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Welcome to the 9th edition of ReConnect.

Last Sunday (Father’s Day) my family and I visited my parents’ church. I walked in and caught up with an old class mate who has been through rough times but has a strong faith and the hope of a bright future. On the stage were two other past students, one singing and the other playing the keyboard. It is wonderful to see where past students are now and what they are doing with their lives. In this edition we have included many updates from past students, I hope you enjoy reading them and maybe even feel prompted to share your story with us.

We are also looking back at the very first Centre Trip in 1980. I have spoken with a number of students who were on that first trip. They have shared their memories, photos and diaries. Although the first trip didn’t go to Yuendumu, there was a lot of focus on history and developing a compassion for the Indigenous people of this country. I imagine that those behind organizing the first trip, or the students on it, could not have even begun to imagine the precedence they were setting - that the Centre Trip would become entrenched in the MECS culture, something students look forward to with great anticipation, and that most past students say was the highlight of their time at MECS. They were the pioneers of what has become a great MECS tradition. The Year 10s of 2014 have been learning Walpiri from Colin all year, and are in the final stages of preparation to leave from MECS very early this Sunday morning for their trip.

What is your favourite memory of Centre Trip? I remember loving sleeping underground in Coober Pedy, but I also remember feeling unsafe walking around at night. I remember seeing Uluru for the first time and being amazed at the size of it; going through Olga Gorge after a lot of rain; I remember the friendships that were strengthened by living in such close proximity for 3 weeks; I remember finding Yuendumu somewhat confronting, but during our time there, developing a real compassion for the people and their situation. This edition was a joy to put together, I hope you enjoy reading it.

Until next time,

Nicole, Class of ‘90
Community Relations Officer

ReConnect

From the Principal

Planting trees under whose shade we do not expect to sit.

Two experiences have recently informed my thinking about the school’s vision to ‘seek God’s Kingdom in education’.

As I flipped through the memorabilia of last year’s 40th Anniversary celebrations, I couldn’t help but be challenged and inspired by our ‘founding families’ and their vision for a school like MECS.

On any given day, MECS looks much like any other school. It’s a very human place with all the joys and mundane problems of any school.

But our founding families had a vision for a Christian school, one in which the Word of God was foundational, one where the over-arching Biblical story was lived out and explored in every classroom and office, and one where Christian community could be experienced and shared. Fundamentally our founders had already discovered that the meaning of life was not to be found in the trinkets of life; in the ornaments that have been so much a part of Western culture. The meaning of life was not to be found in the notion of success, of material security, of comfort, of money, of fame or popularity.

On the contrary, our founding parents knew very well that the real meaning of life – and I am going to express it in an image that I really like – is to plant trees under whose shade we do not expect to sit. That is precisely what many of our founders did. By the time they saved the money on their limited resources to purchase the land and to build the first buildings, some of their children had already completed most of their education. But that did not deter them, because they knew that the true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade we do not expect to sit.

The same applies to us now as teachers and parents. As I read through a number of student reports recently I was reminded that the results of our work may not ever be enjoyed by us in any great measure. We work with children year after year. We encourage, admonish and teach them; learn with them, pray for, and with them. We faithfully report to parents on the progress of their children throughout their time at school. But after that we don’t often know what becomes of them, how their lives turn out, what influence we might have had. That is the nature of our task. We plant trees under whose shade we do not expect to sit.

Similarly, for parents. Although we might see some progress along the way, the real outcomes of parenting may not be seen for 20, 30 or 40 years. Parents, too, plant trees under whose shade they do not expect to sit.

This concept is one that we must pass on to our students and children. Our mission statement puts it like this – “We provide Parent-governed, Christ-centred schooling with learning experiences that challenge each student to actively live for God in His world …”

Not with expectation of material reward, not for the plaudits of others, not even for the satisfaction of seeing how that ‘living for God’ benefits others, but simply in response to the understanding that God commands us to use all our gifts and talents in bringing about His Kingdom, or perhaps more poetically to plant trees under whose shade we do not expect to sit.
From the MECS Board

The Board has recently gone through some significant changes. Two long-term members, Anna-Marie & Ken, have left us after many years of faithful service. We thank them for the countless hours they spent working for the school.

We are pleased to announce that Ian is now the Board Chair, as Sue has stepped down from the position. A very big thank you to Sue for working so hard and going beyond the call of duty as Chair over the last few years.

We are also happy to announce that we have been blessed with 2 newbies, Bretlyn and Lisa. We welcome you to the Board, and pray you may be a blessing to the school and be blessed by your involvement in the Board.

Many of the Board members are ex-students of MECS as I am. I look back on my years at MECS with a warm heart and still today appreciate the education I was blessed to receive here – however, I’m a bit sad that I never got to go on Centre Trip. Thirty years on and hundreds of our students along with teachers and volunteers have made the long journey; a pilgrimage and right of passage. It’s the highlight of many MECS students and what they talk about for years to come. Better late than never…its now my turn to go along and I am so excited!!!

As I reflect on this I am reminded of the pilgrimages people undertake. It’s spiritual and rhythmic. It’s sacred. For me it is an opportunity to see the sights and people for myself, and undertake the whole experience as I support the Year 10 students to gain a greater understanding of this vast land, the original people of this land, God and Creation, connection to each other and to the land.

I am going as a volunteer and not as a Board member. It’s a privilege and a little bit daunting.

Please pray for us – for safety and that we will experience God’s goodness in ways that will be with us for years to come.

Petra
On behalf of the board

Contact Us

We would you love to hear from any past students wanting to reconnect.

If you would like to be on the mailing list and receive ReConnect either by post or email, please let us know by sending us your contact details and email address.

We would also love to hear what you are doing now and even see a current photo of you and/or your family.

You can contact the school by going to the ‘Past Student’ page on the MECS website: www.mecs.vic.edu.au, by calling emailing us.

Nicole
Community Relations Officer

MECS Fun Facts!

- Did you know that our new MECS kinder is so popular that we are enrolling 6 month old babies?
- The 34th Centre Trip leaves on Sunday. Colin will join the trip in Alice Springs. He has been over 30 times, more than anyone else! See if you can spot him in the photo spread on the first trip in 1980, pages 6-7.

The importance of studying Warlpiri

Rosalie (class of ’09) is studying Criminology and Justice at a small university in Melbourne.

During her Police studies class, the lecturer, a current serving police officer in Victoria Police, confidently asked what languages the students had learnt at school. Not expecting anyone to have studied an indigenous language, she was totally thrown off guard when Rosalie, the last student of about 30 to be asked, answered Warlpiri. I doubt the lecturer has ever come across a student that has learnt an indigenous language. During break time the lecturer took time to talk to Rosalie and learn a bit more about this and her travels in central Australia. With a class of 30 students they had little if any appreciation of the Aboriginal people, only the stereo-typical view that the media portrays. Rosalie was able to speak into the discussions that took place in the class around Aboriginal culture with the insight she had gained through her years at MECS having not only having learnt it in the class room, but also through the cultural immersion during the Year 10 Centre Trip. Perhaps in some small way she has passed some of this knowledge on to others and they will have a better understanding of the Aboriginal people. With another unit in the future, Indigenous People and Justice, no doubt there will be further insight that she has to offer based on her time at MECS.

Ian

Recent Student Leaders - Board Dinner

Association
Association for Christian Education

EGM
Thursday 16 Oct
6.30pm - Dinner
7.30pm - Meeting Start

We will be meeting in the MECS Main Staffroom

If you wish to come for dinner before the meeting please RSVP to the Office on 9738 6000

All Welcome
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Centre Trip 2006
Have you heard what Oli, class of '01 has been up to?

He has been awarded as The Australia’s Top Emerging Photographer - Portrait. The awards aim to encourage and identify amazing up and coming image-makers and promote them in the early stages of their photographic careers. Entrants to the awards have to be photographers with less than four years full-time professional shooting.
Recent Celebratory Moments

Céleste Emilia. Born August 13, 2014, 3.16kg, 51cm to Rebecca (class of ‘04) & Geoff and big sister Claire.

Send your celebratory news to us!

William (class of ‘08) married Chloe on March 8, 2014. The two groomsmen were Pete and Nick both class of ‘09.

Paul (class of ‘07) married Marilyn, January 8, 2014.
Left to Right above - Marrie, Paul, Marilyn & Julian


Christopher (class of ‘08) and Jess married July 5, 2014 at St John’s Anglican Church in Healesville. Bridesmaids were Kim, Shona, Hannah (class of ‘08) and Nicole and groomsmen were Jono (class of ‘13), Kaya (class of ‘06), Dan and Andrew (class of ‘06).
We hired a driver and Cook/Second driver with a bus. Very few of us had ever been to the Centre. It was all new to me.

My memories include the following: the bumpy gravel road from Port Augusta all the way to the NT border - hour after hour in a low gear; the temperature inside the bus - cool each morning, very hot at the peak of the day; the absolute silence, out beyond everything; what a wonderful experience. To borrow from Banjo Paterson, “And at night the endless glory of the everlasting stars” - a totally new experience for us from the distant south and the big city. In Alice we made contact with Dr Trevor C, who encouraged us to think about one day visiting an Aboriginal settlement. From this little seed grew our school’s wonderful, rich relationship with Yuendumu. Trevor introduced us to the Central Australian Aboriginal Medical Association, where we learned a bit about some of the issues facing the people in the Centre. Pat D, currently a major figure in the Reconciliation movement and well known aboriginal leader came and spoke to us at our camp site in Alice. Through such activities we entered the steep learning curve which has brought us to today.

These are my rather adult and teacher-like memories. They have a rather educational bent to them. Sorry about that. It’s what I am. Other memories include: meals around the camp fire, the wonder of the painted caves of Uluru, the sheer size of that amazing icon, ‘love’ blossoming among the youngsters… some rather one-sided and not encouraged by the poor recipient (no names, no pack drill, although my tongue might be loosened under certain circumstances). Sleeping underground at Coober Pedy - the unique dusty smell of the place, sickness on the road, kangaroos, emus and perhaps a dingo out the bus window, the absolute glory of sunrise painting the clouds above our grimy crew already under way for the day. It was all so new. We were all so fresh. Directly out of those experiences grew our own second attempt, a trip we built ourselves, and out of which, in turn, grew the Trip of today, of next year and I hope, beyond.

*Colin*

SS Teacher

Some reflections by students:

“After sitting for a while just watching and listening my ideas about Aboriginals changed. Those we saw weren’t lazy; in fact they worked constantly, making things for gawking tourists like us to buy. I found that they weren’t lazy as people said they were. Also I could understand why they do sometimes bear grudges against us, since it was us whites who took over, treated and still do treat them as inferior human beings. It would be difficult to change ones lifestyle because of another race coming to Australia and this is what the Aboriginals had to do. Aboriginals were expected to change to our European lifestyle without question.”
In August 1979 initial discussions began regarding the possibility of a Grade 10 trip to Central Australia as part of the Grade 10 CS work on Aboriginals. Colin and Jack presented the idea to the school Board who agreed, suggesting that the students raise some money towards the cost of the trip.

After a class discussion, we (Grade 9 students of 1979) fervently began organizing cake stalls, car washes and even a ‘Wake-a-thon’ to raise money for our Central Australia Trip the following year. Our fundraising efforts continued in 1980 and by early June 1980 we had reached our fund raising goal of $1,000!

At 6pm on Saturday 5 July 1980, a group of 32 very excited Grade 10 students met in the school car park and boarded a hired coach, which was to become our home for the next 14 days. Colin and Jack led this expedition along with Mrs J (English teacher), Lesley (Andrew’s wife) and Mr de J (a student’s parent). John and Lynn, a husband and wife team who worked for Expo Adventure, were our coach driver, cook and tour guides for the 14-day trip.

Some of the many fond memories I have of that trip include:

- Singing songs and playing games on the coach
- Fossicking for opals and sleeping underground at Coober Pedy
- Finding a grader to jump start the coach 30 km from the SA/NT border
- Pushing the coach over the SA/NT border
- Camping in the Ayers Rock National Park, approximately 1 – 2 kms from Uluru, and waking up each morning with an amazing view of ‘the Rock’
- Climbing Ayers Rock and watching the sun rise and set over it
- Walking through the Aboriginal campsite at Ayers Rock, speaking to the local Aboriginals and buying artifacts from them
- Watching an old Aboriginal man sing songs and dance around a campfire at Ayers Rock
- Walking through The Olgas
- Exploring Alice Springs for an afternoon by ourselves
- Travelling along the Oodnadatta track
- Bush camps, singing songs around the campfire and ‘sleeping under the stars’

I felt privileged to be a part of the first group of students from MECS to go on the Centre Trip. Experiencing first hand the Aboriginal culture, the vastness of our land and the many rich and varied experiences that this trip offered are memories I will never forget.

Yvonne (class of ’82)
1980s

Yvonne, class of ‘82

My parents, Bill and Henry, were a founding MECS family. I started MECS in 1973 on the first day when it began, when I was in Grade 3, and completed my HSC, along with 8 other students, in 1982. I have many fond memories of my time at MECS: annual school fetes in the lower playground (even before MECS opened in 1973), building cubbies & playing hospitals in the tea trees in the lower playground along Hawkins Road (where houses are now built), lunchtimes spent on the oval, performing ‘Carnival of the Animals’ in Year 7, going on my first school camp to Point Leo in Year 9, going on the very first Year 10 Central Australia trip in 1980, teachers who challenged & inspired me…

From a very early age I knew that I wanted to become a teacher, so I enrolled at Victoria Teachers College, Burwood, and completed a Diploma of Teaching - Primary. I worked at Mountain District Christian School for 13 years; 4 years as a Primary teacher, 9 years as a Secondary teacher and 7 of those years as the Secondary Coordinator. During that time I completed a Graduate Diploma in Curriculum Studies through I.C.E (Institute for Christian Education) and a Bachelor of Education Studies at Monash University.

My husband Steve and I have been blessed with two wonderful boys, Brenton 15 and Alexander 12, who both attend MECS. In 2005, when Brenton started school, I returned to MECS as a part-time Middle School teacher. I currently teach Year 8 & 9 Maths and have been the Camp Coordinator since 2011.

My time at MECS as a student, as a parent and now as a teacher has all had a part in shaping who I am today.

1990s

Esther, class of ‘91

I graduated in Year 12 at MECS in 1991. This did not immediately follow into University study so I chose to work for a few years in a number of jobs in the area of hospitality and childcare. After a number of years I enrolled to do a Certificate in Youth and Children’s Ministry at Harvest Bible College. What was only meant to be a one year certificate, ended me up finishing with a 3 year Bachelor Degree in Ministry. Shortly after finishing this course I met Rick, and we got married in 1999.

I was offered a job early in our marriage at the local Primary School in Before and After School Care. I loved this as it gave me the opportunity to build relationships with lots of kids. Working alongside kids was my passion, particularly those that were struggling. I soon became pregnant with my first child Hannah, and Jordan was born a few years later so I ceased work and study for some years. When both of my kids were at school I decided to further my study and completed the Certificate 4 in Education Support, where my love of working alongside struggling children was once again rekindled. On completion of this course I was offered a job at Bairnsdale Christian Community School where I currently live, and work in the position as a Literacy Aide. I hope to further my study in the area of Primary Teaching but I know at this point that is not for now.

2000s

Oli, class of ‘01

I graduated from MECS in 2001, and with a couple of false starts & lack of clarity (it happens when you’re 18), I wound up working as a designer/digital creative lead, creating apps, illustrations, animations, websites and more.

Selling shoes, cars, burgers & glorifying war (an agency I was with had the defence force account) got old, so I later moved to a super interesting startup involved in reforming digital healthcare systems as their creative director, before they folded at the end of 2012 - wasn’t my fault, I swear.

I’d been playing with cameras for a year or so by that point, and decided that without any dependants, it was as good a time as any to take a career pivot into photography & cinema.

Over the last year I’ve worked hard to build a business photographing weddings (after discovering that the genres reputation for bad taste can actually work for you when you decide to go about it a little differently), delivering solo photography workshops & making music videos locally and internationally - most recently returning from shooting weddings in Germany & New York, directing & shooting music videos in Norway & New York and running a photography workshop in London, before now returning to a collaborative studio space that I started with two other close friends in Richmond.

The most important thing in going solo is connecting up with other folks on the same journey, and I’ve been fortunate enough to tap into a vibrant local & international community that helps support everything working out. (continued next page...)

A number of political parties are intending to make changes to the laws removing the freedom Christian schools currently have to discriminate when employing staff. One of my concerns is that if these changes are passed, schools such as MECS might be forced to hire staff who do not hold Christian beliefs.
Past Student News

Brian, class of ‘87

Firstly, thank you for asking me to contribute to this magazine and to provide an update on what I am currently up to. I am humbled by the opportunity to briefly share my adventures since leaving school (for the first time) in 1986.

To start off with, my family and I have spent the last year as volunteers with the Australian Volunteers for International Development in Vanuatu; which is in the Pacific, near Fiji.

Most of this time has been as a house dad (or ‘Man blo house’ in Bislama) where I have supported my wife in her volunteer position and our two children with school and house activities. When not busy with domestic duties, I have been getting involved with IT work at the disability centre and diving to clear Crown of Thorns Starfish from the surrounding coral reef. For the last few months, I have been working, also as a volunteer, with the Customs and Inland Revenue Department looking at improving their disaster recovery preparations. This has been a great experience working and living as a family in a developing country as a volunteer. And, for myself being the stay at home partner. During this time I have discovered that I do not have the passion required to be a good cook, so will keep focusing on being really good at the eating part of the equation. Luckily, my wife makes up for my lack of cooking skills and passion.

We have just arrived home and we are settling back into life in Australia after completing the year under the volunteer program. At the same time we are also in the planning stage for our next adventure where we will spend a few months, as a family, traveling overland from Iran to Turkey, before returning home to a more settled life… I think.

Before deciding to volunteer with my family, I was working as a manager at Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) working with clients and with the focus on improving their Information Technology Strategies and specific issues.

During this time at PwC, and at the age of 43, I was tested and diagnosed with dyslexia; a condition that has really only just started to be recognized as a problem in Australia to be addressed in many schools. This diagnosis helps put a lot of things into perspective for me as I look back at the past and now, with looking forward to my potential role back in Australia.

Prior to working at PwC, and contrary to some past teachers who initially saw and encouraged my potential and gave me the self-confidence to reach higher within myself and discover my limits. This journey has also been helped along by a supportive wife and family and many opportunities provided to me, mixed with a little risk taking.

I also have two great children. Ilana is 10 and she is a very bright girl who loves reading and craft. Liam is 7 and a very active boy, who initially saw and encouraged my potential and gave me the self-confidence to reach higher within myself and discover my limits. This journey has also been helped along by a supportive wife and family and many opportunities provided to me, mixed with a little risk taking.

To finish off, to quote a great man and leader, who I have recently met here in Vanuatu, “they say that you only live once; but I say if you live it right, then that’s all you need”. That is how I look at life today.

Thanks for reading.

Brian’s family out for a day on a Yacht

Brian Year 9, 1984

Brian’s family out for a day on a yacht

Brian, mature age student, Year 12, 1994

Oli continued...

Around that I’ve been involved in bands, some that have made the ears bleed, and some that haven’t - I like to think that the current one doesn’t.

I don’t wanna toot the horn, but in the interests of supporting key things that have happened along the way, this year I was lucky enough to pick up Capture Magazines Emerging Photographer of the year award, ahead of some 450 other photographers around the country. Last year a music video I directed for an artist won ATOM awards music video of the year, as well as American Photographic Associations music video of the year. The one I’m really going for is the Moran prize, and I was fortunate to have my first entry last year awarded as a Semi Finalist.

It’s not all about the awards of course, but they drum up useful exposure & then other opportunities on top of that.
More Memories of Centre Trip 1980

Our 1980 centre trip was the first MECS one; if I recall, an idea initiated by Caroline, Yvonne and some other students. Funds were raised through cake stalls, a paper drive, and a sleep-a-thon towards the total cost of around $7000. We travelled with a company ‘Expo Adventure’. Joining the class and our teacher Colin, were Jack, Julian, Mrs J, Henk, and the Whites, including young Alex (not so young any more). I suspect I was the only person ever to take a book of mathematical tables and logarithms on a Centre Trip... Amongst other places, we visited Coober Pedy, Uluru and Kata Tjuta, Alice Springs, and Wilpena Pound; though we missed out on the pivotal experience of later years in joining the Warlpiri community at Yuendumu. The bus had mechanical problems including a failing alternator which limited travel to daylight hours, and a broken trailer axle on the way back. By chance we were at the rock only a month before the Azaria Chamberlain tragedy, and yes, there were a few scruffy dingos hanging around the camp ground. Memories that come back to me are sleeping under a awesomely crisp night-sky. Aboriginal people camped in the dry Todd River, the Cornish chimneys of Burra, and of course the silent presence of Uluru.

Glenn (class of ’82)
In Loving Memory of George de Vries
19/05/1935 - 23/05/2014

It is with much sadness - but eternal joy - that we take this opportunity to honour our much loved Dad.

On the day Dad went to be with Jesus, we found a piece of paper in his Bible on which he had written the following words,

“We are on a journey to see the Lord Jesus Christ face to face!”

The choices both Mum and Dad made for us as a family (& beyond) reflected this statement.

As God’s children we are continually faced with choices requiring decisions which will have lasting affects for both our time on earth and into eternity.

As children of George & Janny we are forever grateful for the Godly choices they made for us.

Of the many decisions our parents made they valued Christian education as a high priority and as a result we have received many blessings attributed to our time at MECS.

The greatest lasting blessing would be the friendships we as a family have established in this caring Christian community. During this time of grief we feel very much carried by the love, support and prayers of those who have reached out to us from our network of friends - and that is a priceless gift!

In the words of Jesus: “I am the resurrection and the Life, whoever believes in Me shall live, even if he dies.” (John 11:25)

We are comforted to know, that without a doubt, “We are all on a journey till we see Jesus (and our loved ones again) face to face!”

Marco, Esther & Monica

In Loving Memory of Bob Holt
5/12/1929 - 25/05/2014

To the MECS Community

On behalf of Dorothy and our family, we would like to thank you for your kind words. Dad was very proud of MECS and his decision to send us there. We are so pleased to have been there and feel honoured that all these years later we are still connected to the community.

With warmest regards
Lionel, Rosalie & Heather

School Reunions

Would you like to catch up with your old classmates? We can assist you in organising a reunion. MECS will help you with finding people, distributing invites (we will cover the printing/postage costs) and you can even use one of the MECS rooms (if it is available).

Give Nicole a call on 9738 6000 or e-mail.
Nicole
Community Relations Officer

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House for Rent Urgently Needed
MECS family requires a 3 bedroom home to rent ASAP, around the MECS area. Please contact Cassie in the main office 9738 6000.

Shopping Tour Fundraiser
Bek and Kerrie Goldsmith (from one of our school families) are running a shopping tour on Saturday October 11, to raise money for research into PSC. This is the liver disease that saw Bek need a transplant 2 years ago, and this, and it’s complications continue to plague her with poor health. We’d love you to help us find a cure!
Cost is $31/head. Pick up at 7:40am and drop off at 6pm at Doncaster Park and Ride. Payment can be made by cash, with correct money in an envelope with your name and contact details handed in to the office marked for attention to Craig Goldsmith. For more information please phone/text Kerrie on 0425 067 346 or email kerriej1221@gmail.com.

Free Desk
Solid timber desk in good condition with one draw and a keyboard tray. Measures 122L x 66D x 75cmH
Contact Rosalie 0417 972 860.

Holiday Movie Days
Discovery Church, Mount Evelyn, will be running two movie days in the upcoming school holidays.
‘Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2’ Wednesday September 24, 10:30am.
‘Muppets Most Wanted’ Wednesday October 1, 10:30am
Entry is by a gold coin donation. Sausage sizzle and lollies for sale.
89 Monbulk Rd Mount Evelyn. 9736 2323.

Central Australia Trip Year 10
Postman Pat awaits...
Make sure you write to your loved one in Central Australia. We strongly recommend that all parents write (early in the trip) to their son or daughter, as this will really help to stave off any homesickness they might be experiencing. It is also very hard to be one of the few not to receive any mail. The last days that we will be collecting mail are Tuesday 23 September in Alice Springs or Friday 26 September at Yulara (Uluru).

Letters may be sent to the addresses as shown on this page, with MECS TOURS written very prominently (write it in a box), to ensure that mail is not misdirected. Allow a week for delivery to be sure your child receives their mail.

NAPLAN Results
NAPLAN results were sent home to parents in the mail last week. Hopefully you had an opportunity to discuss these with your child’s teacher at the parent teacher interviews. Any queries, please contact your child’s teacher or the school office.

Calendar

2014 Term 3 Week 8: 8 - 14 September
Thur 11 September
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 12 September
SP Hootime

2014 Term 3 Week 9: 15 - 21 September
Sun 14 September
Centre Trip Departs
Mon 15 September
Year 7-9 Indoor Sports Day
Tues 16 September
Positive Boys Blokes Night 6pm
Wed 17 September
Empowering Girls Mother Daughter Night 7.30pm
Thur 18 - Fri 19 September
MS Exams
Fri 19 September
HHD Exam Prep Lecture Monash Uni End of Term 3
Sat 20 September
School Holidays Begin

2014 Term 3 Holidays: 20 Sept - 12 Oct
Wed 1 - Fri 3 October
Year 12 Practice Exams
Wed 1 October
Centre Trip Returns
Mon 6 - Tues 7 October
Year 12 Intensives
Mon 6 October
VCE Performance exams begin (to Nov 2)
Wed 8 October
Unit 4 Drama Performance Exam
Thur 9 October
Family Rollerskating at Lilydale Skate Centre 10am-12noon
Thur 9 - Fri 10 October
Year 12 Intensives

Notice sent home this week and on Website
- Final Centre Trip Letter
- Year 12 Exam Information

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