Date: 29th January 2015

Welcome back to all students and particularly, welcome to our preps. I can remember my first day in preps, (yes ringing Ripley’s Believe it or Not). I remember being scared and also not coming in at recess and then feeling like a fool. Ahhh, how things have changed; for the preps at least. I still feel the same way occasionally. Welcome also to all other student new to the College. Changing schools is never an easy thing and please let us know if you need extra support.

New Positions
Our Principal Mr Madden was informed before the end 2014, that he would become the Acting Principal at Crusoe College in Bendigo for the duration of term 1. We wish him all the best and will miss his leadership and guidance. In his absence I will act as Principal during term 1 and Steve Leed will be my Assistant Principal. Mr Kidman will step in to the role of Middle School Coordinator. With these changes come some classroom changes also.

New Staff
It’s exciting to bring you the news that we have 4 new teaching staff members this year. Some of you may know Mrs Laura Muller, who has worked with us for some time as a teacher aide. She has also completed studies as a P-10 teacher and with a change in Mr Leed and Mr Kidman’s role, will be teaching literacy to the year 6 students and humanities to the year 5s. Miss Sarah Pilkington comes to us as a first year teacher from Latrobe Uni. She will teach a range of maths and science classes to the students from years 5-11. Miss Chelsea Harrington will replace Lynda Cartwright as the performing Arts teacher and will also teach Psychology to our year 11’s. Chelsea has a big year coming, given that its production year. I’m sure she would appreciate any assistance that you may offer leading up to this event. Mrs Maretta Madden, comes to us from Tyrell College, and will job share this year with Mrs Townsend who has reduced her time fraction to two days per week. Please make these new staff feel welcome.

From Left to right
Chelsea Harrington, Maretta Madden, Sarah Pilkington and Laura Muller.
Respect - Resilience - Responsibility - Relationships

P-6 Swimming Program
An information page and permission form for our swimming program has been sent home with your child today. Please read and return the permission form (and money if not paid with the booklist) to the College Office by Tuesday 3rd Feb. We are also desperately in need of parent helpers for the program. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help, please complete the Helper form and return it to school.

Turkish Trip Update
It’s not long until our group of exchange students heads off for Turkey. The plane leaves Easter Monday at 11 pm (ouch). As a fundraiser for this event we will be attending the Star Cinema on the 26th of Feb to see Russell Crowe’s movie ‘The Water Diviner’. If you haven’t seen this, please consider attending with us. Cost is $20 per head which includes supper. We also have two more sausage sizzles left. One at Bunnings on Sunday 8th of Feb and one at Hume and Iser the following Saturday.

Any Prep to Yr 4 parents who are interested in coming to Sub School Captain and SRC election speeches are welcome to come on Friday 6th Feb.

Scott Wilkinson
Acting Principal

Deb Ball Training
Training for all Debs and their partners will commence this Friday 30th January from 7:30pm to 9pm in the gymnasium. Please be there 5 – 10 minutes earlier and be ready to start at 7:30. A meeting will be held Friday 30th January at the beginning of recess in Room 30 for all Debs and their partners for a brief catch up.

Sue Cail
Deb Ball Co-ordinator.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS
A big welcome back everyone. Details of our first meeting this year will be in next week’s newsletter.
Feedback from Wednesday 17th December 2014 – What a lovely spread of lunch after the Final Assembly. Many thanks to everyone who provided a plate. Very much appreciated.
Leanne Welsh (President) 5436 6281, 0447 689 309 or welsh600@gmail.com

Canteen Roster – TERM 1 2015

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