

NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 30, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 3
Guitar Concert & SRC Talent Show
JB Osborne Theatre 7pm

Out of Uniform Day
Gold Coin Donation

NOVEMBER 10-13
Harro Advance Camp Bike Trip

NOVEMBER 11
Parents Club 9.15am

NOVEMBER 20
Yr 10 Maths/English Exam at BSSC

NOVEMBER 23-27
Yr 10 Exam Week

NOVEMBER 30
Yr 10 Transition/Orientation
Day BSSC

DECEMBER 1
Yr 10 Transition/Orientation
Day BSSC

DECEMBER 8-11
Music Week

DECEMBER 8
Orientation Day Grade 6 students

DECEMBER 9
Year 10 Graduation/Formal

DECEMBER 15
Sports Presentation Evening

DECEMBER 17
Crusoe College
Presentation Evening

DECEMBER 18
End of Term 4, 2009

Principal's Report

BEN JOHNSTONE-MCCLLOUD

The last two weeks have seen further progress in our plans for 2010. The significant landscaping component of the new buildings commenced with excavation beginning and large amounts of concrete being poured for steps, ramps, paths and other hard surface areas. Inside carpet is being laid in the administration building as we near the completion of our first building. Things continue to track well for a move before the end of term 1 next year.

Last week the Year 8 and 9 transition information evenings were well attended as students and families were informed of our Personal Learning Module system which is reflecting our former elective system. Student preferences have now been received and are currently being processed and this information will be fed back to students in the next week to finalize elections.

As I explained in the first newsletter of the term I will outline a component of our new curriculum model in each newsletter for the remainder of the year. This fortnight I will elaborate on the Personal Learning Toolbox component of the curriculum.

Personal Learning Toolbox

In any classroom in the world there can be up to five different grade levels of skill for students in the class. If as teachers we just teach one set curriculum we will either be aiming too low for a large percentage of students or too high for another group of students. The Personal Learning Toolbox is designed to assist all students to improve from their current level no matter what that is. To do this teachers will use a range of student data to inform them of a student's current level. The curriculum will then be designed to take account of where the students are and the best way to move the students to the next level of their development.

A key component of this student data is the NALAN test that all Year 7 and 9 students sit during April each year. Although this testing is a snap shot of student performance it allows the school to access very valuable information about student performance to then inform teaching and learning practices in the school.

At Year 7 and 8 the Personal Learning Toolbox includes English, Mathematics, LOTE and Physical Education and at Year 9 includes English and Mathematics. At Year 10 our English and Mathematics curriculum have been changed to reflect changes in curriculum at VCE. As students have a range of options as to the English and Mathematics pathways they undertake at these year levels our Year 10 program has been adjusted to allow for greater student choice at this year level.

Uniform

As 2010 is the first year of our new school uniform it will be compulsory for all new Year 7 students to be in the new uniform. Any other students who want to be in the new uniform are also able to begin wearing the new uniform from the first day of next year. The uniform can be ordered from Hip Pocket and there are a variety of payment options available for families. It is important to note a couple of important changes in uniform for 2010:

- * Uniforms cannot be blended. It is either the new or the old uniform. Students cannot wear a combination of the two.
- * All pants and shorts in the new uniform range have a logo on them and it is compulsory for students to wear the logoed versions of these pants. Any alternative versions are not school uniform and will be treated as such. This ensures consistency of uniform.

Enforcement procedures for uniform will be communicated to parents and students in the coming weeks and parent support is appreciated in anticipation.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DANIELLE DERKSEN



Wellbeing Survey – HOWRU

Thank you to parents of year 7 and 9 students who returned their consent forms for their child to participate in the wellbeing survey conducted by the Centre for Adolescence in conjunction with the DEECD and The Royal Children's Hospital. A report will be issued to the school in the coming weeks to provide feedback which can be implemented across the school to further support our young people.

Contacting your child at school

All contact between parents and students needs to be made through the general office. If you are contacted by your child while they are at school due to illness or an incident has accrued in the school yard, please contact the general office and they will notify the appropriate staff member to assist you and the student.

Uniform

It is expected that all students are in the correct school uniform. Advisory teachers will notify parents of continued uniform concerns. Please send a note with your child to be given to their advisory teacher if they are out of uniform on a particular day.

Lost property

There is an assortment of lost property including items such as rugby tops, school bags, runners and school books at the General Office.

WESTPAC AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Scott Woodman, Steven Kairn, Bridget Sutherland, Bronte Annand, Josh Lees, Michelle Cordell, Amanda Meehan, Josh Blencowe, Jayden Nicholson, Kaylene Bickford, Jason Lea, Khaire Rinaldi, Bree Allaway, Jane Marshall, Elizabeth Hellstrom, Sophie Bickford, Francis Hall, Michael Trimble, Genevieve Rule, Aidan Browning, Ashleigh Trounson, Alex Kozar, Ebony Carrick, Emily McCoomb, Sophie Ellis, Benjamin Woodward and Jarrod Kerwin who all competed successfully in the Australian Maths Competition last term. All students performed extremely well and will be presented with their certificates in the coming weeks.

Special congratulations to Scott Woodman, Steven Kairn, Francis Hall and Michael Trimble who were awarded Distinctions.

The top placing students from Crusoe College in each year level were:

Year 7: Scott Woodman
Year 8: Francis Hall
Year 9: Benjamin Woodward
Year 10: Jarrod Kerwin

Well done everyone!!!!

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PARENT'S CLUB

By VICKI WHITFORD

Our next meeting will be our last meeting for the year and will be held on Wednesday, 11th November. Please meet at the General Office at 9.15am. All welcome.

PHYS ED CLASSES

Reminder that students should be wearing sunscreen, hats and bringing water to drink for their PE classes now that the weather is warming up.

2010 HOME GROUP AND ADVISORY STRUCTURE

By DEAN GOODRIDGE, TRANSITION COORDINATOR

Neighbourhood teams are currently working on placement of students into home groups and advisory's for 2010.

Parents who have specific requests for their child should make initial contact with the home group advisor.

Neighbourhood teams are spending time looking at the current home group and advisory structures. Junior and Senior Neighbourhood leaders will then meet to finalise them

We hope to have home groups and advisory's confirmed toward the end of November.

ADVANCE

BY ROHAN HARRISON



ADVANCE BIKE/SURF CAMP...

All students in Mr Harrison's ADVANCE class will need to bring a mountain bike to school on Wednesday 28th October. Bikes can be locked on in cage near the fire shed. We will be working on maintenance and activities involved with group riding.

Students need to bring a helmet which is in good condition and has an Australian Standards sticker on the inside.

Please pay and return medical forms as soon as possible. Last date for payment is Friday 30th, October.

CARSHALTON HOUSE SHOPPING TRIPS

Students of Crusoe College have been involved in the shopping trip program. I have had some excellent reports from staff and parents who have seen our students doing the College proud. Well done.

This weeks participants were Stephanie Cox, Toby Stocks, Shiane McCurdy Lara Daly, Jenna Priest and Brendan Plathe.

Next trip is on 10th November.

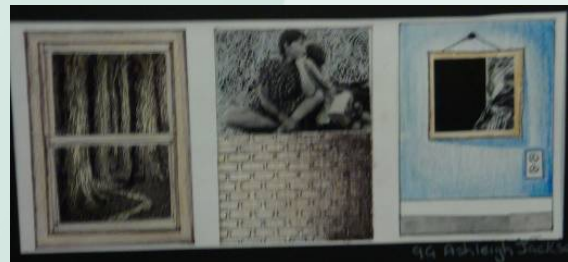
The following students need to meet at the office at 8.50 on this day. They are Carly Downs, Chloe Pantazis, Jane Prime, Aimee Day, Darcie Collins and Brittany Bickford.

CRUSOE COLLEGE ARTS

By DEBORAH SPENCER-JONES

Congratulations to all of our wonderful art students who had work showing in this years all Bendigo schools art exhibition held at BRIT. The exhibition was a huge success with students from Years 7 to 10 exhibiting some excellent pieces of art work. The year 7 students produced creative black and white 'monsters in a box' drawings. Year 8 students had some interesting pastel and pencil work and Year 9 and 10 students displayed a range of work from team paintings to superb photographs and ceramics.

Special congratulations must go to Ashleigh Jackson of Year 9 who received the 'Highly Commended' award for our school for a beautiful 'Altered Page' image produced in pencil and found images.



VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER



Introduction of the Victorian Student Number

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through and departure from the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/government/vsn/overview/htm>

YEAR 10 FORMAL

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER
ALL SEASONS QUALITY RESORT

Tickets will be on sale from the
General Office
November 3rd to November 27th.

Cost is \$40.00 which includes
a 2 course meal.

No Ticket—No Entry
7.30pm—10.30pm

Dress—Formal
Students/Staff Only

YEAR 9 AND 10 MODULE 2010 SELECTIONS

BY LAUREN O'MEARA

Just a reminder that all current Year 8 and Year 9 students should now have their bar coded selection sheets for 2010 completed and returned to the General Office so that subjects can be finalised for term 1 next year.

ANNUAL GUITAR AND TALENT QUEST



On Tuesday, 3rd November the SRC are joining with the Annual Guitar Concert to present the Crusoe College Talent Showcase.

This event will feature the guitar talents, and singing and dance skills, of a number of our students.

This event has been organized to help raise funds for Jaclyn McAlicee, who is attending the World Tumbling and Trampoline Championships in Russia this term.

The show begins at 7.00pm and will run for approximately two hours.

We encourage families to attend to see our students in action and to help raise money for Jaclyn.

Tickets will be sold at the door on the night—JB Osborne Theatre 7.00pm
Adults \$5.00 and Students \$2.00

Jaclyn has been doing gymnastics and tumbling since she was 5, and for 11 years she has been going to Mr. Palmers Gym. She trains 3 nights a week and on Saturdays heads down to Melbourne to train at Bullen Templestowe Youth Club Gymnastics.

She has competed over the years in state and national events, winning several of the events. She qualified 2 years ago to go to Canada, but was not able to go. So this year she heads to St. Petersburg in Russia to represent Australia and compete; and the school community has been helping her along the way.

She heads off on Thursday, 12th November and comes back on the 24th November.

The SRC and the school have been supporting her, and next week, the money that is raised from the Talent Show, featuring the annual Guitar Concert, (Tuesday, 3rd of November, 7:00pm) will be given to Jaclyn to help with the funding.

OUT OF UNIFORM

The SRC is also holding an out of uniform day on Tuesday, 3rd November to again raise funds for Jaclyn. If students wish to come to school out of uniform they need to bring a gold coin donation.

We would like to thank everyone who has aided Jaclyn and send our best wishes and the best of luck to her.

Crusoe College and the SRC

FIRE SAFETY ADVICE FROM CRUSOE CFA YOUTH CREW



Kangaroo Flat and Maiden Gully High Risk

FIRE DANGER	RECOMMENDED ACTION
CODE RED (CATASTROPHIC)	If you live in a bushfire prone area the safest option is to leave the night before, or early in the morning.
EXTREME	The safest option is to leave early in the day if you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave. Only stay if your home is well prepared, well constructed and you can actively defend it.
SEVERE	The safest option is to leave early in the day if you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave. Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it.
VERY HIGH	If you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave, the safest option is to leave at the beginning of the day.
HIGH	Check your Bushfire Survival Plan.
LOW-MODERATE	Check your Bushfire Survival Plan.

AS YOU KNOW, LAST YEARS FIRE SEASON WAS HORRIFIC, THERE ARE NOW CONCERNS THAT THIS YEARS FIRE SEASON WILL BE WORSE THAN THE LAST.

IN LIGHT OF THIS THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SHOULD PREPARE IN CASE THE WORST COMES TO PASS.

THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE LISTENING AND WILLING TO ACT UPON THE CFA'S ADVICE: ***PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE AND BE FIRE READY.***

THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO TRY TO SAVE THEIR HOUSE INCASE OF A DISASTER:

ASSESS: IDENTIFY, CREATE AND MAINTAIN THE **DEFENDABLE SPACE** AROUND YOUR HOME. WITHOUT DEFENDABLE SPACE YOU AND YOUR HOUSE MAY NOT SURVIVE **THE PASSAGE OF FIRE**. ASSESS YOUR RISK ON LINE AT: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

DECIDE: LEAVE EARLY WELL BEFORE A BUSHFIRE THREATENES. **OR** STAY AND ACTIVELY DEFEND A WELL PREPARED HOUSE.

REDUCE: REDUCE THE RISK OF EMBER ATTACK ON YOUR OWN HOUSE. **"85% OF HOUSES ARE LOST DUE TO EMBER ATTACK; BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A BUSHFIRE"**. CLEAR ANY GRASS AND VEGETATION ON YOUR PROPERTY

CONSIDER: CONSIDER IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCE AND PEOPLE TO HELP DEFEND YOUR HOUSE. BE IN MIND THAT THE CFA MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE.

DETERMINE: ASK YOURSELF IF YOUR ARE PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY ABLE TO HANDLE THE STRESS OF FIGHTING A BUSHFIRE.

LIBRARY NEWS

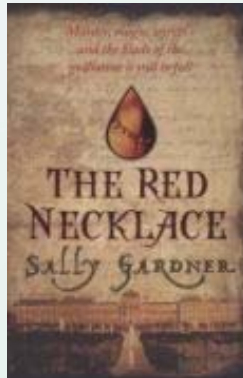
BY Sharon Marchingo



The Red Necklace

By Sally Gardner

The Red Necklace is set in France in the late 1700's, with the country on the brink of revolution. The decadence and indulgences of the period are shown in all their glory as well as the violence and brutality of the times and the ever present fear of the guillotine.



The story concerns a Gypsy boy, Yann Margoza, who is cared for by a dwarf called Tétu. They work in the theatre, dealing in magic and illusion. The evil Count Kalliovski is their nemesis and as frightening a character as you could wish for. He is wealthy and has blackmailed half of the influential people in Paris and is obsessed with the idea of marrying the young Sido, the unloved daughter of a crazy marquis. Upon the marriage the Count is set to take control of her vast inheritance. Fate intervenes and Yann comes into contact with Sido. Her home falls to supporters of the revolution and Sido ends up in prison. It is then up to Yann to prevent both her death and also her marriage to the evil Kalliovski.

The story of their love is tracked from Paris to London and back again. It is a story of high dramas, of evil forces and great loyalty such as Tetu the dwarf and Didier the body guard. This is a story of standing up for what is right, of survival against the odds, of self belief and never saying die. It is a story of magic, mystery and intrigue.

Sally Gardner is very well researched and writes authentically about historical events. After watching the movie Marie Antoinette this set the scene for the sumptuousness of this period and the poverty and suffering of the ordinary people. A wonderful read and I am looking forward to the sequel, *The Silver Blade*.

Global Learning Centre

It was with great excitement that College staff had a tour of the new school last Thursday. Of particular interest is the new Global Learning Centre. Yes, the library will be brought into the 21st century with a change of name. The space is light filled and very inviting although we are still coming to terms with the *fuchsia* feature wall. I have been busy recently getting quotes for new shelving and for moving the books, which is a tricky and onerous task. Attached to the Global learning Centre will be two state of the art multi media rooms. Library staff have also been busy looking at new furnishings that will give the space the 'comfy' and 'inviting' factor.

Overdue Books

Currently there are over 300 books over due which is frustrating for those students looking forward to the next in a series that they are reading such as graphic novels and Twilight books. Students are encouraged to observe the due date stamp and ensure that they return their books at that time. If a student has overdue books then sadly they will not be able to borrow anything else until their return. Year 10 students are particularly encouraged to return their books as we count down rapidly to the end of their time at the college. Important to note is that students will not be able to receive their report if they have overdue books. If students have lost the book then they will be required to pay for the replacement cost.

Keeping books in good order:

It was with sadness the other day that I returned a brand new book that had only been borrowed once, to find that it had been water damaged and needed repair. Students are encouraged to take care with the books that they borrow from the Library and treat them with respect. Ripped pages; squashed banana and broken spines are some of the types of damage that we notice. The average cost of new novels is \$18.00 and non fiction is \$35.00 and they cannot be easily replaced.

PUBLIC NOTICES



YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR SISTER !
 climate change? further education?
 cultural differences? language?
 study habits? careers?
AND WHAT FUN TEACHING HIM/HER ABOUT AUSTRALIAN CULTURE.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

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AN EVENING OUT! On Friday, 20th November the Bendigo Community Health Services will be hosting "A Day Out—A Kangaroo Flat Community Event" at Kangaroo Flat Rotary Park from 4-8pm.

The day aims to provide an opportunity for the community of Kangaroo Flat to get together, and have some fun in a relaxed atmosphere. The day will showcase a range of different clubs and organisations offset with an outdoor community fair completed with jumping castle, live music, health checks, health promotion activities, as art workshop and opportunities to try complementary health services. A Day Out seeks to include community members in the planning of this event, providing a great opportunity for everyone to get involved and ensure the day is a success.

Event sponsors include: Bendigo Community Health Services, St Monica's Primary School, Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise, Bendigo Bank, City of Greater Bendigo & Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club.

Contact Rachel McInnes for further information on 5430 0500

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WEP's Student Exchange Programs - Early Bird Special

What better way is there to learn about the everyday realities of culturally diverse and human encounters than by learning to live in another culture?

Once our exchange students return to Australia, it is not a question of whether they will cope at university or in the workplace, but instead a question of how high they are willing to set their goals. World Education Program Australia (WEP) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments and now accepting new applications for students to travel overseas in 2010/11 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year. **Emily M. from QLD spent a semester in Italy in 2009:** "I was put with a great family and a great location – couldn't have been better. I was able to travel with them and learn Italian. I learnt that I have to be independent and take responsibility for myself and that even if you can't speak the same language there is always a way to communicate."**Early Bird Special** WEP is offering a \$500 discount towards a semester or year program (leaving July-Sept '10) for applications received before 30 November '09 to any of the following countries: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or the USA. Students must be in years 9 – 11 to be eligible for this discount. To receive a free information pack and find out more: Visit www.wep.org.au, Call 1300 884 733 for the cost of a local call Email: tessallaway@wep.org.au



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