Message from the Principal

On Wednesday 14 August the Minister for Education, Mr Martin Dixon, and Mr Andrew Elsbury our local member, visited the College to see what we have achieved since opening at the start of the year and discuss issues facing our College moving forward.

The Minister met with members of the College Council, members from the Parents Association as well as staff and the Leadership Team. The message conveyed to the Minister was the need to build Stage 2 of the college project to help us manage the growth that is occurring in the Tarneit area.

The Minister was greeted by our grade 3 and 4 choir under the baton of Ms Duarte, and was very impressed by the tuneful and enthusiastic singing of the choir. Considering the choir has only been performing since the start of last term this was an outstanding performance.

As we toured the College it was impressive seeing the work being done in every classroom and particularly the overall very positive attitude of the students. Our visitors would have left our College with a very high opinion of the teaching and learning that is occurring in every grade. I’m sure the Minister had a very pleasing first impression of our school.

Just a reminder to parents that the weather has been very cold lately so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the conditions. There will be no school for students on Wednesday 28 August – it is a Curriculum Day approved by School Council.

Peter Devereux
Principal
A reminder to all families that School Council has approved a Curriculum Day for the College on Wednesday 28 August 2013.

This means that there will be NO school for students.

Please make alternative arrangements for your child on this day.

Nutritional Lunchbox Ideas
A healthy breakfast is essential to getting your child off to a good start in the morning.

Children need plenty of food packed in their lunchbox to ensure energy levels are maintained throughout the school day.

Please ensure a water bottle is always filled up with fresh water and put in your child's school bag everyday.

The common white-bread sandwich isn’t the only lunch box option. Here are some variations:

- a wholegrain-bread sandwich with a cheese and grated carrot filling.
- pita bread pockets, roll-ups or turkish bread with lean meat or falafel and salad.
- dips such as hummus, along with pita or crackers and vegetable sticks for dunking.
- potato salad, chickpea salad, tabbouleh as well as rice and noodle dishes that can be eaten cold.

Other healthy options for a lunchbox may also include fresh fruit, dried fruit, yoghurt, cheese, rice cakes, pikelets and crackers all make nutritious snacks.

For more information about children’s nutrition and lunch please visit www.raisingchildren.net.au
United Regulations
The College has a clear Uniform Policy.

Parents are reminded to ensure that their children attend school in the correct uniform.

Teachers will issue letters for you to sign, if your child is out of uniform.

The following is NOT acceptable:
× Coloured leggings
× Coloured tops under school t-shirts (blue or white is acceptable)
× Non-uniform jumpers and jackets
× Coloured canvas shoes or runners
× Nail polish – your child will be asked to remove it at school
× Make-up of any kind
× Earrings other than sleepers and studs
× Headbands and beads that aren’t in the school colours
× Coloured hair – real or synthetic

Message from the Canteen
Dear Parents and Students

At the Canteen window you can buy the fantastic reusable Sticky Beak lunch bags. Please come and have a look. Free of charge you can also get the Name Tags and order printouts from me when you purchase a Sticky Beak Lunch bag for either $10 or $12.

Remember to always write your child’s name and class onto a lunch order, as sometimes the orders get separated from their tub during processing.
For a limited time we also have Halal Vegetarian Pizza available at $3.50

Sonja Wolff, Canteen Manager

Parents ASSOCIATION

MOVIE NIGHT - DESPICABLE ME #2
6.30pm Fri 23 August
The college will be holding its first Movie Night on Friday (tomorrow). Interested families can still buy tickets at Reception for only $5. This is an unsupervised event and an adult must be present.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Thurs 29 & Fri 30 August
Prices range from $1-$6

SCHOOL BANKING ANNOUNCEMENT
Token Redemption & Reward Day
If you have 10 or more tokens, you can bring them into school on FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER at lunchtime with your rewards voucher to collect your item.
Partners in Training Australia Hoppers Crossing has over 50 courses offered locally. We offer school based apprenticeships for Years 10 to 12 students and a range of courses for family members. We are now taking enrolments for the following courses: Cert III & Diploma in Children’s Services, Cert III Health Administration & Business, Cert III Aged Care, Cert IV Allied Health Assistant, Cert I, II, and III General Education for Adults, Level II First Aid, and Food Safety.

You may also be eligible for Government funded training. All courses are nationally accredited. Visit www.partnersintraining.com.au

For more information or to enroll please call Rosa Mazza on (03) 9748 5511 or email rmazza@ptaust.com.au.