**Calendar Events**

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**Year 11 and 12 Students**

Just to remind parents that next week 16th November to 20th November Year 11 and 12 students are not required at school **but are required the following week for the Headstart Program**. It is very important that students attend this program so they will know and be prepared for next year. Many of you have heard me say before how important successfully completing year 12 is for our students. A successful completion of year 12 is the foundation to future success and participation in the community beyond compulsory schooling. The week will consist of a variety of activities designed to build positive relationships between all, ensure an understanding of the requirements and expectations that are part of the VCAL and VET program. Attendance is compulsory for all year 11 and 12 students.

**School Picnic**

Some VCAL students have organised a family picnic for Sunday 22nd of November from 12 noon to 3 pm. This picnic will enable VCD families to come together. Our school community comes from all over Melbourne so this is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and staff.

**Communication with School**

As we know many families live a distance from school. It is with that in mind that we have established Compass an online system for parents to access school information from home. Parents can log on and see daily events, your child’s timetable and progress reports plus view a school calendar. If you do not have your log in details for Compass please contact the school and ask for them to be sent to you. If you have a concern about your child please contact your child’s homeroom or grade teacher. Some parents like to call me first but I don’t have all the information and it often takes longer for me to find out and get back to you. By contacting the teachers you can get the information you require or sort out an issue quickly. Of course there may be times when it is an issue that I will manage but that will come to me form the class teacher.

**Student Material Charges 2016**

Shortly parents will receive an information booklet outlining the student material charges for 2016. It is important to the school that these are paid so that we can ensure everyone gets the materials they need in the classrooms for learning.
### Primary

Swimming Program 2015 for all students in P1, P2 and P3

We are fortunate to be able offer through the Commonwealth Active Kids Program a swimming program for all of the primary students. This program will be at no cost to the parents. Details are listed below and parents will be receiving a permission note shortly.

Dates: Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December - one lesson each day
Time: From 10 am to 10.45 am
Venue: Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
Transport: School Bus

### Middle Years

**Work Experience**

The past week and next week Year 9 and 10 students have been on work experience. From all reports it has been an exciting and learning time for all. This year we have been very fortunate to be a part of a program run by Sign for Work through DCA. The program provided introductory work experience sessions for students to prepare them for work experience. It has also provided on the job support and the teachers receive daily updates regarding the students progress. Students initially may have had to overcome work related issues and have done so with the support from Sign for Work. We greatly appreciate this support because it enables further transition to work. It is essential for our students to have supported work experience placements. If your children are in Year 9 or 10 and currently doing work experience ask them how it is going and what they like about it the most.

### Senior Years

**Camp Photos** - what a wonderful time they are having
School Wide Positive Behaviours

This is from our School Matrix and defines what resilience means at our school. Next to the outline I have listed examples of behaviour that students would demonstrate to show they know and understand what resilience is.

- We give things a go
- I ask questions to clarify
- I will do my best at everything I do in class
- I will try to solve problems using appropriate and positive strategies
- We are patient when sharing
- We show resilience when trying new things
- We help and encourage each other
- We challenge ourselves

- I don’t give up I try to think of different ways of doing things.
- I don’t get angry with other people because they think differently to me
- I cooperate with others and I am patient
- I find out what happened and listen to others when there are disagreements
- I bounce back when things go wrong for me.

Student of the Week

Term 4 Week 4 and 5 there was no assembly
Back next newsletter with more great examples of Student of the Week

SRC

Nominations for School Representative Council

Nominations will be called next week for the following positions:

1. School Captain– Male and female
2. Vice Captain - Male and Female
3. One member from each class in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10
4. One female and one male primary representative from Primary 3 class.

Process:

Applicants will be asked to provide an application for the role and attend an interview with the current school captains, a teacher and myself.

A decision will then be made and announcement of the Student Representative council for 2016 will be made at the final assembly on December 18th
2015 STUDENT ART SHOW

Viewing Times:  
- November 22nd  2 – 3 pm  
- November 24th – 27th  9am - 2pm

Student Awards:  
November 22nd  2.30 pm

Where:  
Victorian College for the Deaf,  
Tradeblock Café

Victorian College for the Deaf
Family Picnic Day

22nd November 2015  
12pm - 3pm

We would like to invite current VCD Primary and Secondary students and their parents, carers, brothers and sisters to our Inaugural Annual VCD Picnic Day. Our VCD families live far and wide across Melbourne and Victoria, so we would like to have a day when parents can meet their child’s friends and families and everyone can celebrate a great year at VCD.

Lots of fun activities for everyone!

Bring your own Picnic Lunch, a picnic rug, deck chairs etc

Please RSVP by Friday 6th November so we know who is coming!

Tear off the slip below and send it back to school.

Auslan StoryTime

Sessions — third Sunday of the month at 2pm

- 15 November 2015
- 20 December 2015
- 17 January 2016
- 21 February 2016

Bentleigh Library  
161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh

Experience a visual language in this interactive session with our storyteller and an Auslan interpreter signing some favourite stories. All welcome.

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