Secondary Tribal Athletics
Ryan, Matthew, Caillan & Michael run for their tribes!

2015 Student Stationery Lists Due Today!

Please complete the parent satisfaction survey by today
The State election is only a couple of months away; it’s time to start thinking through the important issues. Some of you may remember that back in 2010 the Victorian Labor Government passed a new Equal Opportunity Act. That Act would have placed more restrictive guidelines around the freedom of Christian schools to employ Christian staff. As it turned out, the parts of the legislation that were unhelpful to us were rescinded by the incoming Coalition government, so they are not part of the law right now.

The intended laws would have meant that schools like MECS would have to prove there was an ‘inherent requirement’ of faith for their employment. That definition was very tricky because the arbitrator of this matter, the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHR), would most likely understand that faith has nothing to do with so-called ‘secular’ school subjects. For Christian schools which seek to teach everything out of a Christian perspective and where children are educated in a holistic Christian community, dualistic (sacred-secular) definitions don’t work.

What is the law right now? In a nutshell, the Equal Opportunity Act has various exemptions that allow discrimination. Some of those allow Christian schools to discriminate in the matter of employment. To illustrate, if two equally competent teachers applied for a job here, one a Christian and one a non-Christian, we are permitted to choose the Christian – we can discriminate against the non-Christian.

Secularists will argue that this discrimination cannot be justified, and that people who do so are nasty and bigoted. We can reject this criticism because the exemptions in the Act are needed to balance the tension between the right to religious freedom and the right to equal opportunity in employment. Historically in the development of human rights throughout the world, it is fair to say that the right to religious freedom has always trumped right to employment opportunity. Secularists are now seeking to reverse this priority. Ironically the matter of human rights is grounded in the Bible. The Indian Christian theologian-philosopher, Vishal Mangalwadi (The Book that Made Your World: How the Bible created the Soul of Western Civilization – an excellent read by the way), reminds us of the great influence the Bible has had on the development of democratic freedoms.

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This issue has now re-emerged as the State ALP has adopted the same policy position in preparation for the upcoming election; though this time they are calling the notion ‘bona fide occupational requirements’. Even though the ALP position is fixed until the election, Christian school leaders are in consultation with the ALP seeking clarification around the implications for employment within Christian schools. We will keep parents informed of developments. Should we need to be more vigilant in order to protect this important religious freedom, we’ll be asking for support in lobbying candidates on their position.

To wrap up this editorial I want you to get a sense of the imbalance that faces us. The Act also has exemption that allows discrimination based on political belief or activity (Exemption 27). The exemption makes good sense. In essence it means that a person who is, say a Liberal party member can be told that because of that they can’t get a job as a receptionist in a Labor party office. What astounds me is that if the Act is changed as the ALP want, the Act will provide greater rights to political belief than it does to religious freedom. Surely the latter is more important?

What can you do? Go online and get a copy of the ALP policy platform document and then write to your local ALP candidate that you are not happy about the introduction of the ‘bona fide occupational’ requirements that they want to introduce into the Equal opportunity Act.

Gerry
Administration Manager

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Worawa Deb

On August 29, seven of our great young men partnered seven Worawa Aboriginal College girls at their annual ‘Debutant Dreaming’ function held at the Yarra Valley Lodge. In preparation, our boys attended two dance practices over the past month and were simply outstanding in both their presentation and behaviour on the night. Four of the Worawa staff-members, including their principal, took time to speak to me about just how friendly, polite and caring our boys were to their girls. They were effusive about the wonderful contribution that our boys made to the night. I had the privilege of attending the function and was extremely proud of our boys. This small gesture on their behalf will go a long way towards the process of reconciliation.

Dr Roger F
VCE Coordinator

Luke, Alex, Lachlan, Isaac, Liam & Ethan. Missing from the photo because of presentation duties was Nick
Holidays
Another term has whizzed by and I’m sure you are all looking forward to a break from the school routine and an opportunity to have some time and space for more relaxed activities. We thank you for the way you have partnered with us this term as we, together, seek the Kingdom of God in education. May you have a safe and happy break – we look forward to seeing all our families back on Monday 13 October.

Centre Trip
Our Year 10 students and their fellow travellers headed off to the outback last Sunday morning on our annual Centre Trip. By now they will be on their way out to Yuendumu, the Aboriginal community we have journeyed with over many years. We pray that this trip will be a life-changing experience for our young people as they live in community with each other for 18 days, explore God’s amazing creation and have the opportunity to encounter God in new ways.

Long Service Leave
Di and Paul are both enjoying some long service leave at the moment. We thank these members of staff for their commitment and service to MECS over many years.

Meeting the Board
On Tuesday 2 September all the student leaders and Board members got together and had dinner. It was a lovely meal provided by Mrs McKenner. Before we started our meal, Mr Bushell spoke about what the Board does. Then each Board member stood up and told us their portfolios and names.

After that, we got given a task. We had to make a creation that was 3D, could stand on its own and was made with as many materials as were available. Everyone did a great job and in the end there were 4 really cool formations made with paper, cardboard and lots of colourful things.

During dinner we had a chance to talk to the Board and ask questions. We learnt that to become part of the Board you have to be in the Association. You have to be at least 18 to be part of the Association. We also learnt that the fastest anyone has completed the transition was 3 years.

When questions and dinner were out of the way the Board meeting began. They went through the agenda and told us how things worked. After about 20 minutes we went home - our minds buzzing with information. I would like to thank the Board, on behalf of all the student leaders, for a lovely evening.

Paige

Board Matters
Board Report
This month’s Board meeting was a special event commencing with dinner and activities with the student leaders (check out Paige’s report on the evening). The evening gave the students a glimpse of how the school is governed and what the Board does. The student leaders observed a sample of what goes on at a Board meeting, hearing an update from Narelle on day to day highlights from the month. This was followed with Jacqui, Director of Teaching and Learning, presenting the Teaching and Learning annual report. Jacqui brought the Board up to date with all the work that is being done in this area. We were encouraged to hear of the work being done to not only make sure that our distinctive curriculum is compliant with the Australian curriculum but that it also remains true to our integral curriculum with Christ at the centre of all things. The students also heard about how teachers are constantly learning and updating their skills. Among other items presented at the meeting was the proposal for out-of-hours care. The Board approved the continued investigation of implementing this, understanding the need of some of our community in this area. The Board also approved the expenditure for new school management software and received an update on the Compliance and Risk register which will provide the Board with an important tool to monitor these aspects of the school.

Ian
Board Chair

Secondary Tribal Athletics
Last Tuesday, the Secondary school had a fabulous day at their Tribal Athletics Carnival. It was great to see so many students participating and getting involved in the day by dressing up in their tribal colours. Respect and encouragement was given to those who competed with great skill and energy and everyone got to also enjoy a great community event. Thanks to our PE staff for pulling the logistics together so efficiently. See Pages 8 and 9 for photos.

Positive Boys and Empowering Girls programs
This week the Year 6 students have wrapped up these programs with a celebration night with their mums and dads. We have run these programs for a number of years now, and firmly believe that they are a key tool in helping our young people to develop a healthy view of themselves in today’s world. Thanks to Ben and Olivia for their willingness and dedication in leading our Senior Primary students through these sessions.
MECS Notes

Congratulation to Rachel and Rohan

On the birth of Benjamin Rohan, born at 2.30pm on Sunday 14 September, 4.578kg (10lb 1.5oz), 56cm long. Rachel is recovering well.

Friends of MECS

Fairs Fair for Fathers

We recently held our annual Father’s Day stall. This was our first ‘Fair’ Father’s Day stall with exclusively Fair Trade gifts. We had a lovely sunny day and some wonderful volunteers to help run the stall. On the day we took in over $1500, all money went to the organisations that were represented. We had items from Uganda, Cambodia, Oxfam, Lesotho, Thailand and items that support an indigenous people group.

Do your plans for 2015 not include MECS?

Please let us know in writing as soon as possible if you are not intending to have your children at MECS in 2015, including students who are moving to Ranges TEC. We require at least one term’s notice.

Email notifications can be made to Natasha.

Tuning into Kids Course

The ‘Tuning into Kids’ course will be running at MECS next term, Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Oct 14, 21 and 28 and then Nov 11, 18 and 25. Cost: $100 per person.

Places are limited so if you are interested please email Natasha as soon as possible.

Also, ‘Pebble Time’ a social skills program for children, will be running next term, from Mount Dandenong Kindergarten. Sessions will cover greeting people, taking turns talking, listening and taking turns at play, identifying feelings and asking for help, sharing, empathy, overcoming fear and anxiety, managing frustration and calming down, speaking up and personal space.

Cost: $160 for 8 sessions

If we have 5 or more interested people, we could run the program at MECS Kinder.

If you are interested, please email Jo Gaissl jo@pebbletime.com.au.

Wendy Mason
Early Years Coordinator

Dyslexia Seminar

Drowning in a Sea of Letters, a free seminar by Michelle, hosted by SPED (Specific Learning Difficulties) Association of Victoria, Monday 20 October 2014 7pm at SPED Victoria, 60 High Street Preston.

You will discover many helpful tricks and strategies than can help students like her to succeed. All welcome.

RSVP to operations@speldvic.org.au or call 9480 4422.

MP & SP Hooptime

MECS are champions! Both Middle Primary and Senior Primary Hoop-time days were a huge success. Not only did both ‘Future Stars’ teams win their grand finals to go through to regional finals, but our four rookie teams played excellently, winning almost every game. Although I am very proud of the way all our students played the game of basketball, I am more proud of their sportsmanship and unselfish play. They were thoughtful of other teams who weren’t as skilled, and were kind enough to ease up a bit and allow the other team to have some uncontested shots at goal.

Our Middle School coaches were also fantastic in encouraging and coaching the Primary Students throughout the day.

What a great school to belong to!

Jason

Primary Sports Coordinator
Shopping Tour Fundraiser for a great cause

Just before her first birthday we heard some words that would change our lives forever – those words... she has Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis. One day she’ll need a liver transplant. There’s no other treatments and no cure... That was 15 years ago. Bek Goldsmith had her liver transplant on Good Friday in 2012, and now looks to have fallen into the 25% of people for whom the very same disease returns. Fifteen years ago there was no glimmer of hope, but research is beginning to unlock some of the mysteries. There are a couple of treatments now showing some real promise, but research is scant because Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis is a rare disease that doesn’t attract much attention, yet they are beginning to save lives with, to date, little to no adverse effects.

Over the years Bek has run bake sales and sold Beanie kids to raise research money. This year we’re running a shopping tour and we’d love for you to join us. To have fun shopping, to be a part ‘Saving the day’ and part of a virtually unheard of cause, and to honour Sandi, Phillip and Scott – 3 good friends among the many we know who have lost their lives to this disease.

The shopping tour is during the school holidays, so please act now to secure your seat. It’s on October 11, with final numbers needed by the Sept. 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. Contact Kerrie on 0425 067 346 or kerriej1221@gmail.com for more details.

Kerrie
MECS Parent

Central Australia Trip Year 10

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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 day that we will be collecting mail is Friday 26 September at Yulara (Uluru).

Letters may be sent to the address 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.

MECS Notes

2015 Student Stationery Lists - due today, Thursday 18 September

Student Stationery Lists for 2015 are due today! Please hand your lists in to the Main Office or Senior School Office as soon as possible. We are in need of volunteers to help out with packing and sales, so please fill out and return the volunteer slip at the bottom of the Stationery List letter if you are available to help.

Cassie
Receptionist

Walking in Autistic Shoes

An autism presentation and question-answer forum with renowned author, lecturer and autism consultant Donna Williams, BA Hons, Dip Ed. Tuesday 16 September 2014, 7-8.30pm at Mitcham Community House, 19 Brunswick Road Mitcham. Gold coin donation. Contact Ann, mchanne@connexus.net.au or phone 9873 4587.

Born in 1963, thought deaf and diagnosed as psychotic at the age of two, Donna Williams acquired functional speech in late childhood and came to terms with her Autism in her 20’s. She gained post graduate qualifications as a sociologist and teacher, became the author of ten books in the field of Autism, an international public speaker since 1994 and Autism consultant since 1996 as well as an artist and musician. Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of Autism as someone who has been there as a person with Autism and a consultant who has worked with hundreds of children and adults on the Autism Spectrum.

"With her humor, passion, wit and insight into the world around her; her ability to see beauty in everyday things and her playfulness, Donna not only changed the way I see people with autism; she changed the way I see everyone". For more information visit http://www.donnawilliams.net/

Lost Property

Just a reminder to please check the racks at lost property for your children’s clothes etc. As the end of term approaches we have accumulated 55 assorted jackets, cardigans and hoodies as well as scarves, hats and a box full of lunch boxes and Tupperware containers. Some are expensive brands such as Ghanda, Quicksilver and Pumpkin Patch as well as a Frozen hoodie and an Essendon footy jumper! They all need to find owners by Friday or the local op shop will have a lovely donation awaiting them! Again, can I please remind parents to clearly label their children’s clothing. It makes our job so much easier!

Melinda
Lost Property merchant!
On the night of Thursday 4 September the PUMP room transformed into the Senior Primary Space Expo. As part of our study on Space, students were divided into small groups and given a planet to research. They were then given table and wall space at the expo to present their information. Displays included models, powerpoint presentations, posters, mobiles, quizzes, short movies and artwork. Each of the stalls was colourfully and creatively decorated. All of the tables had facts about their planet displayed in creative ways. Many of the stalls had planet give-aways such as bookmarks, brochures, and lots of samples of different ‘space’ food. It was an extremely impressive display of hard work, creativity and information.

The evening finished with a ‘parents versus students’ Space Quiz in the gym; with a parent group taking the honours this year.

The parents were blown away by the talent of the children, and I think it is fair to say that the students surpassed their own expectations and even ours. Well done Senior Primaries – VERY impressive work! A big thank you to the parents for coming along to support us.

Mel
SP Teacher

To get to the finished product we had to do lots of research on our planet which in our case was Pluto. We had to go on lots of different websites and look at lots of different books to get the info for our planet.

Next we had to figure out how to present our info. Our group made a poster, power point and a quiz. Other things we added in were alien models, Pluto food and drink and an alien poster.

After that was all done we had EXPO NIGHT which was great fun. Lots of people came to all the stalls. And to top it all off we had a quiz. My group came third and over all I think every one had a good night.

Oliver

For 3rd Term SPs were researching space. I was researching Uranus and my group consisted of Emmerson, Tahlia and me. We had three parts of research, Alpha, Beta and Gamma.

Alpha mission was when we got all of the information we needed and put it in our folders. Beta mission was presenting all of the information on posters or powerpoints. Gamma mission was putting extra things into our display like making up an alien or making food for people to try.

Our group made an alien called a ‘moving smoother’ and made food that was what our aliens ate. It was fun researching Uranus and making aliens.

At our space expo we presented all of our information to our parents and other SP parents. All of the lollies went fast and the parents seemed to learn a lot of facts. People seemed to like learning about Uranus and the aliens that live there.

After the space expo we all went up to the gym to do a space quiz. It was kids vs parents and it was funny to see how the parents tried to cheat. There were six questions about each planet of the solar system (not including Earth). There was a funny film clip at the start. The parents won (no doubt with the help of google) and enjoyed the Mars Bar prize. It was a great night and I’m sure the parents liked learning.

Jaz
**SP Space Expo**

When Mr Clark told us about our space project in week 2 of Term 3, I was very excited. My group was with Lucas, Oliver and Josiah, when we picked our planet, it was Pluto. As soon as possible, we searched up some space websites to get our group’s 15 facts. We all worked together to make models and posters for the Expo night.

When the Expo day came around, we all set up our desk with my table cloth, Lucas’s motorized model, Oliver’s posters and Josiah’s alien models. On the night the parents went around the PUMP room and we served them with lollies and Gatorade.

Later after showing the parents our set ups, we headed to the Gym for the quiz. When we got there we got into groups of about 10 for the parents vs students. There were 54 questions and my group got 40 correct. The parents won with 43 points, but second place was one of the student groups with 42 points.

I loved the Space Expo night.

*Elijah*

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**Cyber Safety**

Last Thursday afternoon a group from i60 Youth at Discovery Church came and spoke to the Year 7, 8 and 9s. They were talking about what you say online and the impact it can have on others. Nathan Want told us about his experience online and how feelings can really be hurt because of our actions.

We learnt that what you say in the virtual world effects what happens in the real world. You can’t take back what you say online. It’s important to remember that there is a person on the other side of the computer and they have feelings too.

From our perspective, it was a great session! Thanks to i60 for coming in and speaking to us.

*Jeneba, Bek & Astrid*
Our second Athletics carnival at Mount Evelyn track proved a great success once again, despite still not having a grandstand and a terrible weather forecast. We had 12 records broken or equalled. This is a significant achievement as we have been keeping records since 2008. It’s the equivalent of coming first out of one hundred plus athletes when you consider all the previous competitors they beat.

It was so lovely to see students enjoy the outdoors and thrive at being active all day. It was fantastic that many students were in lots of events to help their team and the others’ main task was to entertain and brighten the day with their creative outfits. Thanks to all the staff for their reliability and joyfulness.

We wish Tim a quick recovery from the injury he sustained in the line of duty.

Special thanks go to Sue and Emma who prepared everything for the day in my absence. You are amazing!

Anne-Maree
Secondary Sports Coordinator

Results
Gold Warlu - 1st
White Warlpa - 2nd
Red Walya - 3rd
Blue Wirri - 4th
These are adjusted results taking into account the total numbers in a tribe.
Secondary Tribal Athletics

2014 New Records
Well done to the following athletes, particularly to Ben who broke 6 records!

100m
Josh
Neesa

200m
Ben
Taylor

400m
Ben

800m
Ben

1500m
Ben

High Jump
Brianna
Hayden (equalled)
Lachlan

Discus
Cooper

Long Jump
Bethany
Ben

Triple Jump
Ben

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Jemma & Kate
Asher
Fred

Heath
Kaity, Evie, Asha, Charlotte, Shannan & Samantha

Megan, Claire & Jessica
Emma & Claire
Emily

Tara & Caitlyn
Daniel
Elliott

13 Year Old Boys

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Last Tuesday students from Ranges TEC turned up with some lovely outdoor tables for the kindergarten. As the children at kindergarten eat their snack at any time, we wanted some specific sturdy tables to use outside. These students visited earlier in the year to measure and develop ideas as to what would be suitable. They needed to consider height, sturdiness, toxicity and durability and clever design and made these tables. We are so appreciative of their efforts!

Wendy Mason
Early Years Coordinator
**JP Scienceworks Excursion**

**Excerpts from JP Scienceworks Excursion recounts**

We got on the bus to Science Works and the bus had a TV.

We saw a skeleton riding a bike.

I really liked the Planetarium and the movie, Tycho to the Moon. I really loved the sports thing and I went to the goal keeping and won the race.

We had lunch at a park. We played tiggy and it was fun.

_Sebastien, Yr 2_

I really liked Tycho to the Moon especially the chairs where you could lean back and in the movie the sun was really cool. It was the best movie ever!

_Eve, Yr 2_

When JPs went to Science Works on Monday, they went on an excursion.

We went up the stairs then we went in our groups and then we watched the show which was called Tycho to the Moon.

I had fun.

_Chloe, Yr 1_

We got on the bus and watched ‘Toy Story 3’.

Next we saw Tycho to the Moon. It was a dog who lived in a kennel.

Then we went to Yarra Bend park! We explored the trees.

I really liked the movie Tycho and the rocket. I liked the make your own face game.

_Christopher, Yr 2_

**Year 10 Immersion Experience**

During the last couple of weeks 10B has been working hard on our given English assignment, which was creating an immersion experience and sharing it with the class. An immersion experience is about creating circumstances and provoking feelings associated with a certain topic, ours being topics surrounding our studied novel, ‘To Kill a Mocking Bird’, such as: slavery, segregation, racism, civil war etc. My group chose Segregation for our topic as this was a major issue in our novel. For our experience we transformed the classroom into a 1930’s restaurant with two tables, one being beautifully decorated with delicious sticky date pudding and chocolates scattered around the table and the other being a plain, crowded table with sloppy cold porridge. We made the fancy table feel like what the white people and the plain table feel like what the coloured people might have. Other groups also did a great job and had very clever activities such as an unfair court case, a teasingly cruel game and a revealing video. All of the immersion experiences were a powerful way to put ourselves in the shoes of those who were treated so badly and even though we are looking at the 1930s, we know that these terrible incidents still happen today.

_Riley_

_Year 10 Student_
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**Calendar**

2014 Term 3 Week 9: 15 - 21 September

- **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 Intensives
- **Wed 1 October**
  - Centre Trip Returns
- **Mon 6 - Thurs 7 October**
  - Year 12 Intensives
- **Mon 6 October**
  - VCE Performance exams begin (to Nov 2)
- **Mon 6 October**
  - Centre Trip Returns
- **Thur 9 October**
  - Family Rollerskating at Lilydale Skate Centre 10am-12noon
- **Thur 9 - Fri 10 October**
  - Year 12 Intensives
- **Fri 10 October**
  - Working Bee

2014 Term 4 Week 1: 13 - 19 October

- **Mon 13 October**
  - Term 4 Begins
  - Welcome Back Morning Tea 9am Staffroom
- **Tues 14 October**
  - Tuning into Kids 7.30pm Staffroom
- **Wed 15 October**
  - Cycle A Drama Performance Exam
- **Thur 16 October**
  - Association EGM 7.30pm Staffroom
- **Fri 17 October**
  - Year 7 (all) & Year 9 (boys) Immunisations
  - Year 11 Formal
- **Sat 18 October**
  - Working Bee 8am-1pm

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**CRTs needed for Kindergarten**

Anyone with Certificate III, Diploma of Children’s Services or Bachelor of Early Childhood who is willing to do CRT in the Kindergarten, please apply to Michelle Smith through the application forms on the MECS website.

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**School Holiday Program bookings open**

Bookings are open for an exciting program of arts & craft workshops, performances and movies for the September school holidays. See the full program on our website, or download the brochure. We've kept this program affordable, with all shows $8, workshops $12 and movies free. Plus, tickets are even cheaper for ERL (Eastern Regional Libraries) members and online bookings. Contact Sally Williams Mooroolbark Community Centre 125 Brice Avenue, Mooroolbark. mcc@yarraranges.vic.gov.au 9726 5488.

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**Yarra Ranges Children’s Week**

Sat 18 - Sun 26 October. Lots of different free activities for children aged 0-12 years and their families across the Yarra Ranges. For more information www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au or call 1300 368 333.

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**Mango Fundraiser for Empart**

Only $30 for a 10kg box. The profits from every box sold goes towards Empart’s Children’s Homes in India, so, you can enjoy beautiful, fresh, juicy mangoes AND help provide a home for vulnerable and orphaned children who will experience the love of Jesus and have hope for the future.

Orders must be placed and paid for by 2:00pm Thursday 23 October 2014. Order forms will be available from the main office. Please note that delivery will be in early to mid-November, pick up from the school. You will be notified via email and/ or phone of the exact delivery date closer to the time. Also, unlike mangoes you buy in the shops, these mangoes may have some marks on the skin but the flesh is still juicy and sweet. You can also order online at www.empart.org/mangoes.

Empart exists to ignite church planting movements among unreached people in Asia. Details about Empart’s work partnering with local Christians in Asia can be found at www.empart.org.

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**Holiday Skating**

We would love you to join with MECS Families for a MECS Skating Morning on Thursday Oct 9, 10am-12pm at Lilydale Skate Centre, 34 Industrial Park Drive, Lilydale

Preschoolers $5, Children and Adults $10 (Includes skate hire)

Please BYO water bottle, there is no self catering.

No need to reply, just come along.

This event is open to all the community and Parents will need to supervise their own children.

For further information please email the office

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**Needed To Rent**

2 Bedroom unit or house wanted around Mount Evelyn area. Needs to have floorboards throughout. Please contact Cassie in the main office 9738 6000.

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**For Rent**

2 bedroom solid brick home, large block, great views, quiet court, close to public transport, long term tenancy, Silvan. Phone 0421 247 987.

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**Rooster Needs a Home**

Six month old rooster, free to good home! Taken from kinder as a chick but turned out to be male and not appropriate for suburban backyard. Please contact Jodi on 0438 559 335.

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**For Sale - Balance Bike**

‘Glide’ 12 inch (30cm) Red Balance Bike Brand New In Box! Cost $135, sell $120. Phone Elissa on 0419 504 001.

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**Yarra Ranges Children’s Week**

Sat 18 - Sun 26 October. Lots of different free activities for children aged 0-12 years and their families across the Yarra Ranges. For more information www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au or call 1300 368 333.

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**School Holiday Program bookings open**

Bookings are open for an exciting program of arts & craft workshops, performances and movies for the September school holidays. See the full program on our website, or download the brochure. We’ve kept this program affordable, with all shows $8, workshops $12 and movies free. Plus, tickets are even cheaper for ERL (Eastern Regional Libraries) members and online bookings. Contact Sally Williams Mooroolbark Community Centre 125 Brice Avenue, Mooroolbark. mcc@yarraranges.vic.gov.au 9726 5488.

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**Mango Fundraiser for Empart**

Only $30 for a 10kg box. The profits from every box sold goes towards Empart’s Children’s Homes in India, so, you can enjoy beautiful, fresh, juicy mangoes AND help provide a home for vulnerable and orphaned children who will experience the love of Jesus and have hope for the future.

Orders must be placed and paid for by 2:00pm Thursday 23 October 2014. Order forms will be available from the main office. Please note that delivery will be in early to mid-November, pick up from the school. You will be notified via email and/ or phone of the exact delivery date closer to the time. Also, unlike mangoes you buy in the shops, these mangoes may have some marks on the skin but the flesh is still juicy and sweet. You can also order online at www.empart.org/mangoes.

Empart exists to ignite church planting movements among unreached people in Asia. Details about Empart’s work partnering with local Christians in Asia can be found at www.empart.org.

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**Holiday Skating**

We would love you to join with MECS Families for a MECS Skating Morning on Thursday Oct 9, 10am-12pm at Lilydale Skate Centre, 34 Industrial Park Drive, Lilydale

Preschoolers $5, Children and Adults $10 (Includes skate hire)

Please BYO water bottle, there is no self catering.

No need to reply, just come along.

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**Notices sent home this week and on Website**


- Careers Newsletter No 15

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**Newsletter deadline is 11am Tuesday**

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Email articles (images attached as jpg) to the Newsletter Office