Principal’s Report

Are you always late? Are you the one your friends are always waiting for? Or always racing in late to class and missing the first minutes of a lesson? Being on time is not only considerate to others, it is also important for doing well at school. Being punctual is a life skill that will help you all through your life. Here are some suggestions.

Rethink the meaning of being on time.
People who are always on time are really people who arrive slightly early every day. When things go wrong these students arrive on time because they have planned for the unexpected.

Understand the importance of being on time.
Students who are always on time are the people who understand the work, are well prepared and get good results. In the working world, the people who are always on time are the people who get ahead.

Get enough sleep.
Give yourself a realistic amount of time to get ready for school.
Get up early one morning and time yourself to see how long it takes you to get ready. You may be surprised at the time it actually takes.

Know exactly when you need to be at your destination and allow ten minutes to establish your arrival time.
This will give you time to chat with friends or find the right room or go to the toilet. What time are you expected to be seated for your first class? If class begins at 8:45, you should arrive at school by 8:30 and be in your seat at 8:40. Know your teacher’s preferences. If your teacher wants you to be in class before the bell rings, then do so. Make it your business to meet your teacher’s expectations.

Communicate any problems.
If your bus is always late or you have to take your little sister to school and it always makes you late, explain this to your teacher. And then try to reorganise your responsibilities so you can be in class on time.

Set your watch forward by ten minutes.
This is a little psychological trick that many people play on themselves. It usually works. Be realistic. Things usually take longer than you expect, especially if you have a poor sense of time. Realistically assess the time you will take and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays. Use a stop watch to time how long it takes you to do routine tasks.

Always carry something you can read in short waits.
This makes it easy to be early, since in the 10-15 minutes you can get a few pages of reading done. You have as much time as everyone else. If they can be on time, so can you. Like all good habits, punctuality takes some self-discipline and planning but the pay-off is huge.

Acknowledgement: Be On Time To Achieve Academic Success by Grace Fleming

Branko Lukic
Principal
Hi everyone and welcome to the second last Year 7 News for the term. Reports are almost complete, although there may still be opportunity for students to hand in overdue work by the end of the week – particularly MathsMates and English Basics tasks. It is very important that students are letting you know of stationery items or resources that are depleted at this stage so that these can be purchased and refreshed ready for next term. Remind students to clean out their lockers prior to the end of the term so that they are aware of what needs replacing.

It was great to once again see such a fantastic cross-age game of soccer taking place on the front oval of the school at lunchtimes this week. Students from Years 7-10 worked proactively together to develop their own game in support of the Aussies plight at the Brazil World Cup (photo right).

There has been a very slow response for the Year 7 BBQ Luncheon next week so please RSVP if you are attending on Tuesday at 1:00pm or not for catering purposes.

St. Arnaud Secondary College invites you to attend our family lunch.

When: Tuesday 24th of June

Time: 1:00 – 2:00pm (or stay longer and help out with some basic Maths classes)

Where: St. Arnaud Secondary College Science Building

Contact: Roxanne Egan (Year 7 Coordinator) for catering purposes by Tuesday 10th June 54 951811 or via email below.

54 951811 (egansroxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7

English Basics – students should have handed in Unit 10
English spelling test – regular weekly revision
PE – Basketball lessons – two prac lessons in last week (sports clothes required on Wed and Thurs)
Maths – Maths Mate Week 8 overdue
Science – revision of ‘solutions’ topic for end of unit test

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS
FRIDAY AUGUST 22
7-10PM $7 ENTRY

PLUS Melbourne Band
BRIGHTER AT NIGHT

GET YOUR BAND REGISTERED TODAY
BOOK BY FRI 8TH AUGUST
A Drug & Alcohol Free Youth Event ages 12-17
NEXUS Youth Centre 14 Pynsent St Horsham PH 5362 1500
Broader Horizons Article

Last Friday morning, the Broader Horizons program was launched at St Arnaud Secondary College. An idea born from a discussion between a group of educators and members of the local community in a hot portable has evolved into a careers program that will have positive and lasting ramifications on our students’ futures. Broader Horizons aims to provide Year 9 students with the opportunity to experience a broad range of careers pathways in the local region in the areas of Health, Agriculture and Local Council.

A delicious and hot breakfast was a great way to welcome our business partners to our school. There was a fantastic representation of local businesses and community members from the three areas. Our Year 9 representatives, Nicole Mula and Montana Ferguson were professional, polite and delightful as they assisted staff in serving our guests.

Our guests then proceeded to the Science Building where they promoted their workplace to our Year 9 students. Students will be able to apply to participate in one of the three areas where they will be given hands-on experience in that field over a number of weeks. Through this, they will be able to develop broader knowledge and skills within a real-world experience.

Broader Horizons program is a collaboration between Barry McKenzie (North Central Local Learning and Employment Network) and Branko Lukic, Sue Upton, Dave Reynolds (St Arnaud Secondary College) and industry partners.
We would like to invite students to participate in our very first Childrens’ Book of the Year Readers Club.

All you need to do is register with Miss Evans, receive a reading journal and start reading the short-listed books.

Will your favourite book be announced as Book of the Year?
HOMEWORK CLUB AT ST ARNAUD SC

HOMEWORK CLUB WILL COMMENCE

ON

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

OR

BY APPOINTMENT AFTER SCHOOL!

SUBJECTS

ENGLISH, LITERATURE, HUMANITIES ONLY AT THIS STAGE.

YEAR 12

WHERE?

THE LIBRARY AT LUNCH TIME.

BRING PENS, HOMEWORK AND SEE MS STREET FOR ASSISTANCE ANYTIME.

SEE MS. STREET
Join Netball Victoria's coaches to learn some new tips & skills and receive some great giveaways.

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For further information call 03 9321 2222
Taking that first step is one of the hardest things to do

That first step to .......
* saying sorry  * share how you are feeling
* ask for help  * trying something new
* into the future and achieving your goals
* speaking out against things that should not be happening
* a new life  * picking yourself up
* kick that habit
* repairing that damaged or broken relationship
* a better you  * learning a new skill
* looking at things differently
* making things better  * stand up for a cause
* step out of your comfort zone
* change that situation  * plan

Can you do it???????

It’s not always easy however most times things will get better if you!

Step bravely into the future!!!!
LITTER SURVEY

The Year 12 VCAL students are working on a project to reduce the amount of litter in our school grounds. The students have been collecting evidence of the amounts and type of litter left on the ground, in garden beds and in areas such as the oval and outside the canteen. As part of the project the Year 12 students have been decorating used 60 litre bins to improve the collection of rubbish produced at recess and lunchtime.

To encourage greater community participation and awareness in this the project the students would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete this survey and return it to the front office of the school by Friday the 20th June.

Parent/Guardian  Student  Staff  Community member

Do you think that there is a problem with litter in the school grounds?

Yes  No

What do you think makes up the most litter in the school grounds?

Wrappers  Straws  Drink containers  Food scraps  Glad wrap

Do you think that there are enough bins provided for rubbish?

Yes  No

Who do you think is responsible for picking up the litter that has not been placed in the bins provided?

Students  Teachers  Cleaners  All of the above

Comments

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## Calendar

### Term 2
- Friday 27th June

### Term 3
- Monday 14th July
- Thursday 17th July
- Friday 18th July
- Wednesday 23rd July
- Thursday 31st July
- Thursday 7th August
- Friday 8th August
- Wednesday 13th August
- Thursday 14th August
- Friday 15th August
- Monday 18th-22nd August
- Monday 25th August
- Tuesday 26th
- Monday 1st September
- Tuesday 9th September
- Friday 19th September

### Semester 1
- Last Day of Term 2. 2.30pm dismissal

### Semester 2
- School resumes
- SSV Cross Country
- Semester One Reports distributed
- Year 7/8 Squash State Final
- EWH Breakfast
- AUST Maths Comp
- Adidas Fun Run
- Interim Reports Distributed
- Boys State Hockey
- NCD Golf
- Winter Sport
- Year 9 Enviro Week
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Year 12 Relay 4 Life
- NCD Athletics
- Last day of Term 2.30 dismissal

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### PARENTS’ CLUB

**Meeting Dates 2014** – 7pm at the Botanical Hotel for tea. It would be great to see some new faces, and obtain some fresh ideas on our committee and everyone is welcome to attend.

- **16th June**
- **15th September**
- **10th November**