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Buckley or Maranatha

On the holidays my family went away to the Grampians. I packed two books apart from my bible. One was Nathan Buckley's biography. For those of you who don't know he is probably the best player ever to play AFL football from the greatest team. The other book was the history of Maranatha written by Lynne Dickson.

I knew it would only be possible to read one with my children insisting that most of my waking hours were spent in water. They seem to have more in common with fish at this stage of their life. I am ashamed to say I started on the Maranatha book because it was thinner and had fewer pages.

I found myself drawn into the book and constantly looking for opportunities to keep reading. What really struck me was the incredible things that were achieved through passion, hard work and faith. The concept of MCS started with two men back in 1950. What followed was 20 years of struggle before the school eventually began in 1970. Since then there has been growth and constant change.

What our history tells us:

- Anything is possible with faith.
- Our growth has been accelerated by the hard work and sacrifice of many Christian parents.
- Having a group of dedicated Christian teachers gives our students an advantage academically and in their personal development.
- The partnership between home, school and church is a mighty one.

Interesting MCS facts:

- It began in 1970 with three teachers and 92 students.
- Money was raised through door knocking, pea soup (yuk!), fetes, bottle and paper collection.
- Year 12 began in 1980 with seven students (great class sizes).
- In 1982 the principal caned his son and sent a letter home to his wife explaining why.
- Farm animals were released into classrooms as part of Valedictory Day celebrations in 1990 (Year 12 - don't get any ideas).

The Buckley biography remains unread. Go Pies!

We are all a part of the next exciting chapter in the history of Maranatha. Let us all pray and work (the original motto). Go MCS!

God Bless

Bill Jackson
Head of Endeavour Hills Campus



Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for new students, staff and parents as they settle into the routine at Maranatha.
- Please pray for Mrs Jan Mortimer's mother at this time as she undergoes medical tests.
- Praise God for a successful Year 7 Camp.

All School events

Endeavour Hills...

- **Mon 9 Feb** Secondary Swimming Carnival CSA Leadership Conference (Canberra)
- **Tues 10 Feb** CSA Leadership Conference (Canberra)
- **Fri 13 Feb** Impact Leadership Conference (Senators attending)

Doveton...

- Parent Information Nights
 - Grade 5&6 ~ **Mon 9 Feb** at Endeavour Hills in Grade 5/6 classrooms at 7pm
 - Grade 3&4 ~ **Tues 10 Feb** at Doveton in Grade 3 rooms at 7.30pm
 - Grade Prep-2 ~ **Tues 10 Feb** at Doveton in classrooms at 6.30pm
- **Wed 11 Feb** Footy clinic for Grade 3/4 at Doveton during school hours.
- **Tues 17 & 24 Feb** Classroom Helpers Course - Doveton Campus Library at 2.00pm. (more info under Doveton News)

Officer...

- **Mon 9 Feb** Swimming Program commences (see Officer News for details)
- **Mon 9 & 16th Feb** Parent Helpers Training Course 2:40 pm - 3:10 pm.
- **Fri 13 Feb** Gr 3-6 parents morning tea
- **Tues 24th Feb** Swimming Carnival



Prep's Dress up!

Great start!

A very good start was made to the school year at Primary Doveton and Endeavour Hills.

A big welcome to our 45 Preps who started their formal education on Thursday. The children have been counting sleeps to this big day and there were lots of precious moments as children said their good-byes.

We welcome in Grade 1: John Bucog, Hayley Inman, Beryl Kunapo, Nathan Parks, Portia Wilson.

Grade 2 : Nathan Catrinta, Harry deVent, Brandon Flores and Alexandra Parks.

Grade 3 : Ruby Aitken, Thomas Inman, Jacinth Kunapo, Christopher Sanderson, Cedrin Tanish, Caleb Wilson.

Grade 4: Ben Parks

Grade 5: Declan Fletcher, Brandon Hendricks and David Tadros

Grade 6: Tom deVent and Daniel Jetmar

Assembly

This Monday 9th February - Grade 4M.

Open Door Access

Please feel free to come in to chat to Joe Belousoff every Tuesday from 9.00am – 10.00am, share your insights, unload burdens, present novel ideas or just come in to say hello. No appointments required.

Headlice

We suggest that all parents do a hair check of their children on a Sunday evening as they prepare for the coming week of school. Let's get control of these irritating creatures before the problem is too great. If all parents were to do this the itchy head problem could be solved.

Bread

Every Wednesday morning day-old Bakers Delight bread is available for collection from the Doveton Campus office. First in - first served and the amount and type of bread varies from week to week.

Canteen

Days over 30° the canteen will be open for Zooper Doopers and Sunnyboys. If you are able and willing to help out with the Canteen for a half hour on these days or Mondays for 4 hours please contact the office on 9709 7350. A food handlers course will be done on 19 February at Doveton at 9.30am. To work in the canteen you first must do this course.

Working with Children Card

Parents wishing to participate on excursions and or work with the children in other activities must have a 'Working with children' card. Parents need to leave a copy of their card in the front office. Application forms are available from the Post Office.

Transport Needed

Mother of a Prep child is looking for someone who could assist with driving her child to and from school. The family lives in Keysborough. Please ring Eleanor 9798 7810 if you can help.

Before and After School Care

A Family Day Care worker in Narre Warren has a couple of vacancies and can pick up children from the Doveton Campus. For more information contact Dinah 9704 7863

Classroom Helpers Course

Parents wishing to help in the classroom are invited to participate in this very worthwhile course. Please ring Emma Dam on 9709 7350 if you would like to book a place. See front page for dates.

Welcome

Welcome to Term 1 2009. We extend a special welcome to the new families that are joining our school community. We have a full schedule with our swimming program starting in week three of the term with primary students attending the Kings Swimming Centre in Narre Warren, and secondary students attending Casey ARC.

Swimming program

Primary Grades 3 – 6 will be swimming at Kings in Narre Warren

- Mon 9 Feb
- Tues 10th Feb
- Thurs 12 Feb
- Mon 16 Feb
- Tues 17 Feb
- Wed 18 Feb
- Thurs 19 Feb
- Fri 20 Feb

Secondary students in Year 7 – 9 will be having swimming lessons at Casey Arc from Tuesday 10/2/09 to Friday 13/2/09, and Tuesday 17/2/09 to Friday 20/2/09

No Preps

Preps will not be attending Wednesdays for the first 6 weeks of term 1 2009

Assembly

Primary assemblies are held on Monday afternoon 2:40 pm – 3:10 pm.

There will be primary assembly on Monday 9th February. Grade 6 students will be presenting an item. Parents are welcome to attend.

Secondary assemblies are held on Friday mornings.

Uniform

Summer is well and truly here! What hot weather we have been having. During Term 1 students are to wear summer uniform including a broad brimmed hat. Please check the parent handbook for details regarding grooming or school uniform policy. We encourage students to be well groomed and proud of their appearance. Parents, a good thing to remember is to check that the uniform your children bring home does in fact belong to them to ensure that there has been no accidental taking home of another child's clothing.

Second hand uniforms

Our second hand uniform shop is run by some terrific parents who are always looking for donations. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings 9:00 am – 9:20 am.

ENDEAVOUR HILLS NEWS

Subway lunch orders

Subway lunch orders are available again this year. Orders need to be handed into the office before 9.00am each Tuesday morning in order to receive your lunch on the following day (Wednesday).

Parents, due to associated risks and time constraints, please do not send lunches for your children that require boiling water or microwaving.

Grade 4-6 parents' morning tea

Parents of students in grades 4 – 6 are invited to come along and meet with other grade 3 – 6 parents at a morning tea on Friday 13 February at the start of the school day, in the library. For more information call Kerry McLean on 9702 6626

Parent Helpers' Training Course

This course is aimed at those who have not assisted in Maranatha classrooms before, especially in lower primary classes. Two sessions will be run on Monday 9 and 16 February during assembly times, 2:40 pm – 3:10 pm.

Indonesian Tour information Night

Indonesian Tour information Night Thursday 19 February.

Net ball Registration

Mrs Whitehead is running a netball program starting Friday 27 February at our Endeavour Hills Campus sports hall 4:00-5:00pm. You can meet with Mrs Whitehead Monday 9 February at Officer Campus 3:00pm – 3:30pm to register your interest for the sport of Netball. Students in Grade 2 – Year 12 welcome.

Conveyancing Allowance

Conveyancing Allowance application forms were sent home with the weekly news sheet in the first week of school. If you didn't get one, they are available from the Officer office. These forms are to be returned to the Administration Office at Endeavour Hills Campus by the 16/2/09 – please note no claims will be accepted after this date.

Please call Gen Smit on 9709-7212 if you need further information.

BIBLE READINGS

- Mon Feb 9 1 John 1:4-7
- Tues Feb 10 1 John 1:8-10
- Wed Feb 11 1 John 2:1
- Thu Feb 12 1 John 2:2
- Fri Feb 13 1 John 2:3-6

The little engine that could...

This week marked the beginning of another year of electives for Year 9 and 10 students. One of the electives on offer to Endeavour Hills students is Small Engine Motor Mechanics.

For lesson 1, the students sit outside under the veranda and observe an old farm engine. The engine we used for this particular lesson is a 2 horsepower Rosebery engine dating from the 1930s. The Rosebery is wonderful for this lesson, as there are bits and pieces going in and out as well as round and round and backwards and forwards. For one entire period the students simply sit and watch the engine, listening to the sounds it makes, and observing what is going on.

At the end of this period, they take their workbook and a pen and make a list of 10 observations (including things they can see, hear and smell), and they are also asked to compile a list of at least 40 questions about the engine. The types of questions include the following; "Why does that black rod go backwards and forwards?" or "How does the petrol get into the engine?" or "What is it that keeps this thing spinning?" or "What does that brass box-thing on the side do?"

When they have compiled their questions, I get each one of them in turn to ask their most burning question, which I answer on the spot. The students find that by the end of the semester, they are able to answer most of the other 39 questions themselves. This lesson works really well at getting the kids to think and to observe.

As the course progresses, they will learn all about small engines, both two-stroke and four-stroke, petrol and diesel. By the end of our time together, they will have repaired and (hopefully) run mowers and whipper-snippers that came to us not running.

We also have lawn mowers for sale from time to time, and we do lawn-mower servicing as well for a small fee.

Please do come and see us in B6 if you are able, and I'll happily show you what the students are up to.

Martin Rogers
Technology Dept.



Career News

Year 10 Work Experience: Arranging a Work Experience place can be quite a challenging task but it is a great experience in developing skills for future job searching. Work Experience will take place 15-19 and 22-26 June, the last two weeks of Term Two. A reminder to all students that the Work Experience forms are required to be completed and handed in to the Careers Room by the end of this term.

Career in Aviation: The Australian International Airshow will be held 10-15 March, Avalon. A Careers information day is organised for Friday 13 March. Students interested in attending this day need to register through the school. Please see Mrs. Silverstein for details.

Eva Silverstein
Careers Councillor
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Endeavour Hills Bell Times

Warning Bell	8.40am
Home Group	8.45am
Period 1	9.00am
Period 2	9.45am
Period 3	10.30am
Recess	11.15am
Warning Bell	11.40am
Period 4	11.45am
Period 5	12.25pm
Lunch	1.10pm
Warning Bell	2.00pm
Period 6	2.05pm
Period 7	2.45pm
MET bus students only	3.20pm
End of day	3.30pm

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA 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 foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 27 February 2009 for the first instalment and 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$221 for primary students and \$443 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

Hats

All students are required to wear the broad-rimmed school hat for all of Term 1. Students who don't have a hat are required to sit in the hatless area.



Private Music Lessons

If you are interested in having your son/daughter tutored in private instrumental music tuition or have any other queries please feel free to contact the appropriate teacher or on his/her number or ring the Endeavour Hills campus on 9709 7229.

Contact and Instrument	Telephone
Jason Home	
Trumpet/Trombone/Jazz Piano	0425 739 362
Josh Fuhremeister	
Guitar/Drums/Bass	0409 380 895
Jenny Zuiderwyk	
Piano	9700 5447
Tim Kristianto	
Violin	9887 9669
Michele Perera	
Voice/Singing	0409 850 508
Robyn Cameron	9755 5893
Clarinet	
Julian Ham	0411 377 797
- Electric Guitar/ Guitar:	

LITTLE FISH TALES

LITTLE FISH TALES is a story time for pre-schoolers at Maranatha Doveton Campus!

Commences Monday
23rd Feb 2009

Contact Lynne Mitchell on 9709 7354 for further details.

Advert features student, Tobin Medlin Officer Grade 1

The Art Place

Maranatha's kids art program is designed to engage and delight children aged 2½ to 5 - Cost \$3

Commences Doveton Campus:
Tues 24th Feb 2009

Call Yolanda on 0407 528054 for further details

Bookings essential!

Advert features student, Tiana Dolling Officer Grade 1