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## ENCOURAGING....EQUIPPING....EMPOWERING



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*Mrs Donaldson talked about her Missions Trip to Vanuatu in Chapel yesterday*

### TRUSTING IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Proverbs is a wonderful book full of wisdom. Many people have decided over the years to read a chapter of Proverbs a day each and every month, seeing as there are 31 chapters of Proverbs.

Life can be messy. It is full of surprises - both good and bad. Parents who are reading this will identify with this. Things do not always go according to our hopes, dreams and plans. However, we do not lose heart or give up. We know that our dreams and our plans and our hopes motivate us to establish goals, find internal motivation and to strive for excellence.

We need wisdom and everyday common sense to guide us in all our situations. Proverbs 3 reminds us to not put our trust in our own wisdom, but God's alone. If we are to acknowledge the Lord God in all of our ways, He will guide us and direct our pathway.

Then we will know the promise of Romans 8:28 for those who love Him and who are called according to His purposes that all things work together for good.

We make mistakes along the way, and do things we regret, for we are all human and so we are a part of the fallen world as far as our sinful nature is concerned. But we can be used by God to accomplish great things.

It was terrific to hear Mrs Donaldson speak at Chapel time today about the 6-member mission team which went to Vanuatu to build a Pastor's house during the 2 weeks' school vacation.

We are to put our trust in God and it is true that our real success in life comes

from doing what God has called us to do. Keep persevering on the path God has put you on, and you will be amazed what things are in store for you.

Mr Chapman

**OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOS** are being taken for all classes TOMORROW morning; 27 July.

Please remember to return your photo request form and appropriate money sealed in the envelope.

The order of class photos will be ELC first, through to the Yr 9/10 class, then House Captains and family photos.

The whole school photo and Staff photo will be taken at recess time.

### ELC MATHS DAY

Next Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> will see the ELC travel (walk if it is fine) to Campbells Creek PS for a Tabloid Maths morning. The children will rotate in mixed groups through 4 challenging Maths activities and return at 11.30.

### PERMISSION FORM ELC MATHS

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to travel to Campbells Creek on Thurs Aug 2nd for the Tabloid Maths Morning.

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### COMING UP.....

A District Primary Schools T-Ball Tournament has been planned for the older primary students.

The Grade 5/6 competition will be held on Wednesday August 15.

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Delta students have their opportunity on Thursday August 16. Our Monday sports program is currently focussed on developing the essential skills and strategies used in T-Ball.

### COLES AND WOOLIES

Thank you again for your concerted efforts this week.

This week's tallies are 1,779 (Coles Vouchers) and 4,400 (Woolworths Stickers). These next three weeks are your chance to earn double vouchers at Coles! Happy collecting!

### SECONDARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This Friday is National Schools Tree Planting Day. Conservation Victoria and Mount Alexander Volunteer Network are joining together to replant sections of Barkers/Campbells Creek.

For this reason, the secondary students will be tree planting along the creek in front of the local Community Centre.

The students will walk along the creek, participate in an educational discussion with regards to tree planting, plant trees, place guards around the trees and walk back to the College. If parents are keen to come and join the group then please let me know Friday morning.

Please bring a coat if the weather is cool and wet.

Mr Steel

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the BIGNOUX BURT and both of the BROWN Families.

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP

Thank you to those who have handed in their medical forms; please keep them coming.

Also, I have had a few parents who have shown their willingness to walk with the group. Please let me know if you are still keen to join us. I will be sending out a sponsorship form for students to start raising funds for the Lighthouse Foundation. I encourage all students to take on a regular walking regime to gain a greater level of fitness for the trip.

### AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Next Thursday August 2 all secondary students will be participating in the Maths Competition.

This is a very good opportunity for all students to do their best in showing knowledge of basic skills questions as well as questions that involve problem solving skills and creative thinking, particularly towards the last part of the competition.

### CHOCOLATES

Thank you to all the families and students who have taken the opportunity to sell the chocolate frogs to raise funds for secondary students attending the Convention in Fiji in December.

Students who are attending the Convention are raising funds for their expenses. Any other boxes

sold have the profits pooled and shared across all Convention attendees to offset expenses.

### 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 she will send you a new form. If you live further than 4.8km from the College and you did not lodge a Claim Form for travel in Semester 1 please ask for a Claim Form now. You may be eligible.

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

#### Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second payment. Parents/Guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2012 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 5 August 2012.

### ENGLISH

The Secondary students have made a great start to Term 3 with their English and Word Building classes. It is good to see the students enthusiastically completing their tasks.

### SECONDARY HUMANITIES CLASSES

The Year 7 students will be viewing a film – **The Prince of Egypt** for literature and completing a study guide for the film. This will mostly be completed in class time. The film has been chosen as it ties in with the History theme this term which is a study on the significant beliefs, values and customs of the **Ancient Egyptians** with a particular emphasis on everyday life in Egypt.

In Year 8, the students will be reading **Michael Faraday – The Father of Electronics** (1791-1867). I will also be reading sections of the book **The Death – the Horror of the Plague** to the students as they will be studying the causes and symptoms of the **Black Death** and the responses that different groups in society to the spread of the disease, such as flagellants and monasteries.

The Year 9 students will be examining **poems by Australian poets** like Banjo Paterson (1864-1941) and Henry Lawson (1867-1922) and their contribution to the Australian identity.

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In History, the students are investigating Australian society in the period of 1750-1918, and, in particular, **Making a Nation** - Key events and ideas in the development of Australian self-government and democracy, including women's voting rights.

The Year 10 students are reading **The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif** (1971-the present) which is an autobiography of an Afghanistan refugee, his experiences in Afghanistan, detention in Australia, his new life here and his struggle for his rights and freedoms. This book gives a refugees experience about the same topic – rights and freedoms. In History, the students are examining Rights and Freedoms from 1945 to the present. In particular they are looking at the background struggle for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for right and freedoms** before 1965, including the 1938 Day of Mourning and the Stolen Generation.

The above topics are taken from the Australian History Curriculum and are being complemented with the Literature reading program.

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## SECONDARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Year 7s are studying the Human Body this term and have looked at the Senses of the human body. They will be moving onto the skeleton and bones and constructing a skeleton of their own.

Year 8s are looking at Rocks and Minerals and Disturbances of the Earth's Crust. After examining rocks and creating a poster of the different types of rocks, they will be investigating some recent natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

Year 9s will be investigating the Periodic Table, Scientific Method and Hypothesis Testing. They will move onto Nutrition and analyse food charts and kilojoules and then design their own daily exercise program for a 3-week period.

Year 10s will be looking at Forces, Energy and Matter. They have constructed their own mobile machines powered by wind and will move onto the study of Magnetism, Pendulums, sound and Light as the term progresses.