**FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM**

**REPORTS**
Reports this term will be comprehensive written reports based on your child’s progress this semester, and will be posted home on the final day of term (Friday 28th June).

**CYBERSAFETY**
Last week all of our students were involved in Cybersafety presentations and were taught many strategies on how to stay safe online.

Students are reminded to re-visit their social networking sites and make sure that their security settings are set to private so that they increase their chances of avoiding the negative online behaviour of other people.

Thank you to Greg Gebhart for his student and parent information sessions.

**SCHOOLKIDS BONUS**


The payment is $410 per eligible Secondary student and will be made directly into your nominated Bank account.

For parents who haven’t paid all their outstanding school charges yet, the second schoolkids bonus payment is the perfect opportunity to clear your debt. Statements were sent out earlier this term, however, if you have lost this statement and want an up to date statement, please contact the office on 56713700 and we will post one out.

If you have paid all your 2013 charges and want to use your schoolkids bonus to pay for future charges, the school can accept schoolkids bonus payments and hold them in credit to be used to pay for future charges as they arise.

_See more in this edition._

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Above: Anna Kentwell with Minister Martin Dixon at the recent Premier’s VCE Awards.

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**CYBERSAFETY TIP:**
“Checking In” (location) - people know where you are and when you are away.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY:**
You can’t wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.

_Jack London_

**WHAT’S THE SAYING?**

_Sta4nce_

What’s the Saying Answer from last edition of newsletter - I Understand
Important Dates for Your Calendar

**JULY:**
- Monday 15 - Start of Term 3
- Tue 16 - Thurs 18 - Tertiary Camp Melbourne
- Wednesday 17 - Gippsland Football Final - Year 7 & 8 Boys
- Friday 19 - Performance of “Cosi” at Wonthaggi Arts Centre
- Friday 26 - 2014 PAL test for current Grade 6 students
- Tuesday 30 - Gippsland Soccer - Year 7 Girls
- Wednesday 31 - Gippsland Soccer - Year 7, 8 and Intermediate Boys

**AUGUST:**
- Thursday 1 - Gippsland Netball Finals @ Traralgon
- Tues 6 – Fri 9 - Mt Baw Baw Ski Camp, VET Outdoor Rec Units 1&2
- Wednesday 7 - Gippsland Badminton Finals - Year 7 & 8
- Thursday 8 - Gippsland Badminton Finals - Intermediate & Senior
- Friday 30 - Sat 31 - Japanese Immersion Camp Year 10, 11, 12

Haiku Poetry Year 8 PAL Humanities on the Gold Rush

People panning gold,  
Rushing everywhere in town, 
Wealth is on the hold.  
We march till our deaths  
In the dead of night we rise 
The battle is done

Tess Sydenham

Going down the shaft  
Danger lurks beneath our feet 
Gold deep down below

Aliy Kershaw

Out on the goldfields  
That’s where the diggers grow old 
Looking at their wealth

Jorja Small

Miners tunnel down, 
To find this precious metal; 
Stone age, Mount Morgan. 
Precious and shiny, 
Gold hidden in the river. 
People search with hope.

Alex Lowe

Price for a licence  
Thirty shillings fee to pay 
Unfair price for gold

Tom Mendes

Everyone searching 
Wanting that lucky strike 
Working day and night

Seba Jacob

Hidden underneath, 
The dirty, dry riverbed, 
Sits the precious gold.

Flying Anderson

Maria Rosa Gatto

Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion

On the 19th of June, Ms McKittrick’s and Ms Hradsky’s year 9 English classes went to the old Melbourne Gaol as part of our recent study of a novel on Ned Kelly. We left school at 9:15am and after a long two hour bus drive we arrived in Melbourne.

We waited in the Gaol exercise yard playing a Ned Kelly trivia game until our tour guide collected us. Both classes split into two groups and were taken to separate parts of the gaol.

Our tour guide gave us a brief explanation and history of the gaol. It has three levels. Each cell on the bottom floor was for solitary confinement. You have to duck your head to walk through the door and once in the cell, if you stretch out your arms you can touch both walls. The gallows were on the second floor. This was where Ned Kelly was hung on the 11th of November, 1880. The cells on the third floor were for groups of prisoners.

Our tour guide, Trevor, showed us a life sized cut out of Ned Kelly. Bailey Poole is much taller than Ned once was, although Ned was a tall man for his time. Trevor showed us the gallows and the noose and explained what happened when Ned was hung. Ellen Kelly, his mother, was a prisoner of the gaol at the time of Ned’s death and was working in the gaol laundry on the other side of the wall.

We then had some free time to explore the gaol. A couple of the students put on replicas of Ned’s armour that he wore at the siege at Glenrowan.

We got back on the bus and after begging we were finally allowed to stop at Maccas on the way home.

By Michael Marotta and Tom Beaton
SCOT GARDNER VISIT

All Year 9 students were entertained by renowned author Scot Gardner who spoke to them about writing and other exploits on Friday 7th June. Scot, who has written many books for adolescents, is like a stand-up comedian, so is able to engage his audience immediately.

He relates many funny exploits he experienced whilst growing up in the country and is able to write these into stories which resound with young people. His latest novel, The Dead I Know, is set around a young boy who works in a funeral parlour, something Scot has also experienced. This novel also won the prestigious Book of the Year award for senior fiction 2012.

The one important message that Scot gives is the importance of family for all ages. A select group were also rewarded with a writing workshop where they had the chance to explore ideas with Scot as their teacher.

The general consensus from Year 9 students was that Scot rocks!!!!

GIPPSLAND CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday June 20, 37 students boarded the bus and headed to Lardner Park in Warragul to compete in the Gippsland Region Cross Country. We had three male teams and three female teams plus nine individual students taking part in the event.

The weather was perfect for running, cool and sunny. All students put in fantastic efforts and as we boarded the bus to come home we had plenty to be happy about with the: 13s boys team - 1st, 14s boys team - 1st, 16s boys team - 1st, 14s girls team - 2nd, 15s girls team - 3rd, 16s girls team - 1st. The first place teams plus five individual students will now be heading to Melbourne for the State Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to all competitors and good luck at the State Finals.

Bill Yusko

Left: Britt Thomas and Mollie Edwards who placed 1st and 3rd respectively in their age group.
Middle: 13 boys team who placed 1st - Jack Rosenow, Bradley Aldwell, Jake Benson, Luke Gheller & Brodie Anderson
Right: 14 boys team who placed 1st - Locki Clark, Campbell McKenzie, Louis Paxton, Andrew Arney & Josh Bracher
MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS (MIPS) INFORMATION UPDATE FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS.

All students in Year 9 should have completed their Pathways Plan and this should have been returned to Ms Moore. At the beginning of Term 3, all Year 9 students will have the opportunity to apply for a TAX FILE NUMBER through the school. This is optional but it is a good opportunity to apply for one as we send these off to the ATO in a group bundle. Due to confidentiality issues, the ATO post the students their TAX FILE NUMBER to their home address. An information form will be sent home early next term.

In weeks 2 and 3 of next term, all Year 9 students will complete a RESUME in their Humanities class to assist them with job seeking for part time employment and to update their existing resume should they have one already.

Job applications will be written in English classes next term to prepare students for their JOB INTERVIEW DAY which is scheduled for Tuesday September 10. Included in this day will be Course Counselling and Careers Snapshots. More detailed information on this day and also WORK EXPERIENCE during Camps Week will be handed to students early next term BUT STUDENTS SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR A PLACEMENT NOW AS THE SCHOOL DOES NOT PLACE THEM.

At school, students can make an appointment to discuss any MIPS issues or seek assistance, by filling out an appointment form at the General Office.

If there are any queries or concerns with any aspect of MIPS, please contact Ms Kathy Moore - MIPS Coordinator

YEAR 12 VCAL FUNDRAISING

This term Year 12 VCAL have coordinated two fundraisers. The first was a food drive for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. We had boxes positioned in the staff room, library and office. Over a two week period students and staff donated approximately $300 worth of groceries to this excellent cause. The second fundraiser was a lolly stall to raise money for South Gippsland Animal Aid. We asked several local businesses to donate bags of lollies and made small bags of mixed lollies to sell.

Then on the 3rd of June we have a stall at lunchtime. This raised over $150 for the animals. We would like to thank everyone who supported us and also Woolworths and Big W who donated the lollies.

Year 12 VCAL

MRS HARRIS’ FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following families who have taken out honours in Mrs Harris’ family challenge for Term 2.

7F Equal first Leah McNish and Heidi Fisher, runner up Clay Duke.
7C First Jessica Pluck, runner up Jack Vuyst.
7B First Elyshia Basitn, runner up Chloe Britt.

Well done to all families who participated and enjoyed the mathematical challenges each week.

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