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The Senior School has made a magnificent start!

As I say each year the holidays become a distant memory quickly and all staff and students are working very hard and collaboratively.

We are seeing very positive signs that the Year 12 students are keen and motivated to follow in the footsteps of the talented 2015 year group, who are all now preparing for their next stage of life with their university studies about to start in 2 weeks. The VCE information night on Thursday 4 February was very well attended and we estimated there were nearly 250 parents and students present. If you could not make it, within the next few days it will be uploaded to the Senior School page on Connect. I thank John Morrell for organising this.

On Friday 5 February, we held our Annual Academic Honours and Leadership Assembly. Below is the list of all the recipients.

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The Senior School Athletics and Swimming are being held on the next 2 Thursdays from 1-5pm and on Friday 19 February we commence our Parent/Student interviews for 2016 with the Pastoral Care interviews. All families can spend some time with the chief pastoral carers of their sons and daughters. We feel this is very important, certainly at the start of a new year, to establish firm relationships.

The 2016 Head of the Lake is just under 3 weeks now and will be held on Friday 26 February from 12-3pm. More details will follow and it is important to note that the event is being held in School time this year.

David Parker & Laura Brady
Co-Heads of Senior School

Return to menu
It has been a terrific start to the Year in 9/10. From day one, students have been actively learning in classes and there has been a very positive atmosphere around the school grounds.

Last Thursday, a 5-10 curriculum information evening was held that provided an opportunity for parents to find out more about what is taught in each subject area and gave a chance for parents to ask specific questions of our curriculum leaders. The evening was well attended and hopefully proved useful. In their presentations to parents, the curriculum leaders touched a number of ways that parents could help their children with their learning. Whilst some of these strategies were specific to subjects, many had similar themes. Reading texts and documents that your child is studying, asking specific questions about their work to probe their thinking and make meaningful connections, and providing encouragement when they come across hurdles in their work. It was stressed that parents don’t need to know the answers or be the experts, but by taking the time to listen and ask thoughtful questions, parents will be able to provide a climate at home that can greatly assist learning.

During the last week of Term 1, all year 10 students will go to Melbourne for their Melbourne Experience. The Year 10 Melbourne Experience seeks to build on the skills, competencies and capacities that students began developing throughout their time on King Island; however, the setting becomes urban rather than rural. Students will be encouraged to think about broad community issues and possible future career pathways. The Melbourne Experience is an opportunity for students to work productively and effectively as a member of a team, to develop the confidence to travel independently, to feel secure in their behavioural choices in a populated situation and to develop an understanding of our closest major city.

Students have been asked to begin preparing for the Melbourne Experience by planning where they will stay in Melbourne and how they will travel to and from the daily meeting points. All students will be required to have a mobile phone. A meeting for parents outlining the rationale and logistics of the Melbourne Experience was held on Tuesday night and information from that session will be available on connect@clarendon in the 9/10 School section.

All students in Years 9/10 had their first Health and Wellbeing session last Friday. In this session they were challenged by the 9/10 Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Mr Jason Hutchins, to focus on developing three important areas: character, decision making and reflection. Character focusses on the type of person our students wish to be; decision making focuses on choices that allow them to move toward the person they wish to become; and reflection encourages students to consider how effective choices have been and how they might need to change in the future. Development across these domains will be the driving force for the Health and Wellbeing program this year.

The Athletics and Swimming Carnivals will be held over the coming weeks and these provide an excellent opportunity for all students to involve themselves in the House competition. It is important to remember that the purpose of these events is to provide challenges and learning opportunities for students in a context outside of the classroom. We encourage all students to do their best and to provide support for their peers, encouraging them also to strive for their best. These events should be an opportunity where we can celebrate individual achievement and effort regardless of what position a person crosses the finish line.

Jen Bourke & David Struth
Co-Heads of 9/10
The First Two Weeks

The first two weeks of the year have been a busy and exciting time for the whole school community. BCC has worked hard in recent years to create an efficient and effective starting point for each academic year and 2016 has seen students move quickly into the day-to-day routines of classroom and co-curricular activities.

In the Middle School, where we were joined by 140 new students, students have managed the challenges well. It is timely to reflect on what constitutes a good start at this time, and to provide some timely reminders to parents as to how they can best support their children in their school lives.

A sense of social connectedness is very important to Middle Schoolers. Stability of friendships is something that most people seek and starting at a new school or even a new year level with an influx of new people can provide challenges to students trying to establish themselves. Middle School is also a time where individual students will start to develop their own interests outside of school and friendship groups may change as a reflection of this.

These changes are usually worked through with a minimum of fuss as we move toward the end of first term. It can, however, be traumatic for students who feel that change has occurred in a way that was outside of their control or was not what they desired. This is where the role of parents comes in. Essentially, happiness in life is strongly correlated with our ability to manage the changes that are inevitable as we progress through the various transitions that it encompasses. How we as parents support our children in managing disappointment, change and social situations not playing out exactly how we wanted is incredibly important.

The first interaction that parents have with their children at the end of the day has the ability to frame how the day is perceived. If the conversation focuses on the negatives that are perceived to have occurred and this moves quickly into what we can do to help rectify the ‘problem’, we are not really helping our kids develop either their resilience or their ability to reflect with clarity on what is actually going on in their lives. If parents can take a breath when their child first gets into the car at night and are told the story of what has gone wrong during the day, then direct the conversation into a positive and collaborative appraisal of what happened, it would allow their child to work through what was going on and it would hopefully make for a more positive evening. If we can encourage our kids to see changing friendship groups as a chance to develop a new set of relationships, we give them strategies to lift their capacity and resilience. It is worth keeping in mind that what we say to our children and how we encourage them to deal with their challenges has an impact that goes far beyond what has happened on one particular day.

Shaune Moloney & Reid Smith
Co-Heads of Middle School
Welcome back to all students and parents for what is set to be another exciting year of Sport at BCC. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all new students and parents to College and encourage you to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Sport and Physical Activity program for 2016. The Term 1 Sport calendar is extremely busy commencing this week, with the annual Sports Carnivals.

**Sports Carnivals**
**MS Swimming (Yr 5-8)**
Thursday 11 February, Eureka Pool. First event will commence at 1.30pm. A reminder that all students will be bussed to the venue, parents are required to pick students up from the pool after the carnival at 5pm. A timetable of the events will available on Connect on Wednesday afternoon.

**SS Athletics (Years 9-12)**
Thursday 11 February, Sturt Street. First event will commence 1.15pm. A reminder that parents are required to pick students up from Sturt Street after the carnival at 5pm. A timetable of events will be available on Connect on Wednesday afternoon.

**Upcoming Events**
**MS Athletics (Yr 5-8)**
Thursday 18 February, Sturt Street. First event will commence at 1.15pm and conclude at 5pm.

**SS Swimming (Years 9-12)**
Thursday 18 February, Eureka Pool. First event will commence at 1.30pm and conclude at 5pm.

**BAS Swimming**
Thursday 3 March

**BAS Singles Tennis**
Monday 7 March
Thursday 10 March

**Term 1 Sport and Physical Activities**
All Term 1 BAS Sport and Physical Activities commence this week (Week 3). Please refer to the weekly Sport Travel Details on Connect for additional information.

**BAS Results**
All BAS Sport results/fixtures/ladders/rules etc. can be located on the BAS Website: [http://bas.vic.edu.au/](http://bas.vic.edu.au/)

**Sport Page on Connect@Clarendon**
All other relevant notices will also be posted on Connect. Week 3 Travel Details are now available on Connect and the Clarendon Phone App.

**Contact Details**
If you have any questions regarding the Sport & Physical Activity program at BCC, please contact me via email [macdonalde@clarendon.vic.edu.au](mailto:macdonalde@clarendon.vic.edu.au) or on 5330 8157.

Leah Macdonald
Head of Sport
Dance

Students selected for Australian Ballet School extension program 2016
A number of our very talented students have been chosen to participate in the Australian Ballet School extension program this year. This is a recent initiative by the school to allow students to have access to the same quality instruction as the full-time students. Pippa Sutherland (Year 9), Chelsea Stewart (Year 9), Ruby Moore (Year 10) and Sophie Grima (Year 10) will travel to Melbourne on a Wednesday evening and complete classical and contemporary classes.

Summer School training
Many of our students enjoyed continuing their training over the summer break by participating in summer programs in Ballarat, Melbourne and interstate at institutions such as Queensland Ballet, Schimm, The Australian Ballet School and many others. These programs allow our elite dancers to train with different professional dancers and teachers as well as train with other elite dancers from around the country. It has been wonderful to hear about the experiences from the students who attended these programs.

Prue Bell in Melbourne Season of Fiddler on the Roof.
It is with great excitement that we share that old Collegian Prue Bell (class of 2009) is performing in the Melbourne Season of Fiddler on the Roof. Prue completed her degree in Musical Theatre and it is a wonderful achievement to be selected for such a high profile show.

Aerobics and Dance Troupes.
Aerobics training has begun with teams chosen and preparations well under way for the regional qualifiers coming up. We have 63 students participating this year in a variety of sections and it is wonderful to see so many students having a go and improving their fitness at the same time. Dance troupe begins this week with Year 5-8 students at 12.50-1.25pm and Year 9-12 students from 1.25-2.00pm.

Drama

2016 Year 10-12 Play – We’ll be right back after this Murder
Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 March, Coltman Theatre

Tickets can be purchased from http://www.trybooking.com/179180

Please click here for further details

Music

It’s been great to have the PAC humming again with students over the last couple of weeks. This term is very busy for the PAC, so we’ve been straight to work.

Auditions
Senior Chamber auditions will continue in weeks 2 and 3. These auditions are open to senior classical musicians. Information about rehearsals will be given to the successful applicants and will start in Week 4. Please book an audition time with Helen.

Glee!
We are very excited to announce the introduction of Glee Club for students in Years 5-6. The aim of Glee Club is to provide a platform for an interested student in a positive environment allowing them to develop their confidence, self-esteem and skills in front of an appreciative audience. Not only will they have the opportunity to sing, but will also be given choreography and costumes to make them shine on stage. Rehearsals are 1-2pm Mondays in the PAC.

Company
The Senior School musical has begun rehearsing this wonderful Stephen Sondheim production. The piece is quite beautifully written and it has been such a rewarding experience exploring the details with the cast. The rehearsal schedule has been sent out and the students are required as listed.
PA Social Afternoon
Friends of Performing Arts would like to invite you to our Performing Arts Social Afternoon to kick off the performing arts year. Come with a picnic lunch 12-3.30pm on the PAC lawn Sunday 21 February to hear many of the ensembles and more. Information to performers will be sent out on the app.

Please click here for further details

Staff Concert
You are invited to the staff concert to be held Wednesday 23 March from 7pm at Suttons House of Music. All ages are welcome and it promises to be an entertaining night!

Please click here for further details

FOPA Ball
Put the date in your diary for the annual PA Ball on Saturday 16 April at the Ballarat Golf Club. You will raise funds to benefit the PA students as well as be entertained by the Barry Currie Stage Band, Feet and senior students. It’s a great night to dress up and dance the night away.

Ensemble rehearsals
Ensemble rehearsals have commenced. Students are reminded to check the PA notice board for member names for each ensemble.

Performances
Many of our senior students performed at the "Stars on the Lake" event in December, supporting equality and safety for women and children.

FEET performed at the Grow Master Nursery Christmas Shopping Nights late last year for the fifth time.

Lachie Mansell performed regularly around Ballarat over the summer.

Ashlen Plumridge and Rebecca Clarke (pictured right) played as parents and guests arrived at the Academic Honours and Leadership Assembly last week.

Some of our students attended various camps and performances around the state over the summer.

If you have performed somewhere, we’d like to hear about it!

Sarah Barlow
Head of Music

Carroll Byrne
Head of Drama

Lauren Young
Head of Dance

Return to menu
Welcome back. It is hard to believe that we have well and truly started yet another school year. I trust everyone in our school community had a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday.

**Welcome Morning Tea**
Our welcome morning tea on Thursday 28 January was a resounding success. Each year the number of people who take the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones increases and there certainly was an air of excited anticipation for the year to come. It was great to see so many of our committee members present welcoming new families to the school and I spoke with a number of people who expressed interest in becoming involved in the P&F activities.

**Parents and Friends AGM**
Our AGM will held on Tuesday 1 March, Macfarland Hall at 7pm, followed by a general meeting. We invite any interested members of the school community to come and join us.

Anyone interested in nominating for President, Vice-President or Treasurer can contact our secretary Merrewyn Chapman via email [coinbil25@bigpond.com](mailto:coinbil25@bigpond.com).

We ask that nominations please be forwarded by Friday 26 February.

**Jenni White**
President Parents & Friends

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FoPA

Friends of Performing Arts Ball

Save the Date for the Friends of Performing Arts Ball - Saturday 16 April at the Ballarat Golf Club. Please note the earlier date this year.

Further details and ticketing information will be sent out SOON!

Judi Eppingstall
President Friends of Performing Arts

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1920 club

This year, the catering for the Head of the Lake, held on Friday 26 February, will be undertaken by the 1920 Club. This will be a huge fundraiser for the Club and we are looking for assistance in serving food or in the merchandising tent. Please contact me if you can assist in this fundraising event.

Last weekend, the Wendouree Ballarat Regatta was held with our crews performing very well in the lead-up to the Head of the Lake.

Saturday 13 February sees the girls and boys crews split. The boys’ crews will be again rowing on Lake Wendouree in the Ballarat Boys Regatta and the girls’ crews heading down to row on the Barwon River at Geelong.

I hope you can attend either regatta.

Tom Dowling
1920 Club
Ballarat Clarendon College has an onsite uniform shop run by Dobsons. A percentage of every purchase is returned to the School.

Location and contact details
The Uniform Shop is located at 16 Ajax Street, Ballarat. The Uniform Shop is located next to the Health Centre. A map of our new location can be found on the Clarendon App.

Telephone: (03) 5330 8305 Email: bac@dobsons.com.au

Normal Trading Hours (during School Term)
Tuesdays 1.00pm – 4.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30am – 11.30am
Fridays 1.00pm – 4.30pm

Do you need an appointment outside of our Trading Hours? We also offer individual fitting appointments. Please contact Leanne on (03) 5330 8305 during Trading Hours or via email bac@dobsons.com.au to arrange a suitable time.

PE Uniform – Caps, Socks and House Polos
In stock – caps, plain white sport socks and a small range of House Polos.

Winter Uniform
Currently available – a full size range of kilts, tunics, blouses, trousers and shirts.

School Bags
In stock – backpacks and trolley bags.

Payment Facilities
EFT and Credit Card facilities are available. You can also apply, in store or online, for a Dobsons Account. Credit Card Authority forms are available at the Uniform Shop. Cheques are not accepted.

JSPG, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club Merchandise
We have various items for cash sale on behalf of the Junior School Parents Group, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club. The items available include Organisational Bags, Knitted Beanies, Parents & Friends Caps, Rowing Caps, Rowing Badges and Rowing Polar Fleece Vests.

Buying or Selling Second-hand Items
Dobsons also sell, in-store, a range of second-hand uniforms on behalf of parents. A donation will be given to the Parents and Friends for each sale of second-hand uniforms. Please contact us to discuss. For online buying or selling, please visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au
2017 Scholarships

Academic, Visual and Performing Arts testing and auditions will be held on Saturday 20 February 2016.

Applications close Sunday 14 February.

Details online at www.clarendon.vic.edu.au

Denis Moneghetti
Registrar

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German Exchange Host Families Required

We have our German exchange students arriving as part of our German Exchange Program at the start of March and we are looking for 4 more hosts for male students, preferably from Years 9-12, as the students coming are currently in Year 10 in Germany.

You would be expected to host them as a member of your own family and they will attend school during their time here.

The students will be with us from Sunday 6 March until Thursday 31 March.

For any further details or to register your interest, please contact Jen Tischler on (03) 5330 8200 or at tischler@clarendon.vic.edu.au

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Important Information for Parents from Public Transport Victoria

Public Transport Victoria has recently issued important updates for parents regarding travel. Please download the attached document for the full details. Below is a brief summary of announcements (please note it is not an exhaustive list and parents are encourage to review the attached document).

Proof of Concession Entitlement:
Students aged 17 years and over or those requiring a Student Pass (regardless of age) are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession. School issued student identification card are not accepted.

2016 Victorian Student Pass:
2016 Victorian Student Pass provides travel for student on all Metro trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services.

How to apply for 2016 VPTY Student Concession Card &/or a Student Pass:
Please see the attached document for details.

2016 Regional Transit Student Passes:
2016 Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in Geelong, Ballarat & Bendigo but limited V/Line rail services.

How to purchase a Half Yearly ($285) or Yearly ($546) Victorian Student Pass:
Please see the attached document for details.

Register your child’s myki card:
It is optional to register a myki card but by doing so you can;
  • Protect the balance on the myki card if lost or stolen
  • Option to manage myki with online account
  • Option of auto top up for ‘set & forget’ convenience

Additional Information:
For information regarding specific student travel arrangements, please visit:
http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/concessions/students/

For information regarding non-myki Regional Transit Student passes, please visit:

Please click here for further information

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