

Careers Notes

General Information

GAP Year: A 1-year residential mission equipping experience for young adults 18-24. Certificate IV in local mission. For more information www.churcharmy.com.au or www.ruined.com.au

October 30: last day to apply for RMIT \$6000 achievement scholarship through VTAC.

November 11: parent information evening for parents of Year 10 and 11 students at RMIT.

December 14-18: Deakin university will have events for change of preference, see www.deakin.edu.au/cop.

December 15-18: Victoria University has information sessions for change of preference, see www.vu.edu.au.

December 17: RMIT has a change of preference information expo, see www.rmit.edu.au/cop.

University of Melbourne has a course information day, to register and for up-to-date details see www.cop.unimelb.edu.au.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10s should be getting their work experience organised for 23-27 Nov. If you need any assistance please contact Anne.

MECS Notes

Past Student News

Oliver (ex MECS 1996-2001) was awarded Bachelor of Design (Multimedia Design) from Swinburne University on October 19 2009 at Hawthorn Town Hall.

Oliver managed to achieve this whilst combining full time and freelance work in design and we could not be more proud of his efforts. We thank the staff at MECS who contributed in no small part to his education whilst he was a student. Their care, commitment and encouragement is something he has commented on over the years and we know he enjoyed his time as part of the student body of MECS. Oliver has commented on the fact that he is pleased that he is still in contact with a number of fellow classmates which is a tribute to the genuine friendships that were fostered whilst attending MECS.

Some of Oliver's creative work and resume can be viewed at:

www.linkedin.com/in/olisansom
www.olisansom.com/

Susan and Peter

Focus on Identity

What does 'Equipping for Life' mean?

For us, 'equipping for life' refers to a broad and deep educational purpose. There are many aspects and areas of life for which schools need to equip students. We want them to be prepared for life in all its richness and variety, both while they are at school and after they leave. We want to equip them to be, life-long-learners, trustworthy, committed, informed, discerning, critical citizens, wise consumers of goods, services, and entertainment, friends, marriage partners, parents, community members and leaders, sports players and leisure seekers. We want to equip our students

with an understanding of the meaning and implications of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all areas of life. That means we want to them to be 'salt and light' in the world. We hope for them to be transformative disciples in and for the world (but not of the world). We want to enable them to be servants and able to love their neighbours (local and global). We aspire for them to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:8). We work to equip them to be responsible and caring stewards of God's good, but fallen, creation.

Parents & Friends

Fundraising

Empassion fundraiser has finished. Thanks to those that purchased from their website. We raised approximately \$150.

The Mount Evelyn street fair stall raised \$900. Thanks to all who gave their time to help.

The sausage sizzle at the Primary sports day raised \$200. Again thanks for everyone that helped.

Upcoming Events

The P&F have Christmas decorations for sale before and after the Primary Concert at all three performances, Please come and support your P&F!

Sarah

Anyone for Sushi?

At the end of August, 6 Japanese Students arrived at MECS to spend the next 3 months here. They settled in very quickly and began to love the school life at MECS and their new found friends. They thought that the staff were very friendly to them so on Thurs 15 Oct they decided they would like to cook some Japanese food for the staff and their buddies as a way of saying thankyou. Everyone was surprised and delighted with the food and said how good it tasted. The Japanese students were very happy.



On 21 Nov, Miyuki, Mizuki, Mai, Eri, Mami and Yuika will return to Japan and resume normal studies at Toyo High School but I am sure they will never forget MECS and the kindness of the Australian people they met here.

Margaret
Group Coordinator



Primary Athletics Results

1st	Red	Walya	267
2nd	White	Warlpa	266
3rd	Gold	Warlu	222
4th	Blue	Wirri	221

2nd division except for relay, High Jump and Triple Jump.

We are asking for helpers again as there are many duties needing to be covered. Please think about helping if you can. A notice will be coming home shortly.

The Primary Interschool Athletics is at Knox Park Athletic track Mel 73 D6 on Wednesday 11 November. If your child was first in their event (except for tribal relay) they will be representing the school at this event. Second place holders will also go and compete in the

Next Wednesday 4 Nov we have for the first time a Year 7 and 8 team entered in the Super 8 cricket competition to be held at Yarra Valley Grammar.

Anne-Maree

First Week VCE Exams

Fri 30 Oct	9am – 12.15pm	English
Mon 2 Nov	9am – 10:45am 11:45am – 1:30pm	Biology, Music Performance: Group Further Mathematics Exam 1
Tues 3 Nov		Public Holiday
Wed 4 Nov	11:45am – 1:30pm	Further Mathematics Exam 2
Thurs 5 Nov	9am – 10:45am 3:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Psychology Literature
Fri 6 Nov	9am – 10:15am 11:45am – 2pm	Mathematical Methods (CAS) Exam 1 Health and Human Development

Music Matters

Our final Instrumental Recitals are coming up quick!

Our Theatrette is hosting these two performance evenings during Week 5 on Wednesday 11 November and Thursday 12 November evenings, beginning at 7pm. Students are invited from the whole school community to participate.

So, if you learn an instrument (including Singing) through our Instrumental Program or privately, we'd love to hear from you. It's a great opportunity to play and perform music in a fun, relaxed and supportive environment.

Please complete the below Response Slip and return to the office by Wed Nov 4.

Annora
Music Performance Coordinator

MECS Instrumental Recital Performer Response Slip

Performer Name: _____

Year Level at School: _____

Instrument: _____

Instrumental Teacher: _____

Piece/Song you'd like to perform: _____

Composer/Writer of piece: _____

Approx time you've been learning & Grade level if applicable:

Years: _____ Grade Level: _____

Preferred Night to Perform (please circle) Wed Nov 11 Thur Nov 12

MECS Notes!

Chairo Christian School invites you to attend the..

CEN Parent Conference

A Christian Education National Event.

Parenting in the 21st Century: Partnering with your school.

This exciting event is rapidly approaching. In fact, it is now just over one week away! It will be held at Chairo Christian School, Drouin Campus on Saturday, November 7, 9.30am to 4pm.

We know that you will enjoy the day and be encouraged as you learn more about the many ways in which parents can 'partner' with their local Christian School. **So, why don't you make the decision to come along and join with parents from other Victorian CEN Schools? Please contact your School Office to organize your registration details as soon as possible.**

Darryl, Board Chairman
Rob, Principal
Chairo Christian School

Sat 7 Nov 2009, 9.30-4.00pm
Chairo Christian School Balfour Road, Drouin. Registration forms available on the MECS website.
Flyer available from the school office.

For more information contact Chairo Christian School.

Yr 9 'Energy' Excursion

On Tuesday 26 October almost 60 students from Year 9 went to the Centre for Education and Research on Environmental Studies (CERES) on what we refer to as the "Energy" excursion. The excursion fits in well with the unit on energy for Term 4 which focuses on the different forms of energy, energy transformations and renewable and non-renewable sources of energy. The excursion was to help the students gain an understanding and an appreciation of where and how the energy we use everyday comes from and the consequences to the environment. The hope is that students take personal responsibility to find ways to reduce the energy usage in their home. This could result in significant savings on household bills as well as a reduction of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

The knowledge they gained will assist them in the "Home Energy Project" that is part of their assessment to calculate household energy consumption and to investigate methods of energy conservation.

James
Science Teacher