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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 9 th November	<i>Parent Forum with the Uniform Sub Committee - 7pm</i>
Monday 16 th -20 th November	<i>Yr 11 Exams commence</i>
Thursday 19 th November	<i>Yr 12 Presentation Evening 7.30pm Plenty Ranges Convention Centre</i>
Saturday 21 st November	<i>Whittlesea Market - Whittlesea Showgrounds</i>
Monday 23 rd - 27 th November	<i>Yr 12 (2010) Orientation Week</i>
Tuesday 1 st December	<i>Yr 7 (2010) Information Evening 7.30pm</i>
Thursday 3 rd December	<i>Second Hand Book Sale - All Year levels 8-12 General Sale - 8AM - 5PM</i>
Friday 4 th December	" " "
Tuesday 8 th December	<i>Yr 7 (2010) Orientation Day</i>

NEWSLETTER WEBSITE: <http://www.whittleseasc.vic.edu.au/newsletter.pdf>

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THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2009

PAWS MEETING - TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER - 7PM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

UNIFORM REVIEW COMMITTEE FORUM 9TH NOVEMBER

On Monday 9th November at 7pm the Uniform Review Sub Committee will conduct a forum at the school in the VCE Centre (please enter via the front door). At this forum the committee will provide some feedback on the consultation process it has been undertaking with parents, staff and students including a summary of the results of the recent survey many families completed. The committee will also provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions and will circulate a new draft uniform policy for discussion. All members of the sub committee are hoping to be present at this meeting and would welcome the opportunity to engage with parents on this issue.

Terry Twomey – Principal

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AEROSOL CANS AND OTHER INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS.

The College Community is reminded that aerosol cans are not to be at the College. This is stated very clearly on page iv of the Student Planner and these items will be confiscated. If a student requires deodorant then a 'roll on' or pump action may be used. Aerosol sprays of any type including high smelling sprays (eg perfume etc) are not to be brought to the College. The confiscated items will only be returned to a parent/guardian within a two week period from confiscation. Items not collected within this two week period will then be safely disposed of. Aerosol sprays are a particular concern to asthmatic people and can cause serious breathing difficulties. In a confined space this can be extremely dangerous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN – RE BUS NETWORK

It is timely to update and remind the College Community of the College's Emergency Management Plan in relation to the bus network. If students are either at the College or on their way to the College then they will be supervised safely until the danger passes or they are collected by a parent/guardian. This is one time when it is imperative that emergency contact details at the College are accurate as the College is only permitted to obtain permission from a person on the 'emergency list' or parent/guardian to permit a student to travel with anyone else or be released from the care of the College.

The Whittlesea Secondary College Emergency Management Plan has the following contingencies in the event that bus travel or safe travel is deemed a concern. Parents and/or guardians should be familiar with these guidelines so that in the event of an emergency you will be aware of what action the College will undertake to ensure the safety of your child.

BUS EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

INTERRUPTION OF HOME JOURNEY (Students already at the College – eg Bush Fire or Snow In Bus Travel Area)

1. Liaise with the relevant bus companies regarding if alternate routes available.
2. Make alternative arrangements for each child with parents if possible.
3. Students to be assembled in either Admin building, Recreation Centre or Performing Arts Complex area, roll to be taken.
4. Parents can collect students from assembled area.
5. Students to stay in assembled area until danger has passed as notified by appropriate personnel (police, fire etc).
6. Office phone system to be 'manned' until notification of end of danger.

INTERRUPTION OF JOURNEY TO SCHOOL (Students already on bus – eg Flood, Fire, Accident)

1. Liaise with the relevant bus companies regarding problem and location of interruption.
2. If bus/es cannot get to the Secondary College then students are to be taken to another school where they will be safe. The College Bus Coordinator to be notified and alternative arrangements will be made for students such as ring parents individually and asked to collect student.
3. Parents can collect students from the designated school if safe to do so. Secondary College staff to be deployed to the designated school wherever possible. The designated school to be informed as soon as practicable, preferably prior to the students arriving.
4. Students to stay at the designated school until danger has passed as notified by appropriate personnel (police, fire etc) before transportation is to continue.
5. Office phone system to be 'manned' until notification of end of danger or all students accounted for and safely returned to their parents.

ACCIDENT ON BUS ROUTE (Not involving students)

1. Locate accident source and determine which buses affected.
2. Notify Bus Companies of problem and discuss possible solutions.
3. If necessary inform College Community of possible delays (staff and students).
4. Switchboard to remain open until all students safely left the premises.

Further Bus Information

The bell for the end of the College day is at 3:12 pm. The 'first group' of buses do not leave the College bus bay until 3:25 pm. Students who miss their bus can go to the general office and ring their parents to collect them.

Students are to wait on the kerb in the bus bay area and not move towards the bus until it has stopped moving.

Students are to wait for the bus to leave before crossing a road. Students are not to cross a road in front of a bus or immediately behind a bus.

If a student wishes to catch another bus to visit friends etc then they are required to obtain a bus pass from Mr Edwards, the Bus Coordinator. Students are only permitted to travel on another bus if space permits.

Russell Edwards – Assistant Principal

Second Hand Text Book Sale 2009-10

It's on again this year and we hope it is going to be bigger and better than ever. It's time to clean up those books and get them ready to sell.

The list of books that can be sold is available at the school office, Library or from the School Chaplain.

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 books will be collected by classes on **Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November.**

If a student knows they will not be present on that day they can hand in books by arrangement with the Chaplain.

Dates to remember :

Collection of books: Year 11 & 12 after exams or any time before the 27th of November

Year 7,8,9 & 10 Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November or by arrangement.

Sale times: **Year 7 Only** (2010 students).

Tuesday 1st December 5PM – 7.30PM & 8.30PM – 9.30PM

All Year levels 8-12 General Sale

Thursday 3rd December 8AM – 5PM

Friday 4th December 8AM – 5PM

The early birds get the best books. Enquiries should be directed to Mr Findley our School Chaplain.

**UNIFORM SHOP
MONDAY & FRIDAY
9AM – 11.15AM
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TUESDAY 1ST DEC 2009 4.30PM- 9.30PM

TUESDAY 8TH DEC 2009 9.00AM - 3.30PM

SATURDAY 16TH JAN 2010 8.30AM - 12.00PM

THURSDAY 28TH JAN 2010 8.30AM - 3.30PM

MONDAY 1ST FEB 2010 9.00AM - 11.15AM

FACTS ABOUT SLEEP

The Nature of Sleep

Sleep is such an important part of our lives, yet many of us don't pay much attention to it. It is usually not until we have problems with sleep that we notice it and start to try to understand the nature of sleep.

Effects of Lack of Sleep

People vary in terms of how much sleep they need – while the average sleep duration for adults is 7-8.5 hours per night, some people function well with 4-5 hours and others require 9-10 hours. Whatever your individual needs, lack of sleep or poor sleep quality can have effects including:

- Poor attention, concentration and memory
- Irritability and other mood disturbances
- Impaired judgment and reaction time
- Poor physical coordination (dangerous for driving)

The seriousness of these effects depends on how bad the sleep deprivation is (e.g. less sleep vs. no sleep; one night's poor sleep vs. chronic problems) and the tasks and responsibilities of the day. If you have ongoing problems with sleep, it is important to seek help.

For further information see website: www.cci.health.wa.gov.au.



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