

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Red Cross Fundraising Out of Uniform Day

Wear an out of uniform item on **Wednesday 12 November** to help raise money for the Red Cross.

For the last two years our Computer Technician, Theo Kerstens has completed the Murray Canoe Marathon (400 km) as part of fundraising for the Red Cross.

Money collected on Wednesday 12 November will go towards Theo's contributions to fundraising through that event.

Out of Uniform items allowed;

- **Lower half** – out of uniform
- **Upper half must be school uniform**
- Non uniform shoes must have **closed toes** – no thongs

Donation on the day – GOLD COIN.

Leon Bishop, Principal

BUS TRAVELLERS

Would all parent/guardians of bus travellers please ensure that they have supplied the school with current address details. We are currently in the process of determining our bus allocations for 2009 and accurate details are required to ensure that all students have access to seating. Families are reminded that students may not change which bus they travel on without prior consent of myself or Ms Addison. Thank you for your cooperation.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

STUDYWIZ WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

We would like to offer a workshop for parents to assist you to navigate through the Lilydale High School Learning Management System – STUDYWIZ. The system allows parents to log in to see their child's attendance and enables contact to be made by email. The session times will be as follows;

Wednesday 19 November

- 4pm-5pm
- 5pm-6pm

Tuesday 25 November

- 2pm-3pm

The venue is the Learning @ Lilydale Centre which is located in the new building at the school in Rooms 9, 10 and 11. Bookings can be made by calling 9735 5644.

Wendy Powson, Assistant Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop (**Room 53**) is open:

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 10 November

Year 12 Exams
Year 11 Exams
Duke of Ed Wabonga Plateau Expedition

Tuesday 11 November

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Shrine of Remembrance Excursion

Wednesday 12 November

Year 12 Exams
Year 11 Exams
Duke of Ed Wabonga Plateau Expedition
Last Day Year 10 Classes

Thursday 13 November

Year 12 Exams
Year 10 Exams

Friday 14 November

Year 12 Exams
Year 10 Exams

Monday 17 November

Year 12 Exams
Year 10 Exams

Tuesday 18 November

Year 12 Exams
Year 10 Exams

Wednesday 19 November

Year 12 Exams
Peer Support Camp
Legal Studies Excursion
Studywiz Workshops - 4pm-5pm and
5pm-6pm

Thursday 20 November

Year 9 English Exam
Year 12 Exams
Peer Support Camp
Year 7 Doug MacLeod Author Visit

Friday 21 November

Year 9 Maths Exam
Year 12 Exams
Peer Support Camp

Monday 24 November

Year 11 in Year 12 Orientation Day

Tuesday 25 November

Karate in Hall 6pm-8pm
Studywiz Workshop – 2pm-3pm

ENGLISH

Bookvember is coming!

Join in the fun! Competitions and prizes to be won! Have you entered the Bookvember bookmark competition? Five brilliant bookmarks will be selected to be part of the gift given to Year 7 Lilydale High School students in 2009. Make sure your bookmark design incorporates Lilydale High School emblem or Bookvember.

Entries close Friday 14 November. Get creating now!

- **Don't forget to nominate your much-loved book for Lilydale High's favourite all time book!**
- **AND remember.....to receive your Bookvember novel, return your slip and money by Monday 17 November.**

Check the school website for further details or replacement forms.

All students in Year 7 to 9 will partake in a week of fun activities beginning on Monday 17 November to celebrate Bookvember. Activities students will enjoy include: readathons and reading relays, competitions, favourite character and book displays, parades and a guest speaker.

So join in the fun of the book fair at Bookvember!

Middle School

Students in Year 9 and 10 are reminded and encouraged to begin revising their texts and media analysis in preparation for their upcoming English exam on Thursday 20 November. Without a doubt, examination techniques and strategies learned at this level will be of enormous benefit for students on the cusp of VCE. So begin now!

Janine Sayers, Head of English

MATHS

CAS – Nspire Calculators

CAS – Nspire calculators have now been ordered from the supplier and delivery is expected next week. For those who still haven't finalised payment for their calculator, all outstanding monies are now required so that the calculators can be distributed to students.

CAS – Nspire calculators are an essential requirement for Maths Methods in Year 10 and 11 next year, and all students undertaking these courses must have one. Students are unable to use a TI-83 or TI-84 or TI-89, as the CAS calculators have a range of new programs, including Excel and algebraic functions, which will be used in Methods in the coming years.

Year 12 Mathematics students in 2009 are required to have either a TI-83 or a TI-84 for both Further Maths and Maths Methods. If they wish, they can organise to purchase one second-hand from the current Year 12 students.

Please contact the Maths Coordinator if you have any questions regarding the purchase of any calculator.

Calculators for Year 7-10 students

We are now recommending that students at these levels have a TI-30XB Multifunction for Maths. Students may keep their current scientific calculator but if they need a new one, this is now the preferred model.

Students can purchase these from the Administration Office by handing in a named envelope. These calculators will cost \$20.00.

Lunch Time Classes

Lunch time catch up classes continue to run twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All students are welcome to attend and receive some extra assistance with Maths. Please encourage your student(s) to attend these sessions.

Year 10 and 11 Exams

Exam revision materials are now available on Studywiz for all students in these classes. Please ask your student to look at these items and use the information to assist them in their revision for the upcoming exams. Classes will commence with formal revision sessions shortly.

Year 9 Exam revision materials will be uploaded shortly, closer to their exams.

Amanda Legg, Head of Mathematics

LIBRARY

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all 67 challengers, especially the 18 students who completed the challenge to read 15 books between February and August. Between them, students read a total of 627 books!

Reading Challenge Certificates will be presented to successful challengers during our Bookvember Spring Reading Carnival. Students' names will be published in a special supplement in *The Age* on Monday 17 November.

MS Readathon

Congratulations and sincere thanks to Holly Moreton 7.37 and Jaimee Williams 7.49 who together raised \$460.00 for Australians living with MS in the 2008 MS Readathon.

Author Visit

Doug Macleod, author of *Kevin the Troll* and *Frank Boulderbuster*, will be visiting Lilydale High School on Thursday 20 November to speak to students as part of our Bookvember celebrations.

End of Year Return of Resources

Year 11 and 12 students are reminded that all resources should be returned to the Library as soon as possible. If resources are still needed during the exam period students should negotiate loans with Library staff. All students should return books before the End of Year Program. Lost or damaged resources should be reported to the Library as soon as possible.

Library Staff

YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS

Year 9 and 10 students who **exit Lilydale High School** during the remainder of this year are required to attend a 10-15 minute Managed Individual Pathways Interview (parents/guardians are welcome) with one of our MIPs Team Counsellors – Kathy Rudd, Sharon Wall or Leigh Callander.

This interview will enable the school to meet the government requirements of accurately tracking students after they leave high school and to also ensure they have a MIPs Pathway Plan.

The official school **EXIT FORM** must be returned to our **Administration Office** to update student records and complete the exit process.

Kathy Rudd, MIPs Coordinator

STUDENT WELLBEING

Do you have any second hand books or uniform that you no longer need? We have lots of students who struggle to pay for books and uniform and we are always looking out for items we can pass on. If you would like to donate any books and/or uniform please place items in a plastic bag and label it with 'donation'.

It would also be appreciated if you could include your name so that a thank you can be passed on.

Shirley Watson and David Bromilow

MOUNTED POLICE

On Wednesday 15 October we were fortunate to have a visit from the Victorian Mounted Police Branch, including Senior Constable Rene Azzopardi, Sargeant Martin Smith and Leading Constable Kevin Knowles. The two horses that accompanied them were Benazzi (a former race horse) and Shakarah (a young mare in training that was bred at the Police Stud).

Our audience of 30+ students were members of our Equestrian team, past members, equine studies students and others who own or enjoy horses.

The Mounted Police explained horse management and training for crowd control, the positive effects that their presence has on reducing crime and in search and rescue missions. Further topics were the pre-requisites to become mounted police and the career paths possible.

Some of the training methods demonstrated were – the horses being confronted by a large plastic sheet, the horses gradually pushing against a protester to clear an area and the horse accepting the aids of the rider to turn in a restricted area so as not to tread on people. The horses were very gentle and accepting of the students, and enjoyed the pats and the bag of carrots presented to them.

Jeanette Kimball

SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis – Eastern Zone

On Wednesday 5 November Year 9 and 10 Boys and Girls Table Tennis teams tried hard and enjoyed the day but were out classed. Good sportsmanship and cooperation were displayed. Well done!

Boys	Most Valuable Player	David Chao
Girls	Most Valuable Player	Chelsea Rowe

Coach – G Lade

EDUCATION TAX REFUND (ETR)

Australian working families are set to benefit from the Rudd Government's decision to create a new Education Tax Refund, to help with the costs of education.

About 1.3 million families (with 2.7 million students) will be eligible for the refund tax offset which is expected to benefit Australian families by more than \$1 billion a year.

Eligible families will be able to claim a 50 per cent refund every year for key education expenses up to:

\$750 for each child undertaking primary studies

- (maximum refundable tax offset of \$375 per child, per year)

\$1500 for each child undertaking secondary studies

- (maximum refundable tax offset of \$750 per child, per year)

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit (Part A) with children undertaking primary or secondary studies or whose school children receive Youth Allowance or another relevant payment will be eligible for the Education Tax Refund.

The refundable tax offset will apply to expenses incurred from 1 July 2008 and will be claimed upon lodgement of a 2008-09 income tax return.

Eligible families will be able to recoup the cost of purchases including

Laptops, home computers and associated costs, home internet connection, printers, education software, trade tools for use at school, school text books and stationery.

Eligible expenses are for items that support a child during school and improve the quality of education.

Why is this important?

Delivering on the Rudd Government's election commitment and building on the Education Revolution, the Education Tax Refund (ETR) aims to help families with children undertaking primary or secondary studies meet the costs of school education. Together with other measures in A Tax Plan for Australia's Future, the ETR will ease cost of living pressures for working families and will help build a world class school education system.

Timeframe for delivery, i.e. when will the initiative commence and conclude?

The refundable tax offset will apply to expenses incurred from 1 July 2008 and will be claimed upon lodgement of a 2008-09 income tax return. Funding is currently appropriated until 2011-12.

Further Reading

An overview of the Education Tax Refund:

http://www.ato.gov.au/budget/2008-09/content/overview2/html/overview_12.htm

Find out if you are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A:

<http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/21556.htm&page=3andH3>

An example scenario

Sarah and Michael have worked hard to provide every opportunity for their two young children; Petra, who is about to start secondary school in Victoria, and her brother Jack now in grade three.

Under the Government's Education Tax Refund, Sarah and Michael can claim 50 per cent of the cost of the new \$1,500 laptop computer they're buying Petra, a refund of \$750.

They will also be able to claim, Jack's education software and school textbooks up to the value of \$750, receiving up to \$375 as a refund when they fill out their tax return.

By the time both children have finished secondary school, Sarah and Michael will have been able to claim back up to \$10,875 in education expenses through the Education Tax Refund.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Applications are invited for

Coaches - Season 2009

Age groups U9, U10, U11, U12 & U14

Send written applications to

**PO Box 106
Coldstream 3770**

coldstreamjnr@efl.org.au

Or contact
Simon Batty, President
0419 359 505

Applications close 21/11/08

CAN YOU SPARE JUST TWO HOURS A MONTH?

St John Ambulance Australia Community Care Branch is currently seeking volunteers throughout Victoria for volunteer companionship visitors for those residents of residential aged care homes who may be experiencing the effects of isolation or disempowerment.

The experience of loneliness can have a damaging effect on health and moral, and without the help of volunteers, many people may feel forgotten. Help is especially required in the local area.

The volunteer is asked to donate just two hours a fortnight, and can either work with just one resident, or perhaps entertain a group with card and board games, indoor bowls, craft activities, music or similar.

Full training available along with agency supports. Police checks will be required and are organized through St John Ambulance.

For further information please contact Wendi on 9737 1053 or write to Visiting Friends Program, 49 Wray Crescent, Mt Evelyn 3796, or email visitingfriends@stjohnvic.com.au

Yarrunga Community Centre

Twilight Market & Art Show

Friday 14th November
7pm-9:30pm
\$2 entry (kids free)

**Yarrunga Community Centre
76-86 Croydon Hills Drive
Croydon Hills**

Yarrunga is once again proud to present their pre-Christmas market. A variety of indoor stalls will ensure you find many things of interest including: jewelry, candles, handmade cards, handbags, Christmas decorations, cakes, shoes, books, toys and lots more!

A special part of this year's market is the inclusion of an art show featuring pieces from many local artists, much of which is available to purchase.

Light refreshments will be available, whilst face painting and balloons will keep the kids entertained.

All proceeds from the night will support Yarrunga's ongoing commitment to providing top quality services to the local community.

Stallholder queries welcome – please call 9722 8942 for further details.

SUB SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 7

Several students from our Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program entered the 'Science Talent Search' at Latrobe University during September and October. Last month they submitted their entries and last week prizes were awarded. Our 'Congratulations' go out to Holly Moreton and Shelly Hemmings who made it to the first judging round. Michael Johannesen was very successful with his 'Animal Defense Photography' winning a substantial Bursary. Michael also has the opportunity to be selected for the International Science Talent Search.

The participation in events such as this adds considerably to the learning experiences of our students. A special mention goes out to Jodie Street, the teacher involved in supporting our student's entry into this event.

Another of our students in Year 7, Zac Patterson, participated with great success in the Eastern Zone and State Level Athletics competition. He won the Victorian State Secondary Schools Under 13, 800m and 1500m middle distance events. Congratulations Zac for an outstanding effort!

Up-Coming Events

Bookvember	17 November (see information below)
Studywiz Seminars	19 and 25 November
Focus Group meeting	12 November
ALP "showcase" evening	27 November
End of Year Program	9 to 18 December
Awards Assembly	18 December

Bookvember

Commencing on Monday 17 November, this whole week will be dedicated to a 'Book Fair' to encourage reading for pleasure.

Year 7 students have received a notice detailing a book that they are to purchase from the school. These books will be distributed during Bookvember week and students will be expected to read them over the summer holidays. The aim of this initiative is to highlight the importance of reading with the expectation that reading for pleasure will improve their writing, spelling, grammar, and vocabulary.

There will be many fun activities happening during the week that relate to the chosen books. A team of students have been working with some of our English teachers to brainstorm ideas and organise the week's activities. Currently we are asking students to enter the 'Bookmark' design competition. The entry forms are available at the Junior School Coordinator's Office.

Focus Group

The next Open Forum for the Focus Group will be held during lunchtime on Wednesday 12 November in Room 37. Remember, class representatives should attend and all other interested students are welcome to attend.

Submitting Work

This term sees the end of Semester 2 and many students are in the process of completing assessment tasks and assignments. Please continue to encourage your child to complete homework and submit tasks on time. We run 'Catch-up' classes every Lunchtime in Room 37 for those who need a little extra assistance.

A Quote to Ponder

"No great achievement is possible without persistent work"

Bertrand Russell
1872 -1970

Finally, please don't hesitate to call us or your child's form teacher, with any questions or queries in relation to our program this term.

Hilda Knight, Lucy Ford, Adam Sherwin and Brent Houghton
Year 7 Coordinators

YEAR 8

Staying organised is the key to success

We ask our Junior School students to use their planner wisely and to stay on top of their homework.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Brandon Kameith and Jayden Horsley of Year 8, who were successful in getting chosen for the Eastern Regional Soccer team. They were up against 50 of the best Under 16 soccer players in the Eastern Region. Well done boys!

If your child has achieved success in any field please let us know. We would be thrilled to celebrate their success.

Uniform

As the year has progressed we have noticed big growth spurts amongst our Year 8 students. We would like to remind parents that all items of uniform need to meet the school requirements as prescribed in the school planner. This includes shoes of course. We have noticed that quite a few of the girls' shoes have broken buckles. We would appreciate it if they could be repaired. We would also like to remind parents that wearing longer sleeved tops under the school polo is not permitted. Make-up is also not permitted to be worn at school. The support of our parent community in this area is very much appreciated.

Absences

Please keep us informed of any absences by contacting us. We also ask that any outstanding absences notes are sent to school as soon as possible.

Year 8 Camp 2008

All Year 7 students received their notice for the Year 8, 2009 camp to Anglesea. We request a deposit of \$100 be paid by November 21 to reserve a spot on the camp. If there are any concerns please ring the school so alternative arrangements can be made to ensure that your child's position is reserved for 2009.

Henri Mouratidis, Head of Junior Sub School

Trent Silk, Angela Louis, Jonathan Reedyk, Year 8 Coordinators

SUN SMART POLICY DURING PASE CLASSES

A component of Lilydale High School's Sun Smart Policy is that students in **Years 7 to 10** are required to wear a **hat OR cap** (with no offensive or inappropriate slogans or symbols displayed) during PASE classes in **Terms 1 and 4**.

Students who come to PASE classes without a hat or cap will be unable to participate. The school provides sunscreen for students to use during each PASE class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Important Dates

Year 9 English Exam

- Thursday 20 November – Periods 1 and 2

Year 9 Maths Exam

- Friday 21 November – Periods 1 and 2

Year 10 Exams

- 13 to 18 November

Year 10 Peer Support Camp

- 19 to 21 November

Year 10 Reports Distributed

- Thursday 4 December

Year 10 Awards Assembly

- Thursday 4 December – Periods 5 and 6

Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Day

- Thursday 4 December – Periods 1 to 4

Year 9 Study Skills

All Year 9 students and Year 8 ALP students will be involved in 'Study Skills' sessions next week. Specifics will be covered for the English and Maths Exam (Thursday 20 and Friday 21 November) and generalised information about studying, techniques for revision and how to prepare for exams.

Year 9 and 10 Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

Important Dates

Year 12 VCAA Exams

- Friday 31 October – Thursday 20 November

Year 11 Exams

- Friday 7 – Wednesday 12 November

Year 11 Presentation Night

- Wednesday 26 November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

- Tuesday 16 December

Year 11 Students

Last Friday saw our Year 11 students finish their official classes for 2008, giving the students a week to study for their exams, which commence on Friday 7 November.

Students are reminded that if they had two exams timetabled at the same time they should have sought an exam swap. If this has not yet been done, students are to come to the VCE Office and fill out the appropriate form indicating a time when they are able to complete the second exam.

Please be aware that if the student is studying a Unit 3/4 sequence and is timetabled to sit a Unit 1/2 exam at the same time, the Unit 3/4 subject takes precedence and they will need to reschedule their Unit 1/2 exam.

Year 11 Presentation Night

The Year 11 Presentation Night will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday 26 November from 7.30pm.

During the course of the evening Academic Excellence and Merit Awards will be awarded to those students who have worked hard during the course of the year and achieved outstanding results in their subjects. Semester Two reports will also be distributed at the end of the evening.

Should you be unable to attend the Presentation Night, please inform the VCE Team. A letter will be sent home shortly with more information on the evening.

Year 12 Orientation Day

Year 11 into 12 Orientation Day will run from Periods 1 to 6 on Monday 24 November.

It is vital that all Year 11 students attend the orientation day, as crucial information and holiday homework will be distributed for each of their classes next year. If students are unable to attend, they must inform the VCE Team and then download the relevant documentation from Studywiz.

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Year 12 students and their families are reminded that the Valedictory Dinner will be held on Tuesday 16 December at The Peninsula, Docklands.

Information on the evening was sent home last term and followed up with a reminder invitation that was sent home last week. However, should you require the information again or a booking sheet, it is available to be downloaded from the school's website (under 'School Notices'), or another copy can be obtained from the VCE office.

Extra tickets for the evening have become available, therefore should you wish to purchase extra tickets, please stipulate this on your form by adding the extra names and adjusting the payment accordingly.

The deadline for payment and 'Table Details' for the Valedictory Dinner has been extended, however, we encourage you to submit your forms as soon as you can.

VCE Coordinators

CAREERS NEWS

Management Trainees – Coles Supermarket, Olive Tree

Coles Supermarket (Olive Tree shopping centre) has made contact with Lilydale High School and reminded students that there are Career Pathways for Management Trainees which offer great opportunities to further your career in retail.

For information please contact the Olive Tree Coles Manager, Mr Tyson Camm or visit the website

www.careers.colesgroup.com.au/store-management/Default.aspx

Apprentice Baker

Healthy Bake, a wholesale bakery located in Lilydale is looking for an Apprentice Baker. They bake bread and distribute it to other stores such as Richies Supermarket.

If you are interested please call Paul Brown, Operations Manager on 9735 2488.

Careers Office