

Year 8 Lorne Camp

Our school camp went for 3 days and was at Camp Kangarooie near Lorne on the West Coast, a 2 and a half hour bus trip away.

Conditions were sunny with lots of mosquitoes at night to keep us busy!

It was an active camp, with activities including ropes course, swimming at the beach, sand castle building, sand dune fun, canoeing on the Gellibrand River, visiting to a working farm feeding cows, Red Faces talent contest (with talent judge Mr Mac acting like a gangster)

My group (Lachlan, Dylan, Jayden, Jonathon, Josh) did a version of Queens "We will rock you"

It was a good opportunity to meet new people who you hadn't met before, practising manners and getting along with people 24 hours a day, respecting the camps equipment and utilities. I learnt how to feed pigs and cows, and even got used to the smell!

Ms Watts, Mr Lotts, Mr Mac, Ms Dwivedi, Ms Swanson, Ms Metcher, Mr Herrick, Ms Stuart, Ms Katikala, were the teachers who came along and helped on the camp.

Alex Krizanovic Year 8



From left Cajetan Faranda, Kayla Gray, Jacky Boxshall, Jordan Kirby, our School Captains modelling the new blazers, which currently are used for students representing The Grange in the wider community, eg debating competitions against other schools. School Captains also wear distinctive yellow shirts so they are easily identified.

What do you think of the School Captains uniforms?



"When you see Westbourne students they always look good, and people think it must be a good school- well so now we will too! People judge others by how they look- its unfair but that's how it is. It's good to not be a western suburbs cliché!"

Stephen Downing



"It makes our school look more inviting to new students. The navy blue looks good, better than our Grange green. I like our skirt but it would be more fashionable if it were a bit longer. I'm glad we have a uniform because its good that people know where we are from and if we wore casuals all the time students would compete with each other."

Louella Vitale



"The outfit looks more mature- I like the blazers because it makes us look more classy. I think it should be for everyday use because it would lift the image of the school. I'm not keen on the polo tops and the wind cheaters but I like the Navy Blue jumper."

Rianne Flack

Helpzone

Home work, school assignments, revision time:
3.00 - 4.30pm
Monday and Wednesday
in the Library
Provided by Melbourne Uni student "AJ"

ANZAC Day Dawn Service



On Saturday 25th April Grange students joined with the local community to observe the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

Mayur Shah attended:

"Miss Skinn told us to assemble at Safeway at 5.50am!

We paid our respects to Australian and New Zealand soldiers who suffered and gave their lives for the well being of future generations."

"We had two minutes silence and then there were speeches and trumpet music."

"The mood was pretty serious as we were paying our respects to those who were dead, and remembering their families"

"Then we had a big "RSL breakfast" where we spoke to RSL members about their experiences."

The Grange has developed close links with the local RSL in recent years, with regular visits to the classroom for talks on the Vietnam War, visits by RSL members on ANZAC Days and RSL sponsorship of Grange events.

Gerald Kearney

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The Grange P - 12 College Parent Newsletter



From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

This term we are reviewing our four year strategic plan. Teachers, students and parents will be contributing to the review through focus group discussions. These will be conducted in May and June. If you are asked to participate please do and assist the college. Our review will form the basis for our next four year plan. We have implemented new programs and policies over the past three years and we now have the opportunity to evaluate our progress and continue the improvement and development of the college.



Extra curricular activities

Parents may not be aware of the extra curricular activities that are currently occurring for students to participate in. Our school counselor Evonne Kurpiewski coordinates lunchtime programs and has organised football for Year 7 students, Dimensions (students have lunch and participate in activities every Thursday), hair braiding and has other activities planned for the rest of the year. The Library is open during recess and lunchtime each day and many students take advantage of this to read, play games or go on the computers. Homework club runs on Monday and Wednesday afternoons in the Library with University tutor "AJ" and Mr Chand offers Science and Maths help Thursdays in C9. At Homework club there are teachers to help the students with their studies. Ms Nowak the year 7 Assistant Leader coordinates public speaking. The students have done very well this year winning two public speaking competitions. The Annual Lions Public Speaking Competition is on again in May and students from The Grange P-12 College will be participating. In June a group of senior boys will be performing at Westside Arts, the concert for selected schools in the Western Metropolitan Region. The boys will be singing in the Hamer Hall at the Arts Centre a unique experience that they will remember for a long time.

College uniform

The College uniform is an important component of being a student at The Grange. It should make students feel good about the school and be proud of themselves. The College uniform policy passed by the College Council outlines the guidelines and what is acceptable. In Term 1 it became apparent that many students were not keeping to the uniform guidelines. Currently there is a uniform blitz and parents received a notice last week. All students need to have the correct uniform and if any parents need a uniform list please contact the general office.

There is a uniform shop at the College that is open on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. It is in the E Block opposite the Bethany Rd car park. For instructions please contact the general office. Parents may be unaware that college woolen jumpers and wind / rainproof jackets are available. As the weather is now colder parents should ensure their children have these items. Jackets that are not College uniform are not permitted. Shoes need to be in line with occupational, health and safety standards and canvas slip ons or ballet slippers do not meet the standard. The uniform policy is to be reviewed by College Council this year.

Angelique den Brinker College Principal

16th annual Cross Country



Nathan Wallace of Year 11 leads the pack at the start of the boys senior event at Cherry Lake at Altona. Nathan went on to win the 3km event in 12.35. "I train 4 nights a week for football and umpiring. We do lots of laps of the oval at three quarter pace with timed recoveries."

"My main sporting interest is football although this year during summer I will be doing athletics this year for Western Athletics up at Aberfeldie. I'd like to be a personal trainer in the future!"

The Grange cross country has been held over the years on the streets of Hoppers Crossing (with a police escort!), at the Point Cook Coastal Park and now at Cherry Lake at Altona.



April 2009

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7-8 Assistant Principal
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11-12 Assistant Principal
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Laban Toose
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Year 10 Leaders
Kim Ireland, Sheryn Toner
Year 9 Leaders
Jeanette Seamons, Taryn Walker
Year 8 Leaders
Lauren Swanson, Tamsin Metcher
Year 7 Leaders
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Middle School Report



Last week's Middle School Parent Teacher Interviews were delivered in a new way, with students leading 'Demonstrations of Learning' for their parents and teachers. Prior to the demonstrations, students selected a sample of their Term 1 work, in consultation with teachers. They reflected on what they had learned, what were the strengths and weaknesses, and what they might do differently in the future.

The 'Demonstrations of Learning' evening was very well attended. Teachers were impressed with the level of preparation, and with the insights that students were able to share, enabling them to set goals for their Individual Learning Plans in Term 2. Congratulations to all! Term 1 ended with a busy week that included the Year 7 Feast Day – the culmination of weeks of Inquiry Rich Task work, in which students investigated various cultural backgrounds. It was most impressive to observe all students participate with such enthusiasm, sharing a national dish and displaying their project work. A very tasty end to the term!

Year 8 students also ended the term on a high note, with the Year 8 Camp – please read the camp report by Alex Krizanovic on the last page/

Term 2 is off to a flying start with the Cross Country Run and Middle School Discovery Days for local primary schools, now behind us. Year 7 students are now preparing for next week's NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN replaces the AIM tests and provides parents with an indication of their child's Literacy and Numeracy levels, against national standards.

This term we welcome Ms Barbara Slusarczyk to Middle School, as Numeracy Coach for Years 7 and 8. Barbara joins Nadia Tkaczuk (Leading Teacher/Pedagogy Coach) and Lee Wilson (Literacy Coach). The Middle School coaching team have received intensive training as part of the Western Metropolitan Regional Office plan to improve levels of literacy and numeracy across the region. Coaches work closely with teachers to further extend their skills.

Karen Baker Middle School Assistant Principal

Student Health

Better Health Channel

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

This is a very reliable and up to date web site that can address any health issues for you and your families.

As you know there are many web sites that are not reliable when it comes to health questions.

This site can give advice around multiple topics such as the Swine

Flu, [the information on this site will not be subject to the games that the media play!] Other topics include Eating Tips for Teenagers, Acne, Teenagers and Sleep, Healthy eating, Negative emotions-coping skills etc.

"PUBERTY " will be covered in the class room at Year 7 so it could be helpful to review the information with your child if they are at that level. It can be a good place to start a discussion on the Physical and Mental Health Issues and the changes that Puberty brings.

Clare Liew Health Promotion Nurse



Bushfire relief

You will be proud to know that over \$730,000 has been collectively raised by our 600+ schools with parents, children, teachers and principals from across Australia and also New Zealand uniting together in their support for those who lost so much in our recent bushfires.

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Diversity at The Grange



Harmony Week last term was a great success for The Grange. The theme this year was "Everybody Belongs" and in recognition of all the work The Grange has been doing to try and engage students and the community over the last 12 months The Grange P-12 College was the recipient of two awards:

2009 Excellence in School and Community Partnership Award

For the work that the whole college has been involved in, developing culturally inclusive curriculum and programs.

2009 Teachers Recognition Award

Presented to Lia Pa'apa'a for her work in cultural diversity and inclusion across both campuses through workshops, parent engagement and teaching. The Grange has an ongoing commitment to engaging all students and community and this term we will be continuing with the cooking and weaving workshops and also introducing much more!!

Diversity Student Reference Group

A student group is being established as an advisory and driving group for the Diversity education at the Grange. Students will have an opportunity to discuss issues relating to them, campaign for local and global issues and learn and develop leadership skills. This group will meet every Wednesday lunchtime in D4.

Wednesday Lunchtime activity- Papua New Guinea Bag Weaving

Students can learn the weaving techniques to make beautiful bilums, from making the rope to weaving it together. This skill can be something that students do on their own for life! To be held in D4.

We are looking for more parents to come and hold lunchtime workshops so if you or anyone you know is interested in holding some workshops, or have any queries please contact Lia Pa'apa'a through the office on 9748 9166.

Wednesday 3:30-4:30- Pacific Island Dancing

Pacific Island Dancing will be commencing next term after school with one of our graduate students from the high school coming back to deliver an exciting program with dancing and singing from Tonga and across the Pacific. Classes will start in week 3 and all students and parents are welcome.

Friday 3:30-5:00-Cultural Cooking Classes

We have been very fortunate to have Nora Simkin, a local chef coming to the high school on Fridays to teach students and parents different recipes from across Asia and the world. We are happy to announce that these classes will be continuing in Term 2. So far we have made dishes like Satay Chicken, Dahl and fried rice.

Where: H4- Home Economics room, Deloraine Campus

When: 3:30-5:00 every Friday starting week 4.

Cost: Gold coin donation.

Lia Pa'apa'a

VET news



As you well know VET at The Grange P-12 College works in conjunction within a cluster arrangement with Hoppers Crossing Secondary College, Werribee Secondary College, Galvin Park Secondary College and Point Cook Secondary College for the delivery of VET programs. This arrangement allows us to offer a breath of VET subjects.

In 2009, due to the overwhelming demand for VET Automotive, The Grange P-12 College negotiated with Hoppers Crossing Secondary College to run a second class for our students on a Thursday afternoon between 3 pm – 6 pm.

I visited our students in this class a few weeks ago to take some photos. They were all engaged and enjoying themselves.

VET Hairdressing

Watch this space for some very exciting news at the end of this term!

Sandra Avellino VET Leader

Grangezine

The Grangezine is an online magazine for both Callistemon and Deloraine students. It contains games, jokes, student news, movie reviews, technical help, cool websites to visit and whats going on at both campuses. It also has reports of whats happened like when we had the Year 7 Feast Day last term.

The Grangezine is made by students for students and it comes out every month. Check it out online now!

Jade Magyar



<http://grangezine.edublogs.org>

Student Wellbeing

The Bigger buddies program involves our Year 9 students being trained in how to work with our Grade 5 and 6 students at Callistemon.

"It was exciting to see the children working and playing together in a good environment." said participant Tarah Larsen.



Football is back!

On Monday the 4th of May the Year 7 boys football team competed in the annual round robin. We competed against Werribee, Carranballac and Manor Lakes Secondary Colleges. I was very pleased to see all boys represent themselves and the Grange P-12 College with pride and were extremely well mannered.

The boys tried hard in all games without a win, with Wes Dejong kicking 5 goals for the day and Reece Heywood 2. Wayne Addicott ran all day and showed his skills off. Chris Wise was brilliant in defence as were all defenders. Josh Buysen played well on the wing and Wes was spectacular all day, running off the back flank, taking makes and bouncing down the wing to set up a few opportunities at goal.

I was very proud to see the boys having a go even though we only could muster up 18 players on the day which meant that we didn't have an interchange bench which meant all of the boys had to run out all three games without having a rest. Well done boys!

Peter Herrick



Wayne Addicott and Wes Dejong outnumbering Carranballac

SRC Report

During this month of the SRC there have been many events. We were going around selling ANZAC day badges and we also went to the dawn service which was held on the 25th of April. There were about 10 SRC members that got up really early to meet each other in Werribee. We also raised quite a bit of money when selling the ANZAC day badges. We then had breakfast at the RSL. On Wednesday the 6th of May the primary school SRC came up to Deloraine and we had a meeting to discuss activities, fundraisers and school beautification ideas.

Cassandra McKenzie



Each year we introduce Grade 6 students to the Deloraine Campus with a series of Discovery Days- here Grade 6 students from The Grange make "bath bombs" for Mothers Day with Ms Thaci.

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