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**Principal’s News**

**NCD Swimming Sports**
Congratulations to our interschool swimming team who performed well at the North Central Swimming Carnival at St Arnaud last Tuesday. The day produced some fantastic weather and some very strong competition. Our 15 students were always within the mix with their races, with several second and third places being awarded. Unfortunately the bus was not able to make it in time for several events which has us reassessing the departure time for such days. This will mean that we will not be able to link up with regular buses in the future and students will need to depart from the school at an earlier time.

**P-6 Swimming Program**
This week our Prep-4 swimming program comes to an end and it is terrific to see the improvement in the swimming and survival skills of our students. The Year 5-6 swimming program will continue in the regular PE time (Thursday afternoon) whilst weather permits.

The Prep-6 program could not happen without the willingness of parents to assist our teachers and students. So a very big thank you to all who have helped out with this program.

**School Photos**
Today we had Academy Photos come for the annual school photo shoot. It was pleasing to see almost all students in full school uniform and looking very smart. Can all parents please ensure that their students are wearing the correct footwear as we have noticed an increase in secondary students wearing runners or canvas shoes. These are not suitable for school, in particular the practical classes.

**School Assembly**
Our term one assembly and induction of student leaders will be held on March 4th at 1:30pm in the BER Building. We are pleased that Dr. Sharman Stone MP, Federal Member for Murray will be in attendance for this presentation.

We would love to see as many parents and friends of the college come along to this assembly as it is a time to celebrate with us the achievements of our talented students.

*Fiona Moon*
*Principal*

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**Funds available for Parents**

**Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund**
for parents who hold a Health Care Card or Concession Card (current as at 27/1/2016.)

- The annual CSEF per student: **$125 for primary students**
- **$225 for secondary students**

Application forms available from the office.
Funds are held at the school and can only be used for Camps/Excursions.

**Drought Assistance Payment**
Available for every student in the school - **NO Health Care Card** required. **$375 per student** - to be used for any expenses for students, eg uniform, Home Eco (take the stress out of finding that elusive change each week and pay per term or for the whole year), also can be used for camps, excursions, music etc.

Don’t miss out, please complete an application form (available from the Office) and return it to school.
**Students of the Week**

**Alina** - for adding extra detail to her sentences to make them more interesting.

**Olivia** - for her kindness and help with Prep children in the playground.

**Lilly** - for a positive attitude to her work and being helpful.

**Harmony** - for her excellent attitude to her writing and reading

**Jamieson** - for an excellent effort presenting his first assembly at Pyramid Hill College.

**Swimming Program**

Year 1-6 students will be swimming tomorrow, when the weather forecast is for a cooler temperature. On Thursday, 25th Year P-6 students will be going to the Pool at 1.10 for a picnic lunch (students need to bring their own lunch), followed by a fun afternoon in the pool.

All parents and our Swimming Pool helpers are welcome to come and join in the fun. Students will be travelling by bus to and from the Pool. If you are picking up your child from the Pool, please send a note or write one in the student’s diary.

**Coming Excursions/Camp**

“Matilda” the stage show for P-10 students - Wednesday, 31st August.

Thursday, 13th October - P/1 Melbourne Aquarium Exc.

16-18 November - Beach Camp to Melbourne & Queenscliff - Years 2-6 students.

**Uniform**

A reminder that hats are to be worn this term and that shoes should be black leather. Canvas shoes are not safe and students will be unable to take part in Technology, Agriculture, Foods or Arts subjects if the incorrect footwear is worn. It was very disturbing to see a large number of Year 7&8 students in the incorrect shoes on Monday. If this persists students will not be cooking, doing tech or art.

**Tasmania Trip Letter sent Home**

Remember that $200 is due at the office by March 1st (next Tuesday). A letter has been sent home last week as this instalment is due for the Tasmania Trip being held the last week of term 3 (12-16 Sept). As there is a waiting list it is important that this payment is made by Tuesday 1st of March otherwise positions on the camp may be forfeited. If you wish to use the Drought or CSEF money, please let June know.

**Managed Individual Pathways**

Our new MIPS coordinator Sue Clay has had her first meeting with Year10 students on 19th Feb. We look forward to future visits and I am sure Sue will be great at guiding and asking questions of our students.

**Berwick Visit**

Year 9 & 10 students will host 20 visitors from Berwick Secondary College next Monday night and Tuesday. The visit will commence with games and challenges at the pool after school on Monday followed by a BBQ tea, then later Movie back at school where Berwick will be staying for the night. Tuesday will be a day of Community service with all Year 9&10 students and Berwick students undertaking jobs with the Mitchell Park Committee, The Museum, Neighbourhood House, Lions Club and the Op Shop. Hopefully we can all make a difference in some way.

**Harmony Day**

This year all Years7-10 students will be taking part in the Bendigo Festival of Cultures Harmony Day on March the 18th. The day will involve a visit to the Bendigo Art Gallery as well as dancing and singing performances on stage in the city centre. More information will be distributed closer to the event.

**Street Arts Trip**

The Loddon Shire are again sponsoring 6 of our Year 9/10 students to attend a three day Arts immersion in Melbourne, where the students will work with practicing artists, study the laneway arts of Melbourne, view the Top Arts Exhibition of Year 12 work, attend Galleries and undertake their own arts projects. The trip will be combined with Boort, Wedderburn and East Loddon Schools and should be a great experience for those involved. Selection of students will take place before the end of this term. Students will be required to display their commitment to the arts in an interview.

**Year P-6 News**

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**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**

**8.30 in the BER**

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