Secondary Athletics - a friendly competition

Emily, Jeneba, Zoe & Beth rest after running their relay section
There's a whole lot happening!

This week sees many interesting events occurring both inside and outside of MECS.

Election

A few weeks ago we hosted a round table at MECS and invited leaders from other independent schools to hear current policies from potential candidates for the Casey electorate. This weekend, we all have a chance to vote. At MECS, we do not endorse any particular political party but I encourage you to prayerfully consider each candidate’s viewpoints on the issues that affect our country. You can find these on each party’s websites including their affinity with independent schools, education and faith. May God guide you in this important decision.

Welcome to our Japanese visitors

On Tuesday, four Japanese students arrived and will be with us for the rest of Term 3 and for half of Term 4. MECS has supported these cross-cultural experiences for many years, and we are looking forward to some cultural and social interactions with our visitors over the coming weeks. We hope that their experiences at Christian schools in Australia will be encouraging and impactful as each student experiences different elements of the school, in particular the Middle school.

Special Week

Speaking of the Middle School, its Special Week this week and a range of activities are occurring that allow students to explore various aspects of the curriculum in a broader experience. Cycle A have been looking at ‘Medieval Culture’ and they will have a number of different experiences that characterise what it may have been like to live during this time period.

Year 9

The Year 9 team are participating in an industrial program that shows students different facets of the process in creating a product, and marketing them for sale. There will be selling some of their creations – details are on the back page of this newsletter, so come and check out what the students have been working on.

Other News

The Primaries are continuing with their preparation for the Production and the Senior School are making arrangements for the Centre Trip, so there is busyness all around the school. It’s great to see our commitment to integral curriculum allowing our students to see God’s world in a wider context. It takes a lot of commitment from our wonderful staff to make these experiences possible.

I look forward to seeing many of you around the school in the coming weeks at any of these events!

The old library was one open space, with a corner office and store room. For most of its history there was a need to use other parts of the school to house the growing collection and for the function of the library. One area was part of the Senior School, another, one of the classrooms – even the small staff room (at the time). The classes were rigidly booked in or as one space could only facilitate one class at a time. On Wednesdays, the whole day was dedicated to the Middle School only - the other days for Primary. Senior School had a facility in their Study Centre. The actual building was where Cycle B is now – but this present building has been extended by about 25%. We had no computers to start with. The library system was manual, and the catalogue a card system. We were using computers for the library system around the time we were moving, with the view to having many more computers for student use also in the new facility.

The new library has been an amazing blessing. It continues to be the Resource Centre, and a place to enjoy.

Marrie
Teacher/Librarian

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**Primary Hoop Time**

Last week a group of Middle and Senior Primaries headed off to Ringwood and Dandenong to compete in the Hoop Time Basketball competition. We had 5 MP teams and 4 SP teams representing our school playing in a round robin format.

On Wednesday our MP teams competed well showing great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship with our Rookie team finishing top of their group. Our other teams fought well all day but struggled against some very good opposition. We can be proud of the way the MP’s conducted themselves as they kept their chins up and played to the best of their ability.

Our Senior Primary teams were impeccably well behaved and represented MECS in a very good fashion. Our teams were a lot more competitive this day taking some games right to the end. Our Rookies and Future Stars teams played very well and even managed to win a few games. Well done to all students who competed.

A big thank you to our Middle School coaches who were brilliant both in the lead up to the competition in training our teams and also on the day where they managed each team, working out subs, giving tips, last minute training and being official scorers. Without their help the day would not have been possible.

_Derek_

_PS Sport Coordinator_
MECS Notes

‘Adventures in Wonderland’
Primary Production needs help: Make Up Artists Needed!
We are in need of some make up artists for the Matinee performance and the Evening performance of the production. We need some trickier face art done on the Lorikeet, Dodo, Mouse, Pig, Caterpillar, Dormouse, Rabbit, Cheshire Cat, Mock Turtle, Hare and Gryphon as well as some general makeup on other characters like The Mad Hatter, Tweedledee, Tweedledum, Alice, Anna, Lewis Carroll, the Story Tellers and the Duchess. The Cards need some patterns drawn on their faces and the boys in Prep O and MPC need some moustaches drawn on them. Also some classes need their hair sprayed with coloured or glitter hair spray.

If you are able to provide some expertise in this area or if you are able to help with the general make up, please leave your details at the office (name, mobile number and how you can help).

Other Needs
Does anyone have a pair of black size 7 - 8 jazz shoes that Meggie and Bec could borrow for the Primary Production? If you do, could you leave them at the office with your name and phone number so we know who to thank and return them to?

If you have any of the items below and wouldn’t mind lending them to the school for the production, let Janine or Carmen know ASAP. Thanks.
• A feather quill and ink pot
• Pictures in old fashioned frames
• Gloves - white - adult and child sizes
• Bubble blower shaped like a pipe
• A judge’s wig
• Fob watch
• Small old fashioned writing desk

Janine

Friends of MECS

Father’s Day Stall
Last Friday we held the Father’s Day Stall and although student numbers were low (a big group of SP were out at Hoop Time) sales went well and we raised just over $500! Thanks to all the families that support this stall. It is such a pleasure to help the students choose gifts for their Dads, and Dads we hope you enjoyed the gifts chosen for you!

A huge thank you to Evelyn and Julie who helped organise and run the stall, and to Rachel, Linda, Eize and Lisa who helped out on the day - we couldn’t run these great days without the support and practical help of our wonderful parents!

Festival Day
We are planning a fun Festival Day on October 26, for the past and current MECS Community. If you would like to be involved please contact Nicole.

Community Meals
Freezer is Empty
There are families in our school community who need some practical support. We would like to be able to give them some meals but the freezer is EMPTY. We would appreciate meals, in disposable containers, either bought freshly made and we can freeze them, or frozen. They can be taken to the Main Office. Please mark the container with the ingredients, the amount of people it will feed and the date it was made. Many thanks.

Nicole & Amanda
Community Relations Officers

MECS is turning 40!
Festival Day
Saturday October 26, 1-5pm
Come along and celebrate

• Great food and coffee
• Activities for the kids
• Jumping Castle
• History displays
• Bands
• Meet MECS community members past and present

Celebrating 40 Years
1973-2013
See our website or facebook page for more details www.mecs.vic.edu.au
Extra carparking and shuttle bus available from the York on Lilydale carpark.

Kindergarten Father’s Day
Last Tuesday evening Possum and Koala Kinder children brought their Fathers along to kinder. We had children painting their Dad’s hands for hand printing, playdough making, journal writing, block constructions galore, hammering creations and many more marvellous activities for children to explore with their Dads. We weren’t sure who would be more tired by the end of the night, children or Dads! The night finished off with a few songs and children gave their Dads a special drawing for Father’s day. Thank you to all of the fathers who came along, it was a very special night.

Wendy
Early Years Coordinator

Primary School Production
Tues 17 Sept
Dress - Rehearsal
Wed 18 Sept - Matinee
12.30pm
Thur 19 Sept - Evening
7pm
Kindergarten Bike Day

Four year old Kinder children brought their bikes along to Kinder last week as part of our road safety awareness program. The children practised their skills in the lower Primary basketball area. We remembered the rules we learnt at Kew Traffic School... not too fast, obey the signs and look out for pedestrians. There was slalom riding and thankfully no crashes! This was a highly successful event, well worth the lugging of bikes to Kinder, thank you parents!

Wendy
Early Years Coordinator

MECS Notes

Parent Teacher Interviews and Parent Teacher Online (PTO)

The Parent Teacher Interviews are being conducted on Monday 9 Sept, Wednesday 11 Sept and Tuesday 17 Sept for Primary and Middle School students, and Monday 9 Sept and Wednesday 11 Sept for Year 10 and 11 students.

For parents of Year 12 students, if you would like an interview, please contact the office and the admin team will book a time for you.

For parents who have a current email address on our database, you will have received an email with your user name (parent surname) and a unique password. If you have not received this email, please contact the office for it to be sent again.

The PTO booking system will be accessible from 5 September at 5pm and you can access the PTO site by clicking on Parent Teacher Interviews in quick links on the home page of the school’s website www.mecs.vic.edu.au, or clicking on the link through MECS updates on the website.

If you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere, a letter will be sent home with this information for you, and you will be able to contact our admin staff (Main Office or Senior School office) who will be able to book these online for you.

Enjoy booking your interviews!

Christine
Office Manager

Students travelling on buses with myki

A message from Public Transport Victoria (PTV)

Bus drivers sell and top up myki cards. A Full Fare myki costs $6. A Concession, Child or Seniors myki costs $3. This cost does not include any travel and the card needs to be topped up using cash. EFTPOS and credit cards are NOT available on board buses. The minimum top up is $1; the maximum $20.

Please Note: If you travel without a valid myki, you are travelling as a Fare Evader. PTV monitors patronage via the new myki system electronically. If students are not touching on and off properly, then the message PTV gets from the system is that the demand for passengers on routes relevant to our school are lower than they really are. In some areas myki use has been so low that the system indicates no service is required! We want bus services to continue, so please use your myki card.
Secondary Athletics

Our first Athletics carnival at the Mount Evelyn track proved a great success for weather and breaking records. We had 20 records broken or equalled. This is a significant achievement as we have been keeping records since 2008. Clearly, some of these students should be competing in a club.

As this was a local event it was so pleasing to see more parents able to come and see their children compete in events.

It was a highlight seeing students who may not enjoy every day at school, excel and shine in this environment all day. It was fantastic for others who were in lots of events to help their team. It is always fun to see what wacky outfit some of our students come in. Thanks to all the staff for their hard work and joyfulness.

The downside of the day was with James, who suffered a rare injury that occasionally occurs to top athletes. We wish him a quick and complete recovery.

Results (not taking numbers in a tribe into account) – Drum Roll... For the first time...

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

2013 New Records

Well done to the following athletes:

Bethany 400m
Jake 100m
Ben 200m, Triple Jump
Isabel 200m
Luke 1500m
Bri High Jump
Zoe Discus
Luke High Jump
Jemma Equalled High Jump
Mikaela 400m
Asha equalled 400m, 1500m
Charlotte 100m
Bayley Triple Jump
Persis Triple Jump, 200m
Bek 400m
Lanita 1500m, Discus

Anne-Maree
Secondary Sports Coordinator
CERES Excursion

On Wednesday 28 August the JPs went on an excursion to CERES. My favourite part was at the African village. We were taught how to build a hut and we got to do a dance. The girls had the job of collecting the water.

Sophie

At the African village I had charcoal smeared on my face and it tickled. After that we made mud bricks using water, mud and shovels.

Caleb

My favourite part was making the Indonesian batik. The wax was really hot. Ouch! At the African village I had to make mud bricks while the girls poured water onto the mud.

Thomas

My favourite part was the story of the hawk and the hen. I also loved eating the bush tucker.

Mia

I can’t believe I ate a lily pilly berry! I loved it but it was very sour.

Maisie

I went to Ceres and I had a good time. I did wax painting. I did Bush tucker hunting. I did mud bricks.

Caleb

The first thing we did was Batik painting. The next thing we did was go to the African village. The boys in the African village made mud bricks the girls in the African village made huts. In bush tucker we had bug poo and other water stuff (reeds) and we had something we had to suck on.

Isaac

I ate bush tucker! It was weird but it tasted like sugar. It was yummy.

Jason

On the excursion we ate bug poo.

Kyan

We saw a rabbit and the girls made a house too.

Abigail

We made mud bricks.

Harry

My best thing at CERES was when we got to dress up like Africans. It was fun when we got to build a house!

Zoe Rose

On the excursion we had a long walk to Africa Village and we got to dress up and the boys looked like ninjas with boots on and we got to make mud bricks!

Sebastien

On the excursion the girls and boys put black ash on their face.

Charlotte
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**‘Adventures in Wonderland’**

Tickets for ‘Adventures in Wonderland’ are now on sale. There is a limit of 5 tickets per family for the Evening Performance. Matinee tickets are unlimited. Tickets are $5.00 each and can be purchased at the office. Children in Primary School do not need a ticket as they are performing.

Also, please note if you are purchasing the DVD, the recording will be of the Evening Performance. Envelopes with orders and money need to be handed in to the office by Tuesday 17 September.

Enjoy the performance!

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**Caring for our Chooks**

Is there a family who would like to mind (at school) our hard working two-legged egg-laying and earth-scratching friends for a week during the school holidays?

You would need to visit about 3 times over the week. At the end of the week the poo would need to be raked out and put in the compost, and a refresh of the hay in the laying boxes done if needed. Place a little hay on the dirt floor if it has been wet to soak up the mud. During each visit please refresh the water and top up the pellets food. Of course, you get to keep the eggs, collect any veggies that are growing and pat the chooks!

Please email Liesje Wilson or phone the office and leave your details if you can help, and I will phone you back.

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**Year 9 Market**

Year 9s are having a ‘Finders Keepers’ market! For Industrial Week the Year 9s are creating products that appeal to all ages to be sold. So make sure you head down to outside the Office on one of the selected days: Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 or Friday 13 September. There will be a wide variety of treasures to buy such as wooden whistles, fashion accessories, heat packs, iPad covers, fudge, tomato relish and lemon curd. Great quality and reasonable prices! So be sure to bring some loose change.

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**Cricket Victoria**

The Melbourne Stars and local cricket associations are running a School Holiday Cricket Expo. Includes BBQ, and door prizes. Free for all boys and girls!

Tuesday 24 Sept 10am-1pm. Bayswater Park King St and Mountain Hwy or Box Hill City Oval Cnr Middleborough Rd and Whitehorse Rd.

More Information at playcricket.com.au