Dear all,

As many of you will know, Anne is currently on sick leave and it is unknown at the moment when she will be returning.

I am in the Acting Principal’s role and am endeavouring to continue to support all our staff and whole community to ensure the smooth and stable running of the school.

In only a few weeks our year 12 students will be finished and off to complete their final school exams. We wish them the very best as they participate in the first big exam of their careers. It is a very stressful time for VCE students so we do our very utmost to support them and make this as stress free as possible for them. If you have a child who is completing VCE this year there are great websites devoted to minimising stress and giving tips to make sure students are supported and nourished and their wellbeing is maintained.

We have some school functions coming up so make sure you put them in your diary or on the fridge. Our last Performance Night is on Thursday 31st October. Luc and his performers put on a wonderful show so make sure you don’t miss it.

Aldo and his crew are preparing a wonderful dinner for Friday 22nd November. Please ensure you book and pay for your tickets as places are limited. The cost per ticket is $25 and includes a three course meal. The theme is Spanish and there will be Tapas, Paella and a Spanish dessert called Churros. This will be followed by tea and coffee.

Our final student-free day for the year is Friday 1st November. Please note that there will be no classes for students on that day as staff work on reports and final assessments.

We are still planning to have a working bee this term so please keep an eye on the website or the sign for the date of the next one. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us and we will get things done in the yard.

Denise Dempsey our hardworking environmental advocate put in an application for a grant to implement savings to make our school even more energy-efficient and was successful in gaining us a grant of $10,000. Congratulations and thanks to Denise for all her hard work. As I write this the audit is taking place with a large group of students working with the energy auditor.

Don’t forget those dates.

Sue Holmes
**Warhammer Club**

Sherbrooke Warhammer Club is run once a week at lunch time in the library. Instigated by Michael Torrisi students learn how to build, paint and play games with small plastic toy soldiers. Students set up collections of models across a table and fight against each other using measuring tapes to move their models and the roll of a dice to determine the results of certain actions such as shooting their weapons or climbing obstacles. Currently 15 students have shown an interest in Warhammer Club and regularly participate in learning skills such as arts and craft, as well as strategy and mathematical probability. Currently many students are looking forward to an end of year excursion where they will get to test their new skills against each other at the Games Workshop Battle Bunker in Camberwell for what we hope to be the first annual Sherbrooke Warhammer tournament.

![Warhammer figures](image)

**Relay for Life**

A few Sherbie kids are taking part in the Yarra Ranges Relay for Life Cancer Council fundraiser in November. To help raise funds, they are selling "Mason Jar Cookies". These are all the dry ingredients you need to bake a batch of delicious biscuits, presented in a jar. They make a great gift.

Prices vary from $5 to $10. If you wish to order some jars, see Alex Watts in Year 9 for an order form.
Community Notices

**Yarra Ranges Council is Recruiting Family Day Care Educators**

Are you passionate about early childhood, child care and education, and enjoy working with families and connecting with your Community? The Yarra Ranges Council Family Day Care Co-ordination Unit is recruiting Family Day Care Educators to join their team of dedicated early childhood professionals to work in partnership with trained council staff who support and monitor Family Day Care placements throughout the Shire.

Family Day Care Educators operate a quality home-based childcare and education service for a small group of children aged birth to 12 years. Children are nurtured in a small group setting that focuses on everyday life experiences and provides individualised care in a cosy home environment. Educators offer a safe, secure and stimulating home environment and create individualised programming to encourage children to further develop their skills and knowledge.

A career in Family Day Care provides a great opportunity to:

- choose your own days and hours of work
- work from home
- create a successful business
- earn an income
- spend time with your own children
- extend your networks

Interested persons must

- be 18 years of age or over
- have a minimum qualification of Certificate III in Children’s Services
- be prepared to work a minimum of 3 days per week
- ensure their house meets safety requirements
- be prepared to undergo training in First Aid, asthma & anaphylaxis

If you would like further information in relation to becoming a Family Day Care Educator for the Yarra Ranges Council please contact the Co-ordination Unit on: 9754 4432
HOPE Production Group
Proudly Presents
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

HOPE Production Group cordially invites you to their Yuletide live theatre presentation of the timeless literary classic “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. The production will be performed in association with the Burrinja Cultural Community Centre and will be staged at their venue. All profits go to supporting the Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Service, who provides aid and support for members of our community in need.

Evening Shows on Saturdays 14th and 21st December
Matinee Shows on Sundays 15th and 22nd December

Adults $22
Child (under 16)/Concession $16
Family (2 adults, 2 children under 16) $65

351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey, 3158

Tickets available for purchase at www.burrinja.com.au

Proudly supported by Woolworths, Bunnings, Bendigo Bank, Burrinja Cultural Centre and the Yarra Ranges Council.

For more information, please contact HopeProductionGroup@gmail.com or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/HopeProductionGroup
Talking About Childhood Asthma
Live From The Airways
Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital

Sunday 27th October 2013, 4pm - 6pm
FREE!
Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists: A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan, Prof Colin Robertson, Dr Jo Harrison

Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.
Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online
Register at www.asthma.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

**Outdoors** – smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

**Indoors** – formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit www.asthma.org.au.
Melbourne Playgrounds is a free on-line guide to thousands of Melbourne activities for the entire family! Activities cover playgrounds (more than 3800 reviewed with photos), Play Centres, Aquatic Centres, Skate Parks, BMX tracks, miniature train rides, sport and recreation, nature activities, museum & science, educational pursuits, indoor activities, hobbies and cultural activities such as music and dance. Melbourne Playgrounds is unique in that it provides reviews, ratings and photos of activities.

There is also an extensive list of family activities outside Melbourne covering all of Victoria which is useful when planning a day trip or longer holidays within the State.

YARRA VALLEY KIDS is a brand new family website showcasing things to do, see and discover with your children in the Yarra Valley and surrounds.

We will be showcasing everything from family friendly attractions, activities, professional services and much more.

Amanda, YARRA VALLEY KIDS, 9879 3646

www.yarravalleykids.com.au