Valentine's Day Fundraiser

Following article written by Dimitra De Losa and Taylor Skelton, Senior School Newton House Leaders.

On Friday 13th February, Newton House was delighted to deliver the Senior School a special Valentine’s Day, filled with chocolate roses and charming love cards. Students were able to purchase a rose and card for $5 to send to their Valentine. On the day of delivering the Valentines Day gifts, Newton House leaders dressed up in cupid outfits and visited the lucky recipients in their classrooms. We had our most successful year so far, raising $200 for the children in Chibobo. We hope everyone had a wonderful day, and we will see you Senior School next year!
House Swimming Carnival

Following article written by Joshua Kanellos and Megan Spiteri, Curie House Captains.

On Monday 16th February the Senior School students took part in their House Swimming Carnival at St. Albans Leisure Centre. This was a day filled with excitement, pride and extreme determination as the Houses battled it out for the trophy. In the end it was Curie who came home with the win but it wasn’t an easy feat as all Houses put their best foot forward and approached each event with enthusiasm. All Houses united to show each other what they were made of.

The Swimming Carnival involved a lot of firsts for many students who were present on the day; whether it was their first Senior School Swimming Carnival or their first time being a member of the leadership team. This meant that all students learnt how to work in a new team and how to work through any hiccups that the day may have thrown at them. Although it was the last College Swimming Carnival for our Year 12 students, all members of the Senior School were able to come together and have a fun-filled day.

We were very fortunate with the weather as it was a lovely sunny day, which meant everyone was eager to hop in the pool and participate. Although it was a competitive day, it is safe to say that seeing people step outside their comfort zones, and push themselves to participate in events they normally wouldn’t, was the highlight of the day. Seeing so many students volunteering to participate really demonstrated what our House program is about and it is what we, as House Leaders, really like to see.
As it turned out there were only 12 points that separated first and second place, which really had all the House Leaders, students and staff very excited. When it came time to find out the results everyone was eagerly waiting for Mrs Little to announce the winners. Curie placed first and was closely followed by Newton, then Edison and then Pasteur. Curie House was beyond excited that we were able to come out on top but what made the win even better was not only sharing our day with our fellow House mates but all the other students as well; because of this everyone had a fantastic day.

We would like to thank all staff members and families who helped to run the Swimming Carnival as it is truly a great event, which allows students to have new experiences, unite as a team and make memories that will last beyond our years at the College.
Big Science Competition

Do you have a child who is interested in Science and loves a challenge? Why not encourage them to enter the Big Science Competition?

Suitable for students of all abilities, the Big Science Competition is an international competition comprising a one hour paper of 30 multiple-choice questions. The questions are aligned with the Australian curriculum and are designed to challenge students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples.

There are three paper levels based on the Australian school years:

- Junior (Years 7 and 8)
- Intermediate (Years 9 and 10)
- Senior (Years 11 and 12)

Everyone who takes part in the Big Science Competition goes into a draw to win i Tune and movie vouchers. All students receive a certificate to recognise their achievement and a report detailing their performance. Top performers may be invited to take part in the Australian Science Olympiad Competition or the Asian Science Camp.

The Big Science Competition will take place at school between 20th to 27th May. Dates for testing will be arranged between the participating student and Vicky Hantzis, Head of Senior School Science.
Want to know more? Go to the Australian Science Innovations website or email Vicky Hantzis.

**Coming Events**

**Thursday 26th February**
Year 12 Parent Forum, 7.30pm, Senior School Atrium

**Friday 6th March**
Schools Alive Tour

**Monday 9th March**
Labour Day Holiday

**Thursday 12th March**
Senior School Parent/Teacher Interviews (surnames ending A-L)

**Friday 13th March**
Senior School year level presentations with Paul Dillon

**Monday 16th March**
Parent Education Evening: Digital Technology Workshop, Sports and Performing Arts Building, Keilor Campus, 7pm

**Tuesday 17th March**
Senior School Parent/Teacher Interviews (surnames ending M-Z)

**Friday 20th March**
ACS Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 24th March**
House Performance

**Friday 27th March**
Last day of Term 1