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College news

Year 7 Bonding Days



Last week our Year 7's participated in very successful Bonding Days. Mrs Scott and Mr Bennett's Year 11 VCAL Personal Development classes organised the days and ran the land and water based bonding activities. Thanks to the VCAL students for running a fantastic program and to the staff who assisted with supervision. The Year 7 students participated enthusiastically and had a fantastic time.



Principal Team: Inta Blake, Andrew Sartori and Julie Robertson

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Learning Management System

By now all parents should have received information and log on details about the College Learning Management System (LMS) – Daymap. This system allows parents to go online to look at their child's attendance and the feedback from teachers on their assessment tasks. Parents can also check on current and outstanding work requirements. We encourage all parents to go online and look at our LMS.

Parent teacher Interviews

As all of our students' assessment tasks are being reported online, there will no longer be written interim reports issued. We encourage all parents to review the assessment tasks on Daymap with their child, and discuss their achievement and effort. At parent teacher interviews on Tuesday 19 April, parents will then be able to discuss their student's progress with teachers. I would like to see all parents attend these interviews.

On this day, there will be an altered program at the College. Staff will participate in Professional Development in the morning, then parent teacher interviews will take place from 1pm till 7pm. Students will only be required at school during their interview times. Parents are able to make appointments for interviews via our Parent Portal. Instructions for accessing the portal and the event code were included in the March 3 mail out.

Strategic Plan and Annual Improvement Plan

College staff have been working on our four year 'Strategic Directions' over the past six months. This has been completed along with our Annual Implementation Plan. Both of these documents have been endorsed by the Department of Education and are available on our website.

Julie Robertson - Principal

'Link Up Program' - Ambulance Victoria Visit



On Wednesday the 24th and Thursday the 25th of February, Ambulance Victoria visited Swan Hill College to deliver their community program, 'Link Up'. This program provided students with a 50-minute session focusing on high risk scenarios relevant to their age groups and emergency processes which are ideal if they were to unfortunately experience

something similar. Students developed CPR skills and became familiar with a defibrillator and its purpose. We had brilliant feedback from all students who completed the program, a program which was very beneficial to those within our school and broader community.

The facilitator also spoke about 'Emergency +' which is a free national app developed to help people call the right number when needed, anywhere in Australia. The app uses a mobile phone's GPS functionality so callers can provide emergency call-takers with their location information as determined by their smart phone. 'Emergency+' also includes SES and Police Assistance Line numbers as options, so non-emergency calls are made to the most appropriate number.



Miss Kennedy

Swan Hill College Calendar 2016

March 14	Labour Day holiday
March 15	Year 9 Alpine interviews Year 7-10 Motivational Media
March 15-17	Year 11 VCAL camp to Rowsley
March 16	House athletics
March 17	Junior school assemblies Period 2 - Year 7 Period 3 - Year 8 LMR swimming sports Year 9 Alpine interviews
March 17-18	First Aid - VET Community Services
March 19	Year 9 end of term assemblies Period 4
March 21	Harmony Day (Year 7's involved) P1-4 VCE Drama Top class excursion to Melbourne Construction Induction Card – FLO
March 23	Matilda the Musical Years 8-12 Clontarf Football Carnival in Swan Hill
March 23-24	First Aid – PreCal
March 24	Senior School Assemblies Period 1- Year 10, Period 2 Year 11, Period 3 Year 12 Term 1 ends 2.16pm

CSEF – Camp and Sport Fund

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Cards are to be current as of 27 January 2016 or 11 April 2016. The allowance of \$225 will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

There is no age limit for the students on these applications. Contact the school office to obtain an application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Please apply at the College ASAP to receive your payments as early as possible.

Host families needed

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (a registered not for profit organisation) is seeking volunteer host families to host French exchange students from France arriving in mid May 2016 for a stay of one term.

If you would like further information please call 1800 500 501 or scceaust@scce.com.au