

7B Class Report

With a smorgasbord of subjects, bells, timetables, homework, and dreaded detentions, 7B have battled the new and challenging world of high school life over the past five weeks.

They have settled in very quickly, forming many new friendships and many have been getting involved in the myriad of goings on outside of the classroom. Already the majority of class members have signed up for interschool sport, swam in icy conditions at the swimming carnival, participated in musical tuition, auditioned for the annual production and joined the SRC. Not an effort to be sneezed at.

The immediate future will bring many more exciting ventures including the zone swimming carnival, sports training for interschool sport and the big camp down at Shark Bay. It shapes as a massive year for all the lucky members of 7B!

Ben Young - 7B Homegroup Teacher

HPV Vaccination

On Friday March 7th the City of Monash immunisation team will be visiting the school to vaccinate girls in Years 7, 9 and 10 with the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine.

Wayne Speck - Assistant Principal

Labour Day Holiday

MONDAY 10th MARCH.

Students are not required at school.

Horizons 2008

'Horizons' is the English component of the Year 9 'I Can' programme. The 'I Can' programme is designed to bring the 'outside world' into the class room so to speak, and the 'Horizons' segment uses this as the 'resource' for the Term 1 teaching of English skills.

Students go on a range of excursions and are guided and encouraged to attain greater knowledge, confidence and independence in relation to their Melbourne environment. They are led to explore, consider, discuss and write about the many important and challenging issues, ideas and situations that their journey through this programme presents to them.

There were two excursions this term. The first was to Melbourne General Cemetery in Week 4. The second was to Monash University, Clayton in Week 7. Both days opened up new experiences to the students and have provided a rich resource for the English classroom activities of Term 1.

***Deborah Morrison & Glenis Rotondo -
English Coordinators***

			Diary Dates:
Friday	7th	March	Yr 7, 9, & 10 girls HPV Immunization
Monday	10th	March	Labour Day Holiday
Monday	17th	March	Intermediate Sport
Thursday	20th	March	End Term 1 - 2:30 Dismissal

Library Resource Centre

2008 is shaping up to be a big year. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC), open to all students in Years 7 to 10, began on January 30th. Many students have already taken up the challenge, borrowing and reading books to meet a target of 15 books, (10 from the prescribed list, plus 5 of their own choice) by the end of August. Visit the PRC website for more details on the rules of the Challenge, and access to the list of books: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/>

Parents are encouraged to support their child's reading efforts. Here are a few strategies to try: turn off the television for half an hour each night, read together, borrow from your local public library, visit a bookshop, and talk about books.

As part of the Library program, Year 7s have had the opportunity to explore the facilities and services available in the Library Resource Centre. Year 8s discussed writing a bibliography during their Humanities research lesson, while at the senior level, VCE History students were given a demonstration on how to use the Harvard Referencing and Citation guidelines, and creating footnotes.

Many students are keen library users at lunchtime. Reading, educational computer games, chess, cards, and homework take place in a relaxed, social environment. Sadly, when all the chairs are full, we have to turn people away ...

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better." (Sidney Sheldon)



Anna Burgess - Library Coordinator

Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball

Without any preparation for the day the senior boys & girls Volleyball teams had a hectic and fun day out of school.

Both teams had busy draws, competing in 6 matches each during the day. The boys played very well, winning two of their matches and taking their draw's leaders, Brentwood to a tie breaking set. On the other hand, the girls were less victorious, but managed to take several of their games to tie breakers also, just missing out on a couple of wins.

The boy's team consisted of Jon Cooke, Nick Podger, Jordan Shroeder, Mitch Cook, Ryan La' Brooy, Daniel Wilson, Matt McKinley, Ryan Burnham.

The girls team: Toni Stevens, Emilie Carey, Liana Butler, Kate Shepherd, Lisa McLean, Courtney Capes, Kathleen Sailor, Bonnie Jackson, Emma Higgins, Chloe Guffogg, Jess Pocock and Kate Rutherford.

A special thanks to Chad Wolf our student teacher from America who coached and supported the girl's team throughout the day.

Kath Robinson - Supervising Teacher

Media Detention

Year 10 Media students are again involved in the SYN Youth Community Radio Program. On Wednesday 27th February the students went to the SYN studios at RMIT in the city and participated in a workshop on producing live radio shows. They then put together a mock show that was recorded for their review. They will now work in groups back at school to plan & write two one hour shows which they will perform over the last two weeks of Term One and during Term Two.

The day was great fun and everyone participated enthusiastically. Thanks also to our student teacher from America Chad Wolf.

Kath Robinson - Careers Coordinator

Permaculture Food Garden

The Ashwood Permaculture Food Garden will soon get underway! The water tanks will arrive soon - the earthworks to connect the tanks to the garden have already been done.

The food garden group will meet over a coffee in Cleveland Road in the first week after the school holidays to discuss what's happening and prioritise. If you'd like to come register your interest by calling Mariette on 9885 7846.

I look forward to meeting more of you!
Regards.

Mariette Tuohey - Coordinator, Ashwood Permaculture Food Garden

Zonta Birthing Kits

The Zonta Club is spread all across Australia and is a foundation that supports women and their rights. They offer a scholarship each year to financially aid a Year 10 student during Years 11 and 12 and for the future.

For two consecutive years Ashwood College students won the scholarship: in 2006 it was Debbie McCall and in 2007 it was Hannah Bourke. At the end of last year they both attended a Zonta Club meeting to claim the scholarship and also get an insight into what the Zonta Club does.

One of the projects that they participate in is the creation of birthing kits to send to countries where many women and their babies die during childbirth. In Papua New Guinea a few years ago, 1 in 7 babies died during childbirth and it was discovered that if the birth had been a clean birth then a difference could have been made.

Between 515,000 and 585,000 women die as a result of childbirth annually, with 99% of these deaths in third world countries. These are horrifying statistics which could be improved by assistance being provided.

Ashwood College is going to give their help to this cause! For the casual day in Term 2, we are looking to raise some money for this cause and then get some of the classes to help make up the kits to help prevent the death of both mother and baby!

Debbie McCall - Year 12 Student

Parent/Tutor Support for ESL Students.

Are there any parents who would be willing to offer in class support to ESL students? This English support is very valuable to ESL students in language-based subjects other than English, eg. Biology, Woodwork etc. Support within English classes is also welcome.

Please contact Deborah Morrison at the college on 9807 1333 or by email; morrison.deborah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Thursday, 9.30-10.30am
The Uniting Church Hall, High Street Road, Mount Waverley Mel: 61 G12
Booking essential. Please contact Karen to reserve your place:
e-mail: karensramsey@hotmail.com
Phone: 9808 5152

TEENAGE RAMPAGE ACTION PACKED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The City of Stonnington's Recreation Services will conduct a fully supervised holiday program that caters for young people in years six to nine during the March-April School Holiday.

The Holiday Program provides a safe social environment where young people can try new and challenging activities while making new friends.

Activities will include, ARCADE GAMES, MOVIES, HORSE RIDING, TRIBAL SPORTS LACROSSE, LAWN BOWLS, LUNA PARK, BOWLING, INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING, SIDETRACKED, A TRIP TO THE ALPINE TOBOGGAN PARK and lots more.

All activities depart from the Malvern Town Hall, corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street, Malvern. The program runs from Tuesday 25 March to Friday 4 April 2008.

For further information and bookings, please contact Ho Thi Lu Recreation Programs Officer at the City Of Stonnington on 8290 1224.



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