March 1, 2016

2016 HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Knox Athletics Track, Knox Park Road, Knoxfield (Melways 73 D7) on Friday 18th March 2016, 8:30-3:10 pm

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2016 House Athletics Carnival will be held at the Knox Athletics Track, Knox Park Road, Knoxfield (Melways 73 D7) on Friday 18th March 2016, 8:30-3:10 pm. The Carnival is a whole school event where all students participate in athletic events to gain points to assist their house to win the “House Athletic Shield”. There is also the “House Spirit Trophy” for the House displaying the most spirit and participation. All events on this day are selection events for the EISM College Athletics team. If a student cannot participate on the House Athletics Carnival day or misses an event and they wish to represent the College at EISM events, they will need to attend the team training sessions.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS: Students need to arrive at the track by 8:30 am for roll call. The College has arranged for ALL Charter buses to drop students at the track rather than at their respective Campus. The Ventura bus from Ferntree Gully will not drop off students at the track. Parents who would normally drop students at either Campus are also required to take their student directly to the track. If it is not possible to go directly to the track, buses will be available from Vermont South. If you wish to travel on a bus from and / or back to Vermont South, please clearly indicate this on the attached permission form. No changes to bus travel can be made after Friday March 11th.

ARRIVAL: When students arrive at the Athletics track they will sign in at their respective House tables positioned outside the entrance gates. Students must get their name marked off the attendance roll for their Pastoral Group. They will then enter and sit in their House area and wait for the commencement of the athletics program. Events will commence at 9am.

DRESS: This is a House Spirit Day. Students should come to the track wearing their runners, appropriate House coloured outfit OR College PE uniform/shorts. Jeans are not permitted as the focus is on House dress and not casual dress. As your son/daughter is participating in athletic events, they must compete in appropriate sporting attire. The students are allowed colored hairspray, zinc cream and make-up. There will be a “Best Dressed/Spirit” award for two members of each House. Hats and sunscreen are essential, as is a track suit top in case of wet weather. Extremes of outfits that misrepresent students and the College are not permitted.

CANCELLATION: If the weather is deemed unsuitable for the Carnival to go ahead, a text message will be sent to alert all parents. Also check the College website. Normal classes will operate if a cancellation is announced. Arrangements will be made with the bus companies in case we have to return to normal classes.

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FOOD/DRINK: Students can bring their food and drink requirements for the day, or they can purchase from the canteen which will be open most of the day. Students can buy food and drink when they are not involved in events.

VALUABLES: As all students will be involved in events on the day, and not always with their bags, we ask that NO VALUABLES (mobile phones, iPods, wallets etc.) be brought to the track if possible. Teachers are on supervision duty all day in student seating areas. Students will not be allowed to use mobile phones, listen to electronic devices during the carnival. The College cannot take responsibility for the loss of these items.

PARTICIPATION To encourage greater participation the format of the Athletic program will allow students to compete in as many events as they are capable. At a minimum we expect your son/daughter to participate in a run, jump and throwing event. Students who are injured or ill and cannot participate in events are still expected to attend and support their fellow House team members.

DISMISSAL. The Carnival will conclude at 3:10 pm. There will be an afternoon attendance check at the track following the Presentations and then students will be dismissed. If your child catches a Charter bus, the bus will collect them from the track and continue their route as normal. Students booked on Vermont South buses will return to the Campus at approximately 3.40pm. Parents can also collect their child from the track. Please be patient and careful in the car park area due to the large volume of traffic and movement of students.

PERMISSION SLIP. Please ensure that the attached permission form is returned by Tuesday 8th March 2016 to the Pastoral teacher. Due to the requirement for parents (where applicable) to indicate bus travel, this event will not be emailed via the Care Monkey system. All students must return the permission form. As stated, requests to travel on a bus to and / or from Vermont South must be clearly indicated.

All parents and families are most welcome to attend during the day. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me on 9845 3236.

Yours sincerely,

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Sports Coordinator

Mr. David White
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Staff & Administration