FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

INTERIM REPORTS

Due to current AEU industrial action, many of our staff will not be providing interim reports. Staff who have completed interim reports will have this information at the parent/teacher/student interviews. We regret the inconvenience this brings to families but please note that staff involved in the bans do so under protected industrial action. A letter from the WSC branch of the AEU is included in this newsletter for your consideration. As a result attending parent/teacher/student interviews is particularly important so that all staff can provide feedback to students and their families.

We look forward to the current work agreement negotiations being resolved as soon as possible.

Parent/teacher/student interviews:
Wednesday 27th March - 4-6pm
Thursday 28th March - 9.00am-2.20pm (Student Free Day)

STUDENT LEADER INVESTIGITURE CEREMONIES

On Wednesday 27th February, WSC held investiture ceremonies for the student leaders from both the McBride and Dudley Campuses. The ceremonies were a formal induction of the student leaders for the 2013 school year and an opportunity to hear a leadership message from a guest speaker. The Dudley students heard from Acting College Principal, Mr. Darren Parker while McBride students were spoken to by former student, Miss Anna Cuttriss. Anna is currently completing honours in Environmental Science at university. Both ceremonies were attended by the entire campus student body, staff, as well as parents and family members of the leaders.

The Dudley Campus offers up to 45 leadership positions across the portfolios of School Leadership, Peer Support and Sport. Each of the students who hold one of these positions were congratulated for taking on the challenge of such a role and were presented with a titled badge. All of the Dudley leaders were thanked for the enormous amount of work they have already completed with house captains already being involved in the school swimming sports, the peer support leaders have been assisting with helping the Year 7 students settle in and the student leaders have already started planning for the school year ahead at the Dudley Campus.

The McBride Campus offers up another 20 leadership positions in the portfolios of School Leadership across Years 10, 11 & 12, Sport and the Arts. These leaders play a key role in decision making at the McBride Campus as well as the organisation of key events in the college calendar.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students who applied for leadership positions. We strongly encourage all students to continue to show leadership across the college and it’s programs regardless of whether or not they are holding a formal leadership position.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH:
- Tuesday 12th March: Year 12 Chemistry Purple Hen Winery excursion
- Wed 20th March: Textile Tour Excursion Year 10-12
- Thurs 21st March: House Athletics
- Mon 25th March: Museum Visual Perception Exhibition Excursion
- Wed 27th March: Parent/student/teacher interview 4-6pm
- Thurs 28th March: Parent/student/teacher interview 9-2.20pm
- Thurs 28th March: Student free day

LUKE TAKES CONTROL OF THE POOL

Wednesday February 20, saw over 500 students head to the Korumburra Outdoor Pool to compete in the House Swimming Sports. Students were dressed in their house colours and cheered loud enough for local residents to hear.

There were many close finishes on the day but the highlight was the last event, the staff vs student relay. With all lanes filled, five student teams and three staff teams battled for bragging rights. Congratulations to the Berry student team who were marginal winners over the Garnham McBride team and then the Garnham staff team.

A huge congratulations need to go to the House Captains, who showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship towards all competitors on the day.

Well done to the winning house, Luke on 486 points very closely followed by, Berry 470 points, Garnham 358 points and Lovett 227 points. Luke house hasn’t been lucky with wins over the past ten years, is this their year???

Age Group Champions were:
13 Years – Jake Benson & Amber Taylor
Runners Up – Clay Duke & Melody Notley
14 Years – Alex Lowe & Chloe Moxey
Runners Up – Campbell McKenzie & Bonnie Mullins
15 Years – Ben Rielly & Imogen Kaye-Helmot
Runners Up – Dylan Rielly & Mallory Bradley
16 Years – Oliver Bates & Molly Edwards
Runners Up – Surry Fisher & Courtney Dunlop
17 Years – Travis Zappa & Charlotte Townsend
Runners Up – Dylan Van Steensel & Katelyn Atkins
Open – Kyle Murdoch

WSC TRIUMPHS AGAIN AT INTERSCHOOL

Over forty students travelled to Korumburra in the rain to represent the College at the Interschool Swimming Sports, competing against Leongatha, Korumburra, Mirboo North and South Gippsland Secondary Colleges.

The College, for the sixth year in a row, walked away with all the Boys Aggregate, Girls Aggregate and Overall School Aggregate shields for their outstanding performances.

Congratulations to the following Age Group Champions:
13 Years – Jake Benson & Amber Taylor
14 Years – Chloe Moxey
15 Years – Ben Rielly & Runners Up Taya Murdoch
16 Years – Oliver Bates & Molly Edwards
17 Years – Runners Up Travis Zappa
18 Years – Kyle Murdoch & Harriet Bates

Good luck to Ms Stoopman (WSC Swim Coach) and students who will represent the College at the Gippsland Swimming Titles to be held later this month at Sale.
Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus from **4.00pm – 6.00pm** on **Wednesday 27th March** and from **9.00am – 2.20pm** on **Thursday 28th March** (Student Free Day).

We have changed our parent/teacher booking procedures and you can now book interviews at times that suit your family best.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 8th March at 4.00pm**
**BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 25th March at 9.00am**

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When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

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**BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 8th MARCH.**

For parents/carers that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, bookings may be made at the school office from Tuesday 12th March onwards. Parents may also send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride). Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. **Parents are asked to please only make one booking per teacher even if your child has that teacher for more than one subject.** If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride).

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb. Alternatively, you may give feedback to the school office.
**NUMERACY SUPPORT FOR PARENTS**
The development of your child’s numeracy skills is a vital part of their education. Parents often feel helpless when their secondary aged children struggle with maths and number skills.

During Parent Teacher interviews Glenn Sullivan will be available for any parents who would like support in methods they can use at home to help their children develop strong Number skills.

He will be available to discuss with you topics such as; Helping your child with their Multiplication Tables, use of the Textbook at home, the Maths Homework program, Mathletics and other related areas. If you bring a memory stick he can provide you with some excellent computer resources.

Sessions with Mr. Sullivan can be booked on-line in the same way that you book your normal classroom teacher interviews.

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**NUMERACY HELP AT LUNCHTIMES**
Can your child list all of the factors of 72? Can they work out 0.15 x 0.3? Can they work out 15% of 200? Can they calculate three quarters minus one fifth?
If you answered NO to any of those questions OR if your child needs a calculator to work them out then they NEED to work to develop better NUMBER Skills!
So every lunchtime during the month of March Mr Sullivan will be in room 34 running a program to help YOUR CHILD to BUILD BETTER Number skills.
They can turn up on whatever days best suit them OR they can come every day.

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**NEED TO CATCH UP ON HOMEWORK?**

Any Dudley students who need to catch up on homework, Mr Allan will be in Room 7 every Wednesday lunchtimes and after school every Monday.
At McBride, lunchtime assistance is available with Miss Tschiderer in Room 24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
**WSC cricket - v's Korumburra**

Wonthaggi’s Senior Boys cricket team travelled to Korumburra SC to take on the 'Burra boys for the South Gippsland title. Missing key players Eli Richards and Ben Foon, the boys were nevertheless primed for a strong performance.

Sent in, Dan Turton and Dean Williams opened up the shop and got away to a solid start. After Williams was dismissed with the score on 54, skipper Jacob Dakin came out swinging, and this method proved just what the doctor ordered, his quick-fire 30 taking much of the wind from Korumburra’s sails.

With the momentum heading firmly in Wonthaggi’s favour, our middle order combined to apply the finishing touches. Jakeb Thomas (64), Tom Hamilton (54) and James Honeysett (35) all put the KSC attack to the sword and by the end of the innings an imposing target of 341 was on the board.

It was always going to be a tall order for Korumburra, but the opening salvo from Wonthaggi’s quicks put the result beyond doubt. Jakeb Thomas and Jacob Dakin bowled with fire and accuracy, setting up a dominant display by the WSC bowlers. Classy ‘Burra batsman Tommy Wyatt provided some stern resistance, but when he was forced to retire on 60 the target was beyond reach. For Wonthaggi, the overs were shared around by the skipper with everyone doing their bit. Thomas, Zane MacDermid and Jye Dalmau each took two wickets in an impressive display.

**MATCH SUMMARY:**

WSC 9/340 J Thomas 64 retired, Tom Hamilton 54, D Turton 45  
KSC 153 J Dalmau 2-5, J Thomas 2-29, Z MacDermid 2-36

**WSC cricket - v’s Warragul**

A full strength Wonthaggi SC welcomed Warragul SC to play off on the next stop in their quest for glory. The 20 over match was held at local run-scoring haven McMahon’s Reserve and sent in, the locals entered the fray eyeing off a fast outfield and short boundaries.

Dan Turton went cheaply, but the partnership of Eli Richards and Jakeb Thomas set about dismantling the bowling. The pair combined for a quick-fire 80 run stand, setting things up for a lower order onslaught.

Miners hitters Ben Foon and Tom Hamilton were unlucky to be dismissed cheaply and their dismissals saw the WSC innings falter slightly. However the Warragul bowling stocks were thin and late order bats James Honeysett (27 off 19) and Nathan Brayley (33 off 10) took full toll in the last five overs, stretching the total to an impressive 214.

Warragul were never much of a chance of reaching the target, however they did have a couple of plucky bats that took it up to the Wonthaggi bowlers. After Wonthaggi’s quality opening bowlers Foon and Thomas were hit from the attack, it was up to the skipper Eli Richards to steer the ship in the right direction. Eli was the pick of the bowlers and he narrowly missed a hat-trick when a Warragul lower order batsman kept out a slow in-swinger.

**MATCH SUMMARY:**

Warragul 151 L McLean 2-20, E Richards 2-20
Wonthaggi & District Netball Association

2013 Saturday Competition

All Grades from NetSetGo to Open.
Season commences Saturday April 20th for 15 weeks.
Registration Nights: Wednesday March 6th and Wednesday March 13th, 4-5pm at Wonthaggi Netball Courts.
Registration forms also available at Cargill's Sports Store, Wonthaggi.
Enquiries Anna 0407 822 694
Netball meeting 7pm Monday 18th February at Wonthaggi Courts, parent help is essential (coaching and umpiring), all welcome.

FOR SALE

The school has five 20 year old woodwork benches we wish to sell. They are sturdy and in fair condition for a 20 year old bench.
They are without vices. Price is $110 each. They will go to the first 5 buyers to ring the business Manager on 56713706.
March 2013  Re - Interim reports

Dear Parent/Guardian,

WSC teachers highly value the communication with parents and guardians via the interim reporting process. However AEU members are not writing interim reports this term as part of the ongoing Union action.

AEU members do not take this action lightly. While there will be no written report all teachers will be available to discuss individual student progress with parents or guardians.

We urge you to take advantage of the interviews to come and talk about your son/daughter’s progress with their studies this term. We are writing to explain why this interim reporting is different from what you would normally expect.

On behalf of teachers, principals and support staff, the Australian Education Union has been negotiating with the Baillieu Government for a new enterprise agreement for over 2 years. Still we have no agreement.

The Premier promised to make Victorian teachers the highest paid in the nation, but now offers only 2.5% while seeking to introduce performance pay which will break down the teamwork and collaboration which are so important in our schools. He also seeks to sack 5% of our teachers — a move that would lead to higher class sizes and less individual attention for our students.

Last year, therefore, AEU members have begun a ban on providing written comments and numerical assessments in student reports.

The purpose of the ban is to highlight the significant amount of unpaid work school staff complete to provide written reports about student achievement.

Our teachers, principals and education support staff are committed to providing the best education for your children. Our goal is to improve conditions across the government system so that we not only maintain but improve the quality of education we provide your children.

To show your support, we ask you to send your own message to Premier Baillieu and his government via our campaign website, www.keepthepromise.com.au. Please encourage other members of the school community to do likewise.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

AEU WSC sub-branch