



NEWSLETTER

THE LYNDHURST SECONDARY COLLEGE COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, CHALLENGING AND STIMULATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH CHAMPIONS INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES, EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP OPEN-MINDED CITIZENS CAPABLE OF CONTRIBUTING CONFIDENTLY AND RESPONSIBLY TO AN EVER CHANGING WORLD.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 27/7, 29-31/7
 City Week -9F to 9J
 28/7 House Athletics
 29/7 Year 10 Beacon
 Pledge Ceremony
 14/8 Rock Eisteddfod
 17/8 Respect Week
 -21/8
 18/8 Yr 12 Outdoor Ed
 -19/8 Ski Trip
 19/8 Year 10 Course
 Counselling Day
 24/8 VCAL Camp
 -25/8
 31/8 VCE Ski Camp
 - 1/9
 4/9 Medieval Day
 10/9 District Athletics

MEDICATION

It is a College policy that analgesics (i.e. panadol, aspirin, nurofen, noprofen) are not provided or held for students. Parents/guardians may request the supervision of prescription medication at College. If this is necessary, a 'Student Action Plan' must be completed (in consultation with and signed by your child's Medical Practitioner). Forms available from sick bay.

Receipting Window

The Receipting Window is open for students 8.15am—8.45am and Recess **only** Monday to Friday. Parents may pay at Reception at any time. As schools are not permitted to keep money on the premises, it would be much appreciated that when students are paying money that they have the correct money.

Student Personal Details

Parents are requested to inform the school of any changes, especially phone numbers, address and emergency contacts.

22nd of July, 2009

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PLEASE NOTE: ALL VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE MUST REPORT TO THE RECEPTION DESK SITUATED IN THE GENERAL OFFICE.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Lyndhurst,

I am delighted to have been appointed as the Principal of Lyndhurst Secondary College. I am looking forward to continuing working closely with students, staff, parents, School Council and the Lyndhurst community to further enhance and develop the educational experiences and opportunities for our students.

As Principal one of my major focuses is improving student learning so that upon completion of their secondary education our adults of tomorrow have inherent skills to achieve, adapt and continue to learn throughout their life. In realising this goal, it is imperative that staff, parents and the community work together towards achieving this objective. Lyndhurst Secondary College is fortunate to have excellent staff who are genuinely committed to proactively developing and fostering relationships with our students and furthering their learning. It is important that parents work in partnership with Lyndhurst Secondary College staff so that college staff can support and nurture each and every student. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's group teacher to discuss any concerns or issues if they arise.

Students also have a responsibility to embrace the opportunities that are available to them at Lyndhurst Secondary College. At last Friday's whole school assembly, I raised three points with our students that I would like them to focus on during this semester and that parents could also reinforce at home.

Self Respect

Students have the opportunity to reflect on their Semester One report paying attention to both what they have done well in and also what they need to improve upon. Students have been asked to work hard to improve one key area. Students are encouraged to ask their group teachers, subject teachers and parents for support and assistance so they can achieve their goal.

Respect for others

Students were asked to think about the respect that they show for themselves, for their fellow members of the college community and the college environment. Unfortunately during Semester One there were a significant number of student injuries requiring first aid treatment. A sizeable number of these injuries were totally avoidable – the reason students were injured was, as students said, 'we were mucking around'. Each of us makes choices in life. I stressed during the assembly that the manner in which students conduct themselves is important and that 'mucking around' is not a choice that we at Lyndhurst Secondary College will accept.

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
 8.15 am—4.30 pm
 Friday:
 8.15 am—4.00 pm

ABSENCE HOTLINE - 9517 3958

(24 hour line)

The hotline is only available for students in years 7, 8 & 9. Senior students (Years 10, 11 & 12) are to be directed to their team leaders with a note or medical certificate explaining their absence.

Respect for community

We have seen improvements in the pride and manner in which students have been wearing their school uniform this year. I have asked students to take this into consideration when they travel to and from the college each day. The conduct of each and every student reflects on the public image of the college. It is important that each and every student exemplifies the behaviours expected of Lyndhurst Secondary College students at all times.

I ask all parents to take the time to discuss these points with your child. I look forward to working with the Lyndhurst Secondary College community in the years to come.

Warren Wills
Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and** be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$221** for primary students and **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

New EMA payment option for 2009

Commencing in 2009, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will introduce a new payment option for the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to parents.

Under the new system, eligible parents will have the option to receive the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA payment directly into the parent's nominated bank account, **or** as a cheque payment.

The 2009 EMA application form includes a section for you to nominate whether you would like your EMA payment to be made to your own bank account or to receive your payment as a cheque (which is the current arrangement). The banking details required will include the BSB code and the account number.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
	School	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
Two	Parent	\$ 33.15	\$ 66.45
	School	\$ 33.15	\$ 66.45
	Total	\$ 221	\$ 443

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.



2009 EMA

Semester One cheques are now available from the office.



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CAREERS

Parents as Career and Transition Support (PACTS) Workshop

This is a series of free workshops for parents so they can obtain resources of up-to-date information about career transition, enabling them to support their children effectively when they're making career transition decisions. A set of three workshops are offered that aim to provide basic information to bridge the gap between what parents did when they left school and what options are available when their child leaves school now.

The PACTS program is being run at the school and is run over three evening sessions. The workshop will held on Thursday 13th August, Thursday 20th August and Thursday 27th August, with start times at 7pm-9pm.

If you are interested in participating in the PACTS workshops or would like more information please contact Simone Kluckow in the Careers Room on 5996 0144. Limited places are available so please ensure you call as soon as you can to confirm a place.

Facilities Update

There are a few different improvements to facilities which will take place over the coming months:

Building the Education Revolution

The college received \$200,000 in National School Pride money from the Commonwealth Government. This money is being used to:

- Upgrade our Gym toilets and change rooms.
- Repair the external aspects of the College.
- Provide an outdoor classroom near C1 and C3.
- Provide a new entry point to our Gym.

Work has already begun on the Gym change rooms and unfortunately will disrupt classes for the next few weeks. We are endeavouring to get these completed as soon as possible. Each of the other projects will be completed prior to the end of the year.

P1 and P2 Relocatable Classrooms

These old wooden relocatables will be replaced by two brand new relocatables. This will cause some disruptions to classes using those rooms for approximately two weeks. This is likely to take place sometime this term and will further enhance our classroom facilities.

SRC Report

This year the SRC has been working on implementing a policy that allows the use of iPods in class for senior school students, at teacher's discretion. Our school council approved a trial period, which is now in review with staff input, and hopefully the policy will be able to stay.

Last term we fundraised for the RSPCA and raised \$622.55 on our casual dress day and we also were able to deliver tins of dog and cat food, old blankets and towels plus some other items to the RSPCA Peninsula, who were very grateful.

We will be holding another fundraiser this term which we are in the process of planning.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please come and see us or drop a note in to the suggestion box at the front office.

**Cranbourne Community Market
will open on
Saturday 22nd August, 2009
From 9am til 1pm
1785 South Gippsland Highway
Cranbourne**

For information about becoming a stallholder or volunteer please call Kathey on **0427 821 012**

Canteen News

Make life easier, avoid the queues and pre-order your lunch. There has been some price increases due to supplier increases. New price lists are available at the General Office.



SPORT REPORT

SOUTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Zac Thompson-Key (71st) and Corey Gee (73rd) for a mighty effort on a difficult course at Lardner Park.

HOUSE ATHLETICS

The annual House Athletics will be held on Tuesday 28th July at Ballam Park Athletics track in Langwarrin. The day will proceed as follows:

8.50am	House meetings	2.00pm	Events conclude
9.05am	Homegroup meetings	2.05pm	Clean up track area
9.10am	Home groups called to buses	2.15pm	Home groups board buses
10.00am	Events start	3.00pm	Students dismissed

Students are permitted to wear free dress on the day of the carnival, preferably in House colours. Points will be allocated for events as well as novelty events, House colours and cheer squads. A canteen will be open throughout the day.

Those students not attending the track should bring school work. They will be placed in a class for the day. A canteen will not be operating at school and all food and drink must be brought from home as students will not be permitted to leave the school grounds to go to the shop.

Any student new to the college who has not return a consent form for the House Carnivals should collect one from their Homegroup teacher and return by 27/7/09.

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Our senior girls team will compete in a Southern Zone preliminary final during mid August. Details will be published when they become available.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Josh Gray for his selection to the School Sport Victoria State Team. He will be competing at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships, to be held in Perth.

Also congratulations to Jordyn Jackson for his inclusion in the team attending the National Swimming Titles, to be held in Canberra.

Stay active!

Marilyn Kinchington
Sport Co-ordinator

COULD YOU BECOME A FOSTER CARER?

You could care for a child in your home for a planned period of time. The aim is to reunite them with their families.

It takes all types of people to help with all types of children.

Full training, 24 hour support and reimbursements are provided. Relevant screening, police and working with children checks will be conducted to ensure the safety and protection of children.

**For any information about Foster care phone:
9212 3900**

PLEASE NOTE: Parents/guardians please note that in accordance with the School's Mobile Phone Policy it is against school rules for children to use mobile phones to arrange to be picked up when they are unwell. Any students who are unwell must report to the First Aid room. The attendant will contact parents/guardians if necessary. If parents are coming to collect a student we need prior notice, either in writing or by phone, so this can be arranged otherwise there can be a significant delay in locating the student and arranging for their departure.