



# NEWSLETTER

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Friday 14th March, 2008

Newsletter No. 2

Wednesday	19th March	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews—Evening
Thursday	20th March	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews—10am to 1.30pm
Thursday	20th March	End of Term 1—2.30pm Dismissal

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

It seems only yesterday that we began the term and we now find it coming to an end. Across this term we have held a number of information nights which has seen a significant number of our parents and other community members come into the College to see, discuss and be informed about the vast array of activities and programs we offer our students. We have held parent information evenings across Years 7 to 9 and information about our upcoming Year 10 Work Experience program.

Our key aim is for us to continue inviting parents and other members of the community into our school to experience what we do as a college. We want to work together to further improve the educational opportunities of our students. I would like to thank all our parents who attended these evenings and our staff who continue to volunteer their time to set up and present during these occasions. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

We are currently seeking feedback from parents as part of our school evaluation. This feedback will formulate the direction the college takes in terms of its strategic direction this year and in years to come. We plan to seek feedback during information nights, parent/teacher and establish parent focus groups during the year. I ask that you consider taking the time to provide us with your feedback as this again enables us to implement changes and improvements that improve students learning. If you are interested in being part of the focus group please contact Jackie Stewart in the General Office.

I encourage all parents to arrange an appointment time during next weeks parent /teacher interviews. We have both an evening and day session so parents can choose session times that suit.

I would like to clarify that students are required to be at school and remain on school grounds during the school day. Lunch passes are only granted to those students going home for lunch and only if an adult is present during lunchtime. We do not allow passes that allow student to leave the school grounds to purchase their lunch. If you have any queries please contact the college. If students continue to remove themselves from the college grounds they risk their continued placement at this college. I ask all parents to support us in our endeavours to keep students on our college grounds at all times.



Emmanuel Merambeliotis, Janine Leed and Vaya Cross

# Student Services and Future Pathways

## THE AGE VCE & CAREERS EXPO 2008

CAULFIELD RACECOURSE; STATION ST; CAULFIELD:

FRIDAY 11 APRIL, SATURDAY 12 APRIL, & SUNDAY 13 APRIL 10AM-5PM

The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2008 brings together over 150 organisations including providers of VCE recourses, career advisors and Australia's major tertiary institutions. The Expo features seminars on VCE subjects, career and study advice. Admission is \$10.00 or \$23.00 for families ( 3 or more, children under 14 free) and is valid for all 3 days of The Expo. Admission includes all seminars, the career forum and a copy of The Age. For more details see The Expo Visitor Guide in The Age on Monday 7th April or go to [www.education.theage.com.au](http://www.education.theage.com.au)

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

### VALENTINE'S DAY POETRY COMPETITION

The Library Resource Centre had organised the Valentine's Day Poetry Competition for all year 9 students towards the end of February. Students participated enthusiastically and a large number of entries were received. The standard of the entries received was quite high and the judging panel had difficulty in choosing the winners.

The winner of the competition was Ruth Gasson of 9.1. She received her award which included a book and a certificate from the College Principal, Mr Merimbliotis at a presentation ceremony in the Library.

The picture below shows from left to right: Ms S. Kumar, English Co-ordinator, Ruth Gasson, first prize winner, Mr Merimbliotis, the Acting College Principal and Ms K. Reddy, the Resource Centre Manager.



## RECEIPTS

Parents/Guardians, please be advised that all money brought to the school by students to be receipted must be placed in the Money Shute at the rear of the General Office. Our administration team will process the money and have receipts ready to be collected by students during recess and lunch.

If receipts are not collected they will be destroyed after a period of one month. A record of the transaction still remains on our system for historical purposes.

## CONNECTIONS

### **INFORMATION NIGHT ON FOSTERING CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE**

Have you ever thought of volunteering to foster a child or young person in your home who is unable to live with their family due to reasons such as family breakdown, addiction, abuse or neglect? Oz child and Uniting Care Connections will run a joint information night for people over 21, whether single, married, divorced, retired or living usual or alternative lifestyle who is able to provide a safe, secure and loving home environment for varying periods of time—emergency to short/long term care. Volunteers sought include those stable in their life, flexible, mature, responsible, with a good sense of humour and willing to be part of a team. Full training/assessment/ongoing support provided. Relevant screening, police and Working With Children Checks (WWC) conducted as part of the recruitment/selection procedure. The info night will be held on THURSDAY, MARCH 13, at Pakenham Secondary College's theatre, 1020 Princes Highway, Pakenham, from 7pm to 8.30pm. Please RSVP your attendance to Oz Child on 9212 3900 (those interested in fostering children) or Uniting Care Connections on 9704 8377 (for young people 12 years and up).

## NEED MATHS HELP

See Mr Geraghty

**WHEN:** Wednesday Period 3  
Thursday's after school  
**FOR WHO:** All year levels  
**WHERE:** Foyer upstairs in Senior School

*Sincerely*  
Mr Geraghty

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

**IMPORTANT DATE:** Please return all bulb order forms by Friday the 11th April. That's the first Friday back next term.

Even more new faces at our March meeting and our group is growing with eager parents. Always good to hear some new perspectives on what our group can achieve for the school. Please let us know if there are any specific areas of the school that you would like to find out more about and we can arrange a speaker for the group. ie; Careers, Welfare, Uniform Policy etc. Our next meeting will be Friday April 11 @ 2pm in the Conference Room, this will coincide with the bulb orders. Come along if you can and give us a hand.  
Jeanette Rotteveel

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the close of Ballot, the following candidates were successfully elected for a two year term:

### PARENT MEMBERS:

Mrs Jenny Cunningham

Mrs Sharon Thomas

Mr Ed Kirby

### STAFF MEMBERS:

Mr Antony Chandler

We congratulate them on their election and look forward to working with them on Council.

Emmanuel Merambeliotis

### ACTING PRINCIPAL

## **DEBUTANTE BALL SEASON 2008**

The Rotary Club of Pakenham is delighted to invite any students who are interested in attending a Debutante Presentation Ball to come along to an INTEREST ONLY evening to find out more about this wonderful evening. This meeting will be held on Sunday 16th March @ 7pm at the Pakenham Public Hall in John St, Pakenham. Prospective Debutantes ONLY and their parents are invited to attend.

A second meeting for registration will be held in April for Debutantes, Partners and their parents to attend. This meeting will be advertised through the newsletter at a later date.

Helen van Diemen

Rotary Club of Pakenham Debutante Ball Committee. 5942 7414

## Dear Year 10 Students and Parents.

At the Work Experience Information night there was a request for the websites that provide information on the Occupational Health and Safety training and the prohibited tasks students aren't allowed to do. They are listed below.

<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/safe@work/>

<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/voced/workexp/index.htm>

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLE 2 SPORT

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO MADE IT THROUGH TO THE ZONE SWIMMING

##### FINALS!!

**Charlene Rich** - U/21 Breaststroke - 50m  
U/21 Butterfly - 50 m  
U/21 Freestyle - 50m  
U/21 Freestyle - 50m  
U/21 Backstroke - 50m

**Shiona Dickson** - U/17 Breaststroke - 50m  
U/17 Freestyle - 50m

**Jacinta Rich** - U/16 Backstroke - 50m

**Chris Connelly** - U/15 Freestyle - 50m  
U/15 Backstroke - 50m

Girls U/21 Medley Relay 4 X 50m &  
Girls U/21 Freestyle Relay 4 X 50m -

**Charlene Rich**  
**Toni Dart**  
**Zoe Burke**  
**Kirsten McDonald**

#### TERM 1 SPORTS

Congratulations to Boys Senior Tennis and Girls Intermediate Tennis who are through to the zone finals.

#### TERM 2 SPORTS COMING UP:

**GIRLS & BOYS**  
**NETBALL**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**SOCCER**  
**HOCKEY**  
**SQUASH**  
**BASKETBALL**

#### SPORTS AERBOICS UPDATE:

**TEAM TRAINING HARD FOR VICTORIAN CHAMPIONS**

## YEAR 10 HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

The Year 10 students need to do an investigation in Science Chapter 2. They need to choose any one investigation out of the 4 on page 38 of their Science Textbook. This investigation will be a part of their Science assessment. More information about the investigations is put up on the following website. [www.geocities.com/marklimage/2008](http://www.geocities.com/marklimage/2008)



### **Easter School Holiday Camps.**

Each camper receives a basketball and t-shirt

Come work on your Basketball skills & join in the fun these school holidays.

At the Sports for all centre, Cranbourne.

**Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March, 2008.**

**Only \$ 99.00**

Check out our other camps and venues on our Website:

[www.unitedsportscoaching.com.au](http://www.unitedsportscoaching.com.au)

Email: [info@unitedsportscoaching.com.au](mailto:info@unitedsportscoaching.com.au) Fax: (03) 97768244  
Ph. 0423045121 / 0404840399

### **Exchange Students and Host Families**

Exchange students from many different countries including Italy, Germany, Belgium, France, Brazil, Japan, Austria, Norway and Sweden are hoping to be able to come here in July to study. If you and your family would enjoy hosting one of these girls or boys aged 15-18 for a half, one or two semesters, are happy to share your lifestyle, so possibly making a friend for life with the person you choose and their family overseas, please call Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279. You are asked to provide for one extra at mealtimes at home and a share room or own room. Hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,  
Klaus Schumann  
WEP Community Coordinator

## REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

**24 HOUR ABSENCE HOTLINE: 5941 9582**

Please phone your child's intended absence through by 9am and follow up with a note to confirm for the records.

### ROC Netball Club

Officer Rec. Reserve, Princes Highway, Officer

Seeking players for U/13, U/15, U17's

Training—Thursday nights  
Games—Saturday mornings

**REGISTRATION NIGHT**  
**Thursday 13th March, 2008.**  
U/13— 4:30-5:30pm  
U/15 & U/17—5:00—6:00pm

For further information please contact  
Bec Luxford—Secretary  
0407 338 958  
lrkelec@bigpond.net.au

### FORTNIGHTLY CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP

Meeting in Room A4 in the Senior School Building  
at Pakenham Secondary College

Teachers, Parents, Students and Friends all  
welcome.

All enquires please contact  
Sharon Thomas on 5941 4495

Every Thursday

Time: 1.25—2.00pm



### BOOKS FOR SALE

**NEW CONDITION**  
**(1/2 PRICE)**

**HOLES .....YR 8**  
**Louis Sachar**

**HITLERS DAUGHTER.....YR 7**  
**Jackie French**

**FOOD,PEOPLE AND TECH-(Book 2)**  
**.....YR 10**

**ENGLISH WORKBOOK 2.....YR 8**  
**Anne Mitchell**

**CONTACT:**  
**Bernadette Chandler 0429 152 048**

ATHLETICS IN WINTER IS COMING:

#### **PAKENHAM LITTLE ATHLETIC CLUB**

Cross country is open to all athletes from Under 6 to adults. Each age group has three distances which we rotate over a period of three weeks. It is a shorter morning with athletes only running in one event. This is a wonderful way to keep fit prior to the summer season. Join us for 1 hour each Saturday morning.

**REGISTRATIONS: Saturday 29th**  
**March 2008**

**STARTING: Saturday 12th April**

**TIME: 8.30 for Registrations**  
**9.00 for 1st Race**

**VENUE: Lily Pond House; Duncan**  
**Drive; Pakenham.**

**COST: \$40.00**

**CONTACT: Gordon 0407 909 126**

<i>Under 6-8</i>	<i>500m, 800m &amp; 1000m</i>
<i>Under 9-10</i>	<i>1000m, 1500m &amp; 2000m.</i>
<i>Under 11-12</i>	<i>1500m, 2000m &amp; 3000m.</i>
<i>Under 13-15</i>	<i>2000m, 3000 m &amp; 4000m.</i>
<i>Open Age</i>	<i>2000m, 3000m &amp; 4000m</i>
<i>Open Age Short</i>	<i>1000m, 1500m &amp; 2000m</i>