Term 1 = Hat Term
Hats must be worn outdoors

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Education Maintenance Allowance
28 February 2014 – Closing date for parents to lodge EMA application forms. Forms are available from the office.

Secondary Uniforms
A supply of new secondary polo shirts have arrived. We now have all sizes in stock for boys and girls.

Approval to Publish Photos Form
The form recently sent out to with the school accounts for approval to publish photos needs to be returned to the school office next week.

Geelong player Mark Blicavs (pictured) and his teammates were mobbed by our Cat friendly students during their community camp visit to Colac last week.

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As we complete Week 4 of Term 1, I am amazed at the extensive amount of activities that have already taken place within our College during this time!

Firstly, a very big THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to everyone for their efforts towards the very successful College Swimming Carnival that occurred last week. I am so proud of all of our students who eagerly participated in events throughout the day, and I sincerely thank the many parents who came to support their children and who volunteered their time to assist. Naturally, I also thank our wonderful staff who worked tirelessly throughout the day, with a special mention to our Sports Coordinators Miss Emma DeGrandi and Mr Peter Alan, and also to Ms Sandy Gay, Mr Darren Gill and several of our fabulous senior students for their assistance. Following this wonderful carnival I am very much looking forward to our Athletics Sport Day on TUESDAY 25th March.

Thank you also to everyone for their time and efforts in ensuring the following activities, which have occurred over the previous weeks have also been extremely successful and enjoyed by our students:

- Year 12 Study Camp
- Year 7&8 Melbourne Zoo Trip
- Year 5/6 Harbour Exploration
- Year 6- Football Clinic in Colac with Geelong Football Club
- Year 9 IBL Students to Blanket Bay, Crayfish Bay, Sugarloaf Creek and the Harbour
- Year 3/4 and 5/6 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
- Wednesday Afternoon Mountain Bike Club to Forrest
- Monday Lunch Girls Only Fitness Club
- Plus many more!

I mentioned this in my last report, but I continue to be amazed by the extent of extra-curricular activities available to our students!

**College Council Update**

College Council met on Tuesday evening and have approved the following **Pupil Free Days for 2014**. Please make note of these days in your Calendars:

- Tuesday 22nd April- Staff Professional Learning Day
- Friday 18th July- Staff Professional Learning Day
- Friday 28th November- Assessment and Report Writing Day.

Parents should also note the follow date for **Semester 1 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews**:

- Wednesday 30th April from 1.45pm to 7.00pm. More information about this date will be sent home to parents towards the end of this term.

Parents of Prep Students should also note that Preps will not be attending school on Wednesdays for the duration of Term 1.

I am also very pleased to report that we have received an extensive number of nominations for the Parent Representative positions for our new College Council Membership. This means we will be going to an election in the coming weeks. I will be sending home information about the election process early next week.

**Building Project Update**

We are extremely excited to see so much development which has occurred on our building site of late. Every day something else seems to have changed, and before long we will see concrete being poured and the beginnings of our new buildings. The College recently purchased a TIME LAPSE camera, and thanks to John Britton and Wayne Burke, we have mounted this camera on the roof of our BER Building. We are currently testing the camera to ensure we have it set in the right location and timing of the images etc. Over the course of the next 12 months, we will end up with an amazing piece of footage to show the building of our new school.

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Student Engagement Guidelines

Last year the College worked very hard to establish a new Student Engagement Framework which clearly outlines the positive behaviours we wish to see in our College, and the behaviours that are not acceptable. From this framework I have now created a one page poster that will be displayed around our college and which is very easy for our students to see what is acceptable and not acceptable in our school. I have included this new poster in this weeks news sheet for everyone to see and read.

Student Insurance

Parents/Guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Where parents do not have their own accident insurance or ambulance cover, they are responsible for the cost of any medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance and/or transport costs. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is also not insured and the DEECD does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to any items of private property.

Finally, we look forward the Seafood Festival this weekend and the Music Festival the following weekend where our students will be participating in both of these events in a variety of ways, from cooking demonstrations to singing!

Take care.
Tiffany Holt
Principal.

School Captain Report

Wow, already nearly halfway through term 1 and what a busy start it has been. The house swimming sports were a great way to kick off the year! It was great to see the younger kids having their first race, swimming their first lap of butterfly, and having great numbers of kids competing throughout the day and having a go at everything!

The relays were a great success, a big thanks to the house captains for organising the younger students and being able to maintain relative calm and order. It was a great day and I know I can speak for all year 12’s and say that it was a great day, and we especially enjoyed our last race against the teachers, we still maintain that we won that race!

Congratulations to Casino for a great victory and congratulations to all the age group champions and runners up!

Danah Harbour
### OUR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT GUIDELINES

**In our school WE...**

- Bring our materials to class
- Attend School and class on time
- Complete our set work
- Follow our school values
- Take pride and responsibility
- Show care and compassion to others
- Are truthful and respectful
- Follow instructions
- Assist others
- Use our initiative
- Show leadership
- Wear our correct uniform to school

**When we behave this way, we are rewarded by...**

- Recognition, Praise and positive feedback by our teachers, in our Newsletter, and at College Assemblies
- Notes and reward cards in our planners
- Positive comments in our reports
- Awards at the end of term
- Excursions and Special Activities
- Positive reports to our parents
- Vouchers, stickers and stamps
- End of year activities

**In our school WE DO NOT...**

- Be noisy or waste time
- Run indoors
- Eat in the classroom without permission
- Play-fight
- Put our hands on others
- Avoid attempting set work
- Interrupt our teachers
- Arrive late to class
- Use our mobile phones at incorrect times
- Come to school out of uniform without a reasonable explanation
- Damage our school or other people’s property e.g. graffiti
- Disrespect people
- Push, shove or hit others
- Physically or emotionally harm others
- Bully others
- Verbally or physically abuse our staff
- Smoke at school
- Possess illegal substances
- Seriously physical harm other students
- Misuse electronic devices like mobile phones, ICT equipment or the internet
- Leave our school grounds without permission
- Take property that does not belong to us

**If we behave this way then these things may happen...**

- Parents notified
- A Restorative discussion
- Receive a warning
- Move to different location
- Make up time
- Removal from the area
- Removal from class or school grounds
- Withdrawal of privileges
- Repairing any damage
- Parents meeting
- An internal suspension
- An external suspension
- Police Involvement
APOLLO BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL PARADE
FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2014

We are encouraging all students and families from prep to grade 6 to head down to the main street on FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY where we will make as much noise as possible and where an octopus will scuttle down the foreshore attracting attention to the opening of the 2014 festival.

We will gather at Golf Club car park at 4:45 pm where an octopus and his tentacles will start their singing and dancing journey down the foreshore to the entrance of the festival precinct.

Come along and join the parade, have fun and sing and dance to create an amazing opening to what promises to be a fabulous festival!

This is not a school supervised event and will not be supervised by teachers. It is a voluntary community activity for children, adults and families to join in and have fun, working together to create a moving, singing octopus.

Mountain Biking “fun in the mud” on the tracks around Forrest. The after School Group run by Emma De Grandi.
Let’s Reach for the stars!!!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS- 2014!!

The only way to achieve a successful working school community is to make sure that the lines of communication between the parent and local community and the school are clear and open...This goal can easily be achieved through a successful Parents and Friends body, who, in turn, are able to work with School Council to get things done!

Our Parents and Friends group wishes to formally welcome our new school principle – Tiffany Holt- to our beautiful town and school, and we love your enthusiasm and positive attitude to your new role.

Tiffany has indicated her acknowledgement of the importance of this communication link, and we really need to ensure that our Parents and Friends continues.

On Thursday, the 6th March 2014 at 7pm at Marrar Woorn, we are having our AGM, and we note that some of our primary members are taking a step down, which includes our treasurer, and another member, so the Parents and Friends really need YOU to please consider becoming a member or taking on a Committee role to ensure that it continues to thrive in 2014- Especially important given our new building ...Remember, there is no pressure to fundraise or go to every single meeting but also to be the voice for the Parent Group. Quite simply it is what you make of it, and it’s time now for some new members to become involved.

Members from the existing Parents and Friends will continue to run some of the proven fundraising events (EG Shopping Expo- Book Sale (not until 2016 though!!!), but for now...the priority is to ensure that our group continues to exist and this simply won’t happen unless we have some new members come 2014.

Hope to see you there!!...for your chance to “have a say” and become involved in one of the most rewarding roles that you can undertake...

Parents and Friends A.G.M.

We will be holding the AGM on
Thursday 6th March at 7 pm.
The meeting will be held at Marrar Woorn.

Junior School Captains
Jonathan, Leo, Georgia & Hannah
Year 7&8 Melbourne Zoo Visit

'Access for All' is a program designed to provide funding for regional students to visit Zoos Victoria. On Friday our Year 7 and 8 students were treated to a free excursion to Melbourne Zoo.

The students and staff had a great time exploring the zoo and thoroughly enjoyed the education sessions. All students were invited to handle animals and inspect some of the prohibited animal items that have been confiscated by customs. Other highlights of the visit were the new lemur enclosure and seeing the new baby elephant recently added to the zoo's animal population. Students were also invited to consider recycling any old mobile phones to prevent further destruction of habitat and help save wild gorillas.

Library Classes Prep to Year 4

Library sessions are held weekly and students in Prep to Year 4 will need to bring a library bag to take home their library books.

Monday:  P12 BC  Belinda Conning  P12 CA  Michelle Carney  3/4 CH  Cara Hudson
Tuesday:  P12 JW  Jarrod Wight  3/4 KM  Katie Monaghan

Our library is open to students at recess and lunchtimes on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Parents are welcome to borrow books with their children after school until 4.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays.
Students tackle Cats in Colac

Last Friday our grade 6 students went to a football clinic in Colac as part of the Geelong Football Club’s community camp. Students took part in nine drills with senior Cats players including Tom Hawkins, Harry Taylor, Corey Enright, Travis Varcoe and Jarrod Rivers. While it was a great day for everyone, it was difficult to tell whether the students or Mr Nelson enjoyed it the most! Thanks to Miss DeGrandi for organising the trip.

Swimming Sports

Results

Casino 1st Place on 726.5
Speculant 2nd place on 460.5
Rayville 3rd on 484.0

The record breakers for the day were:

Thomas Tallis; 12yr M 25m Breaststroke
Shaun McDougall;
13yr M 25m Backstroke
Individual medley

Joel Copper; 9yr M 25m Breaststroke
Rip Ballinger; 14yr M 25m Backstroke
Alannah Murnane;
17yr F 25m Breaststroke
25m Backstroke
25m Butterfly
50m Freestyle
Individual Medley
Every Day Counts - school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Parents urged to help protect their children against HPV-related cancers

As students head back to school this month, Cancer Council Victoria and Colac Otway Shire council are urging parents to ensure they sign and return consent forms for their children who are eligible for the free human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

The HPV vaccine has been proven to significantly reduce the prevalence of high grade cervical abnormalities in young women\(^1\), which can lead to cervical cancer if left undetected and untreated. The vaccine also protects against other HPV-related illnesses such as genital warts in men and women.

As part of the National HPV Vaccination Program, Victorian high schools are offering the three-dose HPV vaccine Gardasil for free to girls and boys in Year 7. Until the end of 2014, boys in Year 9 are also being offered the vaccine for free at school under the national catch-up program.

Greg Fletcher from Colac Otway Shire Council says students can only receive the vaccine at school when their parents have returned completed consent forms to their child’s school.

“It’s really important for parents of teenagers who are eligible for the HPV vaccine to have their consent forms completed and returned to school before the first dose is administered,” Greg Fletcher says.

“Each school in Colac Otway Shire has a different timetable for delivering the three doses of the vaccine, so it’s important for parents to know when their child is due to be vaccinated.”

“If students miss a dose at school, we encourage them to contact us on 03 5232 9429 for information on vaccine catch-up options,” he said. “They can also contact their doctor.”

To find out when the vaccination will be administered at your child’s school, contact Colac Otway Shire on 03 5232 9429 or at the school.
APOLLO BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014

STUDENT ALERT

Guest speakers:

Pete Sheldon
Apollo Bay Police
Jodie Roberts
Youth Drug & Alcohol worker—Colac Area Health
Tony Mandic
Paramedic—Apollo Bay Ambulance Branch
Lee Rosser
Events Organiser—Apollo Bay Music Festival Committee

Years 5 – 12 students

Wednesday February 26th @ 1:30PM
Wellbeing News

So far this year the year 7 & 8 students had an excursion to the zoo which was a fantastic day out for all those who went along. The year 5 & 6 boys had a great time down at Marrar Woorn for lunch and bonding activities.

Upcoming Dates:

Music Festival alert for year 5 to 12’s

Immunisations for years 7, 9 & 10 on March 13th

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Junior Indoor Soccer

Who: Boys and girls from year 7 upwards

Where: School leisure centre

Day: Thursdays

Time: 6:30pm til 8.00pm

Cost: $20 per child per term or $5 per session

Questions:

Contact Craig Buckingham (Bucky)

mo: 0431749131

email: craig@abaycomputers.com.au
ATTENTION TO PARENTS: HEADLICE

February 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A new year has begun and we ask all parents to be vigilant.

Head lice do not pose a serious health risk, however they are causing much concern for our school community. With careful management parents and schools can reduce the incidence of head lice.

We are requesting that all parents/guardians examine their child’s hair for the presence of head lice or nits (small white eggs that attach to the hair).

Detecting Head lice:

Head lice may or may not be accompanied by itching. You will have to look closely and carefully at the whole head, it is best to inspect all members of the household.

If you find live head lice then the child must be treated before returning to school. Use a recommended treatment from the chemist or the conditioner method. Please let the school know if head lice have been found and when treatment has commenced. Some points to remember:

- If using the comb and conditioner method you must be careful to repeat treatment every second day until no live lice are found for ten days. Care and time needs to be spent removing the eggs as well.
- No treatment will kill 100% of the eggs, it is very important to manually remove the eggs using a good head lice comb and always re-treat seven days after the initial treatment.
- Notify the school about cases of head lice to help monitor the issue.

Preventing Head lice:

According to advice from the Department of Human Services there is no product available that prevents head lice. Using the comb and conditioner method weekly will help you to detect early and minimise the problem. As well:

- **Girls can keep their hair tied back to prevent the spread of head lice**
- Advise children to not swap or use other people’s hats, brushes and hair clips and hair ties.

Head lice move from head to head without discrimination and live off the head for short periods only. They do not jump or fly.

Information is available at the school office about the detection, treatment and management of head lice. Also in difficult to treat situations advice and support can be given by the Secondary School Nurse, available on Mondays and Fridays (enquire at the school office).

Tiffany Holt
Principal
This program has been developed to help Students to discover, explore, and reflect on:

1) Their own and others life experiences.

2) Skills for handling human issues or life questions

3) Values from the Christian faith which relate to life experiences.

4) Opportunity to develop their thinking and with honest inquiry, have freedom to ask questions confidently, (what is acceptable to God.)

5) Develop an awareness that God loves and accepts them for who they are.

Classes will commence in TERM 2.

Attendance at C.R.E Classes is not compulsory; however, you will need to indicate if you DO NOT wish for your child to attend these lessons.

Please sign the slip below and return it to the school office if you DO NOT wish for your child to attend C.R.E. classes.

I do not give permission for my child / children as follows to attend C.R.E. classes:

Child’s Name/s & class:

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Parent / Guardian signature: ............................