



NiddrieSecondaryCollege

Parent Newsletter

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TERM 2 WEEK 7

Thank you to students in Years 7 and 9 who took part in the National Testing Program—NAPLAN. Their behaviour and attitude was excellent.

Interim Reports were distributed last Friday. This report was given to your child to take home. We encourage parents to contact the level coordinators to follow up any concerns. It is our belief and motivation at the College that successful education is integral to a person's future and that all students at our College will achieve. A phrase we use at the College is that all our students "should be moving north". A strong school/parent partnership is important in achieving this.

Instrumental students will be taking part in the Western Region Arts Concert on Monday 26th May, we are very proud of them.

The Year 9 students have worked extremely hard on the Year 9 Carnival, they have displayed outstanding organisation skills. I would like to thank parents who have supported the students in this venture.

Year 12 students saw a performance of The Crucible yesterday. The performers praised our Year 12's as the best group they have ever performed for.

Forms regarding the enrolment of students into Year 7 for 2009 should have been given to the Primary Schools this week. Students from non-government primary schools can hand their form in directly to the College. Please note there is some confusion between our College and the Niddrie Campus of Essendon Kellor College. If it is intended that Niddrie Secondary College is the first preference please make sure this is clear on the form.

A reminder that in support of our student learning we make the following opportunities available for extra assistance:

- ◆ Monday after school tuition class in the Library.
- ◆ "Lunchtime Maths" for anyone that needs help in A3 at lunchtime.
- ◆ VCE assistance in Maths in E4—Period 1 on Monday
- ◆ VCE assistance in the VCE area after school on Wednesday

Anne Fox

BUSES & TRAINS

It has come to the schools notice that a minority of students travelling on the Craigieburn train are causing some problems. These include:

- Blocking doorways with bags etc.
- Shutting students in the walkways between carriages.
- Alighting from the train at stations before it stops.

These practices are extremely dangerous and we urge parents to discuss with their children safety and appropriate behaviour while travelling to and from school.

These incidents have included students from the junior school.

We are still having problems with the buses from Craigieburn and Greenvale getting to school on time and although we have had discussions with TBL and they are doing their best the problem still exists.

Teachers have been told to give students on these buses some leeway.

Students who travel to school on the Craigieburn train line in the mornings really have no excuses for lateness. Kastoria has put on a new bus to service all the schools. It leaves Essendon Station around 8.20 in the mornings.

Mr Rouse

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MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 9 CARNIVAL

Well done to all Year 9 students who participated in the carnival today. Groups have been working for many weeks to prepare for the stalls and activities. More to come next newsletter.

YEAR 10 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

The Year 10 students started their OH&S Training on Wednesday in preparation for their work experience next month. All students must complete a General Module and test (12 out of 16 = pass) and then an Industry Specific Module and test based on their work experience placement (12 out of 16 = pass).

The ID teacher and Middle School Team are really pleased with the mature approach the groups are taking to the training, in particular the group that participated in the Red Card Training on Monday. Well Done. We will be looking for that approach to continue once work experience starts.

EXAMS

Exam week is fast approaching as is the time when students will be expected to be finishing off the semesters work. The exam dates are:

- Wednesday 11th June – Periods 1 and 4
- Thursday 12th June – Periods 1 and 4
- Friday 13th June – Periods 1 and 4

Students will need to start their exam preparations **NOW**. Exam preparation should not be left until the night before the exam!!!!!!

Possible Suggestions:

- Organise notes and paper
- Read chapters covered in textbooks
- Revise notes
- Prepare summary notes
- Complete all exercises covered in class
- Conduct practise questions
- Ask the teacher if you are unsure about something

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The sample book can be viewed at the General Office or visit
www.entertainmentbook.com.au



UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION IN ADOLESCENTS

Conducted by psychologists Brydie Huggins (Niddrie Secondary) and Lucy Goode (EKC)

- Tuesday 27th May
- Essendon Keilor College, East Keilor Campus Library
- 6:45pm for 7pm start to 8:30pm
- \$10 per family

RSVP: goode.lucy.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

VCE REPORT

EXAM WEEK PREPARATIONS

YEAR 11

Year 11 exams will run from **Tuesday, 10th June through to Friday, 13th June**. Mr Thompson will shortly be issuing students with their copies of the timetable. Students are expected to attend all exams in full uniform and must bring all necessary equipment with them.

YEAR 12

External Year 12 examinations run from Wednesday, 11th June, culminating in the GAT on Friday, 13th June. Students have already been issued with their timetables and booklets listing equipment to be brought. Students are required to attend classes as normal on the Tuesday, but classes will not run on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. The GAT finishes at 1.15pm on Friday. Students will have lunch and then attend Friday afternoon classes as usual.

Students must ensure that they arrive at examinations on time, and bring all necessary equipment. It is wise to check the batteries on calculators, as a flat battery during an exam could spell disaster. Students must wear full uniform to all exams.

In the event of an emergency prior to an exam, it is vital that students contact **the school as quickly as possible** so that arrangements can be put in place.

Year 12 students who have **signed the documentation** to indicate that they are not attempting an ENTER score are not required to sit exams or the GAT. These students will have the 2 ½ days of the examination period to undertake private study.

Students who are contemplating not attempting an ENTER score must sign the documentation **prior to exams**. It will be too late once the exam period is over.

Year 12s - Beat Exam Stress!!

Ms Huggins, the school Guidance Officer, has been running a Year 12 Study Group on Wednesdays after school. On Wednesday, 4th June, she is running a session on overcoming examination stress which would be of use to all students sitting mid-year exams. Refreshments will be served. Students are encouraged to attend this session even if they have not attended any of the others! If interested, please give your name to Ms McKay.

Uniform

I repeat the request that parents support us in implementing the uniform policy. We have confiscated numerous 'Hoodies', but the wearing of track pants remains a problem. We will be asking repeat offenders to go home and change. Those students who do not have a blue VCE jumper are welcome to wear their green College jumper.

Peer Support Program Finishes

Congratulations to the numerous Year 11 students who acted as Leaders to our Year 7 students during the Peer Support Program. It ran very well and I was most impressed by the way in which some leaders conducted themselves, buying prizes and rewards for their young charges, seeking help on behavioural issues and preparing well ahead for classes. I think it was a learning experience for all concerned.

VCE Centre Improvements

On a different note, congratulations to VCE students who have done a **great** job of keeping the VCE Centre cleaner and tidier! The weights were moved out of the VCE Centre this week and we look forward to the arrival of furniture for the Quiet Study Area. Outdoor tables for the VCE area have been ordered and should be installed shortly.

Kerry McKay – VCE Coordinator

The 2008 Australian Maths Competition

The 2008 Australian Maths Competition will be held on Thursday 31st July.
Thanks to the 50 students who have entered, see below.

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LUNCHTIME TUITION CLASSES

On Tuesday at lunchtime a maths teacher will be available in A5 to assist students with their maths work.

Exams are getting closer so please make use of this valuable asset.

Year 7

James Schultz 7E
William Lamont 7A
Alyse Strilakos 7B
Naz Fadavi 7B
Andrew Karageorge 7E
Emma Blair 7E
Millie Quinlan 7E
Matt Kontogiorgis 7E
Declan Wakefield 7G
Sean Cain 7E
Jarrod Brown 7C
Jess Moloney 7E
Alex Walker 7E
Kristy Williams 7E
Kelly Williams 7E
Ashley Giddings 7E

Year 7 cont...

Lachlan Johansson 7G
Daiei Gor 7E
Nathan Petricevic 7C
David Stricki 7B
Callum Johnston 7G
Jason Fernandez 7C
Courtney Petricevic 7C
Brent Petricevic 7C
Adam Flynn 7E
Nakate Kakembo 7E
Liam Bailey 7E
Josh Slovacek 7C
William Ngu 7F
John Fahey 7E
Deon Yip 7E
Jordan Gregan 7A

Year 8

Spiros Tsaroumis 8A
Henry Diec 8A
Salah Wassel 8C

Year 9

Sarah Moloney 9E
Renee Akers 9F
Sinh Ngo 9E
Rivini Liyanage 9A
Jesusa Estioco 9E
Bianca Milich 9F
Jake Ralston 9E

Year 10

Tim Fletcher 10D
Jon Schembri 10B
Steve Yianni 10G

Caring and Working?

Do you know someone who is juggling paid work with trying to care for someone with dementia or a frail elderly person, at home? Perhaps this is an issue for you, personally, or it may be a family member or someone you know socially.

The Carers @ Work program at Respite Connections may be able to help.

We all want to live at home for as long as possible. It's comfortable, it's familiar, it's ...well... home! And there's nowhere else quite like it! However, as people age they need more support to stay at home, perhaps needing increasing help with practical chores, such as house cleaning and shopping but also with a range of other activities such as attending appointments, paying bills, and simply having company. This support often comes from family members, (or sometimes friends), and it can be difficult for them to do their job and also provide these supports, without feeling quite stressed.

The Carers @ Work program may be able to help, by linking the carer in to respite services. The respite can give the carer a break from some of the responsibilities of the caring role.

To be eligible for our program carers must be:

- * caring for a person with dementia or a frail aged person, who lives at home,
- * currently working, or have a definite plan to return to work,
- * living in the Western metropolitan region,
- * finding it difficult to balance their work and caring roles.

The carer and care receiver do not have to live together. We know that each situation is different, so each solution is worked out individually between the carer and one of our program staff.

If you would like to talk to us about the Carers @ Work program or other supports for carers, please call 9396 9550.



Respite
Connections

Supporting family carers in Melbourne's West

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 of July Saturday 2nd of August, 2008.

Kogakkan High School is our sister school and this program has been most successful for students. During our trip to Japan last year, we had the opportunity to visit and stay with 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 return the slip attached or contact Mrs Smart or Mr Hayakawa please?

If you would like additional information on the Homestay Program please do not hesitate to contact us.

Takanori HAYAKAWA

Homestay Program

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

NAME: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

TUTOR GROUP: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____

PETS OWNED: NO () YES () _____

Signature: _____



4
HOMES
URGENTLY
REQUIRED
1 X Male
Student
3 x Female

Italy Exchange Program 2008

Niddrie has the opportunity to host a group of 15 Italian students. The students are from our sister school **Istituto Blaise Pascal** in Reggio Emilia. While the exchange will be shared between Gladstone Park SC and Niddrie SC, the Italian students will be at Niddrie for 11 days from Friday 1st August to Mon 11th of August.

During our trip to Italy last year, we had the opportunity to visit **Istituto Blaise Pascal** and stay with their families. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience for both staff and students involved in the exchange.

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

Maria Viglione

Italian Homestay Program

I would like to host an Italian student from Friday 1st August to Mon 11th of August, 2008

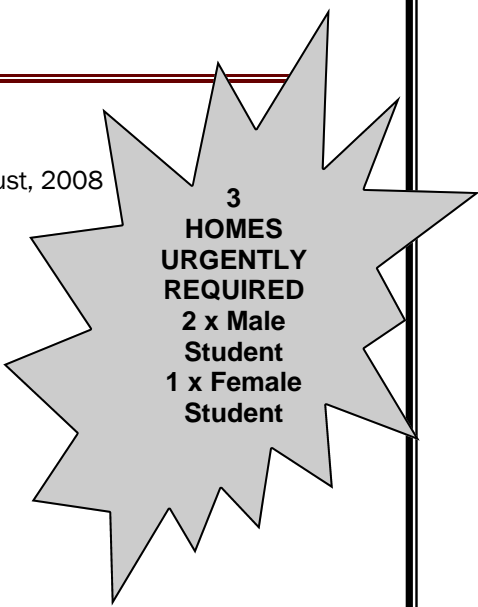
NAME: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

TUTOR GROUP: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____

PETS OWNED: NO () YES () _____



3
HOMES
URGENTLY
REQUIRED
2 x Male
Student
1 x Female
Student

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Week 7	19	20 Grease in school rehearsal day in the ECA	21 Circus Yr 8 Boys	22	23 Newsletter	24
25 Week 8	26	27 <i>Tennis</i>	28 Circus Yr 8 Boys	29	30	31

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Week 9	2	3 Exam Revision	4 Circus Yr 8 Boys Exam Revision	5 All class work Submit Newsletter	6 REPORT WRITING DAY NO STUDENTS	7
8 Week 10	9 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	10	11 Circus Yr 8 Boys VCE EXAMS Year 7-12 Exams Period 1-4 Reports due	12 VCE EXAMS Year 7-12 Exams Period 1-4	13 VCE EXAMS-GAT Year 7-12 Exams Newsletter Debutante Ball	14
15 Week 11	16 Year 10 Work Experience	17 Year 10 Work Experience	18 Circus Yr 8 Boys Year 10 Work Experience	19 Year 10 Work Experience	20 End of Semester 1 VCE Year 10 Work Experience	21
22 Week 12	23 Semester 2 Begins Year 10 Work Experience Injections 9.30am	24 Grease in school rehearsal day in the ECA Year 10 Work	25 Circus Yr 8 Boys Year 10 Work Experience	26 Year 10 Work Experience	27 Year 10 Work Experience LAST DAY TERM 2 Students dismissed at 2.30pm after Reports	28
29	30					



SUCCESSFUL PAST STUDENT— GRADUATED IN 1996 DAVID CURRIE

We have received a letter from David's family wanting to inspire current students in the College. David after a successful banking career in Australia he has been successful in obtaining a position heading the Department of Business Information Security and Intelligence of Barkley's Banking Corporation in London. His responsibilities include Africa, France, Spain, Portugal, North Ireland and parts of America.

This should be an inspiration to our current students!