



Niddrie Secondary College

Parent Newsletter

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TERM 1 WEEK 3

News from the Office

This newsletter contains information about School Council elections. School Council meets twice a term at 5.15pm. The College welcomes nominations of interested parents.

The photo in this newsletter is representative of the College's commitment to improving facilities. Lawn (tiger turf) is being laid in the area beside A Wing. Sails and tables will also be erected along this area. It will form a passive area for students and an outside teaching space. We will publish the finished product in the next newsletter. The Gym works are now complete, the walls have been relined and an electric scoreboard



was installed this week. The next project will be to create a tiered recreation/learning space outside the music room. It is with pleasure that I can announce that DEECD has funded a new heating system in the College for A, B, C and D Wings. We can at last say goodbye to our 50 year old boiler.

Uniform

The Principal Class held a meeting with the uniform representative from our supplier Lowes. At this meeting the following was clarified:

- ◇ All dresses can be ordered for the rest of the school for the 2009 school year. Availability for the 2009 summer uniform will not be an issue.
- ◇ The new school jumpers are available for purchase to all students in the College.
- ◇ The new grey slacks are available for the whole school—Years 7 to 12.
- ◇ Orders for the new winter skirt for all year levels are being taken now. The change over date for winter uniform is 5th May.
- ◇ For Year 7 students, the school tie is compulsory with the long sleeve winter shirts.
- ◇ Shirts (Winter and Summer) Winter shirts are currently in stock with a delivery expected early next week of smaller sized summer shirts. Please phone Lowes on 9330 1943 to place your name on a waiting list.
- ◇ The Blazer is optional, the new rain jacket with the blue stripe will be available for the whole school to purchase.
- ◇ Boys are to wear grey socks with the Summer shorts.
- ◇ Girls are to wear white knee high socks or anklets.
- ◇ The new Winter skirt will mean that students who have purchased it will either wear navy tights or white socks.

We realise that the transition into a new school uniform is difficult. It is planned that the whole school Years 7—12 will be in the uniform at the start of the school year in 2010.

Any parents, particularly in Year 7—9 are encouraged, wherever possible to purchase the new uniform. As mentioned earlier the female summer dress will be available to all girls in 2009.

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School Council Elections 2008

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Business Manager, Judith Wright on 9337 2488 for further information.

EMA 2007

Parents/Guardians who hold an eligible health care card from the 29th January, 2008 can apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Forms are available from the General Office and applications must be lodged at the school by Wednesday 27th February, 2007.

DEECD will not accept late applications.

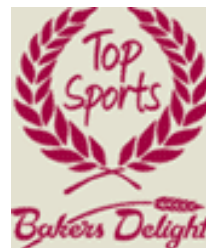
2008 Victorian Public Transport
Student Concession Card
Application Forms are available
from the General Office.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Just a reminder that there are still a number of second hand text books and uncollected monies at the General Office from the second hand text book sales late last year. Please do collect these immediately.

Monies not collected by **Wednesday 20th February** will be credited onto students accounts to cover any outstanding fees.

Anyone wishing to obtain second hand uniform items please contact Julie on 9333 2201 and a time can be arranged to meet at the school for this to be done. If you have uniforms no longer needed that are in good condition and would like to donate them to the school, please leave them at the General Office as these are in high demand.



Bakers Delight

Bakers Delight understands the importance of health and wellbeing in local communities. All schools across Australia have the chance to win a \$5,000 grant to help with new sporting equipment and facilities.

There is \$100,000 in total to be given away!

TRIP TO JAPAN 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again in 2009 students will have the opportunity to travel to Japan and take part in an exchange with our sister school Kogakkan High School. It is anticipated that the tour will be in May/ June 2009. The itinerary is still to be finalised however it is expected to include visiting Tokyo (Disneyland), Kyoto, Hiroshima, Ise City (sister school). The accommodation will be in hotels apart from time spent with host families at Kogakkan High School where students will stay with families from the school. The cost will include airfare with Japan Airlines, 7 day JR rail pass, hotel accommodation, all breakfasts, all meals and excursions while at our sister school. More details will be available once final dates and numbers attending are finalised.

We are advising parents and students of this trip early as the last visit was very successful and unfortunately, due to high student demand, not all students were able to attend. It is expected that once again 15 students will have the opportunity to participate. The cost will be approximately \$3700 plus student spending money and some meals. Once students have been advised who will be attending a deposit of \$500 will be required and then the rest may be paid off over the next 18 months.

If you are interested in your child attending the tour to Japan in 2009 could you please complete the slip below and return it to either myself or Mr Hayakawa.

A meeting to discuss details will be held in Term 1, 2008 however, if you have any questions you would like addressed earlier please feel free to contact us at the College.

Sandra Smart
Assistant Principal

Takanori Hayakawa
Teacher of Japanese

TRIP TO JAPAN 2009

I am interested in attending the trip to Japan in 2009

NAME: _____

YEAR LEVEL: 2009 _____ CURRENT HOMEGROUP: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

Japanese Exchange Program 2008

Once again Niddrie has the opportunity to host a group of Japanese students. The students are from our sister school Kogakkan High School. There will be 14 students (12 female & 2 male) who are currently in Year 11. The students will be in Melbourne for 12 days from Tuesday 22nd July to Saturday 2nd of August, 2008.

Kogakkan High School is our sister school and this program has been most successful for all students. During our trip to Japan last year, we had the opportunity to visit and stay with their families in Japan. It was extremely successful and the students from Niddrie have found it to be a most rewarding experience.

If you are interested in hosting a student could you please return the slip attached or contact Mrs Smart or Mr Hayakawa. If you would like additional information on the homestay program please do not hesitate to contact us.

Takanori HAYAKAWA

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Homestay Program

I would like to host a Japanese student from Tuesday 22nd of July to Saturday 2nd of August, 2008.

NAME: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

TUTOR GROUP: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____

PETS OWNED: NO () YES () _____

Signature: _____

Sunbury Bus Services

Sunbury Bus Services has asked that we pass on the following information to parents. They operate a school service on school days only. The bus comes from Gisborne and its first stop is at CRC in Taylors Lodge and the next stop is at Overnewton College in Keilor and drop the kids off at St Bernard's College. In the afternoon pick up from the rear of Ida street and stop again at Overnewton College and then CRC before it goes straight to Gisborne .

The advantage of this bus over the normal 476/475 service is that it is direct and the kids don't have to change buses.....

http://www.sunburybus.com.au/html/school_services.asp?act=detail&sid=20

RIDDELL — GISBORNE — CRC, OVERNEWTON & AVE MARIA

Fare:

Met Fares apply

Passengers to board bus showing "Overnewton/Ess Grammar/Ave Maria" sign for AM service and "Gisborne/Riddells Creek" for PM service

Schools Serviced:

Essendon Grammar Middle School, Essendon Keilor SC (East Keilor Campus), Essendon Keilor SC (Essendon Campus), **Niddrie SC**, St Bernards, Ave Maria

Timetable (AM):

7:25am – Riddells Creek Post Office
7:30am – Gisborne Mechanics Hall, Hamilton Street
7:42am – Mundy Road Interchange (Calder Freeway)
8:05am – Welcome Road, Diggers Rest
8:05am – Overnewton College
8:30am – Essendon Grammar Middle School
8:32am – Essendon Keilor Secondary College Drop students at rear of school on Rachele Road
8:35am – **Niddrie Secondary College** and St Bernards
8:40am – Ave Maria Drop students at Met stop on Buckley Street (Cooper Street)
8:42am – Essendon Keilor Secondary College Drop students at Met stop on Buckley Street -McCracken St

Timetable (PM):

3:35pm – Ave Maria
3:40pm – **Niddrie Secondary College** Pick up at rear of College in Ida Street.
St Bernards students walk through Niddrie Secondary College to bus stop.
3:50pm – Essendon Grammar School. Essendon Keilor Secondary College students walk to Essendon Grammar School
4:10pm – Overnewton College
4:20pm – Welcome Road, Diggers Rest
4:30pm – Mundy Road Interchange (Calder Freeway)
4:40pm – Telegraph Hotel, Hamilton Street, Gisborne
4:55pm – Riddells Creek Post Office
5:02pm – Riddell Road (Settlement Road)

Parking Concerns

The congestion after school in Sapphire Street has been brought to our attention. Most of this congestion is caused by cars parking on both sides of Sapphire Street whilst waiting for students and car drivers

regularly making an illegal right hand turn into Rosehill Road after school. This leads to a long queue of cars left waiting to depart Sapphire Street in the afternoon.

May we suggest that if you are picking up an older child that you arrange to meet in one of the surrounding streets, or alternatively further down Sapphire Street across Rosehill Road, this will hopefully reduce the congestion in the immediate vicinity of the school.

The Staff Car park is to be used by employees only, it is not to be used as a student drop off and pick up area. Access to the driveway must be available at all times.

Also a reminder that parking officers regularly patrol the streets around the school and will not hesitate in issuing you a fine should you be illegally parked or illegally making a right hand turn.

Niddrie Secondary College Canteen Price List - 2008

Trading hours 8.00am to 4.30pm

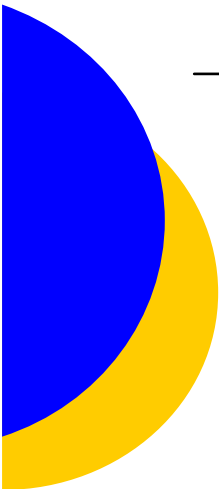
COLD DRINKS		\$	HOT FOOD		\$
Mt Franklin water		2.00	Beef Burger Plain		3.40
Pump Water (750mls)		3.00	Cheese Burger		3.60
Powerade		3.20	Chicken Burger		3.60
Daily Juice Orange/Apple/Apple & Black Currant (Large)		2.50	Vegie Burger with Lettuce and Tomato		3.60
Daily Juice Orange/Apple/Apple & Black Currant (Small)		2.00	Fish Roll with Lettuce and Mayonnaise		4.00
Milk Plain (600mls)		1.70	Roast Pork and Chutney		4.00
Big M (600mls)		3.20	Roast Beef and Gravy		4.00
Big M (300mls)		2.20	Roast Chicken with Sweet Chilli Sauce		4.00
Big M Bottle (500mls)		3.20	Roast Chicken with Lettuce and Mayo		4.00
Nippy Flavoured Milk (325mls)		2.20	Lasagne Bolognese		4.00
Up & Go		2.50	Lasagne Vegetarian		4.00
Soft Drink Cans Zero Sugar		2.00	Pasta of the Day		4.00
Soft Drink Bottle Zero Sugar		3.00	Pizza Mini, (4 varieties)		3.50
Prima Drink		1.50	Pie, Aussie (Low Fat)		3.00
Lipton Ice Teach 600ml		3.20	Grilled Vegie Roll		3.50
			Rotis (6 varieties)		5.50
HOT DRINKS			Focaccia (Ham, Sun Dried Tomato/Salad)		4.00
Short black		2.20	Focaccia (Grill pumpkin, soft cheese)		4.00
Long Black		2.20	Wholemeal Roll Grill (Veggies and Cheese)		4.00
Moccaccino		2.80	English Muffin, Bacon and Eggs		3.20
Cappuccino		2.70	Bacon and Egg Roll		3.20
Hot Chocolate		2.70	Fantastic Noodles		2.50
Tea		2.50			
Homemade soup <i>winter only</i>		1.80	RICE CHIPS (Low Fat)		
			Fantastic Sohos (40gms)		1.20
SANDWICHES (White/Brown/Multigrain)			Pirana (28gms)		1.00
Ham (Champagne)		3.00	Sakata Roast Chicken (28gms)		1.00
Ham		2.70	Sakata Cheese (28gms)		1.00
Salami Mild		2.70			
Corned Beef		2.70	SNACKS		
Strass		2.70	Pastizzi Oven Baked		0.90
Roast Beef		3.50	Samosas		0.70
Roast Pork		3.50	Dim Sims – Steamed		0.80
Tuna		2.70	French Toast – 2 Slices		1.80
Salad		2.70	Nachos		2.00
Cheese		2.70			
Tomato		2.70	COLD SNACKS		
Egg, Lettuce and Mayonnaise		2.70	Frozen Yoghurt		1.60
Nutella/Vegemite/Peanut Butter		2.00	Drinking Yoghurt		1.20
			Greek Yoghurt/Jam/Fruits		2.00
COLD FOOD/SALADS			Frozen Sunnyboys		1.00
Chicken Tortilla		4.00	Streets Ice Creams – Various Prices		
Croissant Ham and Cheese		3.50			
Croissant Cheese and Tomato		3.20	FRUIT		
Chicken and Avocado Roll		4.00	Fresh Fruit Salad – Small 2.00 - Large		2.50
Prosciutto Crudo Roll		4.00	Slice Watermelon		1.00
Small Salad – Italian Dressing		3.00	Fresh Fruit		0.90
Chicken and Salad (Meat and Salad)		5.00			
Tuna and Salad		5.00	CAKES		
Sushi 6 variety (Mon/Tues)		4.50	Wholemeal cake		2.50
			Muffins 6 varieties – (Fat Free)		2.50
EXTRAS			Muffin mini (97% Fat Free)		2.00
Roll 0.50	Meat 0.50	Salad 0.50	Banana Cake (97% Fat Free)		2.50
Cheese 0.30	Toasted 0.20	Chilli Sauce 0.20	Carrot Cake (97% Fat Free)		2.50
BBQ Sauce 0.20	Chicken Salt 0.20		Cookies (6 varieties) (97% Fat Free)		2.50
			Chocolate Cake (97% Fat Free)		2.50

February 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 Week 3	11 Year 7 Camp	12 Year 7 Camp Photos Yr 8—12	13 Year 7 Camp	14	15 Newsletter	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Week 5	25 Bully Busters Yr 7 & 8	26	27	28 Swimming Sports	29 Newsletter	

March 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Week 6	3	4	5	6 Yr 7—11 Thinking Carnival	7	8
9 Week 7	10 Labour Day Public Holiday	11	12 Yr 12 Chem (SAC) - All Day	13 Curriculum Day No Students required at school	14 Newsletter	15
16 Week 8	17 Western Zone Swimming Sports	18 Parent Teacher Interviews Yr 7—12 No Students required at school	19	20 LAST DAY OF TERM 1 Students dismissed at 2.30pm	21 GOOD FRIDAY	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

FUTURE DATES

- **Term 2 Commences** Monday 7th April
- **Anzac Day**—Friday 25th April
- **Aim Test Year 9 Maths**—Tuesday 29th April
- **Aim Test Year 9 English**—Wednesday 30th April
- **Grade 6 Open Day**—Tuesday 6th May
- **Open Evening Parents**—Thursday 8th May
- **National Literacy Testing, Language Conventions & Writing**—Tuesday 13th May
- **National Literacy Testing, Reading**—Wednesday 14th May
- **National Numeracy Testing**—Thursday 15th May
- **Year 10 Work Experience**—Monday 16th June to Friday 27th June

CREATIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING DIVERSE BEHAVIOUR

This seminar is for parents who have children in primary school who are interested in **practical techniques** on managing their children's diverse behaviours and understanding other aspects of a child's behaviour such as **anxiety** and **self-esteem**.

Topics that will be covered in the seminar include:

- Positive parenting techniques
- Anxiety in children
- Creating family rules and routines
- Self esteem



The seminar will be conducted by psychologists Melinda Polimeni and Brydie Huggins.

When: Thursday 6th March

Where: Moonee Ponds West Primary School

Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start to 8.30pm

Cost: \$10 per family (on night)

RSVP: 28th March to huggins.brydie.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

Babysitting will be available. Please email number of children that will require babysitting.

SISTERS MAKE STATE TEAM FOR LAWN BOWLS



After months of training with the Victorian Ladies Bowls Association Under 18 Squad, Melissa and Joanna Cassar, have successfully made the Under 18 Victorian Team for Lawn Bowls.

About 5 years ago, Lawn Bowls was first introduced to their family. After seeing their father and older brother James, playing they soon wanted to join in. The two girls started off playing Carpet Bowls socially and before they new it, they were committed to achieve all that they could.

For over a year and a half, Melissa and Joanna have been competitively representing their local bowls club in Craigieburn. Over that time, they have achieved many goals. Recently Melissa and Joanna, went head to head, competing for the title 'Club Champion'. It was a very close game, the end score being 23 to 25, Joanna's way.

Due to their continual outstanding performance and commitment to the game, Melissa and Joanna have recently been selected to join the under 18 Victoria team. These two girls have always performed to the best of their ability and in future are hoping to represent Australia.

On the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd February, Melissa and Joanna represented Victoria in bowls against Tasmania. They along with 4 other girls, bowled brilliantly and focused 110%. The girls came out with an outstanding score winning all 3 tests and only losing 1 out of 6 games, by a tinny margin of 1 shot.

As much as bowls is recognized as an old persons sport, the younger generation is slowly taking over. There are many bowls clubs around and they would be pleased to have more junior bowlers participating in the sport, so head down to a club and give it a try. You never know it might be the sport for you.