Year 12 Study Camp

On a muggy Thursday, 70 Year 12 students set off for Somers camp where they plunged into their first activities immediately. Some sweated on the high ropes course or squealed on the giant swing whilst others relaxed with yoga, discussed stress and their goals, or completed English prompts and activities. A seminar with guest speaker, Christopher Shen, revealed Jemal's strength and determination and jugs of multicoloured cordial kept everyone hyped until it was time for the beach. Then the rain came. It was actually wetter on the sand than in the water! After a beautiful roast dinner, ex students gave some advice and then the Trivia competition got everyone yelling with excitement - particularly Steph who jumped up, crying Ohhh for every question even though she didn't get any right! Friday was cooler and everyone was tired but teams worked together to help everyone through what had to be done. Finally it was time to return to school, with some great memories and new friends.
Hello to the Western Port Secondary College community. We have had a busy start to the school with our swimming carnival held last week. It was wonderful to see the level of participation from all year levels. The work on the day of house leaders was exemplary in motivating other students and getting into the spirit of the day. The day was perfect for swimming with plenty of sunshine and fun. Having not been at Western Port Secondary College for long I was told I was witnessing an historic moment with Leeuwin finally being defeated at a swimming carnival for the first time in many years. Congratulations are to go to the students and staff at Encounter who dominated for most of the day with many fine swimmers contributing.

In Week 2 we held our Year 12 Study Camp at Somers Camp. It was amazing to see the range of activities the students were involved in from study skills, stress management to challenge activities. I particularly wish to thank the senior sub school team for their efforts in running the camp. We also received feedback from the camp staff about the excellent behaviour of our students.

This week we open our new basketball and volleyball court area which will add a great new sporting facility to the College. This will be used within the College sport program and also for lunchtime activities. Currently we are in negotiations with DEECD to finalise our capital works program which at this stage is going through a re-tender process. This will delay the start of the project by a few months but we should see work start during term 2. We will keep you updated as works start, as these will impact on traffic movements at the front of the school.

Recently we mailed out a major tasks/homework process to all families. The purpose of this is to inform families of when tasks are due and therefore plan appropriately to complete them. These tasks will require significant effort from the students and therefore cannot be completed the day prior to due dates. Please work with your child on this and regularly check their diary use. If you feel your child is not coping please speak to the footprints teacher or sub school coordinator who will assist.

School Council nominations close this week and we will send out election forms if required to complete this process. College Council representatives will be published in the next newsletter.

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 does not supply lunch passes and we ask that these requests not be made.

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 have run out, these include polo tops, shorts and pants. We have spoken to our supplier and these items should be back in stock next week. I would ask in the meantime that you supply a note for any item of uniform your child doesn’t currently have. These need to be presented to the sub school office.

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

Andrew Nicholls
Principal
I returned from Long Service Leave two weeks and was very impressed with how quickly students had settled back into the school year. We have received many comments from the public about the improvement in school uniform and the positive tone it sets for the school. I have also had positive feedback from students who think that it is really important to have a uniform that everyone wears.

I look forward to working with students from across the school on a range of student centred projects this year. Our Environment Captains will be meeting over the next two weeks to prioritise tasks for this year. The students who attended the Leadership in Sustainability Forum at Longerenong College will be talking about their experience at assemblies.

We will be continuing the student forums around ‘safety at school’ and developing an action plan for this year. A group of students who attended the forums in 2010 presented to staff at a staff meeting at the end of last year.

We are running two groups of Hands On Learning this year. Students are working with Michael Rigby and John Eldridge on the construction of a rendered wall at the front of the school. Other classes will be involved in planting indigenous garden beds to compliment the wall and senior students will be creating sculptural features in Art.

We are also involved in a Community Arts Project with the Warringine Precinct Working Group and have been given a grant of $5000 by Mornington Peninsula Shire to work with Warringine Park, Peninsula Health, Peninsula Parklands and the Koori healing Centre to develop an arts trail which will link these organisations and bring the community together as part of the Precinct.

Have a look at our new sign over the archway to the Outdoor Classroom.

Hannah Lewis
Vice principal

Staff at Western Port

Congratulations

Mike Smith and Shelley on the safe arrival of a son Beau Joseph Walter, a healthy 9lb 7oz!
**Year 8 English Home Work**

Weekly spelling lists have been compiled from texts that we have been using in class. Students have one week to revise and learn these words. Also the RATBAGS program requires reading at home. Never can your Year 8 child say they do not have homework. Thanks for your support.

Mr Belkin / Mrs Hemmings / Ms Smith

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**Year 7 Camp**

**Important Amendment to Itinerary for Year 7 camp**

All students should now be dropped at Stony Point Jetty on Monday March 15th no later than 7.30am rather than the college as previous instructions stated. Our return Pick up on Wed 17th at 3.30pm will now be from the College car park and parents will need to collect here not at the Jetty as previously instructed.

Any concerns please contact Donna Geritz at the college.

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**Year 7 Pizza Night**

With approximately 100 families in attendance, the 2010 pizza night was a ‘delicious’ success! Families turned out in force to meet teachers and to hear about the first few weeks of the school year. We are so pleased with the overwhelming response from families this year and it certainly showed the amount of support there is amongst our college community.

Tanya Blanch  
Year 7 Team Leader.
I would like to remind all parents and students that the Numeracy centre is based in the HEX, and commencing on Monday 8th Feb, will be open at lunchtime every day except Friday for students from any year level for help with their Maths.

This year we will be registering for world Maths day. Students can log onto Mathletics at school or at home and complete as many live questions as possible. There will be prizes for students and schools completing the most questions. Class Maths teachers will have more information soon.

If you have any queries regarding our programs please feel free to contact the College and speak to me.

Jacqui Smith
Numeracy Co-ordinator
**Tsunami Relief for Pacific Islands**

Recently the College, together with Bowens Timber & Hardware, HMAS Cerberus and Rotary donated goods to be sent to Samoa to assist in the rebuilding after the destruction caused by the tsunami. The container was shipped in the middle of last week to The Lions Club of Apia Samoa and contained:

- 180 school desks
- Approx 300 plastic school chairs donated by Western Port Secondary College
- 37 cartons of surplus plain clothing from HMAS Cerberus, short & long pants, underwear, socks, shirts and sandals.
- 2 Pallets of out of date Bowens Timber polo shirts, new and from employees, used in good condition.

The cost of freight is about $5000.00. The proceeds of this cost was made up by

- An open day collection at HMAS Cerberus raised $1800.00
- The Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang donated $2000.00
- The Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port donated $1200.00

The goods are targeted for people badly effected by a tsunami that hit this area last year where 150 people lost their lives. There was also widespread damage including schools where it is hoped our desks and chairs will go

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**SENIOR GIRLS/BOYS TENNIS RED HILL TUESDAY 16/2**

Thanks to all the girls and boys who represented the College on this day. The girls competed well against other girls who play competition tennis, and conducted themselves with great etiquette and good sportsmanship.

The boys in the A side (Ian Banks and Jake Dale) were undefeated against all of the other schools on the Peninsula and would have won and progressed to the next stage. Unfortunately their team did not have a fourth player, and hence, forfeited all of their B matches. This was a real shame as they played some terrific tennis and were the best players on the day. For future sport excursions, it is imperative that students who put their names down to compete, don’t back out of their commitment to their fellow competitors!

Justin Brady
Somerville Dance Class

New Hip Hop class!

Boys & Girls from grade 4

Also offering jazz, contemporary, character and rhythmic movements with ribbons, pom poms, tambourines, hoops and more. From grade prep upwards.

Please contact Val on 035975 1117

Or 0409 836 276
Dealing With Feelings
A Parents Guide – Insight, Tips and Tools

A workshop for parents, grandparents, carers or anyone who
works with kids.

How to encourage your kids to talk about and manage their feelings, find
solutions to their problems and make them more resilient and able to cope
with the ups and downs.

Where: Tyabb Railway Station Primary School
68 The Crescent, Tyabb
Mornington Peninsula 3918

When: Tuesday 23rd March 2010
Workshop 1: 11:30am-1:15pm

Or
Workshop 2: 1:30-3:15pm (light supper provided)

How: Ring Sue at Parentzone on (03) 5906 8940 or email
sue.marshall@anglicarevics.org.au

Cost: Free! REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS POPULAR WORKSHOP
Numbers are limited so book in early to secure a place...
Tea and coffee will be provided.

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Are you female & between 12-16 years of age?
Do you live in the Westernport Region?
Would you like to make new friends & have fun whilst learning new skills?
Come & join our FREE 13 week action-packed program!
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Run by friendly Youth Workers from the Mornington Peninsula Shire &
Community Health Frankston.
Please contact Carolyn Flanagan on 9784 8167.

Recycle, buy, sell or hand-on all your
second-hand school items to others within your
school and across the wider school community...

☆ Textbooks & Books
☆ Uniforms & Clothing
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Are you between the ages of 11 – 15 years old, and need a challenge?

Do you live in Somers or Crib Point?

If you answered yes, do we have the opportunity for you …

We are currently looking for Junior Members to join Somers and Crib Point Fire Brigades. CFA Juniors is a social, recreational and skill development program specifically designed for you.

As a Junior, you will develop the following skills:

- Fire fighting skills
- Belonging
- Fire safety
- Volunteering
- Leadership
- Skill development
- Community spirit
- Commitment
- Fitness
- Responsibility
- Challenges
- Fun
- Teamwork
- Friendship

Once you turn 16, you may have the option of becoming a senior firefighter enabling you to fight real fires and attend other incidents; with your parent’s consent.

To find out more about this fabulous opportunity, Crib Point and Somers Fire Brigade’s will be holding an open day on Sunday 18 April, 2010.

CFA Juniors is a free program.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Brigade Support Officer, Jane Orr, on 5979 4080 or 0419 872 117.
In Line with Western Port Secondary College’s commitment to sustainability we hope to start 2010 by saving a few trees and emailing you your monthly newsletter. This avoids costly postage and the waste of paper, values we are trying to instil in our students. Please complete the section at the bottom and return to school office if you would like to take up this offer.

Student Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Family Email Address…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Contact Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Phone Number…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
WHO TO CONTACT AT W.P.S.C

PRINCIPAL: Mr Andrew Nicholls
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Ms Hannah Lewis
SUB SCHOOL LEADERS
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Donna Geritz (Yr 7-9)
SENIOR SCHOOL: Kevin Hall (Yr 10-12)
TEAM LEADERS
Year 7: Tanya Blanch Footprints
Year 8: John Heffernan
Year 9: Chris Quinn
Year 10: Jim Perry
Year 11: Sam Asaad
Year 12: Wendy Rule
STUDENT WELFARE COORDINATOR:
Mr Tim Ward
BUSINESS MANAGER: Mrs Margaret Jolly
LITERACY COORDINATOR: Mrs Nola Goodall
ENGLISH COORDINATOR: Mrs Anne-Marie Heinze
MATHS COORDINATOR: Ms Iqbal Kaur
SCIENCE COORDINATOR: Ms Kara Dunstan
INTEGRATION COORDINATOR: Ms Helen Smith
PE COORDINATOR: Mr Steve Walsh
INTERSCHOOL SPORT COORDINATOR: Mrs Tracey Hall
MUSIC COORDINATOR: Mr Tim Bridge
TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR: Ms Lynne Lee
ART COORDINATOR: Ms Jean Sheridan
LOTE COORDINATOR: Ms T Thuy

FOOTPRINTS TEACHERS **
Yr 7
A: Mike Smith
B: Robyn Stephenson
C: Luke Tyson
D: Vicki Tsarouhas
E: Steve Walsh
Yr 8
A: Jan Hemmings/Katrina Mann
B: Craig Belkin
C: Claire Spencer
D: John Heffernan
Yr 9
A: Iqbal Kaur
B: Phil Tardif
C: Marylouise Richards
D: Warren Cooke
Active learning: Donna Geritz

** First contact should always be through your students Footprints teacher.
## IMPORTANT DATES

### March
- **15-17** Yr 7 Camp
- **26** School Term Finishes

### April
- **12** School Term Resumes
- **17** Final Payment Due for Queensland Camp
- **27** Second Automatic Deduction Payment
- **29** Open Night 5.30pm till 8 pm

### May
- **14-21** Queensland Camp

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Term 2**
- March 16\(^{th}\)
- May 18\(^{th}\)
- June 15\(^{th}\)

All meetings are held in the Community Meeting room at 7.30pm

## UNIFORM SHOP

P.S.W is open at the College Wednesdays:

- **8.30 – 9.30 AM**
- **1.30 – 5.00 PM**

Or at: **P.S.W.**

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