Dedication Night BBQ on Tuesday evening; Joshua Mitchell, Johno Lacey and Joshua Lacey on guitar; Ben Smith with Jigsaw theme of Cricket from Technology.

DEDICATION NIGHT was held on Tuesday on a beautiful cool evening with a BBQ and time to mingle and chat informally. Students then took their families to their classes to meet and greet their teachers.

We thanked God for those who faithfully began our College 37 years ago. We prayed that all of our students will grow strong physically, academically, emotionally and spiritually this year and be well prepared for the call which God places on each of their lives.

Thank you to all who came, your contributions to the delicious meal that we shared, and for the great fellowship enjoyed throughout the evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Fri 26 Feb House Swimming Sports at Harcourt Pool from 12.30—3.00
Thurs 24 March Last day Term 1
Fri 25 March Good Friday
Mon Tues 11/12 April Victorian Christian Educators at Echuca
Wed 13 April First day for Term 2

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the LACEY LAMERS LYNE and MANNING families.

SECONDERY SWIMMING PROGRAM
Swimming will continue tomorrow at the Harcourt pool. Students are to please bring towel, bathers, T-shirt, plastic bag for wet clothes. Students also need to bring along a long-sleeved shirt or a windcheater and a pair of track pants. Students will be wearing these clothes over the top of their bathers IN THE WATER to practice their survival skills.

COMMUNITY NOTICE
2C’s Children’s Christian Camp
These fabulous camps are on again this year over the Easter school holidays and come highly recommended! Anglesea: March 29-April 2
Corop Camp 1: March 29-April 2
Corop Camp 2: April 4-April 8
2C’s Camps – Children’s Christian Camps are for children in Grades 4,5 and 6. They are 4 nights’ duration and jam packed with activities including daily Christian Bible lesson, music, games, craft, concert, fabulous food, outstanding leaders and great friendships.

Fees are $200 (2 from same family $360, 3 from same family $480).

For more information check the website www.thecampingprogram.org.au
ROUND THE BAY TRIP FOR YEARS 7 and 8

Last Wed Thurs Friday were spent touring Port Phillip Bay. We travelled from Station Pier around the bay to Frankston for lunch, up to Arthur’s Seat then on to Rosebud for an afternoon swim before fish and chips for tea by the water. We drove across to Cape Schank for a view of the backbeach before crawling into bed after a big day..

On Thursday we boarded the ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff, visited the Marine Discovery Centre for an excellent hands-on experience, before driving to Point Lonsdale for lunch as we tried to avoid the waves as high tide approached.

Banwon Heads Caravan Park was our destination. We set up tents before heading off to the Barwon River for a swim and heading back to camp to enjoy a BBQ tea cooked by Harley and Mr Chapman. After tea we walked to the Backbeach at Banwon Heads where we viewed one of God’s magnificent sunsets.

On Friday we had a more leisurely start, packing up and heading to Torquay and Surfworld Museum, then driving past the Geelong Cats home ground of Kardinia Park, to the National Wool Museum for a history of the wool industry in Australia. We then drove home to our own beds for an early night? We enjoyed beautiful weather, good food (thank you to all the families for the tasty cakes and slices!) and great bonding between staff and students alike for the start of this new school year. We thank God for this terrific experience and the opportunity to see His beautiful Creation around the bay. Phil Chapman

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

The HOUSE Swimming Sports will be held at Harcourt Pool next Friday 26 Feb from 12.15 - 3pm. Students will arrive at school at the normal times in their summer uniforms. Students will work 3 shorter periods till 11am. Lunch will then be taken and then at 11.45am all students will head off to Harcourt Pool in buses.

All family members are warmly invited to attend and to join in the carnival atmosphere of the Swimming Sports, which will get under way as soon after 12.15pm as we can manage.

Dismissal at the end of the day will be from the Harcourt Pool at approx. 3.15pm. Parents collect-ing students from Kangaroo Flat and Strathfield-saye are advised that the bus will be earlier than usual, perhaps 15—20 mins earlier.

Students are asked to bring with them their bathers, shorts, T-shirt, towel, hat from home, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, as well as a plastic bag for wet bathers and towel.

Thank you to Mr Treloar for the organization of the program and we look forward to much participa-tion from the students on the day.

ACTIVE APRIL

The Premier of Victoria is promoting the month of April as Active April. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. More details will be given a little closer to the end of term.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Parents please check the fit of your girls’ skirts NOW and let Mary-Anne know if you will be requiring a new one as the skirts are made by a local dressmaker. This takes time and we would like to get the orders submitted asap to ensure they arrive before we start Term 2.

It is a good idea to check all other winter items as well as some stocks are limited and we will be ordering stock for the winter in the coming weeks.

Thanks very much, Mary-Anne Revell
WEEKLY PUZZLE
This Week’s Puzzle
1. Which country is thought to have more species of flightless birds than any other?
2. Apart from equestrian, which other Olympic sport uses horses?

Last Week’s Puzzle:
1. In what year was the last Australian Federal election? 2013
2. Which country will host the ICC World Twenty20 cricket tournament beginning in March? India
3. Name the 2 countries which have consecutive R’s in their names. Sierra Leone and Andorra
4. Sir Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibnitz were associated with which branch of Mathematics? Calculus

REMINDER OF TERM DATES FOR 2016
Term 1: Mon 1 Feb - Thurs 24 March (8 weeks)
Term 2: Wed 13 April - Friday 24 June (11 weeks)
Term 3: Monday 11 July - Friday 16 Sept (10 wks)
Term 4: Monday 3 Oct - TBA (South Pacific Student Convention for secondary students is from Sunday 11 - Friday 16 December)

REMINDER OF BUS AND CAR SAFETY
All car drivers and students are reminded to please take extra care when driving in the vicinity of the College and to please drive slowly along Main Road and Stephens Street.
Parents of Prep - Grade 2 students are reminded to please meet their children at the gate before moving to cars at the end of the day. Thank you.

ICE CREAM STALL THIS WEEK
...yes it’s on again tomorrow $2 and $3 each!
Funds raised will support South Pac student convention in December.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
All parents who have claimed the Conveyance Allowance previously do not need to fill in another form unless their address has changed. If your address has changed and you have not notified the office please let Mary-Anne know on 5472 3817 asap and you will be sent a new form as you will need to meet the guidelines again before payment can be approved. If you live further than 4.8km from the college and Olivet is the nearest Christian school or the nearer school is at capacity in your child’s grade level you may also be eligible.

LAST WEEK OF TERM 1 ARRANGEMENTS
Monday 21 March will be Honour Roll Day for all classes. Students who have completed all work requirements including Subject and Scripture requirements will be eligible to attend these out-of-school trips for the day.

Tuesday 22 March will be a normal school day for all students.

Wednesday 23 March will be the day set aside for Parents and Class Teachers to meet to discuss the progress of students during term 1. All families are expected to be represented at interviews as we take seriously the partnership between staff and parents in raising your children.

Thursday 24 March is the last day of Term 1. This will be as normal as possible, with morning classes, clean-up and Afternoon Presentation of awards and certificates to students for Term 1. The Afternoon will commence at 1.15pm.

Friday 25 March is Good Friday, start of the Easter school holidays.

Staff will be attending the Victorian Educators’ Conference in Echuca on Monday and Tuesday 11/12 April and so the first day for students for Term 2 will be Wednesday 13 April.

CONVENTION GUIDELINES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS
All secondary students will be attending the regional Australia South Student Convention early in Term 4. To compete, all students will be required to select items and events from the overall program of events from the Convention Guidelines which are available at www.scee.edu.au/ssd/conventions/

Final registrations will not be required until July/August this year, but students who are wanting to prepare art and craft items need to start planning and working now.

Some events such as metalwork, pottery, needlework and sewing will need to be completed at home in your own time as they don’t always fit on our timetable.

Students—it is important that you check the guidelines and Judges forms as there are always slight changes to the guidelines each year. Looking forward to an exciting time of creativity!