

Students as Leaders

Congratulations to our elected and nominated leaders on their appointments as form captains, literacy tutors, bus captains, band leaders and sports captains. It was great to have their parents at our badge presentation assembly last week as we listened to local police officer Ben Cameron outline how leadership opportunities present themselves to young people and the importance of taking on responsibilities. Four candidates nominated for the SRC presidency with Nathan Watson elected president, Sarah Considine vice president, and Sarah Baird and Sarah Alborough forming the executive committee. These four will have an important role in student initiatives and input into school decision making as they lead the Student Representative Council and the student body.

Nathan was also one of three candidates for the Lions Youth of the Year award on Tuesday, along with Sarah Barham and Tristan Hilbig. Each was interviewed by a panel of judges during the afternoon, then responded to two impromptu questions and presented a prepared speech at the Lions Club meeting during the evening. Congratulations to Sarah who won both the public speaking component and will become the Stawell candidate for the next level of competition against six other candidates in Skipton next month. The large crowd of Lions and guests, and the three judges were impressed with all the candidates, and it is great for the school and for Stawell that the Lions Club encourages young people by hosting this event. Best wishes to Sarah for the next challenge!

Our 10 Rules of Engagement

For the past two weeks the focus of teachers has been to present with enthusiasm. Hopefully students will be infected by the additional energy added to classes and activities. In preparation for our focus for the next two weeks our staff meeting this week discussed various approaches to planning lessons. All teachers learn about lesson planning during their teacher training, but it is always worth revisiting the skills to make sure they are still being practised. Good lesson planning requires clear objectives, so we are helping each other to ensure we “plan lessons carefully in the context of identified outcomes”, the second of our 10 Rules of Engagement.

Telephones and Hats

The school council has determined very specific policies with respect to mobile telephones and hats. Teachers are required to implement these policies and we would appreciate parents' support to ensure

they are well understood. The mobile phone policy is reproduced within this Connections, and the hat policy is a simple expectation that hats are always worn when students are outside. Our expectations are about safety, security and etiquette which are shared by families and the community. We look forward to your support in helping students get this right.
Peter Hilbig
Principal



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Education Maintenance Allowance

The closing date for EMA applications for the first instalment is **27th February, 2009.**

You will receive the first instalment of your EMA payment in Term Two, 2009.

Parent cheques will be sent to the school for distribution.

*Year 10
Engineering
homework
due for
assessment
on
Thursday,
March 5th.
Mr Peatt*

International Education Week 1 – 7 March

As part of International Education Week from 1 – 7 March, the Chinese students will be selling Chinese dumplings and prawn crackers for a very reasonable price from the Home Economics room window on Tuesday, 3rd March at lunch time. On Wednesday, 4th March our German students will provide German food. The Students have decided any money raised will be donated to the animals injured in the bush fires.

An Invitation to the Annual Meeting of the Stawell Chaplaincy Committee

The Stawell Chaplaincy Committee would like to invite parents and interested community members to their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7.30pm. It will be held in the staff room of the Stawell Secondary College.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Ms Mary Rillstone, the Chaplain at Stawell Secondary College. Mary will share with us the presentation she delivered as an Associate of The Centre for Health and Society from Melbourne University. Her topic is 'A meeting of the Ancient Ethical World with the Cyber Worlds of Adolescents'.

RSVP to Graeme Anyon on 5358 1387.

We look forward to meeting you on this occasion.

CALENDAR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Fri 27th Outdoor Education Surf Trip – Mr. Malloy

March

Mon 2nd Year 11 Biology Excursion
(Sunday 1st March) – Mr. O'Donoghue

Tue 3rd Wimmera Senior & Intermediate Tennis –
Mr. Illig

Wed 4th Year 10 Media Excursion – Ms Cosson

Thurs 5th VCE Textiles Excursion – Mrs. Sudholz

Mon 9th **Labour Day Holiday**

Tue 10th German exchange Students Central Australia
Trip

Wed 11th German exchange Students Central Australia
Trip

SRG Social – Ms Storch
Council Finance & Executive Meeting –
Mr. Phil Hall

Thurs 12th German exchange Students
Central Australia Trip

Fri 13th German exchange Students
Central Australia Trip
Wimmera Swimming Carnival – Mr. Sawyer

Tue 17th Questacon Smart Moves
(Science program) – Yr9, 10 & 11 – Mrs. Kirsch

Wed 25th Western Zone Swimming Carnival – Mr. Sawyer
Year 7 Hearing Test – Leonie Cowie
(School Nurse)

Thurs 26th Year 10 Outdoor Education Base Camp –
Mr. Malloy

School Council Meeting – Mr. Phil Hall

Fri 27th German exchange Students Central Australia
Trip

Mon 30th VCE Media, Design Tech Excursion – Mr.
Sweeney, Ms Cosson & Mrs. Sudholz

Tue 31st Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – Mr. Hart

April

Fri 3rd Last Day Term 1

Mon 20th 1st Day Term 2

Stawell Secondary College Mobile Phones

Years 7-9 Mobile Phones

Students in Years 7 through to Year 9 are not to have mobile phones at school. If students are found with a mobile phone, it will be confiscated and returned when a parent comes to the school to collect the phone.

Where a Year 7-9 student is participating in an excursion outside Stawell they may negotiate with the teachers in charge of the excursion for permission to have a mobile phone to arrange parent pick up at the end of the day. Agreement of the rules for that excursion is at the discretion of the teachers in charge. Where parents require their Year 7-9 son or daughter to have access to a mobile phone after school hours – for sport or family commitments, students may bring the phone to school and hand this to the General Office at the START of the day for safe keeping during the day. The phone can be collected at the end of the day.

Years 10-12 Mobile Phones

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones during class times. Teachers will confiscate mobile phones found in class time, and student can collect them at the end of the day. If students persist with taking a phone to class, it will be confiscated and returned when the student's parents come to the school to collect the phone.

Year 8 & 9 BBQ— Thursday, March 5th in the Amphitheatre :
Stawell Secondary College

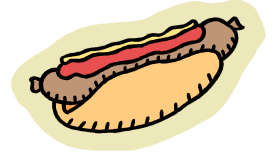
Dear Parents / Guardians and students in Year 8 & 9. You are invited to attend a BBQ get together at 6.30PM—8PM on the above date.

This informal get together will give you the opportunity to meet with your Childs Year Level Manager, Form Teacher and the classroom teachers. You will have the opportunity to discuss your Childs progress at school and to share any concerns you might have at this early stage in the term. BBQ is provided free of charge. Please bring your own non-alcoholic drinks.

Could you please indicate in the space provided, the number of people attending.

Hope to see you there.

The Year 8 & 9 Team



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Please complete and return no later than Monday, 2nd March.

Yes I am happy to attend with _____

Sorry I am unable to attend _____

Signed: _____

Music Scholarship

This year we are offering Year 7 and 8 students an exciting opportunity to learn a musical instrument. We are offering a scholarship for four students to learn the trumpet, tuba, clarinet and saxophone this year. This scholarship would include instrument hire, lessons and band fees for the students. If you would like to apply for this please fill in the attached form and return to Miss Lee by Thursday, March 5th. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions.

Name: _____

Year Level: _____

Instrument you would like to learn:

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Questions?

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Or call 1300 853599 or see Mrs Freeland at school.

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Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7pm at the North
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**Jailhouse Rock
Seeking Children's art for exhibition**

Ararat Regional Art Gallery is calling for entries for its Jailhouse Rock Festival exhibition, to be presented from 5 to 23 March 2009.

Called 'Discard to Disc Art', the exhibition will feature scratched and unwanted 7" vinyl singles that have been transformed into works of art by community members of all ages and abilities. Children are especially encouraged to get involved. There is no selection process and all entries submitted will be included in the exhibition.

To enter you need to collect a prepared vinyl single and entry form from the Gallery (cost is \$3 per entry). Two People's Choice Awards for Children are on offer—a \$50 cash prize in the 11 to 16 year category and a \$50 art supplies voucher in the 10 years and under category. All completed artworks need to be delivered to the Gallery by 2 March 2009.

For more information phone 5352 2836 or email: gallery@ararat.vic.gov.au



YR 9 MATHS BOOK FOR SALE - \$30
Ph: 53582930.
WANTED: Yr 10 Maths Text book, 53582930

LOST

1 pair of Size 9 Mack School Shoes at North Park Clubrooms last Friday night. If found please contact Curtis Bibby on Ph: 54998222



Immunisation Program

All parents/guardians of Year 7 & 10 students should receive information regarding their child's immunisation program in the mail today. The "Schools Immunisation Program" will commence next Friday 6th March 2009 with the first injections for the following students:

YEAR LEVEL 2009	Hepatitis B Vaccine (2 doses) Visit 1 & 3	Chicken Pox Vaccine Visit 2	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Vaccine (Boostrix) Visit 1	Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Girls only) Visit 1, 2 & 3
Year 7	Yes	Yes		Yes
Year 10			Yes	

The program continues on the following dates:

- Visit 2: Monday 11th May 2009
- Visit 3: Wednesday 16th September 2009

Parents were requested to read the brochures and complete the enclosed cards and return them by Monday 2nd March 2009 to their child's form teacher.

The immunisation cards must be completed for your child to receive the vaccine(s). If parents/guardians do not received the information in the mail today, please contact the school on Monday 2nd March.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school (Mr Hart) or Denise Beelitz (NGSC Environmental Health Officer 5358 8700) if you require further information.

Hats Policy Stawell Secondary College

Students and staff will wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket hats whenever they are outside during high risk periods. (Baseball caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended.) Every student and staff member will be provided with a uniform school hat with house coloured trim, which will be a compulsory part of student uniform during defined date and time periods. Uniform hats will be available for purchase at school at minimum cost to immediately replace lost or forgotten hats.

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Horsham and District Soccer Association Pre Season Training and Trials are at Dudley Cornell Park every Sunday 3.30pm—5.30pm until the end of March. All welcome!