

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

2009 NOTEBOOK PROGRAM

Due to overwhelming demand from parents/guardians, Lilydale High School has decided to offer a new and revised 'Notebook Program' offer for 2009.

Students received notices in form assembly on Wednesday 11 March, detailing the new offer. Students who did not receive a notice can obtain one from the General Office.

Students whose names were placed on the notebook waiting list have been contacted regarding the new offer.

Payment for the new offer must be received at the General Office by **Friday 20 March, 2009**. Please be advised we cannot extend the due date on this offer, due to the need to place orders.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT NOTEBOOK COMPUTER INFORMATION

Battery conservation/Sleep Mode

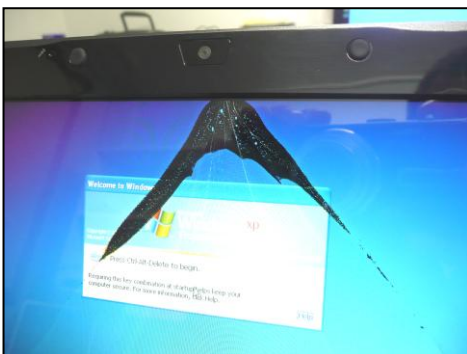
Students should utilize sleep mode on their computers at every opportunity. Sleep uses very minimal power, and if students plan on using their computer more than once per day it is preferable to use sleep rather than turn the computer on and off all the time. We advise that students login at their first opportunity, and then place the computer into sleep mode for the day. The computer can be transported and charged whilst in sleep mode.

Carry Bags/Protective Bags

All students are required to carry their computers in their protective carry bags at all times. Several breakages have occurred when students have not been using the carry bag/slip provided.

Screen Damage

We have had a few cases of screens being damaged due to incorrect usage. Picking the computer up by the screen can cause the LCD screen to crack, as can shutting the computer with a pen or memory stick on the keyboard.



Parents and students are reminded that cracked LCD screens are not covered via the manufacturer's warranty.

Students should also open and close the screen by holding it in the middle or on both ends.

We advise against opening or closing by holding one corner of the screen only.

ROAD SAFETY

Lilydale High School requests that parents/guardians discuss with their children that extreme care needs to be taken when **crossing John Street** and **Main Street Lilydale** both on the way to and from school. Students are reminded of the need to cross either at the designated school crossing in John Street or at the pedestrian crossing in Main Street, Lilydale. We thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

Monday 16 March

Year 8 Camp 1
Year 7 Swimming Program

Tuesday 17 March

Year 8 Camp 1
Year 7 Swimming Program
Year 9/10 Interschool Sport
Duke of Edinburgh – Wabonga Plateau,
King River Expedition

Wednesday 18 March

Year 8 Camp 1
Year 8 Camp 2
Neighbours Excursion
Duke of Edinburgh – Wabonga Plateau,
King River Expedition

Thursday 19 March

Year 8 Camp 2
Year 7/10 Immunisations
Interschool Golf
Presentation Ball Practice
Duke of Edinburgh – Wabonga Plateau,
King River Expedition

Friday 20 March

Year 8 Camp 2
Year 11 'Beneath Clouds' Excursion

Monday 23 March

Year 7 Camp 1

Tuesday 24 March

Year 7 Camp 1
Year 8 Interschool Sport

Wednesday 25 March

Year 7 Camp 1
Year 7 Camp 2
Year 9/10 Cricket

Thursday 26 March

Year 7 Camp 2
Presentation Ball Practice
Three Way Conferences, 3.30pm-8.30pm
(A-K surname)

Friday 27 March

Year 7 Camp 2

Tuesday 31 March

Three Way Conferences, 3.30pm-8.30pm
(L-Z surname)

LOCKER/SERVICE FEE PAYMENT

A reminder the Locker/Service Fee payment must be paid by **April 3, 2009** - the last day of **Term 1 2009**.

Payments not received by this date will result in access to lockers and internet being withdrawn.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop located in **Room 53** is **OPEN** during the following times;

- **Tuesdays** 12.30pm to 5.00pm
- **Saturdays** 9.00am to 11.30am

For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417 688 846.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held on **Thursday 26 March** (A-K surname) and **Tuesday 31 March** (L-Z surname).

There will be two sessions on each date;

- **Session 1** 3.30pm-5pm
- **Session 2** 6.15pm-8.30pm

All students will receive appointment notices early next week in form assembly.

Students in Years 7-10 will need to make a booking with their Learning Goals teacher. A list of these teachers will be provided with the handout. **Please note:** Year 11 and 12 students do not have a Learning Goals teacher.

Please send your appointment sheet back to school via your CHILDREN. Students will then approach their class teacher and organize a meeting time. (Teachers will set aside some time for the making of appointments in class).

Please note the office staff do not have access to teacher appointment sheets. Appointments must be made with the individual teacher before the specified dates. You will not be able to make appointments with teachers on the day.

Wendy Powson, Assistant Principal

LAST DAY TERM 1 FRIDAY 3 APRIL

CURRICULUM NEWS

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

- Do you have, or know of, a child currently in Grade 6 who often finds school boring?
- Do you have, or know of, a child currently in Grade 6 who would thrive in an environment where it is cool to answer questions?

Then our Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program could be the answer for you.

Register your Grade 6 child NOW for our Testing Day on May 2, 2009. Please contact the school on 9735 5644. Places are limited.

For more information regarding the program, please visit our school website www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au **Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program** on the home page, or contact Joe Caruana or Sandra Smith (SEALP Coordinators) on 9735 5644.

Joseph Caruana
Head of Curriculum/Select Entry Accelerated Program

LIBRARY

THE VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier, John Brumby, has set Victorian school students another reading challenge in 2009: To read 15 books by the end of August

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition, but an opportunity for students to stretch themselves and discover the pleasure and benefit of regular reading. Students who meet the challenge are rewarded not only with the intrinsic rewards of reading, but also with an official certificate and the opportunity of having their names published in a special supplement in *The Sunday Age*.

The Reading Challenge is open to all students in Year 7 to 10. All Year 7 students have already been registered for the Challenge. Students in Year 8 to 10 should register at the Library.

To meet the challenge a student must read 15 books by the end of August. Ten of the books should be from the Reading Challenge booklist, which can be found in the Library or on the VPRC website:

- www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

In order to receive a certificate each student should keep a record of their reading on their Challenge Record card and return the consent form which will be issued when they complete the Challenge. Students can also log in to the Challenge website and record their progress on their own progress page using their Challenge password.

This year's Premier's Reading Challenge is jointly promoted by the School Library and the English Department. Parents and Guardians are invited to support the Challenge to promote the development of literacy skills and a love of reading. If you are a parent/guardian of a student in Year 7-10 please encourage him/her to TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Heather Bickerdike, Teacher Librarian

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Oliver



We are proud to announce that this year's **'School Musical Production'** is **'Oliver'**, based upon the novel 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens.

The production will be staged in the School Hall over three consecutive nights, from **Thursday 27th August** to **Saturday 29th August**.

Auditions were held this week, and we were pleased to see so many students show their interest.

Students are advised to check the Daily Bulletin for further up-dates.

DIRECTORS Miss Nicholas and Mrs Hemmings

SUBSCHOOL NEWS

STUDENTS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Absence line

Parents/Guardians are asked to ring either the Junior, Middle or Senior School Absence Line between 8.30am and 9.30am when a student is absent from school and advise the student name, form group and reason for absence (illness, holiday, family reasons etc).

The school should also be advised if a student is expected to be absent for more than two days.

Late arrivals

Students are expected to be punctual for the start of school (form assembly 8.40am) and each lesson. A student who is late for school must sign the latecomer's book in the Junior, Middle or Senior School Office and provide a satisfactory written note of explanation.

A lunchtime detention will be given if such a note is not provided.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be mailed in the coming week and parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss these with their child and arrange a Three Way Conference to be held on Thursday 26 March (A-K surname) and Tuesday 31 March (L-Z surname). Students will bring home an appointment sheet next week with further details regarding the Three Way Conferences.

YEAR 7

Immunisation

Hepatitis B and Chicken Pox immunisation cards have been distributed to all Year 7 students. Girls are also offered the Gardasil injection. We cannot accept any more immunisation cards; they should have been returned by Friday 20th February.

Please note that the Immunisation program will take place on **Thursday 19th March**.

Year 7 Morning Teas

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended our Year 7 Morning teas last week. It was a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to meet in an informal setting.

Grade 6/Year 7 Sports Day

The annual Grade 6/Year 7 Sports day took place on Tuesday 10th March. Students enjoyed the day's activities and met up with some of their primary school teachers and younger friends. It was wonderful to see the camaraderie and teamwork shown by our students.

Assembly

On Tuesday, after the excitement of the Grade 6/Year 7 Sports Day, the Year 7 cohort met for a Year Level Assembly. We publicly acknowledged our Year 7 leaders. Each Form Representative was awarded a badge to wear.

Year 7 Captains for 2009

We would like to congratulate all of the students who were nominated by their teachers and who were short listed for Year 7 Captain 2009. We interviewed a number of students who were very confident and very impressive.

Students nominated for Year 7 Captain were;

Katie Harris	Bayley Peters
Ryley Milner	Chris Waterhouse
Olivia Murray	Lucas Taylor
Georgia Christou	Jeremy Mullins
Emily Clarke	Ben Thomas
Juliet Van Buerle	Jack Van Den Driest
Asha Puche	Brendan Gallop
Mitch Groenewald	Jackson Turton

Male Year 7 Captain 2009

Jack Van Den Driest 7.48

Female Year 7 Captain 2009

Georgia Christou 7.56

Year 7 Philip Island Camp

Booklet Front Cover

We are running a competition for Year 7 students to design the front cover for the camp booklet. Each student will receive a booklet on the bus, which outlines their cabin, group number, duty number, camp rules and the program timetable. Students must submit their entry by Friday 13th March to the Junior School Office.

Medication

If your child is currently taking any medication you must put it in a bag, clearly marked with their name, form, camp number and the dosage they require.

Please hand the medication before you board the buses to:

- **Camp 1** Ms Trompf
- **Camp 2** Mrs Hope

YEAR 8

Year 8 Camp is on next week at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea with 827, 828, 831, 839, 840, 861 and 844 boys attending Camp 1 from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th March and 829, 830, 842, 844 girls, 862, 863, 869 attending Camp 2 from Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th March.

ALL STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING CAMP ARE REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.

All students attended a meeting on Wednesday 11th March where expectations for all students were outlined.

Parents of students requiring medication whilst on camp need to ensure the medication is clearly labelled with dosage and time of administering.

Parents/Guardians are asked to check the school website for updated information of arrival times, for both the Year 7 and Year 8 Camps.

Junior School Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 9 AND 10

Important Dates

Thursday 19 March

Year 10 Immunisations

Thursday 26 March

Three Way Conferences

Tuesday 31 March

Three Way Conferences

Friday 3 April

End of Term 1

Monday 20 April

Start of Term 2

Monday 20 - Tuesday 28 April

Year 10 Camp

Sunday 3 May - Friday 8 May

Year 9 Camp

Outstanding Achievements by our students

Please let us know if your child does something special – we would love to know!

Planners

Parents/Guardians should be checking their children's school planner on a regular basis and expect entries to be made each day. If you are concerned that your child is not using their planner properly you can contact teachers to ask if they are up to date with their work or speak with a Coordinator. The planner can also be used for you to communicate with teachers.

Long term Absences

If you know that your child is going to be away for more than a day or two, please let us know so that we can organise work to be sent home if required.

Guest Speaker

All Year 9 Students enjoyed a very entertaining presentation by guest speaker Boori Monty Pryor on Thursday 12 March in the Learning at Lilydale Centre.

Year 10 Immunisations

All Year 10 students will have the opportunity to receive vaccinations for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis on **THURSDAY 19th MARCH**.

Middle School Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

Important VCE Dates

Year 11 English ACMI Excursion

Friday 20th March

Three Way Conferences A-K

Thursday 26th March

Three Way Conferences L-Z

Tuesday 31st March

Final Presentation Ball Rehearsal

Tuesday 31st March

Presentation Ball Night 1

Wednesday 1st April

Presentation Ball Night 2

Friday 3rd April

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 3rd April

VCE Team

In 2009, the VCE team consists of the following teachers:

Head of VCE and Year 12	Mr Chris Cogan
Head of Year 11	Mrs Cathy Drury
Year 12 Coordinator	Miss Brooke Addison
Year 12 Coordinator	Mr Craig Harris
Year 11 Coordinator	Mr Tim Kogelman
Year 11 Coordinator	Miss Laura Barbuto

Interim Reports and Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Parents/Guardians should be aware that Interim Reports are currently being written and will be ready for distribution late next week. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your student's Interim Report please feel free to contact your student's teacher or make an appointment for a Three Way Conference.

The Three Way Conferences will be held over two nights; Thursday 26th March and Tuesday 31st March. The first Three Way Conference evening is for students with a surname beginning with A-K and the

second evening is for students with surnames beginning with L-Z. Should you not be able to attend the Three Way Conferences, please feel free to contact your student's teachers via telephone.

We encourage all students who have any concerns or are experiencing any difficulties to come to the VCE Office and speak with the VCE Coordinators. It is important that students are aware that assistance is always available to them and that the sooner they come and discuss their issue with a VCE Coordinator, the sooner things can be resolved.

Student Attendance

For all VCE students, **attendance at morning form assembly is compulsory**. Students receive many important messages and copious amounts of information during form assembly, making their presence essential. Students who have study periods during Periods 1 and 2 are still expected to be at school and in form assembly by 8.40am.

Study Periods

VCE students are also reminded that they are not to leave the school grounds during study periods. Study periods are to be used productively completing work, either in the Study Hall or in the Library. The only time students can leave the school grounds during study periods is if they have a double study during Periods 5 and 6, or a study period during Period 6. When a student has a double study during Periods 5 and 6 they are able to leave, once they have signed out, at the beginning of lunch time. When the study is Period 6 only, students are only permitted to leave the school grounds at the beginning of Period 6 and once they have signed out. The sign out book is located outside the VCE Office. It is imperative that students sign out prior to leaving the school grounds, so the VCE team know that they have left.

Presentation Ball

This year the Year 11 Presentation Ball is being held at 'The Centre', Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe. Ticket sales for the two evenings commenced on Monday 9th February and tickets are still available for both evenings. The cost per ticket is \$80.

The dates for the two nights of the Presentation Ball are as follows:

Night 1 Wednesday 1st April **Night 2** Friday 3rd April

Year 11 students involved in the Presentation Ball are continuing to rehearse on Thursdays after school. Both groups are picking up the dances very well and we are looking forward to seeing their progress over the next few weeks. Practice for the Presentation Ball, will remain on the same schedule until Thursday 26th March.

Night 1 couples rehearse every Thursday afternoon from 4.15pm to 5.30pm; however, students are required to be in the Hall by 4pm.

Night 2 couples rehearse every Thursday evening from 5.30pm to 6.45pm; however students are required to be in the Hall by 5.15pm.

Students and parents should be aware that the final rehearsal date has been changed. The **final rehearsal** will now be held on **Tuesday 31st March** at The Centre, Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe. Girls are required to bring their shoes along to practice the dances in.

The times for the final rehearsal are as follows:

Night 1 5pm – 6pm **Night 2** 6pm – 7pm

Girls participating in the Presentation Ball are reminded that they need to purchase long white gloves. Some students have purchased their gloves from Spotlight, while others are hiring them from dress shops.

VCE Coordinators