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Thursday September 5th 2013.

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Principal's Report

PLEASE COME TO OUR SPECIAL MULTICULTURAL ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, September 17th, we are holding a very special event at Carwatha. Our SRC has organised a multi-cultural assembly, which will include performances representing some of the 57 different nationalities at our school. The assembly will commence at 8.45 and will last for approximately an hour. Parents are invited to attend and we hope to see many of you there.

Last night was the first of our annual Variety Nights where the talents of our students were on display. There were some outstanding performances and the night was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We look forward to another entertaining evening tonight.

The Presentation Ball held last Friday evening was a very successful night. There were 24 couples presented and over 400 guests in attendance. Everyone had a most enjoyable time. Thanks to Rowena Apollonio and the rest of the Ball sub-committee, for their hard work in preparation for the ball.

Our fundraising committee has been extremely busy again, organising a range of events for Fathers’ Day, including our Fathers’ day stall, raffle and our highly successful Fathers’ Day breakfast. Particular thanks must go to Debbie Zevgaras who has worked tirelessly to lead the team, ably assisted by Jackie Hernandez. Thank you also to the following people who helped with either the breakfast or the stall or both – Debbie, Emmanuella and Souliatsa Zevgaras, Jackie, Jaimee and Patrick Hernandez, Michelle Coxhill, Mitchell and Callum Vandoros, Claudia Fourie, Desiree Akkari, Jill Robins, Belinda Flint and Tamar Avoian. Thank you also to Krisanthy and Ourania Ntotos from S’coolway canteens for donating their time and products to the breakfast.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are currently involved in the process of selecting courses for next year. Thank you to the parents of Year 10 students who attended interviews with their sons and daughters on Tuesday. Working in partnership helps ensure that students make
informed decisions about their choices for the future.

Last week we celebrated Education Support (ES) staff week. It is an opportunity for us to acknowledge and thank our many ES staff who work so hard to support students and staff. ES staff undertake the following roles in the school: Office staff, Student Wellbeing staff, Maintenance, First Aid, Library Assistant, Science Technician, Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) support, Home Economics, Multi-cultural aide, Integration Aides, Literacy Aides, Secondary Teacher Assistants and computer technicians. They play a vital role in our school and we value their work very much.

Parent-teacher-student interviews will be held on Thursday September 12th, from 4.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. Students in Years 3 to 12 are expected to attend interviews with their parents. Appointments need to be made using our online system, “Compass”, via our parent portal which can be accessed through our website. Please contact the office if you require help with this process.

Term 3 ends on Friday September 20th. Students will be dismissed at 2.30 p.m.

Bronwyn Hamilton
Principal

Primary News

Mad on Music

Please be advised of the important dates;

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER (Week 9) – THEORY TEST will be the (final) lesson for this Term.

The test lesson is an extra lesson that Ashley is giving so the students do not miss out on their termly test

NO LESSON – in 1st week of Term 4, due to double lessons conducted in Week 9

Mad on Music Team

Melbourne Museum

On Friday 30th August grades 3-6 (and 2/3A) went to the Melbourne Museum. When we got there we had our snack and then put our bags onto shelves. I was scared that someone would steal my bag. We were also put into small groups with a parent or a teacher.

The first place we went to was the Dynamic Earth display where we looked at how the Earth was made and “Snowball” Earth from the Ice Age. We also went into a room that was circular and had projectors showing how the Earth was formed. We watched it with 3D glasses.
Secondly we went to the “Wild” section where they displayed the wildlife of the world. The also displayed the extinct Tasmanian Tigers. We stayed there for a long time. We finally left and had lunch at the playground.

After lunch we went to the Forest Gallery. In the Forest Gallery there was a small waterfall and an underground pathway. You could see fish, turtles, frogs and stick insects there. There was also a path going over the water and birds flying around.

When we had finished in the Forest Gallery we went to the Melbourne Story Display. In that section there was a small rollercoaster that everyone went on. This section was all about the history of Melbourne. There were displays of guns, goldfields and even Pharlap. There was a section that had a small house and it was my favourite section. They were all of the places we visited on the excursion. It was a great day.

Dat Nguyen – Grade 6

Grade 6 Camp

On the 19th of August grades 6G and 6E set off to go to camp, we were excited. The trip was long and we were excited. It was a long trip so we were tired when we arrived at Billabong Camp just outside the country town of Echuca. The camp featured a campfire in the middle with the cabins surrounding it. There were plenty of horses and other animals that shared the camp with us.

The first activity we did was archery. It was my first time using a real bow and arrow it was hard at the beginning but I quickly got the hang of it and hit a ‘six’ on the target. Our groups swapped around and we got the chance to make some damper. We made the bread using only flour, water and a pinch of salt. The staff at the ranch later cooked them and we ate it for dessert with Jam and Cream.

The following day the bus took us to Echuca South primary school. It was a very small school compared to ours however it did have guinea pigs and chooks that the students could play and feed at lunchtime.
Later that day we took a tour of the port of Echuca and took a cruise on the paddle steamer Alexander Arbuthnot down the Murray River. For one hour we were in New South Wales.

When we got back to camp we did a ‘low ropes course’. Only five of us completed the trickiest of obstacles. We finished the day with a night walk along the roads to do some star gazing. On our final day we had to leave. We were disappointed that we had to go but did have a great time. I would like to thank Mrs Elias, Mr Granger, Mrs BW and Jason for all their help organising and helping us while on camp.

Leo Crnogorcevic 6G

Secondary News

Year 11 Business Management Multicultural Lunch

On the 17th of September, the year 11 Business Management class will be contributing to the multicultural theme, by organising a multicultural food stall to complement the day and selling food from different cultures.

This is to test our abilities in a real life scenario and gain experience about running our own business as well as counting towards our unit 2 outcome. The kinds of food we are selling include: sushi, cevapis, nachos, chicken skewers, cupcakes, butter chicken, party pies, mini sausage rolls and canned drinks. We encourage students and teachers to explore their taste buds. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 11 Business Management Class

Science Week At Carwatha

As a part of the celebration of National Science Week a lot of activities took place in our college. We had Physics day, Chemistry day and Biology day.

During those days VCE students conducted many exciting experiments for all secondary students and were explaining the science behind those experiments. Many students visited the demonstration and enjoyed science. Also we had primary students visited a Physics class.
where year 11 students showed them many exciting experiments and talked about science. And finally we had a wonderful science musical performance “Rock me, Galileo!” attended by almost 200 year 7 to 10 students.

Yuriy Verkhatsky, Science Coordinator

Carwatha College P-12
Mathematics Help Club

Our college has decided to trial lunchtime and after-school Mathematics help sessions for students in Years 7 to 9. Beginning on Tuesday 10th September, Ms. R. Joseph, Mathematics Teacher Assistant, will be on hand each session to assist students with their Mathematics homework, assignments, test revision and current classroom topics. All sessions will be held in the Flexible Learning Centre and the session times will be every:

Tuesday lunchtime from 1.00 p.m. until 1.45 p.m.
Wednesday after school from 3.15 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.

The program is voluntary, but for duty of care purposes, once students have committed to attending the after-school sessions, they will be expected to attend all sessions, unless we are informed by parents that they will no longer be attending. If students will be absent for one after school session, parents are asked to inform the school by 3.15 p.m. that day.

Letters can be collected from the class Mathematics teacher.

Enquiries to: Mr. Haddad Ph: 9795 5848 email: haddad.joseph.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Mr. Haddad, Mathematics Coordinator

Community News

Greater Dandenong Children’s Festival

A two-week festival with a host of activities to entertain, educate and amuse the young and the young-at-heart.

Sunday 29th September
11am-4pm
Ross Reserve
Memorial Drive, Noble Park
8571-1000
Carwatha College P-12
2013 Father’s Day Breakfast.

The 2013 Fathers Day Breakfast was held on Wednesday, 28th August, 2013.

Some amazing Mums put on a great breakfast with eggs, sausages, pancakes, toast, coffee, juice, fresh fruit and more.

Here are comments from some of the Dad’s that attended………

“Very well presented, plenty of variety of foods, well done again!”

“Tasty food, set up great, loved the model planes!”

“A most enjoyable morning spent with special people (family), what more could you want! Well done.”

“A wonderful effort to celebrate & show appreciation. Good spread of breakfast options. Many thanks – a lot of behind the scenes planning – greatly appreciated.”

“Had a wonderful time. Thank you – excellent work by staff and helpers.”

“It was a very nice breakfast, we enjoyed a lot.”

A special thank you to Deb Zeygaras, Michelle Vandroos, Claudie Fourie, Jackie Hernandez and Tamar Aviolan for their help on the day.