

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent access to Studywiz - Learning Management System

In the next two weeks all families will receive a letter with a family user name and password which will allow parent access to our Learning Management System – Studywiz. We understand many families will require more than one user name/password. Extra accounts can be easily be arranged by calling the school.

The information sent to you will include some brief instructions about logging on to Studywiz and explain some of the features you will be able to access, including Attendance and Curriculum information.

Studywiz is a new initiative at Lilydale High School and parents will find that the information about Curriculum will vary from year level to year level and subject to subject. Attendance data will be comprehensive and accurate.

Middle School Information Evening

Attendance was good at the Middle School Information Evening held on Thursday 24 July. Head of Middle School, Stuart Young gave a presentation explaining the structure of Middle School courses for the parents and guardians of current Year 8 and 9 students. Displays from each of the Key Learning Areas were set up in the VCE Centre where staff were available for advice and consultation.

Overseas students visit Lilydale High School

In the school at present are students from two schools in Korea. These students are enjoying a three week homestay where they attend normal classes during the school day and experience the Australian lifestyle in the evenings and on the weekends.

If you are interested in hosting overseas students in the future, please contact the school and leave your name. Families are currently paid \$200 per week to help with food and accommodation expenses.

School Website

Please visit our website www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au for regular updates of the 'Principal Page'

Leon Bishop, Principal

UNIFORM SHOP – MID YEAR SALE - 20% OFF FLOOR STOCK

- TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 12.30pm – 5pm
- SATURDAY 9 AUGUST 9.00am – 11.30am

NO ORDERS/LAYBYS OR HOLDING STOCK ACCEPTED

Accepted payments are credit card and eftpos. Cheques will not be accepted. For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417 688 846.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION UPDATE

This year's School Production 'The Pirates of Penzance' will be held on **Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th September** at 7.30pm in the school Hall. Rehearsals are coming along nicely as our fantastic cast learns the difficult songs and rigorous dance routines!

Keep an eye on the newsletter and school website for details on booking tickets in the near future! We look forward to seeing you there. ARRRRGH!

Miss Metcalfe, Production Coordinator

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 -

Monday 4 August

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3pm-5pm
Year 10 & 11 VCE Course Briefings

Tuesday 5 August

Arnold Zable Workshop
VCE Information Evening
Year 10 Where to Now?
40 Hour Famine Assemblies

Wednesday 6 August

8.28 McDonalds Excursion
Korean students Aquarium Excursion
Rock the Schools Concert – lunchtime
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm

Thursday 7 August

Year 10 MIPs Interviews – all students
Apply First Aid Course 3pm-6pm
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3pm-5pm

Friday 8 August

Year 11 MIPs Interviews – all students
Year 12 English Excursion

Monday 11 August

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 12 August

Theatre Studies Monologue Rehearsal
3pm-5pm
Year 9 & 10 French ACMI Film

Wednesday 13 August

'Keys Please' Parent & Learner Driver
Session, 7pm
EPG Warburton Trail Tree Planting
8.40am – 1.15pm
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm

Thursday 14 August

Apply First Aid Course 3pm-6pm
Band Excursion to Swinburne Children's
Centre 9.40am -12pm
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3pm-5pm

Friday 15 August

10 Hour Famine

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder to parents and guardians who may be purchasing uniform items to please buy the correct regulation items which have been approved by the Lilydale High School Council. For all students this includes:

- ✓ Grey skirts with pleats - straight skirts are **not** approved.
- ✓ Year 7 girls are not permitted to wear grey skirts. The new school skirt is available for purchase at the uniform shop.
- ✓ Black opaque tights.
- ✓ **Tailored** grey trousers – track pants are not approved.
- ✓ **Black polishable hard leather lace up school shoes or T-bar buckle up shoes** – soft leather runners (skate shoes) are not approved. A photograph of the approved shoes can be found on the school website and in the school planner.
- ✓ Plain black or official school jackets – jackets with logos are not approved. Jackets must be worn over a Lilydale High School jumper or windcheater, not in place of one.

At year level assemblies we have requested to all students that they ensure the correct items are being purchased. Many parents and members of our school community have commented on how neat the students look, and how easily and immediately our students can be identified. This goes a long way to ensuring our students welfare and safety.

We urge parents not to succumb to their child's persuasion, pleadings or any other stories, to purchase inappropriate clothing instead of regulation uniform items.

Information regarding the correct uniform is clearly written in the student planner. The on campus Uniform Shop is open Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

JEWELLERY AND MAKE-UP

The school allows students to wear a stud or sleeper in the ear provided it does not infringe or breach School and Department of Education, Health and Safety Guidelines. Facial piercing must be safely and adequately covered at all times. Make-up, nail polish and excessive jewellery are not to be worn at school.

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.

CARPARK ARRANGEMENTS AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS

Parents/Guardians delivering and collecting students by car are reminded that safety considerations are paramount for all of us.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK (MELBA AVE) TO DROP OFF/COLLECT STUDENTS – THIS IS A PARKING-ONLY FACILITY.

There have been a number of near accidents with cars stopping near the school entrance and banking up other vehicles out into Melba Ave as well as blocking vehicles mid-way through parking. Students are weaving through cars parking. The car park is out of bounds for students.

The **Stadium Carpark** is designated for drop off/collection of students. There is room to park or drive through and students can walk/wait under cover for their transport.

Students are reminded to use footpaths at all times when exiting the school into the local areas. They are to cross roads at controlled traffic lights/supervised crossings **ONLY**. If students are wishing to cross Hutchinson Street they must also ensure that they only cross at controlled traffic lights. This is a particularly dangerous road for pedestrians with a large quantity of road traffic. All pedestrian traffic to and from school at the William Street exit must be via the **SUPERVISED CROSSING** in John Street.

Parents/guardians are also reminded that Hutchinson Street and Melba Avenue are **40 kph zones**.

Wendy Powson, Assistant Principal

POSTER COMPETITION

Year 7 to 10 students are encouraged to design a poster for Book Week (August 20-27). Best entry will win a **\$20 Book Voucher**.

Posters must be hand drawn on A3 paper, portrait or landscape, in any medium (ink, paint, crayon etc). Write your name and form on the back.

The Book Week theme is **FUEL YOUR MIND**. This wording should appear on your poster. Use your imagination to interpret the theme. Your poster should promote books and reading.

Submit your entry to the Library by **3pm, Thursday 7 August**. More details from the Library.

REMINDER – MIPs INTERVIEWS

Year 10 and 11 Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) interviews will be conducted at the **Lutheran Church, Lilydale on Thursday 7 August for Year 10 students and Friday 8 August for Year 11 students**.

All students will have a **15 minute interview** with a MIPs Counsellor present on the day. Parents and Guardians are encouraged and welcome to attend these interviews with their son/daughter.

Interview letters have been posted to all parents/guardians informing them of their son's/daughter's interview time. The letter also explains in more detail the purpose of the interview process.

It is compulsory for all students to attend on these days.

Kath Rudd, MIPs Coordinator

CAREERS

Beauty & Hairdressing Programs

There are some short programs for Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy during the September Holidays run by **Beauty Therapy Training 1 to 1**. The 4 half day sessions will be held at Mount Waverley.

- Beauty Vocation \$120
- Hairdressing \$120
- or \$200 both programs

Please ring 9886 7979 to put your name on the "I'm very Interested List" by Monday 15th September 2008. These sessions will help students decide if Beauty or Hairdressing is a career pathway for them.

Gwen Haritonidis and Michelle Dowsett

SUB SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

▪ YEAR 7 & 8

Term 3

This term we have a number of initiatives underway to support the success of your child at school, one of which is the Attendance Competition. There is a well established link between attendance and achievement at school, and as a result, we have devised a 'Premiership Ladder' style competition to encourage attendance during Term 3. Students will be informed of the process and weekly results will be posted on the notice boards around the Junior School Office.

You may also notice changes to the grounds as you approach the school from the Melba Street entrance. The Year 7 and 8 playground has now being extended.

Absences – Phone Calls

We appreciate the support that parents and guardians have given us when phoning home to establish the cause of your child's absence. We are interested to know that your child is happy here at school.

We also like to know if your child is going to be away for an extended period of time so that we can let their classroom teachers know and gather work to send home if appropriate.

A reminder, that a note is required to cover the absence upon return to school.

Although we endeavour to call as many homes as we can, it is not always possible due to our own teaching commitments and other matters which may arise and need our urgent attention.

'Keep Getting it Right' Program

Over the last 2 weeks, students in Year 7 and 8 were involved in our "Refresher Course" of the "Getting it Right" Program from last Semester.

The "Keep Getting it Right" sessions were held with students in small groups, where we discussed the Student Code Of Conduct and the Anti-Harassment Policy. Time was provided to allow students to clean out their lockers and undertake strategies to improve their organisation. Parents can support this initiative by encouraging the use of School Planners as a form of communication by signing them on a regular basis.

We would also like to encourage students to set aside some time each day for homework in an area which is quiet and well lit. Even if your child claims that they have no homework, alternative activities such as reading or researching for assignments should be done in this allocated time. It is a worthwhile habit to develop.

Digital Portfolios

Students are in the process of collecting evidence to demonstrate their achievement of their learning goals. Please discuss these goals with your child (you will find them in the back of their planner). Some students may need creative ideas on what to use as evidence. Teachers are supporting students in class to complete their Digital Portfolios in preparation for the 3 way conferences to be held in late September. If you have any questions relating to this process, please contact Hilda Knight.

Leadership Camp 2

This Camp will be run at the Oasis Youth Camp on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September. Offers for students who missed out on the first camp will commence on Monday 4th August. New and interested students will also be given the opportunity to attend. If you have any questions or concerns related to this initiative, please call Ms Knight. There has been considerable interest in attending the Leadership Camps this year.

Junior School Awards Assemblies

These were held on Thursday 31st July for Year 7 students and Wednesday 30 July for Year 8 students. Many Junior School students were rewarded for their special efforts last Semester by receiving a Merit Certificate or Academic Excellence Certificate.

Particular 'Congratulations' go to **Samantha Hanks 7.55** and **Samantha Butler 7.37** our 'High Achievers' who received 6 Academic Excellence and 2 Academic Merit in eight of their subjects!

Well done also to the Year 8 'High Achievers' **Jackson Fisher 8.28** and **Ashleigh Goldsmith 8.42**.

A fantastic effort, and well done!

'Rock the Schools' concert

'Rock the Schools' is a tour group that travels all over Australia with various bands participating to perform lunchtime shows and also run related workshops. The concert will be held Wednesday 6th August at lunchtime in the Hall.

Principal's Competition

The enormous success of the Principal's Basketball and Netball Competition last term has encouraged us to do it again. Students have been submitting their team lists with Ms Powson and Mr Tully. The competition will be running at lunchtime in the stadium every Wednesday.

Nike / Running Competition

Junior School students have been offered the opportunity to participate in an 'International Schools Running Competition'. Those students who have signed up will take part in a registration process this week and begin running next week.

Up-Coming Events

'Rock the Schools' Concert	Lunchtime 6 th August
Year 7 Sport Day	
(Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis and Squash)	29 th August
Yarra Group Athletics	1 st September
2 nd Leadership Camp	4 th and 5 th September
Year 8 Activities Day	12 th September
Year 8 Sport Day	
(Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis and Squash)	15 th September
Year 7 Science Zoo Excursion	16 th September
3 Way Conferences	18 th September

A Quote to Ponder:

"The greatest achievement of the human spirit is to live up to one's opportunities and make the most of one's resources"

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

Michael Schultz,
Angela Louis, Jonathan Reedyk, Darren Strachan
Year 8 Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

▪ Year 9 & 10

2009 Course Selection

A reminder to all Year 8 and 9 students, the 2009 Course Selection form must be returned to the Middle School Office TODAY, Friday 1 August.

Has your child been successful?

If your child has done something that you feel we should be aware of, please drop us a line to ensure that we can congratulate them on their fantastic achievements.

Absences

Parents and Guardians are asked to ring the Year 9 and 10 Absence line between **8.30am** and **9.30am** when a student is **absent from school** and advise the reason for the 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**.

When a student is absent, even for a part of day, a note signed by a parent, guardian or a medical certificate is required. This is to be given to the student's Form Teacher.

Lateness

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 which is kept in the Middle School Office and **provide** a satisfactory **written note of explanation**. A lunchtime detention will be given if such a note is not provided.

Early Leavers

If it is necessary for a student to leave before the end of a school day, a signed note written by a parent or guardian must be handed in at the Middle School Office before school and a pass will be issued.

Important Dates

Monday 4 August

- Year 10 Course Briefings, Periods 1 – 2

Tuesday 5 August

- VCE Information Evening, 7.30pm, school Hall

Thursday 7 August

- Year 10 MIPs Day Interviews – Lutheran Church, Lilydale
(*Attendance at the interviews is compulsory*)

Friday 8 August

- Year 10 Awards Assembly, Periods 1 – 2
(Year 9 Awards Assembly – to be advised shortly)

Wednesday 13 August

- 'Keys Please' Parent & Learner Driver Session, 7pm

Friday 5 September

- Year 10 Formal

Thursday 13 November – Tuesday 18 November

- Year 10 Exams

Wednesday 10 September

- Year 9 & 10 Interschool Sport

Thursday 18 September

- 3 Way Conferences

Year 9 & 10 Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

▪ Year 11 & 12

Important Dates

Wednesday 30 July to Friday 1 August

- VCE Ski Camp

Friday 1 August

- Year 12, Period 4, Police Road Safety Talk

Monday 4 August

- Year 11 Course Briefing, Period 3 and 4

Tuesday 5 August

- VCE Information Evening 7.30pm, school Hall

Thursday 8 August

- Year 11 MIPs Interviews

Friday 22 August

- 'Achieve Your Best' Talk - Year 12, Periods 5 and 6

Friday 29 August

- Year 11, Period 4, Police Road Safety Talk

Thursday 18 September

- 3 Way Conferences

VCE Awards

The VCE team would like to congratulate all of the students who received Outstanding Attendance Awards, Academic Excellence Awards and Academic Merit Awards, at the VCE Awards Assembly held on Monday 28th July.

Over 50 individual students achieved Academic Excellence Awards, over 100 individual students achieved Academic Merit Awards and numerous students obtained Outstanding Attendance Awards.

It is a wonderful achievement and students should be proud of the commitment they have shown towards their VCE studies. We hope that the hard work and dedication continues throughout Semester 2 and that those students who achieved awards continue to employ the same practises during second semester.

For those students who missed out on an award, we encourage you to aim high and strive to reach your best. The VCE team strongly believe that there is a direct correlation between student attendance and high achievement.

2009 VCE Course Selection

As you will have noticed in the list of upcoming events, next week all Year 11 students will engage in an extensive unit selection information session for 2009. Please discuss this with your son or daughter and make sure you bring any queries you have to the VCE Information Evening, being held on Tuesday 5th August. This evening is a great opportunity for Year 10 and Year 11 students, and their families to gain information on the vast range of subjects being offered at Year 11 and Year 12 in 2009. Most of the VCE teachers will be available to you on the night and will be delighted to answer your questions.

VCE Ski Camp

60 VCE students and 8 Lilydale High School staff left on Wednesday afternoon for the VCE Ski Camp. They have spent the past two days skiing the slopes of Mt Hotham. We hope they have had a fantastic time and have a safe journey home today, injury free.

VCE Coordinators