Congratulations to all students and staff on a positive and productive beginning to the school year. All students have been provided with their individual timetable and they settled well into their classes. VCE students have discussed and begun study on the outcomes for their unit 1 and 3 studies. Teachers are currently finalising the calendar of SAC’s (Student Assessed Coursework) and SAT’s (Student Assessed Tasks) for the VCE.

Year 7-10’s have settled well. There have been changes to the program for these groups. Year 9 and 10’s have selected two electives for study this semester (Term 1 and 2). The electives have replaced the Extension Program offered in previous years. In these electives students will have the opportunity to develop proficiency in use of tools, materials and mediums.

VCE and middle school students wishing to change their subject selections should do so by seeing Deb or Mary as soon as possible. Changes cannot be made informally, as it is important that accurate entry of information for VCAA, VASS and Department requirements is made.

Year 7 and 8 students now complete 2 lessons in their Community Action Project. Initially they will complete elements of the “You Can Do It Program” and it is hoped that later in the year these students will support and offer activities to students from our local primary schools.

A whole school initiative is our involvement in the “You Can Do It Program”. All classes will be involved with the aim of building confidence, resilience, organisation, persistence and tolerance. We are very excited to be offering the program and believe that it will enhance the experiences of the students. Interim Reports of student progress will be available to parents on Thursday April 2nd. We invite you to meet the teachers, and share a BBQ meal with us on this day. At this time you will have an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress.

I wish all students a successful year.

Mary Barclay
Assistant Principal

From the Office...

EMA
EMA application forms were sent out last week. EMA forms need to be returned to us NO LATER than:-
FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.
No late claims can be accepted.
To be eligible you must have a valid Pension or Health Care Card, or be a Foster Parent as at 28th January 2009. Please return forms directly to the office or post to us at PO Box 99, Richmond VIC 3121.

2009 FEES
Statements and information about 2009 Fees were also included in our mail out last week. As we did not have information at the time, of which students would be enrolled in VET or VCAL programs, individual charges for these have not been processed yet. Please try to pay your child’s fees as early as possible, as this money is required to purchase materials for the classroom, and food for the lunch program.

ABSENCES
Please notify the office on 9428 4421, if your child is absent any day. Department of Education policy requires us to also obtain the reason for a student’s absence. Electronic rolls will be marked each period (4 each day). SMS messages will be sent to parents/guardians at the end of period one to notify you if your child is absent during this time.
Principal’s Report

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The GHD Engineering group & Melbourne Water have indicated that they will continue to fund the breakfast program & members of both groups commenced serving breakfast to our students from the first day of the new school year. Students who attend also receive a free MET card to support good student attendances at school. I would like to thank them for their continued support through the Good Shepherd & Family Services organisation, which also supports the school with the Bridge & Dish programs, the Pre-Driver Education Program & L – P program; & the school Chaplaincy program. Without their continued support we would not be able to run these very valuable programs for our students.

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Pre-Driver Program

The Pre-Driver Program has been developed with a focus on safe and lawful attitudes and behaviours about road safety. The program is funded by IOOF. The target age range is 16-20 and the young people who take part, will live, work or study in the City of Yarra. As well as helping the young people who participate, learn the road rules, so they can sit for the learner permit test at VicRoads an emphasis will be placed on pedestrian and vehicle passenger behaviour.

The PDP supports young disadvantaged people who cannot access the traditional assistance to obtain a learner permit. Referrals for the program may come from school programs, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service clients, Yarra Youth Services clients or from other organisations and groups.

This program uses the contents of the VicRoads booklet Road to Solo Driving to provide a broad knowledge and understanding of the road rules in Victoria. Specific areas looked at include speed limits, road signs, road markings, traffic controls at intersections, give way rules, turning, freeways, driving safely in tunnels, sharing the road safely, parking, penalties, legal responsibilities, and crash responsibilities.

Resources for the program have been kindly donated by VicRoads and the TAC. The needs of each young person is catered for at an individual and group level and their participation is supported by guest speakers, workshops, road safety dvds, group discussion, road signage activities and online learner permit practice tests.

A variety of partnerships and positive working relationships have been developed during the establishment of the program. They include local schools, Victoria Police, North Yarra Community Health, Yarra Council, VicRoads, TAC and local business. An important feature of the program is the practice test session at Carlton VicRoads. This gives the young person the opportunity to experience the environment and procedure of the test setting before they sit for the learner permit test.

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service in Collingwood conduct a partnership PDP with Yarra Youth Services and other Pre-Driver Programs are delivered at Lynall Hall Community School in Richmond and at two annexes of Collingwood College, The Island and Collingwood Alternative School.

Secondary School Nurse

My name is Anne Bolzonello and I am the Secondary School Nurse at the school.

I am at the school on Tuesday and Thursday if you would like to meet with me. Alternatively you can contact me on my mobile: 0409 169 964.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns with the health, physical or mental, of your son or daughter.

My role is to assist the teachers where required in health education and to meet the needs of the individual student as problems arise.

Students can obtain advice on health issues and be referred to other health providers if required.

Immunisation is being carried out on the 18th of March. This is for year 7 and 10 students. It is important that all students have up to date immunisation.

To ensure student safety, particularly in practical classes like Woodwork, Food and Physical Education students must wear appropriate clothing and footwear. In technology shoes which cover and protect feet must be worn.

In Physical Education runners for team activities and games are required. Students will also be advised by their teacher when activities involve swimming and surfing. On these days they must bring their bathers.

Students may be excluded from activities if they do not have the appropriate clothing or footwear for the class.

Surf Camp 2008
Community Notices

Yarra Youth Services presents:
“BREAKOUT”

Hip Hop, break dance, popping & locking classes by world famous Wickid Force breaker, Arch Illias!

Classes are for young people aged between 12 - 25 living, studying or working in Yarra.

Cost: FREE

When: During School Terms

    Monday   4pm - 5pm Break Dance
              5pm - 6pm Hip Hop

    Tuesday  4pm - 5pm Break Dance
              5pm - 6pm Popping & Locking

Where: Yarra Youth Services
       156 Napier St Fitzroy

For more information contact Louise on Ph: 9416 2200,
Mobile: 0458 048 481

Wanted: adults seeking $1,000 savings reward

Do you have a child attending school in 2009 or 2010, or are you attending or returning to vocational education yourself?

Do you also have a current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card?

Do you or your spouse/partner have a regular income from paid employment?

If you can answer YES to all these questions you may be eligible to join Saver Plus.

Saver Plus is designed to teach people money skills and help them learn how to save.

The program matches participants’ savings $1 for $1 (up to $1,000), to help them pay for educational expenses such as uniforms, text books, school camps and computer equipment.

Saver Plus was developed through a partnership between the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and thousands of people across Australia are learning to save through the program.

For more information contact Aysun Acar at the Brotherhood of St Laurence on 9445-2420.