I hope families have had the opportunity to spend some quality time with their children over the past two weeks. Reports will be sent home in the next few days. I would encourage parents to take the time to sit down and read through the reports with their children and have a discussion about their child’s progress. Second semester provides students with an opportunity to act on the advice and suggestions that their teachers have provided. As parents I believe that we have an obligation to focus on building our children’s strengths for the future, whilst at the same time helping them cope with any challenges and difficulties they experience. There is now a large body of research behind education; schools and teachers are acutely aware of the importance of quality teaching. Home factors and parental involvement are also key determinants in student performance and at St Arnaud Secondary College we aim to work closely with parents to ensure all our students achieve their individual best.

I, once again, ask parents to support us with our uniform policy by ensuring children leave home properly attired. Parents are now able to purchase uniform at their convenience with Mandy opening up a shop in the main street. If there are financial reasons preventing parents from purchasing uniform, I would ask that they contact Roseanne Chapman, our Student Welfare Coordinator.

Next Thursday 24th July is a curriculum day where staff will spend a large proportion of the day reviewing our previous strategic plan. This review considers the school’s achievement, engagement, wellbeing and productivity outcomes for the period of review and discusses recommendations for the future. Areas for further consideration include:

Empowerment through education – increasing parent and student expectation and aspiration.
Establishing, reviewing and revising processes, procedures and meeting structures within the school to focus on professional learning to increase staff capacity around understandings around poverty, visible learning, and powerful learning.
The students’ sense of being valued and connected with school.
Leadership development.
Establishing and extending the connection between the primary schools and the secondary college.

Branko Lukic
Principal
What cold start we have had to the new school term. Hopefully, you have all enjoyed having your children home for the holidays, the opportunity to relax the routine and the chance to refresh for Term 3.

Term 3 sees our Year 7 students participating in a number of new subjects particularly practical ones. Students will also be undertaking a Careers subject with Mr Reynolds and Mr DiCiocco which they should really enjoy as it will allow them to start researching and thinking about their future careers and the employment opportunities in St. Arnaud as well. Please check with your child that they have the correct materials for these classes in order to achieve to the best of their ability.

This term we have implemented the Traffic Light program as a way to try to monitor behaviour and develop a more proactive and engaged approach to the Year 7 classroom behaviour. This is quite similar to the Primary School model with a few alterations.

There has been a change to the timetable too, with Physical Education practical classes now taking place on a Monday and theory on a Thursday.

Later on in the term we will be having a ‘Self-esteem and Confidence’ building program titled Brave Boys/Gorgeous Girls. This will involve students working with community members, their peers and staff to increase their self-esteem and confidence. They will be involved in a range of practical tasks which they will, hopefully, enjoy and reflect on positively. There will be a small cost of $2 per week over the five week program to cover costs of resources that our community members will require. If you would like to know more about the program please email or ring me at school or if you would like to assist, or just come and watch, feel free to let me know.

Enjoy the cold week ahead.

**Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7**

- English Basics – Unit 10 (due in next two weeks)
- English spelling test – practice weekly spelling at home
- PE – puberty revision and research
- Maths Mate Term 3 Week 1

_Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au_
Community Health

East Wimmera Health Service is very happy to be a part of the St Arnaud Secondary College Breakfast Program. At EWHS we have a wide range of services that are available to the community and it starts with a simple call to our community health central intake service and then a few easy steps:

Call Central Intake on 5477 2222

Central Intake – Step 1
An Administration Officer will promptly take your call and enter your details onto the system to prepare you for the next

Central Intake - Step 2
Our experienced Community Health Nurses will call you back to discuss your needs

You will be asked some questions on your current health needs including things that may not relate to the specific reason you called

This process is because East Wimmera Health Service wants to be sure that we are providing all the care that we can for your overall health which may include services that you weren’t aware are available to you

This call is confidential and we will do our very best to address any concerns that you have and refer you to the appropriate services

Our Services:

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Occupational Therapy

Dietary

Social Work

Community Health Nursing

District Nursing

Podiatry

Aged Care Services

VOLUNTEERS

Community Car

.....and many more
Year 10 News

Welcome back to another term. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday.

I was lucky enough to spend my holidays trekking through the jungles of Papua New Guinea, completing the 96km Kokoda Trail over 9 days. The trek instilled in me several values and an attitude that I believe would help the Year 10 students as they move into their senior education. These are: self-belief, perseverance and a positive attitude.

Reports will be sent home at the end of the week and students will be able to gauge their strengths and areas for improvement. I encourage you to talk with your child about areas they need to focus on and establish some learning goals for this semester. Maintaining a positive attitude towards their studies and having self-belief in their own potential will allow each student to successfully complete Year 10.

On the 13th August, Charlton are hosting a “VET taster day” for students in Year 9 and 10. It is optional for Year 10 students to attend; however I encourage them to participate in the day as it will provide greater options for Year 11 and 12. Students can complete a VET certificate whether they are following a VCE or VCAL pathway. It provides great experience in their chosen industry and can enhance their ATAR score and chances of employability.

Drivers Education will be held in Charlton towards the end of this term. Thank you to the parents who have already indicated their interest. More information and permission forms will be sent home shortly.

A reminder that students need to use their diary on a regular basis and get it signed by a parent/guardian weekly. They will be checked and signed by the support group teachers every Tuesday in Form Assembly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Tania Hadzig
Year 10 Coordinator
hadzig.tania.c@edumail.vic.gov.au / 5495 1811

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure” (Colin Powell)

Uniform Shop

RamJac is now the official supplier of School Council approved St Arnaud Secondary College Uniform. All uniform is now available for purchase at:

RamJac, 11 Alma Street St. Arnaud

Opening Monday – Friday 10.00am – 4:30pm

The School Uniform Shop at the College, will close for Thursday sales on 31/7/2014.
2014 NETBALL VICTORIA REGIONAL CLINICS

Join Netball Victoria’s coaches to learn some new tips & skills and receive some great giveaways.

ARARAT
Venue: YMCA Stadium
High Street, Ararat
Date: Thursday 3rd July 2014
Time & Ages: 10am-12pm / 10-15 years

HORSHAM
Venue: Horsham Lanes & Games
Jenkinson Ave, Horsham
Date: Thursday 3rd July 2014
Time & Ages: 2:30pm-3:30pm / 5-8 years
3:45pm-5:45pm / 10-15 years

ST ARNAUD
Venue: St. Arnaud Indoor Sports & Squash Stadium
Cnr Bowen & Navarre Streets, St Arnaud
Date: Friday 4th July 2014
Time & Ages: 10am-12pm / 10-15 years

BENDIGO
Venue: Flora Hill Indoor Sports Stadium
56 Ellis Street, Flora Hill
Date: Friday 4th July 2014
Time & Ages: 3pm-5pm / 10-15 years

$40 Per Participant

To book your place, visit www.myclinicsandcamps.com.au
For further information call 03 9321 2222

FREEZA PUSH START BAND COMP
FUNDED THROUGH THE FREEZA PROGRAM
A VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

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 5392 1500
Calendar

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