



# NEWSLETTER

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## COLLEGE CALENDAR

Tuesday, 24 November	Concert Band Tour to local primary schools
Thursday, 26 November	Year 10 and 11 Presentation Night Year 9 Geography Coast Excursion
Friday, 27 November	Year 9 Geography Coast Excursion

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Wednesday, 11 November, our Year 9 History students commemorated Remembrance day by participating in ceremonies at the College and in the community. Eight students joined former soldiers for the Remembrance Day service at the Doncaster RSL cenotaph. Two students, Craig Woods and Bella Hanby, spoke movingly about the sacrifices made by all those involved in the 'Great War' and in subsequent conflicts. This was followed by the laying of wreaths. Back at the College, a ceremony organised by one class of Year 9 students was conducted at the flagpole, followed by afternoon tea, which members of the Doncaster RSL attended. Congratulations to the students and their teachers, Mr Lucas, Mr Johnson-Turner, Ms Vecchio and Mrs Hanrahan, on their organization and participation in these ceremonies. The students conducted themselves with great dignity.

Next Thursday, 26 November, we will be holding our Year 10-11 Presentation Evening followed by the Year 7 & 9 Presentation Night on Thursday, 10 December. These are wonderful evenings to celebrate the achievements of our students and are a wonderful reflection on our students and on our College.

Just as our Year 10 & 11 students will be undertaking their 'Head Start' program over the

next two weeks (finishing on Friday, 4 December), our Year 7 to 9 students will undertake their own program in the last fortnight of school. Most Year 7-9 students finish their year on Wednesday, 16 December when reports will be distributed. Students and parents who need to discuss 2009 progress in relation to 2010 will be asked to interviews on the Thursday. Prior to the Thursday all students need to be at school to participate in the planned 'Head Start' program to prepare them for the commencement of the new year. Please ensure that your children are in attendance.

*Frank Sal*  
Principal

## TRANSITION BUDDY PROGRAM

### Transition Program at Serpell Primary School - Term 3

Last term, nine Year 10 students participated in a 'Transition Buddy Program' with Grade 6 students from Serpell Primary School. The aim of the program was to have some fun with the students, let them spend time with some high school kids, get them excited at the idea of going to high school and at the same time talk to them about any worries they may have.

Each Friday afternoon we would go to Serpell Primary School and do one of four activities with the Grade 6 students: Natasha and I did cooking, Kate and Tanya did art and craft with their group while Justin, Jonathan and Jamieson played sport and Raymond and Kellie made a video.

After four weeks with the Grade 6 students we got to know them and genuinely had a good time with them. It was fun to talk with them and hear about what was going on in their class. Being part of the program was really special to

us because it gave us a chance to be like peer support leaders who were so good to us when we were in Year 7. We will definitely miss spending time with the Grade 6 students.

We would like to thank Ms Veerhuis and Mark (Serpell's chaplain) for all their help and also for driving us to and from Serpell Primary School every week.

We had a great experience!!

*Priscillia Savopoulos*

### YEAR 7 ESL

The Year 7 ESL class have been working on producing their own children's books this term. On Monday, 16 November they took their books to Doncaster Gardens Primary School. Prep G were delighted to have our students read their books to them and were very keen with their evaluations of the books.



We would like to thank Doncaster Gardens and in particular Deborah Gun's Prep G class who enthusiastically welcomed us into their classroom.

*Mrs Chiappa*  
*Year 7 Co-ordinator*

### SECONDHAND BOOKSTORE SALE DAY REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Refreshments will be available for purchase on Bookselling day between:  
9am and 12pm.

- \$5 coffee and cake



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SECONDHAND BOOKS AND SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER

Please contact J. Seddon at the College on 9848 4677 if you are available to assist with either of these parent-run activities

This year the intake day for secondhand books will be Friday, 4 December, from 9am until midday. From 9 am students will be called up by class group. Year 12 students will have an opportunity to hand in their books prior to the Valedictory Assembly on Friday, 20 November. The sale day for all year levels is Monday, 7 December, from 9am until 7pm.

**Year 9 Students who will be attending Camp on Friday, 4 December may send their books with a sibling, parents may bring them when collecting students on return from Camp or Year 9 students can bring them in early on Monday, 7 December.**

If parents would like to volunteer to assist on either of these days, please contact Mrs Seddon on 9848 4677 with contact and availability details.

*Mrs. J. Seddon*  
*Assistant Principal*



### LIBRARY NEWS

The last day to borrow books for 2009 is Friday, 27 November. All books **MUST** be returned by Friday, 11 December.

*Mrs Hayward*  
*College Library*

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER  
APPEAL 2009**



Every year Doncare supports many families from Doncaster Secondary College with food, uniforms, school books and excursions. Therefore this year, as a school community, we would like to assist them. At Christmas Doncare gives out many Christmas hampers so we are collecting items that can be placed in those hampers.

**Please place all donations in the box at the College Reception before Tuesday, 1 December. Thank you!**

**SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP  
TUESDAY 8.45am - 9.00am  
ROOM C17**

**UNIFORMS**  
You may purchase new uniforms from:  
Doncaster Schoolwear  
182 Whitehorse Road Blackburn  
or  
Dobson's Schoolwear  
274 Doncaster Rd, Balwyn North

**STUDENT ABSENCES**  
Please phone the  
24 hr Absentee Hotline  
Ph: 9856 1077

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**Chaplaincy at Doncaster  
S.C.  
Cherry Fundraiser**

**2kg box of Cherries for only  
\$22!!**

Please place the order form below in an envelope labelled 'Cherry Fundraiser'. Ensure that all sections of the form are completed and that the **exact money** is provided (\$22 per 2kg box).

Please place your orders in the box at reception at Doncaster Secondary College. Orders are due by **Friday, 4 December 2009.**

Cherries will be available for pick up from Doncaster Secondary College Chaplain's office on **Friday, 11 December between 1.30-4pm.**

(Students are asked to collect their orders at 3.15pm.)

(Please note you cannot purchase less than 2kg however you could always share with a friend!!)

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**Chaplaincy at Doncaster S.C.  
Cherry Fundraiser**

Parent's Name:

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Student's Name:

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Contact Number:

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Number of boxes of cherries:.....

Amount Paid: .....

**(FULL AND EXACT AMOUNT REQUIRED TO PLACE ORDER)**



