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Upcoming Events



Saturday 7th March
Working Bee



Monday 9th March
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 10th March
Year 7 Round Robin

Wednesday 11th March
Year 9 and 10 Round Robin

Thursday 12th March
International Women's Day

Friday 13th March
District Swimming Carnival

Friday 20th March
Southern Zone swimming Carnival

Tuesday 24th March
Year 7 Sports Finals

Parents and Guardians

* Please Note*

Please phone the school in the morning if your child is unable to attend school for that day.

The school will phone you if your child is marked as absent from school without prior notification. This is part of our Duty of Care Policy. Thank –you

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Teaching and Learning

As I walk around the school I see students are working well in classes and participating in many different activities. Unfortunately, there are a small number of students who do not have the necessary texts and equipment. If you need assistance in this area please contact Ms Annette Ford.

School Council Elections

The number of nominations was equal to the number of vacancies in the Parent and DEECD categories. The three parent representatives duly elected are Linda Duke, James Schumacher and Diann Rhodes. The DEECD representatives are Gary Hughes and Helen Koziaris

Thank you to these members of our community for nominating to work with us on school council over the next two years.

Uniform

A reminder that all students should be wearing correct school uniform. Please note that Dunlop Volleys and similar footwear do not meet occupational health and safety standards. Students should wear black leather shoes.

Lateness to school

Most students are arriving at school on time to organise themselves for the day. There are still a few students who are regularly arriving late. It is important to be in class at the beginning of a lesson to have a full understanding of the work. Please assist your child to be at school on time.

Permit Parking Zone

Please note that some parents are parking illegally in the permit parking zone and are being fined by the council. Even a very short stay, to allow students to exit from the vehicle, is resulting in families being fined. Please be aware of this to avoid incurring this expense.

Debbie Locco
College Principal

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Asher from 7A on the subject matter of John Coburn's *The Third Day: God Created the Earth*, "It's a shield thing with waves flowing out of it which makes the plants grow."

Zigis from 7A on the subject matter of John Coburn's *The Third Day: God Created the Earth* "It's a light shining from the sky giving life to green lush fruit, grass and produce."

Erin from 7A describing the use of colour in John Coburn's *The Third Day: God Created the Earth*, "Red is movement and happening, green represents growing, green leaves are falling."

Nicole from 7A describing the use of colour in John Coburn's *The Third Day: God Created the Earth*, "Green from trees represents new life."



See this image in colour on the school web page

If there are any year 7 students who would like to participate in the upcoming camp to Echuca, please contact Ms Cahill to obtain permission and payment forms. There are still a few spots available.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As many VCE parents would know, English is a compulsory subject for all students, and can be very challenging for many. I would like to seek the support of all parents in assisting students with their novel and context studies by discussing the books and films with their children. Of particular importance at Year 12 is a detailed knowledge of the texts being covered.

Parents can read the books/watch the films and engage their student in discussion, just on a casual basis. Some students respond well to being read to, even at 17 and 18 years old it can make a huge difference! If your child is a reluctant reader, many texts are available on CD so they can be loaded on to ipods and mp3 players and listened to, rather than read them themselves.

It's amazing what a difference an occasional chat about a book can make. We choose books that are interesting and accessible to all students, you should enjoy them too. Please contact me at the College if you have other good ideas about bringing books to life at home.

Year 12 Texts-

The Kite Runner ;The Catcher in the Rye
Witness (Film)

The Collected poems of Bruce Dawe;
Look Both Ways (Film)

Annabel Aldous

Senior School Leader

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Many students were disappointed at the DEECD's cancellation of camps this week, due to unpredictable weather. However, all will be pleased to note that the camp has been rescheduled for Wednesday April 1 to Friday April 3. These are the last three days of Term 1, immediately following Parent-Teacher Night.

The same arrangements apply for the camp, with all students expected to be at school by 7.15 am on the day, for a prompt departure. Our expected time of arrival is 4.00 pm on Friday.

Further information will be sent next week; however I urge all parents to ensure the following:

- that all payments have been made or that arrangements have been made with Ms Cahill

- that all necessary documentation has been returned to the school – eg. Medical consent form & horse-riding waiver

Again, any queries or concerns regarding the camp can be addressed to Ms Cahill on 9579 2322.

Pat Cahill

Junior School Leader

SCIENCE NEWS

VCE Physics:

Congratulations to the following students for excellent work in the recent VCE Physics Unit 1 SAC on 'Nuclear Physics and Radiation': Mitchell Dixon, Owen Crute, Jenny Lou, Wandong Fu and Jason Zeinstra gained full marks, while Divleen Singh, Stefanos Tsorbatzoglou, Sasha Skobtchenko, David Stosser, Ketan Mishra, Ashraf Ali, Deni Tasman and Annie Xi also achieved a great result.

Year 10D Science have begun their unit on 'Sustainability' and will be involved in the 'Tomorrow's Leaders for Sustainability (TLfS)' programme with six other schools (Bentleigh SC, Sandringham SC, Cotesville Primary, OLSH, De La Salle and Firbank). Students have begun learning about 'Sustainability', and will explore 'Leadership concepts and techniques', later trying out their new found knowledge and skills on their own Sustainability projects. A component of TLfS includes organising speakers from Universities and Industry to share their knowledge with the students.

Frank de la Rambelya
Science Coordinator

Report from the English KLA- Enrichment Activities

During the year, students will be offered numerous opportunities to extend their skills and challenge themselves through extension activities in the area of English. This includes formal examination type competitions run by the University of New South Wales, as well as other poetry and writing competitions. They will participate in class debates and be offered the opportunity to enter Public Speaking Competitions. Guest

speakers and performances will be held at the school to inspire students. Parental support to encourage students to participate in these opportunities would be greatly appreciated.

Currently, students in years 7 to 9 are being encouraged to enter the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge by English Teachers and Library Staff. This Challenge promotes reading for both pleasure and leisure. Students are encouraged to read 15 novels, with at least ten from a recommended list. We will monitor books read and library staff will facilitate students' online registration necessary for the awarding of certificates. Novels read will be credited to the Year 7 and 8 Reading Room Program.

The English KLA is looking forward to a very productive year.

Chris Melki-Wegner
English KLA Leader

VCAL Report

Well were off and running for 2009. Most of the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students have started their Vocational Education and Training (VET) placements for 2009. Our students are undertaking VET in a variety of areas including Automotive, Building and Construction, Business Administration, Hospitality, Personal Training and Sports and Recreation, just to name a few. Students are completing these VET subjects as part of their program requirements.

Many students have also started their work placements for 2009, which gives them hands-on experience in the same field as their VET studies. I would like to remind parents and students in the VCAL program that work placement is an essential requirement of our program. Students who are without a work placement must seek one immediately.

Projects will be kicking off very shortly in class. A number of SOC students from VCAL and other year levels will have the opportunity to be involved in a new program – 'Tomorrow's Leaders for Sustainability'. This initiative aims to help young people appreciate the key principles and issues of sustainability whilst also gaining the knowledge and skills to become leaders in their chosen career.

We will continue to update you on this important project. Currently the VCAL team is seeking parents and friends who may be able to assist in the program. In particular we are looking for volunteers who may be able to give us a short amount of time (1 ½ - 2 hours) to conduct mock interviews with our students to improve their job-seeking techniques. If you are able to assist please contact me at the school by phoning 95792322 or by emailing me: mdi@sosc.vic.edu.au.

Megan Dixon
VCAL Coordinator

What's Happening in Maths?



The **mode** is the most frequently occurring number in a data set

Year Starts on Positive Note

Congratulations to all students who have settled in well and have been achieving good results in the early part of the year.

Make sure you are attending all your Maths lessons with your textbooks and writing equipment and a positive attitude. Success in maths comes to those who are prepared to apply themselves and do their best.

Remember to set some time aside each night to finish any work outstanding from class.

You should also be reviewing your work in preparation for tests and exams. Don't leave it to a last minute rush!

12.232232232..... is a **recurring decimal number** that can be represented as 12.232

Redecorations

Take a big round of applause 8A. This class has been busy creating impressive posters in C11 to show off their knowledge of algebra and equations. They are aiming to cover the walls and ceiling before the end of year. Have a look at their work and talk with your teacher about adding

some colour to your own classroom.....8A rocks!!

The **universal set** contains all possible elements, or outcomes, while the **null set** is the **empty set**.

The tale of the missing eyebrow

Believe it or not, but one of our students had a very interesting experience after doing their Maths homework. They fell asleep and woke the next morning thinking something was different. The bathroom mirror told the tale of the missing eyebrow. Was it a subtraction gone wrong, or just the work of the dreaded "eyebrow bandit"? The motto to the story is if you have friends over, make sure they aren't handy with a razor.

When **solving equations**, **always check your answer** by substituting it into the original equation. If the **left-hand side equals the right-hand side** you are correct !!

Homework Club

It's been great to see students dropping by to get some help with their work at the Maths Homework Club.

We meet every Tuesday after school in C11 from 3.15 pm to 4.45 pm and again on Fridays at lunchtime.

Positively Skewed Data Sets have **Mean > Median > Mode** ("Mean Me Mo")

Quiz Update

Last Quiz Question

I start with a number, add 4, divide by 7, multiply by 20, add 10%, minus 2 and square root to give me 8. What number did I start with?

Answer: 17

Current Quiz Question

Find the next two numbers in this sequence

-7, -5, 1, 13, 33, _____, _____

Email your answer to - hughes.gary.g@edumail.vic.gov.

STORM BLITZES THROUGH SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE



After a 6.30am training session at Princes Park, Melbourne Storm's young gun Will Chambers, who is seen as a possible replacement for Israel Folau in 2009, and Development Officer John Winder visited South Oakleigh College to conduct a presentation on the importance of Nutrition, Hydration, Regular Exercise, Leadership and Mentoring.



200 wide-eyed students sat in the college theatre and hung off every word that was spoken as they won prizes through quiz games and were entertained by Melbourne Storm's 2008 highlights reel. Following the presentation Will and John posed for photos with our students and signed an endless number of autographs.

South Oakleigh College has developed a close affiliation with the Melbourne Storm Development Team being heavily involved in their Boys and Girls Rugby League Gala competitions across all year levels, having students earn Melbourne Storm playing scholarships and working closely with the Health and Physical Education curriculum

Mark Picone P.E.

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Melbourne Racing Club

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GATE- 2



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