Year 8 Phillip Island

Traditionally, the Year 8 Phillip Island Camp has been held in the first week of December. This year, due to some renovations taking place in the camp grounds, such time is unavailable. Thankfully the YMCA recognises the excellent attendance and participation from all of our students over the past 13 years and have kindly made some adjustments so that the camp can be held at an alternative time - Monday the 8th of May through to Friday the 12th May.

The Year 8 camp has been a memorable highlight for many staff and students over the years, due to the nature of the camp, its close proximity to the beach and the fantastic activities on offer. As a teacher, I never get tired of seeing students stand up on a surfboard for the first time, develop new skills and create new friendships.

All current Year 8 students have been given a letter which outlines costs and payments. It is essential that parents and guardians, including those who receive CSEF funding, contact the office immediately if you have any issues with the cost of the camp, so that a viable solution can be arranged.

As a school, we want all students to come on this wonderful camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at the college: francis.paul.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Paul Francis

Dates to Remember-
Thurs 2nd Mar Investiture
Fri 3rd Mar Southern Ranges Swimming Sports
Thurs 16th Mar Interschool Round Robin Sports
Tues 21st Mar Hume Swimming
Fri 10th Mar Year 7 Vaccinations
Wed 22nd Mar Japan Tour departs (15 days)
Wed 29th Mar House Athletic Sports
Saturday 1st April Debutante Ball

Term Dates-
Term One: Tuesday 31st Jan to Friday 31st March
Term Two: Tuesday 18th April To Friday 30th June
Term Three: Monday 17th July To Friday 22nd September
Term Four: Monday 9th Oct to Friday 22nd December

Curriculum (Student free)

Days-
Monday 24th April
Friday 9th June
Wednesday 16th August
Principals’ Report

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday at our College swimming sports. We really appreciated our parents who came along to watch and help out. There was the usual colour, fun and healthy competitive spirit with some new twists like the “dash for cash”. We have a strong collection of excellent swimmers but it is also always a highlight watching students who participate and get involved for their house especially if swimming isn’t a particular strength of theirs. It is an admirable quality in life, being able to push yourself outside of your comfort zone and “giving things a go”. Congratulations to Mr Davies on a well run event and a huge appreciation to our hard working staff, Electroheads and House Captains for their contributions to a great swimming carnival. We also must congratulate Bainbridge for winning the carnival.

Our Year 7 Barbeque on Tuesday night also went really well. It was nice to meet a lot of the parents of our Year 7s. Research tells us parents are responsible for up to 50% of student success in learning so we love and welcome our parents being involved with us. It was also great to hear that a lot of Year 7s have joined the music program, which is a strong source of pride in our College. Thanks to all those who attended, especially to Bron, Mr Lester and Mr Mithen for running the evening.

House Leaders are a great first point of call for parents with queries or concerns about their children. Mr Lachy Morrison is the new house leader for Long, Mrs Collett is in charge of Weinberg, Mr Davies looks after Bainbridge and Miss Steuart takes care of Cumming students. Bron Howell, the Wellbeing Coordinator, is the first person to contact for any wellbeing concerns. They all enjoy working with families to improve students’ experience at school, so please always feel free to contact them.

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We would like to remind parents that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Also Private property brought to school by students is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

We therefore discourage students from bringing valuables to school. We also encourage students to use locks on their lockers. If there are occasions where valuables, like money, need to be brought to school we suggest students secure these with the front office.

Enjoying the new Music Room

[Images of students playing musical instruments in the new music room]
The school swimming sports were again another great example of the positive community spirit that we have in our school. This year saw renewed enthusiasm and involvement for both the competitive and participation focused students. As always, there were some stand out performances such as the new 200m Freestyle record being smashed by Mitch Grotaers! Team Gesler were a dominant force for Bainbridge, leading a strong team of future Bainbridge stars. Cumming put in a valiant effort and almost took out the House Shield thanks to a strong team effort, and some awesome representation in the boys 20Yr age group from Corey Malcolm and Will Ellis.

As always, these days tend to be some of the few days that you remember about your high school experience, so it was great to see students embrace the day and have fun! Thanks to all parents who attended to show their support, it was brilliant to see so many providing encouragement to their children.

Age group champions will be announced at the Investiture Assembly, parents are welcome to attend. The Southern Ranges carnival will take place on March the 3rd. A meeting for swimmers who have qualified will be held on Tuesday.

House Results:

1st Bainbridge!!!
2nd Cumming
3rd Weinberg
4th Long
Homework Classes

Mr Gillespie is running Homework classes in the Library again.

Come along after school Thursdays until 5pm to get any help you may need.

It’s a great time to catch up on work.

Wanted.

CDs and DVDs

We need any old discs to be used for decorations for the Alexandra 150th Celebrations.

Please leave at the main office.

Thanks Maree Luby.

Balancing Love & Discipline

A Parenting Program

The program is facilitated by Marc des Landes from Familycare in Seymour.

Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity for many years. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area.

The course is open to all parents and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in establishing sound relationships with their children.

This course is suitable for all parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Parents may attend as a couple, share attendance by alternating nights, or attend alone.
If you miss one or two nights, notes from previous sessions will help you catch up.

Course details
The course will run in the evening, one night a week for eight weeks.

Dates: Every Tuesday from May 2 until June 20; 2017

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm.

Venue: Euroa Primary School

Phone Familycare 5735 4600 to register interest

Keeping Kool An “Anger Management” Program for Women

Free & Confidential

Have you ever felt just a little bit guilty after giving the kids a “Serve”?
Have you ever wondered if you’ve over-done the “telling off”?
Do you wish that you could be more assertive?
Would you like to be able to stay calm when things get really hectic?

Keeping Kool is a women’s program which can help you deal with these things. You can learn to be direct and respectful in the ways that you confront people in your life. Both people in your family and others that you need to be firm with.

10 Week Course Women only (sorry, no child care)

2 hours per week; 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Starting: Wed APRIL 26 ’til JUNE 28

Participants advised of Venue on enrolment. Enquiries; Phone 5735 4600 To enrol

Netball Girls,
Roger Welch is starting up Bootcamp again this Thursday from 4.30pm onwards at the stadium.
The season has not started but if you are keen to get going now is your chance.
It is not limited to netball girls so if you have a friend that would like to attend please bring them along letting them know they will have to pay for the privilege.
Suzi Van Der Vlies – YOGA instructor is also keen for you all to come to Yoga. If this is something that you would be interested in please let me know and we can sort out a session for those interested.
Applications for the CSEF program for 2017 is open now.
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment arrangements has changed to Term 1. Families holding a valid means tested concession card (Eg: Health Care Card or Veteran Affairs) are eligible to apply from the 31st January. Secondary College students will be eligible for $225 and it will be paid directly to the School to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs.

The same form also allows the provision of a uniform pack for Year 7 students at mid year.

Please call at the School office for an application form. We will also require a copy of your current card.

CENTREPAY is now available.

Centrepay is now available as an option for families to pay for their 2015 charges.

Centrepay is a free payment option provided by Centrelink for families in receipt of a Centrelink payment. It allows families to select a one off or continuing payment which is deducted from Centrelink benefits. Applications can be made online or over the phone quoting Alexandra Secondary College’s CRN 555-105-147B.

If you think you may qualify for this service, we have forms available.

Please contact the College office for further details.

Conveyance Allowance

Applications for Conveyance Allowance (School Buses) for 2017 are now available at the School office.

To be eligible you must reside 4.8km or more, by the shortest route, to the nearest school campus.

Term 1 applications close 3rd March.

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If you are interested in signing up, Application forms are available in the School foyer.

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS & SEWERS**

The Textiles Department is on the hunt for any yarn or wool that you no-longer need. We have a very limited supply and would love whatever you can spare. We are also very interested in any fabric offcuts or notions you are willing to donate. Donations can be left at the front office or given to Ms Steuart.

**FLYING DOCTOR DENTAL CLINIC**

Is coming to Yea February 7th to March 1st
Yea Hospital, 45 Station Street
Eligible - Children under 12 years, 13 to 17 year students who have a health care card., Adults who have a health care card, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have a health care card or pension card and Refugees and asylum seekers.
Please call 03 8412 0444 for an appointment.