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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE - MR CHRIS KANE - 67661677

It was a privilege to attend the launch of the Digital Elders Project this week. A group of our Aboriginal students have been closely involved in the research for this project. They have been interviewing and recording Elders from the community to ensure that their knowledge, understanding and stories are preserved for future generations.

Kelsey Strasek-Barker was outstanding as one of the featured performers at the launch. Every one of the students and staff involved in this project has made an invaluable contribution.

Are you on track to do your personal best in 2011?

We are more than halfway through Term 1 so perhaps it is time to take a moment to reflect on how you are going?

Are your work books in good order and being used?

Do you have all the required pens, pencils, rulers and calculators?

If you are in Years 9, 10 and 11 are you bringing your notebook computer fully charged to school every day?

Do you have a school diary and have you built the positive habit to use it every day?

With the Central Australia excursion approaching. Here is some payment information for you:

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If a student withdraws from the excursion after Friday 18 March then some monies will be FORFIETED to cover costs already incurred.

COUNSELLOR CORNER

Last week I was pleased to be able to attend “A Night on the Namoii” at Narrabri. This was an information forum presented by the Barwon area local doctors, to give information about mental health to the community. A crowd of over 300 townspeople, farmers and young people heard about the impact of drought and other adversities, on our mental health and how, as a community, we may better support our youth to stay positive and resilient in difficult times. Father Chris Riley from the “Youth Off the Streets” organisation spoke with passion about the need for better services for young people and for families to understand and support their children in every possible way. It was an educational and inspirational evening!

Centacare New England, based in Bridge Street, Tamworth, will soon commence a free program for 12 to 15 year olds entitled “PULSE”. This stands for Pump Up Low Self Esteem. It will run on three Wednesday afternoons, beginning on 23 March. For more information about this excellent program, contact Centacare on 6762 9270.

Ruth Jenkins, School Counsellor

YEAR 7 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

On Wednesday 23 February 2011 Oxley High Schools Year 7 embarked on the trip to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Teagardens for three days of activities designed to challenge individuals and groups.

The trip up was uneventful and left Year 7 ready for the beach and the sand hills as well as the disco on Wednesday night. After a late night, Thursday started with an early breakfast before each group went off to their various activities. The activities included abseiling, canoeing, alpine rescue and the hugely popular “Mud World”.

Students were kept busy with a wide variety of activities throughout the day. They were also supported by their Year 11 Peer Buddies who were phenomenal.

A huge thank you goes out to the following Oxley High School staff who gave up their time to support Year 7 on this trip: Mrs M Martin, Mr W Nelmes, Mr B Bryan, Mrs D May, Miss J Jeanes, D Gardiner and Mr S Howey.

Thank you all for making the “Great Aussie Bush Camp” a rousing success.

Mr S Howey, Year 7 Adviser

MOCK TRIAL

A solid start for the Mock Trial Team of 2011. On Tuesday the 1 March the Mock Trial team went to Muswellbrook to compete in the first round of the competition.

The team consists of:

Barrister 1: Angus Young  Barrister 2: Laura Campbell
Solicitor: Jacky Ye
Witness 1: Cameron Young  Witness 2: Nikki Erdos
Court Officer: Miriam Hansford
Alexander McKenzie and Brenna Paterson observed.

The criminal trial against Charlton Christian Co (a private school near Newcastle) was adjudicated by a local Scone Magistrate.

Our team was well prepared and showed why we are a powerful force in this prestigious competition. Although our team has room for improvement, there was potential shown and we have every chance to successfully progress to the later rounds.

Our next round will be against a school in the New England...
Region and our team should feel confident of performing well now they have experienced a mock trial. Many thanks must go to Mr Richard Frazer from Newman & Pengilley for his dedication and expertise in preparing our students for these events. Mr Chris Walsh

CAPTAINS & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) & MEMBERS

Congratulations to:
- **Girl Captain**: April Murphy-Christian
- **Girl Vice Captain**: Laura Ness
- **Boy Captain**: Alexander Neill
- **Boy Vice Captain**: Michael Wasson
- **SRC President**: Rachel Turner
- **Vice President**: Phillipa Fisher
- **Secretary**: Samuel Davidson
- **Treasurer**: Lane Sinclair
- **Junior Student Relations**: Alexander McKenzie
- **Senior Student Relations**: Dylan May

SRC Members:

MULTICULTURAL SENIORS GATHERING

**Wednesday 23 March 10am-2pm**

Community Centre, Darling Street, Tamworth

Come and share your experiences of the old ways with other seniors. Enjoy a free morning tea and international lunch while comparing notes with others about your culture and traditions. There will be talks, displays, music and dancing from around the world. All seniors are invited to join in.

If you want to participate please contact Claire on 67664480. For more information or to RSVP Contact Claire at the Community Centre.

RAILCORP CONCESSION CARDS: If any student is turning 16 and they need to travel by train, there are RailCorp Concession Cards for 2011 at the Front Office. These will be available at the beginning of April. Please take advantage of these Concession Cards and send your child to collect.

RE ITEMS DROPPED OFF AT THE FRONT OFFICE: Please label any items dropped off at the Front Office to be picked up by a student with the Student Name clearly marked.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Operates DAILY in H1 from 8.15-8.45am. Come along and enjoy a nutritious breakfast for a silver coin donation.

HELP EDUCATE ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN AT THE SJHS SCHOOL IN KENYA MOVING SALE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL IN KENYA

Mrs Hawthorne is moving house and is having a Moving/Garage sale this Saturday 12 March to raise money towards the running of the SJHS School we sponsor in Kenya. It will be held at 43 Dunoon Road Moore Creek from 8am-4pm. Money raised will be used to help with the cost of running the school, provide food for the students and to build permanent classrooms.

New and used furniture - beds, dining, lounge etc. (modern, antique, indoor and outdoor), paintings, prints, Royal Doulton, Royal Albert, Lladro, baby grand piano, drums, speakers, games, toys, glassware, electrical items, kitchenware, pots, plants, books, clothes, filing cabinets, building materials (including Bondek) plus much more.

CONSERVATORIUM THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Forthcoming School Holiday Production - 29 April 2011 Cinderella and the Seven WHAT?!**

Another exciting opportunity for young people of all school ages. Come and star in the cast of this hilariously funny and very entertaining stage production.

Cost $185, Early Bird Fee $165 (if paid by 11 March)

Rehearsals are on 11, 15, 26, 28 April

Who Can Participate? Students in years K to Year 12

Contact the Conservatorium Office on 67666911 for more information.

VOCAL ENSEMBLES IN 2011

Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music

At the TRCM we strive to provide musical experiences and education of great quality to benefit our wider community. In 2011 we are offering four different vocal ensembles for you to be a part of, all under the direction of Johan Bester.

There is a group for everybody!

**The Tamworth Children’s Choir (Treble Voices)**
- Boys / Girls
- Mondays 4.30-5pm

**The Tamworth Girls Choir (SSA)**
- Girls, Y7-12
- Tuesdays 5-6pm

**The Tamworth Youth Choir (SATB)**
- Boys / Girls
- Wednesdays 6-7pm

**The Tamworth Chamber Choir (SATB)**
- Male / Female Adults
- Tuesdays 7-8pm

All these ensembles have commenced recently and there is room for many more singers to join for the 2011 season. Why not come along and see what we offer?

Please call the Conservatorium Office on 67666911 for more information. We would love to hear from you.

**MONDAY 14 MARCH**
- **Visual Body of Work +VAPD Y12.**
- **HSC Spanish Beginners Exam - Library (2H10M).**
- **P3 - Y12 EEC - Anne Whiley - Tamworth Public School**

**TUESDAY 15 MARCH**
- 10am All Aboriginal students meet Centrelink.
- CHS Boys Volleyball - K Davis.
- P5 - Y12 Ext 1 Maths Assess Task.

**WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH**
- **CHS Boys Volleyball - K Davis.**
- **P1 - Y10 English Assessment.**

**THURSDAY 17 MARCH**
- **CHS Boys Volleyball - K Davis P1 (Y9) & P2 (Y10) ATO TFN Presentation - Hall - S Smith.**
- **Y7/8 Science & Engineering Challenge.**

**FRIDAY 18 MARCH**

**MONDAY 21 MARCH**
- **John Kroger to speak with Y7 students - Hall - S Howey. Health Careers Forum.**
- **P1 -Y12 EEC - Anne Whiley - Tamworth Public School**

**TUESDAY 22 MARCH**
- John Kroger to speak with Y7 students - Hall - S Howey.
- 1.40-3.10pm - Y9 Commerce CBD Shopping World & Taminda - G Jackson.
- **Y11/12 Hospitality Excursion.**

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH**
- **Y11/12 Hospitality Excursion.**
- **P5 - Y10 History Assess Task in the Hall.**

**THURSDAY 24 MARCH**
- **Y11/12 Hospitality Excursion.**
- International Night 6pm start.