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Is it Us and Them? ... or Just Us

Dear **Teachers**,

Can you help us?

As parents we want to uphold Maranatha's school rules and the standards you set for our children. We also want to uphold the authority of the whole school, in particular of you teachers. Our reality is we find it impossible doing this on our own. Please partner with us. As supportive parents we desperately need teachers to be consistent on matters concerning standards.

For example, if homework is set we want to do our bit and ensure our children complete it. It helps us enormously when teachers follow up checking homework, and appropriately penalising our children if they have not done it. We are with you on this.

Similarly, we attempt to send our children to school in correct uniform. We insist to them that they may not wear make-up or jewellery. It helps us greatly when you enforce the school's clear rules about this. We want our children to attend a school where students have dignified presentation appropriate for a fee-paying school.

Of course, we don't ask you to berate or humiliate our children ... never! Yet we need your consistency and gentle firmness in enforcing the school's clear rules.

Thankyou for all you do to help us develop our children's self-respect.

Yours sincerely
D Gleeson (Maranatha Parent)

Dear **Parents**,

Can you help us?

As teachers we must be fair in enforcing Maranatha's school rules. We set standards for your children regarding homework, uniform, attendance and participation. We also want to maintain our appropriate authority as staff; but this is impossible to do on our own. Please partner with us. As caring teachers we desperately need parents to be supportive on matters concerning standards.

For example, if homework is being set, we need you to do your bit to ensure the children complete it. We are with you on this.

Similarly, we attempt to enforce correct uniform. We insist to children that they may not wear make-up or jewellery. It helps us greatly when you also enforce the school's clear rules as we want to build a culture of dignified presentation.

Of course, we don't ask you to duplicate punishments or berate your children! Yet we need your support and positive reinforcement so we can enforce the school's clear rules.

Thankyou for all you do to help us teach your children self-respect.

Yours sincerely
D Gleeson (Maranatha Teacher)

D Gleeson - Head of Cardinia Campus

E/Hills Events...

- **Mon 22 June**
 - Yr 10 Work experience continues & Yr 9 Careers program continues
 - Yr 7-9 Swimming Program continues
- **Friday 26 June**
 - End Term 2

Doveton Events...

- **Monday 22nd June**
 - NO Assembly due to Award Assembly on Thursday
 - Little Fish Tales 9.30am
 - Prayer Time 9.30am
- **Tuesday 23rd June**
 - The Art Place – at 9.30am
- **Thursday 25th June**
 - Grade 2 Occupation Day
 - Award Assembly Prep – Grade 6 at Doveton. 2pm. If wet weather, assembly will be at Doveton Baptist Church. All students dismissed from Doveton Campus
- **Friday 26th June**
 - Last day of Term.
 - Students Return Thursday 16th July

Officer Events...

- **Monday 22 June - Fri 26 June**
 - Year 10 work experience
 - Star gazing evening for Endeavour Hills and Officer Yr 7 students. 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Officer Campus.
- **Wednesday 24 June**
 - Worm farm incursion for the grade 6 GEM group
 - Fun triathlon swimming event Casey Arc 6pm
 - Farm Day for Prep and Grade 1 students (don't forget to dress up!)
- **Thursday 25 June**
 - Fun Triathlon – 5 & 10 km bike event, 1:30 pm at Cardinia campus
 - Fun Triathlon – 4 & 2 km running event following bike leg
- **Friday 26 June**
 - End of term music concert 2:15pm – 3:00pm all are welcome to attend.



Reminder: Parents could you please invite family members and friends to sign the enclosed petition and when it is complete return it to reception by 30 June 2009. Your support and co-operation will be much appreciated.

Maranatha is a Christian learning community in partnership with home and church where students are inspired to discover and develop their God-given gifts, abilities and character for a life of service to the Lord in contemporary society

Prayer / Praise Points

- Please continue to pray for our Thailand Mission Awareness Team while they are away. Leave a message for them at: www.vineministries.com.au/thai/thai_index.htm
- Please pray for our Year 10 students currently on work experience.
- Please pray for members of our community who are ill or undergoing medical treatment.

DOVETON NEWS

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.

Library Monitors do Hip Hop!

As a thank you to our Library Monitors who do a wonderful job, we treated them to a session of Hip Hop dancing. On Thursday the 28th May, 12 library monitors, Mrs. Minett and Ulysses, Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Van Triet walked to the Doveton Public Library for one hour of 'learning the moves', dancing, laughter and fun. We all had a great time of friendship and fellowship. Thank you again Library Monitors for helping us everyday with putting books away, tidying shelves and mentoring the other students. A big thank you also to Maikaila from Doveton Library, and Erin our very patient instructor. Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Van Triet and Miss Jimmieson.



Help Needed for the Library

Thank you to the parents who have covered books for the Library this term. We are still looking for more help with covering books and stock taking. Training is available if you have never covered Library Books.

Headlice

Parents please continue checking your children's hair for headlice so that we can be a Headlice Free School.

OFFICER NEWS

SIS interschool sports

Thanks to all of the students who participated in the midst of the wind and the rain at the SIS cross country carnival. Congratulations go to Cristian Almajan and Cassie Longmuir who achieved places in the top three in their races, each receiving a medal. Well done to all the secondary students whose contribution resulted in the school finishing fourth! Great effort.



Triathlon Fundraising for Justin and Jess Ballantyne

This is a great opportunity for students, staff and parents to support missionaries Justin and Jess Ballantyne in Moldova by participating in the Officer triathlon. The cost to participate in this exciting event is groups \$7 or individual \$5.

The first leg of the triathlon is the swimming leg which will be held on Wednesday 24/6/09 at Casey Arc 6pm. The entry categories for this leg are 400m or 200m. (Ladies you are allowed to use flippers if you wish!)

The other two legs of the triathlon will be held at Officer campus at 1:30 pm on Thursday 25/6/09. The entry categories are: the bike leg - 10 km or 5 km, followed by the running leg - 4 km or 2 km. To register or for further enquiries you can contact Mr de Kretser on 9709 7332 or email cdekretser@maranatha.vic.edu.au.

Assembly

There will be Prep to Grade 6 assembly on Monday 22/6/09 from 2:40 pm to 3:00 pm. Grade 4 students will be presenting an item. Parents are welcome to attend.

Subway lunch orders

Looking for a healthy lunch? Here's a good deal! Subway lunch orders are available

from \$5. 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). Money raised goes back into school programs.

Second hand uniforms

Parents please note any lost property that is not labeled and has not been claimed will be donated to the second hand uniform shop at the end of Term 2.

Some Future Events

- Monday 29/6/09 Rock Eisteddfod rehearsal 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- Monday 6/7/09 Rock Eisteddfod rehearsal 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- Monday 13/7/09 Rock Eisteddfod rehearsal 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Thai Team Update

The kids are doing really well! We have hardly had to speak about anything negative at all. They have taken on each challenge and really done well. Food has been eagerly tested, jobs and chores have been volunteered for, and even the students that we were worried about have been a pleasure.

Our kids are starting to show compassion for the people they meet. For example, we were watching a woman weaving a scarf that would take one day to make and sell for 120 baht (about \$5). Some of our students decided they would buy some of the crafts even though they could get it cheaper at the markets. Another example was when Rowan Dutlow and David Morgan decided that they would clear the table they were eating at in the shopping centre so the old lady who was cleaning them didn't have to.

In small groups we are being challenged to assess the things that consume our day and ask ourselves whether they give true meaning. Over the next few days we will be doing some work projects – some of them quite different given the nature of the task and the weather conditions. Please pray that in doing these things, it will help the students to discover that true satisfaction and contentment is found in what we give not what we have or get.

Thanks for all your prayer support while we are away. Please leave a message on the board at: www.vineministries.com.au/thai/thai_index.htm.

Delwyn Maidment - Faculty coordinator, Casey Senior Campus





Moonlit Sanctuary Winter School Holidays

Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games in June/July 2009.

**Monday 29th, Wednesday 1st, Friday 3rd
Monday 6th, Wednesday 8th, Friday 10th**

Cost: \$38.00 per day, \$97.50 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 8-14 years.

Hours: 10AM – 3PM

Bring a packed lunch and wear closed-toe
shoes and long pants.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935

Web: www.pearcedale.com

Open daily between 11am and 5pm


Presentation Ball Alert

For all staff and families wishing to attend on
4th July 2009.

PLEASE remember to place all guest bookings
(with payment enclosed) for the Presentation
Ball BEFORE the 25th June. Tickets will be
available to pick up from the Endeavour Hills
office on Friday 26th June.

Enquiries:

**Julie Massing: 9709 9233 or 0411 609 176 or
Jenny Zuiderwyk 9700 5447 or 0438 358 032.**



Maranatha Christian School presents:

Life nights

Uplifting & Inspirational Family Encouragement

Tuesday 23 June 7.30pm

What is Your Child's Love Language?

Held at the
Casey Junior Campus

**Don't Miss this Opportunity!
Book your place NOW!**

Phone 9709 7350 or pick up a form at reception
(no childcare available)

ALL SCHOOL NEWS Continued...



MAKING DISAGREEMENTS WORK FOR YOU

Is it ever OK to argue in front of the kids? It's definitely best avoided. But what about disagreeing? I'd like to meet the parents who think they can manage that and ask their secret!

Modelling healthy ways to disagree is one of the most valuable things you can do for your children. Stay clear of personal put-downs, raising your voice, or leaving the scene when it's not going your way. Show your kids a commitment to hearing the other's point of view and working towards a solution you can both be happy with, and their conflict management skills will be something you can be proud of.

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Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim!

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?


- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.



Read for 30 days ... Celebrate 30 years!
Due to popular demand....
MS Readathon reading period now any 30 days in June, July or August!

There's great news for students who haven't yet registered for the MS Readathon - there's plenty of time to jump on board! You can now read for **ANY 30-DAY PERIOD in June, July or August**. You have until 31st August to return completion forms and sponsorship and collect some great reading rewards.

REGISTRATION is easiest and quickest online at:

www.msreadathon.org.au

- and you get to build your own set of webpages and update your booklist online too!

In 2009 MS Readathon is celebrating 30 years of reading to help people living with multiple sclerosis and with your help we can make this the biggest and best year yet!

Free workshops on:

- No Dig Gardens
- Composting
- Native Plants
- Growing your own food

All events
10am-4pm
(except
Pearcedale)



Casey Community Harvest

For more info go to www.casey.vic.gov.au



Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House	Saturday 27 June
Doveton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc	Saturday 11 July
Pearcedale Farmers Market (9am-1pm)	Saturday 18 July
Oakgrove Community Centre	Saturday 25 July

Parents and Friends



Billy G's cookie dough will be delivered to school next Tuesday 23rd June. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser and enjoy cooking your delicious biscuits!



79 Star Crescent, Hallam

P & F would like to invite all families with primary school children to KIDS SPACE indoor playground on:

Friday 24th July 6.30 - 9.30pm

Come along for a great night out!
Meet other families from our school community while the children (young and old) enjoy the play centre. Games and activities for all ages (including adults!)

BYO supper - Tea and Coffee supplied.

\$20 per family or \$12 per child \$3 per adult.

Tickets available at the Casey Junior Office.
Limited space - be quick! More information to follow.
Ph: Julie 9709 7233 Mob: 0411 609 175



New Home Needed!

A young pale blue budgie needs a loving home after it was rescued. It is very tame and sweet natured. **Ph: Wendy on 9764 3641**

Association for Christian Education of Dandenong Reg No. 1679 ABN 52 004 734 427

Endeavour Hills Ph: 9709 7200 Doveton Ph: 9709 7350 Officer: 9709 7310

E/H Absentee Line 9709 7201 Doveton Absentee Line 9709 7202 Excursion/Camp Info Line 9709 7203

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