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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 8 th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 12 th June	PUPIL FREE DAY - Report Writing Day
Saturday 20 th June	<i>Whittlesea Market - Whittlesea Show grounds</i>
Monday 22 nd - 26 th June	Bogong Ski Camp
Friday 26 th June	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - School finishes at 2.30pm.
Monday 13 th July	TERM 3 COMMENCES
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THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

H1N1 INFLUENZA (HUMAN SWINE FLU)

As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. At the time of writing we have not yet had any confirmed cases at this school, although this can obviously change very quickly. For an up to date list of schools affected visit the website www.education.vic.gov.au and follow the link. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has provided the following advice to parents:

Specific concerns from parents about H1N1 Influenza can be referred to any of the following:

- **The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007**
- **Nurse on Call Tel. 1300 606 024** - for expert health information and advice (24/7)
- **Your Doctor (GP)** - if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with good standard general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children whilst at school.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

The Department of Human Services is also asking parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

SPECIAL GUESTS

On Tuesday morning of this week Bill Shorten (Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction) and Therese Rein, wife of the Prime Minister visited the school and spoke with staff and student leaders about the impact of the February 7 fires on the school community. It was a very constructive visit and I'm sure further enhanced our visitors appreciation of the complex issues we are all still dealing with, and the ongoing need for support.

Terry Twomey – Principal

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SEMESTER 1, 2009 STUDENT REPORTS

Year 7-10 Reports will be distributed to students on **Friday 26th June** from Home group rooms at 2.20pm.

Year 12 exam results will be included in the student reports, therefore Year 11 and Year 12 reports will not be available until Monday 13th July, week 1, Term 3 at 3.00pm. (Please be aware many of our students study both Year 11 and Year 12 subjects).

Delma Osborne – Assistant Principal

STUDENT PATHWAYS

NORTHERN CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO 2009

On behalf of the Northern Careers and Employment Expo Working Party, it is my pleasure to invite your school to attend the **2009 Northern Careers and Employment Expo**. This year's expo brings together the ASbA Expo and the Careers and Employment Expo. The combined event involves 70 exhibitors from a wide range of industries and organisations, eager to engage with students, parents and teachers.

When: Thursday 30 July
 Where: Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre
 Bell Street (Corner St. Georges Road), Preston
 Cost: FREE

Duration	Feature	Target audience
9.30am – 3pm	Australian School-based Apprenticeships (ASbA) Expo***	School groups (year 10) Teachers
3.30pm – 7pm	Careers and Employment Expo (includes ASbA exhibitors)	Students (year 9 – 12) Parents Teachers

***ASbA Expo – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

School groups are encouraged to bring students to a day session. Please register early as places and sessions are limited. An information kit will be sent prior to the Expo.

ASbA Guide 2009/2010

A useful resource for schools, students, and parents, the ASbA Guide will be updated with more ASbA opportunities and contacts. The Guide will arrive at your school in mid June for distribution to year 10 students.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact me on 9384 2325 or email hnguyen@inllen.org.au. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Marilyn Foster – Student Pathways

YEAR 9 AND 10 LEAP STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP

On the morning of Tuesday 2nd June, James and Dan from Elevate Education came to present a dynamic workshop to the Year 9 and 10 LEAP students. The presentation was terrific with students listening to great tips on everything from minimizing procrastination, useful study tools, to interactive activities and lots of laughs to entertain and make it fun to study!

Thank you to both the staff and students who gave up their time to get involved. I hope that you found it to be a rewarding experience that you will carry into successful VCE completion in the near future.

Claire Greve – Middle School Manager

CANTEEN			UNIFORM SHOP MONDAY & FRIDAY 9AM – 11.15AM CLOSED Friday 12 th June Friday 26 th June 09
Monday	8 th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	
Tuesday	9 th June	Joanne Gedye	
Wednesday	10 th June		
Thursday	11 th June		
Friday	12 th June	Janet Winter	

100TH GAME OF FOOTBALL

Three brothers who attend Whittlesea Secondary College, Luke, Christian and Andrew Salvatore played their 100th Games of football for Yarramat Football Club's under 15's last Sunday at Yarrambat Football Oval.



To All Community Groups

The Kinglake Ranges Representative Group (KRRG) liaises with the Murrindindi Shire and the Victorian Bushfire Recovery and Rebuilding Authority (VBRRA) in order to provide better resources to the Kinglake Ranges Community during this time of need. The role of KRRG is primarily to improve the communication between the community and all the other agencies by becoming an independent central point of representation for the community's needs.

Our task is to streamline and accelerate communication as well as gather the collective voices (of both individuals and groups) in the community. We aim to ensure that the community's needs are accurately communicated to those who can support us, so assistance can be forthcoming as soon as practicable and in a manner that best meets our needs.

KRRG would like to make initial contact with every community group to find out information on the following:

- Your meeting dates over the next few months and the best contact details, including email address
- Issues that need to be resolved for your group to work effectively?
- What assistance can the KRRG give your organisation at this time?
- What projects are you already working on or planning for?
- What projects would your group like to see happen in the future, including long term projects?

This can be done by emailing us at krrrg.general@gmail.com or by mail to KRRG, PO Box 92, Kinglake West 3757.

UNIFORM SHOP

Scarves - \$7.50, Bomber Jackets \$25.00 Water Proof Jackets (fleecy lined) - \$30.00, Tracksuits \$105.00, Sport Polos \$27.00, Sport Shorts \$25.00 & Long Sleeve Gold & VCE Polos. 2nd Hand Skirts, Jumpers and (3) Blazer also available.

A NIGHT AT CIRCUS OZ

The Shane Warne Foundation and Variety – the children's charity

**Friday 19th June – 7.15pm for 7.30pm start - Circus Oz Big Top @ Birrarung Marr Park –
Between Federation Square & Bateman Ave Melbourne**

This year Variety the Children's Charity are delighted to be able to host a 'Night at the Circus' for pupils & parents of schools that were affected by the February bushfires.

On arrival each attendee will receive a Show Bag containing a 600ml bottle of water, bag of crisps, Circus Oz music CD and other goodies! To reserve your tickets please email Kerry Bradley on kerrybradley@varietyvic.org.au with an indication of student and adult numbers wishing to attend. RSVP 5th June. Parking available at Federation Square.



CITY OF WHITTLESEA BUSHFIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

No planning permit, but site plans and building permits still needed.

Information sheets available from Council's website www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Thinking about rebuilding. - Book a site inspection with Project Rebuild today.

Site visits are generally conducted on Wednesdays and appointments can be made by phoning City of Whittlesea Bushfire Recovery Information Line on 1300 779 183 or by emailing bushfirerecovery@whittlesea.vic.gov.au.

Humevale Road

Repairs are nearly finished and it is hoped the gates will be removed later in the week.

The "Road Closed – Resident Access Only" signs will remain on all fire affected roads.

New Hours for Formal Clothes Shop – Thursdays 9.30am to 5pm – other days by appointment

Please note you need to bring your blue DHS form. Information call Donna 0409 161 375 or Debbie 0425 775 672.

100 Day Progress Report and newsletter available on www.wewillrebuild.vic.gov.au.

Free Shuttle Bus to Donnybrook – The trial will run from Monday 15 June to Friday 14 August with links from Eastern Hill, Whittlesea Centre and Crystal Views to V'Line services from Donnybrook. For information contact Whittlesea-Township CBI on 0437 942 646 (Thursdays & Fridays).

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