



Newsletter

PERSONAL BEST, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE & INCLUSION

Templestowe College

Message from the Principal—David Tyson

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION - TERM 3, 2008

“INFORMATION IS THE GATEKEEPER TO POWER” (KEN BLANCHARD—1998)

I would ask families to put some time over the holidays to go over the College Report. I am not talking about a one-off read when the report first comes home, instead I am referring to sitting around the kitchen table a second time for a deeper review of what has been written.

Often school reports, whether they are good or bad, are quickly read and then placed in a drawer and soon forgotten.

However, I would ask families to consider reading them a number of times over the holiday period.

“Until you test a canoe in whitewater, you don’t really know what you have got” - (Ken Blanchard—1998)

The reports provide you with a way of measuring how your child is going at a particular point in time. They allow you to have a sense of what your child does well and areas where further development is needed. They provide a student with a way of making a commitment to progress and development by allowing students to become more aware of their skills, abilities and talents.

Valuable, productive, worthy people are those who have been challenged in what they do. Spend some time and review the challenges set over the half year and how your child’s skills and knowledge developed to meet the challenges.

Encourage your child to use the knowledge and skills gained to take greater control in the second half of the year. The temptation is to read the reports once and to move on.

I ask you to take some more time to consider how much you have learned about your child and how they are developing as responsible learners.

COLLEGE WORKING BEE

We would like to invite all members of our community to join us at our upcoming Working Bee to be held on **Saturday, 19 July** from **9.00 am to 12.00 noon.**



If you would like to bring some gardening tools, brooms, gloves, or anything else you think we may need to make the job easier, please feel free to bring on the day.

If you are interested, or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Andrew Minko**, Assistant Principal on 9850 6333.

Note: Please assemble at the General Office area at 9.00 am

IT’S BEEN A LONG TIME

We have all been waiting for it to happen—the Canteen is about to open. The “official” opening will be held later in the year as we have a special member from the Federal Government who will be attending.

Students will have access to our new facilities from the first day of Term 3, 2008, which is Monday, 14 July.

The SRC (Student Representative Council) have decided to name the new canteen “*Canteen ‘08*” because it marks an important point in our College’s collective history.

Special thanks must go to our Canteen Manager, Mrs Joy Annells, her staff and the volunteer parents for providing a quality service in our temporary canteen in the Sports Centre



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OOPS! YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN.....



The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 guarantees free instruction in schools; however, College Council can still ask for assistance with voluntary financial contributions.

You may have been considering making a voluntary contribution to assist us in our important work, which allows us to deliver services, such as our College Council, health centre nurse, library resources, sporting equipment, student diaries, school magazine, printing and internet access, photo ID cards, lockers, etc and to maintain these services which are beyond the funds received from the Department.

If you were intending to make a voluntary financial contribution, but forgot to, could you help us with our planning by making your contribution as soon as possible. Any money you contribute allows us to enhance our educational program.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EMA—2008

Education Maintenance Allowance is payable to eligible Commonwealth Health Care Cardholders. These cards need to be valid on the first day of Term 1 for Semester 1 payment and the first day of Term 3 for Semester 2 payments.

Semester 1 (1st Instalment)

- 70% received as half school portion and half parent portion

Semester 2 (2nd Instalment)

- 30% received as half school portion and half parent portion

Critical Dates for 2nd Instalment:

- Parents'/guardians' health care card or pension card must be current as of 14 July 2008
- Parent/guardian application submissions close on 01 August 2008

Parents can elect to sign over the "Parent Portion" payment in order to fund Materials & Services contribution and/or Specialist/Elective fees, if they wish. Applications for Semester 2 will close on 01 August 2008 if your details have changed, or you have become eligible for EMA payment.

Term 3—2008

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
14 July Start of Term 3	15	16 Finance—6.30 pm	17	18
21 Year 10 Camp (21– 26 July)	22	23	24 Junior Achievers' Awards College Council—6.00 pm	25 Newsletter No. 11
28 Chaplaincy—7.30 pm VCAL Presentation Night—7.00 pm	29 Year 10 VCE Expo—7.00 pm	30	31 Senior Achievers' Awards	01 August
04	05 Year 8—9 Information Night— 7.00 pm	06	07 Community Relations & Resources—6.30 pm	08 (Olympics Start) Newsletter No. 12
11 VCE Results Due	12	13 Parents' Assoc—7.00 pm	14 Education & Policy—7.00 pm	15
18	19 Year 9—10 Information Night— 7.00 pm	20 Finance—6.30 pm	21	22 (Olympics Finish) Newsletter No. 13
25 Chaplaincy—7.30 pm	26	27	28 College Council—6.00 pm	29 Pupil Free Day No. 3 Presentation Ball
01 September	02	03 TCCCC No. 1 Departs	04 Community Relations/Resources—6.30 pm	05 Newsletter No. 14
08	09	10 Parents' Assoc—7.00 pm	11 Parent /Teacher/Student Meetings 1.00—8.00 pm TCCCC No. 2 Departs	12
15	16	17 Finance—6.30 pm	18	19 Newsletter No. 15 VCE Practice Exams (25/26 Sept) End of Term 3