

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Visit from Chinese students

Twenty students and two teachers from Jiangsu province in China visited Lilydale High School earlier this week for several days. Students were billeted out to families for their stay and attended classes on Monday and Tuesday. This visit is part of celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary of educational exchanges between Jiangsu province and the state of Victoria.

Many thanks are due to Frances Hastie, Head of LOTE, for her work in organising this trip.

Leon Bishop, Principal

SCHOOL WEBSITE www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au

For your convenience our school website is updated regularly with the following information for parents/guardians, students and the school community to access;

- **Principals Page**
- **Camps**
- **Excursions**
- **Fortnightly newsletter**
- **Careers**
- **MIPs**
- **Uniform Shop**
- **News and Events**
- **And much more**

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder to parents and students that school photographs will take place on **Monday** and **Tuesday next week**. All students have received details of the photo sessions which included a notice explaining the procedures and an envelope from Arthur Reed Photographers giving the prices of the photo packages.

The sessions are as follows:

- **Monday 18 February Years 7, 9 and 10**
- **Tuesday 19 February Year 8, 11 and 12**

A whole group photo of the Year 12 students will be taken at approximately 9 am on Tuesday February 19. To be included in this photograph, students must be on time in full school uniform.

Please note the photo envelopes (**correct money enclosed**) are to be brought to school **on the photo day** to be handed to the photographers. The photographers and the Administration Office will not be able to provide change.

CROSSING THE ROAD

A number of our students are not using the crossings correctly when leaving the school grounds. I would remind all students that they must cross at the designated crossings to ensure their safety and to allow for smooth traffic flow. It would be appreciated if parents would also encourage their children to comply.

LILYDALE ENVIRONS/OUT OF BOUNDS

The **Market Place Shopping Centre, Olive Tree Shopping Centre and NQR** are out-of-bounds to students **before, during and after school**. **Exception:** if students are in the company of a parent/guardian or with a specific pass and note validated by the school's Year Level Coordinator in conjunction with a parent/guardian. Students are expected to remain within the school grounds during each school day.

Wendy Powson, Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Monday 18

School Photos Year 7, 9 and 10

Tuesday 19

School Photos Year 8, 11 and 12

Wednesday 20

Gun Club Training
 Year 8 Getting it Right
 Year 8 Cricket/Finals (Reserve Day)

Thursday 21

Year 8 Getting it Right
 Deb Rehearsal 4pm

Friday 22

Year 8 Getting it Right
 Year 11/12 Interschool Sport

Monday 25

Middle School/VCE Art Illustrator Workshop
 Year 11 Elevate Education Periods 1-4
 Year 7 English Refugee Realities Excursion

Tuesday 26

Year 7 English Refugee Realities Excursion

Wednesday 27

SRC Elections Year 7, 11, 12 Periods 1 & 2
 VCE Photography Role Play Excursion
 Year 9 & 10 Boys Cricket

Thursday 28

Swimming Carnival

Friday 29

Year 12 Elevate Education Periods 1-4

MARCH

Monday 3

Year 9 Duke of Ed Wabonga Plateau Camp
 SRC Elections Year 8, 9, 10 Periods 5 & 6
 Year 11 & 12 Cricket/Finals (Reserve Day)

Tuesday 4

Year 9 Duke of Ed Wabonga Plateau Camp
 Grade 6/Year 7 Sports Day
 Year 9 & 10 Cricket/Finals (Reserve Day)

Wednesday 5

Year 9 Duke of Ed Wabonga Plateau Camp
 Gun Club Training
 Year 7 English Excursion
 Year 7 Morning Tea

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

A reminder, EMA application forms must be submitted to the school by **29 February 2008** for the first payment and 1 August 2008 for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$430** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. **\$150.50** is paid to both the school and parents for the first instalment and **\$64.50** each for the second instalment.

PARENT PAYMENTS 2008

The School Council has set the parent payment for 2008 as follows;

Year	Parent Payment	Locker/Service Fee	Total Payment
Year 7	\$220.00	\$50.00	\$270.00
Year 8	\$240.00	\$40.00	\$280.00
Year 9	\$240.00	\$40.00	\$280.00
Year 10	\$240.00	\$40.00	\$280.00
Year 11	\$265.00	\$45.00	\$310.00
Year 12	\$265.00	\$50.00	\$315.00

Please note that unless the Locker/Service Fee is paid by **March 20, 2008 - the last day of Term 1 2008, access to lockers will be withdrawn.**

Arrangements can be made for the payment to be made in instalments by contacting the School's Business Manager, Ms Dawn Collins on 9735 8328.

VET STUDENTS 2008

A reminder to parents/guardians and students, **VET payments** are due by **Friday 22 February**. Should the payment not be made by this date, students will be withdrawn from VET classes.

Mrs Dowsett, VET Coordinator

TECHNOLOGY HOME ECONOMICS FOOD FEE

The food fees are as follows for Semester 1, 2008 and payable by **Friday 29 February**.

Year 7 and 8 (7.48, 7.52, 7.56, 8.40, 8.62)	\$35
Year 9 TH1, Year 10 TH1 and TH2	\$40
Unit 1 & 2 Food Technology (Year 10 & 11)	\$100 - year
Unit 3 & 4 Food Technology	\$120 - year

For more information please contact the Food Technology teachers Mrs Haritonidis, Mrs Dowsett, Mrs Southall, Ms Legg or Ms Lloyd on 9735 5644.

CURRICULUM NEWS

ENGLISH EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Year 11 and 12 students received a letter last week outlining a host of exciting excursions and incursions that the English Department is pleased to offer. These activities will enrich their learning and contribute towards their final Enter Score. Sadly, very little in life is free and there is a cost involved! Thus students are gently reminded to meet the deadline for payment;

Year 12 English Activities due **Friday 22 February**
Year 11 English Activities due **Tuesday 26 February**

Year 12 Activities Include

- A lecture by the Chief-Examiner of English! A must!
- A theatre production of the Area One Text, **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS**

Year 11 Activities Include

- A production on the Area One Text, Macbeth
- A lecture on the Context Text, Beneath Clouds

Joe Caruana, English Coordinator

LOTE

The year has started well, but there are a few students who are experiencing difficulties obtaining text books. It would be a good idea to try some other school suppliers, if you are still waiting. Students who are without texts, who have tried to obtain them should see their teachers.

French

VCE French students have been offered the chance to attend a weekend French camp run by the Alliance Française. Those interested should see Mrs Hastie.

Chinese students

A big thank you to all host families and students who escorted the visiting Chinese students around school. The students were extremely happy with their experience of school and home in the Lilydale school community.

Any families who would like to be invited to host overseas students next time should leave their names and contact details with Mrs Hastie. Families leaving their names are under no obligation, but will be offered the opportunity next time it arises. Host families are paid at the pro rata rate of \$200 per week to cover expenses. There may be a small group of French students coming later in the year and also another large group of Chinese students. Thank you.

Frances Hastie, LOTE Coordinator

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

An information session for prospective students and their parents about an 'Overseas Exchange' placement will be held by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange on;

- Tuesday 4 March
- 7.30pm
- Conochie Hall , 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury

Placements are available in Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain, Sweden, South Africa, and U.S.A.

For further information please contact: 1800-500-501 or log onto the website www.scce.com.au

2009 SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING

Year 7, Select Entry Accelerated Learning enrolments for 2009 at Lilydale High School are now being accepted.

For enquires and application forms please contact Dianne Davy or Sandra Smith on 9735 5644.

Information regarding the program is also available on our website www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au under 'Select Entry Accelerated Learning' on the home page.

HUMANITIES

Vietnam Veterans

Plans are underway for all our Year 10 History students to hear the presentation by the Vietnam Veterans. The Veterans will be visiting for two periods on Friday 29 February. Parents/Guardians of the Year 10 History students are welcome to attend. This is a free service the Vietnam Veterans Association provides and veterans give their time to come and present their experiences of war because they feel strongly about the importance of passing on these lessons to future generations. All Year 10 students appreciate the significance of this experience. Please contact myself or Darren Strachan if you wish to attend this presentation.

Year 8 Geography

Our Year 8 Geography students will be partaking in a fantastic opportunity to attend a presentation by a Fire Operations Officer for the Department of Sustainability and Environment. He will be discussing aspects of weather, natural disasters and bush fires pertinent to the Year 8 Geography course. He will also be bringing along a fire truck! I would like to thank Sally Penfold for organising this fantastic incursion.

Year 8 Medieval History

Year 8 History students will shortly be taking home a notice regarding the Medieval incursion. The cost will be \$10.00 to attend the medieval re-enactment. There will be four action-packed sessions which takes a hands-on approach to recreating medieval history. All students are expected to attend and I am sure a great time will be had by all who attend.

Angela Marsden, Humanities Coordinator

SUB SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 7

A reminder to all Year 7 students to continue;

- Naming all belongings
- Keep locker combinations confidential
- Maintain neat lockers and folders
- Bring hats and sunscreen for outdoors

We have had some incidents of students bringing mobile phones to class. They must be kept in their locker and not used during school time. There are severe sanctions if the school Mobile Phone Policy is not adhered to, so please remind you students of this at home.

Some students are also arriving late to the locker bay and this makes it difficult for them to make it to class on time. It is important that students keep an eye on the time during recess and lunchtime in order to give themselves ample time to access their lockers.

'Getting it Right' Program

During Week 3 all Year 7 students participated in the 'Getting It Right' program which involved; learning about the schools Code of Conduct and Anti Harassment policies, goal setting and organizing folders and lockers. We also extended a warm invitation to all parents and guardians to spend the morning with us. It was wonderful to see the positive responses from all involved.

'Police Band' visits for the Instrumental Program

On Wednesday 13 February during Periods 3 and 4, Victoria's Police Band played for our Year 7 students in the school Hall. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the full 'force' of a live band on stage. Quite impressive!

Council's School Immunisation Program

An information letter and two immunization consent cards were distributed to the students on Tuesday 5 February regarding the Hepatitis B vaccine and Chicken Pox vaccine. Please return the signed consent cards by the end of February.

Year 7 Camp Notice

An information letter regarding initial attendance indication for the Year 7 Camps will be distributed on Monday 18 February. Please do not send money with this. The slip needs to be returned to form teachers by Friday 22 February so that we are able to establish the number of students attending the camps.

Timeline of Events

To ensure that parents/guardians are fully informed, a timeline of events for Term 1 is available on the school website in the 'Curriculum Happenings, Junior School' section to keep you informed as to what is coming up this term. Included in it are the dates of events and also the dates on which your child will come home with important information. Please keep it handy in order to refer to it regularly.

Up-Coming Events

School Photo Day

- Monday 18 February

Swimming Sports

- Thursday 28 February

Year 7 Morning Tea

- Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 March
(Notices to be distributed shortly)

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, Head of Year 7
Lucy Ford, Brent Houghton, Adam Sherwin, Year 7 Coordinators

YEAR 8

The Year 8 students are making us very proud with the smooth start to the year. The uniform is looking smart and neat, they are making their way around the school in an orderly way, they are getting to classes on time and with the correct equipment. We would like to congratulate them and encourage them to keep up their great work.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please ring us and let us know. If the absence will be an extended one, we are happy to organise work for your child if it is required. An absence note for your child's absence is still required for your child's form teacher.

Getting it Right Program

During week 4 all Year 8 students will be participating in the "Getting It Right" program which involves: learning about the schools Code of Conduct and Anti Harassment policies, goal setting and organizing folders and lockers.

Camp Wilkin

The Year 8 Camp to 'Camp Wilkin' in Anglesea will be run during the first week of Term 2. Notices will be distributed on Monday 18 February asking for the final payment of \$120 to be made by Friday 7 March. If parents need to pay in instalments please contact the school's Business Manager Dawn Collins on 9735 5644 for arrangements to be made. It is very important for the return slips to be handed in on time as it will help us greatly with the organisation of the camp.

Year 8 Morning Tea

The Year 8 'Morning Tea' will be held on Tuesday 11 March. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to meet the teachers of their children. Notices have been distributed asking for a return slip to be filled in so we can arrange catering. Please send these back as soon as possible.

Year 8 Guest Speaker- Rob Newton

The librarians have organised Rob Newton to speak to all Year 8 students on Monday 17 March. He is an author of adolescent fiction. We believe this will be beneficial for our students as it will assist with the development of their writing skills.

**Henri Mouratidis, Head of Junior School and Year 8
Trent Silk, Angela Louis, Jonathan Reedyk, Year 8 Coordinators**

YEAR 9

The Year 9 Coordination team would like to extend a warm welcome to all Year 9 students for 2008. We congratulate the students on beginning the year well and making an excellent transition from Year 8 into Middle School.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents of the importance of using their planner in order to keep up-to-date with the work load and to contact the coordinators when a student has achieved something outside of the school curriculum, so that we can acknowledge their achievement.

We would also like to remind parents about the **Middle School Morning Tea on Friday 22 February** and to please return the RSVP as soon as possible.

**Head of Year 9, Genaha Thompson
Year 9 Coordinators, Mark Beatson, Leah Kruger, Matthew Saunders**

YEAR 10

Middle School Morning Tea

On **Friday 22 February** we are inviting the parents/guardians of Middle School students to have 'Morning Tea' in the school's Supper room to meet the teachers of their children. To assist in planning for this, we are asking that reply slips are returned as soon as possible to form teachers.

Year 10 Coordinators

YEAR 11 & 12

Elevate Education

On **Friday 29 February**, Year 11 and 12 students will learn "How to Learn" when Elevate Education provide a "Study Sensei" for our students.

Year 12 MIPs Interviews

During February and March all Year 12 students will have a 20 minute Managed Individual Pathways Interview with one of the MIP's Counsellors; Kath Rudd, Leigh Callender, Danielle Devin and Sharon Wall. Students will be advised in morning assemblies the date and time of their interview.

FIRST AID COURSE - VCE Students

Level 2 Workplace First Aid/Apply First Aid Course

When Thursday 3 April and Friday 4 April
(Last week of Term 1 school holidays)
Time 9am until 5pm
Where Lilydale High School Administration Building
Cost \$80 per person
Places Limited to 15 students (first 15 to pay for the course)

Full fee required on application for the course. Fees are refundable if the course does not run.

Certificates for the course are issued by the Centre for Occupational Health and Safety at Swinburne University. Certificates are valid for three years, but CPR should be updated yearly.

Expectations: Two days of instruction and preparation work from the textbook prior to the class and an assessment session in the first week back in Term 2.

Sign up for the course will be open until Friday 29 February. For more information please see Mr Waywood in Staff Room 3.

VCE Coordinators

COMMUNITY NEWS

WOORI YALLOCK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

REGISTRATION DAY

**Wednesday 20 February
4.30pm**

**Wickhams Reserve
Wickhams Rd, Launching Place**

**Current and NEW players welcome
(New players to provide proof of age)**

***** FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE *****

LILYDALE FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIORS INC

REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 17 February 10am to 12pm

U9, U10 & U11 10am to 11am
U12, U13, U14, U15 & U16 11am to 12pm

**The Gateway Reserve
Corner Nelson Rd and The Gateway, Lilydale
Melways ref 38D1**

For enquires please ring

**Terry Foley 5964 2646 0402 090 789
Leanne Cope 9737 6706 0427 844 556**

MOOROOLBARK JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 16 February 10am – 2pm

**Esther Park
Esther Crescent, Mooroolbark**

For enquires please ring

**Frank 0431 307 720 Neil 0416 156 588
Karim 0419 540 579, 9736 4891**