From the Dudley Campus Principal

RECAP OF TERM 2
During the start of term 2, our students have been very busy with their academic and extra-curricula pursuits. They have been involved in:
- VCE SACs
- Naplan testing
- Sports - Football, Netball, Athletics, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball
- Student Attitudes to School Surveys
- Peter Pan rehearsals
- Talented Students Concert auditions
- Transition Information Nights

I would like to thank all of our staff and students involved in these activities and congratulate them on the high levels of effort that they have applying to each of them.

WELCOME BACK MR. DENNIS
This term we welcome back Mr. Garry Dennis from his Long Service Leave for first term. We trust that he had a relaxing and enjoyable break and is ready for what will be a busy three terms ahead. Having Mr. Dennis back has resulted in Mr. Darren Parker and myself returning to our usual roles of McBride and Dudley Campus Principals respectively.

MOBILE PHONES & IPODS AT DUDLEY
I would like to remind parents about our policy pertaining to electronic devices at the Dudley Campus. Recently we have had a number of instances where parents have been phoning their children in classes and students have been involved in texting conversations during their lessons with students from other schools. These distractions during classes adversely affect student learning and I have reminded our students that under no circumstances are they to be using their phones at school. Students should put their phones in their lockers at the start of today and leave them there. If parents need to contact their children they should ring the general office on 5672 0900.

Students can bring ipods to school and use them at recess and lunchtime but they should not be using them to take photos or video footage as this is a privacy issue. Any student who uses their mobile phone at school or uses their ipods inappropriately will have that item confiscated.

FREE UNIFORM ITEMS
Currently we are completing the free uniform item give away for parents who have paid their school fees. Year 7 students have received a school jacket and middle school students have received a pair of sports uniform shorts. Students will be required to wear their sports uniform shorts to all PE and Sport activities from this point onwards.

WANTED:
Horticulture at Dudley need 2, 1.5 and 1.25 litre plastic soft drink bottles to complete their greenhouse. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.
Important Dates

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Parent Emails

In recent years an increasing number of our parents have provided the school with an email contact. Most of the families at the school now receive this school newsletter by email as a result.

In 2014 the value of having an email contact has increased with the new Compass attendance program. Through the system teachers now have the ability to directly email parents and a number have been using the system with magnificent effect. Some staff have sent out introductory emails for their classes – explain items such as the class homework expectations. There have also been emails sent out about students not submitting work and, while the school does have a letter system in place for this, the email system is instant and lets parents talk to their children about it immediately.

Year 7 Coordinator, Mr Terry Close, recently was able to email out to most year 7 parents a reminder about the year 7 supper through the Compass program.

If you haven’t yet provided the school with your email address then you can contact the Dudley or McBride offices to do so, or you could email the school on wonthaggi.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Dudley Student Drop Offs

The Dudley Campus is not well set up for large volumes of traffic and this is why we ask parents to please keep their cars out of the school grounds at the busy drop-off and pick-up times. We are very mindful of student safety and this will assist in the smooth operation of the College. Thank you for your support.

Yesterday is but today’s memory, tomorrow is today’s dream.

Kahlil Gibran
**Senior A Team**

Game 1 vs Leongatha Secondary College - the girls combined well for their first game. They had a lot of the ball and made the most of their turnovers especially Alesha in the midcourt. Britt and Courtney combined well in goals, utilising their goal ring to come out in front comfortable winners.

Game 2 vs Mirboo North Secondary College - the girls in defence had a tough time against a very tall shooter, but Nikki and Mollie did an exceptional job and were helped by their midcourt players, Jade and Maddy getting a lot of turnovers. Winners by ten.

Game 3 vs Korumburra Secondary College - this was the deciding game to see who would go to the next level. Both teams started off strong and it was an exceptionally quick game. Molly did a great job from running the midcourt to moving into defence. Unfortunately we were beaten by a better side on the day.

Well done to all the girls, exceptional effort.

**Year 8 A Team**

The Year 8 A netball girls arrived at sunny Leongatha last Thursday with one thing in mind- to win! We had a strong team of 8 for the day with excellent teamwork between our goalers Taylah Turner and Kate Kalis who didn't seem to miss, Jemma Gilmour, Abby Greenville and Elly Wingfield working wonderfully in the mid-court and and Alana McRae, Ella Hughes and Kate Shannon defending every ball that came their way. The girls gelled really well together as a team, showed excellent sportsmanship and were absolute show stoppers, winning all their games very comfortably and going on into the next round at Traralgon in July.

Scores were:

WSC vs LSC: 23-13  
WSC vs KSC: 23-8  
WSC vs MNSC: 25-10  
WSC vs SGSC: 22-6.

Fantastic work girls. Bring on Traralgon!

**Year 8 B Team**

Arriving at Leongatha just minutes before going on court for their first game, the Year 8 B Netball girls scrambled together their uniforms, bibs and headspace ready for some success. Some tight defence from Maddy Young, Chloe Britt, Hayley Balmer (who were out of their comfort zones in these positions) and Corina Lubowski put their opponents under unbelievable pressure. Melody Notley did not stop running all day, working really well with Macey Darby-lock and Jess Pluck in the mid-court to drive the ball down to our star Goal Attack of the day, Rose Coombs. The girls worked exceptionally well in their first game, beating Mirboo North 11-2. Unfortunately Leongatha’s shooters didn't miss and outdid us in our second and final game for the day, 22-3.

A great effort girls.

**Year 7 A & B Team**

Well done to all the girls who represented our school at Leongatha today.

The 'B' team had good wins against Korumburra and Mirboo North, but unfortunately lost to Leongatha in a hard fought third game.

The 'A' team started the day off with a great win against South Gippsland SC, 7 goals to 6, after being down by one goal at half time. Their second game was an easy win against Mirboo North SC, 26 to 4. A tight first half against Leongatha SC saw the scores tied at 5 all, but the girls played a great second half to win 11 to 6. The fourth and final game was against Korumburra SC who were also undefeated, but the girls played a fantastic first half to lead 6 goals to 0 at the break. They continued to apply great pressure and won 9 goals to 1. A great effort all day by the nine girls.

The 'A' team will play at Traralgon on Thursday 31st July in the Gippsland Finals.
Cerberus

On Tuesday the 13th of May a group of students from year levels 10, 11 and 12 were given the opportunity to travel to HMAS Cerberus Navy Base near Hastings.

HMAS Cerberus is a highly acclaimed, state of the art navy base run by the Royal Australian Navy.

During the visit, students received a tour of the Navy base and the Recruit School and were given a firearms demonstration. For the rest of the day we were shown different things such as practical training areas, with everything from how to handle floods and fires, to tear gas, and how to make a grown man cry.

Students were also given the opportunity to undertake a simulated rifle range exercise, where they were taught how to fire a rifle at a target 100 metres away.

Year 11 VCAL

During Term One the Year 11 VCAL students from Wonthaggi Secondary College organised activities for the Grade Six students at Wonthaggi North Primary School. As part of the course they were required to help out with Literacy at the local primary school. To achieve this the Year 11 students taught the students a variety of practical and hands on tasks. Some of the students planned and organised cricket clinics, Kubb, birdhouse building, cooking and finally, tie dyeing. The activities occurred over a three week period, the Year 11 boys ran two 50 minute sessions each Thursday afternoon. The tasks were an enriching and rewarding experience for the primary students as well as the VCAL students. 

Carly O’Malley

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 boys football team had four games in the Interschool Competition. This team was very similar to the Year 7 team of last year which played off in the State Semi Finals. Wonthaggi first played Korumburra SC and won that game comfortably 6.2.38 to no score.

In the second game WSC took on Mirboo North SC winning that one 9.1.55 to no score with Brad Aldwell and Kyle Reid kicking multiple goals each.

WSC then beat South Gippsland SC 6.4.40 to 0.2.2. This win set up a repeat of last years Grand Final with WSC playing Leongatha SC for a place in the Gippsland Finals.

In what was a very tight and physical game WSC held on to defeat LSC 2.1.13 to 1.1.7.

Best players for the day: Jack Rosenow, Kylie Wright, Chris McLean, Kyle Reid, Jack Vuyst, Brad Aldwell and Lochie Scott.

Ross Bramley - Coach

As someone who had thought about joining the defence force but never thoroughly considered the idea, I was quickly persuaded and surprised about how much I didn’t know about the training, qualifications and opportunities that it could lead to. People in the defence force not only take their jobs very seriously but they also show an incredible amount of discipline and respect. They may not be too good at detecting sarcasm but they really did make me appreciate the efforts they go to help our nation.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Christopher and Mr Taylor and the Officers at HMAS for introducing us to this highly prestigious and prosperous career path. To those of you who are even slightly interested in joining the Army, Navy or Air Force, it is advisable that you go and check it out!  

Bree Worden
School Surfing

On the 9th of May our schools star-studded surf team took to the coliseum of Cape Woolamai, Club house beach. The 25th annual Scholastic Tag Team Title was up for grabs in vexing 1ft conditions. The team spearheaded by reigning state champions and future pros Walter Hiatt and Courtney Dunlop, also consisted of five other gladiators going by the names of Kyle ‘the fearless’ Ross, Taj ‘the trustworthy’ McEntee, Josh ‘the almighty’ Bracher, Jai Ryan and Alex McEntee. After a triumphant round one execution of The Lorne Trojans and The Lakes Entrance Tyrants.

The Wonthaggi Warriors were looking in fine form for the final battle consisting of The Lorne Trojans, Surf Coast Spartans and The Mighty Mallacootians. The final saw all teams striking significant blows but the Wonthaggi Warriors were too strong and went on to collect the Illustrious Title of back to back State School Tag Team Champions. This exuberant win would have not been possible without Brennon ‘The Righteous’ Reusch.

Words of wisdom by Courtney Dunlop and Walter Hiatt

Photos: Top Right - Josh Bracher
Right - Walter Hiatt
Below - State Champions!!!
The team from Foster had some big boys playing and they easily outsized many of our smaller boys but the game started and our boys were immediately on the attack. Isaac Batty, playing in the centre, was way too fast for the bigger opponents and weaved his magic to put us forward. Darren Gardiner was dominating up forward and moved more permanently onto the ball later in the game. Alex Geyer was rock solid in defence, repelling SG attacks with help from Luke Hamilton and Jai Henry. Lee Ibrhaim and Nic D’Angelo were proving to be lively up forward and much too fast for their opponents.

Cooper Wagner kicked two first half goals and it was Cooper McInnes who fired up in the second half with three goals. Marvin Sellars and Jarred Pearsall came on in the second half and each had an immediate impact on the game. We kicked 5 goals in the first half and then another 4 in the second half SG only managed to get through our tight defence and goal once in each half. As the umpire blew time we had a resounding 9.4.58 to 2.1.13 win.

Best: Darren Gardiner, Jai Henry, Alex Geyer, Isaac Batty, Luke Hamilton, Cooper McInnes
Goals: 3- Cooper McInnes, Cooper Wagner, 1- Darren Gardiner, Jarred Pearsall, Ryan Sparkes

An invitation is extended to the school community to come to an “Evening Of Music” on Thursday 22nd May in the McBride Theatre, beginning at 7.30pm. This is a very special concert as the 2014 Junior Concert Band will be giving their debut performance. The Senior Concert Band and Big Band will also be performing, with several of the VCE students being assessed for their Ensemble Performance.

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Another performance to which the school community is invited is the Semester 1 VCE Music Recital Evening. The Year 11 and 12 VCE music students will be giving solo recitals on Monday 26th May at 7.30pm in Room 18 at the McBride campus. All are invited to come and hear some wonderful music making.

Laren Hooke - Music Coordinator
Asia Week

From 5th - 9th May 2014, students enjoyed Asia Week. Asia week is organized to promote recognition of the importance of learning languages and cultures. During the week, students had many opportunities to experience those cultures through a wide range of activities such as a Daily Quiz, Origami (Paper Folding), Calligraphy, movies, cooking, OBENTO (Japanese Packed Lunch) or a Japanese Music Performance. The highlight was on Friday when a group of Japanese musicians called WASABI visited. The group WASABI consists of two master musicians of the Japanese tradition, Toshi (drummer) and Noriko (Shamisen player and singer). Everyone in the audience was amazed by the thundering power of the Taiko (Japanese drums) and the shimmering beauty of the Shamisen (Japanese banjo). Students had the opportunity to not only watch their performance, but were also given the chance to play these instruments. It was a great pleasure for WSC to have them. The Languages Department hopes that students enjoyed sampling various aspects of these cultures.

Year 7 Super Footy Tipping

With the 2014 AFL season well underway, our Year 7 Super Tipping competition is on in earnest. Each week for the past seven rounds Year 7 students have been displaying their talents as expert tipsters in the hope of being crowned Wonthaggi Secondary Colleges’ “Yr. 7 Super Tipster 2014”.

The totals have been tallied each week by the Peer Support students and we can now reveal the top Yr. 7 student tipsters in the competition after 6 rounds. Here they are:

39 – Darren Naval 7H
38 – Jordan Pattison 7H, Mea Pitts 7F, Ruby Swallow 7F, Sharli Thompson 7F
37 – Leigh Ibrhaim 7H.
36 – Kalib Graham 7J, Cooper McInnes 7D, Jared Maynard 7F
35 – Riley McKie 7H, Jake Cochrane 7J, Emily Turton 7I, Micah Condron 7F, Chloe Papilion 7F, Jarvis Kilgour 7A.

Well done to these students but it is a long season and that means there is plenty of time for the lead to change before the end of the home and away season.

GO HAWKS!

Andrew McIntosh - Year 7 Assistant Coordinator
Senior Boys Football Cruise Through First Round

The senior boys showed their class and quality with three convincing wins against Leongatha, Korumburra and Mirboo North.

The boys were challenged against a strong Leongatha side but in the end out-ran and out-played their opposition through teamwork and greater execution of skills.

Zane McDermid, Johan Van Zanen and Jack Legione all played well.

WSC: 26 def LSC: 6

The second game against an under-manned Korumburra was won easily by the WSC. Mitch Davey showed no mercy for his opponents when he was moved to the forward line. In a move that some said was sheer coaching genius, Mitch kicked 6 goals in 10 minutes and had a hand in 3 other goals.

Jayden Burgess, Tom Thatcher, Nathan Bainbridge and Caley Hill were strong contributors.

WSC: 71 def KSC: 2

In the third game WSC came up against a determined side from Mirboo North. The boys were challenged early in the game but then were inspired after some more Mitch Davey magic.

Oliver Bates, Jayden Burgess and Daniel Turton were among our best.

WSC: 41 def MNSC: 2

The senior team now goes on to play in the Gippsland Finals, held in July.

Michael Owen—Coach

Active April

Pictures right and below, students celebrating the conclusion of The Premiers Active April challenge. Overall Wonthaggi Secondary College clocked up 646 hours of activity during the month of April.

Well done to participants.
Homework Policy

**Rationale:**
- Homework helps students to optimise their learning by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

**Aims:**
- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits in order to prepare the students for future learning.
- To develop a responsibility for organisation and self-learning.

**Implementation:**
- The homework policy will be available through the school web site. A copy will be given to Year 11 and 12 students to put in their homework planners and it will be printed in the Year 7 to 10 homework planners.
- All students will be expected to carry and care for their homework planners.
- Any homework that is set will be appropriate to each student’s learning needs.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum. All homework activities may be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.

**Middle Years (Year 7 – Year 9)**
Homework will consist mainly of:
- Any work not completed in class.
- Independent reading on a daily basis and weekly spelling words in English.
- Weekly Maths homework plus a maximum of one Maths assignment each term.
- Research, project and assignment work in Humanities, Science and Health classes.

The **total homework load** per student will generally be between **60 and 90 minutes per week at year 7**, increasing to between **90 and 120 minutes per week at year 9**.
Through the use of planners, teachers and students will coordinate to avoid excessive work-load.

**Senior Years (Year 10 – Year 12)**
Homework will consist mainly of:
- Reading, research, assignments, assessments tasks and independent projects.
Homework schedules will be discussed within each class. Parents may discuss homework issues with the class teacher or year level coordinator.
- Students will be provided with formal opportunities to build organisation and planning skills, through development of individual work plans and working with teachers.

**Senior students, especially those studying their VCE, will be expected to complete school work over the summer break that is set as part of the Headstart Program.**

In order to achieve maximum success the following expectations are generally accepted statewide:
**Yr 10** - In **core subjects** teachers will generally expect 50-70 minutes of homework per week. In **elective subjects** teachers will set additional tasks, revision or continuation work as necessary, not exceeding 60 minutes per week.
**Yr 11** - In **each subject** teachers will generally expect a minimum of 80-100 minutes of homework per week.
**Yr 12** - In **each subject** teachers will generally expect a minimum of 120-180 minutes of homework per week.

At peak times (eg prior to exams and major assessment tasks) homework may increase.

Teachers may be available at lunchtime and (occasionally) after-school, to assist students with homework.

It is commonplace for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.
Community Announcements

Understanding Teenagers with Terry Guilford
Learn positive strategies to communicate better with your teenager or pre-teen. Find out how better to deal with changes in behaviours, moodiness, defiance, anger and loss of self esteem which adolescents may experience.

Understanding Teenage Girls
Wednesday 28th May 2014, 7pm-9pm

Understanding Teenage Boys
Wednesday 4th June 2014, 7pm-9pm

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE
21 Shellcotts Road, Korumburra
Phone: 5655 2524 Email: milpara@dcsi.net.au

Cost: $10 (concession $5)  Bookings are essential
Sponsored by the South Gippsland Parenting Network

Gippsland Youth Services Directory is now available for all young people, parents, families, teachers, schools and support workers and will provide easy access to youth services in Gippsland. Users can select a local government area and service type they would like to locate and will be directed to a selection of organisations.

Listed services include:
- Money
- Sexual Identity
- Health
- Mental Health
- Disability
- Community & Leisure
- Accommodation
- Legal Help
- Koorie Support
- Bullying
- Family Violence

- Jobs & Courses
- Drug & Alcohol
- New Arrivals

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