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*Naomi Leah and Kaden on the Marimba;
Claire on Medieval Day last Thursday.*

A TASK WITH A VISION

We often hear of people expressing regret for not following through with a dream of earlier years:- a career not pursued, an opportunity not seized, a relationship allowed to wither and die. Decades later, they come back to it and think more about it. But for some, it's too late. They can't achieve their dream at any price. For others the dream is possible but the price is much higher.

Going after a dream is like climbing a mountain. We will never make it to the summit if we are carrying too much weight. When successful people climb, they let go of things or start changing them in order to reach a higher level.

Someone once said that a task without a vision is drudgery. A vision without a task is daydreaming.

But a task with a vision is the pathway to victory and achievement.

(Bob Gass A Word for Today 25/4/2013)

HISTORY - MEDIEVAL DAY

The Year 7, 8 and 9 students had a wonderful day last Thursday learning about Medieval Times. A presenter from Medieval Education came to the College and taught the students about life in the Middle Ages, crime and punishment, Medieval games, and a tournament.

The students took part in a tournament where each of the students, after some lessons, were given the opportunity to challenge the presenter who was dressed in Medieval armoury. His talents prevailed and he was the victor of the tournament.

The Year 8 students have now commenced writing their essay where they compare crime and punishment in the Middle Ages with the punishment that would be given today for the same crime.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students and families are reminded that students are expected to be in full winter uniform from the time they leave home till the time they return home.

We want students to look smart in their winter uniform and care needs to be taken that all items, including bows and ties are being worn correctly at all times.

The weather is getting cooler quite quickly in the mornings and some students are coming to school with no jumpers. This is not sensible because they run the risk of getting sick. Could parents please ensure jumpers are always included for students coming to school.

There always seem to be some odd lunch boxes floating around at the end of lunchtime. If these had their names on them, they would be much easier to track down please.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the AMY BALZAN BAXTER and BENNETT Families.

VCE CAREERS EXPO

Last Friday 3rd May, our Year 10 students headed down to Caulfield Racecourse with Mrs. Weightman for the The Age 2013 Careers Expo.

We were able to see over 190 exhibitors including Australia's top tertiary institu-

tions, providers of VCAL, apprenticeships and traineeships.

Students really appreciated the opportunity to discover many career paths they had not yet considered and find answers to questions they had about planning their future careers.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held tomorrow (Friday morning). Gifts will be priced from 50c to \$6.00. All students will have the opportunity to purchase items for their mums, nans and other special ladies in their lives. Funds raised will go towards the Olivet Camping Program.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend on this special one when we remember and honour our Mums!

Late donations to the Mother's Day Stall can be delivered to the College Office before 9am on Friday morning.

NAPLAN TESTING NEXT WEEK

Students in Grades 3 and 5 and Years 7 and 9 will be sitting their Naplan Tests in English and Maths during next week. We want all students to be able to perform at their best.

Please ensure students have enough sleep and have a healthy breakfast so they are ready to do their best.

The College has a policy that all students in Levels 3, 5, 7 and 9 are required to sit for all the NAPLAN Tests at their chronological age level.

If parents require any further information they may find it at www.naplan.edu.au.

ELC TABLOID SPORTS

A special, interschool sports day for Castlemaine District Schools has been planned for Friday next week (May 17).

This will involve the ELC travelling by school bus to the Wesley Hill sports ground for a morning of games involving mixed teams from the various schools. The activities will be led by students from the Castlemaine Junior Secondary Campus. This event usually coincides with drought-breaking rain so please pray for a pleasant day.

We will travel by bus to the venue and return to school around 1.15 pm. Children will need to wear their sports uniform and bring along their lunch/snacks/drink, medications, and a coat/jacket if needed on the day. Please see Geoff if you are available to help as group supervisor or if you would like to attend as a supporter.

Primary Sport will be held on this Monday as normal.

PERMISSION SLIP

I _____ give _____ permission _____ for _____
to attend the Tabloid Sports Day for the ELC at
the Wesley Hill sports ground on Friday May 17

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Every two years our school enters the Jump Rope for Heart program which acts as a fundraiser for the Heart Foundation and enabling our students to participate in Community Service as well as getting fit and learning some new skills.

The Primary children will seek to collect donations from the family/public, while Year 9/10 students will organize, demonstrate and run a skills session on Friday May 24th for the whole school. Please feel free to come along and join in with all the fun.

The Heart Foundation provides incentive prizes for certain target amounts that are raised. These prizes are listed in the attached brochure.

Donations can be collected over the next two weeks and returned to school, with the sponsor sheet, on Friday 24th May.

EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn and Learn competition is moving along nicely. You receive one Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent. Once you have filled in a complete Earn & Learn points sheet, send them into school where they will be collected and redeemed for valuable education resources for our school.

We collected over 9700 points last year and it would be excellent to reach this year's target of 12500.

So happy collecting! Mr Steel

COME N TRY TRACK DAY – MAY 26

Cycling Victoria is offering the chance for students 15 years and older to participate in some clinics at the Darebin International Sports Centre.

These clinics allow the students to experience the thrill of track cycling under the guidance and support of nationally qualified coaches. There are four 90min sessions on the day starting at 10:00am and finishing up at 4:35pm. The cost for a session is \$20.

If you would like more details or want to apply for this great event then simply go to www.vic.cycling.org.au or ask Mr. Steel. There are two more dates scheduled for this year: July 21, September 22.