IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

Thurs 18th August
Senior Pathways in 2017 Information
Evening in the Auditorium (6:30-7:30pm)

Fri 19th August
Primary Book Character Dress Up Day
Read-a-thon Fundraising due

Thurs 25th August
College Open Day

Fri 26th August
Primary GBC’s Got Talent

Thurs 1st September
Father’s Day Stall

Fri 2nd September
Correction and Report Writing Day
Student Free Day

Thurs 15th September
Parent and Teacher Interviews
Primary and Secondary

Fri 16th September
Last Day of Term 3
2:30pm finish

2016 TERM DATES

Term 1  1 February - 24 March
Term 2  12 April - 24 June
Term 3  12 July - 16 September
Term 4  4 October - 7 December

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DEVOTION – YOUR FATHER KNOWS

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:8

I was only four years old as I lay by my father on a floor mat on a hot summer night. (My
mother, with a baby, had her own room at the time.) This was in northern Ghana where the
climate is mostly dry. Sweat covered my body, and the heat parched my throat. I felt so thirsty
I shook my father awake. In the middle of that dry night, he rose up and poured water from a
jar for me to quench my thirst. Throughout my life, as he did that night, he exemplified the
image of a caring father. He provided what I needed.

Some people may not have a good father figure in their lives. But we all have a Father who is
strong and ever-present and who does not disappoint us. Jesus taught us to pray to “our
Father in heaven” (Matt. 6:9). He told us that when our daily needs confront us—food,
clothing, shelter, protection (v. 31)—“your Father knows what you need before you ask
him” (v. 8).

We have a Father who is always there. Night or day, whenever the going gets tough, we can
trust that He will never abandon us. He has promised to care for us, and He knows better than
we do what we need.

Thank You, Lord, for the privilege of coming to You as my Father. You know my needs before
I even ask. Thank You that You will never turn me away.

Your loving heavenly Father never takes His eyes off you.

http://odb.org/2016/08/14/your-father-knows/
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN DAY - Thursday August 25th.

i. Information Session at 9.15am
ii. Families are invited to come and visit throughout the day

As previously outlined, the College will hold one final Open Day on Thursday August 25th, after which time we would fairly soon commence sorting out and finalising our enrolments and hence classes and staffing for 2017.

If you have friends or family looking for a new school, please encourage them to come and visit the school during our Open Day or at a time convenient to them. If you would like to pick up brochures to pass onto friends, they are available from the office.

Furthermore, if any current College families are planning to send another child here next year, we ask that these families promptly contact the College for enrolment forms and return them by Friday August 26th.

PRIMARY PATCH

Term Three is a busy term for the Primary school as we have a number of wonderful events such as our Readathon, Book Week, Fathers’ Day Stall, GBC’s Got Talent and our Grandparents and Friends Day. On top of this there are class excursions and a multitude of events, activities and learning opportunities that take place on a daily basis.

I often get to hear teachers sharing their experiences, mostly about the interactions and rewarding moments they have with the children - the joy they have and the connections they are making with students.

As we share these moments with each other in the staff room, I do wonder how often children share them with their parents around the dinner table? Could I please encourage parents to regularly probe, enquire, ask and prompt discussions about what their child enjoyed at school.

It is great that we highlight the exciting and extraordinary occasions and events (as mentioned above) but may I also encourage parents to have regular conversations with their children and ask them about their experiences at school – both in the classroom and the playground. My guess is that sometimes a few probing questions may need to be asked, but please take the time to do this as you may discover some fantastic insights.

PRIMARY AWARDS

This week’s student awards go to:
Foundation/1: Mason Leat and Phoenix Oswell
Year 1/2: Tatiana Rogan, Jesse Grima and Billy Miller
Year 3: Lily Cuell, Michaela Zygmunt and Haydn Miller
Year 4/5: Brodie Gasper and Riely Seresi-Unsworth
Year 6: Emma Sobey and Seth Ludowyk

The class award went to Foundation/1 for being amazing buddies.
BOOK WEEK AND READATHON - IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PRIMARY PARENTS

It doesn't seem possible but a month has passed since we began our annual fundraising initiative. This year we decided to focus on reading with a Readathon.

This week, we have also been celebrating Book Week with a few special activities. One superb example was the wonderful atmosphere in P Block with students sharing their favourite books.

Tomorrow is the last day for reading and we are celebrating the end of the event with a Book Day. Don't forget to dress up as your favourite book character. You will then have one week to collect your donations/sponsor money and return the Sponsor Form and money to the Office by Friday 26th August. It is the expectations that each student will contribute a minimum of $10. As money is involved, the school must also be accountable so all forms MUST be returned. A demerit will be issued to any student not returning their sponsor form - in compliance with our Discipline Policy.

Prizes will then be presented to our top fundraisers and the class that raised the most overall will enjoy a party afternoon. All students will then benefit from extra bubbler taps. So, come on Primaries; let's get behind our SRC and bring in those all important donations.

SECONDARY NEWS

Our secondary students are given so many opportunities that shape who they are and will ultimately play a significant role in determining how successful they might be into the future. Students who embrace the opportunities and learn about themselves during the Edge programme will be able to exercise that knowledge as they progress at school and have a distinct edge over their peers when they step into the workforce or tertiary education. Mr Bromley, Mrs Findlay, Mrs Gordon and Mr Robertson have run a great programme so far this year.

JUST THINK

More recently, all of our Year 9 students were able to attend the 'Just Think’ program run by Geelong Football club last Tuesday. This program aims at educating and raising awareness to the issues surrounding alcohol in our community through interactive scenarios and group discussions.

SELF-DTECTION PROGRAM FOR SCOLIOSIS (NSDP)

The Spine Society of Australia recommends that all schools with girls in Years 7 and 9 participate in the NSDP by downloading the Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis. The brochure can be accessed directly via a link on the Scoliosis Australia home page at www.scoliosis-australia.org. The website contains comprehensive credible information about the symptoms and treatment of scoliosis. Using the forum on the website, girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature.
We all need to know who we are, where our strengths and weaknesses lie and more importantly how to play to our strengths and overcome our weaknesses so that we might be successful. Last week our Edge students completed online personality tests about themselves identifying their strengths. Students were then put into groups with different personality types and worked together to create a high freestanding sculpture using resources at hand. They then reflected on how each member of the group had made contributions to the group.

**INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY (INDO-PENDANCE DAY)**

On the 18th of August, the Year 7 and 8 Indonesian classes will be celebrating the Independence Day of Indonesia. They will be required to wear red and white clothing to resemble the Indonesian flag. The students will be participating in numerous activities such as: Indonesian Amazing Race, Beat the Bomb, prawn cracker eating competition and plastic spoon and marble game. All of these activities will be running through Period 5 and 6 and there will be a $5 lunch made by the Year 9, 10 and 11 Indonesian classes. The lunch includes one meal and one drink. We hope to see all the Year 7’s and 8’s in red and white clothing enjoying the celebration of a significant day in Indonesia.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

As part of our VCAL class, we have to run a small project that involves the community. We would like to run Operation Christmas Child, which is where we pack toys, toothpaste etc into a shoe box to give to people in another country that do not get Christmas presents. So, we are asking if you could donate some of the items from the list below, so that students can pack the shoeboxes at school.

We would like the donations handed in to the office by the end of this term please. There will be a box in the office for these donations.

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Thank you
Nathan Wood and Adam Peretin
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

During the first semester this year, Product Design and Technology ran for Years 7-12.

The Year 7 class were introduced to the many safety aspects of this subject and also the use of basic hand tools. They learnt some basic woodworking joints and constructed a variety of products. Some of the students made a mobile phone holder out of acrylic and then a wooden puzzle and a pencil box.

The Year 8’s designed and built a toolbox during the first semester and learnt a number of new joining techniques.

The Year 9 students are becoming more independent and were required to design and build a book shelf of which there were a lot of different designs.

The Year 10’s had to design and produce their own coffee table.

All of the students worked well during each session and were highly motivated. Some excellent work was achieved.

Below are some pictures of the work the Year 7-10 students created.
Drama in Motion:
9/10 Drama students have been studying movement and Laban’s theory in movement over the last two weeks. Students worked in pairs to choreograph their own movement pieces to a timeless piece from ‘Hooked on Classics’. A fun time was had by all!

WONDER AND AWE AT THE ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE.
Last week the 9/10 Drama class attended a performance of ‘Extinction’ at the Fairfax Theatre in the Arts Centre Melbourne. Before the performance we were given a tour of the Arts Centre and taken to a time capsule wall where objects found when excavating the site for building the centre have been embedded.
Old cassette tapes have also been embedded in the wall. It was an intriguing tour and the performance was absolutely fabulous!