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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tuesday 25 th August	THAILAND MEETING 7.30PM VCE CENTRE
Thursday 27 th August	<u>PACTS - Career Transition - Parent Information Session - 9.30am-12.30pm WSC Conference Room</u>
Tuesday 1 st September	VTAC Information Seminar - WSC -PAC - 7.00PM
Friday 4 th September	<u>PACTS - Career Transition - Parent Information Session - 9.30am-12.30pm WSC Conference Room</u>
Thursday 10 th September	School Council
Thursday 17 th September	Parent Teacher Day/Evening 1-5pm & 6-8pm
Friday 18 th September	END OF TERM 3
Saturday 19 th September	Whittlesea Market - Whittlesea Showgrounds
Monday 5 th October	TERM 4 COMMENCES
NEWSLETTER WEBSITE: http://www.whittleseasc.vic.edu.au/newsletter.pdf 1145	

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TALK BY DR ROB GORDON

More than 200 people attended the talk by Dr Gordon in the Performing Arts Centre last Wednesday evening. Dr Gordon spoke about strategies for minimising long term negative health impacts of the recent fires and gave an excellent insight into post fire behaviour.

CHANGES TO YOUTH ALLOWANCE ELIGIBILITY

As of July 1 this year Centrelink has implemented changes to the eligibility requirements for receiving Youth Allowance which will affect most people who do not have a Year 12 or Certificate 11 qualification. These changes may affect students who choose to leave before completing Year 12 or equivalent.

Further information is available at the following website:

www.deewr.gov.au/Youth/Pages/newsitem_ChangestoYouthAllowance.aspx

CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

The school is currently working with a range of community groups under the auspices of the City of Whittlesea and the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBBRA) in order to ensure that our school community benefits from some of the worthwhile initiatives currently being put in place.

VTAC INFORMATION SEMINAR

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre is holding a special seminar for parents and students affected by bushfires on September 1st at 7.00pm in our Performing Arts Centre. The seminar is for any secondary school in the Northern region and will focus on all issues relating to accessing tertiary courses with particular emphasis on assisting students in difficult family circumstances.

Terry Twomey – Principal

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JAPANESE VISIT

We have had communication with our sister school in Japan, Owariasahi School, Aichi in Japan. They have informed us that they are very keen to re visit our College in 2010. They may also send a delegation out early in Term 4, 2009. Whittlesea Secondary College has been involved in this cultural visit for 10 years and in celebration Owariasahi School have intimated that they may invite our students to visit them in 2010. This would be an exciting experience for everybody who is able to participate. Therefore, start thinking now if you would like to host a family in 2010 and if interested in visiting Japan start saving. At this stage we have no idea of costs, only a high possibility that it may be offered.

Owariasahi School have sent copies of a booklet their students have compiled. It contains photos of families and what appears to be a Journal of their time in Australia. It is written in Japanese and is a wonderful memento for those who hosted a Japanese student last year (2008). Families who would like a copy, please see Mr Edwards.

BUS CAPTAINS 2010

Students who are interested in becoming Bus Captains in 2010 can see Mr Edwards for an application form. This is a difficult position and requires students with leadership capabilities and able to lead by example.

Russell Edwards – Assistant Principal



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PACTS – Career Transition – Parent Information Session

Do you know much about the career options for your child?

Will you know how to support them if they –

- A. Don't get into University or TAFE?
- B. Decide not to stay at school, TAFE, University or in employment?
- C. Have difficulty getting a job?

Would you like to be better informed in helping your son or daughter plan for their future?

Do you want to know more about New Apprenticeships, the Job Network system, TAFE and University?

An information session is being held for parents interested in learning more about the PACTS Program.

NB The workshop is limited to 12 participants and will fill quickly.

INFORMATION SESSIONS;

DATE: 27TH August and 4TH September - TIME: 9.30AM – 12.30PM

VENUE: Whittlesea Secondary College, Conference Room - COST: NIL

Marilyn Foster – Student Pathways Manager

CANTEEN		UNIFORM SHOP MONDAY & FRIDAY 9AM – 11.15AM
Monday	31 st August	
Tuesday	1 st September	
Wednesday	2 nd September	
Thursday	3 rd September Deanne Bolinogas	
Friday	4 th September	

CITY OF WHITTLESEA BUSHFIRE RECOVERY – COMMUNITY UPDATE

After-School Tutoring

Lalor Living and Learning Centre has received government funding to provide free tutoring support for senior secondary college students from fire-affected areas.

Tutoring will cover English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Chinese. The Lalor Living and Learning Centre is arranging locations close to the affected areas.

To register or for more information please contact the centre on (03) 9456 6409 or email lalorllc@vicnet.net.au.

Uniting Care – Kildonan

Drop into the Kinglake or Kinglake west Supported Homework Program

Are you a secondary student from the Kinglake area?

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Where: Kinglake West – Mechanics Hall (Wednesdays)

Kinglake – Library (Mondays)

Time: 4.00pm to 6.00pm during the school terms

Tutoring available in the areas of Math, Science and English.

For more information call Kildonan's Youth Services on (03) 8401 0100 or email info@kildonan.org.au

**VTAC Information Seminar - Tuesday 1st September
for parents and students affected by the 2009 Bushfires
Whittlesea Secondary College –Performing Arts Centre -7.00pm**

All parents and students affected by bushfires in the Northern region schools area are invited to an information seminar held by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre at the Whittlesea Secondary College.

This is an opportunity to discuss the VTAC system and in particular, applications for tertiary courses, special entry access schemes and scholarships.

David Osborne (Manager Schools Liaison) and Suzanne Connelly (Deputy Director of Information and Publishing) will be on hand to answer your questions.

Free copies of VTAC publications (incl the VTAC Guide rrp: \$15.00) will be available to attendees on the night.

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