Welcome Back
We extend a warm welcome to our new and returning families for 2013. It has been a productive start to the academic year with all classes operating a full timetable from week 1.

We congratulate all students for settling back in to school routine and diligently getting on with learning. The general atmosphere of classrooms, the library and study centre and the yard has been positive and we expect it to continue in this way as the year progresses. We also congratulate the teachers and staff for their dedication and hard work in getting the year off to a great start. Despite the current climate, many teachers worked industriously over the ‘break’ to prepare units of work and to provide classroom programs that will assist all students to reach their potential in the range of courses that are offered at the Delahey Campus.

We welcome the following members to the Delahey family:
Mr. Andy Vaszolyi,
Mr. Kristian Radford,
Ms. Megan Campbell
Ms. Sarah Zapparoni
Ms. Lorenne Clarke
Mr. Juan De Castro,
Mr. Edi Candotti,
Mr. Alan Shearer
Mrs. Mira Starek,

2012 VCE/VCAL Results
Our class of 2012 had great success in both the VCE and VCAL programs. There is a more detailed summary from Ms. Marg O’Shea further in this newsletter; however we would also like to extend our warmest congratulations to those students who excelled and now proudly go into the next phases of their lives taking a little bit of Copperfield with them.

Parent/Carer contact with the campus
We welcome and encourage parents and carers keeping in touch over any matters of interest or concern. Generally, the Mentor teacher is the first point of contact, however if assistance other than the Mentor teacher is required, the following contacts will be useful;
Campus Leaders- Ms. Jude Ryan and Ms. Mara Aleardi
Green team Leader-Mr. Jason Hekkema
Purple Team Leader-Ms. Tamara Northope
Yellow Team Leader-Ms. Lina Nicolas
Careers/Pathways-Ms. Marg O’Shea
Educational Psychologist-Ms. Judy Scarfe

Uniform
We would also like to thank parents and students for continuing to work with us in adhering to our College uniform policy. Students have been very mature in their outlook and the school community has continued to provide recommended uniform items. Families are reminded that any uniform issues can be directed to the campus principals.

We would also appreciate students and parents turning their attention to the policy’s ruling on facial piercings, again, please contact campus principals if you have any concerns.

School Council Elections
Our theme for our parent information sessions continues to be ‘working together for the benefit of our students’ and we encourage all parents and carers to consider joining the College School Council. Information about the coming School Council elections is enclosed with this newsletter. Any parent or carer who would like to know more about the council is invited to contact Mr. Tony Simpson, College Principal.

We look forward to another great year,
Anthony Sokol and Mary Chiodo
Campus Principals-Delahey
On Friday 15th of February over 200 Year 12 students attended Latrobe University to be motivated, energised and empowered. MEE day is a program designed to do these three whilst providing opportunities for students (and teachers) to share in memorable moments.

5 buses took the students to Latrobe University in Bundoora, arriving at 10am for motivational speaker Declan Faye. Declan shared his memories of his school days and life since as a comedy writer and radio presenter. His key messages included ‘things don’t always go to plan’ and it is important to find something that you love doing. He delivered these messages with humour which made an enjoyable start to the day.

VCAL students then participated in The Great Race. They have to follow cryptic clues and work together in teams to make their way through designated stations around the University. They were very keen participants and many examples of amazing team work were on display.

VCE students participated in Energise sessions before lunch and after lunch the VCAL students joined in. On offer were box fit classes, boot camp, relaxation, Pilates, basketball, soccer, rock climbing, swimming and table tennis. Given the heat of the day swimming was a clever choice, although some very keen students gave it their all during an outdoor boot camp session. Basketball and soccer saw lots of team work and competitiveness. Also on offer was a tour of the University, this was taken by student who see Latrobe as a potential choice for next year.

Lunch was a BBQ on the lawn outside the sports centre. Cold drinks were in big demand after The Great Race and energise sessions. Students had built up a big appetite. After the second energise session students and staff climbed back on the five buses for the drive to Delahey. Certainly on my bus quite a few students had a little nap on the way back.

Well done to all students who attended. You approached the day in a positive way and made full use of the opportunities available to you.

Keep up the good work.
VCE Information Session

Information sessions were held for Year 11 (Friday 8th of February) and Year 12 (Wednesday 6th of February) VCE Students. All VCE students attended and as many parents as were able joined in. These sessions included presentations from Campus Principals, Campus leaders, Team leaders and School Wellbeing team. Students and parents were reminded of the requirements of the VCE and important Copperfield policies such as attendance.

All attendees were provided with a handbook which outlined all key dates, policies and forms relevant to the life of a VCE student at Copperfield College. If you were unable to attend and would like to receive a copy of the handbook, check with your student as they should have a copy. If they don’t please feel free to contact your student’s mentor teacher who will happily arrange for you to receive a copy.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
In 2 Sports

Are you interested in playing sport with a club, but the costs of joining and buying the uniform, equipment you need etc are too expensive? You may be eligible for a grant through the Brimbank City Council. Through their program In 2 Sport they are providing grants of up to $200 for eligible students between the ages of 6 -18 whose family has a pension concession card or health care card. The money is to be used to pay for the costs associated with joining the club.

If you want more information, please contact Leisure Services on 9249 4529 or sport@brimbank.vic.gov.au or see Mrs. Crick for more details.

Well Done Class of 2012

Congratulations to the Copperfield Class of 2012. Most of the 2012 VCE and VCAL students have now completed their enrolments into University and TAFE and a number have moved into apprenticeships and traineeships.

RMIT has become a very popular choice and 70 students received offers from RMIT this year. Victoria University has offered 80 students places this year. Melbourne University offered 13 students places and a further 13 students were offered places at La Trobe. Monash has also become more popular and 8 students received offers from Monash. Students were also offers places at William Angliss, Deakin University, Swinburne and Australian Catholic University.

The hard work put in at Year 12 has paid off with some outstanding University and TAFE offers including Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Commerce, Biomedicine, Science and Arts. Our visual and performing arts students were also rewarded with offers in Fashion, Interior Design, Games Design and Music.

A number of students are already employed in Logistic, Building and mechanic apprenticeships. We congratulate the class of 2012 and wish them all the best for the future.

Marg O’Shea

Salvo Saints Basketball Club

If you are aged 8-18 and interested in playing basketball contact our secretary or visit our website for more information.

Team will be organised before the end of term one, so contact us now if you would like to join a team.

Roy Cameron (Secretary)
Ph.: 9367 6081
Email: julieroy68@optusnet.com.au
Website: http://salvosaints.salvationarmy.org.au

PAYMENTS TO THE COLLEGE

A reminder when you wish to pay your subject charges or excursion costs, you can phone any of the campus offices and simply provide your credit card details.

Other methods of payment are by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or now Bpay

Please call any campus office to obtain your reference number.

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COLLEGE PHONE NUMBERS

Kings Park Campus
Ph: 9365 4111
Fax: 9365 4999

Delahey Campus
Ph: 9307 5555
Fax: 9307 5444

Sydenham Campus
Ph: 9361 3888
Fax: 9361 3899
10 ways for Parents to promote good mental health & wellbeing in kids

1. Model good mental health habits:
2. Make sure they get enough sleep
3. Encourage your kids to exercise
4. Encourage creative outlets
5. Provide a space of their own
6. Talk about their troubles
7. Help them relax
8. Have two routines – weekday and weekend
9. Foster volunteering and helpfulness
10. Bring fun and playfulness into their lives

Student Accident Insurance
Parents / carers are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and carers are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

E Newsletter
Copperfield College has a commitment to improving the environment we live in. With this in mind we are phasing out printing our newsletters and introducing electronic distribution. As from 2013 we will be emailing newsletters directly to families and friends of the College. Printed copies will only be available from the General Office at each campus. This initiative will also reduce our paper and postage costs.

The newsletters will be available on the Copperfield College Website from the following link:
http://www.copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au/News--Events/eNewsletters/

Please return the following slip providing us with your email address so we can ensure our records are up to date and every family has the opportunity to receive important information distributed in our ‘E Newsletter.’

E Newsletter Return

Student Code: ___________________________ Campus: ___________________________
Student Name: ___________________________ Home Group: ___________________________
Parent Name: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

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Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 18) will receive $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013 and added to the EMA. As a result, parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, schools will no longer receive EMA payments on behalf of parents. However, $92 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centenarian pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPV) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.
- i.e. the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

The EMA application form must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2013.

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

You can receive the EMA by direct deposit into your nominated bank account or by individual cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application.
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council for Copperfield College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on 27th February 2013. The ballot will close by 4.00pm on 13th March 2013.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Mr. Tony Simpson
Copperfield College
Principal
Appendix A: School Council Elections – Information for Parents

School Council Elections 2013

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

- A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.
What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal with the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received that there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections

Contact the principal Mr. T. Simpson for further information.

School Council Elections 2013

A notice that calls for nominations for School Council is included in this newsletter. An information sheet about school council elections is also included.

If you decide to stand for election please collect a nomination form from the office on any campus. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal with the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

The timeline is as follows

Notice of election and call for nominations ...................... Wednesday 20 February 2013
Close of nominations .............................................................Wednesday 27th February 2013
Display list of candidates, nominator & seconder ............Thursday 28th February 2013
Prepare ballot papers and distribute on or before .............Wednesday 6th March 2013
Close of ballot ......................................................................Wednesday 13th March 2013
Count votes & declare ballot ..............................................Thursday 14th March 2013
School Council Elections

Schedule 5A   Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Copperfield College school council.

Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Residential address
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Contact phone : ..............................................................................................................

Email: .............................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ………………………………, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.  Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the Copperfield College school council. I hereby declare that I am not

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence or
- a registrable offender with the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate: .................................................. Date: ............

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held(if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council member and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting Mr Simpson on 9307 5555.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact Mr. Simpson.
School Council Elections

Schedule 5B     Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate ………………………………….. for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Copperfield College school council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS
Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Residential address: ………………………………………………………………………………………

Contact phone: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Email: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

I am the parent/guardian of ……………………………, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ……………………………, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.      Yes /   No   (please circle)

Signature of Nominator: ……………………………………   Date: …………………

Candidate to complete

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of Copperfield College school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
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Signature of Candidate: ……………………………………………   Date: …………

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