Reminders

- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test; Early April – registrations open (needed for Monash medicine and physiotherapy and some interstate medical course applicants)
- Engineers Expo: 11am-7pm, 21 Mar; Etihad stadium; Info: www.engineeringexpo.org.au; Sarah 9321 1703

1. CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe University is inviting Year 10-12 students and families to ‘Experience La Trobe’. This is an opportunity to check out courses, see facilities, participate in a workshop of your choice, and speak to staff. When: Melbourne (Bundoora), Fri 5 April; This is a free event with lunch/entertainment provided. Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

2. APPRENTICE BUTCHER OPPORTUNITY
Local Strathmore butcher looking to start an apprentice. Matthew is a past student and SBC father. He can be contacted on 0425 791 648.

3. FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Labour Market News – At a recent Deakin conference, career practitioners were told the following:
   - 37% of employees in Australia now work part-time, but of these, 40% want more work: they have been forced into part-time work
   - Currently 35% of males are working part-time. Part-time work is common in sales, communications and personal services
   - More work roles now require a university degree, such as in information technology, banking and nursing
   - Job security has become an illusion, with outsourcing and the use of technology creating more job insecurity
   - Youth unemployment (15-25years) is now at 12.9%
   - The ‘winners’ in terms of jobs are in areas such as health care, mining, aged care and education
   - Professions requiring registration are doing better in terms of jobs (eg someone with a Health Science degree will find it harder to get work than, say, a physiotherapist or psychologist).

4. ZOO KEEPER OR VET FOR A DAY –
Thinking of a career working with animals? Then, what about a ‘Keeper for a Day’ or ‘Vet for a Day’ program in the coming school holidays? Participate in a range of hands-on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. On offer:
   - Werribee open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program; Ages: 13-18yrs; Cost: $103 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day
   - Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program; Ages: 15-18 yrs; Cost: $125 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-santuary-vet-for-a-day

5. YOU WANT TO STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY? Courses are available at university, TAFE and at some independent colleges. This is a range of suggestions only.
   - RMIT offers a Bachelor of Arts (Photography) at its City campus, and also a ‘major’ in photography in its fine arts degree; Deakin offers a ‘major’ in photography in its arts degree, film and TV, film and digital media and its media and communications degrees, La Trobe offer a ‘major’ in photojournalism in its arts degree and Monash (Caulfield) offers photography in its visual and fine art degrees.
   - A Diploma of Photomaging is available at a number of TAFEs including Holmesglen, NMIT, RMIT, while photography is offered in a number of TAFE visual arts diplomas (eg NMIT, Swinburne, VU).
- Photography is also offered at independent colleges such as the Photographic Imaging College in Hawthorn and the Photography Studies College at Southbank.

6. DID YOU KNOW? Victoria is the second largest employing state, with a quarter of the nation’s employment (almost 2.9 million). The largest employing industries are health care and social assistance (336,700), retail trade (317,200) and manufacturing (302,700), which combined have around one third of state employment. The Victorian workforce is relatively highly skilled with 30% of workers holding a bachelor degree or higher qualification, compared with 27% nationally. The proportion of Victorian workers who are aged 45 years and older is the same as the national average (38%) (From the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations report, Australian Jobs 2012).

7. DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – The annual ‘Age’ VCE and careers expo 2013 is coming up soon. There will be around 190 institutions to provide future study advice to prospective students. Also featured are seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career and employment advice. When: 10am-3pm, Thurs 2/Fri 3 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 4/Sun 5 May; Where: Caulfield Racecourse, Station St; Cost: $10; $25 per family (covers all 4 days).

8. WORK EXPERIENCE DEADLINE – Year 10 students (with the exception on Agere) have till 27 May to return completed forms.

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