

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 14 - Sunday 16 March Millgrove Parents' Weekend
- Monday 17 March P&F AGM
- Thursday 20 March Term 1 concludes
- Friday 21 March Good Friday
- Monday 7 April Term 2 commences

INTERNET SITE OF THE WEEK

The Global Fund was created to finance a dramatic turnaround in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. These diseases kill over 6 million people each year, and the numbers are growing. <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/>

Merren Ward
Library

MHS PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION AGM

The Parents & Friends Association is having their annual general meeting on Monday 17 March. The unveiling of the Honour board of former P&F presidents is taking place at 7.00pm in the school foyer, after which there will be light refreshments in the staff centre prior to the meeting commencing at 8.00pm.

Come along to meet other parents and members of the School community and find out about the activities and events the P&F run to support the School.

Nives Cosic
P&F President

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY THURSDAY MARCH 20TH

A reminder to all students in the school that the last day of Term One (**Thursday March 20th**) is a Casual Clothes Day. All boys are asked to **bring a \$2 coin** to assist Global Issues Education who are assisting in a Samaritan's Purse project overseas in 2008 - a charity which assists developing nations. Please be generous with your donation on this day. Money will be collected by SRC Form Representatives in the Form Assembly on that day.

Ian Dowling
Coordinator of Global Issues Education

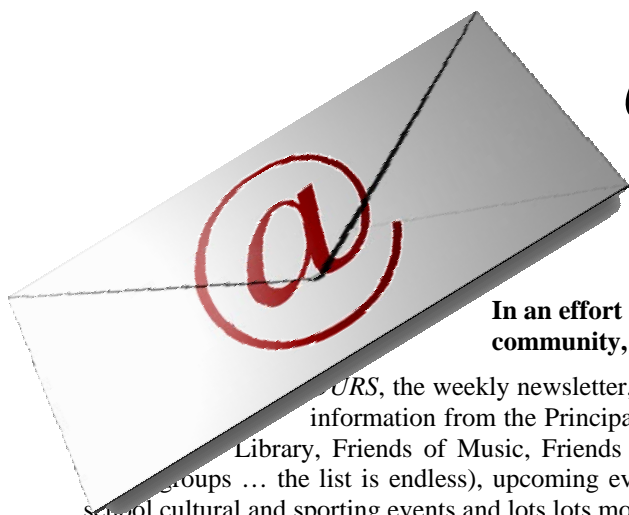
***OURS* FOR YOU**

Does your son regularly bring home *OURS*?
Your weekly MHS newsletter can now be
emailed directly to you.

In an effort to increase communication between Melbourne High School and the School community, in Term 2 2008 we will be making *OURS* available via email.

OURS, the weekly newsletter, is an important link between the School and the parents and provides invaluable information from the Principal and teachers on examination preparation, parent support groups (Friends of the Library, Friends of Music, Friends of Rowing, Parents and Friends, canteen volunteers, Council and sub-Council groups ... the list is endless), upcoming events, such as year level parent information evenings, parent / teacher evenings, school cultural and sporting events and lots lots more!

Please email your preferred email address to ours@mhs.vic.edu.au. Should you not have access to email, your son will still have access to hard copies of *OURS* via the General Office or you can access it via the school website or intranet.



MHS 1ST XI CRICKET VS. GOVERNORS XI

Last Friday the 1st XI Cricket team played in the recently reinstated Governors match against a Governors Invitational XI. This match was once a regular feature of the School's cricket season and was last played 1988. With the assistance and support of the Governor, MHS and the MHSOBA, a team comprising two former Australian players, current District 1st/2nd XI players and MHS Old Boy cricketers was put together to challenge the School 1st XI for the Woodfull/Miller Cup.

A gentlemen's agreement was reached at the toss and the Governors XI batted first, reaching 5/233 off their 35 overs. Nick McMillan (12H) was the best of our bowlers taking 2/45 from his 7 overs. Chasing a large total was always going to be hard, especially when facing the likes of Merv Hughes and Tony Dordemaide! After a slow start, Harry Nurse (11J) picked up the pace with a number of boundaries before he was caught for an excellent 60 off 48 balls. Needing over 8 runs per over, Kyle Grenda (10D) and Dilan Gamage-Don (12B) batted superbly together and we were able to reach the massive total with 4 overs to spare! In his first game for the 1st XI, Kyle finished on 83 off 41 balls, whilst Dilan finished on 41 off 33 balls. Their partnership remained unbeaten on 108 off only 62 balls! Well done guys on a fantastic victory.

Thankyou to Jeremy Ludowyke, Warren Fall, Colin Green and the MHSOBA for the many hours that went into organising this event. It was a huge success and we hope that this tradition can continue in the years ahead.

David Veale
MHS 1st XI Coach

STUDENT HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Our general health affects the way we are able to concentrate and learn in class. It also has an impact on the health and wellbeing of those around us. Ways that we can stay healthy include:

- Maintaining a good diet and fluid intake
- Getting adequate sleep- at least 8 hours a night
- Use of tissues or handkerchiefs when we have colds to help prevent the spread of infection
- Washing hands after going to the toilet
- Daily showers or baths to remove dead skin cells that cause body odour and the use of deodorant to assist in this
- Prompt treatment of any illnesses or injuries

Due to the late spell of hot weather, students may find that their normal hygiene practices might not be as effective as normal. Wearing a clean shirt each day, and having a deodorant in your locker in case you need it after lunch, will help keep unpleasant smells at bay.

Jennifer Mill
1st Aid Officer

OLD BOYS' GM&B MENTORING PROGRAMME CORRECTED DATE!

All students who have given their names for the GM&B Old Boys Mentoring programme for this year are advised of these meeting dates:

1. **Wednesday 19 March** – a briefing by the organisers will be held in T29 at lunchtime
2. **Saturday 12 April** (first weekend of Term Two) – meet your mentor day held at the Old Boys' Pavilion.

As around 50 students have applied for this programme, it still cannot be guaranteed that all will be able to be matched with an Old Boy mentor. News of this will be given at the 14/3 lunch-time meeting.

David Smyth
Assistant Principal

2020 SCHOOLS SUMMIT AT MHS THURSDAY 20 MARCH

The Australian Government is inviting Australian primary and secondary schools to participate in a series of **School Summits** in the lead-up to the *Australia 2020* summit on 19 and 20 April. The aim of the *Australia 2020* summit is to look at Australia's future challenges and find innovative solutions by harnessing the best ideas across the nation from Australians with experience, accepted standing, credibility and authority.

The Australian Government wants to involve the whole Australian community in addressing these challenges. So, as the future adults of 2020, the Federal Government is very interested to hear the ideas of all Australian school children. Schools Summits will be held by individual schools over a three week period, starting on the 17th of March 2008.

Melbourne High School is running its summit on the afternoon of Thursday 20 March. It will be for interested students in years 11 and 12 and will run from 1.15 in the Memorial Hall and T Building classrooms. It will go until around 3pm.

Of the ten critical areas for consideration nominated by the federal government, the School will be investigating five issues:

- Future directions for the Australian economy – including education, skills, training, science and innovation as part of the nation's productivity agenda
- Economic infrastructure, the digital economy and the future of our cities
- Population, sustainability, climate change and water
- Future directions for rural industries and rural communities
- Towards a creative Australia: the future of the arts, film and design

The results of the Melbourne High School Summit will feed into a Youth Summit that will take place on 12-13 April, where 100 young Australians will be invited to discuss the long-term challenges of our country. The results will then feed into the *Australia 2020* summit on 19 and 20 April.

Any interested year 11 or year 12 students are to give their names to Mr Smyth.

David Smyth
Assistant Principal

WORKING BEE SUNDAY 2 MARCH

Sunday 4 March saw over 60 parents enjoy a brilliant autumn Sunday afternoon (after a cool morning) and complete a ton of work. Some of the jobs included:

- Fitting about 100 metres of watering dripper systems to the Twenties Building garden beds
- Spreading gravel over potholes on the driveway into the Old Boys' Pavilion south of the Oval
- Sanding and painting two coats of new paint on to the benches around the front of the School
- Much rose and shrub pruning, weeding and mulching of the School front garden beds
- Pruning the new hedge along the centre pathway running from the School to the Main Oval
- Trimming suckers and low branches from the elms along the western side of the main oval

The School greatly appreciates the efforts of the following students, families and friends:

Brian Ferris, José Soares, Binh Nguyen, Dan Vu, C. Mapa, Gary Johnson, David McKinnon, Bruce Gifford, Van Lam, Allan, Robin, Jackson and Connor McRae, Greg & Mitch Fuller, Pandiyan Murugaraj, Alan Kirk, Van Hung Le, David Blanch, Trieu Nguyen, the Peerbux family, Takeshi Hiruma, Lindy Bellotti, Melton White, Dean, Nigel, Kay and Adam Ashton, Joy Cook, Hiep Than Huynh, Nick & Heather Hero, Silvester Oddi, Damayanthi Peiris, Kanthi Hettiarachchige, Vera Levina, Lakshman Weliweriyage, Chuong Bui, Julie Doncevic, Wasantha Perera, Peter Stephen, Willie & Sarah Lo, Robert Rauchfuss, Rosalie Hamilton, David Ho, Hong Luu, Lawrie Smith, Sylvia Glowacka, Hugh Parry-Jones, Caroline & Peter Robinson, Jana & Andrei Koriakin, Iain Maclean, Mul Singh, Sunil Odhavji, Liane & Glenn Paine, Paul Ferrie, Carol Neumann, John Duffin, Derek Campbell, Jacek Patela.

Many thanks also to Tony Morrison (Facilities Manager), Tim Lye (Groundsman) and Rosemary Kerr (Canteen Manager) for preparing projects and food for the day.

David Smyth
Assistant Principal



MHS FRIENDS OF MUSIC INVITES YOU TO A FAMILY CONCERT

IN THE MEMORIAL HALL
Thursday 17th April, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Friends of Music will be host to the first musical function for the year. Commencing at 7.30, the boys will present an informal musical program, and light refreshments will be served from 7.00pm. A particular welcome is extended to the parents of new music students.

The music will be provided by the Symphony Orchestra, the String Orchestra, Camerata, the two Concert Bands (Tattam Band and Davis Band), Stage Band, Big Band, Singers, Chorale and other small groups.

A donation of \$10.00 (adult), \$5.00 (child) or \$25.00 (family) is requested to cover the cost of the evening. Also, members of the Symphony Orchestra are asked to bring a plate of refreshments.

Dr Anne Lierse
Director of Music

TRIP TO ITALY

The details for this exciting trip are now being finalised. We shall be asking for confirmations early next term. I urge parents who are interested to discuss the trip with their sons and make a decision soon. Parents can view the itinerary, departure date and price at the following internet address:

<http://resources.mhs.vic.edu.au/business/Documents/Italy%20Itinerary%202008.doc>

Joseph Marotta

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Families who are eligible for EMA can settle their MHS parent contributions in any of the following ways:

1. If certain of receiving the EMA, then deduct this from your MHS parent contribution statement and pay the difference
2. Pay the MHS contributions and when the EMA is confirmed your account will be credited and the amount deducted from next year's contributions
3. Pay MHS contributions in instalments and when EMA is confirmed this will be credited to your account over the course of the year

Fran Walshe
Business Manager

LIFESAVING REPORT

Last week an elite team of the schools best lifesavers made the trip down to Bancoora beach for the state finals of the School Surf League lifesaving competition. After good results at the previous week's twilight carnival at Mentone Beach, where two Melbourne High teams competed, coming 2nd and 4th, and in the 10th year of competition for the School, the team was confident of a good result.

Starting off in the best way possible, Harry Pierce won the first event to put Melbourne High on top of the leader board, where the team hovered throughout the day due to amazing efforts from many of the boys. Most notably, Harry continued to perform well, with Chris Brennan also excelling in board events. Tim Albiston stood out in land events, and the beach relay team of Julian Kowal, Aaron Medeira, Chris Brennan, Tien Nguyen, Tim Albiston and Sean Taaffe finished a respectable 4th, after a controversial heat. Solid results from the whole team, including Michael Chandler and Joe Cunningham in wade and swim events, ensured the team a fantastic result; 6th out of 20 school teams at states and over 60 throughout all the qualifying rounds, the best result the School has ever achieved.

I would personally like to thank and congratulate all the boys who made the team, as well as those who competed in the qualifying round and helped out on the days. Good job boys.

Sean Taaffe
Surf Lifesaving Captain

SPECIALIST MATHS UNITS 3 & 4 CHANGE OF DATE FOR SAC1

SAC 1 for Specialist Maths Unit 3 scheduled for Thursday 20 March (has been shifted to Thursday 10 April (Term 2).

Students will be notified through classes and notices will be placed on the noticeboard outside T3. All enquiries to the maths faculty.

Dr Lloyd Gunatilake
Specialist Maths Coordinator

TEENAGE RAMPAGE ACTION PACKED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The City of Stonnington's Recreation Services will conduct a fully supervised holiday program that caters for young people in years six to nine during the March - April school holiday.

The holiday program provides a safe social environment where young people can try new and challenging activities while making new friends.

Activities will include:

Arcade games, movies, horse riding, tribal sports, lacrosse, lawn bowls, luna park, bowling, indoor rock climbing, side-tracked, a trip to the alpine toboggan park and lots more.

All activities depart from the Malvern Town Hall, corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street, Malvern. The program runs from Tuesday 25 March to Friday 4 April 2008.

For further information and bookings, please contact Ho Thi Lu, Recreation Programs Officer at the City of Stonnington on 8290 1224.

STUDY SKILLS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS To be held at Melbourne High School

The ICS Learning Group will be conducting an after school Study Skills program for year 9 students. The program will be held at Melbourne High School. As class size is limited early enrolment is advised.

The course is designed to help students to be more self confident and independent with their study habits. The course will reinforce good study habits for well organised students and develop improved study methods for those who find it hard to set priorities or work efficiently to meet deadlines.

Save time - enrol online at www.skillscentre.com.au

Dates: Wednesday 30 April, 7 and 14 May

Time: 3.30pm to 5.30pm

For further information, phone ICS on 9818 3888

Science News

YEAR 10 SCIENCE ENGINEERING

The Year 10 Science Engineering subject is an elective chosen by Year 10 students interested in applying the skills and knowledge developed in science classes in a practical context. The focus for 2008 is ecological sustainability. As the introduction to this subject states:

"The science of climate change has never been clearer. We have a window of only 10 to 15 years to avoid crossing catastrophic tipping points. The need to respond to climate change ... can be seen as a once in a lifetime opportunity to mobilise the political will and resources to transform and modernise our energy system."

Tony Blair, Prime Minister of Great Britain and Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of Holland. Excerpts from a joint statement.2006"

We too should grab this "once in a lifetime opportunity" to transform and modernise our energy usage as part of a program of ecological sustainability at Melbourne High School. The Science Engineering elective gives us a perfect opportunity to understand the concept of "sustainable living" – as scientists researching, investigating, experimenting, and as engineers auditing, monitoring and constructing.

The Science Engineering classes are undertaking a comprehensive audit of the School's energy use and offering a range of recommendations to reduce our impact on the environment.

They would like to share with the Melbourne High community some of the work they have been doing.

What impact does your home have on the environment? Determine your carbon footprint. Complete the calculations found at: www.epa.vic.gov.au/ecologicalfootprint/calculators/default.asp

Make a symbolic gesture on March 29th. Sign up and participate in Earth Hour. Visit: www.earthhour.org/ and www.education.theage.com.au/ or read *The Age* newspaper to find out what's happening in Victoria.

Come along to the Climate Change presentation at Melbourne High School on Monday April 14th. See the accompanying flier.

Peter Cogo
Science Coordinator

MHS Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday 4 May
10am - 12:30pm
MHS Staff Centre

*Join us for champagne and a delicious brunch
Listen to our fabulous "Singers"*

with Guest speaker Ms Sally Davis
Parent, class of 2007

"Opening our Eyes - A Pilgrimage to India"

Cost **\$28** for mothers plus add on only
\$22 if you bring a grandmother or sister

RSVP to Evelyn Erlichster 9525 8571 or Julie Doncevic 9754 4167
or email juliedoncevic@hotmail.com
by **April 28**

Please send your payment to the School office, clearly labelled



FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF CHINESE MEDICINE AT RMIT

Students and parents interested in Chinese Medicine should come along to hear RMIT lecturer, Dr Zhen Zheng, present her ongoing research into Chinese Medicine and pain management. Continuing RMIT's commitment to harmonising Eastern and Western medicine, it is the largest educator of Chinese Medicine in Australia. RMIT's degree program is approved by the Chinese Medicine Registration Board, allowing graduates to practice upon graduation.

The lecture will offer students the opportunity to learn more about Chinese Medicine and speak to RMIT staff about study and career opportunities.

Date: Wednesday 30 April, 2008

Time: 5.30 pm (for a 6.00 pm start)



Location: Storey Hall, level 7, 336 Swanston St, Melbourne

Further information, contact Sandy Ebell

Tel. 03 9925 7746;

Email: sandy.ebell@rmit.edu.au

Web: www.rmit.edu.au/chinese-med

VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE: Information Session

The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine will hold a career information afternoon session during the holidays. The session will take place on **Monday 31st March, 2008**. It will commence at **12.30pm** and conclude at approximately 4.00pm. The session will be held in the Institute Lecture Theatre, based at the Coronial Services Centre - 57-83 Kavanagh St, Southbank.



Students wishing to attend **MUST** complete and return the registration form to VIFM no less than 1 week prior to the event. Places are limited so priority will be given in order of forms received. Please submit only one form per person. Forms can be down loaded from the Careers Web site on the school intranet at:

<http://domain.mhs.vic.edu.au/student/Careers/default.aspx>. Please return completed forms to:

Att: Careers Information Session Coordinator

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, 57 – 83 Kavanagh St, SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Or email as an attachment to: jobs@vifm.org If you have any questions prior to the day please call 03 9684 4342.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE: 2008 OFFERS

The University of Melbourne has just released its Clearly-In-Ranks for 2008. These figures are just an indication of Clearly-In-Ranks for 2009 and may change depending on demand for courses. Overall the university made approximately 6150 offers for undergraduate Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP).

Clearly-In Ranks and numbers of offers for New Generation degrees:

Course	2008 Clearly-In Ranks	Round 1 Offers Made
Bachelor of Arts	85	1772
Bachelor of Biomedicine	95	338
Bachelor of Commerce	95.6	644
Bachelor of Environments	85.15	414
Bachelor of Music	Range of Criteria	108
Bachelor of Science	85	1012



For a full list of all our 2008 Clearly-In Ranks please visit: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/aust/aug/augscores

DATES TO REMEMBER:

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE: ACCESS ALL AREAS: For students in Years 10—12 and their parents.

The University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus, Friday 28th March 2008

To attend you must register at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/about/meetstaff/vic/allareas/index.html

INDUSTRY INDUCTION PROGRAMS: Students need to register in the Careers Centre (T39) by the registration closing date. A list of Semester 1 programs is available on the Careers web site.

Year 10 students: Careers in the Police Force should register by **Monday 7th April**. This is a full day program and will include a tour of Mounted Branch Stables, Police Academy and Firearms Training Complex on 8th May.

Years 10 and 11 students: 3D Animation and Game Design should register by **Friday 18th April**. This is a full day program at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment on Tuesday 27th May.

Years 10 students: The Performing Arts should register by **Monday 21st April**. This is a full day program at the Melbourne Theatre Company Headquarters on Wednesday 11th June.

Annette Travers

Careers & Work Education Coordinator

For further information on any item above email: annette.travers@mhs.vic.edu.au





STUDENT SERVICES

WORKSHOPS and COURSES

Parenting Adolescents

The Drummond Street Relationship Centre is holding a seminar to explore skills and insights into effective ways to develop a strong and supportive relationship with your teenager.

Date: starts Thursday 3rd April (three weeks) 6:00 – 7:30pm

Venue: Drummond St Relationship Centre, 195 Drummond St, Carlton.

Cost: \$35

For more information call Georgie 96636733 or www.drummondstreet.org.au

Standing up to Anxiety

This is a six week structured group for people who want to reduce the effects of panic and anxiety in their lives. The group aims to provide support and inspiration through sharing information, ideas and practical strategies. Interested clients are required to attend a half hour interview prior to the group sessions.

Date: Starts Wednesday 9th April (six weeks) 12:30 – 3:00pm

Venue: Inner South Community Health Service - Southport.

Cost: \$5 per session

For more information call Heather Barr 95340981 or Trish Parker 96909144

Helping Kids with Separation and Divorce

The Drummond Street Relationship Centre is holding a free seminar to look at the common pitfalls and helpful strategies for assisting children and young people to manage this transition.

Date: Monday 21st April 6:00 – 7:30pm

Venue: Drummond St Relationship Centre, 195 Drummond St, Carlton.

Cost: Free

For more information call Georgie 96636733 or www.drummondstreet.org.au

Managing Stress

The Drummond Street Relationship Centre is holding a three part seminar to explore skills and insights into effective ways to manage stress.

Date: starts Wednesday 23rd April (three weeks) 6:00 – 7:30pm

Venue: Drummond St Relationship Centre, 195 Drummond St, Carlton.

Cost: \$35

For more information call Georgie 96636733 or www.drummondstreet.org.au

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Reach Out www.reachout.com.au - great ideas and support

Somazone www.somazone.com.au

Depression Info www.ybblue.com, www.justask.org.au, or www.moodgym.anu.edu.au

Aust. Drug Info Network www.adin.com.au

Lifeline 131 114 or www.lifeline.org.au

Kids Help Line 1800 551 800

Helpline 1300 886 999

Smoking Quitline 131 848

Drug Info Line 1300 858 584 & 1300 660 068

National Drugs Campaign www.drugs.health.gov.au

Youthlaw 9611 2412

LUEKAMIA FOUNDATION THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



The sports centre staff have taken the plunge and had their heads shaved for charity. The Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation has claimed a few victims in the Sports Centre, so please, it is not too late, come and make a gold coin donation!!!

John Smith
SYS Manager

Dire new warning on climate

It's a lot worse than we thought, declares the Government's top adviser on global warming

By **PENELOPE DEBELLE**
ADELAIDE

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...climate change is advanc-
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“Without strong action... between now and 2020, it will be impossible to avoid high risks of dangerous climate change. The show will be over...”

...before releasing the report today,
...said he would not endorse par-
...ticular temperature or car-
...concentration targets until
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...September.

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The Age, Feb. 21 2008

How serious is the impact of climate change? What can we, as individuals and as a community, do about it?

MHS Community Forum

Members of the Melbourne High School Community are invited to attend a very important presentation to hear up to date information about the causes and impact of climate change, presented by Mr Tim Forcey, the parent of a former MHS student

Tim is an engineer employed in the oil industry. He is a founding member of the Bayside Climate Change Action Group (BCCAG), which has accomplished many things including the organisation of 2,500 people in the “human sign” on Sandringham Beach on 22 April 2007.

In 2007, along with 150 other volunteers, Tim was selected to be trained as a Climate Change Presenter by former US Vice President and Nobel Prize recipient Al Gore and the Australian Conservation Foundation.

He has presented to industry, university students, schools and community organisations.

Students from the Year 10 Science Engineering elective will also speak about what we're doing at MHS.

**Monday April 14, 2008, 7.00 – 8.30 pm.
Memorial Hall, Melbourne High School.**

**In order to gauge interest in this event please complete the following and return to the General Office.
For further information email Peter Cogo (cogop@mhs.vic.edu.au)**

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I/we are interested in attending the presentation on climate change.

Name(s).....