

Frequently Asked Questions

What is happening with Community Service?

Community Service is our Term 3 Integrated Experience. It fits in perfectly with both our Coresplore and Community Life curriculum. In Coresplore we have been exploring what it is to have 'shalom' in our world; a sense of well-being and purpose in all aspects of our life and society. Part of this process was recognising that not all people in the world experience 'shalom' and through our acts of service we can actually do something about bringing renewal and shalom to these people and situations. In Community Life we have been thinking about what it is to be God's people living out the 'fifth act' of the biblical drama. Please encourage your child to enter into these three days with an attitude of 'service', believing that they can in some small way make a difference in the world!

What is happening with the Year 9 building?

We had a great afternoon on Saturday the 15th August when the building was 'officially' opened by Yvonne Bradley. Thanks to all the parents and students who supported us on this day. The building was 'buzzing' with activity and displays. We are hoping that all administrative 'hassles' will be resolved in the next couple of weeks and we will be able to commence Term 4 in our new facility.

What's Coming Up:

- **Community Service 14th–16 September**
- **Last Day of Term 3, 16th September, 2.30pm**
- **Term 4 Commences 6th October**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews 13th October**

Newsletter Online

Did you know that you can also access this Year 9 newsletter online? View the Networks Newsletter page at www.donvale.vic.edu.au.

Congratulations Joshua Cheung

Joshua Cheung has been selected to be part of the Victorian State Team to compete in the 2009 Australian Open Junior Table Tennis Championships held in Hobart Tasmania between 27 September and 3 October 2009.

Joshua also competed in the Victorian Table Tennis School Singles Championships and won the Melbourne Zone title. He has qualified for the State Finals on Friday 9th October 2009.

Congratulations on your achievement Joshua and best of luck for the 2009 Australian Open Junior Table Tennis Championship and State Finals!

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Student Input

“ The field trip was very interesting and we learnt a lot. The best part of the fieldtrip was looking at the houses along the beach and the canals and learning about what style of house it was, its age, the materials that were used, the maintenance of the surrounding area and the social problems that might exist. Overall, it was a great day and we all enjoyed it. ~ Mikaela Krelle

"The Geography field trip was an interesting day out where we were able to use the knowledge from our Coresplore classes to do work and have fun out in the field." ~ King-Wei Khoi

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Curriculum Update

Our study of Experiences in Renewal in Coresplore is nearly at an end. Students have examined levels of Shalom in society and have written their analysis. All that is left now is a brief study of a political system that was thought to bring about renewal to society: Communism. This study examines what the hopes of its originators were and what the actual result became. The discussion will eventually lead us to a discussion of how renewal must begin in individuals and then can spread to the wider community, and how God is in the business of transformation (Romans 12:2).

We are looking forward to living out our ideas on shalom and God's Kingdom in the Community Service in the next little while. Please uphold all our students in prayer as they experience 'giving back'.

We are looking forward to next term when we will study what the future might hold. In particular, we look at how science and advances in technology are changing the world we live in rapidly. We examine the issue of water management, as reported on by the media and we will learn more about the Yarra River as we study it 'From Source to Sea'.

Kathryn Delaney

What's happening in ...

Coresplore — Geography Field Trip “Experiences in Urban Renewal”

On the 26th of August, all of the year 9 staff and students set off to analyse Melbourne. Four buses went in four different directions, each looking at residential properties, shopping structures, recreational facilities and “Urban Renewal” (the redevelopment of an urban area so that it better meets the needs of the people). The underlying question for the day was: “do you think the direction Melbourne has headed as a city or society is good?” Despite gale-force winds, a great day was had, and students are currently using the data collected to write a report.

John Southwell

Health Week

As part of Health Week each student received a show bag containing information about healthy behaviours and activities as well as hacky sacks, fruit, toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues and more.

We would like to give special mention to Dr Raymond Khong of Diamond Creek DentalClinic for his generous contribution to the show bags.



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