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**Quote of the week:**

*Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.*

*Japanese Proverb*

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Next week the first of the Orientation Programs begins with our Year 11 students in preparing them for Year 12. Our Year 11 students and some Year 10 students have completed their Unit Two exams, and it is hoped that their results will reflect the choices they have made for their Unit 3 and 4 study in 2013.

Parents of students in Years 7 – 9 will be receiving letters in the next few weeks about the activities program organised for the last two weeks of the school year. I ask that parents please ensure students complete the necessary documentation and tasks so that they have a program that they will enjoy – particularly with regards the choice activities. As stated, detailed letters will be going home to parents providing all the necessary information and an SMS will also be sent to remind parents of due dates for forms etc.

As you know from previous newsletter items, the DEECD is currently in negotiations with the Victorian branch of the Australian Education Union, in an attempt to have a new enterprise agreement. At this stage there is still no agreement. One of the bans that has been put in place in lieu of no agreement being reached is related to student Semester Two Reports. The reports students will receive this year will be less detailed than usually the case. Students in Years 7 to 10 will receive a report that provides attendance data and VELS progression points from all teachers, however teachers will not be providing written information or comments. This is likewise the case for students studying Unit 2 – reports will indicate an S or N result as well as attendance, however no comments will be provided by teachers. I provide this information to parents now so that should you wish to let your concerns be known to the negotiating parties, you have the opportunity. This situation is absolutely not ideal and I know we have quite a number of AEU members who feel torn about this decision. Once again, I do appreciate the patience our parent community has shown over recent weeks with regards the bans and hope that with the community’s support, an agreement is reached soon.

*Ms S. Sena*

*College Principal*

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS**

**Year 11 Unit Two exams & Orientation Program**

All Year 10 and 11 students completing a Unit Two subject had their final exams this week. Students took the exams seriously and their behaviour within the exam room was excellent.

Year 11 students will take part in a Year 12 Orientation Program next week. On Monday 19th November students will get their exams back and receive feedback on their performance. From Tuesday 20th November until Thursday 22nd November students will take part in the Orientation Program and the end of year assembly. Students will be given work that must be completed for the start of next year. Attendance at this program is compulsory. If your child is ill or cannot attend the program please contact the school so that arrangements can be made for the work to be passed on.

On Thursday afternoon and on Friday 23rd November students may be required to attend school to discuss their progress and program for 2013. Parents and students will be notified if they need to attend.
VCAA Exams
Our Year 12 students are now heading to the last week of formal exams and some have already finished. Congratulations to all for their hard work and application during this period. Results will be out on Monday 17th December.

Textbooks – 2013
In 2013 the new Australian Curriculum will be implemented in Maths, Science, History and English from Year 7 through to Year 10. As the curriculum has changed significantly students will be required to purchase new textbooks. Therefore these books will not be available to purchase second hand. We ask that parents and carers take this into account when planning and budgeting for the new school year.

Mrs J. Cain
Assistant Principal, Years 11 & 12

A reminder to parents of Year 10 students that the City of Whittlesea is offering catch-up vaccination sessions for any Year 10 students who missed the Boostrix vaccination at the school earlier this year. For session details please check the flyer in this newsletter.

I was very happy to be able to welcome our 2013 Year 7 students to the school earlier this week. The students spent the day in diagnostic testing sessions which is a long and tiring day but it does give us an opportunity to begin to get to know them academically while giving them an opportunity to have a good look around the school. We look forward to the Grade 6 students and their families coming back to the school next Tuesday for Information Evening.

In the last newsletter I spoke about the Edmodo program some of our Year 8 students were able to access. I am happy to say that the program is now available to all Year 8 students and they are able to access key dates and assessment tasks from home for the rest of this year. There are still four weeks of assessment for Year 7 and 8 students and I know there are some major pieces of work still to be submitted and I expect the students to continue to work to the best of their ability right to the end of the year.

A reminder to Year 7 and 8 students the Funfields and Adventure Park permission letters for Activities Week have been distributed this week. Please return them to the school as soon as possible.

Mr P. James
Assistant Principal, Years 7 & 8

Next week is the final week of formal classes for all Year 10 students followed by a week of exams. The exams are an opportunity for all students to display what they have achieved over the semester, and also allow the school to evaluate the capabilities of all students when transition decisions are being made for 2013. It is important that all students finish the year off strongly as they all look forward to Year 11 and 2013. The Year 10 students will not attend regular classes during this program and are only required at school during the scheduled exam time. This will be for two periods only. They will then leave the school premises and return home. Feedback from the exams will be supplied to all students on Monday the 3rd of December.

After the exams all Year 10 students will be involved in the Year 11 Orientation program where they will receive crucial information about their programs for next year. Attendance during these three days which commences on Tuesday 4th December is crucial for a smooth transition into Year 11 and is therefore compulsory for all students wishing to achieve at the highest level.

Year 9 exams commence next week on Monday the 19th of November and I encourage all students to study hard over the weekend so they are fully prepared for these exams. Again, these exams present an opportunity for students to display to themselves and their families what they have achieved throughout the semester in both English and Mathematics.

The highly successful programs called the Lawyers in School Program, and the GOALS program, running at Year 10 and Year 9 ended this week. They have been terrific programs that have given students an insight into careers and opportunities not often seen by middle school students. I would like to thank Ms Ryan and Ms Spence for all of the hard work they have put into getting these programs up and running to ensure the students involved achieve the desired outcomes of the programs.

Mr C. Jewell
Assistant Principal, Years 9 & 10

UNIFORM SHOP
Direct Phone No: 9463 7331

Parents of our 2013 Year 7 students are encouraged to order uniforms now to avoid delays at the start of next year.

Uniform Shop hours:
Monday: 10.30am – 2.30pm
Tuesday: 10.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday: 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Order now or layby, and be prepared for 2013.

Mrs G. Williams
Uniform Shop Manager
YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY EXCURSION - NMIT ST GEORGES RESTAURANT

On Wednesday 30th October, a group of 26 Year 10 Food Technology students went to NMIT for lunch. Our delicious two course meal was cooked by the TAFE’s apprentice chefs. First course consisted of roast beef with Yorkshire pudding or salmon and potato for the main. It was then followed by a delicious lemon tart or ice cream served in brandy snap basket for dessert. Towards the end of the day we were given a crash-course in hospitality and were able to watch the apprentices in action. In the end, it was an enjoyable day and we’d like to say thank you to Ms Trodd and Ms Wootton for organising the event.

Stephanie and Melanie
Year 10 Food Technology

On Monday 29th October and Wednesday 31st October, the students from the Year 10 Food Technology classes along with their teachers were given the opportunity to attend an excursion to the Northern Institute of TAFE- Preston Campus.

When we arrived at the campus we were directed to the St Georges Restaurant where we were welcomed by the pleasant staff and given a two course lunch. The two meals consisted of varieties of foods such as beef, vegetables, salmon, potato salad and pastries. I believe we mostly enjoyed the delicious desserts that included an appealing lemon cake and scoops of ice cream in a crunchy caramel cone, both decorated with strawberries and mint leaves.

After the lunch our classes were escorted on a tour with a member of the Hospitality Department. He gave us useful information which I believe was a lot of help for the ones considering doing Hospitality later on.

We were able to see first-hand food and beverage services as well as how a commercial kitchen operates. It was also very exciting to see how the students worked on their assignments. They made fantastic meals! Even though it was disappointing that we couldn’t taste it, we agreed that they all deserve an A!

Overall, it was an extremely exciting and educational experience. We would like to thank everyone that took part in the excursion including our teachers who organised this excursion for us.

Ivana Dobrevska 110C
Year 10 Food Technology
School Captains: Phillip Te & Monique Wasa; Vice Captains: Michael Thompson & Kristina Misera; Sport Captains: Julius Ristevski & Jessica De Lima Fernandes