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Connections

bringing together the ELTHAM College of Education community

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BUILDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

ELTHAM College has strengthened its position as a leader in the international education sector with the development of a joint-venture school; Haixin ShengXing International School was launched on October 31 and is located in ZhangZhou, China.

The school will utilise existing ELTHAM College intellectual capital but will be funded locally. ELTHAM Principal/CEO, Dr David Warner recently visited the region and is enthusiastic about the benefits that will arise from the partnership.

"Students will benefit enormously from this venture, it will provide an opportunity for students to learn about a culture and way of life other than their own," Dr Warner said.

The implementation of in-classroom live video conferencing, will increase learning opportunities and allow students in China to participate in Australian classes. Exchanges will also be a possibility.

Classes at the ZhangZhou school will commence with year 10 in 2011, and year 11 classes will commence in late 2011 or 2012.

The opening of the school ties in with the formation of ELTHAM's Multicultural Reference Committee at the Research campus. The committee will be responsible for the organisation of events aimed at developing a stronger culture of integration and community spirit. It is hoped that international exchange students will actively participate in the reference committee with input into its agenda.

Haixin ShengXing will become part of a network of schools which ELTHAM already has close ties, including schools located in France and Indonesia.

The establishment of the school in ZhangZhou provides students from both Australia and China with the option of completing their VCE in either country.



SUSTAINABLE LIVING CITY STYLE



Middle Years students at Melbourne City School have taken one of the School's core values very seriously as part of their recent learning. When researching sustainability practices, the students were able to use the Melbourne City School building to facilitate their investigation.

After examining the lighting, power usage, paper consumption, recycling and waste disposal within the building, the students found that there was room for significant improvement in many areas. Some of their suggestions for change have included converting to green energy, introducing indoor plants, exploration of paper making and collection of old mobile phones.

Taking their research a step further, the students have now enacted steps to put these ideas into practice. The introduction of a worm farm is currently under construction, and will be supplemented by a new food scrap bin to enable unwanted food to be utilised as food for the worms.

A reduce, reuse and recycle education and advertisement campaign within the building has been introduced, and the placement of reusable materials sorting boxes supports this initiative. Students have also learnt the art of paper making, which has seen them make fantastic recycled paper books.

Energy saving ideas have also been investigated by the students to further consolidate their learning experience. One of the initiatives from this has been the labelling of all light switches in the building, so that everyone will know which lights they can turn off when a particular space is not being used. To extend this component of their learning, students are currently investigating eco-friendly options for energy saving, which they plan to propose to the building owners, with the assistance of their Learning Advisors.

We look forward to hearing about how these initiatives have progressed and building management's reaction to these innovative programs.



COME BACK TO SCHOOL AND SEE US IN ACTION

Each year more ExECS are coming back to ELTHAM – as parents. They're rediscovering everything they loved about ELTHAM and finding out what's new. You can experience ELTHAM in two locations, if our campus at Research is a little out of the way, why not consider Melbourne City School in the CBD – same philosophy, new location. We would love the opportunity to tell you more about ELTHAM and Melbourne City School. Come and join us on an In Action School tour.

★ **ELTHAM IN ACTION ELC**
Junior Years, Middle Years and Senior Years
Fri 25 Feb, Thurs 10 Mar, Fri 25 Mar, Tues 5 Apr, Thurs 19 May, Fri 3 Jun, Fri 17 Jun
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★ **MCS IN ACTION** tours for Junior and Middle Years
For MCS in Action dates please visit www.mcs.vic.edu.au.

2011 COMMUNITY RELATIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Class of 1986
25 Year Reunion
Saturday 12 February
Mountain View Hotel, Richmond

Class of 2010
1st Reunion
Friday 18 March
Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant

Class of 2001
10 Year Reunion
Saturday 7 May
Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant

Class of 1991
20 Year Reunion
Saturday 30 July
Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant

Class of 1996
15 Year Reunion
Saturday 20 August
Venue TBC

Class of 1981
30 Year Reunion
Saturday 29 October
Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant

Welcome to Middle Years BBQ
Years 5 & 7
Sunday 30 January
Research Campus, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Welcome Morning Tea
ELC – Year 4
Monday 31 January
Swipers Gully, 8:45am-10:30am

ECCA Parent Cocktail Party
Friday 11 February
Swipers Gully, 7:30pm-9:30pm

EJYA AGM
Tuesday 15 February
Performance Centre, 7:00pm

EJYA Welcome Picnic
ELC – Year 4
Sunday 20 February
Eltham Miniature Railway,
Pine Creek Station, 11:00am-2:00pm

EJYA Easter Raffle
Junior Years Assembly
Friday 8 April

For more info on ELTHAM events,
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BRITTANY GREEN VCE ACHIEVER

In July this year, ELTHAM College student, Brittany Green was acknowledged as a monthly winner of the VCE Achiever Award. Whilst she missed out on winning the overall 2010 VCE Achiever, the monthly award recognised Brittany's efforts in promoting community involvement, both within and outside of school.

The VCE Achiever Award is coordinated by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and has run since 1999. The Achievers Award acknowledges the efforts of VCE students in promoting community involvement in their local school and wider community.

Brittany was nominated for the award by Nick Nicholls, sustainability officer at ELTHAM College, for her contribution to the school and wider community. Nick said "Brittany has demonstrated strong leadership skills and a willingness to help others, which is why she is a worthy recipient of this award".

During her time at ELTHAM College, Brittany has been actively involved in the school community.

She is a 2010 College captain, has mentored students; and, given the picturesque setting of the Research campus, it is no wonder her interest in environmental sustainability has developed into a passion.

Her time at ELTHAM has seen her develop a kitchen garden and implement 'nude food day' which encourages students to bring their lunch to school in recyclable plastic tubs rather than materials such as cling wrap. She has also worked on measures to improve recycling and thoughtful water usage.

Brittany hopes that her work around the school and in the community will inspire others to become more aware of the environment around them.

She provides this advice for students wanting to make a difference to their community, "take every opportunity you can, be careful with time management and utilise existing facilities and resources. There is good support at our school, if you talk to teachers about your idea they can help you with implementation".



Brittany and her mother, Dr Pamela Green

ELTHAM COLLEGE KIDS CBD LAUNCHED

Spring brings many things to Melbourne, sun, flowers, and this year, it helped usher in the new ELTHAM College Kids childcare centre in the CBD.

Operating since September, the centre complements the operation of Melbourne City School; and is located on Collins St, just down from Southern Cross Station, providing a convenient location for those working or living in the CBD and surrounds.

Joining the three ELTHAM childcare centres already in operation, the centre will continue the ELTHAM tradition of providing individualised attention to the talents and needs of each young person; which ELTHAM has successfully done for more than 35 years.

ELTHAM College CEO, Dr David Warner, said: "We believe that quality care and early learning from infancy to

kindergarten will make the difference to each child's future confidence and success".

Children will receive the same high quality innovative learning experiences that families have come to expect from ELTHAM; helping ensure young people have the support and encouragement to realise their dreams and become high contributing members in society.

ELTHAM College Kids Melbourne will work closely with the College's Melbourne City School; which will help ensure a seamless transition for those who continue onto prep at Melbourne City School located just around the corner on King Street.

The new ELTHAM College Kids will ensure city based workers and residents have access to a shared philosophy of education and learning from birth through to Year 12.



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Networking ELTHAM Collegians

BUILD YOUR ADVERTISING CONNECTIONS

Another great way to increase the profile of your business is to advertise in the new look Connections magazine.

In 2011 Connections will be transformed into a bright new Magazine format with space in which Business Directory members may advertise.

Rates and ad sizes are not yet confirmed, but a finished ad might look something like this Ad submitted by Sally Johnson (Class of 1995) featuring her brother Marcus Johnson (Class of '98) and Rebecca Post (Class of 2001).

In 2011 connections will have a distribution of over 6500; to book your ad space or for more information, email Jodie Preiss: jpreiss@elthamcollege.vic.edu.au



REUNIONS

Class of 1995 15 Year Reunion

Although it didn't seem that long since we'd caught up at the 10 year reunion, the amount of career changes, marriages, new babies and tales of travel adventure were such that it was clear another 5 years had passed since we were at school together.

A medium sized group from the Class of '95 met up at a venue in Hawthorn during August. It was as if we had never parted; the old jokes came out and as the drinks flowed, so too did the memories and joy at everyone's achievements and plans for the future.

We laughed at school photos displayed on the walls and enjoyed catching up with teachers who very kindly made the effort to come along to see how we had all turned out.

Thanks to the ExECS Association for putting on such a fun event, we look forward to catching up with everyone again at the 20 Year Reunion.

Class of 1990 20 Year Reunion

It had been 10 years since the class of 1990 last came together, and it was with much anticipation that we had the opportunity to rekindle old friendships. People had come from far and wide including Amanda Dassell, who flew all the way from Kentucky in the USA!

A group of around 40 ex-students, as well as 5 staff gathered at Swiper's Gully on a Saturday in October. It was clear that some things had changed since our time at the College, including the hospitality centre.

However, some things never change, although many years had passed since we completed Year 12, everyone looked similar. Mr Rogers was still sporting his trademark thick moustache and recalled his reign during the glory days of Nilumbik House.

The night passed all too quickly as we reminisced about our days at the College and recounted what had happened since, including; travel, babies, higher degrees, marriage and divorce.

Thank you to Ann Plush and the ExECS committee for hosting this fun evening. We hope to see many more faces at our next reunion in 5 years time.

View the full gallery of reunion pictures on the ExECS web site or on Facebook.



Class of 1995



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EXECS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Need a plumber, web designer or even...ouch, an osteopath? Why not get in contact with an EXEC? The ExECS Online Business Directory is a growing list of businesses and services offered by Ex ELTHAM Collegians, often offering great discounts to fellow EXECS.

It's not only great for finding that essential tradie or therapist, it's also a great place to find help, support, mentors, guidance or work experience.

Supporting your ExECS and ELTHAM Community is a win/win situation for both business operator and client; it also helps maintain strong ELTHAM connections.

Listing your company or service in the ExECS Business directory is FREE to all ExECS; and the more information you provide, the better your entry could look. Your listing will look something like this:

Rowville Family Osteopathy
Justin Tate (Class of '99)

Our goal is to improve your body's structural framework, and its function, to promote your own inbuilt compensatory and healing mechanisms, and by considering the whole person instead of just treating where the pain is.

Rowville family osteopathy

Contact: Justin Tate
Position: Owner & Principle Osteopath
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Email: execs@familyosteoo.com.au
Address: 1/110 Wallington Rd
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CLASS OF 1990

Chris Carbone

I married Mardi in 2003; we had son, Cooper in 2005 and daughter, Zara in 2005. I was employed by Linfox as VP Finance and Commercial in Oct 2010, and was previously employed by Fairfax Media as GM of Logistics. Our family currently resides in Ivanhoe, VIC.

Jodi James (nee Crompton)

I work in physiotherapy and over the last decade or so have focussed my efforts on disability physiotherapy. I provide support through Yoralla to children and teenagers with physical disabilities who attend mainstream and special schools. I enjoy playing Hockey with La Trobe Hockey Club; where I met my husband. We were married this year and are looking forward to moving into our new house in early 2011.

Spencer (5mths). We live in Elwood and I have worked as a media presenter since completing a media studies degree. My work has given me experience working as a TV and video presenter, live events host, and voice over artist. I've worked at all 3 major commercial TV networks; but am mostly known for my time on channel 7, where I was a travel reporter on "Discover", the weather presenter for the Weekend News team, and the host of Oz Lotto.

I also work as a freelance food and wine writer and consult for my family's food and wine business, Redesdale Estate Vineyard and the Redesdale Hotel. I stay in touch with the same core group of ELTHAM friends which has been fantastic, and the best thing to have come out of my schooling!

Imelda Westworth

Since leaving ELTHAM I have studied Psychology and now have my own private practice in Ringwood. I have 3 children, aged 10, 8 and 4 years. Before having children I travelled around Australia.

Inouk Mackay (nee Arnall)

I am happily married with 2 children; Hannah (3) and

Emma Wills (nee Trezise)

I live in Brisbane with my husband and three sons,

Austin (7), Callum (6), and Blair (3). I work as a medical scientist for Pathology Company.

CLASS OF 1995

Clare Mathieson(nee Provan)

What have I been up to.... Looking after little people! I had a baby boy, Arthur, in March this year; I also have a 3 year old daughter, Mabel. In between babies, and before my first child, I was Marketing Manager at Cirque du Soleil. Four years ago I married Ivan.

Christopher Cornell

I'm self employed, running a domestic construction business with a focus on new homes, renovations, and extensions in the local area. I am currently living in Warrandyte, married to Jaki (Reid) Class of '93. We have 2 boys who are now at ELTHAM College; Finn (5yrs at ELC4) and Marley (3yrs at ELC3).

Sally Johnson

Gave birth to her first baby in November. I am Currently Global Direct Marketing Manager at Intrepid Travel. Also run a photography business, Dally Street, with my husband, we specialise in wedding photography. We live in Clifton Hill, but will soon be moving to Thornbury.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

ExECS have a funky new website with more features and easy access to information. Check out the new photo gallery, events and reunions, and our great new searchable business directory. The directory is growing steadily with lots of different businesses and services on offer.

Log in and update your details to be included in this fantastic community resource.

www.execs.org.au



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Want to let other ExECS know how you are going? You can do this in a number of ways: Send us an email with a short biography to be published in the next edition of Connections or on our website, or write on our facebook wall.

GOLDEN GIRL CALLS TO SAY HI

Former ELTHAM College student and Commonwealth gold medalist, Rachel Lynch made a special visit to ELTHAM in October this year, after she returned from a successful Commonwealth Games campaign.

During her visit she met with hockey players and had a Q&A session with students from Years 5-7. Students took the opportunity to get Rachel's signature and have photographs taken with her gold medal around their necks.

Rachel's experience at ELTHAM highlights the way we personalise and customise our senior years to suit young people. By working with Rachel to balance her hockey training commitments in Perth with her customised senior years program, Rachel was able to follow her dream of playing hockey for Australia whilst at the same time work towards the tertiary ENTER score she needed to follow her chosen vocation of nursing. Her school program included four core subjects that gave her the tertiary enter score she needed, but at the same time allowed her time to be away with her hockey commitments.

In addition to being goalkeeper for the victorious Hockeyroos, Rachel is also a fully qualified nurse based in Perth.



ELTHAM COLLEGIANS AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB

Turtles look to 2011 with optimism

Following a competitive 2010 season, the Turtles now have their sights firmly set on making the 2011 finals. The team finished up the 2010 season with 7 wins and 11 losses; with an average losing margin of only 17 points and 4 losses within 1 goal; further cementing the Turtles position in Division 2.

Congratulations go to new assistant coach, Sam Richardson who won the clubs best and fairest; runner up was Hayden Dillon, and Captain John Galvin came in third.

In his first year at the club, Sebastian Ciravola, kicked the highest number of goals and came 3rd in the division.

This year, a record number of players reached the 100 game milestone, Ryan Foo, Brett Marshall, Bryan Galvin, John Galvin, Luke Ogilvie, Tom Wenborn and Matthew Crooks.

The Turtles would like to formally acknowledge ELTHAM College for their continued support, and thank the College Council and staff for the provision of such magnificent playing facilities.

If you love to play football or just want to be part of the club, why not join the Turtles; new members and players are always welcome.



Parents Supporting ELTHAM

DISCO DANCING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

This year's friend-raising event from EJYA and the Junior Years Student Council was a Family Disco for all families from the ELC to Year 4. Held at the Slovenian Club in Research, over 150 parents and children enjoyed DJ entertainment, playing limbo, singing karaoke and participating in disco party games.

Whilst raising money was not a primary goal of the event, sales of glow sticks and neon finger lights were a big hit with kids on the night, which helped raise over \$1000 to be used towards landscaping around the new Junior Years extension.

The atmosphere was fun and friendly, with families bringing along share plates of supper to enjoy whilst their children danced up a storm. As always, this event provided a great opportunity for families to meet new people across a range of year levels within the Early and Junior Years.

One parent commented "it was a fantastic night. As this is my families first year at ELTHAM it was a great chance to get to know families from almost each year level. My children also had a ball - they enjoyed spending some extra time with their friends."

An event such as this cannot happen without the support of the EJYA committee. They are to be congratulated and thanked for all their work in creating such a fun filled event for children and adults alike.



GET SOME NOURISHMENT

The ELTHAM College Community Cookbook, "nourish", was officially launched at an event held at Swipers Gully on Sunday 14 November.

Over 130 College family and friends attended the launch, and what ensued was a celebration of eight months of hard work by the committee, comprising Jenn Daverington (ELTHAM teacher), College parents; Tanja Ledwich (project management and design) and Lucy Westerman (organiser and administrator), and Nick Nicholls, (ELTHAM Sustainability Officer).

The idea for the cookbook was born after Prep students created a cubby house restaurant to raise funds for Haiti after the earthquakes.

A simple cookbook to begin with, the ELTHAM community gave up secrets to over 300 of their favourite family recipes, and guest chefs including, Stephen Mercer, Adrian Richardson, and Matthew Carnell (winner of the Thierry Marx Award, and an ex-College student) contributed recipes that are sure to delight.

Many of the recipes were photographed by talented ELTHAM student photographers, and articles were collected which showcase the College's sustainability activities.

The book was published with the support of production sponsors, AGFA Graphics, PageSet and McPhersons Printing Group. ELTHAM families also made sponsorship donations which helped cover some production costs.

So far over half the cookbooks have been sold; the majority of money raised will be sent to La Gonave (Haiti) to build a new school. A private sponsor, through The Association Amis des Enfants Australia, has also generously offered to match profits, dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000. Any extra monies raised will go towards Greening ELTHAM sustainability projects.

We hope this cookbook will help "nourish" families in both our ELTHAM community, and families in Haiti who have lost so much.



nourish
ELTHAM College Community Cookbook



Cookbooks can be purchased from College reception at \$35 each, or 3 for \$100.

For more information contact Simone Houlihan on 9433 9920 or see order form on reverse side of mailing label.