Dear Parents,

Welcome to our final term for the year. During this term the Year 9 students will be investigating the Australian Identity and how this has been shaped by a variety of factors. Some of the factors we will look at more closely are Federation, Immigration, Wars and Government.

As part of an introduction to the Australian Identity we will be viewing the iconic Australian movie The Castle on Wednesday 16 October. This film has an M rating due to some coarse language. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any concerns about your child watching this.

One of the highlights of this unit will be a six-day long camp to Canberra. Students will depart on Monday 18 and return Saturday 23 November 2013. To allow adequate time to rest after the camp the Year 9 staff and students will not be required to attend school on Monday 25 November 2013.

While on camp the students will view Beneath Hill 60, a film with an M rating. If you would like any further details about the content of the film or you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher prior to camp.

Towards the end of the year we are considering watching the movie Joyeux Noel, if time permits. This movie does contain a brief sex scene but be assured, this part of the movie will not be shown to the students.

It has been an exciting year with many students exceeding our expectations in the areas of personal growth and the quality of the work that has been produced. It has been a delight to work alongside each of them in Open Village. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and words of encouragement during the year.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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Year 9 Teachers