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School Council President - Mrs Jenny De Witte

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 12th March	Year 8 camp starts
Thurs 13th March	Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Mon 17th March	School Council Meeting - 7pm
Thurs 20th March	Last day term 1 - dismissed 2.30pm

D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything And Read continues next week. Remember your book!!!!

Stop the presses! Hold the front page! Healesville High School wins the 2008 Yarra Valley District Swimming Sports.



For the last 12 years this carnival has been won outright by Lilydale High School, with Healesville coming in a not very close 2nd. 2008 has changed all of that, the enthusiastic team of 23 swimmers won the carnival shield outright by the vast sum of 7 points.

The winning team members are **Tarryn Thom, Josh Oliver, Ryan Kepert, Alice Nolan, Kate D'Arcy, Katelyn Meier, Pat Connell, Ethan Scanlon, Dylan Anderson, Georgia Murty, Cassie Oliver, Jack Dryden, Adelle McKay, Marlee Rule, Matt Rivett, Travis Groves, Tamara Groves, Cindy Mills, Chelsea Connell, Jay Tacey, Katie Van Bree, Max Graham, Riley Kennedy.**

Pictures of the day can be found on the school network at: Curriculum on Emu, School Events Archive, Yarra District Swimming 2008, thank you to Jaimee Petersen for this magnificent collection.

Sara Moate, Kate D'Arcy & Emily Toulson did a wonderful job of timekeeping & Allesha Jakobs kept the inputter of results busy by running them over to her as soon as they were completed.

A brilliant job of marshalling was done by Lisa, even though she was continually asked what year she was in, by staff and students.

A big **thank you** goes to Kerry for keeping track of all our results and making sure swimmers were in time for their events. An even bigger **thank you** goes to **Debbie Murty** for rearranging our list of competitors so that the school and the individuals got maximum benefit from the events they were in. **Highlights:** the **U13 & U14** swimmers won the junior aggregate points shield, the U15 & U16 swimmers were 2nd, as were the U17 & U21 competitors. **Tarryn Thom** won the Chris Honeycombe Memorial Medal for her magnificent swim in the U21 Female Individual Medley.



We finished with 31 individual & 7 relay firsts, 15 individual & 2 relay seconds, 7 individual thirds and 1 individual fourth. Age group champions for 2008: U13M **Travis Groves**, U14F **Georgia Murty**, U15M **Pat Connell**, U16F **Alice Nolan**, U17F **Cindy Mills** (she is only U13 and swam in the U17 events winning them all), U21F **Tarryn Thom**.



Tarryn Thom & Josh Oliver, both in Year 12, swapped a hectic day of classes & studying, for an even more hectic day of swimming, eleven events between them.

I would also like to thank the parents that came and supported, not only their own children but the other swimmers as well. Your encouragement helped everyone do their best. I would also like to congratulate the Healesville Swimming Club on the training and coaching they provide for the swimmers of Healesville, without this I doubt that we would do as well as we do at the district sports.

Good Work Certificates

Year 8C English
Georgia Preston
Jaimee Petersen



A reminder that immunisation is next Thursday and all Hep B and Chicken Pox for Year 7 and Boosterix for Year 10 consent cards must be returned prior.

School Council

The call for nominations for parent representatives on School Council is now complete. Nominations called for three parent representatives two weeks ago and at the closing date I received nominations from Erica Benci, Jenny De Witte and Simon Fabrikant. It is with pleasure that I can announce the three nominees as successful in attaining positions on the forthcoming new Council. The new Council will begin in Term 2 following co-option of community members and election of office bearers. The current Council will complete its term of office on March 17th.

School Council has formed a sub-committee to investigate ways in which the school can actively fundraise for much needed resources. Interested parents are invited to contact the school if they wish to contribute to the planning of fundraising events during 2008. Your involvement would be very welcome and appreciated.

Music Recruitment Night

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the evening on Tuesday evening. The performance of the students making up the "Legends Band" was very impressive, as was their enthusiasm and teamwork. **Congratulations to each of them!** The evening left me in no doubt that the Instrumental Music Program at our school will be a great success this year and for future years to come. I would sincerely like to thank our Instrumental Teachers Liz Bennett, Gordon Pendleton and Kent Fisk for their tremendous work with our students and for organising the evening. I would also like to thank our music



teacher, Sally Jacob for her support on the night and Ms Campbell for assisting the school with the catering service.

Year Level assemblies

National Apology

Day speech

This week, as part of our ongoing focus on the value of respect and in the light of the recent apology to the Stolen Generation by Kevin Rudd, we were privileged to have the head man of the Wurundgeri people, Murrundindi, visit our school and speak to students in Years 7 to 10. He shared his personal story, some of the history of the Aboriginal people of Victoria, both before and after European settlement and provided an opportunity for students to view the speech made in parliament recently. Murrundindi complimented our students on their respectful and attentive behaviour; in fact, he assured our Year 9 students that they were the best group of students at that level that he had ever worked with. Many of our students were able to identify closely with his message and appreciated the relevance of his story to our own community.

Tom Bege—Principal

Marine Science Careers Day

'Want a job where you can go diving with Great White Sharks? How about getting up close and personal with whales, sea turtles or sea horses? Do you want to help conserve our precious coastlines and unique marine life?' (Melbourne Aquarium information booklet).

If this sounds like you, then you can participate in the Melbourne Aquarium's Marine Science Careers Days. Places are limited!

Where: Melbourne Aquarium

When: Friday 13th June and Friday 19th September.

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Cost: \$30 (includes tour, presentations, lunch and information packs)

Contact Ms Tacey or Mrs Edwards at school for more details.

Year 10 Work Experience

This is a reminder that all Year 10 students are required to complete a week of Work Experience from the 23rd of June to the 27th of June. We have been meeting with the Year 10 students individually for the last 2 weeks and will continue to do this up to the end of Term 1. In this session we discuss possible career choices and where they may be able to complete their Work Experience. We have asked the students to have a Work Experience place organised by the beginning of Term 2, this allows for the appropriate paperwork to be complete in ample time for the beginning of Work Experience. For students having difficulty finding a placement we will have time to assist if needed. The best place for students to do Work Experience would be in an environment removed from family and friends to enable students to broaden their skills, abilities and develop greater self confidence. For further information contact Ms Tacey or Mrs Edwards.

Chemistry

Year 12 students attended VCE Chemistry instrumentation program at Latrobe University on Monday, 3rd March. The program provided students with experience with the analytical instrument techniques. Experiments were performed on various instruments with real-world examples to explain the fundamental concepts of the analytical technique and to illustrate the usefulness and applications of each technique. Analytical instrument techniques are given high priority in the new study design. It was a really enriching and exciting experience for the students.



Year 9 Wantirna Visit

On Wednesday 7th Year 9 students from Wantirna College visited the high school as part of their Year 9 program. All of our Year 9 homegroups were paired with a Wantirna group

and were asked questions regarding life in Healesville and issues facing young people in our community. Our students showed them around Maroondah Dam, the high school and the sights of the main street. Our students willingness to engage with these students was excellent and we look forward to a reciprocal visit in the future. We aim to continue developing programs to provide positive social and interpersonal skills.