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Safety and Well-being!

What is one of the most important things about schools and the education system? Responses to this question could be varied, but there's one thing that virtually every teacher and parent will agree on though and that is making sure our schools are safe, secure and supportive environments. Why? Safety is a fundamental part of our education system and Christian responsibility. A safe school enables learning and teaching within a community that fosters responsibility, respect and academic excellence.

It was with this premise in mind that the objective of the Whole School Strategic Plan states:

To ensure a safe, secure and supportive environment for staff, parents, students and visitors.

This objective is then supported by clear goals:

- I. *To create the physical, emotional and intellectual environments in which the resilience of both staff and students is developed and spiritual well-being is nurtured.*
- II. *To eliminate bullying or any form of abuse or harassment*
- III. *To build community that creates a sense of connectedness, belonging, acceptance and freedom.*
- IV. *To minimize the need for First Aid.*




Effective teaching and learning is enhanced in a safe environment and a healthy community. In Acts 2: 42-47 we witness some of the elements of a strong Christian community. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." We see God's people growing together through learning, spending time together through fellowship,

worshipping and prayer. All of these elements contribute to form a strong community. In a safe, supportive and strong Christian community, people are devoted to following Christ over and above everything else. There is a culture of care, a sense of connectedness, collegiality and acceptance.

At Maranatha we believe that strong community, safety and well-being are prerequisites for student success and academic achievement. We are committed to providing all students with the support they need to learn, grow and achieve. Everyone has a place, makes Jesus a part of everyday life and is driven by service to others.

Vernon Clark
Principal

Prayer Points

-  Please pray for Brad Maidment who lost his father and the whole family in their bereavement.
-  Pray for members of our community who are ill or undergoing medical treatment.
-  Recovery from operation for staff member, Mrs Livett.

E/Hills Events

- Monday 27th July**
- Yr 11 Textiles Excursion
- Tuesday 28th July**
- Senate Assembly
- Wednesday 29th July**
- Yr 12 Biology Excursion
 - Cultural Celebration Day
- Thursday 30th July**
- Keys Please Seminar 7pm

Doveton Events

Monday 27th July

- Assembly
- After School Netball for selected students

Friday 31st July

- Grade 5 Zoo Excursion

Officer Events

Monday 27/7/09 to Wednesday 29/7/09

- Grade 4 camp

Monday 27/7/09 to Thursday 30/7/09

- Prep – Grade 2 Swimming lessons continue

Monday 27/7/09

- Rock Eisteddfod rehearsals 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

All School News

Endeavour Hills VCE Course Selection

This is a reminder that 2010 VCE students must complete their online course preference selection before Wednesday July 29th.

Reminder - Maths Peer Tutoring Program

The Maths Peer Tutoring Program continues to operate this term for students in Year 7 to 9 who would like extra help with their Maths.

When - Tuesday 3:40 - 4:30 pm

Where - Meet in D9

Who to see for more information - Maths tutor captains Anya Repina and Matthew Boys or their Maths teacher.



How - Book a session by putting your name down in the booking booklet in the Library on the previous Friday

after the Second World War, so she experienced many challenges and difficulties on both sides of the globe.

The Van Rossen family is especially honoured at Maranatha for their foundation work so readily given to the establishment of this school and a glance at the surnames of some of her descendants will be familiar to both past and present staff, students and parents of our School community – Van Rossen, Knol, Ketelaar and Barrot.

Indonesian Tour

The Indonesian Tour is collecting items such as Sunday school resources, school resources, DVDs/videos, books, and games to take with us in September to a local, Christian school in Kupang. Items do not have to be new but in good condition (eg. all pieces to a game intact) and can be given to Mrs. Munyard at Officer campus or Mr. Munyard at Endeavour Hills campus.

Krispy Kreme Dough-Nation night

You can support the Indonesian Tour and enjoy a Krispy Kreme treat at the same time! We are hosting a Krispy Kreme Dough-Nation night on Tuesday, August 11th between 7-9pm at the Fountain Gate store. A percentage of all sales during those two hours go to our Indonesian Team. Come see us in action as we serve you your favorite Krispy Kreme!

Endeavour Hills Campus Tar-Sealing

During the holidays the school tar-sealed the South-East section of the driveway and car park adjacent to the Arts complex as well as the path in front of the Arts complex. This was made possible with funding from the State Government. The improvement to the visual appearance of the school grounds is amazing and students, parents, staff and our neighbours will all benefit from these works. Enjoy!

The following did not feature in the last classifieds:

Nicole's Skin Care

Unit 7, 120 Ahern Road, Pakenham
23 Years Experience
Treating Young Student's Active Skins
* Excema
* Acne
* Dermatitis
* Blocked Pores
* Scar Tissue
Phone 59405746 0417383232
Skin Technologist

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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.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on **7th August 2009**.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Further information can be obtained from:

www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/1ifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

Maranatha Pioneer: Mrs Elizabeth Van Rossen

The long life of Mrs Elizabeth Van Rossen, (1915-2009) was celebrated by family and friends recently at the Christian Reformed Church in North Dandenong. Mrs Van Rossen was called home on 5 July after 94 years of faithful service.

With 8 children, 30 grandchildren and 56 great grandchildren, Mrs Van Rossen has left an amazing legacy and she is remembered for her spirited example of love, tenacity and hard work in all phases of her life. She was born in Holland, during the 1914-18 War and bravely migrated, with her husband, to Australia

We praise God for the life and commitment of Mrs Van Rossen. We offer our condolences to the family circle, but gratefully join with them to rejoice in the sure knowledge of her ongoing life in the eternal presence of her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth Van Rossen



Rock Eisteddfod

Date and time: Monday August 10th, 7pm
Venue: Hisense Arena
Cost: \$35, no concessions
Tickets are no longer available through the school but can be purchased through Ticketeck (Ph: 132 849).

Parents & Friends - Entertainment Books

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fund-raising efforts by purchasing an Entertainment Book. We hope that you are remembering to use those coupons - and that you have already 'saved' more than the purchase cost of \$65.00. If you would like to purchase another Book as a gift for someone else, we still have a few in stock.

Just a reminder to those who do not wish to keep the book which was sent home on approval, but have not yet returned it - we need to finalise this fund-raising effort - so please check your kitchen bench - or maybe ask your child if he/she has handed it in yet. Phone Lynne Dickson 9737 1012 for further clarification. Thank you.

Main Campus Events

Grade Four M went to the Life Education Van and visited Harold. Our class discussed various drugs, looking at various types of medication and our need to be careful in how we use them. Then we discovered how to be confident in making new friends and what body language we should employ. Here are some of our classes comments.



Callan Marchant : It was good to learn because every year is something new.

Bianca Thomas : In life Ed we learnt about different medicines and what we should and shouldn't take.

Matthew Spencer : I learnt not to take bad drugs.

Hahna Tso : In Life Ed we talked about medicine.

Joshua Watson : Life Ed was different and interesting because we learnt about medicine and drugs.

James Taylor : We saw Harold the giraffe. He always bumps his head on the way down the stairs.

Patrick Mahaila : I learnt that one simple medicine can be in tablets and injections, in more than one form.

Kristen Ostafe : It was fun when we talked about medicine and when we used the computer to play games.

Emma Greenwood : I learnt what pain relievers do when you swallow them.

Daniel Frost : I learnt that being a leader includes hard work like making sure nobody fights and sending people to do stuff.

Adam Slater : In the Life Ed. van, Harold asked what a Pharmacist is. For a joke, I said, "Is it a person who looks after farms?"

Cana Chambara : I learnt that you should take drugs only when you have permission from an adult you can trust, like a doctor.

'The Challenge for Charity' in 2010

The catch is that our school community must raise \$10,000 for charity to see Mr Belousoff actually brave the chilly waters of the Doveton Pool in The Park.

Donations can be made through our Doveton office – further information about the charity we are supporting will be made in coming weeks.

Come on and get behind our cause!

Library News

Advanced notice - **Book Week is on 22th - 28th August** and we will be having a Book Week parade. Start thinking about and organising your book character costume. This year's theme is "Book Safari." A Book Fair is also scheduled for this event. A percentage of the monies from the sale of the books is donated to the School. Parents, if you have worked at the Book Fair in the past or would like to help us this year and earn PIP points, please contact Mrs Mitchell in the library on 9709 7354.

We are still looking for more help with covering books and stock taking. Training is available if you have never covered Library Books.

Transport Help Needed

Help is needed to drive a Grade1 student to and from Doveton Campus. Mum is having a baby and transport is needed for about a month in early August. The family live in Berwick. If you can help please ring Yenny on 0433 831 664.

Uniforms

The Second-hand Uniform Shop would be pleased to have any current uniform items that your children have outgrown.

Lost

School Jumper labelled Inman. Please return to the Doveton Office if found. Could all families please check the labels on your uniforms at home to make sure that you have the right ones. Lots of families have missing jumpers.

Head Lice

Head lice checks will be held soon and children who are found to have live lice will be isolated and sent home. Parents please continue regularly checking and if necessary treating your children's hair.

Officer News

Assembly

Primary assembly: Monday 27th July 2009 from 2:40 pm to 3:00 pm. Students from Grade 3 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. Orders will be delivered by lunch time on the Wednesday. Money raised goes back into school programs.

Rock Eisteddfod

We are very excited here at Cardina Campus, as our performance in the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge is now just over two weeks away! Around 50 secondary students from our campus are involved and we will perform at Hisense Arena on Monday, August 10th at 7pm. If you would like to buy tickets for the show, they are no longer available through the school but can be purchased through Ticketek (Ph: 132 849). Don't miss this event! The students have put in a lot of hard work and have come up with a performance to be proud of.

Rock Eisteddfod students also have the opportunity to wear their team T-shirts to school next week. On Friday, July 31st, students who are involved in the Rock Eisteddfod will be allowed to wear their team T-shirts with casual clothes. Please note that their T-shirt will need to be visible (i.e. not covered up by a jumper or jacket during the school day).

Some future events

- Monday 3/8/09 - Wednesday 5/8/09 Jeans for Justin Day
- Thursday 6/8/09 Rock Eisteddfod rehearsals all day at Endeavour Hills Campus
- Friday 7/8/09 Year 8-10 Indonesian incursion period 1-3
- Tuesday 11/8/09 Krispy Kreme Dough-Nation night 7:00pm – 9:00 pm

Shoes for sculpture work

Do you need to do some early spring cleaning? Mrs Forrest is looking for any old shoes for sculpture work. They need to be a firm shoe preferably with a heel (leather or fake leather) but no running shoes or anything made from soft materials.

Also if you have any old hard cover books of approximately A5 in size and not too thick we would be interested in them also - old poetry books with illustrations would be even better!

Worm Farm

On June 26th a representative from Bunnings Warehouse at Fountain gate kindly donated a worm farm to the school. Lorraine demonstrated how the worm farm works and helped the GEM group set it up. The farm was set up with 1000 worms to get it started. She also brought compost bins for each room to assist the school with collecting the fruit and vegetable scraps necessary to help make the compost the worms will eat. On behalf of the school the GEM group at Officer thanked Lorraine and Bunnings for their kind contribution to our recycling program.

Farm day

During the last week of term two the Preps and Grade ones concluded their theme of 'On the Farm' with a farm day at school. They started off the day with a parade, farm dances and a gum boot throwing competition. Samuel Park in Prep D had a mighty big throw for such a little farmer! Next was making butter and a spinning demonstration. After completing various farm activities the children enjoyed seeing how many hats Miss Newlin could wear!



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Bible Readings

Mon Jul 27 **Passage:** Daniel 1: 17-21

Tue Jul 28 **Passage:** Intro to Daniel 2

Wed Jul 29 **Passage:** Daniel 2:1-3

Thu Jul 30 **Passage:** Daniel 2:4-13

Fri Jul 31 **Passage:** **Daniel 2:14-18**

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.
Isaiah 26:4

Year 11's Amy Gilliland Represents Maranatha

Brilliant cutting, imagination and unique style is what set Year 11's AMY GILLILAND'S lino cut print apart from thousands of others who entered the Australia – wide 2009 Silk Cut Lino Print Award and got it selected into the coming September exhibition.

She will now be in the running for 3 big student awards and a chance to sell her work, as well as being able to experience first hand the joy and thrill of being part of a large opening night at a major art exhibition. In the judges' eyes Amy's print has what it takes to go all the way. Few subjects in Art at the present time are receiving more attention, particularly from private schools, than the Silk Cut Awards.

Anyone who needs convincing that Printmaking and good education have a necessary and inherent connection,

need only make a pilgrimage to the Silk Cut web site where students have battled it out to get into the final exhibition showing on the web.

Congratulations Amy – there is no telling what might be the result from such a journey. Mrs Hodge.



Indonesian Tour Fund Raiser Cultural Celebration Day at Endeavour Hills

As a fund-raiser for the Indonesian Tour, is just a few weeks away, we are having a day to celebrate the diversity of cultures represented by our student body at Endeavour Hills. On Wednesday July 29th, students can make a gold coin donation to come dressed in appropriate attire which celebrates their cultural background. For those students who claim to have no other cultural background other than Australian, there are a number of different outfits which depict and celebrate Aussie culture. Appropriate, modest and respectful clothing supporting the ethos of the school is expected. In addition, the Indo Tour students will hold a sausage sizzle both at recess and lunch; sausages and drinks are \$1 each. Please come and support the 2009 Indo Tour!

Career News

Year 10 Careers

Welcome back to all Year 10 students and congratulations on their successful completion of their Work Experience. They are all happy to be back at school as work is actually quite tiring even though satisfying in many respects.

Career Expos

The Melbourne Career Expo is on this weekend at the Exhibition Centre, see details www.careerexpo.com.au
ICT & Career Expo will be held on Saturday 1 August 10am-3pm at Melbourne High School see details www.ictweek.vitta.org.au

Year 12 Careers

The VTAC guides have been distributed to all Year 12 students this week. Each student is encouraged to place an application with VTAC by 30 September to avoid late fees or missing out altogether.

Further Career News details are available on the school website under School News.

Eva Silverstein

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Year 7 Discovery

The Discovery students have launched into their new unit of work titled "What time in History?"

The work of a historian is likened to that of a detective and one of the students' tasks was to compile a shoebox of items giving clues to their own family life and history. Each student gave a short talk about a special item from their lives or family past.

"My special item is a medal from my great grandfather when he went to fight for Romania in the First World War. It is special to me because it is old and cool and it shows me how people can go to war to fight for their country" JG

"The special item that I brought was a pendant from a necklace that my great grandma gave to me before she died. What makes it really special is that you can open it up and inside are photos that my great grandma put in there of her and her husband, my two uncles and my dad. When she gave it to me, my mum decided that she would keep putting photos in there of me and my brother. It's very special to me and I will treasure it always." HS