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**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

THURSDAY June 28th students will be dismissed at 1.00pm. Reports will be available for collection from 2—6pm.

If you would like to make a time please phone your Childs home group teacher.

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**Wellbeing Meeting**

On Wednesday the 2nd of May I conducted a Wellbeing meeting for our year 9 and 10 parents at Lynall Hall Community School. The evening was an initiative of a project developed as part of the innovations and excellence wellbeing team of the Yarra Schools Network coordinated by Zita Pinda. The purpose of the evening was to introduce our dedicated welfare team to the parents, to provide a venue and opportunities for further gatherings and to discover what parents require from our school and staff so that the parent community feel involved and engaged. Recent studies have shown that parent involvement with student education and schools impact on their educational achievement wellbeing and attendance. Speakers were our youth workers, Rylie Conaughton 7-8, Shannon Walker year 9, Eva Grzelinska from year 10, Stuart Edwards from Odyssey House, Mary Burns our school nurse and Linda Hammond from Good Shepherd. They all talked about their areas of interest and where their focus was within the school. The evening was well attended. We had 12 parents attend and a total of 25 people; guest speakers, staff and a school council member. There has been strong interest in a pathways jobs focus for our next wellbeing evening. This will be run next term. Any parents/ caregivers interested please let me know on 94284421 or leave a message at the office with one of our welfare team, listed above. Many thanks for all those who attended, the speakers and staff who supported the evening.

Nim McIntyre
Since our last meeting we have seen many changes to the day to day running of the school.

Breakfast Program
We have been fortunate to gain a $15,000 sponsorship through Good Shepherd and Family Services for our breakfast program. Thanks to volunteers from GHD Engineering and Melbourne Water who have given their valuable time to prepare and serve breakfast five days per week to the students at Lynall Hall. I would like to thank Trent Gibson who coordinates the volunteers and has the overall responsibility for the program. Our school staff have also supported this very worthwhile program and agreed to be rostered once a fortnight to support the program. Student attendance has been very good, with many students volunteering to run the program and we have noticed an improvement to student learning. Met tickets are also available as part of the sponsorship to make sure that all students are able to attend the breakfast program and school on a regular basis.

Lunch Program
We are still looking for a sponsor for our lunch program and have an indication from a number of people who believe that they can assist us in gaining the $15,000 to $20,000 that is required to supply lunches to our needy students. Bernie Geary the Child Safety Commissioner and Fran Whitty the Senior Program Advisor for Crime & Violence Prevention Victoria are looking for sources of sponsorships, we are also applying for a Coles Community Grant for up to $5,000 to support our school lunch & camping programs.

Student welfare
Bernie Geary, Child Safety Commissioner Victoria and his advisor Marie Tehan visited the school at the end of term 1 for a school tour and meeting to discuss the possibility of a future meeting with a senior member of the Department of Human Services Victoria to improve the support and coordination of services for all students at the school. Bernie has arranged a meeting with Paul McDonald - Manager DHS Community Care for Monday 14th May and Colin McKinney Senior Officer of Richmond Police, Fran Whitty Crime and Violence Prevention Victoria and Tony or Chris, Community Police Squad will attend. Fran Whitty Senior Program Advisor Crime & Violence Prevention Victoria, from the new “Australia’s First Community Justice Centre” in Wellington Street, Collingwood and Colin McKinney Senior Police Officer at Richmond Police station visited the school prior to the meeting on the 19th April to gain an overview of the workings of Lynall Hall & to see our students at work. They were both impressed with our students and the classes that were running at the time.

On Thursday 19th April I attended a meeting at the Richmond Police station with all of the above personnel and Stuart Edwards, Odyssey Youth Services and a member of the DHS School Nursing Program to discuss ways that these groups can better support the students at Lynall Hall and their families.

Some areas suggested were as follows:

- Members of our school staff attend the next in-service day at Richmond Police station to improve their working relationships with our young people, in particular the younger members of the Police Force.
- Improve relationships between our young people, Richmond Police and other members of the Victoria Police Force.
- Develop after school programs to further engage our students.

Gain sponsorship for our lunch program.
Gain support for a member of DHS to be placed at Lynall Hall full time to coordinate with the many DHS, JJ and Mental Health workers that work with our young people.
Gain support for a full time school nurse to be employed at Lynall Hall.
Seek support for increased SRP funding from the Department of Education to support the students, staff & teaching programs at Lynall Hall.

School Restructure
The Northern Regional Office have agreed to fund ($10,000) a Consultant to drive school improvement and to assist with the restructure of the Number 1 Richmond Campus as a year 7 & 8 learning centre, which in turn will focus on improved Literacy & Numeracy outcomes for our junior school students. I have met with Lyn Williams SEO Northern Regional Office and Yvonne Paulke who will drive this change; further meetings have taken place to plan for these changes at the start of semester 2. A restructure of staffing across the school will also take place for the Wellbeing and Professional Development of all staff at Lynall Hall, the staff at Number 1 Richmond Campus has agreed to this change.

Student teachers
Teaching and non-teaching staff have agreed to host a number of student teachers and welfare trainees over the next term or two. Most of these trainees are from Monash University, Victoria University and RMIT University. The benefit is to have the many young student teachers and welfare staff work within the school to assist both staff and students to improve student outcomes.

Reports
Wayne Craig, Northern Metropolitan Regional General Manager has agreed that Lynall Hall Community School will not be required to use Progression Points (A to E scale) on school reports that are required to be posted to parents at least twice a year. However, staff will still be required to use the A to E scale for internal and Departmental data. The new reporting system will be introduced for this year’s mid-year and end of year reporting. Mid-year report day is Thursday 28th June.

New School Bus
I picked up our new school bus on Tuesday 17th April and had our school name and school bus signs placed on both buses, Stuart Inchley is going to coordinate the use of our buses and has drawn up tight rules to ensure that they are looked after and serviced when required. We are in the process of seeking a third quote for the bus shed roof to be able to house both buses and the Good Shepherd bus that is used by Number 1.

New School Kitchen
We have also gained a quote for the refurbishment of the school kitchen and the price to bring it up to industrial standard is $140,000, which includes new industrial ovens, and exhaust system. I will be applying for some of the money through the Commonwealth Governments “Investing in our Schools Program” and hope that the rest will be funded through the Department of Education Facility Grants; we may need support from our local member to get on this list.

Science and Technology room audit
We had an audit of our school Science and Technology facility’s on Thursday 26th April that was conducted by the Northern
Regional Office Facilities personnel as part of the State Government's election platform.

**Art Room Repairs**
Further remedial works were carried out over the school holidays to ventilate the Art room below the floor structure and new monitors installed. Security locks have been installed to all new computers.

**Fish Pond**
The Hydroponics & Aquaculture systems have been installed on both school sites and will enhance the teaching of science and environmental studies and allow our students to grow lettuce and other vegetables for food classes. This will then complete the Commonwealth Government’s “Water Resources Grant” and a final report will then be submitted.

**School Chaplain**
The application for funding through the Commonwealth Governments “Chaplaincy Grant” has been submitted and we are waiting for an outcome. We asked for $20,000 per year for the next three years.

**New Computers**
The new computers have been installed in our computer room and a number of staff computers have been upgraded and new monitors installed. Security locks have been installed to all new computers.

**Richmond Precinct**
Madeleine Wright and I will be attending a meeting at the Richmond Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd May at 5pm to discuss the future Richmond Precinct plans.

**VCAL Camps.**
Planning has commenced for the two VCAL camps that years 10, 11 & 12 students will be attending at Wodonga TAFE & Sunraysia TAFE to further support our students in gaining Certificate 1 & 2 in Rural Operations and Environmental Studies, through both the SCWRP and Ourplace programs. Ourplace Inc. has now been incorporated and planning is underway to mirror this initiative at Wodonga/Albury. It is hoped that with corporate support we may then be able to receive funding support for our students, it cost the school around $5,000 to have the 15 students attend last years camp, so far we have not gained any monitory support from this group and our school has been one of the major members for this initiative. I am very concerned that our school is not represented on the new Board of Management; I feel that the project has been high jacked by the TAFE sector.

**New Art Teacher**
Jean Cameron our replacement art teacher has settled in very quickly and has been greeted well by our students. It is unfortunate that our Literacy Aide Faye Walker has accepted another employment opportunity and has resigned. Student numbers continue to be very strong with many new students commencing this term.

**Innovations and Excellence**
The Innovations and Excellence Coordinator Zita Pinda needs to be congratulated on the work that she has been undertaking across the Yarra Network of schools. Zita has set up working teams from all participating schools in the following areas:
- Success for Boy’s.
- Early Years.
- Middle Years.
- Wellbeing.

These working groups meet every second Thursday at schools across our network and the following staff members have the responsibility for the coordination and feedback to the Lynall Hall school staff.

**Barb Waters – Success for Boy’s.**
**Kaye Patterson – Early Years.**
**Drazen Stojakovic – Middle Years.**
**Nim McIntyre – Wellbeing.**

A number of joint & individual school in-services will take place throughout the year; the first activities are as follows:
- **Network in-service for Success for Boys** is at Richmond Primary School at 3.45pm on Tuesday 15th May.

**Curriculum Day**
The Community schools in-service day is Tuesday 12th June at the AEU offices. This will be a pupil free day for all students.

**School Audits**
The following school audits are to be conducted by the Department:
- **Technology/Science Facilities audit** – Thursday 26th April.
- **Student audit** – Wednesday 2nd May.
- **Finance audit** – Thursday 14th June.

**Immunization Program**
Yarra City Councils schools Immunization program has commenced for the following:
- **Hepatitis B & HPV vaccine.**
- **Boostrix Vaccine.**
- **Chickenpox Vaccine.**

Staff Flu & Tetanus vaccine.

Immunizations will take place on the following days:
- **Monday 23rd April.**
- **Friday 22nd June.**
- **Monday 15th October.**

**Camps**
The following camps taking place this term are as follows:
- **Urban camp** – 2nd, 3rd & 4th May.
- **Girl’s camp** – 4th, 5th & 6th June.
- **Wodonga TAFE, VCAL camp** – 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd June.
- **Media & Music camp** – 25th, 26th & 27th June.

Ongoing junior school and VCAL working excursions are being conducted at the Collingwood Children’s farm. Our students are working on a number of environmental projects at the farm.

**Opinion Surveys**
The staff & student opinion surveys will be conducted during the 7th & 18th May, the parent opinion survey will follow. Staff are also required to complete a Workplace Behaviour, Bullying & Workplace Discrimination online survey and also a Sexual Harassment online survey during this term.

**Special Grant**
The Education Department have given us a one off grant of $24,000 for Mathematics and Science equipment that will go towards ventilating the Art room below the floor structure and new computers.

**Wellbeing Seminar**
The year 9 & 10 parent welfare evening on the 2nd May was very well attended and all parents indicated that the evening was a big success. Thanks to Nim McIntyre for her organisation and to the welfare team for attending and making individual presentations on the evening.

These included Rylie, Shannon, Eva, Linda & Stuart from Odyssey Youth Services and Mary the school nurse, thanks to all other staff who attended.
Dos You’re Child Have Food Allergies

Attached to this newsletter is an action plan for Anaphylaxis.

If your child suffers this condition please produce information for a management plan for your child so that we can make staff aware.

Surf Camp

In term 4 last year and term 1 this year we went surfing every Friday. We surfed Torquay, Anglesea, Jan Juc and Pt Leo. Every week we had between 8 and 14 surfers with some from number one. At the end of the term we had an overnight surf camp at Anglesea Surf Lifesaving club. On the first day we surfed Torquay then later at Jan Juc. The best waves by far were at Jan Juc where we surfed some excellent waves all afternoon. We settled into the surf club and cooked up a beautiful pasta that Nim had made for us. We then watched a couple of movies and got a good night sleep.

The next day we surfed again and had our usual fish and chips in the bus on the way home. Thanks to Fraser and Stuart for the surfing program and we are really looking forward to surfing again in term 4.

Wayne Andrews and Peter Brown

Media Camp Dromana

During the last week of this term Fraser and Barb are running a three day camp in Dromana on the Mornington Peninsula that will focus on film making and soundtrack production. VCE Media Studies students are strongly encouraged to attend this camp, and expressions of interest are invited from other students. Experts from the film industry will run workshops and students will make their own short group films over the course of the camp. A one off opportunity which promises to be an exhilarating learning experience, cost is $80.00 per student.

Please see Fraser or Barb to collect camp forms so you don’t miss out.

Greenteem

As part of the Schools Community Water Resources Project (SCWRP) the Greenteem has reformed this year. As their first group activity the twelve participants attended a three-day Goal-Setting Camp in the Melbourne CBD. The Lynall Hall Greenteem worked closely with program facilitators and students from three schools from Swan Hill. They developed their own ideas for a community project that they will work towards throughout the year. Thanks to all staff and students involved that made this camp a motivating, productive, fun and memorable experience.

As part of the Ourplace project (VCAL) another trip to Wodonga has been proposed for Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June. It will be similar to the very successful program that ran in December 2006 that resulted in ten students achieving Certificate I in Rural Operations. Certificate II in Rural Operations will also be offered in December 2007.

Gallery Visit Excursions

As part of extension studies this term, Jean will be conducting fortnightly excursions to various local galleries and art spaces at NO Cost to students.

To enable your child to attend you MUST sign the attached form and return to school.

The 1st excursion is on Wednesday 16th May

‘West Space Gallery’ to view three shows:

‘one ring to rule them all’

‘Wake’

‘Sam Jinks’

Thankyou

Barb

Home Group Teachers

A- Kate B, Peter, Kieran: Years 7 & 8

B- Nim, Phil & Barb: Year 9

C- Stuart, Brendan & Kate G: Year 10

D- Lambis, Kaye & Drazen: Year 11

E- Deb & Fraser: Year 12

G- No 1 -Terry, Michael Kate & Linda

Teaching Support Staff

Yr 7-8 Rylie

Yr 9 Shannon

Yr 10 Eva

Wanted for Drama Department

Costume / dress-up items, including mens’ jackets, womens frocks, handbags, shoes and hats.