

Careers Notes

General Information

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.

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

Primary Concert

Tickets on sale now.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for non participating children. Evening session is sold out.

Session times are:

Friday 6 November: 1-3pm
Friday 6 November: 6.30-8.45pm
(Sold Out)

2011 Enrolments for MECS

It is hard to believe that we are thinking about enrolments for students in 2011. There are limited positions in many areas of the school for 2010 and 2011. Year 7 enrolments in 2011 are almost at capacity already! So spread the word that enrolments at MECS are filling fast so that those who want a Christian Education have an opportunity to apply for a position.

If you have family and friends who would like to know more about Christian Education and how we approach it at MECS, then please encourage them to phone the school. Nicole and I will be delighted to send them information, chat about Christian Education and take families on personalised school tours.

Amanda
Community Relations Officer

Focus on Identity

Why do you talk so much about 'Christian perspectives'?

One of the key ways we see Christianity relating to what and how students learn is by developing a 'Christian perspective' for every area of the curriculum. When we talk about Christian perspectives, we are referring to a Christian approach to a particular area of the curriculum, teaching and learning. For example, we seek to understand Australian history, or a novel, or biology, or water from a Christian point of view. Another way we speak about this is to talk about understanding all areas of the curriculum through the eyes of faith.

An image we find helpful is to imagine the Christian faith as a pair of glasses that we look through. Our teachers work hard at wearing those glasses and understanding the impact that the glasses have. Teachers explain the views that their own glasses give them. They go on to assist students to recognise that the views they have also result from the perspective their glasses give them. Recognition and understanding of perspective (what the glasses see) is critical for Christian education.

Parents & Friends

Seville Festival

P&F are running a stall at the Seville Festival, Sun Nov 8, 2009, 10am - 5pm. Come along and join in the fun! It is a fun day for all the family. The Festival is on the Warburton Hwy next to the Seville Post Office (Mel Ref 119 K10.)

Music Matters

Our final Instrumental Recitals are coming up quick!

Our Theatre 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 in this event.

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 Response Slip below and return to the office by Mon 9 Nov.

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 the piece/song: _____

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

Years: _____ Grade Level: _____

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

Christian Education Parent Seminar

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Christian Education Parent Seminar will be held on Monday 16 November. If you are wanting to attend this session (remember that new families to MECS are required to attend a Parent Seminar at some stage!), please RSVP to the office by Monday 9 November.

Amanda,
Community Relations Officer

Speaking Personally

Taking a closer look at the staff who work with our children...

Sue ~ Administration

If only I could...tell stories like Colin does.

If I were a car...I'd be a Toyota RAV – Small, smart, efficient, good looking and very practical.

At home I cook...anything that can be made without taking too much time!

I'm very bad at...being early at meetings (there's too much to fit into the last moments before a meeting).

I wish I had...paid more attention in school.

My favourite gadget is...my little blue serrated vegetable knife.

My happiest moment was...being with (husband) Andrew on a motorbike, riding through the country towns on a perfect day with a picnic lunch...

My last meal would be...not sure...followed by 'apple crumble & custard'.

My most embarrassing moment was...directing my son's soccer team to the wrong ground.

The last big belly laugh I had was...I'm too serious to do belly laughs, but my kids can get me giggling...

When I was a child I...wanted to become an air hostess.

I de-stress by...playing Wordscraper (Scrabble) with friends on Facebook.

Holidays are...time to unwind, withdraw from people and fill the energy tank again (like a true introvert).

At school I...work in the main office, 3 and a half days a week.

My favourite teacher was...Hans (Yr 8, 1979) .

The biggest challenge in my job is...to not give in and get soft while carrying out the role of 'dress dragon'.

In Prep I was...terrified of big kids!

The best camp was...the Centre Trip, both my own in 1981 as a MECS student and just recently again earlier this year.

Christian education is...such a gift! It equips and grows kids...Or rather, God does that!



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 7 November, 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
Phone or email

Congratulations

Our love and congratulations to Michael and Yvanne on the birth on Saturday of Isobel Mei, weighing 7lb 15oz. She is a sister to Morrison and Oliver.

