NEWSLETTER:  Number 27 ~ August 28, 2015

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015
Term 1:  30th January - 27th March  
Term 2:  13th April - 26th June  
Term 3:  13th July - 18th September  
3rd September - Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences  
Term 4:  5th October - 18th December

VIEWBANK CALENDAR
August  
31  Bass Guitar/Guitar Soiree 7pm

September  
1  Year 9 Information Assembly (Work Experience)  
   Year 10 Cultural Enrichment  
   Friends of Viewbank (FOV) Meeting 7.30pm  
3  Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences  
4  Violin/Viola Masterclass  
   The Great Debate - lunchtime  
5  Second Hand Uniform Shop 10am - 12pm  
7  Year 8A & 8B Self Defence  
   Vocal Soiree - Library 7pm  
8  Year 7 Round Robin  
   Year 8 Reach Workshop  
   Year 8C & 8D Self Defence  
   Education Meeting 6.30pm  
   Uniform Committee Meeting 7.30pm

STUDENT ABSENCES
Please be advised that Student absences  
are to be reported to  
Attendance Officer at  
absences@viewbank.vic.edu.au  
not viewbank.co@edumail.vic.gov.au  
or  
by accessing Compass by clicking on the  
following link

Principal Report

Next week starts September and only 18 days later, we will  
mark the end of Term 3. College will be dismissed at  
2.30pm. Our year is zooming past.

Year 12s:  
Two weeks after the commencement of Term 4 on October 5th, the Year 12s will be farewelled to begin their preparation for their exams. It is not far off at all. They are already looking a little stunned and of course, many are tired and some have been sick. Those that have missed SACs must take responsibility to organize a catch up SAC. The Year 12s will need a little downtime during the school break but mostly, they need to balance this with a daily revision routine. At this point, they should be consolidating their knowledge and skills. Their holidays really commence after the Valedictory Dinner on the 19th November. We have many students making an impressive effort to live up to the College motto of “Caring For Excellence” and we salute them. However, there is always the concern that a number of students, are not working anywhere near to capacity and at an assembly earlier in the week, Mr John Munro firmly reiterated College expectations. Yes, there is so little time and so much to do and at this stage, the Year 12s must not lose sight of this.
Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences:
The last Student/Parent/Teacher conference for the year will take place on Thursday 3rd September. Bookings opened on Monday last week for all students A-Z. It is very much first in for this one as we cannot extend it to two days. If you are happy with your child’s achievements and there are no urgent issues, then please do not feel compelled to attend. However, having said that, the teaching staff most certainly welcome this time with parents and students. Please note that this is a student-free day and students are expected to attend with their parents for the appointed times. Places are filling very quickly.

Homework Clubs:
The College provides the opportunity for students across all levels, to access teachers who can help them with areas of their studies, where they may need extra support. On Monday evenings, there are two experienced Maths and Science teachers available in the G Block so that students can go and get extra help in building skills. On Thursdays, in the C Block, two experienced teachers are happy to help students with essays and English projects or any of the Humanities. The success of these sessions is that they are voluntary and so everyone who goes along, is there because they want to enhance their learning. Many students just like to go along to complete homework before going home. Then there are those who are there striving to improve their knowledge and skills. Some go along regularly and others drop in for a week or two. If as a parent you are concerned about an aspect that your child seems to be having difficulty with, then please urge them to come along to the sessions. Most students who go find the environment welcoming and really helpful.

College Captains Present to College Council:
Every year in August, the Year 12 Student Leadership Team present to the College Council and on Wednesday evening, this week they shared a pizza dinner with Councillors before each of the Captains gave a formal address. Their brief was to talk about their work in the team and what they have done for their peers as well as talking about the things the College does well and what we should focus on for improvements in 2016. I know our College Councillors look forward to this evening each year and our captains were nothing short of magnificent. College Captains, Georgia Rutland and Andrew Vassett introduced each leader and at the end of the evening’s presentations it was easily to see the team as twenty young adults, who are articulate, confident, witty and very appreciative. They are also very honest about areas for improvement and we thank them for their ideas. They expressed their gratitude to College Council for sponsoring the Leadership Camp to Lyrebird Park and the contribution that experience made to their own personal development and also in terms, of growing their capacity to bond and grow as a leadership team.

The 2015 Leaders have been very active leaders; bringing lots of energy to the greater life of the College. What has been a pleasure, has been to see how they have supported each other. Stefania Dragonetti, who organized all the Year 12 retro jackets early in the year, has just organized hoodies for post exam trips and for students to have as memorabilia. Sophie Kavouras, who as Activities Captain, spent lots of time over Terms 1 and 2 consulting with her peers, organized the Year 12 Formal which was held on Saturday, 15th August at The Red Scooter in St Kilda. This week the Terra Captains, Toby Hope and Angie Wang-Hartman and Mr Sean Hiller, have organized two lunchtimes of ‘Guitar Hero’ so the gym has been the scene of outrageous noise and competitors with intense concentration. The Stella House Captains, Daniel Coulson and Sarah Doust along with Mr Dean Bettiol, have just held a Dodgeball Competition. Hydra Captains, Jessica Jovancevska and Jack O’Neill Paterson with Ms Kimberlee Olsen will hold a four corner soccer competition and Ignis Captains, Jessica Schulz and Andrew Noblett will be organizing a small games activity. Alex Billson, Debating Captain has challenged the staff to the Annual Great Debate with this year’s topic being a cryptic one, ‘Red is Better than Blue”. Another person who has been working quietly behind the scenes throughout the year, is Magazine Captain, Victoria Perani. Victoria is responsible also for creating the Year 12 Magazine and ensuring that it is representative for all of her peers. Drama Captain, Jordi Hankinson, who took the lead in the College Production as the conniving producer, Max Bi-alstock, is now a real life director of the 2015 Junior Production. He and his team of VCE Drama students have been auditioning Middle Years students for the Junior Production of ‘Robin Hood’ which will be held on the 9th and 10th December. They have been inundated with over 120 Middle Years students auditioning. LOTE Captain, Max Drezga–Kleiminger has hosted the LOTE Theatre evening and will be organizing a lunchtime of German and Japanese foods for student to try. Valentina Griesheimer has hosted and played in numerous concerts during this year, including the Autumn Festival and shortly, she will host the Gala
Concert on Tuesday, 15th September. As for Georgia Rutland and Andrew Vassett they are always involved in supporting their fellow leaders and have represented our College to the wider community, attending Parliament House with me and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are just two big occasions, out of a busy calendar which also includes all the General Assemblies they lead.

College Council President, Mr Damian Schulz congratulated the leaders and reflected on their attributes as team and individually. He spoke of the areas they believe improvement needed and explained that many of their concerns are already in the planning pipeline for 2016. All the councillors were complimentary of the captains and I think, one of the loveliest comments was from a councillor who emailed the following day: “What a great evening with the Year 12 leaders! They were extraordinarily impressive-incredibly self-possessed, confident, humorous and with great insights. (But that I was like that when I was 17 or 18) - obviously a credit to the school and their parents.” Our 2015 captains are walking tall.

**Election for 2016 College Captains:**
Already our sights are on 2016 and on Monday 31st August, there will be an assembly to distribute the Student Leadership Position Descriptions, criteria, nomination forms and timelines for the Year 11 students to begin the election process for the 2016 Captains. On Tuesday, the current captains will be available in the Conference Room for Year 11 students interested in certain roles to come in and ask questions so as to be well-informed. The two College Captains will be elected first and also the Music Captain as this position is always announced at the Gala Evening and this event has been brought forward this year to better cater for our VCE students. The election will take place for the these three positions on Thursday 10th September. We hope to see lots of Year 11’s applying for the twenty roles on offer.

**1:1 Personal Learning Devices for Years 7 and 10 in 2016:**
Large numbers of Year 7 parents and students attended Thursday evening, 27th August, to help shape the 2016 1:1 Personal Learning Device Program. The excitement of the Year 7s and their families was palpable and although the evening was designed to explain the program and to get feedback, we look forward to the Grade 6 into 7 Evening on 26th November.

Later in the evening, Year 9 Parents came in to participate in the planning for 2016 and we thank everyone for their input. Compass Consultant, Travis Gandy has been trying to source the best possible device in terms of value for money, plus service and insurance. He presented a range of options for parents to consider and certainly, we will look for the best possible option for these cohorts based on the feedback.

We are mindful that with the Australian dollar dropping, there will be an inevitable price increase but we are hoping to get a Corporate/Education buy that reduces the costs. In terms of providing students with quality learning resources at a minimal cost to parents, ‘Learning Field’ will not be a provider. Unfortunately, their product for 2016 is not as comprehensive. Domain Leaders have been asked to investigate a range of ebooks, class sets and online Stile materials. We are doing everything we can to keep the number of hard-copy books to a minimum.

We are proud of this year’s introduction of the 1:1 Learning Device Program and the way our teachers and students have embraced it. Our policy is that students also need lots of activities where they physically write and so learning activities, need to be mixed so as to promote this and at times to promote team work rather than just individual endeavour and lots of keyboard work. We strive for balance. However the devices are essential to developing the technological skills, necessary for our students to be competitive in their tertiary studies and in a future of work that will be very different to what most parents experience now.

**Year 8s at Mt Buller:**
Yesterday’s group of Year 8s who travelled to Mt Buller had a very full day but loads of fun. Where it rained in Viewbank, conditions on the mountain were much dryer. The reports are that it was misty and a little snow fell which would have been delightful. I hope today’s travellers to Mt Buller enjoy the same conditions. Our teachers were highly visible, wearing fluoro tops with the big College logo on their backs. So while their tops may have clashed with their ski outfits, for students the teachers were highly visible. Well done to Mr Andy Blair for his organization of the two days and to all the staff who have been involved in making this a great experience for our Year 8s.
Asbestos Audit:
This is a reminder that the Asbestos Audit will take place next week, on Monday, 31st August - Tuesday, 1st September. Several weeks ago, I explained the nature of the audit as being about identifying areas in the College where there is asbestos. As per new DET policy, signs will be posted, not to alarm, but to give any prospective workers who come on to the site warning before they commence their work.

Judith Craze
Principal
“Caring for Excellence”

Assistant Principal News

Friends of Viewbank ~ Trivia Night
To assist with the excitement of the Trivia Night we are asking for donations of items for some of the prizes. Please send any of your items to the General Office – all donations would be greatly appreciated. Each week I will be asking for donations that we may be able to use in hampers or as random prizes. The theme for this coming week is “Household bits and pieces”. So, if you have anything you think may suit this theme please drop by the General Office.

If you have (or know of) a business that would like to make a donation please send through some details and we shall acknowledge all contributors on the night and in the College newsletter.

Tickets are now on sale via the following link http://www.trybooking.com/IQLX
Some nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided on the night but snacks and drinks are BYO. We encourage you to get together with friends and family and book tables of 8-10 people.

Emma Ford
Acting Assistant Principal

The Friends of Viewbank (FOV)

TRIVIA Night

You are invited to support Friends of Viewbank (FOV) and the College in a great night of fun and laughter.
There will be plenty of games as well as lucky envelopes, silent auctions and live auctions.
Book a table of 8 or 10 or we can allocate you on to a table.

Date: Saturday 17th October, 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Viewbank College - Gymnasium, Warren Road, Rosanna
Cost: $18 Adult
$13 Senior School Students (Years 10-12)
Bookings close: Thursday 15th October, 2015 at 4pm sharp

To book, please use the following link
http://www.trybooking.com/IQLX

BYO nibbles (to share with table), refreshments, glasses and loose change!
Tea & Coffee will be supplied

Donations are also welcomed – which could include vouchers from businesses which will be acknowledged or small gifts to include in hampers. Simply drop these into the General Office.

Contact:
Emma Ford ph. 9468 2811 or email: ford.emma1@edumail.vic.gov.au for Trivia Night queries or Deanne ph. 9468 2811 or email: jornnadeanne.dobbins@gmail.com.au for Trybooking queries.
Senior School News

Key dates
1. College Captains 2016 nominations – week beginning August 31
2. Yr 10 Cultural Enrichment – Tuesday September 1
3. Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – Thursday September 3

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Bookings will open Monday August 24th for the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences which will be held Thursday September 3 from 1:30pm – 8:30pm. Access to the booking page will be through the Compass portal. The night will provide an opportunity for students to receive feedback on their progress and address areas that need attention. For parents, it will provide valuable insight into how they can best support their son/daughter as they approach the challenges of the VCE, revision and exam periods. For this reason, I encourage all senior school students to attend with their parents. Given this will be the final parent/teacher night for some of our Yr 12 parents, it would be particularly lovely to see as many as possible.

Year 12
It’s hard to believe but there are only twenty-two school days left until the end of the Year 12 school year! Most students are working hard to ensure they are making the most of these last weeks and taking advantage of opportunities in and out of class to consolidate their learning and refine skills. Although there is so much to look forward to, it can also be a difficult time dealing with the anxiety of the impending exams. It’s a time when motivation can fade and the desire to keep going, to persist, diminishes. Staff are working hard to keep students motivated and on track. There are many levels of excellent support at the College and Yr 12 students are encouraged to speak to their teachers, Mr Munro, Ms Allan and Mr Bettiol, Mrs Ross (VCE Coordinator), Welfare Counsellors, Mrs Robertson (Mentor), Careers Counsellors and myself; we are all available to support and help students build their focus for the remainder of the year.

Careers News
• All students should now be registered on the VTAC website. If there are any issues with this process, they will need to get in touch with Ruth Perkins in the Careers Office this week. Students should also ensure they take note of VTAC course application and payment deadlines in their VTAC guide.
• Students who would like Viewbank staff to support their SEAS or scholarship applications must get in touch with the relevant staff member by September 4th.
• Anyone requiring assistance with 2016 pathways and course selections needs to make an appointment on the sign-up sheet in their study periods on the Careers noticeboard.

Mrs Perkins
Vocational Pathways Leader

Year 11
This is an exciting time for the Yr 11 cohort as they transition to becoming the leaders of the College. Nominations for the two College Captain positions begin Monday August 31st and many students are excited to throw their names into the ring. Mr Munro and Miss Sissons will be holding an assembly on also on Monday August 31st to go through the nomination, application and interview processes.

Living Spirit Fellowship 2015 - 2016
The purpose of the Fellowship is to nurture in young people in our local community an understanding of the role that many Australians played in securing the great freedom that we enjoy today. The Fellowship enables a secondary student, with a parent, to visit an historic off-shore war location where Australians have sacrificed their lives.

Years 10, 11 & 12 students are encouraged to apply. Please see Mrs Calder in the Coordinators Office for more information. Applications close Friday October 23, 2015.

Save the Date
Valedictory Dinner – THURSDAY November 19, 2015 at The Centre Ivanhoe.

Sue Calder
Senior Years Leader
9091 3870.
Fun Run Results and Sponsorship

Last Wednesday we saw the successful running of the Viewbank College Year 7 and 8 3km Fun Run down at the Banyule Flats reserve. We were lucky enough to have some lovely weather and a huge participation rate from the students. The students took on this challenge in a really positive way and we hope they can back up their fun run participation with sponsorship dollars to raise money for our proposed ‘Chilled Water Fountains’. The aim of this event was to raise awareness of the benefits of physical activity plus promoting the idea of drinking tap water instead of sugary drinks! Online fundraising is now available or you can return your hard copy of the sponsorship booklet with money to the box located at the main administration building before Friday the 4th September.

It was terrific that so many students participated but some students really did some great runs and they are listed below!

Year 7 Boys
1st: Rory Gee (12.14)
2nd: Reuben Edmunds
3rd: Logan Hayworth

Year 7 Girls
1st: Kristiana Colton (14.01)
2nd: Elly McKenzie
3rd: Ellen Richmond

Year 8 Boys
1st: Mark Dodgson (12.05)
2nd: Jarrod Green
3rd: Luke Humphries

Year 8 Girls (14.35)
1st: Romany Telburn
2nd: Jessica Gale
3rd: Ebyan Cabdi
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Uniform News

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second Hand Uniform Shop will next open on:
Saturday 5th September, 2015
10.00am to 12.00pm
(Gymnasium Cloakroom)
Doors do not open until 10am
(Cash Only – No EFTPOS)

VIEWBANK COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP
Open every Wednesday morning (during school terms)
in R13
Hours: 8.15am - 9.00am

Canteen News

Canteen Volunteers
for week of 31st August - 4th September

Monday: Helena Teo
Tuesday: Help Needed Please
Wednesday: Carolyn Brindley
Thursday: Parent/Teacher/Student Conf
Friday: Amanda Gagnon

Canteen Volunteers
for week of 7th September - 11th September

Monday: Diana Sze-Hong
Tuesday: Help Needed Please
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Thursday: Morena Negro
Friday: Help Needed Please

The Gender Diverse School Holiday Program is a place for us, young people to have fun, make friends and explore the world in a safe and friendly environment.

Held over three days, we will get to pick the activities we do & the places we explore in a group of peers that welcomes the diversity of our community.

Cost: FREE
Time: Term 3/4 break September 2015
Location: Carlton based
FOR: Young people aged 12-17

If you want to register or have any questions, please contact:
Anushka Wooton on 9653 6733 or Anushka.Wooton@dvgs.org.au
Chantele Higgins on 9653 6733 or Chantele.Higgins@dvgs.org.au
Erik Ly on Erik.Ly@dvgs.org.au

Like us on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/GenderDiverseSchoolHolidayProgramMelbourne

The Stand Out Day Camp is young people coming together from all over Victoria to collaborate and make positive change in their schools to combat homophobia and transphobia!

The Stand Out Day Camp
BENDIGO
FRIDAY
SEPT 25

MINUS18

Go to MINUS18.ORG.AU for more information!

Join the Stand Out Network
Facebook.com/StandOutNetworkVIC

headspace Bendigo
76-80 Pull Plat, Bendigo

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Music News

Guitar Soiree next Monday 31 August
The details for the Soiree are:

When: Monday 17 August at 7pm – 8.30pm
Where: College Library
Who: All guitar and electric bass students, and Junior Latin Jazz Band members.
What to wear: Neat casual dress
Free entry: All friends and family welcome

Vocal Soiree Monday 7 September
The details for the Soiree are:

When: Monday 7 September 7pm – 8.30pm
Where: College Library
Who: All vocal students
What to wear: Neat casual dress
Free entry: All friends and family welcome

2015 GALA CONCERT
Our next major musical event is our annual Gala Concert. This concert is being held at the “Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre” in South Morang.

DATE: Tuesday 15th September 2015
TIME: 7:30pm (performers to arrive at 7pm)
VENUE: Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre
35 Ferres Boulevard
South Morang

All members of the following groups will be required to perform at this concert:
• Junior, Intermediate and Senior Concert Band
• Junior, Intermediate and Senior Strings
• Intermediate and Senior Choir
• Intermediate and Senior Guitar Ensemble
• Jazz, Stage and Funk Band

On this date there will be a rehearsal during the day at Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre (PRACC). Students will be taken to and from the rehearsal by bus, but will need to make their own way to and from the concert in the evening.

*Consent and payment ($10 bus fee) must be provided before September 11th and can be given on Compass from next week.

Tickets to the GALA Concert can be purchased on http://www.trybooking.com/IUZG
Performers do not require a ticket.

Adults $25
Children & Concession $10
Family $60 (2 Adults/2 Children)
Music News continued….

Stage Band performance at Victorian School Music Festival

Congratulations to Mr Craig Harrison and the members of the Stage Band who were awarded a silver shield for their performance at the Victorian School Music Festival.

Upcoming and Important Dates:

Monday 31 August  Guitar and electric bass Soiree – all guitar and electric bass students. 7pm Library.
Monday 7 September  Vocal Soiree - all vocal students. 7pm Library.
Tuesday 15 September  Gala Concert: 7.30pm Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre 35 Ferres Bouvelvard, South Morang. All large ensembles. Senior Choir – performance at the National Young Singers in Harmony A Cappella Festival. Deakin Edge Theatre, Federation Square, 11am to 4pm.
Monday 19 October  Jazz Night: Watsonia RSL 6pm – 9pm. Jazz Band, Stage Band, Funk Band and Junior Latin Jazz Band.
Wednesday 28 October  String Soiree – all violin, viola, cello and double bass students. 7pm Library.

Sarah Williams
Director of Music
williams.sarah.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
8458 2841

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY GROUPS

Mondays in G3 with Mr Papadakis
3.20pm - 5.00pm

Thursdays in C5 with Ms Morris & Ms Pastro
3.15pm - 5.00pm
CSEF Applications

Please note application for CSEF Funding has now been extended and applications will be accepted until 18th September 2015, with a copy of your relevant Health Care Card. If you had completed an application in Term 2 you DO NOT need to complete another application. Further details are available below.

Maria Rosewarne
Accounts Receivable Officer

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - Applications Extended

The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

Application forms can be downloaded from this newsletter or alternatively collect a hardcopy from the general office.

Eligibility

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must

• on the first day of Term two, or;
  on the first day of Term three:
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAPE.

Eligibility date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term two or term three.

A copy of either the Centrelink Health Care card or Pensioner card is required upon application.

Please Note applications closing date has been extended and will be accepted to 18th September 2015.

For further information access http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef or contact
Natalie Kemman (Business Manager) 9456 2811.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date Extended

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 18th September 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CSEF Application Form

VIEWBANK COLLEGE - 8812

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
• this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
• Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant _____________________________ Date __ __ __
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For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary
or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with
Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses
for the benefit of the eligible student.
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information,
see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on
   your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also
   need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case,
   you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or
   provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
   The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps,
   sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT’S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
   - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or
     - language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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Community News

Girl's Cricket Competition

**WHAT**
New all girls T20 cricket competition for the Diamond Valley

**WHEN**
Wednesday Nights, commencing late October 2018

**WHO**
Girls aged 10-18, no experience or equipment necessary

Free come and try sessions
Sunday 30th August
Sunday 13th September

3-4pm
Cutting Edge Cricket
Unit 7, 19 Enterprise Drive
Bundoora

To register contact
Tony Mash
dvca.juniors@gmail.com

Parent Seminar

Are you are parent of an 8-15 year old?
Are you concerned about any of these issues?

- Peer pressure
- Sleeping
- Drugs and alcohol
- Body image
- Family conflict
- Social media
- Eating
- School performance

If so, this parent information session is for you

How can you support your child through this crucial stage of their life?
How can parents stay connected to their children?

Guest speaker Barbi Collard a Mental Health Promotion Officer from Austin Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service will speak to parents about:

- Recognising worries and anxiety in 8-15 year olds
- Support for young people and their parents
- Inform about the SAFE Minds Home program
- Provide strategies to support positive mental health in young people
- Local agency’s panel discussion

When: Monday 7 September
Time: 7.30pm SHARP until 9pm
Where: Nillumbik Shire Offices - Civic Drive Greensborough

Limited Numbers Bookings Essential:
Rachel.Briere@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or phone 9433 3190

SAFE MINDS is a partnership between:
**For Sale**

Alto Saxophone

Yamaha YAS 62 series professional alto Saxophone in excellent condition.

Great quality instrument for musician wanting to take their playing to intermediate level and beyond.

Comes with tuner, Rovner ligature, Selmer mouthpiece (valued at $300) plus instrument stand.

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Phone Martin 0410 416 939

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**Macleod Junior Football Club**

(Family Fund) EST 1966

Established in 1966, the Macleod junior football club has a history spread to towns in the Northern Shire, drawing in players from Wantirna to Greenvale. We have a proud tradition of players who have gone on to play at the next levels of football, from the Victorian Football League (VFL) to college and university football.

OurJunior team have had great success at the junior level, and have represented their local areas at the state level. We have a strong tradition of community support, with many local businesses and individuals contributing to our club's success.

Our club offers a range of services to our members, including a strong coaching program, regular training sessions, and social events throughout the year.

If you have any questions or would like to become a member, please contact either:

Russell Brown - njfcpresident15@gmail.com or
Rob Carri - info@macleodjfc.com.au

www.macleodjfc.com.au

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**MEN'S & MIXED NETBALL**

**STATE TEAM SELECTIONS**

The 2016 Australian Men’s and Mixed Netball Championships will be held in Melbourne over the Easter period (Sunday 27 March – Saturday 2 April 2016).

The Victorian Men’s Netball League invites all interested players to attend the state team selections starting in August. Each team will be selected by the respective coach and a selection panel.

- **Three trial sessions will be held to select the Victorian Cyclones teams for the 2016 Australian Championships. Attendance at all sessions is advised to improve your selection opportunity.**

**DATES**

- **SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2015**
  - MEN’S 17 & UNDER, MEN’S 20 & UNDER Registration: 8.30am
  - MEN’S OPEN MIXED, MEN’S RESERVE MIXED Reserve Registration: 10.30am

- **SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2015**
  - MEN’S 17 & UNDER, MEN’S 20 & UNDER Registration: 3.00pm
  - MEN’S OPEN MIXED, MEN’S RESERVE MIXED Reserve Registration: 5.30pm

- **SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2015**
  - MEN’S 17 & UNDER, MEN’S 20 & UNDER Registration: 10.30am
  - MEN’S OPEN MIXED, MEN’S RESERVE MIXED Reserve Registration: 8.30am

**VENUE**

Bayside Netball Stadium - 2 Somers Avenue, Macleod

**COST**

$220 is required to be paid before participation can occur. CASH, EFTPOS & prepayment via EFT to VMNL is acceptable. For EFT bank details, please contact VMNL. $200 will be refunded if player not selected.

**ENQUIRIES**

Karen Wild 0414 542 583 or Grant Crocker 0419 382 620

vmnlnetball@gmail.com

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**FASHION CARDINI**

**GLOW PARTY**

FRI AUGUST 28
6.30-9pm (8 to 14 year olds)
Cost: $7.00

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