



17 October 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 12 Valedictory

On Monday the Year 12 students will complete their formal classes and on Tuesday they will participate in the Valedictory Service and Dinner. This is a special time in a young person's life and an important one as they move from the formality of normal classes to the independence of preparing for their final examinations. As I have reminded the Year 12's recently, now is a time for much hard work – there will be plenty of time to relax once the exam are over. They need to maintain momentum during this period of celebration and give themselves the best chance to achieve the best results.

In wishing them well for the future I thank them for all that they have contributed to Mentone Grammar – some for one year and others for as many as 15 years. They leave school with our very best wishes that they may lead meaningful lives and continue to make a difference to our community and the lives of others. As the reading from Corinthians, to be used at their Valedictory Service, reminds us: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

The following students will graduate from Mentone Grammar this year:

ANDERSON HOUSE

Jessica Adams, Sahil Bhasin, Mitchell Brown, Imogen Gordon, Matthew Ingram, Christian Kakavoules, Michael Kakavoules, Jonathon Marshall, Trent Norton, Grace Reed, Nathan Sherburn, Bevan Wang, Xinxuan Wu, Angie Zhang, Andy Zhou

DEIGHTON HOUSE

Jason Atley, Jaimee Au, Sam Brewster, Elliot Burgess, Davy Cheung, Terry Choi, Liam Cullen, Anna Duong, Emily Hajdinjak, James Hulls, Scott Joblin, Hannah Linehan, Andrew Merrick, Stephanie Pecora, Christopher Spry -Turnbull, Oliver Tweddell, Benjamin Wendt

DRINAN HOUSE

Jonathan Bayford, Mark Hamilton, Jack Heaney, Matthew Hinds, James Lapa, Jonathan Ling, Nanya Liu, Jimmy Lu, Chelsie McLeod, Narnie Nissen, Riley Paulauskas, Emma Thomerson, Samuel Webber

FINLAY ANDERSON HOUSE

Alex Albrecht, Stefan Balen, David Barker, Courtney Boyd, Nick Brown, Tim Delgos, Andrew Faulks, Mark Gledhill, Joshua Grant, James Halliday, Degg Joekari, Tomasz Les, Erica Morris, Michael Myers-Snyders, Hayden Pyke, Keiffer Smith-Cameron

JONES HOUSE

Ruby Todd-Arrowsmith, Bridget Barfoot, Anthony Doyle, Edward Fisher, Can Huang, Nerida Last, Andrew Lee, Samuel Maguire, Jack McDonald, Stephen McGill, Sujit Nagarajan, Thai Hoa Phan, Matthew Probyn, Yun Fei Qian, Sheng Xu

LIONEL LARGE HOUSE

Benjamin Chan, Taylor Dall, Lance Dugan, Jarrod Goon, Matilda Grose, Carly Helgensen, Robbie Last, Henrick Lay, Paul Manoria, Thomas McMahon, Tyson Menzel, Pawan Nayak, Blaize Sutton, Jessica Zahra, Eragon Zhang, Sean Zhuo

WERE HOUSE

John Blaskett, Jaime Brohier, Merric French, Gurjit Gill, Richard Harrington, Catherine Hatch, Jake Keir, Alex Smyth, Brianna Steed, Leigh Wilson, Rebecca Winkler, Thomas Wyatt, Shiyun Xu, Krissy Zamora, Yun Qi Zhou

WHITE HOUSE

Kate Agnoletto, James Blay, Jonathan Bratt, Trent Conroy, James French, Skye Geri, Shaun Hutchinson, Timothy McMullen, Akila Nawagamuva, Stuart Pritchard, Meg Smith, Tristan Strange, Rory Thompson, Christina Wang, Jessica Whitelaw-Roache, Vivian Wong, Trent Wonnacott

Labore et Honore

IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 4 2008

20 October
Valedictory Assembly

21 October
Valedictory Service & Dinner

23 October
Term 4 Open Day & Tours

24 October
Eblana Grandparents' Day

31 October
Eblana Fun Athletics Day
VCE Exams Commence
Melbourne Cup Exeat 1pm

3 November
Melbourne Cup Exeat

13 November
Eblana Strings Concert

17 November
Years 8, 10 & 11 Exams
Year 9 Normal Classes

21 November
2009 ELC & Prep Orientation

25 November
Bayview Orientation
Year 9 Orientation

26 November
Year 9 not required at school

27 November
Years 10, 11 & 12
changeover to 2009
timetable

28 November
K-4 Christmas Pageant

2 December
Speech Night

5 December
P&F Christmas Luncheon
Bayview Arts Festival

9 December
Carols Service
End Term 4



Summer Sport Season

Best wishes to teams participating this Saturday in the Summer Sport Season. As with all activities in the school all we ask is that everyone puts in their very best effort. If everyone does this we will be well placed for success at both a personal and team level.

NAPLAN Testing

The results of the recent NAPLAN testing of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have been received by the school. Whilst the most important aspect to this national testing program is to identify areas of concern with individual students in the specific areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy, the overall results present a very positive picture of these areas within the school.



M J Cater
Principal

EBLANA NEWS From Mr Nolan

Achievers of the Week

The children in Eblana continue to achieve in numerous ways. This week words of praise included *outstanding, fantastic, wonderful, beautiful, positive, improvement, sensational, interesting, informative, confident, terrific* and *great*. I was delighted to present awards this week to **Tara Remick** (Prep B), **Adam Halliday** (Prep H), **Sam Parkes** (1H), **Nikki Kong** (1S), **Peter Cotsopoulos** (2K), **Tim Haigh** (3W) and **Owen Adams** (4L).

Australian Mathematics Competition— sponsored by Westpac

We congratulate all our Year 3 and 4 students who participated in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. Special congratulations to **Sally Kim** from Year 4 who won the Prudence Award for the highest number of consecutive correct answers. Distinction and Credit certificates were presented to students at assembly. Congratulations to all students who participated in this competition and well done to those who achieved their best.

Distinctions:

Justin Anthony, Matthew Goodall, Jacqueline Schwartz, Corey Stapleton, Sally Kim, Marc Shermon

Credits:

Ryan Buckler, Harrison Burgess, Isabelle Koh, Bridget Remick, Tim Silvester, Will Spinner, Sean Budd, Lewis Cotsopoulos, Abhijit Das, Michael Demura, Harrison Edwards, Emmanuel Garifalakis, Frazer Kemp, Seamus MacDonald

UNSW Computer Competition

Congratulations to all Year 3 and 4 students who participated in the UNSW Computer Competition.

Distinction:

Sean Budd

Credits:

Pieran Pachiyannis, Bridget Remick, Jacqueline Schwartz and Tim Silvester, Michael Demura, Molly Sather and Charlotte Wiffin.

Grandparents' Day

On Tuesday this week all children in Eblana received a flyer relating to next Friday's Grandparents Day. On this day we look forward to meeting with many grandparents in the classrooms and at a special morning tea in Thorold Hall Foyer hosted by the Eblana student leaders. Please assist your children in contacting their grandparents or significant other to invite them to attend. We fully understand that not all grandparents will be able to attend, however we look forward to sharing our morning with those who can. In order to assist us with catering it is important that we receive acceptances by Monday 20 October. Please phone your acceptances to Ms Hicks in the Eblana Office on 9581 3270 or return the reply slip indicating the names and number of your child's grandparents attending to your child's teacher.

Grandparents may visit the Prep-Year 4 classrooms from 9.00am-10.00am and then join us for Chapel service at 10.00am before attending their special Morning Tea at 11.00am.

Grandparents may visit the ELC classrooms between 10.00am and 11.00am prior to attending the Morning Tea in the Foyer of Thorold Hall.

Eblana Fun Athletics

On Friday 31 October children in Eblana will be involved in a morning of fun athletics activities organised by Mr Drinan and Mrs Tifere. Our theme for this year is the OLYMPICS! Children should dress in theme, choosing from the various athletes who participate in the Olympics, or as a symbol of a country that participates or as a piece of Olympic equipment. Let your Olympic imagination create something special for the event!

The day will begin at 9.00am on the Eblana/Bayview Synthetic Oval and conclude at approximately 11.30am when children in Eblana will be dismissed for the Exeat Weekend. Families needing to use Camp Australia's Out of School Hours Care, should arrange to have their children attend by phoning 8851 4160 to make a booking. The teachers of children making use of this OSHC facility will escort them to the program and sign them in.

The emphasis on the day is fun and participation. We look forward to many if not all parents attending to cheer, encourage and support our growing athletes.

ELC and Prep Orientation Day

This year Eblana is holding an Orientation Morning for all 2009 Early Learning Centre and Prep Year students on Friday 21 November. All families involved will receive a letter detailing meeting venue and time schedule for the morning.

- Parents of students currently at Mentone Grammar do not attend as our staff will escort children to and from activities.
- Parents of new Prep students need to attend the welcome in Thorold Hall Foyer but do not attend the morning activities. They are free to enjoy their morning elsewhere and return to collect their children at 12.30pm.
- Parents of students new to the Kindergarten and Pre-Prep classes must be in attendance throughout the morning.

Students in our ELC classes this year who are not returning in 2009 do not need to attend school on this day and may like to take this opportunity to arrange to attend their new school as a 'Student for a Day'. If however you need to send your child to Mentone Grammar on this day, they will be cared for by some of our current staff.

All children will experience time with at least two teachers throughout this morning and will not be allocated to a particular class at this stage. On this day the staff will use the opportunity to observe students as part of the process in their decision making when planning class groups for 2009. All students will be notified of their class and teacher before the end of the year. I emphasise that many aspects are taken into account when allocating children to classes and would appreciate parents not to contact staff with personal requests. This is an aspect of our profession that we take seriously and deal with in the manner we believe best.

2009 ELC Interviews

On **Monday 24 November** the Early Learning Centre staff will be conducting interviews with parents and children throughout the day. This is an important occasion for teaching staff and parents to learn more about the needs of the individual children and the expectations of the school on the children and their families.

Families with children enrolled in our ELC classes for 2009 will shortly receive a letter indicating an allocated time for parents to attend the school to speak with the teachers on this day. We stress that this is important and desire that parents arrange their times such that at least one parent can be in attendance.

Report Writing Day

This Year's report writing day is to be held on **Monday 24 November** as indicated in the Students' Diaries and 2008 School Calendar that you received at the start of this year. Please be sure to plan ahead and organise your children for this day as this is a student free day at school for all Eblana students to allow staff to write reports and compile student files prior to the end of the year.

Eblana Christmas Pageant & Awards Presentation

This year Eblana will again combine its Christmas Pageant and Prep-Year 4 Awards Ceremony on the morning of Friday 28 November. This date has been calendared all year as the day set for our Christmas Pageant and we hope that by combining these two end of year events it will make planning easier for families of our youngest students.

The event will commence at 9.00am sharp and we ask that all family members attending be seated by 8.50am at the latest. The Thorold Hall auditorium will be open from 8.30am, so once you have delivered your child/ren to their classrooms you can make your way directly to the hall and claim your seat. The morning's program should run for approximately 90 minutes and be followed by a Morning Tea in the School's Function Centre for all parents and other visiting family members.

We look forward to seeing many parents in attendance enjoying this colourful celebration of the great year it has been in Eblana!

We will shortly be sending home a flyer regarding this event and would appreciate a prompt return of the information sought to assist us with catering.

Paddington Bear's 50th Birthday



On 13 October 1958, Michael Bond's first book about the bear from darkest Peru, **A Bear Called Paddington**, was published. On Monday 13 October 2008, Paddington Bear celebrated his 50th Birthday and students in Eblana wrote letters

and cards to him and delivered them to the Post Office in Mentone for posting to Paddington in England. Since he first set foot on Paddington Station and met Mr and Mrs Brown, Paddington Bear has become undeniably one of the world's classic bears, appealing to all ages. Paddington books have sold more than 30 million copies worldwide, in 30 languages. He likes marmalade sandwiches and cocoa, and has an endless capacity for getting into trouble. However, he is known to "try so hard to get things right".

Throughout much of last term and continuing into this term, our very own Paddington—Miss Rhonda Deed—has been entralling the children with Paddington's adventures through her special story times during recess and lunchtimes. We thank Miss Deed for engaging the children so creatively in the pursuit of their love for literature. Snacks of toast and marmalade, stories, drama, letter writing, illustrating cards and literary discussions- all these wonderful aspects of literature, have been greatly enjoyed by the students, one of whom wrote "Miss Deed, I love Paddington so much". What a beautiful greeting from a student in Year 1!

Of course there is much to love about Paddington. He is a bear, which for many of us, regardless of age, is a familiar source of comfort. Paddington has characteristics with which children can so easily identify. He has a strong sense of right

and wrong, he cares deeply for his family. He struggles with rules he doesn't understand, indeed he doesn't always understand the English language. After all he is a bear from darkest Peru. And while he likes doing new things what is he to understand by the idea of "a picnic on the river"? Readers can sympathise when things just seem to "happen" to Paddington in the most everyday situations. Part of Paddington's enduring charm is his innocence and children's reactions to him are touching. "If we are sending him birthday cards he must be real" said a Year 2 student. Recently Paddington has been the focus of much Literacy work. Children have listened to his stories; written letters and cards; produced Venn diagrams comparing Paddington and that other equally famous (and old!) bear Winnie the Pooh; completed word searches; read and understood the rules to play a game; compiled a wall charge of "ing" words' made simple finger puppets. And finally another student said "Miss Deed, I love Paddington so much ... I asked my Nanny if she knew Paddington and she does!"

Year 12 Students Morning Tea

On Wednesday, the Year 12 students who started at Mentone Grammar in the ELC attended morning tea in the ELC where their education began. Frogmore students **Mark Hamilton, Stephen McGill, Andrew Merrick, Tristan Strange** and **Jonathan Ling** enjoyed morning tea with staff, reminiscing their way through the years of learning at Mentone Grammar.

Eblana wishes all Year 12 students stress free and successful times throughout their up-coming examinations and every best wish for happy, fulfilling and productive futures beyond school.

Hats



Families are reminded that children in Eblana are to wear their school sunhats every day to school during Term 4. At this time of the year the sun's rays can be particularly harmful and as a duty of care we must insist

on the wearing of this protection. Children may only wear the official school hat and we recommend the broad brimmed style. Wearing of all hats that are not part of school uniform should occur away from school when students are not dressed in their school uniform. Please ensure that if your child is wearing their hat to and from school each day rather than leaving it at school to wear during the day, that they have a particular routine of leaving it in a place at home where it does not become misplaced.

Keysborough Sports Day

Last Friday all students in Eblana's K-4 classes were involved in a sports day at our Keysborough Playing Fields. The students and staff enjoyed a carnival of sporting events under clear blue skies and warm sunshine, with students in Prep-Year 4 being guided through ten activities by their house captains. Our ELC students moved through activities in class groups and exercised their gross motor skills with great dexterity.



The children also enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch in the great outdoor environment provided at Keysborough. Sports organisation, **Tabloid Sports Carnivals**, provided the activities for the day and we hope that the children enjoyed this experience.

Some Important Eblana Dates for Term 4

- 21 Oct** Rain Hayne & Shine Farm Exc for Pre-Prep
- 24 Oct** Eblana Grandparents Day
- 31 Oct** Eblana Fun Athletics Day (early dismissal)
- 6 Nov** Prep 2009 LOTE Transition Activity
- 13 Nov** Eblana Strings Concert
- 14 Nov** Prep 2009 Chapel Transition Activity
- 21 Nov** 2009 Prep & ELC Orientation Morning
- 24 Nov** Report Writing Day (student free day)
- 24 Nov** 2009 ELC Parent & Teacher Interviews

FROGMORE NEWS From Mr Fineberg

Year 12 Students

The end of the year draws near, and as it does, our Year 12 students end one relationship with the school and commence another – through the Old Mentonians.

A small group of students who commenced at Mentone Grammar in Prep spent morning tea in their old Eblana classrooms and playground. Stories abounded from students and their 'old' prep teachers. **Mark Hamilton, Stephen McGill, Andrew Merrick, Tristan Strange (absent), Tyson Menzel** and (almost preppie) **Jonathan Ling** posed for a picture with Eblana teachers in their old playground.



The Principal Mal Cater hosted a luncheon on Wednesday to thank the outgoing Prefects and House Captains (2008) for their contribution to the school over the duration of the year. In his speech the Principal reminded us that in leadership, actions speak louder than words. We were encouraged to reflect on the year and think about the many deeds performed for the school over that that time.

Frogmore Art Exhibition

This week saw the opening of the Frogmore Art Exhibition. The Function Centre served as a wonderful venue for the exhibit of two and three dimensional student work. Students and teachers in the Faculty of Arts are to be congratulated on this truly fine exhibition of work.

Prom Concert

The Prom Concert held on Thursday night was a fitting farewell to Mr Lewis Plumridge. Once again a tireless effort resulted in a wonderful and entertaining evening. **Jack McDonald** interrupted his busy exam and performance preparation to MC the evening replete with performance.

Australian National Chemistry Quiz

During Term 3 selected students in Year 11 sat the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. The following students are congratulated on their results:

High Distinction

Nick Bonett, Anthony Goss and Justin Prentice

Distinction

Billy Geary and Mark James

Credit

Guanyu Bai, Evelyne Ioannou, Felix Kostiuk and Stephanie Umina

Week commencing 20 October

Next week is a very busy program for Frogmore students. I have included a planner to help parents keep track of activities and student movement during this time.

Parents should note that Year 12 students at Mentone Grammar leave in a dignified fashion. Pranks and the like are not allowed. Students who engage in untoward behaviour will be dealt with accordingly. I thank parents in advance for giving good counsel to their son or daughter in anticipation of the final two days.

Monday 20 October (Day 6)

Periods 1 & 2—normal classes Years 9-12
Year 12 Morning Tea in Common Room
12pm Final Assembly (Year 12's bring fresh shirt/dress)
Lunch, Year 12 dismissed
Periods 4 & 5—normal classes Years 9-11

Tuesday 21 October (Day 7)

Roll call
9am Valedictory Service Years 11 & 12
10am Morning Tea in Foyer, Year 12 depart to study
Period 4 Mentor – Peer Support
7pm VALEDICTORY DINNER

Wednesday 22 October (Day 8)

Normal classes— Years 9-11
Sport training

Thursday 23 October (Day 9)

Normal classes
Term 4 Open Day tours (am) – includes 2009 Prefects
Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews 4 – 6pm

Friday 24 October (Day 10)

Normal classes
Valedictory cricket match 3pm at Keysborough

Saturday 25 October

Sport

GERMAN TOUR REPORT From Ms Erdelyi-Gotz



On the last day of Term 3 two teachers and 14 intrepid students boarded a bus bound for Melbourne Airport - the start of a 22 day trip to Germany. We arrived at Frankfurt ready to board the train for our first stop, Bad Sobernheim, a small town in the Rhineland area. Some more courageous students braved the barefoot mud walk there, despite very cool temperatures.

In the next couple of days we visited Cologne, with its famous cathedral and vibrant big city life, took a Rhine cruise from Bonn, the former capital, to Remagen, where we travelled to the top of the Drachenfels hill, with its castle and amazing views over the river, and then on to Bayreuth, where students finally went home with their German hosts. At last we could unpack our suitcases!

In the course of the next couple of weeks we visited Wurzburg, Nurnberg and Munich. In fact, our visit to Munich took place in the middle of *Oktoberfest*, and it was fascinating to see so many people in traditional Bavarian costume simply wandering around the station and in the city. We have never seen so many Lederhosen (leather shorts or breeches) in one place at one time!

From Munich we took a train to the foot of the Alps, where the charming hotel in Ettal provided us with a terrific view of surrounding mountains (and these are **real** mountains!) and the valley below, with a 500 year old monastery at the centre. The weekend in the Alps was also the only really sunny time we had, so we were very lucky.

We crammed a great deal into three weeks and German families took their Mentone guests to many places and activities when there was a spare weekend. All the students agreed that it was a fantastic trip. Strong relationships were formed (or cemented) between students of Mentone Grammar and their hosts at the Markgravin-Wilhelmine-Gymnasium.

Everyone loved the food – and those boys sure can eat! – and the atmosphere. The farewell dinner was terrific, with our students singing a rousing rendition of the School Anthem and following it with “Give me a Home Among the Gum-trees” (audience participation required!)

BAYVIEW NEWS

From Mr Pascoe

Australian Mathematics Competition

The following students achieved *High Distinctions* in the Australian Mathematics Competition: **Arwel Lincoln, Dhamsara Samarapathi, Samuel Truong** and **Daniel Zerman**.

Distinctions were awarded to **Nick Anderson, Patrick Anderson, Adrian Bernhard, Daniel Borys, Joshua Campbell, Simon Dang, Ned Dixon, Scott Draper, William Dutt, Thomas Feng, Nicholas Fowler, George Hamilton, James Hoang, Andrew Ji, Nathan Kinda, Thomas Lee, Michael Lyons, Timoleon Maher, Aaron Mahoney, Nicholas Malyaris, Mats Manallack, Thomas Manallack, Harry Martin, Thomas Monagle, Thanu Moulton, Jaidyn Muhandiramge, Callan McCluskey, Ishane Panagoda, Abbey Patterson, Domino Puttick, Ashley Reeves, Katie Sawford, Linda Shi, Kenji Sokiransky, Gilbert Stansfield, Leon Suy, Mitchell Swabey, Edward Vong, Trent Vu, Sahar Wimalagunaratna, Damian Wu, Brett Xu** and **Wendell Zhang**.

ACER Language Competence Competition

Congratulations to the following students on achieving *High Distinctions* and *Distinctions* in the ACER Language Competition.

In German, High Distinctions were awarded to **Josh Erdelyi-Gotz, Gilbert Stansfield, William Thompson** and **Edward Vong**, and Distinctions were awarded to **Ben Anderson, Alex Cameron, Kelsey Cotton, Ned Dixon, Scott Draper, Jake Greenwood** and **Jake Wannacott** all of Year 8.

In Japanese High Distinctions were awarded to **Lahiru Bandara, Katelyn Dennis, Zac Hooper, Daniel Minton, Vicien Pham, Leonard Richartz, Linda Shi** and **Kenji Sokiransky** (who obtained a perfect score).

Distinctions were awarded to **Luke Buckler, Max Ferguson, Arwel Lincoln, Timoleon Maher, Katie Sawford, Nicole Schwartz, Natacha Wonneberger, Brett Xu** and **Daniel Zerman** all of Year 7.

6C Film Achievement

Congratulations to the 6C girls on making a film in their German class which made it into the Top 10 for their category in the Goethe-Institute German School Film Competition. The film will be shown at ACMI at Federation Square on Tuesday, 28 October, along with other finalists.

VPSSA Zone Athletics Championships

Congratulations to **Laura Garside** and **Alex Cunningham** on their achievements in the regional athletics championships held on Wednesday 15 October. Laura came 2nd in the girls 12yrs 100m in a time of 13.90seconds and 2nd in the Triple Jump with a distance of 9.03 metres. Alex came 2nd in the Boys 10yrs 100m in a time of 14.62 seconds. Both Laura and Alex have now qualified for the VPSSA State Championships to be held in Bendigo on 10 November.

On the previous Thursday at the VPSSA Zone Athletics 12 Mentone Grammar students, who had qualified for this meet, performed as follows: **Lauren Zahra** - 8th in the girls

11rs 1500m; **Tristan Sather** - 8th in the boys 12/13yrs 1500m; **Catherine Xu** - 6th in the girls 9/10yrs Triple Jump; **Alex Cunningham** - 1st in the boys 9/10 100m (qualified for regionals); **Laura Garside** - 1st in the girls 12/13 100m (qualified for regionals) and 1st in the girls 12/13 Triple Jump (zone record and qualified for regionals); **Mitchell Brett** - 3rd in the boys 12/13 High Jump; **Nick Shub** - 4th in the boys 12/13 Long Jump; **Ciara Scott** - 15th in the girls 10/11 800m; **Jonathon Koh** - 3rd in the boys 10/11 800m; and **Andrea Hempshall** - 11th in the girls 12/13 800m.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Tom New** on his performance as young Patrick Dennis in the Production Company's production of *Mame*. Tom has received extremely positive reviews for his performance alongside Rhonda Burchmore. Tom has already appeared in a small number of television programs and also playing Peter in the CLOC production of *The Boy from Oz*.

Congratulations also to **Ben Rossi** who played in the Sandringham Sabres basketball team who were runners up in the Under 14 Australian Junior Basketball Championships held in Darwin over the holidays. The Sandringham Sabres won all their qualifying games to reach the grand final when they played the number one ranked team in Australia.

Year 8 3-Way Interviews – 22 October

A reminder to all parents of Year 8 students that student led interviews, involving their mentor and parents, will be held this Wednesday commencing at 2.20pm in the Don Ingram Centre. Year 8 students will be dismissed from school at lunchtime to return with their parents at the appointed interview time.

At these interviews students will take their parents through their e-portfolios which are designed to demonstrate what students see as being the most important aspects of their learning journeys through Year 8. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible during the afternoon.

Information Evenings (Years 5/2009 and 7/2009)

A reminder to parents of Years 4 and 6 that Years 5/2009 and 7/2009 course information evenings will be held on Wednesday 22 October (Year 7) and Thursday 23 October (Year 5). The purpose of these evenings is to provide general information regarding the middle years programs for parents at these two crucial points of entry in the middle years of Mentone Grammar.

Festival of Performing Arts – Food stalls

The Bayview year will conclude with the Bayview Festival of Arts. Once again we want to create a festive atmosphere including food stalls. Last year one of the features of the festival was parent involvement in organizing and running food stalls. Over 30 parents helped out which was a magnificent response. I would like to hear from any parent interested in helping with this aspect of the Festival. Please contact Mrs Cleverley at Bayview reception to register interest. We will then organise a time for a planning meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS & MESSAGE BOARD

2009 ENROLMENTS

Due to demand, we have limited vacancies for girls and boys in some year levels for 2009.

If you know of families who are looking to enrol their children in any year level please ask them to contact our Registrar urgently.

2010 enrolments are now being processed.

WANTED HOMESTAY FAMILIES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Mentone Grammar has a number of students from overseas who add diversity and interest to the community. Many are here for several years while we also have some visiting students for periods of a few months.

Homestay families are organised through our International Departments and usually cater for long term full fee paying students at the School.

Home host parents usually host visitors to the school for periods from one term to one year. These students are typically exchange students or PNG scholarship students.

Over the years, our Homestay and Homehost families have welcomed many fine young people into their homes. The students learn and grow with this support. Interested families are invited to join this program.

For further details phone 9584 4211 or email internationalstudents@mentonegrammar.net