Open Night

Western Port Secondary College will hold its annual Open Night next Thursday evening at 5.30-8.00pm. Information sessions and Principals address will be held in the Arts Centre at 5.30 & 6.30pm. You will also hear about our new building projects, Year 7 Scholarship Program, The Footprints Program and many other fantastic learning opportunities for your children.

At the completion of both sessions a tour group will let you see & experience a Taiko Drum performance, the H.P.V Team, our fantastic Arts & Technology facilities, the Library & Information Communications Technologies.

For further information please contact Tanya Blanch at the school on 5979 1577
Hello to the Western Port Secondary College community. I hope all families had a restful break and students are looking forward to the term ahead. We started the term with a wonderful whole school assembly led by our College Captains. My speech to the students reflected on an exhibition seen by our Year 10 and 12 students late last term which highlighted the meaning of having the strength to stand up for what is right and wrong. As educators we often talk about learning from mistakes, but we also know that students who have a good sense of values taught through families and school will usually make better judgements. The message conveyed through the workshops was very powerful and certainly resonates with the youth of today in a multi cultural society and a challenging world of new technologies. I would like to thank Nathan Croft and Alicia Coventry who reflected as students on the exhibition and workshops they participated in. During the assembly we also reported on the successes of our swimming team at the zone finals. Special mention needs to be given to the efforts of our Senior Girls relay team of Stephanie Long, Tarsha Johnston, Emily Rowley, Zarli King and Stephanie Long in 18-20 years 50m breaststroke who made it through to State Finals. We wish them the best of luck with their endeavours at this level.

On April 29th Western Port Secondary College will hold its Open Night, and I would like to invite parents and carers to see the College showcased on this night. We are encouraging as many students as possible to help on the night and look forward to seeing prospective and current parents and carers.

Organisational matters
If your child arrives late to school or is leaving early please supply a note with the reason. All students are to sign in/out via the front office. The College has implemented our new SMS system which is also being used to notify you of major events such as report night. One area that has been highlighted through the use of SMS attendance is some students while arriving to school on time are missing home group meeting. All students need to attend this as it is the first point of contact with the group teachers in the day and important information and notices are often distributed in this time.

We are now expecting all students to be in correct uniform as stated last year. Due to the large increase in items being purchased at the uniform shop some items ran out, but these are now mostly in stock and we ask that you purchase any required items ASAP. We would also remind families that students are required to have the correct jumper with colder months approaching. The College will not accept students wearing other tops and in particular “hoodie” style tops. Students are also not to wear items that hang out under uniform items such as long sleeve tops under polo tops.

We have also made arrangements for a 20% discount on any school approved shoe from Bata-Mornington/Carrum Downs.

Andrew Nicholls
Principal

Staff at Western Port

Oxfam Trailwalker

On Friday 16 April four staff members from WPSC competed in the 2010 Oxfam Trailwalker. The event involves teams of four walking a gruelling 100km through the bush in 48 hours or less. This year’s event started in Wheelers Hill then wound its way over the Dandenong Ranges finishing in Warburton.

Tanya Blanch, Matt Bodley, Robyn Stephenson and Luke Tyson (“The Westo Wanderers”) set out at 8:30 on Friday morning among 750 teams and 3000 competitors. Unfortunately Matt carried an injury into the event and was forced to retire at the 35km mark. The rest of the team pushed on, walking throughout the night battling exhaustion, blisters, cramping muscles and an unforgiving track. Eventually the team crossed the line 27 hours and 19 minutes after setting out, exhausted and relieved.

As well as the extreme challenge for competitors the main purpose of the event is to raise money for Oxfam Australia. We are proud to say that the Westo Wanderers have so far raised more than $1500 for a worthy cause. To find out more about Oxfam’s fantastic work check out www.oxfam.org.au.
Western Port will again be host to some Japanese exchange students from July 20 till 29, 2010. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn about another culture. We are currently looking for host families to welcome these students into their homes for a period of approximately ten days. If anyone would like to help please contact Bu Thuy or Tim Ward at school for more information.
Southern Zone Swimming Carnival

Stephanie Long, Zarli King, Tarsha Johnston, Emily Rowley and Joseph Brady competed in the Southern Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday March 24th at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. After being called in at the last minute Tarsha swam well finishing a credible 5th in the 50m butterfly in the 18-20 years age group. In a well contested race Joseph came a close 7th in the 15 years 50m butterfly. Stephanie Long in her individual events was just touched out for 4th in the 50m freestyle and finished a strong second in the 50m 18-20 years breaststroke which she will now compete in at the state finals. The 18-20 years girls relay secured a second position which entitles them to a spot at the state championships which are on Thursday April 15th at the same venue. We have not had such a big team going to state for a long time. Overall Western Port came 30th with the senior girls finishing in 18th position. This is a tremendous achievement and we congratulate them on their successes. Thank you to their parents for their continued support.

Tarsh, Emily, Zarli & Steph.

Victorian State Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

Four students competed in the State finals on Thursday April 15th at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Stephanie Long swam a great race to finish an extremely close 4th in 18-20 years 50m Breaststroke in a field of swimmers who are the best in the state. The girls 18-20years relay consisting of Emily Rowley, Stephanie Long, Zarli King and Tarsha Johnston swam a strong race to finish a credible 7th. Again this is an outstanding achievement and we congratulate all the girls on their effort and great success. Thanks to the parents for their support.
Middle Years

Year 9 Water Trail trip
National Gallery of Victoria

The year 9 students travelled to the city to visit the National Gallery of Victoria to follow the ‘Water trail’ throughout history. Rob Gel was the ambassador for the exhibition and the students were presented with the hard facts on Victoria’s water situation and climate change.
The water presentation was followed by group tours of the National Gallery and traced the influence of water throughout the ages.
The reports from the students were very positive and they enjoyed the experience of touring one of Melbourne’s prime tourist attractions.

Mr Quinn

Year 7 Camp – Phillip Island 2010

This year’s Phillip Island Orientation camp was from 15th to the 17th March. We started on the Monday, by catching the Stony Point ferry. Some people freaked out on the ferry, because they were worried about sinking and the unknown sea-life that lurked below! We arrived at Phillip Island and we had to walk to the camp site, to get our luggage and to find out about what was ahead of us for the 3 days!

Surfing on the Tuesday was awesome! Everyone who did the surfing really loved it! At the camp, we were able to do heaps of indoor and outdoor activities, from swimming, abseiling, the giant swing, the whirligig, archery and many others. We loved the abseiling, but it was a bit hard and very painful if you were a little uncoordinated and smashed into the wall! Oooouuch!

Apart from the 7am wakeup call and morning running, the camp was really fun. It was a good way to interact and meet new people from different classes and people from our own classes too. If you have brothers and sisters who are going next year, be aware of the hot, hot chocolate because it burns!!!

Miranda Robson & Erin Boyle 7B
Senior School

Beacon Student Ambassadors Conference
Powerhouse Station – Albert Park

Jake Bromley: Today was very motivational and inspiring. I learnt a lot about the Beacon program. Goal for 2010 – motivating speakers.

Hayley Whyte: I felt today was very inspiring and showed me the potential that we can fully get out of being a Beacon Ambassador. Goal for 2010 – Speed Careers & Connecting with other schools.

Catriona Shaw: I enjoyed the conference and gained some confidence for performing speeches. This taught me a lot about the Beacon program. Goals for 2010- Workshops & Speed Careers

Tom Sonneveld: Today was interesting, the whole day was a great experience! Goals for 2010: Inspirational speakers & Learning new things.

Easter Breakfast

For Year 12, Easter began with the race to sell raffle tickets. A record number changed hands, and the winners of the huge number of Easter Eggs came from Year 8, Year 12 and the staff, so the chocolate was shared out nicely throughout the school. Then Tarsha Johnston had the idea of an Easter Egg hunt in the Kitchen Garden on the last Thursday of term. The sun caused some eggs to become little chocolate puddles, but it was still fun! Despite his crutches, Waide Symes was determined to score big! On Friday 65 Year 12s and teachers had a choice of buns, fruit, chocolate, bacon, eggs, sausages, juice, tea, coffee and milo amidst the streamers, balloons, and colourful decorated tables in Room 22. Ms Ellison visited with baby Eden which was a highlight. Thanks to Hayley King, Renee Povey, Tarsha Johnston, Ally Hill and Caitlin Latham in particular for all their work and everyone who donated eggs. Overall, Easter was fun but fattening!
Has arrived at WPSC!!!

Every Monday
starting 3rd May 3:15pm - 4:30pm in room 6
See Mr Quinn or Matt Bodley for more details!!!!!!!!!

CURRICULUM

Parent Teacher interviews
On Thursday 15th April Student / Parent / Teacher interviews were conducted at the College. This proved to be a very busy, successful, positive evening. Many discussions were held re student progress and plans put in place so that students can work toward achieving success in all subjects by the end of the semester. Full reports in all subjects will be written and distributed to parents at the end of the term. These reports will indicate whether you child has successfully completed (and passed) their subjects for the half year. This is particularly important for the VCE students as they are required to pass a certain number of subjects to ensure they gain their VCE qualification.
If you were unable to attend parent teacher interviews and would like to discuss your child’s progress please do not hesitate to contact your child’s footprints teachers (yr 7, 8 & 9) or their form teachers (yr 10, 11 & 12) during business hours.
All uncollected reports will be posted home. If you do not receive your child’s report please contact the General office and leave your details.

Major Tasks/Homework
As we begin term two you may want to revisit the major tasks/homework timeline that was posted out to all parents early term one.
Students will be starting to work on their major tasks and homework exercises for this term in each of their subjects.
We hope that this process has improved communication with families as to when major tasks/home work are due and has assisted your child in planning for these deadlines, as often this work is completed over a number of weeks including some class time.
As a reminder, when a student does not complete a task by the due date we have a four step process in place to assist with the completion of that task. You will be notified via mail of the non-submission of the work. Students then have three days to get the work completed and submitted to their teacher. When work is not submitted after notification the student will be required to attend a Principal homework session on a Monday from 3.00- 4.00pm. These times cannot be changed once you have been notified.
Homework helps students by completing and reinforcing classroom learning and developing study habits. It also provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. It should enable students to develop attitudes and skills necessary for success and to provide for thinking skills, goal setting, time management and study habits.
This session is designed to provide your child with the assistance they may require to complete these tasks. This will also maximise your child’s chances of successfully completing all subjects and progressing to the next year level.
We ask for your support to ensure students attend these sessions as required. If a child is required to attend a regular “Principal homework” session and does not attend, a meeting with parents may be required to discuss the matter.
If you have any questions concerning this process please contact Ms Jill Mathers (Teaching and Learning Coordinator) at the College during business hours.

Jill Mathers
Art Attack at WPSC

For all of our aspiring young artists, both Crib Point & Hastings Community Houses are running art classes. Crib Point is geared at teens in particular. Take advantage of these fabulous opportunities while they last!

***NEW*** Your Art - Your Way: 10 weeks 3.30-5.30pm Cost: $3.00 weekly. Commencing April 15.

This is an art class with a difference. Designed for teenagers aged 13-17, this weekly art class will expand your creativity while you explore art” your way”.

Work with an experienced art teacher to design an art project, that interest YOU! Class time is flexible for commencement and some up front art materials will be provided.

All you need to do is bring your imagination, creative ideas and a sense of fun!

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

HASTINGS COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.
The heart of your community
185 High St Hastings 3915 hastingsch@bigpond.com
Tel: 5979 2918 Website: www.hastingschi.com.au
ABN:57 930 437 561
TERM 2 April 12 – June 25th 2010

KEY’S PLEASE
Is a free presentation on how parents and students can achieve their log book hours and it is covers all aspects of driving. It is for all year 10 students and their parents. There will be movie tickets to be won and students will be able to purchase a learner book for $10. It is on May the 10th at 7.30pm at WPSC in the arts centre. Students have been given an information brochure to take home with a reply slip that needs to be returned to their form teacher. If they do not have a brochure they can get one from Ms Gudgion or just bring a note or ring to let us know they will be attending.
Year 10 Work Experience
17th-21st May 2010
Year 10 students not attending the Year 10 Queensland Camp are required as part of the school curriculum, to organise, one weeks work experience. We encourage students to seek experience in a field of interest to them for the future. All students have been previously informed of this requirement in year level assemblies and their pathways lesson. The forms must be completed, including parent signature and employer signature by Wednesday the 12th of May. If your child requires another form please see Ms Tsousis in the pathways office ASAP.

IMPORTANT:
If students are seeking work experience on ANY building site they must complete an induction card, which costs $90.00 please see Ms Tsousis in the Pathways Office ASAP to register for this. The training date is Wednesday 5th May at Chisholm Frankston.

Head Lice
We have had several cases of Head Lice reported and ask for your continued support in checking and treating your child. All local chemists sell treatments for the problem and we would appreciate your student remaining at home until treatment is completed.

Are You Concerned About Internet and Mobile phone safety?
Visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website for practical information and advice about keeping kids safe online at www.thinkuknow.org.au
It contains what every teacher, parent and carer will want to know about safe and secure use of the internet and mobile technologies (cyber safety and security).
Practical advice and information about keeping kids safe online
Tips for understanding how kids use the internet
How to help kids stay in control online and how to report when things go wrong
Information about Free ThinkUKnow presentations and the new online seminar

COACHING AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

- JUNIOR AND ELITE SQUAD SESSIONS. We cover all aspects of becoming a tennis player including fitness, match simulation drills, match play, strategy, etc.

- MATCH PLAY. We focus exclusively on matches. We cover strategy, scoring, court positioning, fitness and more.

- GROUP LESSONS are offered on Thursday and Friday. Students are challenged and more importantly have FUN! (5 STUDENTS PER COACH MAXIMUM)

  *JOIN ANY PROGRAM AND RECEIVE A FREE RACQUET.

  *JOIN 2 PROGRAMS AND RECEIVE A FREE RACQUET AND A FREE POLO SHIRT.

HASTINGS TENNIS CLUB
WWW.MADATHLETES.COM.AU  MICHAEL DRACOS- 0403 131
094 madathletes@yahoo.com.au
(Tennis Australia Club Professional, Diploma in “Spanish way to Develop Players”, Former Top 20 Australian, Victorian Representative many times and Victorian Hard-Court Finalist).
In2Dance
come and join in hip hop dance classes for all ages classes from beginners to experienced loads of fun located in Somerville for more info contact Deb on 0418516968

Community Notice Board

Present this coupon to receive

$10 off

a massage of your choice with massage therapist Terry Swanton

Only one discount per person. Should this notice not be provided for cancellation discount becomes void. Discount does not apply to massage voucher purchases. Valid until 01/01/20

cnr Victoria St & Cool Stores Rd, Hastings
t: 5979 2918 e: admin@hastingschiro.com
www.hastingschiro.com

Had a Chocolate Overload?
Join for 3 months and receive 3 months FREE

Every Sunday
Bittern Sunday Market Inc

Council Meeting at Bittern

As part of the Bittern community process to meet and engage with local community, the Council was invited to participate in a public meeting to discuss budget matters.

Date: Tuesday, 27 April 2010
Time: 6.00 pm
Venue: Bittern Memorial Centre

The Council meeting commences at 6:00 pm and is expected to conclude at approximately 6:45 pm. Following the formal Council meeting, the public is invited to join with councillors for a public forum. The public is invited to present any concerns or questions with the council which are not dealt with in the meeting. Attendees are advised to contact the Council Office (03) 5979 2918 or bch@policetalk.com.au by Tuesday, 20 April 2010, for further information.

For further information please contact our office by calling (03) 5979 2918 or via email bch@policetalk.com.au
# IMPORTANT DATES

**April**  
27  Second Automatic Deduction Payment  
29  Open Night 5.30pm– 8pm

**May**  
4   Keys Please Yr 10 Parents & Students  
7   Bogong Camp Final Payment Due  
14  Whole School Assembly, all welcome  
14-21 Queensland Trip

**June**  
7   Whole School Assembly, all welcome  
8-10 Year 12 Exams  
10  Year 12 Tertiary Expo Mornington  
11  Student Free Day, Report Writing  
14  Queens Birthday Holiday  
15  Final Payment due for Mt Hotham camp  
25  School Term Finishes

## Bell Times For 2010

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8.45 am</td>
<td>Form Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8.55 am</td>
<td>Period 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.55 am</td>
<td>Period 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.17 am</td>
<td>Recess</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.17 am</td>
<td>Period 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.15 pm</td>
<td>Period 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.02 pm</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.00 pm</td>
<td>Period 5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES

**Term 2**  
May 18<sup>th</sup>  
June 15<sup>th</sup>