



RSC News

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Stepping Out With Ringwood



Quick Calendar

Term 4 - 2012

Week 3

Mon 22 Oct Year 8 Combined Formo
 Tues 23 Oct State Athletics
 Wed 24 Oct Year 12 Celebration Day
 Junior Production Rehearsals begin
 Year 9 Hampton Park excursion
 Art Technology Exhibition Opening 7 - 9pm
 Thurs 25 Oct Junior Production Rehearsals continue
 Year 12 Awards Breakfast - then Luna Park
 Primary School Band Tour concert
 Fri 26 Oct Year 11 Combined Formo
 Year 10D,E,G,I Geography Field Trip

Week 4

29 Oct - 2nd Nov 2012 Band Tour 'Country Victoria' departs
 Mon 29 Oct Year 10 Combined Formo
 Year 10 Health Students - Road Safety
 Year 9 Hampton Park excursion

Week 5

Mon 5 Nov Year 11 Study Day
 Tues 6 Nov Melbourne Cup Day - Student Free Day
 Thurs 8 Nov Junior Production Rehearsals start
 Fri 9 Nov Year 11 Combined Formo
 Unit 2 Biology Field Trip
 Working Bee 5 -8pm

The Next Meeting:

PCTA Tuesday 23 Oct
 Council Wed 12 Dec
 Music Assoc Mon 29 Oct
 Resources Tues 4 Dec
 Ladies Auxiliary Tuesday 20 Nov
 Policy & Education Tuesday 24 Oct

The next Newsletter will be Issued Nov 9



From the Principal ..

This coming week marks the end of formal classes for our Year 12 students. Our community wishes them all the best for their final exam preparation and completion of final assessment tasks. We all look forward to celebrating their successes in December.

On the sporting fields, our Athletics team has once again been highly successful at the Eastern region championships. The final results saw RSC victors by 260 points from Vermont SC who were in second place. Next week there are 24 individual event winners and 4 relay teams participating at State level finals at Albert Park Lakeside Stadium . Good Luck to all our competitors.

I am particularly looking forward to our Art and Technology show at the end of next week. It is a great showcase of student talent in these areas and always a highlight of the annual calendar.

Three of our Year 8 boys: Caleb Lindner, Lincoln Meyer, and Rory Smyth, have won the 2012 RACV Transmission film competition. The competition is open for all Year 7 to 12 students in Victoria, and calls for films that tackle a road safety topic relevant to young people, like driver distraction, texting, speeding, and wearing seat belts.

The boys chose to enter this particular competition, and they created about 7 individual films, but were limited to one entry per person.

Not only have they taken out the first prize with their film "Kidnapped", their other two entries; "No second chances" and "Brother" were also awarded with finalist prizes. This means that they have taken 3 out of the possible 5 prizes awarded in this film competition! Well done boys and thanks to Ms Asbury for her support of this initiative.

This year's junior production to be staged in December has been announced. Seussical the Musical , promises to be great fun and involve lots of students.

As part of the continuing industrial action, concerning an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, many of our staff will be stopping work next Thursday morning. Advice will be forwarded home concerning arrangements for classes on Monday October22 and a notice will also be placed on the college website. Classes will run as normal after lunch for all Year Levels.

Michael Phillips
Principal



STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

Please phone the school

When your child

Is away

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From Mr Barut ..

TIME TO SHINE...

In a whole school assembly, the College farewelled the class of 2012.

The Year 12s of any school have always been the leaders of a school and ultimately, they set the tone for the learning environment and how they conduct themselves in the community. We, as a school, have been very fortunate to have such a fine group of young people rise to the challenge of setting standards and becoming role models for the rest of the year levels that will follow them. This they have done with great camaraderie, generosity of spirit and good humour.

We have been fortunate to have a leadership group that has been exceptionally led by our Head Prefects, Emily Treeby and Alex Pezzimenti. Emily and Alex addressed all our students and inspired them to achieve their personal best for the rest of the term and beyond. Our Year 12 cohort have involved themselves in all aspects of college life, be it the arts, their academic rigour, sporting teams, camps, excursions, overseas

trips and the most important aspect of all, building relationships with their peers and teachers. Now, they face their final secondary school examinations and we would like to wish them all the best, in this, their opportunity to shine.

Mr J. Barut
Senior School Assistant Principal

From Mrs Stathatos ..

THE WALKATHON

Students are enjoying the results of their great work in the Walkathon when they visit The Hub with its beautifully crafted seating. It is a pleasure to watch them use this space for recreation and for study. Thank you to everyone: students, parents, family members and staff who made the walkathon a success, including our sponsors whose donations were greatly appreciated.

The list of sponsors is as follows:

- Fenix*
- Bunnings Nunuwading*
- Sonix*
- Croydon Leisure and Aquatic centre*
- Monash & Recreation centre*
- Science works*
- Puffing Billy Railway*



- Knox Leisure works*
- Melbourne Museum*
- Sovereign Hill*
- The Enchanted Garden*
- Sidetracked*
- Adventure Park*
- Ringwood Mazda*
- Luna park*
- Hedgend Maze*
- Reading Cinema*

YEAR 9

The Year 9 Challenge Global City Design project expo was a huge success, showcasing the wonderful work of our Year 9 students. Thank you to all students who worked hard, staff for supporting their learning and parents for sharing the experience.

YEAR 10

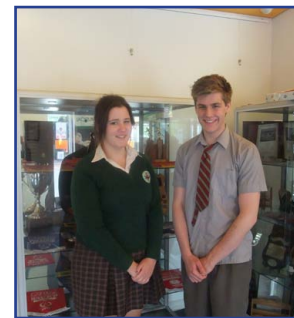
KONICA MINOLTA

Nick Kontis, Government & Education Account Manager for Konica Minolta, presented 2 Awards of Excellence to Year 10 students for their outstanding contribution to college productions and specifically for their work in 'Sweet Charity'.

Chris Davis and Corey Lucas Evans gratefully accepted their certificate and gift voucher from JB Hi Fi. Many thanks to Konica Minolta for their generous donation.



CYBER SAFETY VIDEO



At our combined assembly at the end of the last term the award winning video by Robert Hayes and Casey Finn was shown to much applause. Robert and Casey spent a week in Sydney which included time at NIDA as part of their prize. Congratulations to both and to students who assisted with the production of this video about a powerful and relevant message on cyber safety. We look forward to hearing about their trip to Sydney.

UNIFORM MATTERS

The uniform at Middle school is looking terrific with a few exceptions. Parents are asked to support the school policy regarding uniform, especially piercings and shoes. Uniform matters at Ringwood Secondary College and it is fantastic to see students respecting the uniform code.

Mrs E. Stathatos
Middle School Assistant Principal

From Mrs McGoldrick..

The Junior School team would like to welcome back our Year 7 and 8 students to what is traditionally a very productive and exciting Term 4. With full reports issued at the end of the year, students are encouraged to build upon last term's achievements through consistent effort, in order to achieve their personal best in all subject areas.



Students will also have opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities such as sporting teams, special events and the College Junior Production towards the end of the year. Involvement in recreational activities, as well as academic pursuits, makes for a balanced and healthy lifestyle, and the Junior School team is always delighted when students experience enjoyment and success through participation in areas of interest or strength. The Gala Concert, the University of NSW Mathematics Competition and the recent external Year 8 Academic Challenge, saw many of our junior students excelling in various fields of endeavour.

Ringwood SC has always held the respect of the local community through the positive behaviours and excellent results of our students, and our College is generally the school of choice by prospective Year 7 parents. We value the correct wearing of our uniform and ask parents and guardians to assist us with implementing our uniform policy.

As the weather improves during Term 4 students will be wearing summer uniform, and as a reminder to college members, the correct summer uniform is listed below.

GIRLS:

College dress or grey College brand tailored shorts or grey slacks, white socks, green College jumper, College polo shirt or white short/long sleeved shirt and black polishable leather/vinyl T-bar or lace up shoes.

BOYS:

College polo shirt, grey College jumper, grey College brand shorts or trousers, white socks, grey shirts with College tie and black polishable leather/vinyl lace up or zip up shoes.

The following items are not to be worn:

- Rugby tops with dresses, pants or shorts. Rugby tops are part of the PE uniform.
- Light grey trousers, Jeans or shorts
- Non-regulation shorts for girls. Shorts that are not of the required length are not permissible.
- Non regulation shoes such as: canvas shoes, ballet flats or sports shoes

Also, a reminder to students and parents that facial piercings, other than those stipulated in the student diary, are not permitted, even if covered by a dressing. Students wearing unacceptable piercings will be asked to remove these items and may also incur additional consequences for not adhering to our student dress code.

Thank you for your continued support of our College rules.

2013 RINGWOOD SC TRIP TO NEPAL FUND RAISING EVENING

On Saturday, October 8, Ringwood SC Community members, their families and friends, enjoyed a fun packed night raising funds to support the refurbishment of a school in Nepal. Over 120 people participated in a range of fantastic activities that required the right mix of general knowledge, skill and luck. Over \$3 000 was raised towards building a brighter future for Nepalese children and we thank all those individuals (including students) that sourced fabulous auction items and prizes, and assisted with the set up and clean up of the event. We very much appreciate every ones' support and hard work to make this fund raising event so successful.

Mrs. L McGoldrick
Junior School Assistant Principal

From Mrs Hughes..

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

With end of year exams and common tests fast approaching, all students should be revising their semester's work and preparing for this test period. A regular pattern for study and revision at home is essential to enable adequate preparation.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be finalising assessment tasks and it is important that students remain focused in class, and ensure they meet deadlines set by their teachers for completion of all school work. Students should be writing relevant details in their school diaries to assist them in managing their time effectively at this busy stage of the year.

LADIES AUXILIARY TWILIGHT MARKET

The inaugural Twilight Market was held last Friday night and was a great success with the participation of over 30 stallholders selling a variety of goods, a secondhand bookstall, raffles and food. The weather was kind and we thank all those who attended – your patronage was greatly appreciated. A very big thank you to all members of the Ladies Auxiliary for their enthusiasm, planning and work both before and on the evening.

Mrs. J. Hughes
Assistant Principal

School Council Report..

Council is pleased and enthusiastic at the Ringwood Trade Training Facility (RTTF) projections for an increase in numbers of enrolled students across all courses. This bodes well for the future with the trades that are on offer at our facility.

Council fully supports without question the letter sent by the principals of Ringwood Secondary College, Aquinas College, Our Lady's Primary School and Great Ryrie Primary School in regards to the urgent safety concerns of the Bedford Road / Great Ryrie Street Rail Crossing intersection. It is extremely disappointing that over a number of years with numerous representations and promises

made, that nothing major has been done to address this most important issue of safety to our collective schools and the broader local community. It is also noted by council that on both the Belgrave and Lilydale train lines over the last few years, traffic lights have been installed at numerous other rail crossings. The most important crossing without question, which facilitates four local schools, is still being ignored! Council also acknowledges and appreciates the letter of support sent to VicRoads regarding this matter by the Member for Bayswater, Mrs Heidi Victoria, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier.

Council has endorsed the selection of builder to deliver the exciting expansion to the college technical office which will greatly increase staff space and student accessibility. Assistant Principal Chris Salisbury, who also wears the hat of College Facilities Manager, has been fully involved in this project and informs council that all is progressing well with a hopeful completion date prior to the end of this year. Thank you Chris and all those that have assisted you.

Mrs. M. Morewood

From the Chaplain..

Welcome back everyone and I hope you found time to rest over the break.

Parents, I hope you enjoyed spending some extra time with your kids whilst they were at home. This is definitely a highlight for me over my breaks as my kids are growing up so quickly before my eyes. I told my son the other day that I loved him and he turned around and said " I know Daddy!" It's very cute until he starts bossing me around.

So term 4 has begun and the shopping centres have started bringing out their Christmas sales and decorations! Instead of getting caught up in Christmas carols I'm going to take Aerosmith as my inspiration for the term, focussing on each new days at it arrives because "I don't want to miss a thing".

So let's savour each moment before Christmas is thrust upon us for another year

Cheers Adam Bryant

Other News.. VCE End of Year Arrangements

YEAR 12

- Tues. 23/11/12 Last day of classes and last day for submission of Unit 4 work
- Wed. 24/11/12 Celebration Day. Periods 1 and 2 only
- Thurs.25/11/12 Year 12 farewell breakfast followed by Luna Park Excursion
- Various dates 8/10/12 to 23/11/2012 Unit 4 Exams Performance and Languages. Unit 4 written exams finish.
- Fri. 23/11/12 Valedictory Evening MCG
- Mon. 17/12/12 VCE results released and certificate ditribution

YEAR 11

- Thur. 8/11/12 Last day for submission of Unit 2 work
- Mon. 12/11/12 2013 Prefect Applications close at 5:00pm. Applications logged online check student

email for details.

- Fri. 16/11/12 Year 11 Study Day students are not required at school.
- Various dates 19/11/12 to 23/11/12 Unit 2 written exams. Prefect voting AEU polling office in the study center 19/11/12
- Thur. 06/12/12 Year 11 Formal Alfred's Homestead 7:00pm-11:00pm

Youth in Philanthropy – Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation

This year a group of five of us have been involved in the Youth in Philanthropy project which works with the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. We were given control of \$15,000 worth of donations to distribute between our three charities based on their applications, their needs and the outcomes they were able to achieve with the money they were given. The three charities we have worked with are:



The Wilderness Society which is a community based environmental protection organisation. They work to safe guard our sources of clean water and air to tackle the devastating climate change to create a safe future for life on earth and provide a better world for our children.

Safe Futures which is a women and children's refuge home based close to Ringwood, where those affected by domestic violence can recover in a secure, safe ans secret location.

Heathmont Interchurch Help which is a voluntary welfare organisation supported by the Christian churches in Heathmont, which provides practical care and support for those in need. They supply food parcels and other domestic requirements for the families in need in the Maroondah region.

We were provided with each organisation's grant application, supporting documents and an annual report. Careful and thorough assessment was made and several discussions held before we visited the charities. We also undertook our own research by visiting the

charities' websites. The presentation made by each of the charities we visited was a major influence on our decisions to grant \$5000 to Wilderness Society, \$4789 to Safe Futures and \$5211 to Heathmont Interchurch Help.



Through participating in the Youth Grant Makers Program run by the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation, we have gained a greater understanding how vital charities are to the helping families and worthwhile causes in the community. We have learnt how charities work and have had to think about things from each charity's perspective. It has been a great challenge in working out how much money to give each charity and work through differences in opinions. Our mentor Stephanie Orr has been invaluable in providing us with information and ideas into the way we think about the charities and without her the decision would have been a lot harder. Thank you for all your help Stephanie and for guiding us in the right direction. Also thank you to Kim and all the organisers of the Youth Grant Makers Program for providing us with this opportunity. Thank you to Kimberly Hall (our school co-ordinator) for making this opportunity possible.

Megan Williams, Holly Tregenza, Miranda Boyle, Hannah Brown and Leanne Fifita

Kingswood Academic Challenge Day



The Kingswood Academic Challenge Day was a day in which Year 8 students were given an assortment of challenges covering subject areas such as public speaking, English, engineering, maths, science, code-breaking and general knowledge. Our group of eight and

teams from other schools were tested and scored on these areas. The hardest of them perhaps was the public speaking, where the elected team member had to give an off-the-cuff minute long speech on a topic revealed only seconds before.

Three Ringwood students did an excellent job at speaking whatever came to their mind on the topic. We wrote stories, poems, cracked codes and answered difficult questions relating to Maths and Science. Our team achieved the highest scores in code-breaking, English and general knowledge. After being given fifth place, the organizers apologized for their incorrect counting and we were awarded our first place medals!

Congratulations to our team for coming home deserving winners.

Yr 11 Central Australia Trip 2012

Just a quick note to let you know that the 2012 Central Trip was a great success. The kids were fantastic and a great time was had by all. All the staff showed what a talented, team oriented and resilient group they are; always willing to go the extra yard to ensure that the kids experience was the best possible.



Great picture of all of us (79 kids, 8 staff, 2 drivers) at Simpson Gap!

Nepal Trivia Night

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE SPONSORS FOR THE NEPAL TRIVIA NIGHT

*Paddy Pallin, 88 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
Genisis Ringwood
Ultimate Martial Arts, 126 Canterbury Rd, Heathmont
Bicycle Workshop, New Street, Ringwood*

*Jetts Fitness Ringwood, 76-82 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
Curves, 51 Seymour st, Ringwood 3134
Anytime Fitness Bayswater, 7 High St, Bayswater
Burson Auto Parts, Bayswater
Autobarn,*

*FJ's Clearance Centre, 705 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater,
Matchbox Eastland
Hoyts Cinemas
Myers Eastland
Peter Stevens, Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
Letour Cycles, 76 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
Just Healthy Foods and Therapies, 164 Canterbury Rd, Heathmont*

*The Good Guys, Nunawading
The Good Guys, Bayswater
Howards Storage World, Home HQ Shop 5, Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading
Price Attack Salon Stylists, Shop L48-49 Eastland Shopping Centre, Ringwood
Godfrees Ringwood*



Chiraag Restaurant 10/1-7 Maroondah Hwy, Croydon
All Smiles Café, East Ringwood
Barclays Café, Heathmont Shopping Centre
Manhattan Hotel, Cnr Heatherdale Rd and Canterbury Rd
Coach and Horses, Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
Spotlight Pty Ltd, Bayswater
Blockbuster
Your Surprises, Shop L71A, Eastland Shopping Centre, Ringwood
Branch Out Nursery, 191 Warrandyte Rd, North Ringwood
McDonalds, Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
Dairy Bell Ice Cream Pty Ltd, Cnr Bayswater and Canterbury Rds, Nth Bayswater
Salon 727, 731 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater
Anton's Fresh Grocery, 168 Canterbury Rd, Heathmont
Boococks Meats, 225 Stud Rd, Wantirna South
Trinh's Tailoring Shop, Shop 8A, 2-8A Railway Ave, Ringwood East
Wright's Therapy, 236 Maroondah Hwy, Croydon
Dan Murphy, Cnr Heatherdale Rd and Canterbury Rd, Ringwood
Heathmont Flowers, 158 Canterbury Rd, Heathmont,
Office works, Ringwood
Bedford Road Cellars, 111-113 Bedford Rd, East Ringwood
Compleat Angler, 92 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood.
 please go to their website; www.compleatangleringwood.com.au
 to download a voucher for a free Shimano sqidgy from their facebook page.

Performing Arts

Welcome back everyone for the final term of 2012. In case you thought for a moment that we've slowed down a bit after a massive Term 3, it is my pleasure to draw your attention to the exciting and innovative range of activities that we are embarking upon over the coming weeks.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY - THE FRONT ROOM BOYS

This was performed in the hall at 7pm on both Thursday October 18 and Friday October 19. Cast and support teams have been busily working away under the guidance of Mr Kent and this Australian play was an entertaining expose of office politics in the 1960s. Make sure to take a look at the photos of the show later in this newsletter.

BAND TOUR 2012

The annual RSC Band Tour will be hitting country Victoria once more in Week 4, travelling in and around South Gippsland from Monday October 29 until Friday November 2. Rehearsals are in full swing and all paperwork has been distributed to students. Please adhere to the deadlines for the return of payment and forms. There will be a homecoming concert on the oval on the evening of Friday November 2, weather permitting. Due to the unavailability of the hall, this concert will only proceed if there is no rain.

JUNIOR PRODUCTION – SEUSSICAL JR

Oh, the thinks you can think! The Junior Production is now an established annual highlight of the Performing Arts calendar and we are very excited about this year's choice. This is an opportunity for students in the Junior School and some Year 9s to experience the excitement and great learning that is Productions at RSC. Seussical is a terrific show based around the stories of Dr Seuss, full of colour, movement and catchy tunes. Open auditions are being conducted on Wednesday October 24 and Thursday October 25 and students who are interested in being part of this show should sign up for one of these sessions by writing their name on the lists in the PAC foyer. Dates and commitment details will be made available at the auditions.

WORLD TOUR 2013

Planning is well underway for this massive undertaking and rehearsals for the unique tour show will commence in mid November. There is certainly a sense of excitement building, with a departure date less than five months away.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 12S

On behalf of all of the Ringwood Secondary College Performing Arts Community, I would like to acknowledge all of Year 12 students who have made a contribution to music, dance and drama here at RSC. I particularly wish to thank our two Performing Arts Prefects, Matilda Edwards and Mitch Roberts, for their enthusiastic and dedicated leadership throughout 2012 and the outstanding example that they have set for performing students of all ages. I wish all of our Year 12 family the best of luck for their coming exams and look forward to welcoming them back to share our performances in the future.

Mr. Benjamin Moody
 Performing Arts Director

Art & Technology Exhibition 2012

The Art & Technology Exhibition is a great event that showcases the amazing creative talents of our students. Subjects such as art, studio art, visual communication, textiles, food & technology, media, robotics, CAD, woodwork and info tech have works on display.

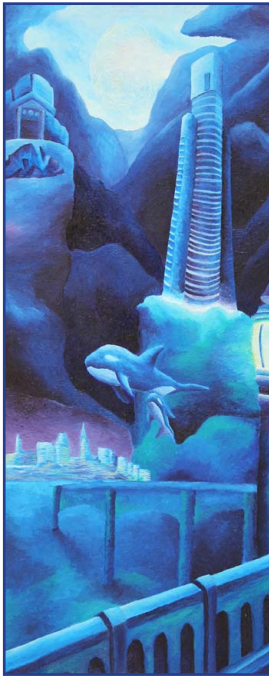
The opening launch is on Wednesday the 24th of October at 7pm in the RTTF building at Ringwood Secondary College. There will be a short presentation with student achievement awards given out and live music throughout the evening. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. Please come along and support our wonderful arts and technology program!



by Malorie Raymakers



by Holly Gell



by Clare Hosford

Exhibition Opening Launch: Wednesday 24th October, 7pm - 9pm
(Entry by gold coin donation)

Exhibition: Thursday 25th Oct from 9am until 6pm and Friday 26th Oct from 9am until 3.30pm (free entry on Thursday and Friday)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms Natalie Kosnar
Arts & Technology Coordinator

Retirement Function For Mrs. Jenny Ward

Ringwood SC Council and staff announce Jenny's retirement after 47 years of outstanding contribution to the education of Victorian children, including 38 years at Ringwood. Her retirement function is to be held on Thursday November 15 2012, from 4.30pm to 7pm, in the College Hall. There is a contribution of \$25 per adult towards the cost of refreshments and a gift.

Please book by November 2 at ringwood.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or contact Sheryl Vasey on 98702002.



Careers..

YEAR 9 CAREERS DISCOVERY DAY

On Wednesday, October 17th, the Year 9 students began their career pathway planning.

The day began with the guest speaker, Huylin Ream, a mechanical engineer from Aurecon representing NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction) discussing her career pathways and current roles. Huylin presented an overview of engineering and the exciting careers the industry has to offer.

Box Hill Institute together with the RTTF and Ringwood Secondary College staff provided a great selection of taster workshops, fol-



by Jess Garcia

lowing the guest speaker. Each student selected two, one-hour workshops from childcare, hospitality, automotive, nursing, event management, engineering. All students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. Thank you to all presenters on the day. Well done, Year 9's! Occupational Health and Safety training and testing is on the agenda and will be held on Wednesday November 7th.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2013

Year 9's get ready for Work Experience! In the next week students will be briefed about the Work Experience and the OH&S program. They will be given a Work Experience booklet soon that details next year's program and procedures during another level assembly within the next few weeks. Work Experience will be in the last week of Term 2, 2013. Quality jobs are hard to come by and we encourage all of our students to act now before the best jobs are gone. Decide on a type of job and then contact relevant employers. Databases of the last few years' employers are available for students to obtain contact telephone numbers.

EXTENSION STUDIES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS 2013

Current high performing Year 11 students have the opportunity to apply to do a university extension subject as part of their VCE program for 2013. These programs are conducted by Monash University and The University of Melbourne. The University of Melbourne Extension Program provides an opportunity for students to study at university during Year 12, and gain valuable academic skills while getting a head start on their future studies.

When: Wednesday 24 October 2012, 6.00pm—8.00pm Where: Carillo Gantner Theatre,

Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

Students and their parents can speak with University staff and former Extension Program students to learn more about the many benefits of the program.

Students should register to attend this event via the Extension Program website.

www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/umep

DIVE INTO DESIGN: ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN SUMMER SCHOOL

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning invites secondary students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to take part in an annual four day workshop at the University of Melbourne during the school holiday in December. Dive into Design introduces students to a range of design skills, programs and concepts, currently used in architecture and design tertiary courses and in the industry, including:

Photoshop and SketchUp, Architectural drawings and graphics, Spatial drawing, Urban design, Model making, Landscape architecture. No prior skills or knowledge is expected. Your students just need to have an interest in architecture and design. All sessions are highly interactive and led by experienced tutors, lecturers or industry professionals.

When: Monday 10 December to Thursday 13 December 2012

Time: 9.30am — 4.30pm each day

Cost: \$450 per student (includes all workshop materials, lunches and snacks).

For full program details and to register visit: www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au/summer-school-2012

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE SUMMER SCHOOL

For more information, contact Amber Perry, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning

Applications are now open for the Melbourne University Student Union VCE Summer School. The program is designed to provide students who are from a range of disadvantaged schools and backgrounds with an inspiring and practical introduction to their VCE years, both in terms of academic skills and personal development. <http://www.union.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool>

SUMMER SCHOOL - THE STUDENT UNION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Summer School is a comprehensive, full time two-week program held in January 2012. It will be comprised of both academic and non-academic components.

YEAR 12 NEWS

VTAC APPLICATIONS AND CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

Those students planning to apply for courses for 2013 hopefully have applied by now. If not, you can still apply but will have to pay a late fee. VCE results and ATAR's will be available on 17th December. Universities and TAFE Institutes have information sessions and phone lines to provide you with assistance during the December Change of Preference period. Details of these can often be found in the VTAC Guide. Details of change of preferences will be in Careers Bulletin No 10 that will be distributed at the valedictory evening.

EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM (EAP) AT ACU

The Australian Catholic University recognises that you have more to offer than your academic results. The EAP is open to school leavers and non-school leavers and considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school or workplace, local community organisations, culture, sport and/or religious group. For more info: www.acu.edu.au/eap. Applications close on 21 October.

LOOKING FOR A CADETSHIP?

Ever wondered how your clothes make it to the store or how your food gets from the farm to your fork? Logistics involves the integration of information, transport and handling of these materials to meet customers' needs and opens a world of career opportunities from entry level to senior management. The Victorian Transport Logistics Cadetship offers fulltime employment, a 2-year cadetship, Cert IV/Diploma in logistics, attractive salary and paid study leave. Do you enjoy being challenged? Can you problem solve? Do you have a positive attitude and a sound work ethic? You need to have your VCE or VCAL, be 18-25 years and have a drivers licence. Info: Kerri Langes, ph 9646 8590, cadetship@vta.com.au or see www.vta.com.au.

A SPORT AND FITNESS CAREER?

Box Hill institute offers the Diploma of Sport Development (incorporating Cert IV in Fitness), the Diploma of Event Management (Sport), and the Cert IV in Fitness. Many work placement options are available through Box Hill. More info: John Gillard, ph 9992 2140, j.gillard@boxhill.edu.au; Info Evening: When: 6.30-7.30pm, Wed 14 Nov; Where: Bld 8, Level 2, Room 228, Elgar Rd.

Maria Allison and Helen Doherty
Careers Coordinators

Sporting News

INLINE HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ADELAIDE

Year 8 students Jeremy Stock and Jake Eichner competed at the Inline Hockey National Championships at Adelaide Arena in South Australia over the september / October School Holidays.



Both boys were representing Victoria, the team was undefeated during the entire tournament.

The Grand Final was played against Queensland and Victoria took the Gold Medal 9 goals to 3.

Jeremy played extremely well and was amongst the goal scorers.

Jake is the team Goalie and won the Australian Goalie award for his age group.

Jake has also been selected to represent Australia as the Goalie for the 14 year age group at the Junior Olympics in California USA in June next year.



Congratulation Jeremy and Jake..... that was a huge achievement.

Good luck to Jake at the Olympics

AEROBICS – NATIONAL COMPETITION IN BRISBANE.

On the 14th-16th September, the National Aerobics Competition was held in Brisbane. Ringwood Secondary College had two students compete in a Pair routine – Madison Henwood and Simone Lay. They did a fantastic job at representing the school and should be very proud of their results. Congratulations girls!!!!



'We started the trip with a plane flight which was really fun! The competition stage was really quite scary because there were a lot of people in the audience! We ended up coming 10th, with a score of 14.10 which is our best score of the year! Although we came 10th it's still 10th best is AUSTRALIA!' Madison Henwood, Year 8.

Music Association

Many thanks for the support of all Music Families throughout the year with our fundraising activities. This year we were excited to be able to donate to the Music Program a cheque for \$9000.

These funds go directly into the Music Program for the purchase of items such as the wonderful new music stand banners and extra instruments for the program to enjoy.

Winners of our Chocolate Drive were:

O'Shaughnessy Family - 2013 Music Levy

Lang Family - \$50 Voucher

North Family - \$Double Movie Pass

Winners of our Gala Raffle were:

1st - Mitch Sinclair

2nd - Jenny Brown

3rd - Wendy McLaughlan

Congratulations!

Karen Carden
Vice President

College Nurses..

SLEEP

As the Year 12 approach the exams you will be given many tips for your exams but a very IMPORTANT tip is 'keep your regular sleep routine'. This is because sleep is VITAL to your well being.

Not getting enough sleep can:

- Limit your ability to learn, listen, concentrate and solve problems.
- Contribute to illness.
- Lead to aggressive or inappropriate behaviour such as yelling at your friends or being impatient with your teachers or family members.
- Cause you to eat too much or eat unhealthy foods like sweets and fried foods that lead to weight gain.
- Make you more prone to pimples.

Solutions:

- Make sleeping a priority – establish a routine, set a bedtime and a wake-up time and stick to those times. Decide what you need to change to get enough sleep for you to remain healthy.
- Make your room your haven, keep it dark and cool and free of distractions.
- Naps can help but if they are too close to bedtime they can interfere with your normal sleep.
- Try and have quiet time before going to bed – no computer, TV, phone etc and you will go to sleep much more quickly.

- Set a routine that you follow each night.
- 20 – 30 minutes physical exercise in the late afternoon.
- Avoid caffeine too close to bedtime so no tea, coffee, coke etc.

Studies have shown that most teens require 8 ½ - 9 hours sleep a night to perform at their best, by following some of the above suggestions this may be possible.

This information is not only important for our Year 12 students but for all of us – the bottom line – we all perform better with a good night's sleep!

Mrs Nancy Davies/ Mrs Shirley McInnes

Welfare..

REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES ABOUT ACCESSING DENTAL SERVICES

Anyone can receive emergency dental care through The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne.

To access general, denture or specialist care through the public dental system you need to fall into one of the following categories:

- All children aged 0-12 years
- Young people aged 13-17 who are health care card holders or dependants of concession card holders
- All children and young people in residential care provided by Department of Human Services
- People aged 18 years and over, who are health care or pension concession card holders
- All refugees and asylum seekers
- All Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders who are treated at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne

If you are eligible for public dental services, you may also have priority access to public dental care. Talk to the receptionist about this when making an appointment.

To contact the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne call: 9341 1000

Website: www.dhsv.org.au

For a dental emergency call: 1300 360 054

Do you have children aged between 12-17 years???? They may be able to get free dental checks through the Medicare Teen Dental Plan. Phone: 132 011 or visit: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au to find out more.

Sharlene Agnew
Student Wellbeing



Maroondah Education Coalition
Newsletter Article No. 7 October 2012

In 2012 the MEC is continuing to work collaboratively to improve the educational outcomes for all coalition students. The following schools form the Maroondah Education Coalition (MEC): Croydon Maroondah College, Croydon Community School, Heathmont College, Norwood SC, Parkwood SC and Ringwood SC.

Term 4 Activities

Unit 3 and 4 Examination Revision Sessions:

VCE examination revision classes were held in the holidays and after school during Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. Thirty-six teachers, from six MEC schools, offered revision sessions to assist students with examination preparation. Students had access to twenty-seven different VCE subjects and attendance over the revision period was very pleasing – a fantastic way to start off their exam preparation.

The MEC Senior School Provision Group would like to thank the following teachers for preparing and delivering the revision sessions.

Croydon Maroondah College:

Vivienne Doolan, Brenton Millott, Dean Sheldrick, Jane Boras and Cathie Lange

Heathmont College:

Rene Luneman, Janette Barton, Ellen Holland, Mathew Steen, Candice Tucker, Maya Mulhall, Erin Cumming and Spiro Onisiforo

Norwood SC:

Tony Lahy, Ozana MacLennan, Mark Fuller, Kerrie Hobbs Dora Vrakatselis and Scott Dixon

Parkwood SC:

Gurwinder Singh, Joyce Hughes and Kathy Heyward

Ringwood SC:

Nicole Solomon, Kimberley Hall, Paul Gooley, Andrew Hansen, Sarah Capelli, Gayle Turcato, Kyle Simkin, Kate Tanner, Jason Tan, Alison Crawford, Lucy Moore, Annette Niven, Rachael Woolford and Karin Blain

Feedback to date indicates that these sessions were highly effective as indicated by the statistics given below and student comments.

Learnt something new: 88% of students

More understanding of the topic: 93% of students

More confidence to tackle exam revision: 94% of students

Happy to give up holiday or after school time: 94% of students

Would recommend the sessions to other students: 99% of students

Lyn McGoldrick – MEC Lead Learner



Students Comments:


- *Great for refreshing and consolidating knowledge*
- *I liked how they focused on how to write answers properly on the exams. Hints were very helpful.*
- *Brilliant and engaging*
- *In depth presentation, well conducted and interesting.*
- *Kept the audience engaged and was very beneficial. 10/10*
- *Group activities were very useful as I could combine all my knowledge together. Thanks for an excellent revision class!*
- *It was good to look back at work done at the start of the year as it was not as fresh in the mind*
- *Good combination of information and teacher speaking*
- *Fantastic, full of engaging humour, facts and insightful information*



Community Announcements..

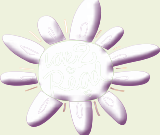
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CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

Invite you to join us to celebrate our final event of




National Year of Reading 2012

"A panel of guest speakers discussing reading and writing for teenagers" followed by supper

7pm
Tuesday 30 October 2012

Healy Wilson Theatre
Whitefriars College
156 Park Road Donvale





**Attention past students of Heathmont Kinder!
Mrs Day is retiring and we need YOUR help!**

Heathmont Kindergarten is calling upon past students of Mrs Maureen Day. Mrs Day is retiring at the end of this year after 17 years and we would like to present her with a special memory 'big book' from students and families in the community.

Please email any favourite memories, photos, drawings/artwork or well wishes that you would like to pass on to this wonderful lady. Please include your name and year you were taught by Mrs Day.

Send to heathmontkinder@hotmail.com by 9th Nov 2012.
We thank you in advance for your contribution.

CHRISTMAS Card Hanger



Creative Moments
Heathmont Baptist Church Craft Group

Wednesday 14 November at 6.45pm

Starting at 6:45pm for refreshments while you browse through the market stalls that will be on display to purchase items if you wish. Then enjoy making a Christmas Card Holder with 2 styles to choose from, modern or traditional.

Craft starting at 7.45pm
COST \$18
Please byo scissors

RSVP: 5 Nov with a \$10 deposit to Nadine phone 9720 4397 or email friends@optusnet.com.au
Places are limited so please book ASAP
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Heathmont Baptist Church
78 Cuthbert Street Heathmont
www.heathmontbaptist.org.au





**PARK ORCHARDS
NORTH RINGWOOD PARISH
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**



Join the Sharks in 2013

Registration Now Open!

The Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club – The Sharks - are taking registration for Season 2013!

The Sharks are looking to build on our numbers and teams from 2012 and we are calling on you to help!

More numbers, More teams, More game time!

To register go to the Sharks website - sharksjfc.org.au - click on the link to our Registration 2013 page, then either:

1. Click on the link to our On Line Registration and follow the prompts; or
2. Complete the registration, medical and consent forms, and forward these with your payments to our Registrar

All the relevant information is contained on this page.

For further information, visit our website – sharksjfc.org.au – or contact

Sean Woods President: 0407 886 817
Mark Powell Director of Football: 0409 352 256



**ANOTHER
REGISTRATION
WILL BE HELD IN
FEBRUARY 2013**

JOB VACANCY - WAITRESS

Casual/Part time - Training Provided

Please phone Hannah 0422 125 688

FORTUNE PALACE - Traditional Chinese Cuisine
No 1 The Mall, South Croydon 3136
Eastfield Shopping Centre

RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Jenny Ward's Retirement

Please join us to celebrate Jenny's retirement after 47 years of outstanding contribution to the education of Victorian students.

**WHERE: RINGWOOD
SECONDARY COLLEGE
BEDFORD ROAD, RINGWOOD
IN THE COLLEGE HALL**

**WHEN: THURSDAY NOV. 15
4.30PM—7.00PM**

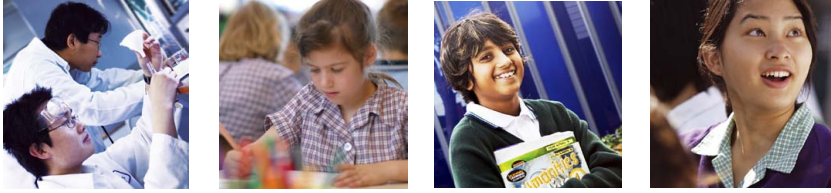
**COST: \$25 PER ADULT
TOWARDS THE COST OF
REFRESHMENTS AND A GIFT**

RSVP: NOVEMBER 2ND 2012



TO BOOK AND PAY PLEASE CONTACT
ringwood.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or
Sheryl Vasey 9870 2002

EMA - Newsletter Information 2013



Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery, uniforms** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive \$250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013 and added to the EMA. As a result, parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, schools will no longer receive EMA payments on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004** **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).

The EMA application form must be submitted to the school by **28 February 2013**.

You can receive the EMA by direct deposit into your nominated bank account or by individual cheque which will be posted to the school for collection. You may also redirect your payment directly to the College which you can use towards educational expenses for your child.

Contact: EMA application forms for 2013 are available from the General Office .

Schoolkids Bonus:

From January 2013, a new payment called the 'Schoolkids Bonus' will be introduced by the Commonwealth Government. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive: up to \$410 for each child in primary school

- up to \$820 for each child in secondary school.

For more information about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/information/schoolkids-bonus

RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE CANTEEN MENU – TERM 4

HOT FOODS

MEAT PIE	\$4.00
CHICKEN & VEG PIE	\$4.00
COTTAGE PIE	\$4.00
SAUSAGE ROLL - JUMBO	\$3.00
SPINACH ROLL	\$3.50
PASTIE -(meat or vegetable)	\$3.80
HOT DOG (cheese 50c extra)	\$3.00
STEAMED DIM SIMS	80c
CHICKEN CHILLI PIECES	\$1.30
CHICKEN CHILLI TENDER ROLL	\$4.50
CHICKEN SCHNITZEL ROLL	\$4.50
CHICKEN POPS	80c
NOODLES (chicken, beef, oriental)	\$2.50
QUICHES (egg & bacon/tomato/spinach)	\$3.80
LASAGNE/ PASTA TWIRLS	\$3.00
MACARONI CHEESE	\$3.50
VEGETABLE BURGER (by order only)	\$4.50

WRAPS/ROLLS/SANDWICHES

BUTTERED ROLL	\$1.00
VEGEMITE & CHEESE SANDWICH	\$2.50
CHICKEN, LETTUCE & MAYO	\$4.00
SALAD ROLL - lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, beetroot & cucumber Onion - 20c extra Avocado - 50c extra	\$4.00
HAM/CHICKEN/SALAMI/TUNA - SALAD	\$4.50
(Red Salmon + \$1.00)	\$5.50
EGG & LETTUCE	\$4.00
WRAPS - ALL VARIETIES	\$4.50
WITH RED SALMON	\$5.00
SALAD PLATE - tuna or meat	\$4.50
- red salmon	\$5.00
CONDIMENTS - seeded mustard, satay & sweet chilli sauce, mustard	30c

CAKES AND SLICES

ASSORTED SLICES	\$2.70
MUFFINS -(choc, apple, orange & berry)	\$3.00
DONUTS -(choc & strawberry)	\$2.50
CHOC CHIP COOKIES	\$1.50 - \$2.50
TRIPLE CHOC COOKIES	\$1.20
APPLE SCROLL	\$3.00

CHIPS

ASSORTED CHIPS	\$1.00 - \$2.50
TINY TEDDIES	60c

ICE CREAMS

ASSORTED LINES	60c - \$2.50
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DRINKS

MT FRANKLIN WATER	\$2.50
PUMP WATER	\$3.50
CANS - all flavours	\$2.20
BOTTLES - all flavours	\$3.00
DEEP SPRING	\$3.00
QUENCHER	\$3.50
POWERADE	\$3.50
ICED TEAS	\$3.50
OAK MILK - (300ml)	
- (600ml)	\$3.00
ICE BREAKS	\$3.00
UP & GO	\$2.00
JUST JUICE	\$1.50
FRESH JUICE - small	\$2.00
- large	\$2.50

DAILY SPECIALS:

MONDAY

* PASTA and LASAGNE \$3.00

TUESDAY

* CHICKEN PARMA \$5.00

WEDNESDAY

* HAMBURGER \$5.00

THURSDAY

* NACHOS \$4.00
(with sour cream) \$4.50

FRIDAY

* SUSHI \$2.50 or SALAD \$4.00
(Sushi & Salad deal \$5.50)

**PLEASE DROP LUNCH ORDERS OFF AT RECESS SO
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ART & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

OPENING NIGHT: Wednesday 24th October, 7pm - 9pm
Thursday 25th Oct, 9am - 5.30pm & Friday 26th Oct, 9am - 3.30pm
RTTF Building (2nd floor) -Ringwood Secondary College



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE LINE – 9845 7519

As we start Term 4 I thought it would be good to update parents and students about the school requirements in relation to all matters to do with attendance.

WHAT A STUDENT NEEDS TO DO IF THEY ARE LATE TO SCHOOL

1. Go to the Admin office and sign in even if you have a note
2. Do not go to class or your locker without doing step 1
3. If you have signed in with no note take the late slip home to be signed by your parent or guardian and return – this way you will not be at risk of getting a detention.

Students with a history of being late to school with no note will be given a college detention and /or a letter sent home to parents or guardians advising them of the continuing lateness.

WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT IS ABSENT FOR ANY REASON

1. Wherever possible please ring the attendance line on the day of the absence
2. if you are leaving a message remember to:
 - give the reason for the absence
 - the duration of the absence
 - and if you need a staff member specifically notified for any reason

HOLIDAY ABSENCES

Advance notice of any planned holidays outside school term holidays would allow teachers the option of being able to provide any work for the student to take with them so they do not fall behind. This would be particularly relevant for senior students.

EARLY DEPARTURES FROM SCHOOL

Students cannot leave the school unless:

- They have a note from a parent or guardian
- The parent or guardian has notified the school either by phone or email
- DEPARTURE DUE TO ILLNESS - a student must not leave school unless they have been signed out through sick bay and parents have been contacted.

Other than departures due to illness the student must sign out via the Admin office before leaving so that we have a record of their departure.

Thank you to all those parents and guardians who always ring the school and advise when there child/children will be absent or late, it is much appreciated and does make a big difference in keeping student attendance records as accurate as possible, particularly if they are VCE students.

Kay Priestly
Attendance Officer



Well Done Cast and Crew of "The Front Room Boys"



MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY 2012