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Maddie (class of ‘03) painting the face of Emily at the 30th Anniversary Fair
Welcome

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the 11th edition of ReConnect.

As I start planning each of these editions, I sometimes wonder if I will get enough updates from people in our community to fill these pages. Once again my concerns were for nothing and the pages are bursting with lots of exciting things to read and people to catch up with. There are so many great stories of what our past students are doing and achieving, I hope you enjoy reading these updates as much as I do.

The focus year for this edition is 2003. It was a busy year in the life of the school with the 30th anniversary celebrated with a number of events including the opening of the science block and various other happenings. The centre page has lots of photos from these celebrations.

This edition we are introducing a new section called ‘Association News and Views’. This will be a regular feature and have updates on what the Association is doing now, lots of history and some introductions to people who are involved.

This time we are introducing Lisa Vandenberg (nee Westendorp, class of ’91) Lisa is a past student, current parent and board member at MECS. She holds the Association portfolio and in this edition she tells us a bit about her family’s long history with the school and why she is involved.

The founding family we focus on in this edition is especially close to my heart – it is my family! My parents were a young married couple when the Association purchased the York Road property, and although they had no children yet, my parents (like many others) became Association members and got involved by coming to Field Days to raise money and working bees to start clearing the land. They were certainly not the only ones who were committed and involved without a direct benefit from those early years of MECS. My parents were at the Opening Ceremony of the school in 1973 – at the time my Mum was 8 months pregnant with me! Five years later I started at MECS as a Prep. I am in awe of the commitment and passion of families like my parents and so many others who sacrificed so much to establish a Christian school in Mount Evelyn. Many of our founding families are still members of our Association and we plan to feature their stories in the new Association section over coming issues.

We love hearing from past students! If you would like to send us an update on what you have been doing please send it to reconnect@mecs.vic.edu.au

Until next time,

Nicole (class of ’90)
Community Relations Officer
Van Keulen - Founding Family

John and Mary Van Keulen

Mary and I arrived in Lilydale from Holland as a newly married couple in January 1968 and were soon surrounded by tribes of Noorbergen, Bouma, Greenwoods, Nyhouses, Tromps, Heatheriches, Dubbelts etc. Migrating was easy compared to getting used to that lot! They were all very enthused about starting a Christian school and we had no idea what they were talking about in Holland. Christian schools were normal and both Mary and I attended Christian schools and colleges without realising how special that is for most of the world.

We were soon educated (indoctrinated?) and joined (sort of voluntarily) the Association. The fact that our migration was sponsored by Jack Mechielsen's uncle and aunt may have helped a little as well?! Mary was 8 months pregnant with our first daughter Nicole when the school was officially opened. We disappeared to Vanuatu for 3 years when Nicole was 9 months old and Jody, our second daughter, was born in Port Vila. Jack Mechielsen used to say “Don’t wait until they are born to enrol them, enrol them when you’re starting to think about having them”. He was a real visionary.

On returning from Vanuatu Nicole was nearly old enough to attend school and our involvement started in earnest. Many working bees were called including picking up rocks (boulders) from the oval on hot days and whatever else needed doing. The land days (school fetes) proved a tremendous success, both as fundraisers and community builders. The Van Leeuwen’s sold us far too many bushes and trees, the Van Bockels and Beimers’ overfed us with croquettes and oliebollen (Dutch doughnuts), I beat Jerry Nyhouse in pillow fighting (he disputes that to this day), and we pelted balls to get Jack Mechielsen in the water with the dunking machine.

Things got more serious after that. We all truly believed in the philosophy of Christian education and ICE (the Institute of Christian Education) (although many of us realised what that truly meant?) but there were also realities of fees and student numbers for the government. The various Boards battled valiantly and faithfully while the various treasurers, including yours truly for a mercifully short time, battled desperately. There were many other important (sometimes divisive) issues such as uniforms, competition etc.

Our three girls (Nicole, Jody and Simone) all attended MECS for 11 or 12 years and have benefitted enormously from their experience. Nicole and Richard’s daughters have either just finished MECS or are still studying at MECS or Ranges TEC while our other grandchildren are attending St Andrews Primary School or are enrolled for Maranatha Christian School.

As a very young couple Mary and I thought we decided to migrate and that we made the decisions about Vanuatu, MECS, etc. but our life has made it abundantly clear that God made those decisions for us and that He used us for His purposes; Christian education, and MECS, was an essential part of that growth and development. It is our prayer that many other Van Keulen (and all those other) tribes may continue to enjoy, and be enriched and formed by, truly Christian education. To Him be the glory.

John and Mary and family

Nicole
(class of ’90)

I was at MECS from Prep to Year 11. I left school with plans of further studies but that fell through and I ended up working as a receptionist for a small business. I learned the ropes pretty quickly and had on-the-job training in accounts payable, receivable and stock control. I married Richard (class of ’88) in 1993 and we have 3 lovely daughters aged 19, 16 and 13. Taylor has graduated from MECS and is having a gap year - is currently atYWAM in Townsville, Gemma is at Ranges TEC and Kasey is in Year 7 at MECS. I started working at MECS nearly 8 years ago and still love my job as Community Relations Officer as much now as I did then.

Jodyann
(class of ’92)

I graduated MECS in 1992 then did a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences. I went travelling overseas with my musician boyfriend for a few years, then came back and married Steve Doyle (musician and Paramedic Team Leader) in ’02. I then studied massage therapy and now am self employed teaching and practicing massage in private practice and in nursing homes. I lived in Kinglake for five years before moving to St Andrews five years ago. We have two boys aged 3.5 and 6.5 and a baby girl arriving in November.

Simone
(class of ’98)

I graduated from MECS in 1998 and went on to complete my Nursing degree at RMIT. I have spent time working in London with friends and travelling through Europe. Dave and I married in 2007 and headed off to Canada for an 18 month working/travelling honeymoon. I have been in Emergency Nursing for 13 years, but am keen for a change soon and considering becoming a midwife.

We have three gorgeous children: Macy is nearly 5, Jesiah is 3 and Elijah is 16 months. Life feels very complete.
2014 Australian Vocational Student Prize Winner – Neesa

We would like to congratulate Neesa (class of ’14) on receiving an Australian Vocational Student Prize. This prize recognises students who have excelled in their VETiS (Vocational Education and Training in Schools) courses but who have also overcome significant obstacles to do so.

Neesa completed the course VCE VET Equine at Box Hill Institute as part of her VCE studies and received an excellent study score. What made her achievement remarkable however was that she lived more than two hours’ drive from Box Hill. Her journey each week involved catching public transport to her course and a round trip of over four hours. Her attendance record was exemplary throughout the two years of study, testament to her dedication and commitment to her chosen course.

Neesa receives a certificate that will hold a lot of weight in her career portfolio as well as $1000.

At MECS we strongly believe that excellence takes many forms and strive to recognise all students’ achievements. VET in Schools is a fantastic opportunity for students to excel in courses that are practical, hands on and that provide skills for enhanced employment opportunities.

Congratulations Neesa!

Amelia Koole
VET in School Coordinator
Careers Coordinator

Congratulations Josh

Joshua (class of ’09) has been accepted into a PhD program at La Trobe University in Bundoora. He completed his Honours degree in Statistics at La Trobe University in 2014, and his honours dissertation was titled “An Exploration of Problems with Missing Data in Randomised Controlled Trials”. The title of his doctoral project is: “Robust dimension reduction methods” and will be undertaken in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics under the supervision of Dr Luke Prendergast. Joshua, who married fellow MECS student Beth in 2010 will be the first MECS student to undertake doctoral studies in mathematics. He joins Jared Tromp also from the class of ’09 in undertaking doctoral studies. We offer Joshua our warmest congratulations.

Dr Roger F

We would like to congratulate Alistair (class of ’07) for having his design accepted for the 2015 James Dyson Award. This worldwide competition is held annually for students enrolled in University Design courses and encourages them to find solutions to problems in the world. The award is named after and funded by Sir James Dyson, CBE, FEng, FRS, a British inventor, industrial designer and founder of the Dyson Company. He is best known as the inventor of the Dual Cyclone bag-less vacuum cleaner. The prize of $55,000 goes to the winner while $8,000 goes to his or her University.

Alistair was an incredibly gifted sculptor at school and specialized in sculptures built out of scrap materials. His medieval knight, which stands proudly in the senior school courtyard is eloquent testimony to his redemptive approach to art. For the James Dyson Award he has designed and built an electric motorbike complete with batteries that are charged by solar and wind power. Solar for when the bike is in the sun and wind when it is stationary, night or day.

The machine, named Strangeworld, was specifically designed for the Australian environment in a hypothetical 2050, by which time, Alistair believes, fossil fuels will be in very short supply, if not completely depleted.

“The design for a ‘renewable energy’ motorcycle has to address two major problems surrounding tourism travel in Australia; the vast environment Australia has to be traversed, and how to supply the means,” he said. “The chameleon-like manoeuvrability of a motorcycle in today’s society, lends itself to the environments of 2050, and the hostilities that may arrive in this new age.”

Dr Roger F
VCE Coordinator
Past Student News

Top Screen Awards
We would like to congratulate Sam (class of ‘14) for being chosen as one of fourteen winners of the ‘Top Screen’ Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA awards). Each year, VCAA chooses the very best students in the performing and creative arts fields to showcase their work in exhibitions. Sam’s film ‘Albert’ was featured as part of the VCAA’s ‘Season of Excellence-TOP SCREEN’ and shown at ACMI and the Melbourne Museum this year.

Sam studied VCE Media through Distance Education Victoria and we would like to acknowledge the valuable and supportive assistance of his teacher Jim Selim.

Sam wrote, directed, filmed and produced ‘Albert’ for his VCE studies. All the actors in the film are from his family or his church.

You can view the film at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EztyoKzwo_8&feature=youtu.be

Congratulations Sam!

Dr Roger F

Congratulations to Lanita
We would like to congratulate Lanita (class of ‘13) for being one of 10 athletes selected to represent Australia at the latest Junior (U-21) World Orienteering Championships held in Norway in July this year. This was a tough competition held in the heartlands of the sport and while Lanita and the rest of the team gave their best, there were no medals forthcoming. Lanita has now represented Australia at the last three championships - a wonderful achievement.

Well Done Andrew
We would like to offer our congratulations to Andrew (class of ‘11) on being selected to study Medicine through The University of Melbourne’s Graduate Medicine program. This is a 4 year degree.

Andrew undertook graduate studies in Science at Melbourne University and performed very well in the pre-requisite studies for Medicine. He then had to sit the challenging GAMSAT (Graduate Medical School Admissions Test) and perform at a high level in order to qualify for medicine. Andrew was motivated to study medicine after a visit to Uganda after his VCE (as part of the ‘Schoolie’s Revolution’) where he was made aware of the tremendous need for medical assistance by the poor of that country.

Dr Roger F

Mount Evelyn Christian School Class of nineteen ninety five

Would you believe it’s been 20 years since school?
How time flies! Do you remember who you went to school with?
Well, let’s get together for a catchup to see what everyone’s been up to.
Where: The Acorn on Forest, Forest Rd, The Basin
When: October the 24th, 2015
What time: 6pm
For: Drinks and plenty of finger food.
How many $’s: $25 per person to be paid in advance. (see below)
RSVP: Amber - amberdraffin@hotmail.com 0402 628 580 or
Adele - hoffmana@wcc.vic.edu.au 0412 821 774

Please RSVP to Adele or Amber and then transfer payment to the following account: Adele Hoffman 033372 581394 If you do not have internet banking please let us know in your RSVP. Cheers!
Focus

Our 30th Anniversary

When I think about MECS 30th Anniversary is only seems like a couple of years ago, rather than 12 years! Like our 40th Anniversary a couple of years ago, we celebrated well. We had a November weekend of celebrations, (a free family day on the Sunday afternoon and a dinner in a marquee on the school oval on Saturday) and we also had a ‘30th Anniversary Quilt’ made to celebrate our community.

30th Anniversary Quilt

30 quilted squares were made by students, staff and parents, coordinated by parent Margerita Bushell. Contributors were asked to present their quilt square with their special memory of MECS. It has beautiful pieces showing a bus on a centre trip, Japanese art - exchange students, a bible, artwork, a cross, Year 9 City Camp, friends and the 30th Anniversary. For many years the quilt hung in the schools main office.

30th Anniversary Dinner

A celebration formal dinner was held in a giant marquee on the school oval on the Saturday night. A highlight of the night was a MECS Trivia quiz. Current and former staff, students and parents came to the evening.

Family Fun Day and Opening of the Science Building

A Fun Day for current and past families and staff was held on the Sunday afternoon, including devonshire tea, sausage sizzle, jumping castle, fairy floss, popcorn, face painting, badge making, 3-a-side soccer, a BMX track, live music and even an official opening of the Science building.

The activities were held on the oval and in the Senior School car park. A number of past students came along, and it was wonderful to see them reuniting after many years.

I loved organising these events as part of my role as Community Relations Officer. I had a small team to help me. I remember it being a huge amount of work but so rewarding. Celebrating a wonderful school community’s 30th Anniversary was certainly one of my highlights in my role.

Amanda
Community Relations Officer Sept 2002 – April 2015
A note from the Board Chair

Generally most people enjoy a celebration or the marking of a ‘milestone’, whether it is birthdays, anniversaries or other significant event. Two of these significant MECS anniversaries have occurred while we have had children at MECS - in 2003 the 30th Anniversary and more recently the 40th.

This year marks a milestone for our family: it is the last year of school for our youngest child.

Amidst the celebrations of the last day of school in October and exams done and dusted and graduation, we will sadly no longer be parents at MECS, after 16 years.

Although MECS may not be a part of our daily lives, we will constantly be reminded of the influence that it has had on shaping our children over the years which is so evident in their day to day lives.

While we have marked those milestones each decade at MECS, the founders of the school had the vision and dream much further back, to create a school where God was placed at the centre and that as parents we have the responsibility for the education of our children.

One of the most significant things that drew us to MECS was the honouring of the parent’s role and the partnership with parents. It was this that those early visionaries had as a foundation stone on which to build a school that was governed by parents and where God was glorified as Lord of all things.

Over the years the baton has passed down through the generations to hold that passion encapsulated in a parent governed school.

While we have an excellent team of professionals that have the reigns of the operational aspect of the school in hand it is vitally important that as parents we hold close to our hearts the overarching governance and direction of the school both for current and future generations.

Ian

Keeping it in the Family

Harry and Annamarie Westendorp

Harry joined his first Parent Controlled Christian School Association soon after he started work - about 50 years ago. This was at the instigation of his parents who were founding members of Maranatha Christian School in Doveton. Annamarie's father had also been a strong advocate for Christian schools so it was natural for them, after their marriage, to join the nearest Association, which was establishing Donvale Christian School. Early in the life of that school, Annamarie served for many years on the Education committee and the Board. In 1980, or thereabouts, we left the Donvale Association to start the Ringwood District Christian School (RINCS). Once again Annamarie served on the Board of that school. When RINCS was absorbed into MECS in 1985, we transferred to the Mount Evelyn Christian School Association. In 1986, Harry joined the Board at MECS and served as Chairman between 1992 and 1997. During this time he helped drive a new governance model that more effectively separated the Board's role of governance from the staff's role in managing the school. He stepped down from the Chair in 1997 due to increasing work demands, and resigned from the Board in 2000 due to his role being largely based interstate. Annamarie joined the Board in 2008 and served for a further 6 years.

We have always had a vision of how Christian education can complement the home by providing formal education from a Christ-centred perspective. We believe that this approach has borne fruit in the lives of our children.

We are now enjoying seeing the benefits of MECS realised in the lives of our grandchildren also, and we thank God that he has given us this particular blessing. We continue to stay members of the Association because we believe that supporting Christian education is a lifetime commitment.
Contact Us
We would love to hear from any past students wanting to reconnect.
If you would like to be on the mailing list to 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 9738 6000 or by emailing us at reconnect@mecs.vic.edu.au.
Nicole
Community Relations

Introduction to Lisa

Name
Lisa

Children?
Jake in Year 9, TJ in Year 7 and Kiara in Year 4, all attending MECS.

Did you attend MECS?
Yes, from Year 7 to Year 12.

Occupation?
A few things - breastfeeding counsellor, lactation consultant and administrative officer.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?
It is hard to narrow it down to one person as different teachers influence you in different ways. I have special memories of David Paech as my teacher from Year 4 through to early in Year 7 while I was at Ringwood District Christian School. One of the advantages of having the same teacher for a long period of time is that you get to know them as much as they get to know you.

What was your first car (make, model and colour)?
Mitsubishi Sigma in pale blue.

What would your dream holiday be?
When I was younger I would say an around the world ocean liner cruise. Now I am not so sure that I would handle that so I think an around the world plane trip would be good. But really, what I enjoy most, is lots of time reading books in exotic situations where someone does all the cooking for me.

How long have you been on the MECS board?
Since June 2014

What is your role on the board?
Currently I am vice-chair and have the portfolios of Association and Teaching and Learning.

What does your role entail?
I go to Board meetings once a month, as well as meeting up with the Board Executive 4 or 5 times a year. I meet monthly with Nicole to discuss Association issues and once a term we meet with the Association sub-committee. I will also participate in conversations with prospective Association members.

Why did you join the Board?
My experiences growing up, both as a student at this school and as a child in a family who actively supported Parent Controlled Christian Schools, meant that I also believe that the education I wanted for my kids was one that presented Christ in and through all of life. The Board offered me a chance to use my time and gifting to work towards seeing that vision realised. In some ways, my understanding of what this meant was underdeveloped and I am thankful for the ways in which being part of the Board has taught me so much already about what it means to seek the Kingdom of God not only in the education of children but also in my own life. It is a blessing to be able to serve our school community alongside these people.
1990s

Narelle (class of ‘90)

I arrived at MECS in 1989 as a country girl from Yackandandah and enjoyed every minute of Year 11 and 12 in the Senior School at MECS. I have so many good memories, but my happiest are centred around friendships, not just with students but with teachers who, to my utter surprise at the time, truly cared!

After school I worked at Vision Australia as a special needs Child Care Worker. After a few years I started studies at the Bible College of Victoria where I completed a Diploma of Ministries, and met and fell in love with my husband Sandy.

Sandy (who was born in Zimbabwe) is a pilot and was in the process of joining Mission Aviation Fellowship. We married in 1996, and moved to Johannesburg in South Africa.

During this time I was working as a Child Care Worker at a preschool and helping out at the MAF office while Sandy flew all over Southern Africa.

In 1998 we moved to Lesotho to work with MAF in the Flying Doctors program to the Basotho mountain people. During this time we lived through a military coup and our first child, Rachel, was born. I was volunteering at several orphanages in the area and my experience in working with special needs children allowed us the opportunity to foster special needs babies in transition between hospital and orphanages. Our second daughter Megan was born through this busy and wonderful time.

We moved back to Johannesburg in 2003 where we were lucky enough to do some short term trips with MAF. Three months in Madagascar helping out a MAF base, and then 6 months in Chad during the Darfur crisis. I was homeschooling our girls and learning a little French while Sandy was flat out clocking up his flight hours. Happy days!

Some joke that MAF really stands for Move Again Friend… and in our case it was very true. 2006 found us heading to Papua New Guinea where we were based in Mt Hagen for 2 years. We were beginning to become weary of our nomadic life - it was time to settle in one place. I began some study in preparation for returning to Australia and completed a certificate for Teacher Aide.

We moved back to Australia in 2008 and put our kids into MECS. The support we received was invaluable. I worked as an Integration Aide at a school in Heathmont and Sandy found an office job at a flight school at Moorabbin. Sandy only lasted two years, the itch to get flying again was too great and he took a touring job back in PNG.

During these years I worked for a short time in the MECS office, and for some time at Kilsyth Primary and we bought our first home in Kilsyth. Finally, we were putting down some roots. In 2013 Sandy landed a flying job in PNG that enabled our family to live up in Port Moresby together. Our girls had two years at an international school experiencing the multicultural delights and challenges of expat life. It was a super tough two years, but we made it through and returned to Melbourne at the beginning of this year.

And we are back home. For now. To my utter delight I landed a job back at MECS as a Learning Assistant. Our girls are back at MECS and Sandy is touring again back in PNG. Life is pretty wonderful. Thanks be to God!

1980s

Petra (class of ‘83)

There was a bunch of us who moved to MECS in Year 11 in 1982. We came from Donvale Christian School (as it was known then) because Donvale only went to Year 10. We all lived in the Box Hill/ Mitcham area and had been in the same class together for years so MECS was really an extension of our class.

Getting to MECS was tricky but somehow it was organised that Roger Fernando would take us all in his very old Toyota bus.

I loved my 2 years at MECS. The teachers were open and eager to teach us, debate with us and encourage our growth. I remember fondly devotions in the mornings with Glena Smith and Tani Meadows.

I remember making toasted sandwiches in a vertical grill in one of the classrooms (there was no hang out room so a classroom had to do).

I remember the winters were very cold and we'd be indoors every single recess and lunch for months on end.

I remember that we all hung out together.

I went on to university, at first not sure what I wanted to do. The way of thinking and critiquing society from a Christian perspective was one of the aspects of MECS that really stuck with me and has been a wonderful dove-tailing into the vocation that I was led to Social Work. One of the aspects of Social Work is to say "wait a minute, this is not just….why is this so…..who is benefiting or not benefiting from the way society handles poverty, discrimination or whatever the issue is; and then works with individuals or groups to make change."

The memories and the great things I learnt along the way have stayed with me and I love the fact that my children are now exposed to similar experiences at MECS.

2000s

Ric (class of ‘07)

My favourite memories have to be of the camps. They were all really fun. Cliff was my favourite teacher because he would laugh at my jokes.

After MECS I did a number of TAFE courses to find out what I would like to do in life. It wasn’t until 2011 that I found my passion for food and cooking. I started studying Hospitality and am now doing a Cert 3 in Commercial Cookery at Holmsglen in Waverley. I hope to work in a pub or bistro when I finish. I like to cook rustic, free range, organic food.

I have been playing lots of cricket in the Yarra Valley and in Croydon.

I also like to travel and have been to Alaska a couple of times to visit my grandparents. I would also like to travel to Europe and other parts of the USA.
Recent Celebratory Moments

Gabi (class of ‘05) married Vincent on 28 March 2015 at Activate Church in Wantirna. The bridesmaids were Ilana (class of ‘09), Madeline (class of ‘03) and Jaclyn (class of ‘05) and Maria (Vincent’s sister). The Groomsman were Dale (class of ‘10) Graham, Danish and Joseph.

Gabi with her Mum, Deb Wood.

2010s

Joel (class of ‘12)
I left MECS at the end of Year 11 in 2011. One of my favorite things about my time at MECS was the move from Middle School to Senior School. I liked that it was more relaxed, we were treated more as adults, given more responsibility and the teachers worked alongside us.

When I left school I started a carpentry apprenticeship with my Dad. I finished trade school really quickly and am now fully qualified. I am now doing a Certificate 4 in Building so I can apply for my builder’s licence. I have been dating an amazing girl called Lauryn for 4 years. I am involved in the Creative team at Discovery Church and help build stages and props for them. I built the 2014 Christmas stage sets. I am also part of the Young Adults there. Also I love snowboarding! Life is awesome!

David (class of ‘02) & Edith were engaged on 14 March 2015. Pictured with Julian and Marrie.

Send your celebratory news to us!
reconnect@meecs.vic.edu.au
## Calendar

### 2015 Term 3 Week 4: 10 - 16 August

- **Thur 13 August**  
  Wilsons Prom Camp Meeting  
  7.30pm Staffroom

### 2015 Term 3 Week 5: 17 - 23 August

- **Mon 17 August**  
  Primary GT 9am PUMP Room run by JPS  
  Year 7 & 8 AFL & Netball

### 2015 Term 3 Week 6: 24 - 30 August

- **Mon 24 August**  
  Possums Bring your Bike to Kinder Day

### 2015 Term 3 Week 7: 31 Aug - 6 Sept

- **Mon 31 August**  
  Primary GT 9am PUMP Room run by SPC  
  Year 10 Basketball

## MECS Instrumental Recital Showcase

For families with surnames E-M, Wed 19 August, 7-9.30pm in the Senior School Theatre. High tea supper provided.

## Financial Assistance Information for Parents

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school and will be credited to your account.

### How to apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

### Closing Date

Applications close 18 September 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

## Ranges TEC Fundraiser

A Sausage Sizzle fundraiser for Ranges TEC Darwin Trade Mission trip to Woolanling. Darwin will take place for Primary School students on 18 August outside the PUMP Room. Pre-order forms must be returned with payment by tomorrow - Friday 14 August.

- $2 for a sausage,  
  - $1.50 for a can of soft drink,  
  - $2 for a sausage and a can.

## 1st Mt Evelyn Scout Group

Is your youth looking for something to do? Have you thought about Scouts?

At Scouts we learn new skills, make new friends, play games, challenge ourselves, go camping and have fun!

We are offering 3 free try out sessions.

- Joeyes 6-7 years, Cubs 8-10 years, Scout 10-14 years, Rovers 18-25 years, Venturers 14-17 years, meeting at Mount Evelyn and Montrose Hall. For more information call Carolyn Murphy 0425 772 623, GL1stMtEvelyn@gmail.com, or visit www.MtEvelynScout.org.au, or www.VicScout.com.au.

## Notices sent home this week and on Website

- VCE Music Performance Notice (last week)  
- JP Water Camp Notice  
- Kinder Connections No 7, August 2015  
- SS Connect Morning Tea Invite  
- SP Connect Morning Tea Invite

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**Sensory Integration Workshop**

Saturday 22 August, 2-4pm, Canterbury Gardens Community Church, $20/person. This workshop is for those who want to know more about Sensory Processing Disorder and its impact on people living with this condition, and their families. The information given is primarily for non-primary care givers. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

There is a limit of 50 places, so if you’re interested, please don’t wait to book your place. RSVP to Elizabeth Sparke lilybee@gmail.com and then go to www.sensorymatters.com.au to the workshops tab for payment.

### Apples & Pears

The next delivery will be on Friday 14 August. Please hand your order in to the office in an envelope by 10.30am that morning and ensure you have your name and order written on the front of the envelope, with the correct money enclosed. Varieties available include Fuji, Granny Smith, Pink Ladies, Golden Delicious and Green Pears. Bags are 5-6kg and the cost is $10 for apples and $8 for pears.

**Cassie**  
**Receptionist**

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For more information on published week.

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