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DATES TO REMEMBER	
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 11TH JUNE 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

H1N1 INFLUENZA

I am including in this newsletter further communication for parents and guardians from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) in relation to H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) and the sustain phase we have entered into. The communication clarifies for school communities what strategies will be used at the school level to manage the virus during this phase.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

- Visit www.health.vic.gov.au
- Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**
- Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (free call 24 hours, 7 days)
- Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask 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.

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

When: Thursday 30th July

Where: Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre (Cnr Bell & St Georges Rd)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!

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.

YEAR 12 INTERVIEWS

Term 2 has again been extremely busy, with visits to TAFE providers and Universities and so on. There have been a number of major changes to fee structures, course accessibility, scholarships etc.

During Term 3, I would like to interview all Year 12 students to discuss their pathways and possible options. Parents are also welcome to join the interview, please contact me for a suitable time.

N.B. Parents of all year levels are welcome to phone for an interview. Please be mindful that Term 3 is very busy with Year 12 interviews and Year 9-11 subject selections.

CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION CARD (formerly Red Card Training)

Several students have approached me to do Work Experience/Work Placement in the Building Industry. This is only possible if the student has a Construction Induction Card (formerly Red Card Training, also known as White Card).

As from 1st July 2008. Under WorkSafe Victoria requirements, all persons participating in onsite activities in the building and construction industry must satisfactorily complete the “Construction Induction Card training”.

Students are able to complete this training at a number of venues. Please check the website or personally contact a TAFE provider for further information.

Currently, our students in our VET Building and Construction Program do this training during 2nd year.

VET WORKPLACEMENTS

A reminder to parents, that students in VET classes are expected to complete work placements as part of their program. Students need to submit their completed paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to going out. This is considered to be an invaluable experience for students and is highly recommended. Many students spend a week of term and a week of their term break on a work placement. This works very well and students enjoy the activity over their break. This often leads to an offer for part time employment and in many cases students have been offered a School Based Apprenticeship. For further information please feel free to contact me.

JOB GUIDES

Year 10 students were issued with a complimentary Job Guide recently. This was part of our celebrations for National Career Development Week held May18 - 22. Any Year 10 student who did not receive a copy should see Mrs Foster in the Student Pathways Office.

Students in Years 10, 11 &12, spend a day at one of La Trobe’s campuses and explore all it has to offer.

There will be workshops in the areas of study that interest you. You can also tour the campus and chat with current students.

If you are interested, choose a campus below, check out the program for the day, and register for the workshops you want to get involved in.

To register, go to the following campuses website.

[Melbourne \(Bundoora\)](#): Tuesday 30 June

[Bendigo](#): Tuesday 7 July

[Albury-Wodonga](#): Friday 3 July

Marilyn Foster – Student Pathways

CANTEEN			UNIFORM SHOP MONDAY & FRIDAY 9AM – 11.15AM CLOSED <i>Friday 12th June</i> <i>Friday 26th June 09</i>
Monday	15 th June	Lee Boyd	
Tuesday	16 th June	Leeanne Robertson	
Wednesday	17 th June		
Thursday	18 th June	Deanne Bolinogas	
Friday	19 th June	Kay Avenoso	

YEAR 9 & 10 GIRLS SOCCER

The girls braved the wet and chilly conditions to compete in the annual district soccer competition on Tuesday 9th June. They had a great start holding out Lalor to nil all, until the last few minutes of the match, when two goals were scored against them, the girls being defeated 0-2. Next was a competitive game against a formidable Epping team, who unfortunately defeated the girls 0-6. The last game was against Wallan, the girls came out firing, with a great team effort to win 2-0. The goals scored by Alexi Kfoury and Krystal-Jade Hemming. Well done to all the girls involved; Christina Bailey, Karleigh Whyte, Brittany Donnelly, Natalie Morris, Hanna Pirie, Krystal-Jade Hemming, Alexi Kfoury (Captain), Karly Cobern, Michelle Flynn, Naomi Haddrick, Alana McSwain, Katelyn Roberts and Sihem Yarpuzlu.



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CITY OF WHITTLESEA BUSHFIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

City of Whittlesea has been hosting **weekly** bushfire recovery community meetings at 7pm each Thursday at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre.

After the next meeting, they will be held **fortnightly**.

- 7pm Thursday 11 June, Whittlesea Community Activity Centre
- 7pm Thursday 26 June, Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

Members wanted

A Bushfire Recovery Community Wellbeing and Mental Health Working Group has been formed to support fire-affected community members, families, children and young people with issues arising from trauma, grief and loss.

The Wellbeing and Mental Health Working Group needs people with a sense of caring and community connections to expand its work in community education, awareness and the development of ongoing programs. You don't have to be an expert – you just have to care.

Further information contact Barbara or Rebecca from the City of Whittlesea Bushfire Recovery Team on 1300 779 183 or email bushfirerecovery@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Victoria Legal Aid has a Bushfire Legal Help Line available on 1800 113 432 for free over-the-phone legal advice. The service is available from Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5.15pm.

TREES

The local SES has volunteered approx. 25 chainsaw teams to start in the next few weeks to help residents cut up felled trees that have been cleared by Grocon as a result of the fire.

To register your interest please call the City of Whittlesea's Recovery Information Line on 1300 779 183.

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Financial hardship support

Whittlesea Community Connections is providing financial assistance for those who are having difficulty meeting immediate basic needs such as food and petrol as a result of the bushfires (blue DHS form needed).

Further information is available from case managers. Alternatively, representatives from Whittlesea Community Connections are available at the Whittlesea Relief Centre from 1pm to 4pm Mondays and Wednesdays.

For more information or to make an appointment call (03) 9401 6666.

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