in the 3rd deciding set against Casey Grammar who had beat us convincingly at the beginning of the day, hence an impressive improvement!


Ms Pumphrey

Congratulations
Brandon Bates wins Cardinia Life Lakeside Fun Run!

Brandon Bates from 808 (Bass) who was part of the Year 7 Cross Country State Champion running team from last year, has continued to achieve long distance running success. On Sunday 26th Feb he won the Junior Boys 5km Cardinia Life YMCA fun run, with a time of 18:08 minutes. Brandon also currently holds the record for the highest beep test score in PE so far this year (out of the entire school) with a score of 13.6. A fantastic effort Brandon. Well done on giving your personal best!

Ms Pumphrey, Domain Leader of Health and Physical Education.
FLINDERS HOUSE REPORT

GO FLINDERS!!

We’ve started our first House Group competition for 2012….’The Great Tug of War’. A number of HGs have already progressed to the next round. It was fantastic to see almost 100% participation in the contests so far! Hopefully this competition will be enjoyed by all students, and may the best House Group win!

Our fellow Flindarians are reminded to bring all the tokens for all those great things they have done. We did very well week five, but were a little slow in the following week. Keep up the positive work.

For the rest of the year, our trusty senior House Captains will be conducting the fortnightly House assemblies. If any Flindarians have an idea for these get-togethers, we’re sure they would like to hear from you. Remember we would love to have entries for the F Factor…any kind of performance would be appreciated. Get up there and have a go!

GO FLINDERS!!

Miss Claire Notman, Miss Shona Perrin and Mr Ken Jones
Flinders House Leaders

MAWSON NEWS

* We are 2nd on the list for tokens
* Don’t forget that canvas shoes are not allowed
* Great work to all those who are wearing the correct school uniform.
* Don’t forget that the Music Festival training is up and running and we look forward to an AWESOME MAWSON night.

FREE CONCERT SUNDAY APRIL 1ST
2.30pm in the College Hall

Prior to the Band’s departure on its overseas tour to London and Paris during the term holidays, it is putting on a free concert on Sunday afternoon April 1st for all parents, friends and those who have provided generous financial support for the tour.

All welcome.