2014 TERM 1 CALENDAR

Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 1 Calendar dates
http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

YEAR 7 FAMILIES BBQ
Thursday March 13th
5.30 – 7pm. E Wing building
Please contact the school if you wish to attend so catering arrangements can be made.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thursday 3rd April
4.00 – 6.30pm
In E wing

NOTICE FROM VICTORIA POLICE
We have been notified by the Shepparton Police that they will be monitoring the Wilmot Road area enforcing speed limits mobile phone use and parking regulations ie. dropping off and picking up of students. In relation to current School Zone Road Laws.

Educational Tour of Italy 2014

Our next Educational Tour of Italy is scheduled to take place in late June and July this year (for approximately 3 weeks, incorporating Term 2 school holidays). This will allow the Year 12 students to sit for their GAT and complete Semester 1.

The tour, which for many represents a once in a life time opportunity, will offer students an exciting opportunity to visit Italy and experience first-hand the Italian language and culture.

Plans at this stage are tentative and bookings will be made if there is sufficient interest; we need at least 10 students to participate for the trip to eventuate.

Students in Years 9-12 studying Italian 2014, or who studied Italian up to & including Year 9 in previous years will be eligible to participate in the trip.

A letter with more information and the proposed itinerary will be sent home shortly.
Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Shelby Fielden and Brodie Howell (Year 10) who were each awarded a scholarship from the Full Gospel Assembly of God, Melbourne. The presentation took place at Shepparton High School last Friday along with other students from Shepparton Secondary schools. Each student receives $500.00 per year to assist in completing their secondary school studies.

Year 7 Camp was held at the Billabong Ranch near Echuca. I had the privilege of attending Tuesday night and Wednesday. The students had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the staff who attended this camp.

Senior Summer Sports
The senior students participated in summer sports yesterday and had a great time. Some of the activities included: Tennis, Ten Pin Bowling and Clay Target Shooting. Senior summer sports day 2 is on next Thursday the 13th of March and we have 5 Volleyball teams and a Table Tennis team.

SPA Reports
Next week you will receive the first of six SPA (Student Performance Average) reports for the year. These reports will be mailed out to families and you are encouraged to discuss the results with your child/ren. Please use this report as an opportunity to praise your child’s good work and discuss opportunities for development.

Computer Update
Attached to this newsletter you will find a copy of the letter that has been sent home with reports, giving an update from Susanne Gill on computers. Please read the information carefully and contact Susanne at the college if you have any questions about BYOD, emails or eBooks.

Jan Gregory
Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our IT team has everything in place to have your child’s laptop or tablet connected to our wireless internet and intranet system. For those who haven’t yet brought their own device to school, now is the time and the expectation is that all students will have their laptop or tablet in every class by the end of the week (14th March). While at school, your child will be able to access McGuire’s complete network for their learning in class. He/she will also be able to access documents remotely, at home, through their own internet connection—more details to come shortly.

Let me explain some of the features of our services to you and the support for all students’ learning at McGuire College:

1. **BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**
   - Students’ own computers will be set up to access our wireless network so that they can use their computer in class.
   - Most laptops and tablets are acceptable (no phones or mini tablets).
   - There is no extra payment required unless the device is an iPad, Chromebook or Android tablet. In this case, a $58 annual fee is payable to cover Microsoft Licencing fees.
   - Students own device can be connected within 5 minutes once the agreement is signed.
   - No original or personal memory or software is affected by this process.

2. **School emails**
   - All students have been provided with a school email for communication with their teachers and the school.
   - Your child’s email can be accessed through the following website and they have been given details about their username and password. [http://outlook.com/mcguireco.vic.edu.au](http://outlook.com/mcguireco.vic.edu.au)

3. **JACPLUS eBooks**
   - All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 need to access the full suite of Jacplus eBooks for their learning in 2014.
   - The one off payment of $100 (a saving of hundreds of dollars) for all students was on the annual school contributions and is now overdue.
   - All students will have access to their eBooks online this term and I am happy for families to arrange payment before the end of this term.

I plan to make contact with families over the next two weeks if their students aren’t yet bringing computers to school. I am happy to discuss the BYOD program and suggest ways of supporting your child’s education through our highly developed computer infrastructure. Alternatively, if you have any questions on the above points, please feel free to contact me at the College on 58589800.

Yours sincerely

Susanne Gill
Assistant Principal