



From the Principal

Mr John Freeman



We are now well into Term 3 and it is pleasing to see students not only focused with learning, and what they are engaging with now, but all are considering their future as well. Subject selection for 2016 is well underway and in some cases the first phases already concluded. Great work has been done by the teams lead by our Campus Learning Leaders, Claire Couling and Brett Van Berkel. I have no doubt parents have also been closely involved, and so they should. Success for students is far more likely achieved when parents, the young person and the school, work collaboratively.

I noted in the last newsletter that offers for Year 7, 2016 have been sent out to families. These are due in by next Friday, 28 August, 2015. I must stress that it is vital we get these in on time to ensure places, as we are still receiving enquiries and applications, and as a matter of fairness I do not want to advise a family they may have to be placed on a waiting list if that is not required.

Welcome back to Olivia Barrett, who has just returned from maternity leave this week. Also thank you to Kristiaan Vallak for his great work filling-in for Olivia as one of our Year 9 Learning Leaders.

Many of you would know that Monsignor John Allman and Monsignor Bill Caffrey both turn 90 this year. This was celebrated last Sunday, 16 August at St Michael's parish with an afternoon tea. Whilst reaching such an age is remarkable, what is more important has been the contribution both men have made to the parishes they served.

Well done to all involved in the Lumen Christi Primary School, Churchill Music Performance – Music Lights Up Our World - held in the hall on our Kildare Campus on Wednesday, 19 August. The event was well attended and the performances were very entertaining.



On Thursday, 20 August, we held our Multicultural Family Evening. This is the second year we have held such a gathering and the purpose of our time together was simply to share cultural stories, recipes and food. Both staff, students and families contributed to the event.

My thanks to Rita Nainie, Tamsin McCormack, Jo Alford,



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Mike Hansen, Michael Archipow, Bill Antonopolous, Deb Murrell, Carolyn McCabe, Danni Schoer, Michael Cleef and Mark Warnock for all their work in organising a great experience. Also thanks to all of you – staff, students and families – who provided food for the evening.



Can I please ask that you keep in your prayers the family of John Robinson who passed away on Sunday 9 August 2015. John's family – wife, Fiona, and daughters Georgia (Yr 12), Emily (2009) and Lauren (2011) are mourning the loss of a husband and father, and the community has lost a good and decent man before his time.

Please also pray for the family of Viv Stuart. Her father-in law, Bill Pike, passed away after a battle with Alzheimer's recently.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Applications

Please note that The Victorian Government has extended the deadline for Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) applications to September 18, 2015.

If, at the start of Term 3, you held a valid card and have not previously applied, please complete and submit an application to the College as soon as possible. Application attached to this newsletter.

The information is also available on the CSEF website.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=1>

Completed forms must be returned to the Marcellin House, Coster Circle, Traralgon office of the College **no later than Wednesday 16 September 2015**, to ensure that they can be processed by Friday 18th September 2015.



Student Achievements



I always like to recognise students who have achieved in their various fields of endeavours and this newsletter includes detailed reports of some of those successes. However, regardless of whether there is a report or otherwise, I would like to acknowledge:

- Congratulate the following young men and women for their achievements in the Dante Alighieri finals – **Frank Licciardi**, 2nd Italian-Australian section; **Jeremy Wall**, 3rd Australian section; **Tanatswa Ruzive-Makura**, 2nd Australian section; **Bethany Hourigan**, 2nd Australian section; and **Georgia Pollard**, 3rd Australian section.
- Congratulate **Brendan Mayze** who has qualified to Shoot at the State finals in Bendigo on September 7th;
- Wish Good Luck to the **Years 9/10 Girls Netball Team** has made to the Vic All Schools State Finals on 8th September;
- Wish Good Luck to the **Years 11/12 Girls and Boys Soccer Teams** have made it to the State Finals on Monday 1st September;
- Wish Good Luck to the **Girls Basketball Team** who have made it into The McDonalds Cup Elite 8 Finals on 27th August;
- Wish Good Luck to the **Year 8 Boys, 9/10 Boys and 11/12 Boys Soccer Teams** all have made it to the State Finals on 24th August;
- Congratulate **Darcy Guttridge** who was selected in the School Sport Australian Female AFL Team;
- Congratulate **Bailey Row** who has just been selected for the School Sport Victoria Soccer Team; and
- Well Done to **Grace Ware** and **Tahmina Akram** who participated in the Rotary District 9820 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA 2015) back in late May. Grace and Tahmina were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Traralgon and were acknowledged at a dinner last Tuesday by the Rotarians. My thanks to them and also Gaye Jenkins who supported both young ladies throughout the program.

St Paul's Campus Update

Ms Lee McKenzie - Campus Director



This has been a particularly busy time with a great deal of work being done to ensure students have selected appropriate subjects for 2016. Of course this has been particular focus for Year 9 students as they plan their Year 10, 11 And 12 pathway. It is vital that we have accurate information regarding your child and his or her intentions for next year.

As part of our planning, letters of offer have been sent out to Year 6 students who are seeking a place for 2016. When we have enrolment numbers at all year levels we will be in a position to plan effectively for next year.

Please be aware that students who are planning to exit the College need to clearly indicate this so that these places can be allocated to other students.

Generally if your child is withdrawing from the College you will be invited to participate in an exit interview with the Campus Director, this in part is to meet the legal requirement that all students of mandatory school age are in school and also provides an opportunity for you to provide feedback to the College.

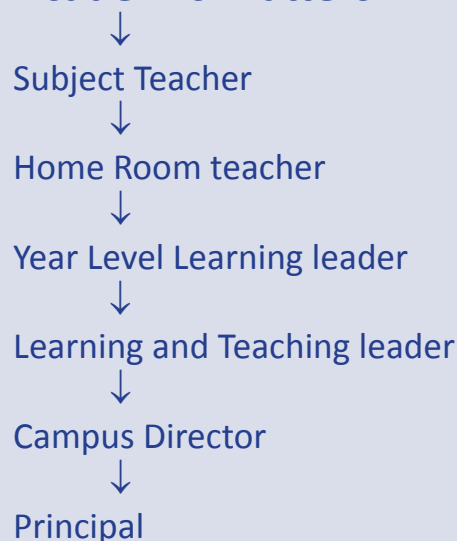
Contact Structure for Concerns

Just a reminder of how student and/or parent concerns are dealt with. It is important to speak to the staff member who is best able to help you and this is usually the person who has most contact with your child in the classroom.

Welfare Matters*



Academic Matters



**The Campus Counsellor Ms Jo Slater can be contacted at any point for advice or support.*



Tournament of Minds

Best wishes to the following team members who will be participating in Tournament of Minds on Saturday at Federation University.

Year 7

Jocelyn Glasson

Emily Liang

Jai Tactor

Tom Snell

Jane Dinnie

Year 8

Leah Richards

Anneke Ernst

Year 9

Holly Williamson

Anita Richardson

Joshua Bailey

William Snell

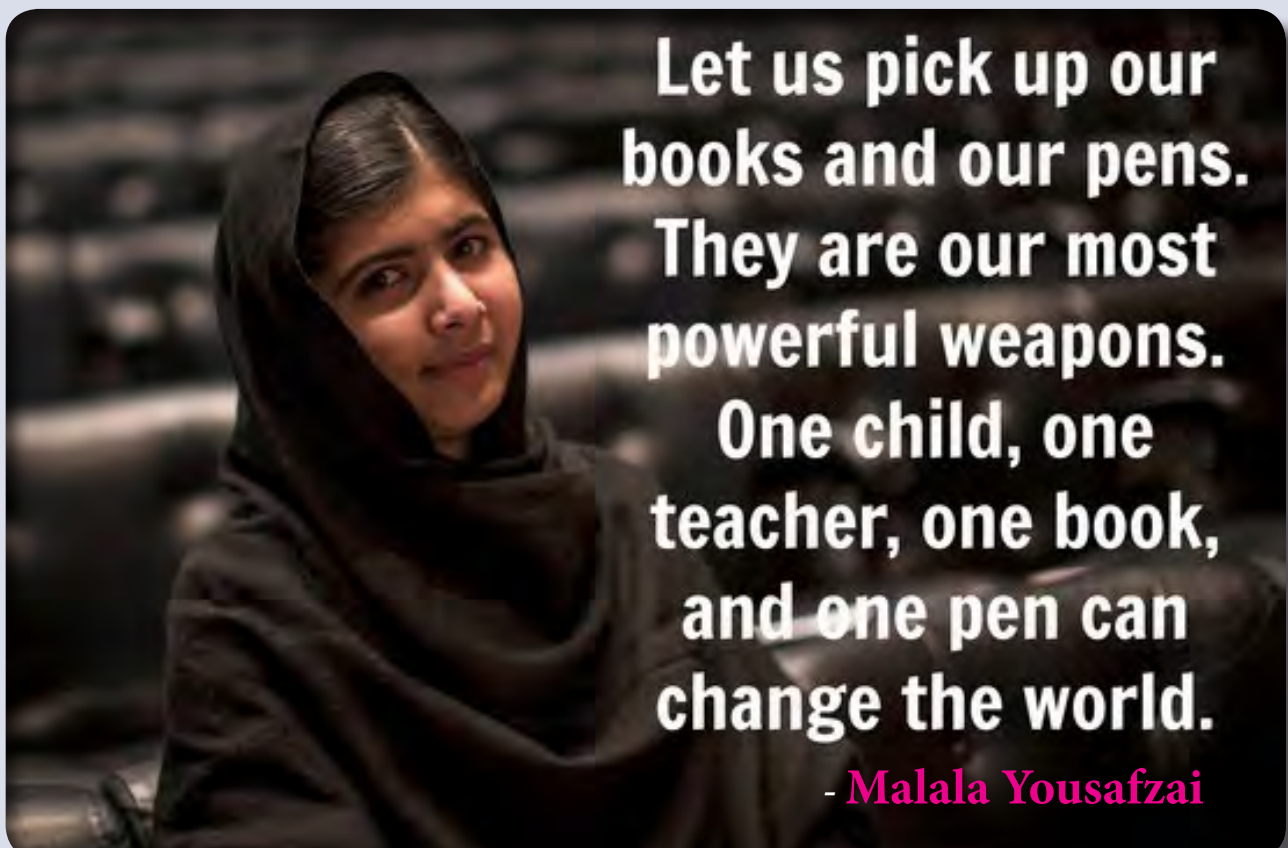
Jessica Haylock

Ben Scott

Jay Nichols

Best wishes also to the music students who are in the midst of Eisteddfod season.

These students, their teachers and families make great sacrifices of their personal time to rehearse, practice and perform. Regardless of eventual adjudicated outcomes we are proud of the way they represent the College and we look forward to hearing their performances at the annual Music Concert on September 8th in the Kildare Hall.





L*audato si'* ("Praise Be to You") is the second letter of Pope Francis, dated 24 May 2015. . It has a subtitle, 'On care for our common home.' Though quite long, it is a useful read, and is revolutionary in its thinking. It calls us to act to face the looming environmental crisis.

Some highlights are:

1. Pope uses a spiritual perspective to understand that creation is a holy and precious gift from God to be revered by all men and women.
2. Climate change affects the poor and the poorer nations more than it affects wealthier people and nations. It is therefore, an issue of social justice.
3. Pope Francis acknowledges technology, but he asks that we use technology thoughtfully, after examining the impact it has on the earth. The great ill of society is consumerism. He advocated "less is more", and moderation in all things.
4. Catholic Social Teaching now includes teaching on the environment.
5. Discussions about ecology are now reflected in Scripture and Tradition. He reminds us of the theme of love for creation in Scripture and in Jesus words. He aims to inspire us to care for the earth.
6. Everything is connected; creation, production, consumption and even the economy. Whatever we do has an impact on everything else. There is a bond between care for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to making society better and finding interior peace.
7. He asks Science to continue to research the issue, so that we can reflect and act on the information.
8. Indifference and selfishness make environmental problems worse. We cannot care for the rest of nature "if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings".
9. Local experience should solve local problems. He call all of us, not just Catholics to enter in global dialogue and solidarity.
10. He asks every person to see things differently, to have a change of heart.

Soup Vans in Fitzroy

Friday the 14th of August 2015 a group of 9 students from the Year 11 CSYMA went to Melbourne to participate in Vinnies Soup Van Program. The purpose was to help student get a real encounter with poverty and homelessness in Melbourne. The group left school at 3:50 after school and travelled done with Mr Flahavin, Mrs McCabe and Mr Reg Gordon. Once at Fitzroy, they met with Roisin Meyers and Brother Doug Walsh, their guides. They were briefed and they completed the OHS, food handling and other protocols.

At 7:00 pm the Soup Van began its journey to the first stop. Students helped to where they hand out soup, coffee, hot chocolate, cordial, sandwiches, hot food, food, clothes and toiletries. They spent 15 minutes at the stop before moving onto the next place. They made seven stops before they soup Van completed its task for the day.

They returned to the Fitzroy at 10:30 pm for a debriefing before getting on the bus and heading back to Lavalla. Though they got back at about 12:50 am, it was a positive experience and provided all the participants with an insight into how those who have fallen on hard times are forced to spend their lives from day to day.

Lewis Fisher



Homeless Sleepout

On Thursday August 7th, students from Lavalla Catholic College went to Sale Catholic College and slept out in their schoolyard overnight in solidarity with the homeless people of Australia. On any given night, approximately 105,000 people sleep rough around Australia. Students from Yr 11 at Sale Catholic College planned the event and ran activities to raise awareness of the homelessness issue. The students learnt that there are many kinds of homelessness—from sleeping under bridges, staying in a caravan park and couch surfing.

Comments from Lavalla students about the experience:

Grace Ware- The experience was overall really great! It allowed everyone to understand some of the struggles the homeless might experience in their day to day lives. I believe it's really important to get the youth involved in these experiences, because we can sometimes be very oblivious to how many young people are homeless every night. It opened our eye to how hard it really is just from sleeping rough one night, so it's hard to believe that thousands do this every night.

Maggie McCormick, Grace Ware and Mrs Monica Justin (Year 11)



Lambis Englezos: Bringing History to Life

On Friday August 14th, historical researcher Lambis Englezos AM visited the College to speak to Year 10 History students. He spoke of his experiences in helping to discover the mass war graves from World War I near Fromelles in France.

Students heard how he carried out his historical inquiry by tracking and interpreting evidence in order to support his theory.

"I admire his (Mr Englezos') perseverance and tenacious commitment to finding 250 lost Australian and British WW1 soldiers buried in the Pheasant Wood mass grave . . . his testimony was inspiring." [Brodie Logue Year 10 Rights and Freedoms History class]



From Left to Right – Bayley Charalambous, Mitchell Paulet, Brodie Logue and Lambis Englezos.

Lambis' most recent work is centred on recovering the remains of soldiers killed in May 1915 during the doomed Second Battle of Krithia on Gallipoli.

This presentation was organised by the History Teacher's Association of Victoria who are promoting the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize 2015-2016.

Gippswebs for Business Competition

Going back to back



Churchill's Federation University hosted the most Lavalla students ever present at the Gippswebs for Business competition. Over 30 teams entered this year and of the nine schools present at the finals evening, four were from Lavalla. The competition is a valuable work experience for the students who are expected to work in teams, alongside a local business, to create a website. Team work is crucial, management skills vital and an ability to communicate with a client critical to producing a website for a local community business.

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The awards given on the night are the top three teams and a speech of the night. The Previous four years we have come away with the speech of the night and two first places. We didn't achieve the best speech award this year, but we did place first and third. First place was team "Momentum" consisting of Benjamin Jones, Daniel Henry and Stephen Armatas who made a website for Dal Mondo. Third place was received by team "WebDevs" consisting of Riley McCullagh, Frank Licciardi, Dylan Sibly and Nathan Uhe who made a website for Café Evviva. A big congratulations to these students.

Further congratulations go to the two teams who presented their website that evening, team "Space Monkey Mafia" consisting of Aaron Agustin, Reece Affleck, Andrew Musgrove and Josh Smith who created a webpage for the Dulux Trade Centre, and team "JST Graphic Design" consisting of James Berkelmans, Saskia Webster, Jacob Backman, Josh Cardillo and Tom Eagle who designed a site for Café Stellina.



VET Building & Construction

Through our partners in Learning - the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, students at Lavalla Catholic College were able to visit two very significant current building projects in the commercial sector. The Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre and the extension to the Chadstone shopping centre. Each year I attend the GROCON Industry tour and leave in awe of the depth of knowledge, expertise and professionalism of the staff who give up part of their rostered day off to impart their knowledge to our young school students.

The day is an opportunity to gain knowledge of the commercial building sector, not only in commercial construction, but planning organising and design compliance. There is emphasis on the financial side of contracts and government stimulus packages, property development and employment. All of which can be used in the classroom to invoke discussion about the building industry. Students were able to question the project managers whilst visiting each site and the quality and complexity of the answers left students with plenty of food for thought. It does really enrich the VET Building program.

The first site was the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC). This extremely technical building was a real eye opener for staff and students. The "animal house" where laboratory testing is carried out on rodents

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was interesting. The explanation of the strict adherence to building codes and associated medical codes in regards to sterilisation, air sealed rooms for quarantine etc. added a new dimension of thinking to standard building practice.

This year we visited a PROBUILD site in Chadstone which again, improved student and teacher knowledge of building logistics and project management. Students received first-hand information from industry experts and had access to restricted areas to view complex construction activities such as steel reinforcement in curved multi-level carparks, post tensioning of suspended concrete slabs and application of vermiculite to prevent warping of steel structures in the event of a fire.

On behalf of the students at Lavalla Catholic College I would like to extend my thanks to Kylie Downey of the BAW BAW Latrobe LLEN and the project managers from GROCON and PROBUILD.



Sport Report

Mr Dwayne Tibballs - Sports Co-Ordinator



Basketball

Lavalla Catholic College's senior basketball team came up short at the Regional Championships played at Newborough on Monday, August 10th after capturing two wins from their three games.

The boys pulled off a stunning come-from-behind win in their first clash against Leongatha Secondary College, who only had four players in attendance. Lavalla allowed one of their players to suit up with them to make it a five-on-five contest but Leongatha used this to full effect and lead 26-9 at half time.

Not wanting to be embarrassed a decision was made to bring all our players back together and leave the opposition with the bare four players and eventually Lavalla came back with a strong second half to capture a 36-32 victory.

Drouin Secondary College proved too much for the Lavalla boys in the second encounter of the day. Drouin were well equipped in all areas and managed to prevail, 45-20.

The final appointment of the schedule pinned Lavalla against Bairnsdale Secondary College and Lavalla made hard work of it again by falling behind early and again coming from behind to triumph with a 32-30 win.

The Marist Girls basketball team attended the McDonalds Cup competition at the State Basketball Centre on Monday, August 10th and advanced through to the Elite 8 stage of the tournament.

With the strongest schools from across Victoria entering, Lavalla produced two wins on the day to qualify for the next stage.

The girls defeated Maribynong 42-25 in their opening clash but suffered a narrow 30-36 loss to Caulfield Grammar, who had a very strong line-up.

The girls then won their qualifying game with a comprehensive 61-37 triumph against Mater Christi College to advance to the next stage.

The boys produced a win in their opening contest when they travelled to the State Basketball Centre on Thursday, August 7th.

Lavalla edged past Melbourne High School with a 30-29 victory before Box Hill Secondary College inflicted an 18-29 defeat that was followed by another 11-point loss against Point Cook Secondary College, 35-46.

The girls will travel to Melbourne on Thursday, August 27th to compete in the Elite 8 Finals Day.



Soccer

Lavalla Catholic College has continued its storied success of fortune in the field of soccer with its two senior teams winning through to the State Championships of the SSV competition.

Both the boys and girls teams advanced through the Regional Championships unscathed, which were held in Sale on Wednesday, August 12th.

On Tuesday, August 18th the intermediate boys and year 8 boys produced a copybook result to make it four teams from Lavalla Catholic College to win through to the State Championships.

There is another three teams competing on Thursday, August 20th at the Regional Championships in the intermediate girls, year 8 girls and year 7 girls competitions ... so there is a good chance more teams in soccer will qualify for the State Championships.

Aussie Rules

Lavalla Catholic College has won through to the semi-final stage of the senior girls SSV Aust. Football Championships.

The girls produced a tough 16-point win in a very demanding contest against Hallam Secondary College, which is a Sports Academy with a strong background in Aussie Rules football for both boys and girls.

After a sluggish start the girls surged ahead to hold a commanding 20-point lead at half time. The girls knew that Hallam would come back strong during the second half and that they did by closing the deficit to eight points at three quarter time.

However, the girls stood firm and managed to prevail 6.5 (41) to 4.1 (25) with some very strong performances from Shayla Marsh, Darcy Guttridge and Kim Graham.



Our year 8 boys' team didn't share the same fortune as the senior girls and were defeated by Mornington Secondary College by 24 points in their Quarter Final match played in Moe on Wednesday, August 12th.

A sluggish start by Lavalla enabled Mornington to build a 17-point lead by the end of the first quarter and from there it was catch-up football all day.

The boys showed glimpses of solid play and certainly had the skill set and ability to match it with their opposition but it was a day where things just wouldn't go our way.

Mornington proved to be better on this day with an 8.10 (58) to 4.10 (34) victory.



Community Noticeboard

Fees Assistance Grants

Are you Ex Navy, Army or Airforce?

Then Carry On (Vic) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces, and wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016, **please phone Carry On (Vic) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.**

Carry On (Vic) assists Secondary School students in Years 7 - 12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc.

For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and **applications should be submitted by 29th October 2015.**

website: http://www.carryonvictoria.org.au/about_us.php



Calendar

Monday 24th August

- SSV State Netball
- Year 10 Italian Language Immersion
- Year 11 2016 Web Preferences

Tuesday 25th August

- SSV State AFL - Girls Years 10-11
- VicSpell
- Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod

Wednesday 26th August

- Year 9 Atlas Presentation

Thursday 27th August

- Year 8 - 10 Boys/Girls Basketball

Friday 28th August

- Soup Van
- Victorian School Music Festival
- Shine CYSMA
- ATLAS 9 Community Service
- Year 7 & 8 Debating
- Kildare Campus Assembly
- VCAL Community Engagement
- Year 8.4 & 8.5 Humanities Excursion
- Latrobe Gallery - Studio Art

Monday 31st August

- Junior Band Camp
- Diocesan Sharing Day - Science

Tuesday 1st September

- SSV State Soccer Seniors
- ATLAS 9 Spotlight Trip
- Junior Band Camp



Calendar

Wednesday 2nd September

- ATLAS 9 - Presentation
- Excurison with Italian Students
- Year 7 On Show!

Thursday 3rd September

- Year 10 Retreats
- Eisteddfod

Friday 4th September

- ATLAS 9 - Community Service

Click the link below to go to the Calendar on our website for any updates:

<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/News/Lavalla-Calendar/?viewmode=monthgrid&markDate=05-14-2015>

CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

CSEF eligibility

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
 - on the first day of Term three;
1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
 - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
 - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
 - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter 'UNGRADED' in the YEAR LEVEL column.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



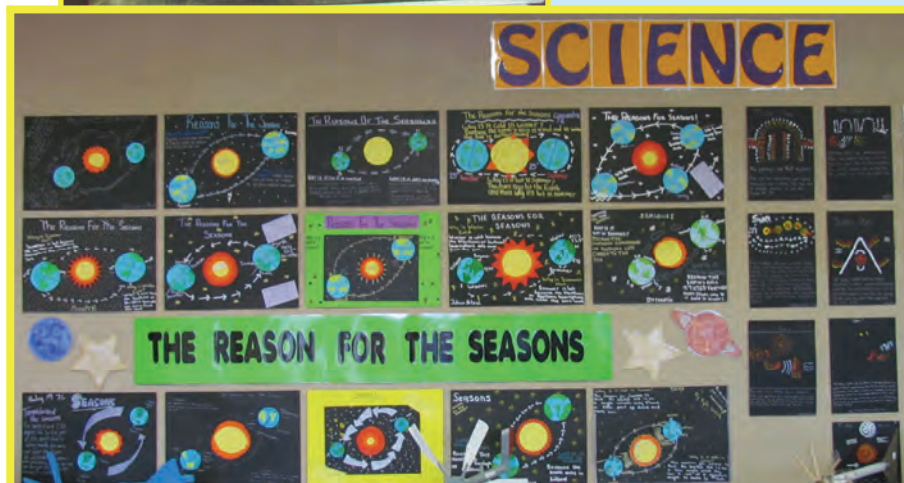
2015 YEAR 7 ON SHOW EVENING



INVITATION

View class museums, science projects and art and technology displays. Attend one of our technology sessions.

**Wednesday
2nd September, 2015
Year 7 Centre
St Paul's Campus
Grey Street, Traralgon
4.00pm—6.00pm**



*Fundraising
Cake stall
will be held*