We need some ice cream buckets for our water recycling program. Can you help??

Wine & Cheese Meet & Mingle Evening
We are looking forward to seeing as many people as possible at the wine and cheese evening this afternoon. Come and meet our new staff members Eleanor, Liz and Tracey—and catch up with the ‘old’ staff while enjoying a drink and some nibbles. The action takes place in the staff room from 4.30-6.30. Come and chat for 5 minutes or stay for the whole time.

House Party Day
Tomorrow is our big House Party Day. Students are asked to wear house colours and to come ready for a day of fun. We will start with a big House Parade at 9.00 followed at 12.30 by a House Picnic. Students are asked to bring a House coloured towel or blanket to picnic on and to bring some House coloured food to share. (The canteen will be open for bought lunches but we hope everyone will be able to bring something to share.) After lunch Houses will be having an afternoon of special activities ending with the election of House Captains and Vice Captains. Please come and join us and make sure you wear your House colours too!

Just a reminder that we have a number of students who are highly allergic to nuts and nut products and we ask that any shared food be nut free in order to keep these students safe. Thank you.

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Diary Dates

February
Thurs 5 - Wine & Cheese evening to meet new staff 4.30-6.30
Fri 6 - House party day—House captain elections
Mon 9 - Bendigo Bank rep available to open student accounts
Fri 13 - 3/4 trip to the Grange
Mon 16 - School Council Nominations Close

2009 Term Dates for students

Term 1 - 2 February—3 April
Term 2 - 20 April—26 June
Term 3 - 13 July—18 Sept
Term 4 - 5 Oct—17 Dec

Coming Up
Fri 20 - District Swimming Sports
Fri 27 - Zone Swimming Sports
Mon 9 March Labour Day Holiday—school closed

Term 1
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Term 2
School Swimming Sports
School Captain Speeches at Assembly
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Term 4
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GYMNASTICS
Fitness, Fun & Friendship

Y-Gym (5-9 years)
Y-Teen Gym (10+ years)
Circus Skills (8+)

Y-Tiny Tots (1-2 years-parent assisted)
Y-Tots (2-3 years-parent assisted)
Y-Kids (4-5 years-parent assisted)

Adult Stretching & Core Stability

Enquiries:
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0429 950 819 (message service)

East Gippsland YMCA Gymnastics Club

Tennis East Gippsland
HOT SHOTS CHALLENGE
Part of the Summer Junior Circuit

WHAT IS IT?
Introduction tennis event based on the philosophy of participation and fun competition with modified low compression balls on a mini court size

WHO IS IT FOR?
Pre-Tournament standard children aged 5 to 10 years

Next Venue: Sunday 15th February 2009 from 10 am to 11 am

- Encourages healthy and active lifestyle
- Entry point to competition pathway
- Provides a platform for social interaction

ENTRY(S) (name, age, telephone) TO:
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