

Geelong Baptist College Newsletter No. 3 Thursday 25th February 2010
Principal: Trudy Knol

Principal's Patch

I would like to thank all those parents who, over the last few weeks, have taken the time to chat with various teachers and College staff and have given positive and encouraging feedback. We greatly appreciate this support. A further note of appreciation extends to all those families who attended the "Meet the Teacher Evening" or the "GBC Community Barbecue". Both evenings were a great success where parents and teachers enjoyed the opportunity to socialise together.

GBC BBQ!!

The vast array of foods that were brought by families on this evening was amazing. Calories were generally forgotten as people focussed on socialising and having a wonderful time together. Some families had barbecued sausages, kebabs and hamburgers, some brought home made picnics whilst others shared KFC, McDonalds, Pizza, Fish and Chips, Subway, etc etc. It was a lovely atmosphere.



Celebrating some “new stuff”

A few days ago, a student came up to me and said, “I like all the new stuff we’ve got Mrs Knol.” Below you can read about some of the “new stuff” this student was talking about.

Last week, the Primary students eagerly jumped into their **new sandpit** and immediately commenced construction of castles, roads, houses and secret tunnels. This addition to the playground has already been greatly appreciated by the students and certainly provides wonderful opportunities to further extend their play activities.



We also had **two new interactive whiteboards installed**; one in the Secondary classroom area and one in the Primary classroom area.

Teachers will be trained in the usage of this technology and look forward to using these boards as a tool in their teaching. All teachers can book the rooms to utilise the boards for their specific lessons.

Bag hooks have replaced the outside lockers, making it much easier to keep the verandas clean and presentable. Many parents have commented upon this improvement.

A great transformation has also taken place in the Information Centre where **additional computers** have been installed and all the messy networking wires have been removed from the floor. With the purchase of new data projectors, a printer, whiteboards and the setting up of the portable interactive whiteboards purchased last year, this area of the College has become a new hive of activity.

This year we have been able to set aside a large classroom for our LOTE, Indonesian. Mrs Claridge has been very creative in setting up this **Indonesian Classroom** by hanging up posters and creating various displays about Indonesia. This should assist students in attaining a good understanding of the language but also a deeper knowledge about the Indonesian people and their culture. If any families have any items (eg costumes, ornaments, posters, postcards etc) from Indonesia that they would be happy to display or donate to the College that would be greatly appreciated.

Parent and Teacher Interviews

Parent and Teacher Interviews are coming up next week Thursday, March 4th. Students should have received Interview Request forms this week and parents are asked to return them promptly. Please keep this evening free as we believe these interviews are an important part of your child’s education and encourage you to attend.



Due to the fact that teachers have only had a short time with their students, we do ask that parents understand that the evening is not about teachers providing a comprehensive report. Instead these early interviews allow parents to share about their child, including their strengths and weaknesses, which may greatly assist the teacher. The main purpose of these interviews is to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss how best to support students in their learning and how to provide them with opportunities to succeed and to work to their true potential.

We do ask that parents arrive on time for their interview and keep to the given time slots. This should ensure a smooth flow throughout the evening. If longer discussions are required, parents are asked to arrange an appointment for a later date. We look forward to the fruitful chats that will take place during this evening.

Mrs Knol

Library News

Welcome to our library! The library is open for borrowing and all new students have been given a library number. This number will be included on the student ID card.

Primary library classes have commenced and students have the opportunity to borrow books during these lessons. All primary students must have a library bag to protect the books from damage. Students are also welcome to return or borrow books Monday, Tuesday or Friday lunch time.

Activities.

The library is a quiet place to come during lunch time, with some students browsing through the books and borrowing, while others play board games, do puzzles, or just chat quietly with friends.

Many VCE students use the library to research assignments and finish work and an increasing number of younger students are using the library to find resources for school projects.

Loans.

Items borrowed must be returned by the due date, as other students may be waiting to borrow them. Items can be renewed if not on hold. A reminder notice will be issued when an item is overdue.

I have been reminding students that they are responsible for the books they borrow and they should NEVER lend library books to another student as the original borrower is still responsible for the book until it is returned to the library. This is particularly important with class texts. Lost books must be paid for so that they can be replaced.

Loans from 2009. The return of any class texts and books overdue from last year would be appreciated.

Communication. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me by sending a note or by ringing the College Monday, Tuesday or Friday, preferably between 9 and 10am.

Helpers. We are fortunate to have some students and parents willing to assist in the library. They learn valuable skills such as covering, mending and shelving books and help the library to run smoothly. If you are interested in becoming a helper, please let me know.

Music Notes.

Primary Music.

All Primary Music classes have commenced and most students have remembered to bring their recorders to their lessons. Please encourage your child to practise regularly at home as part of the homework routine.

Tuesday Arts Program for all Primary Students.

This is a new program designed as an extension activity in the Performing Arts. Students are placed into the two groups which will best extend and challenge them. For instance, students who learn an instrument and can read music may be placed in the band.

Session 1 includes: Prep-two Choir, Band, Dance and Drama/Singing.

Session 2 includes: Choir, Prep/one Dance, Handbells and Drama/Singing.

The types of activities provided in these groups are also provided in the normal school program. Some students may want to change groups because they prefer to be in a group with a particular friend but this may not necessarily be the best group for that particular student's needs. Teachers will be observing the students and will adjust the groups if they feel it is in the best interest of the child.

Secondary Music.

Year 7A are learning keyboard during Term One and guitar during Term Two as part of their Music class.

Secondary students are encouraged to form instrumental or singing groups and there are opportunities to perform at College functions such as assemblies, parent nights, the Secondary Showcase and Presentation Night.

Private Instrumental Lessons.

Visiting music teachers teach Violin, Guitar and Keyboard at the College. These lessons are held during school time on a rotating time table at a charge of between \$20 and \$22 per lesson, depending on the teacher. Other instruments can be added if there are enough students interested. A form for instrumental lessons for 2010 was sent out last week. For those students who are interested, please ensure this form is returned. Extra forms are also available at the office.

INDONESIAN

Some parents came to me and asked if they could have the Indonesian word list, because their children were teaching their younger siblings how to say the words in Indonesian. That is BRILLIANT!!! It is wonderful to know that parents are fully aware that their children are learning a different language and are willing to support their learning at home. Therefore, I have put some of the Indonesian words in the newsletter for the students (and parents) to learn at home.

GREETINGS IN INDONESIAN:

Selamat pagi	-	Good morning	Selamat siang	-	Good day (from 11am – 3 pm)
Selamat sore	-	Good afternoon	Selamat malam	-	Good evening / night
Apa kabar?	-	How are you?	Baik-baik saja	-	Just fine
Terima kasih	-	Thank you			

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH (Murid Bulan Ini):

Every month, a student will be picked from the Indonesian class for their excellent work, their fantastic achievement, or their enthusiastic participation during class. They will receive an Award Certificate signed by the Principal and myself, a MERIT, and of course, their names will be announced in the newsletter.

Grade Prep/1	=	Monique Sampedro-Lagarde	Grade 2/3	=	Zoe Brien
Grade 4	=	Montana Stojanovski	Grade 5/6	=	Joshua Stephens
Year 7	=	Liam Rutt	Year 8	=	Nicholas Paul

YEAR 8 - SADDLE ON

Every Tuesday for 2 hours, 15 Year 8 students from GBC attend "Saddle On", a locally owned business that offers a variety of activities to the public, including horse riding, bmx riding, archery and an animal nursery.

The "Saddle On" program for our Year 8 students has a three pronged approach; Education, Work and Leisure. In the four weeks that the course has been running students have been involved in a variety of experiences and in the coming weeks you will get to hear from the students about their time spent at "Saddle On".



SECONDARY NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Rhys Webb, one of our Year 12 Graduates from 2009. Rhys applied for the Early Achievers' Program with Australian Catholic University in the second half of last year which gave him the opportunity to apply for a placement in his Bachelor of Nursing course prior to the January first round University offers. As a result of his commitment to his community and enthusiasm to succeed, his application was accepted and news of his University offer came at the end of 2009. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Rhys!

INDUCTION OF STUDENT LEADERS: Our College Captains: Joshua Robertson & Jessica Lange and Vice Captains: Julian Conte & Andrew Carlin were introduced to the College community at our 2009 Presentation Night.

Mr Chris Radcliffe, Mrs Natasha Rae and myself have been working closely with these captains towards the end of 2009 and into 2010 in preparation for their leadership role at the College. We have been extremely impressed by the passion and enthusiasm with which they have taken on these positions of responsibility. We look forward to continuing this partnership with them as they lead the student body throughout 2010.

Over recent weeks, the nomination and selection procedure for the remaining College leaders has taken place. We are proud to announce our student leadership team for 2010.

School Captain	Joshua Robertson
School Captain	Jessica Lange
Vice-Captain	Julian Conte
Vice-Captain	Andrew Carlin
Primary School Captain	Elsie Trevey
Primary School Captain	Thomas Cockerell
Sladen House Captain	Mikahla Scarlett
Sladen House Captain	Andrew Carlin
Ormond House Captain	Daniel Veljanovski
Ormond House Captain	Briana Robertson
Austin House Captain	Hannah Killey
Austin House Captain	Cameron Martin
SRC Representative - Year 7	Natalie Brkic
SRC Representative - Year 7	Oscar Glenister
SRC Representative - Year 8	Alex Stojanovski
SRC Representative - Year 8	Bethany Carmody
SRC Representative - Year 9	Paul Zimonyi
SRC Representative - Year 9	Jasmine Nieto
SRC Representative - Year 10	Tom Lynch



Jess Lange, Andrew Carlin, Julian Conte, Josh Robertson
Thomas Cockerell and Elsie Trevey



A leadership breakfast was held on Thursday 11th February for the College and Vice Captains to share their vision with this group of students, who will form our Student Representative Council. As a College, we had the privilege of inducting our student leaders at our Assembly on Tues 23rd February.

We look forward to the contribution that this Student Representative Council will make as they become the 'student voice' of the College when their meetings commence this week.

SECONDARY CAMPS: Forms for these went out last week. The locations for this year are:

- Year 7/8 - Halls Gap
- Year 10 - Wilson's Prom
- Year 11/12 - City

Please ensure all 'Medical Forms' and Parent Permission and Student Declaration' forms are returned by tomorrow - Friday 26th February. A Parent Camp Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm.

(Please note that Year 9's will be involved in a number of camps throughout their Year 9 program in Semester Two and for these 3 days that other classes are on camp, they will be involved in an academic program back at school.

Sharlene Tattersall
Secondary Coordinator

PRIMARY AWARDS

- Prep/One:* Ben Z and Jordan B
- Two/Three:* Whole class award
- Four:* Jake B and Caitlin T
- Five/Six:* Joshua S, Sean B and Jacqui W



SUDOKU

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Hard (but not too hard)

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GBC Science 'Creating Bright Sparks'

The Science labs have already been very busy, with students investigating topics across a broad range of areas. The Year Seven science class has been investigating Australian scientists and have been presenting these to the class. The Year Eight class has been investigating cells and microscopes. The Year Nine class has been investigating the relationship between light and radiation and of course the VCE students are all building on their knowledge from last year in readiness for their assessment tasks.



Hayley presenting her investigation



Zoe and Natasha replicating Hooke's first microscope



Darcy and Paul calculating radiation with a Geiger counter

Making saving a lifetime habit

Saver Plus is a program that helps people on low incomes establish a long-term savings habit. It is delivered by a number of community organisations in partnership with ANZ. Participants in the program set a savings goal and receive financial education and support in reaching their goal. Once they reach their savings goal, ANZ matches their savings dollar-for-dollar up to \$500.

People can apply to join Saver Plus through by contacting

Julie Smith

Bethany Community Support

Ph: 03 5278 8122, jsmith@bethany.org.au

1 Gibb Street, North Geelong, VIC 3215

On being accepted into the program, participants set a savings goal with help from a Saver Plus Worker. They also open an ANZ Progress Saver Account at a local ANZ branch.

During the program, participants attend 10 hours of **financial education workshops** explaining the basics of money management. They make regular deposits into their ANZ account over a 10 month period, and keep in contact with their Saver Plus Worker.

Once participants reach their savings goal, **ANZ matches their savings dollar-for-dollar**, up to \$500. Participants use this money for their children's (or their own) education costs such as computers, uniforms, books and sports equipment.

TERM DATES

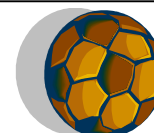
Term 1 1st February - 26th March
Term 2 13th April - 25th June
Term 3 13th July - 17th September
Term 4 5th October - 9th December

Important Dates

- Tue 23rd– Fri 26th February: Primary Swimming Lessons
- Tue 2nd - Fri 5th March: Primary Swimming Lessons
- Thurs 4th March: Parent Teacher Interviews– 3:40- 8:30pm
- Thurs 4th March: Physics Excursion
- Mon 8th March: Labour Day Holiday– **no students required at school**
- Wed 10th March: GBC Swimming Carnival
- Mon 15th March: Report Writing Day– **no students required at school**
- Thurs 18th March: Parent Camp Meetings
- Fri 19th March: School Photos
- Mon 22nd March: Year 11/12 Studio Arts Excursion
- Tue 23rd March: Casual dress and Sausage Sizzle Day
- Tue 23rd March: Interim Reports Distributed
- Wed 24th March: GBC Cross Country
- Fri 26th March: Last Day of Term One- **normal 3:20pm finish**
- Mon 12th April: First Day of Term Two for staff– **no students required at school**
- Tue 13th April: First Day of Term Two for students

** More detailed information regarding the events listed above will be sent closer to their dates. **

SPORT SPOT



Welcome back for 2010! Well Term 1 is well and truly underway and we have a number of exciting events coming up:

GBC Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 10th March will see all students head to the Lara Swimming Pool for our annual Swimming Carnival. Students in Year 3-Year 12 will be involved in the main program while students in Year 1 and 2 will have their own special program in the afternoon. A more detailed note about this event will be provided shortly.

GBC Cross Country – On Wednesday 24th March all GBC students will be participating in our annual Cross Country Carnival, to be held on the school grounds. Secondary students will be competing in the morning while Primary students will compete between recess and lunchtime.

This week, Primary students will have begun their 2 week swimming program at Norlane Waterworld where they will participate in eight 40min lessons

VCAL News– Danny Nguyen

This is my first year of doing VCAL, so I don't know much about the garden from last year, but this year when we came back to school, I saw the condition and it was very poor. No one watered the garden in the holidays and there were a lot of weeds. The vegetables are still alive but just barely for some of them. The tomatoes, chilies, silver beet, broccoli and cherry tomatoes are all still ok. The tomato plants grew a lot but some tomatoes went to rot.

This year we are trying to build a fish pond and put different types of fish in it. Last year the VCAL students dug the hole for the fish pond and it was hard because the ground was full of rocks. I dug the hole a little deeper this year. We are going to fix the garden by pulling the weeds, cutting the dead leaves from the vegetables, replanting the plants and growing new vegetables and fruits.

Another one of our projects will be called "Car Smart" and this year we will be learning about car maintenance, road safety and much more. Also this year as part of VCAL we are organizing a Pancake and Spider Day (it is ice-cream and soft drink together) we are hoping to do it somewhere in the middle of the year. In week 2 we researched about buying laptops for VCAL and in week 3 we bought two laptops for the VCAL students.

