What an exciting couple of weeks of term and only three of weeks left, how the time has flown.

Congratulations to all the students and staff on a successful production of Peter Pan. It was wonderful to see such community support, with students performing three shows to sell out crowds.

Well done to all sporting teams that have made it to the Gippsland Titles and especially the Year 8 boys football and Senior Girls Table Tennis who played in the state finals. Good luck to the Senior Girls netball and Year 8 boys badminton teams who will compete in the State Finals in the coming weeks.

Students are in the process of selecting their subjects for next year. Students are reminded to consult with their parents and teachers over their subject choices. Students are also reminded to make the necessary deadlines to give themselves the best opportunity of getting the subjects they would like.

Interim reports will be sent home shortly along with the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews online booking information. If you have any problems or queries don’t hesitate to contact the General Office.

**TOURNAMENT OF MINDS**

Once again Wonthaggi Secondary College has shown that they have some of the brightest minds in the Gippsland area with outstanding results in the Regional finals of the Tournament of Minds.

On Saturday 23rd of August, 35 students from the Dudley and McBride campuses set off early to Federation University in Churchill to participate in the Regional finals of Tournament of Minds. The five teams of seven were involved with four challenges in Social Science, Maths Engineering, Language Literature and Applied Technology. They competed with schools from across the Gippsland region. This is the greatest number of teams that have represented WSC since the school started competing in 2008.

The teams spent the first six weeks of term 3 working on their long term problems and were able to present their solutions to a panel of judges. The Maths Engineering team facilitated by Carron Forwood and Amy Wallace were able to progress to the state final, as was the Applied Technology team which was facilitated by Emma Harris. The second Applied Technology team, facilitated by Melissa Phillips, were awarded the Honours prize for their clever interpretation of the long term problem. The winning AT team also won a judges award for their excellent team work when solving the spontaneous problem.

All teams are to be congratulated for their excellent work over the last six weeks despite a range of unavoidable disruptions. The judges at Federation University were most impressed with the cohesiveness of the five groups and their ability to work collaboratively when solving often challenging spontaneous problems. We also thank the teacher facilitators for their hard work and commitment to their teams.

The two winning teams now progress to the state finals held at Bundoora on Sunday the 14th of September. It is hoped that we will be able to match or better last year’s excellent result when our Applied Technology team progressed to the Australasian Pacific final in Canberra. We wish them all the best in their endeavours.

-Ross Bramley
Important Dates

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**2015 EMA & School Kids Bonus**

For many years now the Government has assisted low income families to put their children through school. This assistance was in the form of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Schoolkids Bonus.

Over the last few years we have seen the amount of this assistance steadily decrease and now we have received advice that the EMA and the Schoolkids Bonus will cease altogether at the end of 2014. **THERE WILL BE NO EMA OR SCHOOLKIDS BONUS IN 2015.**

We are aware that an alternative assistance package is being developed but have no information or details on what that is or how it is to be administered. The loss of the EMA and Schoolkids Bonus will have a big impact on our low income families. Until we receive any information on any future proposed assistance you should expect that you will have to pay for your school books, uniforms and charges in 2015.

Be assured that we will let you know details of the proposed assistance package immediately any information comes to hand.

Queries should be made to the business manager on 56724299.

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**JLTAV Japanese Speech Competition 2014**

Our WSC Japanese student, Rani Paulose (Year 10), participated in the JLTAV Junior Speech Competition 2014 on Sunday 24 August at Wesley College in Melbourne. Rani entered in the Secondary Year 9&10 Individual division. In this division, approximately 20 Schools and 20 students entered in the competition from all over Victoria. To begin with, competitors recited a set passage. Then, they recited a speech of their own creation. All students performed extremely well. It was a great opportunity for Rani to watch other students’ works and to practise the target language in a practical way. Rani dedicated her lunchtime and own spare time for this competition and worked very hard. Well done.
Reward Lunch for Yr 7s Best Readers in Semester One

Congratulations to the following students who were recently rewarded for their fantastic reading with a lunch in the Library; Gemma Williams, Sierra Brown, Catherine Fruend, Alex Peters, Teisha Dammon, Caitlyn Allan, Erin Harnden, Micky McPhee, Chloe Papillon, Lily Robinson, Jasmin Rooks, Jasmine Eley, Leigh Ibrhaim, Latisha Harris, Lili Kranabetter and Mia Goldsby. Our library monitors Kylah Dipietro, Jack Brewer, Will Stribbles, Ray Grimwood and Bianca Davey were also invited to thank them for the wonderful job they do.

Funny man and author, Oliver Phommavanh gets the Year 8’s reading

At Dudley Campus we have a strong reading program designed to interest and engage students in reading. As part of that program, Oliver Phommavanh recently visited the school and presented to Year 8 students, talking about his books and his interest in writing. Some students also had a chance to work with him in a writers’ workshop. We’ve had some very positive feedback about his visit. Lots of students easily connected with him and had lots of laughs through the sessions. Year 8 student Kylah Dipietro has these comments ...

‘During the workshop we all found that he was unique, funny and had all of us on the edge of our seats. He’s the type of person who understands the youth of today, as he doesn’t mind acting our age to make us laugh – on the contrary, I’m sure he loves it too! During the workshop, Oliver taught us a few valuable tips to use when writing. He told us to remember three important things:

♦ write what you love
♦ write about your life
♦ make it weird!

Thanks to him, many kids have a changed view on books and, more importantly, the people who can write them. Authors are no longer boring old geezers who ... write all day, but they are one of us!’
Wonthaggi Secondary College has been allocated six student places (three boys and three girls) at the School for Student Leadership for Year 9 students in term 1, 2015. The School for Student Leadership is a Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development initiative offering a unique residential education experience for Year Nine students. There are three campuses across Victoria (Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps, Marlo in East Gippsland and Mount Noorat near Camperdown in Victoria’s Western District). The curriculum at each campus focuses on personal development, leadership skills and team learning projects sourced from students’ home regions.

The six students selected from our school will attend the Snowy River Campus in term 1, 2015. The Snowy River Campus is near the mouth of the Snowy River at Marlo in East Gippsland. The rich indigenous history of the local area is a key learning focus, as is regular interaction with local community groups and schools. The surrounding environment caters for a range of outdoor activities including canoeing in the Snowy River Estuary System, caving at Buchan Caves, surfing at Cape Conran, mountain biking in the Marlo Plains and hiking throughout the Cape Conran Coastal Park.

During their nine week stay, students will live and work in a very close environment with up to 44 of their peers from a variety of Victorian schools. There will be challenges and lessons on human relationships arising from this lifestyle.

Expressions of interest will need to be directed to Penny Gordon (details below) at the school by Friday 5th September. Parent commitment to the aims of the program is essential, as is the student’s commitment to the program, particularly the community learning project.

The students will then be interviewed by a selection panel and chosen according to their suitability to the program.

Please note that students must currently be in year 8.

Contact details:
Penny Gordon - 0400084652
gordon.penelope.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

The following websites contain information about the program:

Alpine Country Gippsland Schools Clay Target Shooting

A quick summary of the “Alpine Country Gippsland Schools Clay Target Championship 2014” held on 16/7/2014. 160 students competed, eight students from WSC, James Steevens 2nd overall in a sudden death shoot off, Dale Atherton 2nd Senior boys, Thomas Eden 3rd senior Boys and Amy Kent 3rd senior Girls. Everyone shot well and the rain stayed away, a great result for WSC.
VET Surfing

This year's VET Surfing class in Year 10 are shaping 4 surfboards during the last few weeks of this term in class time. So far students have created and cut out their own templates designed on the program AkuShaper, constructed the shaping racks from scratch in conjunction with the VET Furnishing class (Big Thanks!! to the class and Mr McLeod) and have begun cutting into the foam after many weeks of planning. The boards being shaped are diamond tail round nose with the dimensions 5’10” x 20” x 2 3/8”. We expect the shaping component to take between 3 and 5 weeks and are hoping to get the boards in for glassing and plugged (fins and leg rope) by the September holidays, so students can ‘hopefully’ ride them at the start of Term 4. So far students have been challenged using the tools required to shape the foam and applying the knowledge and skills relating to board shaping.

National Science Week

National Science Week was celebrated during the second last week of August. Many special activities were held, including: Student and staff quizzes, Year 7 classroom challenge with prizes for teams winning a range of engineering tasks. Lunchtime activities including hovercraft challenge, tower building, science games and movies. Exciting science reactions presented by the Year 12 Chemistry students, up close with liquid nitrogen, making edible models of atoms and conglomerate rock and a special science themed staff morning tea featuring planet earth cake, edible dung beetles collecting truffles, meringue mice and much more!
Greenlight Driver Education Program

Year 12 Senior VCAL and L2P students were involved in a whole day driver education program at McBride where students were taught about safe road use and defensive driving techniques on driving simulators. Topics included choosing the right tyres for your car, stopping distances and how to correct the car safely from a skid.

Intermediate Boys Netball - State Final

GAME 1 - vs Camberwell SC
The boys started off slow and sloppy against a tall Camberwell team. However a smart intercept at the start of the third quarter by Oscar Toussaint and the inspirational words of coach Sindy Boyd, clicked the boys back into gear coming within one goal of the opposition by three quarter time. All in all, the boys tried very hard but fell short in the end by four goals despite the fabulous shooting display by Flynn Anderson.

GAME 2 - vs Seymour
The fellas started off with a bang this game, keeping the opposition scoreless to quarter time. The defence led by Andre Toussaint, complemented the offence which consisted of Flynn Anderson and Oscar Toussaint, who were draining shots left right and centre. However, Seymour made an effort to come back and at one stage the scores were 14 - 7, still our way. But by mid way through the third quarter, players Jonty Bow and Harry McInnes steadied the ship towards victory with the team cruising to a 28 - 10 win.

GAME 3 - vs McKinnon
The boys were up for a tough day at the office when we found out we were to play McKinnon. They started off a little shakey but soon started to come back with our shooters converting almost all shots that came our way. Soon the defence started to follow with the likes of Kale Wilson and Andre Toussaint putting on a fine display. The game was getting tighter and tighter with the margin in the second half being mostly two or three goals. Right at the end, Oscar Toussaint (the captain) had the ball in the goal circle and was about to shoot to draw the game, but unfortunately the siren sounded not allowing the shot to be put up. The final scores were 19-18 with Wonthaggi finishing an impressive tournament never giving up at any stage.

Written by Campbell McKenzie & fellow team mates

Overseas Medical Work Experience: Opportunities exist for students wishing to work in the Medicine field, Doctor, Nurse, Dental, Midwifery etc over the Summer Holidays. You have the choice of visiting Africa, Thailand and Central Europe. This would be completed privately and not through the school. There is also a cost involved but not too expensive given the experience and opportunity. Would be ideal for a student going from Yr 11 into 12 but not exclusively. For more info see Jack Taylor at the McBride Campus.
Mt Baw Baw Day Trip - Senior VCAL Class

On Monday the 4th of August the Senior VCAL Class were involved in a trip to the snow to learn basic skills of cross country skiing and snow safety. We learnt the basic skills in the morning which included stopping, turning and walking up hill. Once we learnt the basics we went up the Summit Loop trail and had lunch at the top of the mountain under sunny skies and fresh snow. All involved had a great time and can't wait to get up there again.

Wizard HPV Team

On the 23rd August the WSC HPV riding team went to Bendigo for the inaugural 10 hour endurance race. A team of 7 riders completed several stints of 30 – 60 minute intervals on the 1.2km circuit, Patrick Bain achieved the fastest lap time for the team of 1:56.

The weather was fantastic during the day and into the night until we received a light shower of rain in the closing hour of the race. The race concluded at 10pm and the Wonthaggi Wizard finished 4th in their category, a fantastic effort was put in by all students involved.

New riders are always welcome, The Wizard team meet each Friday night after school at the McBride engineering room. If you would like to know more please see Mr Harris.

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.
Year 10 Work Experience

Applications are invited from students who are interested in joining the current year 7 and year 8 PAL classes. Students must currently be studying Japanese and have an extremely strong work ethic and desire to succeed.

If you are a year 8 student then it would be an advantage to be studying Advanced Maths this year also.

If you are interested, please discuss this with your parents.

Your application should include why you feel you are a suitable candidate for the PAL class and what you would hope to achieve by joining this class.

Written applications need to be addressed to Mrs Sullivan and will be accepted up until Friday 5th of September.

See Mrs Sullivan for further information or if you have any questions.

PAL Positions Available
On Monday 25th August 30 students competed in the first Wonthaggi Secondary College Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee kicked off National Literacy and Numeracy Week. There were 10 competitors at each Year Level, who had been selected through spelling tests conducted in all English classes across Dudley Campus. The competitors were accompanied by a friend who also got to be involved if they were called upon as a ‘lifeline’. Mr Dennis, the College Principal, was the chief judge, with Ms Hradsky as his assistant. All the students were extremely supportive of each other and cheered the last competitors on as their words got more and more complex. The winners from each Year Level were: Lyla Wilson 1st, Kelsey Page 2nd Year 9; James Cohen 1st, Mack Geyle 2nd Year 8; and Liana Finnegan 1st, Erinn Harnden 2nd Year 7. The winners received certificates and $50 for 1st place and $25 for 2nd place.

All students enjoyed a luncheon after the competition and shared the bright blue Spelling Bee cake!

Well done to all the students involved and congratulations to the winners.

Other Literacy and Numeracy Week events have included: the Numeracy AFL Challenge, silent reading for 10 minutes in all classes every unit 5 and Book Week Dress Up day. Two Year 9 Girls English classes were also treated to an engaging and interesting talk by the Director of the Islamic Museum of Victoria, Sherene Hassan. This was in response to a class novel read by the girls that explored Muslim themes and issues.

An invitation is extended for the school community to attend the annual Music Performance with a Guest Artist, to be held on Friday 12th September at 7.30pm at the Wonthaggi Workman’s Club. This year’s Guest Artist is Melbourne based percussionist Timothy Phillips. Timothy is a percussionist and conductor who has spent many years studying and working throughout Australia and Europe. He has completed degrees at the Canberra School of Music and the State University of Music in Karlsruhe, Germany. We are very fortunate that Timothy is able to spend time in Wonthaggi this year and work with all of our school bands. Although it is free to attend our concert, tickets do need to be obtained from the General Office of either campus. This will ensure that there is adequate seating at the Workman’s Club on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

People are also invited to attend the Semester Two VCE Music Recital Night, to be held on Monday 15th September at 7.30pm in Room 18 at the McBride Campus. Students from Years 11 and 12 will presenting an evening of solo performances as they prepare for their end of year examinations.
Peter Pan

After months of rehearsals, working bees, chocolate biscuits and hot chips, ‘Peter Pan’ came to a triumphant end on the 16th August. The cast and crew did a fantastic job, rollicking through the aisles, fighting to the (almost) death and singing and dancing their hearts out! The Crocodile was a great hit with young and old, and the audience involvement had everyone on the edge of their seats. Many thanks and congratulations to all the staff, students, parents and friends of the school who worked so hard to bring this production together.