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It is the dream of many teenagers to visit our vast and "exotic" country, Down Under. Their dream can only come true with your help. It is only through the hospitality of caring families, with an interest in better cultural understanding and world peace, that these dreams can become reality. STS High School Foundation urgently needs volunteer host families for students arriving in July 2009 from Europe.

If you would like to join a unique and growing group of families in Victoria, we need to hear from you now.

Please contact us at stsf@people.net.au
 or call 1800 263 964

NARRE WARREN-BERWICK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Berwick Leisure Centre Manuka Road, Berwick

Saturday, 6th June & 4th July

Students in Years 5 to 8 only.

Cost \$10.00

6.00pm to 10.00pm

All enquires to Narre Warren Police Station
 9705 3111

Student Absence Line

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the Absence Line. Leave a message with your child's name, home group, reason for not attending school and a contact phone number on **8768 1051**.

NEED MATHS HELP?



Available in A15 with Mr Buff
 from
 3.30pm to 4.15pm,
 every Monday.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA

In July 2009, 15-18 year old students from over fifteen countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for five or ten months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide these students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331
 or

visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au



Berwick Secondary College Newsletter

Berwick Secondary College
 creates a learning community by
 taking pride in its school values:

- Excellence in Learning
- Positive Relationships
- Personal Growth

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Year 9 Girls Intermediate Netball Team

Term 2 Calendar 2009

- Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June Year 11 Exam week
- Tuesday 2nd June Performing Arts Night—starts at 7:30pm in the PAC
- Saturday 6th June Redemption Classes for Year 11 & Year 12 Students 9am-12:45 Senior School
- Monday 8th June Queen's Birthday Holiday (no classes being held)
- Tuesday 9th June - Wednesday 10th June Year 12 Exams
- Thursday 11th June GAT test for students doing VCE Units 3 & 4
- Friday 12th June Year 10 Production—show starts at 7:30pm in the PAC
- Tuesday 16th June Report Writing—Student Free Day
- Thursday 18th June District Cross Country
- Thursday 25th June Free Dress Day
- Friday 26th June Southern Zone Cross Country
- Monday 13th July End of Term 2—2.30pm finish for students
- Beginning of Term 3

Student Absence Line 8768 1051 - Record student absences by leaving the student's name, home group, reason and phone number

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

School Assembly - At our whole of school assembly last week I was delighted to be able to publicly acknowledge some of the great achievements of our students over the last month. These included:



- The Year 11 and 12 Theatre Studies students who recently performed the play "Away" to an outstanding level.
- Our two Year 11 Maths Methods teams who came first and second in a local problem solving competition involving the following schools: St Margaret's School, St Francis Xavier College, St Thomas Aquinas College and Cranbourne Secondary College.
- The Year 7 students who attended the local primary feeder schools with Mrs Ure to talk to the Grade 5 and 6 students about their experiences in making the transition from primary to secondary school. These students were fantastic ambassadors for our College.
- The school band who performed superbly at the Grade 6 Information Evening . Many thanks also to our Year 7 students who came along and modelled the school uniform to the audience.
- The Year 11 Business Management students who ran such a successful Market Day
- Jessie Wills, Rachel Bullard, Sam Prime and Jessica Prime who won the U16 State Schools X Country Relay Championships at Jells Park on the weekend.
- The Go Girls VCAL class who greeted, prepared, served and cleaned up afterwards for the RSL's ANZAC Day luncheon in South Melbourne.
- Golfers, Brad Stephenson and Hayden Nisbet who competed at the Victorian Schools State Golf Championships at Sunshine with Hayden coming fourth.
- Corie Intveen and Jayden Gee who were selected for the Victorian Metropolitan Football Team.

Inappropriate Language - I also spoke to students at the assembly reminding them of the need to show greater self discipline with respect to the language they use, particularly in the yard. Could I ask parents to reinforce this message with their children over the next few weeks. I know it is difficult, particularly with the frequency with which poor language is used on television, in newspapers and other media, but if the message is reinforced both at home and at school, it will have a greater impact.

National Schools Pride Program - During the week we received notification from the Federal Government that we were successful with our application for the National Schools Pride Program. This will provide the school with significant additional funding to address some of the issues we are facing in keeping our facilities up to standard.

Code of Conduct - Over the next few weeks, staff and home groups will be discussing issues and behaviours relating to the type of environment we want to see at our College. From our discussions with students, parents and staff late last year and earlier this year, it is fair to say that we have a reasonable degree of consistency in what each group would like to see in regards to the environment at the College. It is our intent to establish a steering committee comprising representatives from each of the three key groups in the next few weeks so that we can advance the development for a comprehensive code of expectations and behaviours in this important area. Parents will be kept posted of the committee's progress through the Newsletter. Once completed, a draft code will be published and feedback invited, with a view to implementation once the new code has been ratified by the College Council.

H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) - As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:

The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007

Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)

Your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

Mr Ross Bevege

Principal

From the Chaplain's Desk

Now that my son has just turned 21 I am starting to feel my age!! At the time of writing this article, I am preparing for the party - I hope to survive this big event!! It is good to see them become their own person. Being a parent is great, even with all the tough times. I was sitting in another school the other day waiting for a student and there were a group of girls chatting. The topic of conversation was their dads. One girl was explaining how she regularly told her father that she loved him and spoke fondly of their relationship. Children don't always have a great relationship with their parents, and vice versa. It was great to hear this girl talk openly about her dad. I recently finished an assignment for my degree; the topic was the 'sexualisation' of girls. Having five sisters and being married to someone who also has five sisters, and having worked with 'at risk' girls for a number of years, I have an interest in the subject. Without boring you, one thing which came out of the research was the importance of a healthy, open and meaningful relationship between fathers and daughters. We all know that not all girls have dads or that all dads have contact with their daughters, for a variety of reasons. For some girls a relationship with a trust worthy male, whether related or a friend, is good too. I have always believed that girls who have a healthy relationship with her dad often develop healthy relationships in life. With all that said, it is important as parents to have healthy relationships with our children, whether they are boys or girls. How is your relationship with your children? Have you told them you love them today? In spite of any conflict you may currently have with your kids they need to know you love them.

Dads...do your girls know you love them??

*Peter Whitefield
College Chaplain*

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2009

The City Casey Health Department will return to the College in Term 3 to complete their immunisation program.

	YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS	YEAR 10 VACCINATIONS
Thursday 3 September 2009	Hepatitis B – boys and girls – second/final dose. Gardasil - cervical cancer vaccine – girls only – third/final dose.	Nil

Cards have been processed. NO LATE CARDS ACCEPTED

Students who cannot be immunised on the day/s the Health Department is at the College, can still be vaccinated free of charge at any of the other City of Casey vaccination centres.

Go to: www.casey.vic.gov.au/immunisation and follow the link at the bottom of the page to find the 2009 City of Casey immunisation schedule which provides alternative venues and times.

All parents should ensure that they can easily be contacted on the day of immunisation just in case students need to go home.

Ms Josie Gray

Assistant Principal

UNDEFEATED GIRLS INTERMEDIATE NETBALL TEAMS

Congratulations are in order for the two intermediate girl's netball teams who played spectacularly at the competition at Frawley Rd Netball Complex on Wednesday 6th May. Both the Year 10 team and the Year 9 team won every one of their six games! No other school even came close to the Year 9 girls and their skills, and their cohesion as a team was a pleasure to watch. Many of the officials and umpires on the day commented on the ability of the Berwick girls. Their organisation, team work and behaviour was really excellent which made coaching them a rewarding experience. Well done girls!



Year 10 Girls Intermediate Netball Team

Ms Caro Flood

Netball Coach

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Parents who did not apply for the Conveyance Allowance at the beginning of the year, and believe they are eligible to receive it, must get their applications for Semester 2 in by the end of June in order to meet the deadline.

If you are receiving the Conveyance Allowance and have had a change of address, please ensure you notify the office by the end of June in order for our Conveyance Allowance records to be updated for the Semester 2 payment.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (Monday 13th July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by the end of July for the second instalment.

There is no need to reapply if you were eligible in Semester 1, unless there have been changes. Application forms are available from the school office.

Finance Department

OUT OF UNIFORM PROCEDURE

Students should have a parent note when out of uniform. Please note:- parent notes are not acceptable for jumpers or jackets. Students can borrow a clean jumper/polo fleece for the day from the College nurse.

With a parent note:

- This note should be shown to the Home Group teacher for authorization.
- The student must keep the note with them throughout the day as any teacher may ask to see it.
- The Home Group teacher will contact parent/s if the issue is not rectified within a reasonable or agreed time.

Without a parent note:

- Student reports to their Home Group teacher to explain issue.
- The Home Group teacher records issue and may provide a temporary uniform pass for one day. The student must keep this pass with them throughout the day as any teacher may ask to see it.
- The Home Group teacher will contact parent/s the following day if issue is not rectified to see if there are extenuating circumstances and/or to see when the issue may be rectified. Depending on the circumstances, the Home Group teacher may then refer the matter to the Learning Team Leader.

Please refer to the School Diary (page xvii) for more details.

LEARNING TEAM DAYS

To celebrate each Learning Team the following Learning Team Days have been scheduled

<u>Term 2</u>	<u>Term 3</u>
Friday 26 th June - Monash Day	Tuesday 14 th July - Dunlop Day
	Monday 3 rd August - O'Donoghue Day
	Tuesday 18 th August - Flynn Day
	Friday 28 th August - Frost Day
	Friday 18 th September - Kenny Day

Note: *Hollows and Chisholm Days have already been held.*

On these days all students have the opportunity to substitute one item of uniform only with something in the Learning Team colour. e.g. jumper, pants, scarf, headband etc.

Please note this is **NOT** a free dress day.

Flynn - purple	Kenny - red	O'Donoghue - orange
Dunlop - yellow	Frost - dark blue	Monash - dark green

Mr Pat Mulcahy
Acting Assistant Principal

CAREERS NEWS

Families are encouraged to keep up to date with TAFE and University open days, course requirements and other career opportunities by getting a copy of the fortnightly Careers News from the Senior School Centre or viewing it at www.berwicksc.vic.edu.au/careers.htm.

TERTIARY INFORMATION SERVICE (T.I.S)—The annual T.I.S event was held at Monash University on Thursday 28th May 2009. A panel of experts presented information on topics like the VTAC application process, choosing a course, accommodation, scholarships, special admissions schemes, fees and finances, open days and more. Following the presentation was an expo where prospective students could approach representatives for specific information and collect brochures. T.I.S is a fantastic opportunity to access all Victorian Universities, local TAFE's and other education providers to find out what is available in regard to tertiary study. Any current Year 12 student considering tertiary options for 2010 should attend. Consent forms needed to be returned by Thursday 14th May.

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)—Any students considering applying for medicine and health science degree programs are required to sit an aptitude test as part of the application process. The deadline for registration is Friday 5th June 2009 and the test date is Wednesday 29th July 2009. See Mrs Birkett in the Careers Office for more information.

Australian Defence Force GAP year—If you would like to spend one year finding out more about how the Navy, Army and Air Force operate without committing to longer than a year then the GAP program might be for you. Registrations for 2010 opened on Friday 1st May. For more information visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gapyear or see Mrs Birkett.

Mrs Alison Birkett
Careers, VET and Business Partnership Leader



Ms Erica Peck with Brayden Cripps who completed the Safe Food Handlers training.



Tegan Knoles—completed her Level II First Aid training as part of the VET Community Services course.

STUDENT REPORTS SEMESTER 1 2009

Students in Years 7-12 will be handed their End of Semester 1 Report on Friday 26th June (last day of Term 2).

Students should take these home to their parents. Parents are encouraged to discuss the reports with students, identifying both positive aspects and any obvious areas for improvement.

Ms Josie Gray
Assistant Principal

College Tour Dates 2009

Bookings are essential: 8768 1000

Meet in the General Office on the morning of the tour

- Tour No. 8 Wednesday 26th August at 9.30 a.m.
Tour No. 9 Wednesday 11th November at 9.30 a.m. (final tour for 2009)

