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# COMMUNICATION

Positive three-way relationships between parents, staff and students are an essential element to a successful education. Overnewton Anglican Community College focuses on creating an environment which encourages close communication between home and school. The connectedness between school life and the home environment enables the best outcomes for the children. The College has a number of avenues in place to facilitate this link.

## Information Evenings

At the commencement of each school year, an information evening is held for each year level. This occurs by the second week of the school year and includes an address by the Head of Junior School, introduction of all Junior School staff, followed by informal presentations by teachers in each homeroom.

This evening provides important information for parents regarding class requirements, procedures, curriculum, learning beyond the classroom and assisting children throughout the year. It is anticipated that at least one parent will attend this evening.

Throughout the year, various information evenings take place. These may include information sharing with regards to curriculum initiatives and pastoral care issues. Parents will be informed of these evenings via the yearly calendar, newsletter, invitations or letters.

## Yearly Planner (Calendar)

The Yearly Planner sets out all of the camps, sporting activities, musical events etc. It is important to check the planner regularly. Any changes to this are noted in the newsletter.

## Whispers (College Newsletter)

The College issues an electronic version of newsletter each week. Whispers is emailed to families and is also posted on the College website. Hard copies of the newsletter can be requested to be sent home with students. Each section of the school reports on events and provides information for parents.

### The newsletter contains:

- Principal Report
- Heads of School Reports
- Music and Sporting information
- Co Curricula information
- Calendared events
- Out of School Hours Care program
- Details of upcoming events
- Student reflections
- Student award recipients



## Informal Information

- It is important to notify your child's teacher of any unusual, stressful or changes in circumstance that may affect your child.
- Staff are able to be contacted to share information or concerns via voice mail, email or by appointment.