Principal’s Report

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Monday 25th August, 9AM to 7PM. Parents can book interviews by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the code KKWEA.

*There’s no need to worry about your quiet teenager being happy to stay at home with the family and enjoy the company of a few close friends.*

Researchers studying 13-year-olds found that those who engaged in ‘pseudo-mature’ behaviour and were seen as the ‘cool kids’ tended to develop problems with drugs and relationships by their early 20s.

The researchers tracked nearly 200 13-year-olds for 10 years, gauging how much they valued their popularity, how important appearance was in seeking out friends and if they used drugs or had romantic relationships.

The study found that young teens who acted old for their age by sneaking into movies, forming early romantic relationships, shoplifting and basing friendships on appearance were seen by peers as popular.

But as these pseudo-mature teens and their less adventurous counterparts matured, their behaviour was no longer linked with popularity.

Instead, they were thought to be less socially competent by their peers and had more problems with substance abuse. The average cool teen, by age 22, had a 45% greater rate of problems due to substance use and a 22% greater rate of criminal behaviour compared with the average teen in the study.

 Teens can be intimidated by these cool kids, and parents are intimidated because they think that these pseudo-mature kids are on the fast track - but it’s really to a dead end. They have the appearance of maturity, but they are not gaining actual maturity. These teenagers spend so much time trying to gain status, they don’t develop the positive social skills needed for meaningful friendships.

Parents shouldn’t worry too much if their young teens prefer to spend Saturday nights at home watching a movie or reading instead of going out with friends.

There is a quiet majority of adolescents who are much more functional when they become adults.

**Acknowledgement:**

*Joseph Allen, professor of psychology at the University of Virginia in Child Development journal, June, 2014*

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Principal
**** Year 7 News ****

Winter Sports this Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} August – hopefully all of our Year 7s had a great day, represented the school in a very positive manner and interacted positively with their peers and coaches. We had a huge component of soccer players – 4 teams of boys and girls. This was probably a flow on from the World Cup and the fact that junior years have been playing soccer in PE.

We wish young Jake Hicks all the best with his recovery from a motorcycle accident on the weekend. Jake has had surgery over the weekend and we hope that he is pain free and has a fast and successful recovery.

Reports have gone home this week – hopefully you have had the opportunity to speak with your child about their progress and areas for improvement. We have the full day Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews on Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} of August – information will go home later this week regarding the booking system. I would ideally love to see as many Year 7 Parents as possible throughout the day to discuss how we can work together to further support your child’s learning.

Pics of the Year 7s in Careers – linking careers concepts to life skills.

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7

- English Basics – Unit 12 English Basics unit
- Students should be finished working on their Red Dog projects (due 14\textsuperscript{th} August)
- PE – puberty revision and research (Test in Week 5)
- Ceramics – coloured design for Aboriginal tile (due 15\textsuperscript{th} August)
- Maths Mate Term 3 Week 5
- Humanities – A-Z of Ancient China - overdue

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.

- 15th September
- 10th November
ART AT

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
combined schools

FUN RUN

for cancer research
The class has been thinking about and drawing possible solutions to their felted creature project. This has involved planning possible approaches to the task.
EnviroWeek is a chance for the Year 9 students to get out into their physical and social environment and lend a hand. As usual, students at SASC will support some of the fabulous clubs in our town that rely heavily on volunteers. They will also help protect the physical environment by planting trees and grasses. The learning focus will shift away from the books and desks to teamwork, supporting the township and greening the landscape.

Outline of the week’s activities. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE AT SCHOOL EACH DAY, FROM 8.55 am —3.20 pm.

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<td>Tues. 22nd  Aug.</td>
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This week is part of the school curriculum and as such all students will be expected to attend each day. On Tuesday, the students will see and hear about the practical application of carbon sequestration, ways to minimise climate change and enhance wildlife habitat. Friday’s activities will form part of the Year 9 Geography class’s fieldwork. Students must attend the school program to receive the camp subsidy. All the activities during EnviroWeek will take place during normal school hours, i.e. 8.55 a.m. —3.20 p.m.

If you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact me at the school for more information.

Stay tuned for info on the Year 9 camp...
Broader Horizons

The last week of the Health section of the Broader Horizons was an enjoyable and informative day in Podiatry and Aged Care. In the first session, our presenter was the inspirational Andrew Nashed who spoke to the group about what it means to be a Podiatrist, showed some visual examples of foot problems and helped the girls make a cast of their own feet.

For Aged Care, we had the lovely Gwenda Wescott who explained the importance of Aged Care in the local community and how an elderly client would be evaluated for services provided in Aged Care. The group were given Dementia tests to complete (all passed with flying colours!) before a quick tour of the Kara Court. Kara Court was an impressive facility and the girls enjoyed having a peek into the daily life of a Kara Court resident.

Kasey, Kayla, Montana, Brooke, Hayley, Alysha and Miss Evans would like to thank the wonderful staff at East Wimmera Health Service for the fantastic experiences over the last four weeks.

Although it is the end of the journey for the girls, we have now moved on to the Agricultural industry for another group of seven Year 9 students.

Here is what the girls had to say about their final day:

Podiatry

"I got to see what really happens and all the hands-on stuff"  "He [Andrew] was a awesome bloke. Very presentable. I learnt heaps."

"Because Podiatry seems like an interesting job and has many different parts."

Aged Care

"I think Aged Care is very interesting. I kinda want to go into Aged Care. I really like everything about this session."

"I learnt that the elderly have activities and fun times."  "Because it's great fun and very interesting."
Calendar

Term 3

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Year 9 and 10 Science and/or Maths students

You are invited to apply for The Science Experience at Federation University. It is being held over 3 days starting Monday 22nd September, the cost is $115 for the 3 days. Registration can be made online at the following link: [http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/)

Indulge yourself and spend three fun-filled days exploring your passion for science, making new friends, discovering rewarding career opportunities and experiencing life on the beautiful Mount Helen campus at Federation University.