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Principal’s Report—July 26th, 2010

Welcome back to Semester 2, 2010. I hope that all staff and students (and their parents) enjoyed the school vacation time. I know from personal observation that many teachers spent a considerable amount of the vacation break at work planning for the second half of the year.

Information Evenings & Course Counselling

On Wednesday, July 14th the school held its Information Evenings for students going into Years 9 and 10 in 2011. Despite cold, wet and windy weather conditions the turnout of parents and students was excellent to both sessions. On the night students and their parents were issued with a copy of the course selection booklet and a course selection sheet. The course selection sheet is due back to Form Teachers no later than July 30th, 2010. The college aims to have course selections finalized and confirmed to parents and students by the end of Term 3, 2010.

The college held its first Year 11 Course Counselling session on Tuesday, July 20th and a second evening is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th. Letters have been sent to each current Year 10 student inviting them and their parents to nominate a course counselling time. It is my strong advice that all students and their parents should make an appointment to discuss their plans for 2011 and beyond. Twenty six teachers made themselves available, and will do so again next Tuesday, to work in panels of three to assist parents and students with the sometimes difficult process of planning for the “Later Years”.

Uniform

As of the beginning of this term the “grace” period for non-compliance with school uniform policy (particularly relating to shoes) is at an end. All students are expected to be in full school uniform. Shoes such as Volleys, Globe etc are no longer considered acceptable. Students should be wearing black polishable leather lace-up shoes. Female students may wear service-able t-bars which must also be black and polishable.

Reporting

End of semester reports were distributed on the last day of Term 2. I was disappointed to see the number of reports that remained uncollected from the office as of the beginning of week 2 of this term. Teachers put a huge amount of effort into completing reports with the expectation that parents and students will discuss the advice and plan for improvement. I would like to remind parents that reports are distributed four times per year. Distribution of major written reports takes place at the end of each semester with interim reports distributed prior to Parent-Teacher-Student interviews at the end of Terms 1 and 3.

Ultranet

Students will be issued with Ultranet welcome letters by their Form Teachers during the next two weeks. Form Teachers will be taking students through the process of registering to use the Ultranet (which must be done at school) and changing their initial passwords. After students have registered at school they can access the Ultranet from any internet connected computer that is running Internet Explorer 7 and above and Flash 10.1 or above. Parent access to the Ultranet will be rolled out at the beginning of Term 4.

Chris Lloyd
Frankston Arts Centre

Frankston Arts Centre have a Ticket Subsidise Scheme: for families (or individuals) who are interested in attending performances at the Arts Centre, but do not have the funds to cover all of the cost of tickets.

Inside Out – performance put together by a group of young people dealing with schizophrenia (on the 8th October 2010). Tickets are: Student $16, adults $30 (families can access the Ticket Subsidise Scheme for this).

Monday Forum Presents: Heidi Everett (artist, singer and Mental Health Advocate) talking about Mental Health and her personal encounter with Mental Health. Inside Out Performance will also be shown during this forum. This is a FREE event. For details of dates, please contact the Frankston Arts Centre on 9784 1051

Your College Library in August

Book Week 2010 Coming to your College Library August 21st—27th

Celebrating hand in hand with National Literacy Numeracy Week. This year’s Book Week theme is:

Across the story bridge

Somerville Secondary College sent 5 young leaders to the Global Leadership Convention, Maddi Mooney, Kate Edwards, Minnie Elliott, Petra Van Staden and Kira-Lee Matthews.

Read all about our amazing visit in the next issue of our College Newsletter!
We are proud to announce that Somerville Secondary College will have an official Sister School in Tangerang, Java, Indonesia as of 29th of July 2010.

The Principal, eight students and three teachers from SMA Negeri 2 Tangsel (A public high school in Java) will be visiting the school to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with our school to make the relationship between the two schools official.

On this special day, our guests from Indonesia will be visiting some of the classes held at Somerville Secondary College. There will also be music and dance performances by the Indonesian students during period 4. Parents are most welcome to attend. Period 4 is from 12:05pm to 1pm.

Somerville Secondary College is really excited to welcome our Sister School and we are looking forward to establishing interesting and exciting programs that will build rapport and develop our students’ knowledge and understanding of Indonesia.

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The Mornington Peninsula Netball Association (MPNA), in conjunction with the Victorian Men’s Netball League (VMNL), announces the introduction of an exciting concept to its netball experiences. “Fast & Furious” is a netball competition designed to introduce and further develop the game of netball for junior boys.

We are inviting all boys interested in playing netball to contact us; whether you have been able to create your own team or are individual players looking for a team. Both experienced and non-experienced boys are welcome.

The competition will run during Term 4, on Saturdays at 12 noon, with the first week being October 9th.

The venue for the competition will be at the Mornington Netball Courts, Hampden Street, Mornington.

The sections will be as follows:
12 and Under (players must be 12 or younger at the 31st of Dec. 2010)
14 and Under (players must be 14 or younger at the 31st of Dec 2010)

To enter a team, find a team to play in or for further information please contact Narelle on 0421 907 313 or at narellem69@bigpond.com

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