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Newsletter

Term 1, Week 10

3 April 2009

DIARY

7/04 HSC Reports distributed at Parent/Teacher Afternoon

8/04 Chess Championship - Monaro HS
Queanbeyan Court - Year 11 Legal Studies

9/04 STOMP Excursion - 12:00-5:00pm
Raiders Girls 7's - Braddon
Raiders Arrive Alive Cup - 12:20-3:00

10/04 Good Friday – Easter Break

28/04 Staff Development Day

29/04 Students return to School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

School Council

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, there are some parent vacancies on our School Council.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council please complete the nomination form at the end of this newsletter and return it to our administrative office by 3.00 pm, Thursday April 9.

End of Term

Next week, we commence our school vacation, with Thursday April 9 being the last day of the school term.

Second term will commence on Wednesday April 29, for students, with Tuesday April 28 being a School Development Day for staff.

I hope all staff and students have a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. Take time to recharge the batteries and we look forward to continuing our successful work together in second term.

Cambodia and Vietnam Study Tour

29 Year 11 and 12 students are in the final stages of preparation for their upcoming History Study Tour to Cambodia and Vietnam. The group is being accompanied by a number of staff members and parents – making a total touring party of 42 people.

Having participated in this tour two years ago, and looking forward to being part of the trip again this year, I know the group will have a great time.

The tour takes in significant historical sites such as the Angkor temples in Cambodia, the "Killing Fields" Museum in Phnom Penh, Ho Chi Minh City, Hoi An, the former Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), Hanoi and the World Heritage Area of Ha Long Bay.

Thank you to Ms Lauder for spending many, many hours organizing the trip.

Paul Kells
(Principal)

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Karabar High School and Distance Education Centre participates in the official ANZAC Day March each year in Queanbeyan. All students are invited and encouraged to participate this year.

If you are interested in marching please meet Mrs Salvestrin and Ms Andrews near Queanbeyan City Council Chambers in Crawford Street at 10am on Saturday, 25 April.

All students must wear school uniform.

CAREER EXCURSION FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

On Tuesday 31st March a group of indigenous students from Year 9, 10 and 12 visited the Australian Public Service to find out about traineeships and cadetships. Students learnt how to apply and what was involved in the work and training.

Students also visited CIT, ANU and University of Canberra to find out about further study and training options for after they finished school.

The students gained valuable information and enjoyed the visits to different institutions.



VIETNAM VETS 'CAMP' AT KARABAR

Vietnam Veterans Association Talk

On Monday March 30th, representatives from the Vietnam Veterans Association attended Karabar High School to speak to our Year 10 students. "Australia during the Vietnam War Era" is the first of four topics that Year 10 students study in preparation for the School Certificate Exam, so this was a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear about the first-hand experiences of a Vietnam Veteran before, during and after the War.



Students were shown a presentation about the experience of War in Vietnam, given a demonstration of a soldier's "kit" and "hooch", and heard about the controversy that faced the soldiers when they arrived back in Australia.



We thank the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia for providing our students with this excellent opportunity.

INTRODUCING YEAR 7.2

As part of our "Welcome to Karabar" for Year 7, we are doing a weekly feature article on each class. This week, we would like to welcome 7.2 to the school.

The students in this class were successful applicants into our Selective Extension Program and partake in enrichment activities to support the regular curriculum. In Science, the students have been designing and carrying out a range of experiments.

The students are pictured during a recent lesson carrying out an experiment on the effect of combining vinegar and bi-carb soda. We welcome these students to the school!





AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students from Karabar High School took part in the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition this week for a chance to represent Australia in two international geography contests.

The highly regarded Competition is run by the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and is proudly sponsored by the National Geographic Channel.

Approximately 90,000 students from around Australia participated in the competition this year.

The top scorer among students under 16 years old will win a three day trip to Sydney to join seven other finalists for a fun-packed weekend culminating in the Final at FOXTEL Studios on Monday 1 June 2009.

While in Sydney, Finalists will stay with outdoor education provider Land's Edge on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour.

The winner from the Final will represent Australia at the National Geographic World Championship to be held in Mexico City in July 2009.

For further information please contact:

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM ELECTION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Nominee's Details

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Students in family enrolled at Karabar High School and Distance Education Centre:

Name Year

Name: Year

Signature: Date

Nomination Seconded by:

Name:

Address:

Students in family enrolled at Karabar High School and Distance Education Centre:

Name Year

Name: Year

Signature: Date

NB: Please return completed form to the School Administrative Office no later than 3.00 pm on Thursday April 9, 2009