**Briars Environment Week**

During the week from the 19th of April, our class 8C and some of the year 9’s & 10’s went to the Briars for Environment Week. When we arrived we were split into our groups and made our way to the activities we were allocated.

I was on the Bunning's activities along with some people in my class, there were two activities for the primary students to do all based on the topic 'recycling'. Each of us had our own little work tables. On my table they could create their own name tags for their bag using recycled pieces from Bunning's. The other activity was painting on recycled wood with stencils.

When the little primary school kids arrived at the tent we told them the whole idea of the activity which was recycling and reusing things and how Bunning’s found a purpose for the things they didn’t want.

Half way through the day we enjoyed our lunch and then changed activities.

Briars was a great day to have experienced, I even enjoyed seeing my old primary school teachers! The day was a success.

Dayna 8C

We went out to the Briars to help the workers in the tents. I had the weather tent, it was alright because I got to see this cloud trick. He had a big container that had a little bit of water in the bottom and he then lit a match and blew the smoke into the container and put the lid on. Then he pumped it up through this little air tight hole with normal air, then mixed the water around a bit and pulled the lid off with a big bang that made all the little kids jump, and me! There also was one where he had two plain fizzy drink bottles joined at the tops. One of the bottles was half full with coloured water, then he would spin it around and it would make a cyclone looking thing. It was pretty cool.

Beth 8C

We helped the adults with their explanation of things to the little kids from primary schools. It was a fun day. We helped the kids which was fun. I got to help the lady in the honey tent which was pretty good working with the bees. The kids were fascinated and it was pretty cool. It was really amusing to see their faces. After lunch we had to swap tents so I moved to the Bunning’s Tent, we had to help the little kids paint and cut things out. That was okay, but it got really busy.

Kenny 8C
Hello to the Western Port Secondary College community. We are now well underway this term and students need to look at what is required to successfully complete the semester. Last week our Year 7 and 9 students completed the NAPLAN testing and we were very pleased with the efforts of our students. Robyn Stephenson has been working with Footprints teachers in Year 7-8 in rolling out our new Personal Development Pathways Program. Students have five areas they will be assessed on, which cover the broad range of school experiences. These opportunities are academic, leadership, community, arts and house participation. Please talk to your child about what goals they are setting themselves under this program that recognises achievement across these areas.

Recently our curriculum team has been looking at extending “rollover” across all years in the College. Early rollover is seen as beneficial in providing a more structured completion to the year and many schools have adopted this model. This year we will be extending early rollover to all year levels in the school to start from November 15th. This will mean some changes to timelines for subject selection, payments etc which we will inform you of later in the year.

This term we have had a number of student groups involved in various extracurricular activities. I would like to highlight two of these which include the Environment Week at the Briars Homestead and the Defence 2020 Youth Challenge. The feedback from staff who attended and the organisations was glowing about the presentation and behaviour of our students. These positive experiences certainly enhance the school life for our students.

This year the College is undergoing a School Review to set a new Strategic Plan for 2011-2014. This is part of the regular four cycle of reviews within all schools. Part of this review seeks to gain opinion from parents/carers about future directions of the College. The College will be running a parent forum on June 1st from 5.00-6.00pm in the Community Meeting Room. This is an opportunity to look at the broad picture and is not designed to raise personal issues relating to your child. If you wish to attend please fill out the reply slip in this newsletter.

Organisational matters
If your child arrives late to school or is leaving early please supply a note with 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 whilst 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 earlier. Due to the large increase in items being purchased at the uniform shop some items ran out, but these are now 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 ahead. The College will not accept students wearing other tops and 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

School Review– Parent Forum June 1st, 5–6pm

Yes I wish to attend the Parent Forum for the School Review 2010.
I understand this is not the forum to raise personal issues, but to discuss the future direction of the College.

Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Student Name………………………………………………….. Form…………….
From The Assistant Principals

Last week Mrs Geritz and I accompanied 15 students to Peninsula Health Community Health, next to the college, where we met with our Student Action Group. PHCH kindly allowed us to use one of their rooms in their new ‘State of the Art’ facility.

Last year over 60 students participated in 2 student forums at WPSC. At these forums we looked at the results of our Student Opinion Survey. Each year students in every school in Victoria complete this survey and we receive the results later in the year. Traditionally this survey has been something that staff and Leadership discuss and the results inform our actions and priorities for the coming year. We feel that it is important that students have access to the results of the survey and have a say in school actions and priorities. Students at the forums in 2009 analysed the results of the survey and looked at the questions
What is happening?
Where is it happening?
What can we do about it?

A representative group of students then reported their findings back to staff at a staff meeting at the end of the year.

The Student Action Group has evolved from the Forums held last year and have volunteered to work with Mrs Geritz and I to develop a priority list of actions, identify who is responsible for rolling out the actions and to make sure that they happen. I would like to thank the following students for giving up their time and for their preparedness to commit to this student leadership group.

Gemma Thomas  Liam O’Connor  Mitchell Bell
Bianca Booker  Dylan Parlberg  Molly Fergus
Nathan Croft  Jackson Cox  Chantelle Hand
Casey McConnell  Renee Povey  Kymberley Guertner
Hannah Herbert  Tarsha Johnston  Katrina Neary

Many students and parents may not be aware that in July of 2009 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to the following change for all state education departments;
A mandatory requirement for all young people to participate in schooling until they successfully complete Year 10 or an approved equivalent. In order to achieve this the Victorian Government from the 1st of January 2010 increased the compulsory school age from 16 to 17 years old, hence a student must now be 17 and have completed Year 10 (or equivalent) before they leave school, however the main aim of the Victorian Government in relation to schooling is: By 2010, 90 per cent of young people in Victoria will successfully complete Year 12 or its educational equivalent.

The reason our Governments are placing so much emphasis on school and education is quite simple; there is significant research that demonstrates that young people without qualifications or experience will generally have lower career prospects in the long term, and earn less over the course of their careers. To put that in other words – the higher the schooling and qualification of a young person the increased likelihood of long term stable employment in a meaningful career.

With these changes the government is also adopting some more flexible approaches to education in schools. This includes more opportunity for Vocational Education and Training (VET), Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) opportunities, School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships (SBAT’s) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) an equivalent alternative to the VCE. Students need to start thinking now about which pathway will best suit them before the course counselling process gets underway early next term.

Hannah Lewis
Assistant Principal

Michael Devine
Assistant Principal
SPORT

SENIOR SOCCER
An interschool round robin was played at Dallas Brooks Oval in Mornington against all local secondary schools. Our team worked hard all day and although we didn’t come away with a win, the team showed fantastic team spirit and sportsmanship. A great day was had by all.

SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL
The girls played football at Emil Madsen Reserve on Tuesday March 27th. It was a horrible cold and wet day. The girls braved the conditions and fought hard, tackled with zest and ended up with some good bruises, unfortunately we could not manage a win, but had a close game with Mornington. Their sportsmanship was outstanding. Thanks to all the helpers.

L.O.T.E
A letter went home recently regarding hosting an exchange student during the week 20th through till 29th July. If you would like to assist by hosting a student please contact Bu Thuy or the school as soon as possible. This is such a great opportunity for students to learn about another culture and for the visiting students to feel part of an Australian family.
Middle Years

Defence 2020 Youth Challenge
On Tuesday May 4th a group of students took part in the “Defence 2020 Challenge”. This was a day packed with interactive activities, challenging our thinking and designed to have students “think” about how our defence system works. A fantastic day was had by all.

Term 1 Super Star Awards
Congratulations to the following students who scored the most votes throughout term 1. Students were judged on their attendance, attitude, uniform and effort.

Year 7: Molly Palser, Jenna Cook, Luke Reardon, Georgia Cox, Zoe Shepard and Caitlyn Donnelly Tanner, Tyson Densley

Year 8: Emily Barnard-Cutriss, Dayna Carey, Zane Cargill, Nick Salerno

Year 9: Mitchell Bell, Jaryd Wetzel, Thomas McVey, Bryn Parkinson and Geraldine Harre.
Year 10 Panel Mock Job Interviews

During Pathways classes students prepared for an advertised position by writing an application letter, resume and preparing their OH&S certificates for work experience. On Wednesday, 5th May and Friday 7th May, 28 local business guests spent the morning with our year 10 students conducting lengthy panel mock job interviews. The success of the program is attributed to the business volunteers for giving up their valuable time to support our students and also the work behind the scenes by the Pathway teachers.

Year 11 Girls Focus Day

On Wednesday 11th May, Year 11 girls participated in a Girls Careers Focus Day. We had 2 guest speakers from SKM and they spoke about the path they took to get their chosen career, and what it’s like to work in male dominant jobs. After they spoke we had a short break, then split into 2 groups. While one group was doing a yoga session the other was learning how to apply make-up for a job interview. We then had morning tea followed by a session looking at possible tertiary courses we could do based on our VCE subjects. After lunch we had a women’s health session. Overall it was an enjoyable day. We would like to thank all our guests and Ms Tsousis for organising the day.

Lilly Bloor and Brianna Colautti
**Senior School**

**Point Nepean National Park**
Our small group of dedicated Year 12 Geography students together with Ms Hemmings and Ms Smith spent the day at Point Nepean National Park on the 30th of April, studying Park management and having an excellent day out. Ms Smith was definitely enjoying the ride on the Transporter! We travelled to the Quarantine Station and listened to a fantastic talk on the Park by one of the Rangers and then continued on to get off at Fort Nepean to look at the tunnels and gun emplacements. The students were able to gather a lot of information for their presentation on how Pt Nepean National Park is managed as a tourist attraction.

**Monash High Achievers Breakfast**
Western Port Secondary students Matt Johnson, Ricky Webster, William Lucas, Ben Herbert & Maddy O’Loughlin were chosen to participate in a breakfast at Monash Frankston Campus for High Achieving Students. Guest speakers delivered ideas about “Inspirational & Passionate High performance” – Elevate Education” a guide to success. The morning was attended by many schools from the region and a great morning was had by all.
Active Learning – Indigenous Habitat Project

9AL is creating an indigenous habitat. We are working on developing the frog pond in our Outdoor Classroom. Our Outdoor Classroom Habitat Area has a theme. It is going to represent a place of peace, joy, welcome and somewhere students can chill and relax. 9AL has divided itself into 5 groups:

- Construction
- Animals
- Vegetation/plants
- Sculpture features
- Publicity/excursions

The vegetation/plant group are researching plants that are indigenous to this area. The construction group are making an outdoor table and chairs. They are making it out of recycled timber. The animals group are researching indigenous wildlife and looking at plants that will provide food and shelter for them. The sculpture group is designing a sculpture that they will make to fit in with the natural habitat and environment. The publicity/excursion group are organising trips to Warringine Park and The Moonlight Sanctuary and speakers such as a local ranger that will give us extra information to help us with our project. They are also publishing articles about our Outdoor Classroom and frog bog area.

Brooke Thomas & Jared Gilbert

Your Child not enjoying school?
If they are in years 7-9,
Encourage them to come along to

CONNECT

Every Monday
3:15pm - 4:30pm in room 6
See/call Mr Quinn or Matt Bodley
at the school for more details!
Over the past few weeks the Library has been receiving a much needed facelift…
The 20 year old (burnt orange) carpet has been replaced and the old front desk has been removed and in its place is a contemporary and highly functional new workspace, which looks fabulous. The new space has a fresh and vibrant feel and is a dramatic change from the dull and outdated circa 1970’s styling’s. Staff, students and visitors have been full of praise for the makeover. This could not have been achieved without the above and beyond efforts of Joanne Thompson, Anne Hurford and Raema Edgington who should be congratulated on a job well done.

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Certificate III in Business Administration
Certificate III in Business Administration (Medical)
Certificate IV in Business Administration
Diploma of Business Administration
Certificate III in Financial Services (Accounts Clerical)

Delivery options range from full time and part time classes as well as flexible classes (day and Wednesday evenings). Please consult enrolment officers regarding Recognition of Prior Learning.

An information/enrolment session will be held on:

Melbourne Playback Theatre Company

Your Stories—Performance
26 June, 8pm $25/15
Actors take their inspiration from the stories of audience members spoken on the night and turn them into theatre pieces.

Improvising Story & Playback Theatre—Workshop
5-8 July 1-4pm & 9 July 3-6pm $150 (5x3 hours)
Participants will develop their improvisation and performance skills by exploring story and playback theatre with professional performers. Suitable for 15 years +, all levels of experience.

Cube 37, Frankston Arts Centre, Frankston.
Box Office: 03 9784 1060
Parents & Friends Association

Just a reminder to everyone about the Parents & Friends Association. We will next be meeting on June 21st in the Community Meeting Room. All very welcome to come along. Have some input into decisions and planning at Western Port Secondary. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to help your students in a positive and enjoyable way. All meeting dates are published on the last page of the newsletter.

Bus Travel

Just another reminder to parents that bus travel is not permitted for students who are not registered travellers. Due to the emergency management plan at Western Port it is imperative we know who is travelling at all times. If for some reason your student needs a bus pass they MUST present at the office a signed letter with the reason, date and a current contact phone number for home at LEAST the day prior to travel. We have to notify the bus company and ensure there is sufficient room and notice before allowing them to travel. Please don’t consider a note an automatic assumption of travel.

If you have any concerns re bus travel, please contact Sharon on 5979 1577.

Electronic Newsletter

In line with Western Ports environmental focus, we would again like to give families the opportunity to have the newsletter sent to them electronically. This saves paper and postage costs, and allows you to view at your leisure in full glorious colour via your computer. Please return the slip below if you are interested.

Student Name ____________________________________________________________ Form ________________________________

Family Name ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address  __________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Phone Number __________________________________________________________________________________
Secondary School Competition:

60 Seconds
One Tough Audience
Millions of Litres to Save

As we know, and take great pride in, Australia is a multicultural country, and in the South East Water region we have a very multicultural community. This year we have chosen the multicultural niche of our community as our "tough audience" to communicate how we can save "millions of litres" in a 60 second ad.

We are asking for the creative help of your students. We want you and your students to think about how we could best communicate to South East Melbourne’s multicultural communities and create a TV ad using these ideas. This may include communicating in a visual way that doesn’t rely on English language skills; it might focus on a particular local culture; or possibly you could record the ad in another language with English subtitles, it’s up to you.

As teachers we are looking to you in spreading the word and inspire young passionate secondary students to develop a 60 second TV ad. This is a project that can easily be incorporated into Media, Geography, IT, English, Drama, Civics and Citizenship, Languages other than English and English as a Second Language.

Can you help us save millions of litres in 60 seconds?

Who can enter?
- The competition is open to all secondary schools in the South East Water service region
- Each school can submit as many entries as they like.

Prizes
All participants will be invited to a presentation at Federation Square where all entries will be shown on the big screen. Winners and runners up will be screened at Federation Square throughout National Water Week and become a feature on the South East Water website.

In addition, the winning school will receive a prize pack for the school, students and coordinating teacher up to the value of $1000, while the runners up will receive a prize pack to the value of $500.

How to participate
To register your interest and receive more information (including guidelines, terms and conditions and teaching resources), please email the below details to education@seew.com.au:
- Your name
- Your school name, postal address and phone number
- Which competition you would like to enter (Please place “60 Seconds One Tough Audience” in the email subject line)

Entries for both competitions must be received by 2pm on September 17, 2010.

For further information about our National Water Week competitions, please contact Karen Boron on 9552 3046 or email education@seew.com.au

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

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**FREE SWINE FLU VACCINATIONS**

Mornington Peninsula Shire in association with the Department of Health is offering free Swine Flu vaccinations to all members of the public to promote immunity against Swine Flu this winter.

**SESSIONS TIMES**

**MORNINGTON**

09/05/10 1–2 P.M

12/05/10 1–2 P.M

26/05/10 5–7 P.M

Mornington Shire Office

1/126 Swan Street, Mornington

**SESSIONS TIMES**

**ROSSGIE**

12/05/10 5–7 P.M

25/05/10 2–3 P.M

Seabird Shire Office

99 Berrings Street, Queenscliff

**SESSIONS TIMES**

**HASTINGS**

02/05/10 5–7 P.M

14/05/10 1.30–2.30 P.M

Hastings Community Health Centre

105 High Street, Hastings

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES**

Term 2

June 15th

**Bell Times For 2010**

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Please ensure your student is here before form assembly or a note will be required to explain absence, and an SMS WILL go out.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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

**Parents & Friend’s Association**

Future meeting dates:

21st June (nibbles will be provided)
9th August
13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December

VENUE: The Community Meeting Room (next to the music room in the small car park).

TIME: 5:00pm start.