



Model Farms High School

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Success

Congratulations to the very talented Sian Hamilton of Year 7 who successfully auditioned for a role in a huge production of Annie, starring theatre favourite Amanda Muggleton, showing at Riverside Theatres in Parramatta, February 2014. Sian will undoubtedly have a terrific experience and we wish her and her audiences well. Congratulations also to Year 12 student Hannah Bowman who has made it through the final stages of selection for ARTEXPRESS in 2014. Hannah's major work "Feast Your Eyes" will be on display in the Margaret Whitlam Galleries, University of Western Sydney later in 2014.

Recognition Assemblies

Our annual Recognition Assemblies are fast approaching and we look forward to having many family and friends in the audience for each event. As well as Presentation Night on the 17th of December, these are important events on our calendar when we get to acknowledge the marvelous achievements of our students in each of their year groups. Please check the calendar for dates.

Uniform

I know that as children grow out of their uniform there is a tendency not to want to purchase new items until the next year. One element of the uniform that really needs careful attention however, is shoes. It is a WH&S requirement that all shoes are of a suitable standard while on school grounds and in particular in practical classrooms. While I would not expect anyone to go buying a really expensive pair of shoes so close to Christmas, I do have an obligation to ensure that shoes are appropriate. Some of our larger stores such as Big W and KMart sell reasonable prices black lace up shoes that parents might wish to consider if they are in this position.

Christina Bennet
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY ... MR ANDERSON

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS RE: INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY MEMBERS OF NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION ON TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2013

We have been notified that the NSW Teachers' Federation has called on all members to support a Stop Work meeting for 2 hours on TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2013.

The purpose of the industrial action will be to hear a report from the Presidential Officers and vote on a recommendation for a new Salaries and Conditions Award.

Please be advised that the majority of teachers, including executive staff are likely to be involved in this action and therefore **normal classroom lessons will not take place at all during period 1 and 2.** The school will only be staffed to provide minimal supervision of students who attend. The Year 6 Pathfinders program will continue and will not be impacted upon by the Stop Work Meeting.

A shortened recess will run from 10.35 am to 10.45 am with the scheduled period 3 beginning at 10.45 am. Normal lessons and bell times will occur for the remainder of the day.

**Mark Anderson
Deputy Principal**

FROM THE DEPUTY ...MR GRADY

Work Experience for Year 10, 2014

All students in Year 10 (2014) will do work experience in the last week of Term 3, 2014. Students wishing to complete their work experience in one of the local hospitals will however need to apply now.

Positions are available at Westmead, Auburn and Blacktown Hospitals. As part of your experience, you will complete a full week program of nursing and medical related hospital activities.

Any student who is interested in a career in the medical profession should apply for this wonderful opportunity. The applications are available from Mrs Burnand in either the Science staffroom or the Careers office. There are only 15 applications and they are due to the hospital on the 18th December, 2013, so if you are interested, you will need to be quick. Applications will not be considered after this date.

Davidson Shield Cricket

On Wednesday, our Davidson Shield Cricket team played the group Semi Final against Rouse Hill High School. Model Farms batted first, and led by a whirlwind innings from Angus Carroll (127 runs), amassed a large score of 9-245.

This score proved too much for the opposition, being bowled out for 125 runs after 25 overs. Congratulations to Nathan Webster and Michael McConnell who took four wickets each in an excellent team performance and recognition must go to the whole team for the manner in which they played the game.

The school would like to wish Mr Puleo and his team every success in the forthcoming group final.

**Have a great week,
Mark Grady**

TERM 4

WEEK 9

Mon 02/12 Yr 12 Physics Skills Test
 Yr 7 2014 Pathfinders Visit
 Yr 8 A Case of Conspiracy
 Modern History HSC
 Assessment Task 1
 Yr 7 Gala Day v Castle Hill
 High
 116FT Sydney Fish Market
 excursion
 Yr 9 Elective Music Night
 6pm
 Tues 03/12 Yr 7 2014 Pathfinders Visit
 Surf School for PASS
 elective students (Yrs 9 &
 10)
 Yr 11 HSC Assessment Task
 1 Ext 1 Mathematics
 Wed 04/12 Yr 7 2014 Orientation Day
 Yr 11 HSC Assessment Task
 1 Ext 2 Mathematics
 Yr 10 Elective Music Night
 6:00pm
 Thur 05/12 Yr 11 HSC Assessment Task
 1, 2 Unit Mathematics
 Yr 11 HSC Assessment Task
 1 General Mathematics 2
 Yr 11 HSC Assessment Task
 1 General Mathematics 1
 Fri 06/12 Yr 10 Luna Park
 Yr 12 Reading Task
 Assessment

WEEK 10

Mon 09/12 Yr 11 Recognition Assembly
 Tues 10/12 Yr 9 Recognition Assembly
 Yr 7 Support Rewards
 Excursion
 Wed 11/12 Yr 12 Practice Narrative due
 Yrs 8-10 Gifted & Talented
 Project Presentation
 Yr 11 Ext – Viewing &
 Representing Assessment
 Yr 10 Recognition Assembly
 Fri 13/12 Yr 7 Recognition Assembly
 Yr 12 ESL English
 Assessment Task 1
 Yr 10 Jamberoo Action Park
 Excursion

WEEK 11

Mon 16/12 Yr 8 Recognition Assembly
 Tues 17/12 MFHS Presentation Evening
 Wed 18/12 -
 Thur 19/12 Yr 12 Results Day BBQ

FROM THE ENGLISH FACULTY



Congratulations to the following students who are merit award recipients:

Year 7: Margaret Eden, Zachariah Demos, Olivia Durie, Hannah Maestri, Maneka Ratnayake, Nicholas Smith, Lance van Doorene (x3) and Anthea Wilson

Year 9: Laurence Gendron and Thisura Ratnayake



SO YOU THINK YOU CAN SPELL?

Over the coming weeks, Years 7-9 will be harnessing their skills in spelling in preparation for the 'So You Think You Can Spell?' inter-class competition. A champion will be selected from each class, who will then compete against other members of their year group in Week 9 for the ultimate title of Super Speller. Best of luck to all students and be sure to give us your best effort! Here is an activity to get you in the mood:

Can you correct these spelling mistakes?

sylable

libary

curiosaty

apreciation

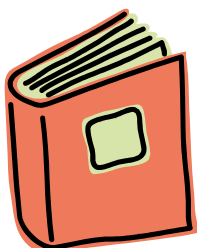
spectater

Ext English – The exciting world of Crime Fiction!

While most of you are waking from your beds, ten dedicated students and a coffee induced maniac (Mr K) are tackling grizzly murders, unreliable witnesses and a plethora of suspects that can only mean one thing... 7:30 Monday and Wednesday is Crime Fiction time! Extension English caters for students who need more than the eight periods of English and wish to read texts within 'a higher level of analysis and discussion'. This term we have been studying and viewing the masterful Alfred Hitchcock's 'Rear Window' and discussing the subversion of gendered roles within detective fiction. Exciting stuff!



A Call to Books!



We are asking all students to check under beds, behind desks and through old bags for any English texts that must be returned this term. Thank you ☺

**Ms Letherbarrow
Year Adviser**



UNIFORM SHOP



Trading Days and Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8.10 am until 9.00 am

Payment Options
Cash - Cheque - Visa - Mastercard

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# SHOP CLOSES

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

# YEAR 10

Don't forget your SENIOR UNIFORM

If your Junior uniform is in good condition, please consider donating it to the Uniform Shop.  
All donations are appreciated and help many students.

~ ~ ~ 2014 ~ ~ ~

SATURDAY - 11 January 2014

Open 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

FRIDAY - 31 January 2014

Shop Re-Opens 8.10 am – 9.00 am

The Uniform Shop will NOT be open  
on the first days of school 2014.

# MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

## UNIFORM PRICE LIST

**Trading Days and Hours**  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
8.10 am until 9.00 am  
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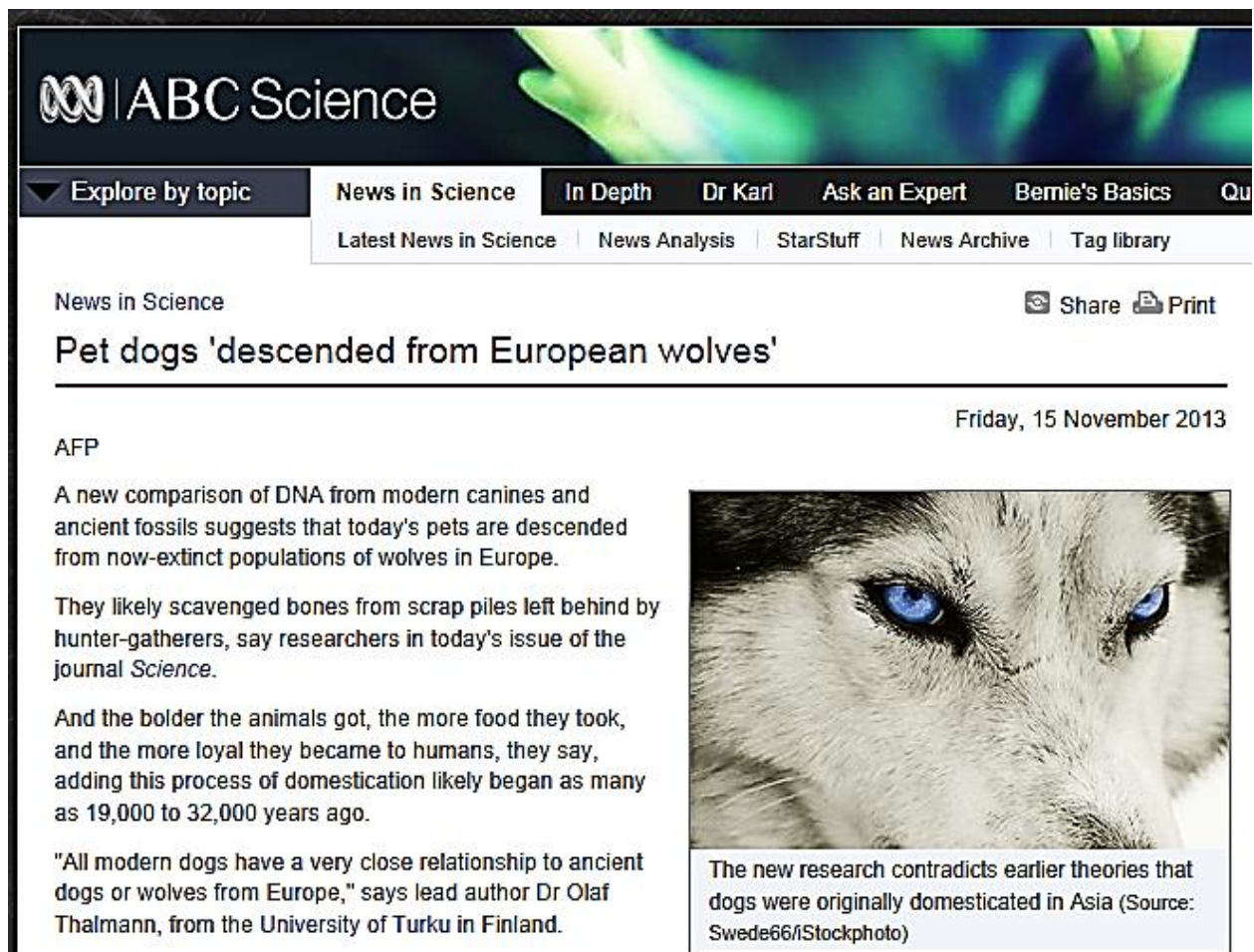
| <b>ITEM</b>                                  | <b>PRICE</b>       |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>BOYS</b>                                  |                    |
| Shirt - Blue (Junior) /<br>White (Senior)    | \$32.00            |
| Shorts - Grey (easy care)                    | \$35.00            |
| Long Trousers (easy care)                    | \$45.00            |
| <b>GIRLS</b>                                 |                    |
| Blouse - Blue (Junior) /<br>Lemon (Senior)   | \$32.00            |
| Skirt - Check (Junior) /<br>Grey (Senior)    | \$60.00            |
| Long Pants                                   | \$40.00            |
| <b>JUMPERS</b>                               |                    |
| Fleecy<br>Wool - (Australian Wool)           | \$40.00<br>\$80.00 |
| <b>SPORT</b>                                 |                    |
| Top                                          | \$40.00            |
| Shorts                                       | \$35.00            |
| <b>TRACKSUIT (By<br/>Order Only)</b>         |                    |
| Jacket Only                                  | \$75.00            |
| Pants Only                                   | \$50.00            |
| Complete Set                                 | \$120.00           |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                         |                    |
| Aprons                                       | \$13.00            |
| Tie - Junior / Senior                        | \$20.00            |
| Blazer                                       | \$200.00           |
| Calculator                                   | \$35.00            |
| Exercise Books - ie. maths,<br>music, normal | \$various          |

## FROM THE FACULTY THAT MATTERS

**Pet dogs 'descended from European wolves' – ABC Science**

Digging into the DNA of man's best friend, the dog, has shown their ancestors to be wolves.

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2013/11/15/3891538.htm>



The screenshot shows the ABC Science website interface. At the top left is the ABC Science logo. A navigation bar includes 'Explore by topic' and several categories: 'News in Science', 'In Depth', 'Dr Karl', 'Ask an Expert', 'Bernie's Basics', and 'Qu'. Below this is a sub-menu for 'News in Science' with links to 'Latest News in Science', 'News Analysis', 'StarStuff', 'News Archive', and 'Tag library'. The main article title is 'Pet dogs 'descended from European wolves'' with a 'Share' and 'Print' button. The article is dated 'Friday, 15 November 2013' and attributed to 'AFP'. The text discusses DNA analysis of modern canines and ancient fossils, suggesting that today's pets descended from European wolves. It mentions that these dogs likely scavenged bones from scrap piles left by hunter-gatherers. A quote from Dr Olaf Thalmann of the University of Turku in Finland states that all modern dogs have a very close relationship to ancient dogs or wolves from Europe. To the right of the text is a close-up photograph of a dog's face with striking blue eyes. Below the photo is a caption: 'The new research contradicts earlier theories that dogs were originally domesticated in Asia (Source: Swede66/iStockphoto)'.

**Fiona Hoy**  
Head Teacher, Science



## FROM THE FACULTY THAT COUNTS

### Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:

Year 7 – Lance van Doorene x 2  
Year 8 – Shawn Wang  
Year 9 – Jonathon Zalakos  
Year 11 – Yvette Flory  
– Vi Ngo



### **This Week's News**

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have completed their yearly exams and still have several more topics to study in order to satisfy their completion of their courses. It is still very important that all students continue to focus on their studies and that they realise that what they are doing is also important preparatory work for next year.

#### Year 11 Assessment Task

Year 11 will be doing the first of their HSC assessment tasks in week 9. Extension 1 will be doing theirs on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Extension 2 will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. General and 2 unit will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If students are not able to attend school on those days due to illness or accident, they will need a medical certificate to explain their absence.

### **Year 10 Luna Park Maths Excursion**

We are all looking forward to the Year 10 Luna Park excursion on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This is a reward for students who have completed all of the necessary requirements of the Stage 5 course. Unfortunately as payment was required by 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, no more payments for this excursion can be accepted.

### ***Free Maths Tuition:***

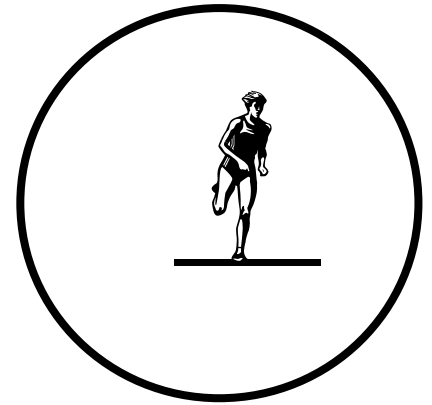
Free Maths tuition is provided every Thursday afternoon after school from 3pm to 4pm. Years 7 to 10 are in room 8-07 and Years 11 and 12 in 8-06. It is fully supervised by the Mathematics Faculty.

### **Calculators:**

Please make sure that all students have their own calculator. The Casio fx-82AU is sold at the uniform shop for \$35. Students need this calculator from Year 7. It is vital for their progress that students are familiar with their calculator and know how to use the different functions.

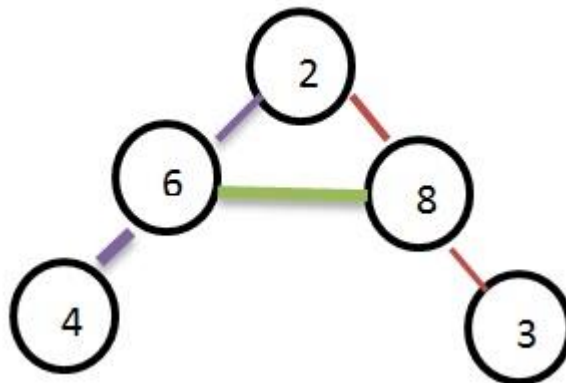
**Fun with Maths**

Two athletes are training on a circular track to prepare for the Olympic Games. Antinous takes 3 minutes to complete one circuit of the track, while Draco takes 4. Thinking in terms of complete circuits, how long will it take Antinous to have completed one more circuit than Draco?



*Answer to last week's problem:*

Select digits from 1 to 9 to complete the figure below. The product of numbers in the circles connected by the different lines must be equal.



**Have a Mathematical week,  
From Jackie Dalton and the Maths Faculty Staff**

# **GUITAR LESSONS**

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**Learn Guitar from an  
accredited & experienced  
guitar teacher.**

**Acoustic or Electric  
All styles taught  
Beginner to Advanced**

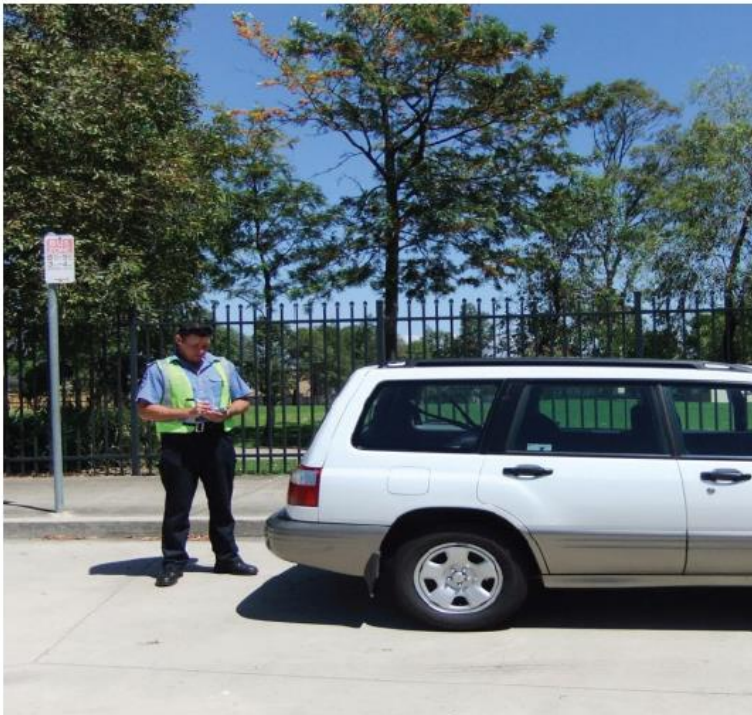
*Available 7 days*

**Ph: 9863 2956**

Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

# BUS ZONES

Sydney's Garden Shire  
**THE HILLS**



**You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.**

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

**SCHOOL ZONE**

Penalty from \$304 and 2 demerit points

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.  
For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145

The Hills Shire Council  
PO Box 75, Castle Hill 1765  
Ph: 9843 0555  
[www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)

## There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.



### No Parking

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty from \$169 and 2 demerit points



### No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty from \$304 and 2 demerit points



### Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from \$304 and 2 demerit points

|                                                             |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Double parking                                              | \$304 & 2 demerit points |
| Stop on path or nature strip                                | \$169 & 2 demerit points |
| Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing        | \$405 & 2 demerit points |
| Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely     | \$506 & 4 demerit points |
| Illegal U turns                                             | \$405 & 4 demerit points |
| Stop across driveway                                        | \$169 & 2 demerit points |
| Drive using a hand held mobile phone                        | \$405 & 4 demerit points |
| Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line | \$236                    |

### Fines current as of July 2013

For a complete list of school zones offences visit [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

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# Annie

**7-22 February 2014**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**



**Amanda Muggleton**  
*(Prisoner, Hello Dolly, Shirley Valentine)*  
as Miss Hannigan



**Rodney Dobson**  
*(Wicked, Miss Saigon, The Full Monty)*  
as Oliver 'Daddy' Warbucks



**Christopher Horsey**  
*(Hot Shoe Shuffle, Bootmen, Chicago)*  
as Rooster



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**CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION  
MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL****Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_**New Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_**Correspondence:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_**New Home Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_**Mother Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_**Mother Work:** \_\_\_\_\_**Father Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_**Father Work** \_\_\_\_\_**Emergency Contact if changed:** \_\_\_\_\_**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_**Any change in Medical Condition e.g. Allergy, Asthma etc.****Details** \_\_\_\_\_**Bus Pass:**                      **YES / NO**

**SPORT BUS PASSES CAN NOT BE PURCHASED ON WEDNESDAYS**

*Sports Bus  
052-001*

Please indicate preferred pass:

- A 5 trip pass for \$37.50      No. of passes \_\_\_\_\_      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- A 10 trip pass for \$75.00      No. of passes \_\_\_\_\_      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student/s \_\_\_\_\_ Year/s \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by:      CASH            CHEQUE     

**PAYMENT BY MASTERCARD OR VISA SLIP**

**Please circle the appropriate card**

**Please debit my Mastercard / Visa Account No:**

**Amount in figures** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiry Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CCV:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Credit Card Holder (as shown on card)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Credit Card Holder:** \_\_\_\_\_