From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2 – I hope everyone had a refreshing break as we now face a long Term as it is 11 weeks in length. Reports went home last Term if any parents would like to see any teachers please make an appointment to do so.

I visited our year 10 and 11 students at their work placements in the last week of Term 1 and not surprisingly all employers gave a glowing report about our students. Again not surprisingly our students were all having a wonderful time and making the most of their opportunities. It is a credit to the individuals but also you as their parents as they all were well mannered and hard at work whilst learning on the job.

We welcome Mr Bruce Smith (no relation to Miss Caroline Smith) to our staff. Bruce has taken on the position of Gardener/Maintenance/Technical Assistant and has also become a member of the community with his family. If you see a new face around the town please take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Our VCE students have a few weeks before they sit their first exams of 2012 with all students being involved in at least one VCAA set mid-year exam. All students from year 9 – 12 will participate in school set exams in week 10 of this Term (18th – 22nd June) therefore they all need to be studying each night to be successful in their schooling.

It is quite a busy Term also with year 9 students at Alpine, various camps, years 3, 5, 7 & 9 participating in the NAPLAN, Cluster sport for years 4-6, XCountry, VCE Culture Trip and Flying Start. These are just a few of the activities currently on our calendar.

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to fill in the surveys unfortunately we only received 33% of them filled in. We will take into consideration your comments but with less than a third returned it is hard to make decisions to best suit our parent community.

Mr Leith Birnie has agreed to continue working with us for Semester 2 of 2012 as Ms Fiona Harmer has requested a further 6 months leave.

Next week is ANZAC day and Miss Caroline Smith is organising for us to celebrate our soldiers past and present on the 24th at 10am. All community members are invited to attend the ceremony.

Just a reminder that to be on school grounds at any time you need to sign in at the front office or have permission from the Principal. We have had things go missing again over the holidays and looking into a system to ensure our belongings are not vandalised or stolen. Please keep your eyes and ears open and if you see or hear anything that doesn’t sound right contact the school or the local police.

Lastly I would like to congratulate Mrs Joelene Goldsmith and Daryl on their announcement of their impending birth. We wish them luck throughout the next 20 odd weeks.
Following a number of very public cyber incidents over the easter break I thought it was appropriate to begin Term 3 with some cyber safety reminders! The fallout from EnergyWatch’s debacle is still attracting media attention, and so it should. EnergyWatch’s CEO, Ben Polis, was forced to stand down after he posted a litany of racist and sexist comments on Facebook. Did he ever think the comments would cost him his job as CEO? Comments of this nature can certainly come back to bite you, be careful what you publish online!

If you require further information regarding cyber safety don’t email Ben Polis, log on to www.cybersmart.gov.au

MORE TIPS FOR YOUR KIDS & TEENS

- **It’s still public.** Even if your profile is private you can’t control what your friends do with the information you post. It’s important to guard your privacy—don’t post information or photos that you wouldn’t want everyone to see.

- **Remember,** not everyone is who they claim to be. Although it’s great to have online friends, including them on your ‘friends’ list allows people you don’t know to learn all about you. This information could be used for a scam, to steal your identity or worse.

- **Keep your online friends online.** If you do want to meet someone that you haven’t met so far in person, ask a parent or another trusted adult to go with you and always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.

- **Say no!** Free offers are usually too good to be true and can end up costing you a great deal.

- **Be considerate.** Only post comments you would be happy to receive yourself. Don’t post photos of other people without their permission. Remember, when you post photos you might be impacting the privacy of your friends too.

- **Don’t respond** if someone sends you unkind or bullying messages or asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Instead, tell your parents or another adult you can trust.

Jamie Russell
Leading Teacher
Dates to Remember

**April**
- Tasty Thursday: 19th April
- Alpine School Commences: 23rd April
- Anzac Day: No school: 25th April
- Tasty Thursday: 26th April

**May**
- Cross Country: 11th May
- SSSA Cross Country: 23rd May

**June**
- Student Lead Conferences: 15th June
- 9-12 Exams: 18th June
- Students return from Alpine School: 23rd June
- Xmas in June: 29th June

**ANZAC Day**
As you know next Wednesday is ANZAC Day. On Tuesday 24th April at 10am we will be holding an ANZAC Day ceremony at School and we invite all members of the Community to join us.

ANZAC day badges and wristbands are available to buy from either the School or Pub as they have been for the past few years. Badges start at $2 and wristbands are $3.

I thank you for your support and hope to see you next Tuesday at 10am.

Caroline Smith

**School Lunch orders**
orders are available this Wednesday from the Hotel

**Easter raffle Winners**
Congratulations to
- 1st Prize Graeme Ruchel
- 2nd Prize D Stanley
- 3rd Prize A Simmons
- 4th Prize Clay Harmer
- 5th Prize Carter Blaby
- 6th Prize W Shorrock
- 7th Prize Lyn Scott

Thank you to everybody that brought tickets and donated raffle items. The amount raised from our Easter Raffle totalled $539.00
Welcome back to Term Two. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter break and that you are all ready for this slightly longer Term.

This Term we are looking at Families and Home, if you have a chance to visit the Pre-School you will notice that everything has been moved around to provide the children with a proper home area for imaginative play.

Next Tuesday, April 24th is Library Day so please ensure that your child brings back their library books so that they can borrow some new ones.

As it is ANZAC Day next Wednesday we will be participating in the School’s ANZAC Day ceremony on Tuesday morning at 10am. You are more than welcome to come to School to participate in the ceremony with us.

If you would like your child to purchase an ANZAC Day badge ($2) or wristband ($3) they are available from the School or Pub.

We have some new children starting at the Pre-School this week, two in the three year old group and one in the four year old group. I hope that they all settle in quickly and enjoy their time with us at Pre-School.

Please remember to pack a drink bottle for you child every day. The weather is still warm and even in Winter we need to drink lots of water.

**Shared Snack Ideas**
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Dry biscuits
- Dried fruit

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