FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

INTERIM REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEW BOOKINGS

Teachers are currently in the process of reviewing students' progress for this term and are preparing Term 3 Interim Reports. These will be posted in approximately two weeks' time and are expected to arrive at your home in the week commencing Monday September 10th.

Accompanying the reports will be information regarding our new online booking system for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. This will include step by step instructions on how parents can book interview times with their child’s teachers.

Please note that our Term 3 Parent /Teacher/Student interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus on:

- Thurs 20th Sep (4.00pm - 7.00pm — for parents of students at McBride and Dudley)
- Fri 21st Sep (9.00am - 2.30pm — for parents of students at the Dudley Campus only)

McBride students are reminded that normal classes will be conducted on Friday the 21st of September and attendance is compulsory as per normal requirements.

RESPONDING TO SERIOUS BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES

Some members of our school community may be aware of some recent issues at school regarding student behaviour. A small group of students were suspended from our school recently following incidents involving marijuana at school. We, like all of you, wish that such things did not occur but remain confident in our ability to work through this.

We need to ensure that the message around such behaviours not being acceptable is not only understood by those involved but also by our wider school community. Pleasingly the police and the families involved have been very supportive in assisting us at this time. The needs of individuals in situations like this must be considered, and we will work with families to endeavour to offer as much support as is possible. However, the issue of any form of drugs being in schools must be taken seriously and the integrity of our school is paramount. While it is not appropriate to provide the details around this recent problem, we remain committed to addressing this issue at all times.

SES BBQ - OUT OF UNIFORM DAY/FUNDRAISER

Last Friday the Dudley student leaders organised a fundraiser for the Wonthaggi SES. The students were able to come out of uniform with an Olympic theme for the day. The SES kindly organised the BBQ and the children supported this well with the SES raising $450 from the BBQ sales. With any fundraiser / Out of uniform day we ask for a gold coin donation and this also raised $450, so in total the day raised $900.00 for a very worthy cause. The SES are also trying to recruit new volunteers. You have to be 16 years or older to train to be an SES volunteer. If you are interested please contact the Wonthaggi SES on 56722011.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

By now most Year 7 and 8 students have received their Handbooks and are aware of the steps to take in order to make wise choices for their courses in 2013. A few reminders to students:

- conversations with teachers about subjects that suit and challenge you are your responsibility;
- read the Handbook information closely once you have narrowed down your choices;
- September 5th is the due date for selection sheets to be handed in;
- parents need to be involved and to sign the sheet;
- Ms Findlay is available for extra advice if you need it.

Good luck and thanks to staff who have supported the process so far.

MIPS

Planning for our big day is progressing well. All students should receive their letters early next week informing them of their appointment times at the various venues and activities for the day. Please be aware that, as this is a formal school day, all students need to be accounted for at all times and may not proceed into the general shopping area for lunch or to meet friends. All students will have five designated appointment times. They are as follows:

**Job interview at one of the following businesses** - Big W, Woolworths, Aquasure, Wonthaggi Police Station, McBride Conference Room, Bunnings, Cardells Accountants and one other yet to be confirmed. Students will be interviewed by one of their teachers and a business owner/operator or community member in groups of 2 or 3. Students are to be dressed in smart casual and appropriate dress. Please check clothing NOW and don't leave this until the last minute!

**“Career Snapshots” at Wonthaggi Theatre**, where community and business leaders will address small groups of our students for ten minute sessions about their chosen careers, work history and elements which make up their work life.

**BBQ lunch at McBride campus** in the covered area at the rear of the main building. This will be very generously prepared by Wonthaggi Lions and Wonthaggi Secondary College (please notify Ms Moore of any special dietary requirements). Students are asked to bring their own morning tea with them as they will not have access to shops.

**Course counselling at the Wonthaggi Town Hall** which will be conducted in an individual appointment by the college Principal team and McBride teachers. Parents/carers are encouraged to attend these interviews.

**Guest speakers at the Wonthaggi Theatre**, where all Year 9 students will be addressed as a whole year level body at 1.45pm.

All students are expected to sign in at every appointment and students will be dismissed from the Wonthaggi Theatre at 3.30 (to then proceed to the McBride Campus bus area to catch their usual buses home). Please direct any queries or concerns to Ms Kathy Moore at Dudley Campus on 56720900. Students are working very hard in their English classes on their resumes, cover letters and job applications in preparation for their day to ensure they receive the maximum benefit from their experience. They are also studying Business Maths with their Maths teachers and Finance in Humanities classes.
AUTHOR VISIT

Well known teen author, Lili Wilkinson, charmed our Year 7 students last week when she visited our school. She was invited along to motivate students to engage in and enjoy their reading and writing.

Maddison Mathews of 7G said, ‘I enjoyed hearing how she became a writer, how she put a story in a magazine when she was thirteen. It was the first time she was published.’

Tom Mendes of 7F said it was a good presentation. He enjoyed hearing about how Lili’s mother was also an author, and how she became world famous when she wrote what she wanted to write.

Lili certainly was a hit in her writers’ workshop and got the creative juices flowing for many of those lucky enough to attend. Some students went on to develop their creative writing pieces well after we waved Lili goodbye.

Tom Mendes said, ‘I’ve started to write a book at home, using the ideas that she gave us. She gave us each an object and we had to come up with a story about it.’

This is what Kissa Nettleton of 7A had to say, ‘When Lili came to our school for a presentation, I found it very interesting. She was very informative and she seemed to love writing. She is a very inspirational writer, and she encouraged me to keep writing. Her story was nice and her books seem GREAT! I am reading one of her books at the moment called ‘The Not Quite Perfect Boyfriend’, in the Girlfriend Fiction series. I would recommend it. It is rather funny. She told us she most enjoyed writing either this book or another called ‘Pink’. She has quite a large vocabulary. I think I got a lot out of her visit. Thank you for coming Lili!’

RIBIT READING

Congratulations to 7F and 7I for winning the Ribit Reading Competition for Semester 1. These 2 groups were invited to lunch in the library last week. The best readers from other Year 7 groups were also invited including: Jared Woods, Seba Jacob, Alexandra Bland, Rachelle Dowling, Tiarna Packer, Daisy Filippi, Andrew Arney, Nathan Tong, Dana Scheerer-Tutton, Haley Goodie, Chantelle Manning, Shoena Bugbird, Kiara Tonello and Renee Alexandra. Well done to all of these students. A new competition begins for Semester 2, so keep on reading Year 7’s and get yourself into the race to be the winners of a free lunch at the end of the year. Happy reading!

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

The Atherton Boys, Andrew Yr 11, Dale Yr 7 and Ben Yr 9, all competed in the recent zone finals of clay target shooting.

All three boys represented the school with distinction and were all competitive in their relevant age groups.

In the preliminary rounds Dale excelled in the junior boys competition shooting 9 out of 10 and 6 out of 10 targets, which qualified him to shoot off for third place.

Dale won the shoot off hitting 3 out of 5 targets which qualified him to participate in the Schools State Finals at Bendigo in September. Well done to all three boys and good-luck to Dale at the State finals!
**Year 9 Tree Planting Day**

On the 10th of August a group of forty Year 9 students and three teachers took part in a tree planting day organised by Landcare. The site where we planted was a highly significant area due to its location in the Powlett catchment. The area contains a number of tree species that have largely died out in the Powlett catchment due to large scale clearing and agriculture. This site, close to the Bass Hill towers, is used by Landcare to collect much of the seed stock which is used in revegetating other sites in the catchment. It is also the source of Bridge Creek which eventually winds its way down to the Powlett River. After arriving at the farm we had to walk quite a distance to the planting site due to the very wet weather. The students were divided into six groups and led by one or two adults. The students worked very hard in the drizzle and managed to plant four and a half thousand trees. After finishing, the hungry workers made their way to the farm house where they were presented with an excellent lunch. Some of the girls were able to sit in luxury and watch the Olympic highlights inside. The students were thanked for their hard work and a number of gun planters were presented with prizes. The student group was awarded a one hundred dollar chip lunch by the landowners who were very appreciative of the group’s efforts. The students worked very hard and did the school proud.

**Music News**

Congratulations to the Senior Concert Band and the Big Band who last week participated in the annual Yarram Eisteddfod. Seven bands from various Gippsland schools were entered in the competition. The Concert Band was awarded an Honourable Mention and Big Band was awarded Second Place. They were only one point behind the winners from Sale Secondary College. Well done to all players and also to Mrs Beale and Mr Berger for organising the day.

The school and local community will have the opportunity to hear all of the school bands play in the near future. On September 13th and 14th we will be visited by well known musician, conductor and composer, Graham Lloyd. Graham Lloyd spent many years studying and playing music in the military. He has been the Musical Director for various Army and RAAF Bands as well as working extensively with Concert Bands both in Australia and overseas. Graham will be leading rehearsals with each of the school bands and also be our guest at a concert at the Wonthaggi Workmans’ Club on the evening of Friday 14th September, beginning at 7.30pm. The event is being supported by the College Administration and so is free for all people, however tickets do need to be obtained from the General Office of either Campus as from Monday August 27th as seating at the venue is limited. Please invite your family and friends and come along to what should be a great evening of entertainment.
WORK EXPERIENCE FOR WSC STUDENTS

Work experience proved to be a great experience for all involved. From the 6th to the 10th of August, Year 10 students from Wonthaggi Secondary College McBride Campus participated in professional environments all across Victoria. The students worked the same hours as their new co-workers, often from 9am to 5pm, and adapted to the new situations presented to them quite well.

The weeks leading up to this were both a nervous wait and a busy time for those finalising all their details. From running around, to making sure everything was filled out, students were able to speak to their employers beforehand and know exactly what to do and what to bring.

Every student, however, had the same thing to say to those doing work experience next year. Miah Bolding-Paola, worker at Target said, “Don’t leave it to the last minute! Make sure you’re early and do something you love.”

Many students chose their work experience jobs based on their future aspirations. “I’ve always wanted to become a Lawyer and this has really helped me,” said Amy Kent, who worked in the law firm, Luscombe Colahan, Barristers & Solicitors.

Students were required to organise their own transport. Students like Amy caught their normal buses to and from school and in some cases others were dropped off or picked up by their parents. This affected the choices for students but students found great places to work in their area. Whether it was at a newspaper, radio station, law firm or even as a mechanic, students seemed pleased with their choices.

Students were trained in new activities; acquiring skills which helped them gain great experience.

Avy Shawcroft, a student working at a local radio station, explained how much she enjoyed it there, that everyone was very nice and helped her learn the ropes.

“It’s very cool and I’ve had a lot of laughs!”, she said.

“It’s pretty fun!” said Tayla Barber, working at Fiddlestix for the week. She found the people very nice to work with and they helped her learn to run the business.

Teachers from Wonthaggi Secondary College, McBride Campus, checked in on the students to see how they were going. They also took pictures, much to the shyness of the students, which will be available for view at the school in the coming weeks.

Next year students will have the option to participate in work experience again, many looked forward to the prospect.

By Chloe Quinn 10I
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT UNDER 12/14/16
WHEN: 5TH SEPTEMBER
WHERE: GLEN ALVIE CRICKET CLUB, GLEN ALVIE RD GLEN ALVIE
TIME: FROM 5:30 FOR BBQ AND A DRINK
ALL WELCOME, ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT MATT HULL 0417518197

Wonthaggi Basketball Association AGM
Tuesday 18th September 2012 @ 7pm
To be held at Dudley School Campus general office area
A representative from all senior teams is required to attend
Season alterations to summer/winter dates
By-laws available for changes at AGM only
Committee positions available
All welcome – come along and get involved

KONGWAK TENNIS CLUB
Junior Registration Day
24th August 2012
4 – 5pm at the clubrooms
Fees: $75 (Includes Membership & Ball Money) - Sections 1 & 2 & Pennant
$65 (Includes Membership & Ball Money) - Sections 3, 4 & 5
Any queries contact Janelle Anderson
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