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## Upcoming Events



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
UNSW Science Competition

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
VCE Unit 2 Starts

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 10 Work Experience

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 8 Round Robin

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
UNSW Writing Competition

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 7 and 8 Immunisations

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Southern Zone Cross Country



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 12 Formal



### Inspirational Quote

The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.  
Ray Kroc  
Founder of McDonalds

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Report Writing – 12<sup>th</sup> June

This week letters advising of the Report Writing Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009, were distributed to students to take home to their parents/guardians. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has declared that day a pupil free day for all Government schools.

### Year 8 Coordinator

Thank you to Ms Andrea Carmody for taking up the position of Year 8 Coordinator.

### Uniform

Would parents please assist the College with their child wearing the College Uniform correctly. We would like to see all of our students wearing it with pride.

### Early Dismissal Arrangements for Last Day of Term

Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### Website

Please refer to our website for current and future events and documents.

[www.sosc.vic.edu.au](http://www.sosc.vic.edu.au)

### PARENT ALERT

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details. It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school. If you have any specific concerns:

Visit [www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au)

Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**

Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)

Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

**Debbie Locco**  
College Principal

## SOSE OPEN NIGHT



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

## GIRLS IN VET AUTO

Automotive is a great experience for us females: it shows the public that it is possible for a woman or adolescent females to understand how to work on a car. This subject gives us confidence and a head start for what we have chosen as our future occupation.

We read and do theory to understand the safety controls and risks related to this subject. Once we get our hands dirty, we wish the day would never end so we can learn more. Our training is fun and the learning, never-ending. To all females, if you want to have a go, then do it, because it is a healthy and rewarding experience.

**Dallas Lucky 10A**  
**VET Automotive student**



**Ms Glenda Bloore**  
**Middle School Leader**



## AND THE BOYS



## ESL NEWS

### Our Visit to ESL Expo Language Centre

Last Friday I went to Noble Park Language Centre with my classmates and Mrs Zhiv. It was a very exciting visit because it was the first time I went to some other school to give information about our school, South Oakleigh College that I now feel part of.

When we arrived there I felt that the environment was very friendly. I met many students from all over the world. They belonged to different communities, countries and religions but we all talked in a very friendly way with each other. I met students from such countries as China, Greece, Poland, Sudan, Iraq and Vietnam.



students telling them about our school's curriculum and different out of class activities such as sport carnivals, debates, excursions. They were very impressed and some of them put their names down as our prospective students.

It was a memorable visit for me and my class. I hope our school will be part of such activities again so we can advertise our

The language centre organized a very good barbeque for all of us so we could communicate in a relaxing atmosphere. After the barbeque, we came into the ESL Expo hall where lots of other schools were represented. We introduced our school to the 'new'



school in the migrant community. I would like to thank my ESL teacher, Mrs. Zhiv and Mrs. Truong for making this excursion possible for our 10B ESL class. I think it is important for us to remember how difficult it is to start life in an unfamiliar environment and how essential it is to help each other to go through a challenging and trying period of transition.

### **By Shubh Bhangu 10B** **7B Excursions to Chadstone**



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May we went to Chadstone. We took the public bus and it took us about 10 minutes to get there. We made jokes and couldn't stop laughing all the way to Chadstone. Once in Chadstone, we went to Coles to buy food and

drinks for our lunch.

Afterwards we went to Hoyts to buy tickets for the movie but, because we had some time to spare, we went to Borders. A girl who worked at Borders gave us a speech about Borders and how she ended up working there. It was great fun and we all enjoyed looking through the books and listening to new CD releases.

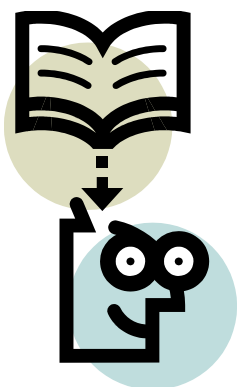
Back at Hoyts, we watched 'Night at the Museum 2'. It was a very funny and enjoyable film with a very important message about the importance of the choices we make in life. We would recommend this film to everyone who loves adventure and action. There wasn't a moment when we felt bored.

After we watched the movie we went to Intensity for about 10 minutes and some of us won great prizes. Then we went upstairs to have lunch.

We had lots of fun all day long and were busy sharing the latest jokes with each other on the way back to school. We are hoping to go on excursion again with Mrs. Stamatelatos and Mrs. Zhiv. They said we will because the whole class of 24 students behaved so well.

It was an exceptional day and I'm sure everyone loved it!

**Diamond and Christine 7B ESL**



## Maths Matters

# What's Happening in Maths?

## Preparing for your half-year exams



GARY  
HUGHES

We are now well into semester two and you should be preparing for your half-year maths exams. Year 7 to 10 students will have their exams conducted during normal maths lessons at a time determined by their classroom teachers. This will occur from the end May – early June. Exams for Year 11 maths students will be part of the normal half year exam arrangements.

What does this mean for you, our students? Very good question. This is your chance to display your maths skills in a controlled environment. Being able to recall work covered during the year and apply this to a range of questions within a defined period of time are important skills.

What can I do to prepare for my maths exam? Another good question. Here are some hints:

- Allocate regular study time each week leading up to the exam
- Complete a range of questions related to all the topics to be covered in the exam
- Do these with an initial focus on finding the correct answers, then move on to doing these within time limits. Remember, you need to develop the ability to complete maths problems in tight time frames.
- Identify your areas of weakness and allocate more time to revise and develop a deeper understand of these topics
- Make some flip cards placing some questions on one side and solutions on the other.
- When formulating answers to questions, make sure you spend some time confirming what the question is and what your approach should be. Many a time students do not read the questions carefully enough and actually answer the wrong question
- As you move closer to the exam date, set up some practise exam sessions for yourself at home. Find a quiet location and do your trial exam under exam conditions, including reading time and time limits.
- Revise....revise....revise
- Don't leave everything to the last minute

## Annual UNSW Maths Competition

We are offering the opportunity for any of our maths students to compete in the annual UNSW Maths competition. The related papers will be completed at our school on **Wed 19 August 2009**. Individual papers will be available for all year levels covering maths skills in the areas of Number and Arithmetic, Algebra and Patterns, Measures and Units, Space and Geometry and Chance and Data. This is a highly regarded national competition. Each participating student will receive a written report of their performance highlighting strengths/weakness and a certificate (a High Distinction,

Distinction, Credit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement).

**Entries for the competition close on Wed 17 June 2009.** The cost to students will be \$7 with monies payable at the office. Please provide your full name and state it is for the UNSW Maths Competition.

If you are interested in finding out more about the competition, including sample papers, please see this web site: <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/>

## Calculators

It is important that all maths students have access to calculators to assist them with maths calculations. While the school has a limited number of spare calculators, all students should aim to purchase the calculator on their booklist. For those students still to purchase a scientific calculator, I am in the process of purchasing a supply of full function scientific calculators. These will be made available to interested students at the very competitive rate of \$5 each. (Yes, \$5 .... this is not a misprint). More details will be provided once the shipment has arrived.

Are you using the Homework Club?

We are seeing an increasing number of students dropping by to get some help with their work at the Maths Homework Club. This is expected to continue as we get closer to the exam period later this month. During term we meet every Tuesday after school in C11 from 3.15 pm to 4.45 pm and again on Fridays at lunchtime. Everyone's welcome, so make an effort to attend.

## Quiz Update

Last Quiz Question

Why are the numbers 3, 4, 5 important to builders?

Answer:

These are a practical example of Pythagoras' Theorem where the sides of a right-angled triangle (a, b, c) can be related as

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , where c = hypotenuse or the longest side.

Builders can use these measurements to form a 90° angle.

Current Quiz Question

What does  $32^{3/4}$  (or 32 to the power of  $3/4$ ) mean?

Email your answer to:

[hughes.gary.g@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hughes.gary.g@edumail.vic.gov.au)

or leave your answer with your name on a piece of paper in

Mr Hughes' pigeon hole (staff room).

And remember.....

Maths matters!

Regards

**Mr G Hughes**

**Maths Coordinator**

**geometric sequence** is a sequence of numbers where each consecutive pair of numbers has a common ratio, or multiplier eg 1,2,4,8,16.... (common ratio is 2)



### Volunteers Needed

The Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at the Royal Children's Hospital is recruiting volunteers to participate in research looking at social skills in healthy young people. This information will help us to understand the needs of young people who have had a brain injury.

#### What does participation involve?

- Students will participate in neuropsychological assessment, which involves paper and pencil activities designed to examine social skills
- Parents/ guardians will be asked to complete questionnaires about their child's everyday activities
- After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining your child's performance

#### We would be delighted to hear from families of:

- Students between 6 and 13 years of age
- Students who do not have a history of brain injury or developmental problems

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like to obtain further information please contact Ms. Tilly Crozier on 9090 5244, via e-mail at [matilda\\_crozier@mcri.edu.au](mailto:matilda_crozier@mcri.edu.au) or return the slip below by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009**.

I am interested in participating in research examining social skills in healthy children.

Parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student age: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip to:  
Ms Tilly Crozier  
Child Neuropsychology  
Royal Children's Hospital  
First Floor South East Building  
Flemington Rd, Parkville VIC 3052

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