

Open Village

Term 3 Newsletter

July 21, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3 of Open Village. Our unit this term is 'The Making of the Modern World' with a particular emphasis on the period incorporating the Industrial Revolution. We will be investigating some of the many factors that have shaped the world in which we live today in the following areas:

- Work/Industry
- Socio-political
- Transport
- Philosophy
- Economics

Our exploration of work/industry involves teaching students about the job application process, in particular: writing a résumé, writing a cover letter and going through a job interview. This will culminate in our workplace simulation in Industry Week (Week 7) and the **Middle School Showcase Evening** on **Thursday September 7** from 7:30pm.

You can expect your child to be working on the following assessment pieces during this term:

- Job Application (including cover letter and résumé) - due Monday Week 5
- A Revolution in Our Lives - due Thursday Week 5
- Individual Project - Negotiated
- Group Project - Negotiated

This is a very busy term and a good opportunity for us to gain greater insight into each student's readiness for Year 10. The students will be given all relevant dates in order to effectively plan their time. We will be tracking the students very closely and will provide feedback during the Parent/Teacher Interviews at the end of the term. We greatly encourage you and your Year 9 child to attend the **Year 10 Information Evening** on **Tuesday August 15** at **7:30pm**.

Two of the movies we will be watching during this term are ***Oliver Twist*** (PG) and ***Amazing Grace*** (PG). Both films add to the students' understanding of some factors influencing society and help us to consider what progress is and whether it is always exclusively positive or negative. We also view two documentaries that do not carry a classification. The BBC production ***The Sewer King*** and a 45 min Vanguard documentary ***Sex, Lies and Cigarettes*** that details the marketing and expansion of the tobacco industry into Indonesia. The title of this second documentary is potentially misleading and we encourage parents who may have any concerns to watch the video <https://vimeo.com/130127962>. These resources help us to begin to explore what role we should play in helping to intentionally shape the world around us.

Important Dates for Term 3:

Date	Event
Week 3: Tuesday 8 August 10am	Whole School Assembly (Morning Tea in the Staffroom from 9am)
Week 4: Tuesday 15 August 7.30-9pm	Year 10 2018 Information Evening in the Theatrette
Week 5: Wednesday 23 August	Year 9 Ranges TEC Excursion
Week 7: Monday 4 - Friday 8 September	Middle School Special Week
Week 7: Thursday 7 September 7.30-9pm	Middle School Showcase Evening
Week 8: Monday 11 September 4-9pm Week 8: Thursday 14 September 4-9pm	Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 9: Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 September 9-11am	Maths, Science and English Exams
Week 9: Friday 22 September	Last Day of Term 3

We are looking forward to another great term!

Yours truly,

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