

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO 1

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Principals Report

Welcome to 2014 to both new and 'old' families. We have had a great start to the year with students settling very quickly into the new school year. As we look around the school our students are demonstrating their connection to the school by an outstanding display of wearing our school uniform with pride.

We welcome this year a number of new and returning staff. As well, at the end of 2013, we had 2 staff indicate that they would not be returning or their return would be delayed. This was unexpected and caused some adjustment to classes. This has meant that;

- 9E Mr Rod Clark will be Principal Teacher for Term 1 and 2. It is expected that Mrs Allen will be returning to the school in Term 3.
- In 10B Mr Graeme Cameron has taken over the role of Principal Teacher whilst Mr Peter Bird has taken over the TAPP class.
- Mrs Snyders, Ms Loone and Mrs Van de Wolfshaar all return from extended leave in 2013
- We welcome Ms Ashley Robertson (7A), Mr Gerard Ennis (7D), Danika Hess (HPE) and Kirsty Stacey (HPE).

All our staff are here to help you in any way so don't hesitate to contact us if you have a question or an issue to resolve. All parents can expect contact from their child's Principal Teacher in the first 6 weeks of Term 1.

If you wish to contact senior staff, Mr Crawford is the Senior School Assistant Principal and Mr Graham is the Junior School Assistant Principal.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year. If you would like to take an active part in our school, nominations for the School Association will be coming up in the next few weeks. Please help us by being part of our school governing body.

Water activities – Urgent Action

The Education Department has recently updated the requirements for major excursions. This means that parents will be required to complete an Aquatic Consent Form and a Major Excursion Consent and Medical Information form before students will be able to participate in our HPE beach program, surf carnival and school walkathon. The forms will need to be completed regardless of students actually entering the water.

As a consequence these forms will be posted home to you this week and it is **essential** that the forms are returned by **Friday February 21st**.

Unfortunately for parents this requires a doubling up of information as the same Major Excursion Consent and Medical Information will be required for camp – it will need to be filled out twice. I know that this will be frustrating for parents (and yes you will need to complete the form again in Term 4) but this has been developed by Legal Services and is a requirement with which all schools must comply. Please assist your child by returning the form promptly

Anne Stewart - Principal

GRADE 10 - ELEVATE EDUCATION SEMINAR PROGRAM

On Tuesday 18th February during block 3, approximately 50 grade 10 students including this year's Prefects will attend a unique seminar aimed at helping student with organization and study techniques ready for further on-going studies.

The seminar looks at

- dynamic reading - learn to read texts and pull out the key points, not just summarizing every sentence
- note taking – to take ideas from texts and help facilitate learning
- conceptual learning skills – break information into relevant parts
- independent learning – what does independent learning mean and how to get it done

Students from the seminar will then present information and techniques back to their Principal classes, enabling all students to benefit with better study and organization skills.

We look forward to the impact this seminar will have on students application and study habits at school and home.

Graeme Cameron
Grade 10 Coordinator

GRADE 10 MATHS & SCIENCE TUTORING

Mr Robinson and Mr Cameron will be offering Maths and Science tutoring for any grade 10 student who needs help understanding new concepts, help or catching with work.

Sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Room B08 or B10 from 3.00 – 3.30pm and students can turn up any session and do not need to pre book.

CONGRATULATIONS

Leah Woodberry left Reece in 2011 and has since continued to excel in her chosen field of Music. Recently she was acknowledged at The Don College Celebration of Excellence Meeting for gaining the highest marks in Music Pre-Tertiary. Leah has also been successful in making it through to the second round of 'X Factor' as well as having the opportunity to tour Australia with recent Triple J Hottest 100 winner, Vance Joy.

Congratulations to our ex Year 11 and 12 students on their outstanding success.

Non-Pre-Tertiary Subject Awards	
Cameron Beattie	Food, Cooking & Nutrition 2
Gabrielle Bird	Sociology and Psychology Introduction 2
Tayla Carver	Workplace Maths 2
Eliza Dobson	Japanese 2
Courtney Dowling	Athlete development Introduction 2
Naomey Hingston	Inspire You – Introduction to Hair & Beauty, Work Readiness Literacy 2
Ryan Hope	Computing 2
Cameron Jones	Studies in Music 2
Rennick Jones	Outdoor Education Adventure Rec 2
Rose Knowles	Art Production Foundation 2
Leeya Maingay	Drama Foundation 2
Joshua Parker	Studies in Music 2
Jacob Rundle	Maths Methods Foundation 2
Paige Tapp	Work Readiness 2
Kimberley Tilyard	Working with Children 2
Amy Tyson	Outdoor Education Adventure Rec 2
Tyson Wakefield	Work Readiness 2
VET Subject Awards	
Samantha Bryce	Cert II in Community Services (Children's)
Carmen Chilcott	Transitional Education Life Skills
Sarah Smithurst	Cert II in Hairdressing
Dylan Baker	Cert II in Automotive Vehicle Body
Scott Beard	Cert I in Automotive
Branden Woolley	Cert II in Information, Digital Media & Technology
Pre-Tertiary Subject Awards	
Cameron Beattie	Music 3
Gabrielle Bird	Music 3
Mitchell Cook	Art Production Art 3
Caitlyn Hooper	Outdoor Leadership 3
Ryan Hope	Physical Sciences 3
Rose Knowles	Australia in Asia & the Pacific 3
Monique Lindridge	Food & Nutrition 3
Zara Osborn	Advanced Electronics 3
Ella Slatter	Dance Choreography & Performance 3
Kyle Squibb	Audio Design 3
Leah Woodberry	UTAS Music
Special Mention Awards	
Sophie Nichols	3 EAs



IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS 2014 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

The Devonport City Council immunisation team will soon visit the school to start the School Immunisation programme. The following vaccinations are available for Grade 7 and Grade 9 students and will **only be available free of charge** this year.

- Grade 9 : Adult Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose)course)
- Grade 9 : (Boys only) Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)
- Grade 7 : Adult Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose course)
- Grade 7 : Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)
- Grade 7 : Varicella (1 dose course)
(only available for those if they have not had Chickenpox)

The team will be returning to the school several times throughout the year to complete the programme.

Consent forms are now being distributed to students in the relevant grades. Please return your consent form (completed in blue/black pen) to the school office no later than Wednesday 19th February 2014.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding immunisation, please contact the Devonport City Council Health Department on 6424 0576 directly, not through the school office.

Thank you

Professional Learning Days for 2014

The Minister has approved 4 Professional Learning days for 2014. The purpose of these days is to allow for:

- Consistency of teacher judgment around assessment through moderation processes.
- Support for teachers as new *Australian Curriculum* subjects are implemented.
- Continued work with pedagogy and practice in subjects already implemented.

The Professional Learning days agreed by General Managers for 2014 are:

Tuesday 4th February; Thursday 17 April; Monday 21 July; Friday 24 October

School Terms 2014

Term 1	5 Feb - 16 April
Term 2	5 May - 4 July
Term 3	22 July -26 Sept
Term 4	13 October -18 Dec

CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

18 th February	Grade 7 Parent Information Night
20 th February	School Photos
25 th February	TAPP Resilience Training
25 th – 27 th February	Grade 8 A,B,C Camp
28 th February	Aquatic Activity / Swim trials
3 rd - 14 th March	HWB - Swimming and beach activities
4 th - 5 th March	Grade 9 Camp
5 th - 7 th March	Grade 7 Camp
6 th March	TAPP Resilience Day Training
11 th -13 th March	Grade 8 D,E,F Camp
17 th March	Surf Carnival
25 th March	Immunisation Grade 7 and 9
17 th April	Student Free Day
17 th April	End of term 1

VALIDATION FORMS

A small number of parents haven't updated their child's family details on the 2014 validation forms. Forms will be sent home to those parents who haven't yet updated this form. Please complete and update your information and return to school by 28th March. Please make sure to check the permission for minor excursions on the back page.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION?

To ensure we can provide the best care for your child, it is important the school is aware of any medication, medical conditions or other conditions that may affect your child's performance at school. Please ensure there is a copy of your child's medical action/treatment plan at the office.

Eg: allergic reactions, asthma, anaphylactic shock, diabetic or other conditions. Please contact the office on: Tel 6420 8103.

Argyle Master School Photos Thursday 20th February 2014

All students will have their photos taken on 20th February. All students have been handed envelopes for ordering of photos. **Please return pre named envelopes for school photos by 28th February.** (complete the information on the envelope for every student attending the school)

If you wish to order photos, tick the required box for each child even if payment is in another envelope. Every child must return their own envelope.

Family Photo forms are available from the school office.

Please enclose the correct money as change is unable to be issued. Cash, credit cards, cheque and money orders are accepted.

Any queries regarding payments contact MSP Photography on Tel 6231 5880.

REECE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2014

Nominations are being called for parents/community members to join the Reece High School Association.

We need parents and members of the wider community to nominate. Meetings are usually held once a month during term time on Monday evenings.

Vacancies exist for parent and community members. Intending candidates are invited to complete a nomination form below or available from the school office, and will be received up until 4.00pm on Wednesday 12th March. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday March 17th at 7.00pm.

If you would like to become involved and feel you could add something to the operations and future development of the school and would like further information please contact Jackie Benson for further details.

Susan Kennerley – Returning Officer

REECE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION – NOMINATION FORM 2014

Nominee: _____ Parent/Community (please circle)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Nominator: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return to Reece High School office