Good Luck to the Class of 2014

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have finished their formal classes at Wonthaggi Secondary College. This is a particularly significant time as our Year 12 students commence their transition to life after WSC and for that reason students are still required to attend revision classes throughout the VCE Examination schedule.

The end of the Year 12 program was celebrated last Thursday with two very successful events. The “final day” celebrations and farewell assembly were very enjoyable and students presented at school in a range of quality costumes; while teachers embraced the day with a 60’s theme (photos supplied with this newsletter).

That evening we also had our annual Year 12 Graduation Dinner at the Wonthaggi Workmen’s Club. This time the dress code was significantly more formal but the celebration was equally enjoyed by over 300 students, parents, carers and staff.

We wish all the very best of luck to the Class of 2014 as they commence the next exciting part of their lives; over the very important exam period and in 2015 and beyond!

WSC Senior Art Show

Thank you to all members of the McBride Arts Team and the other members of staff who did a fantastic job organising our fourth annual ‘Art Show’. Held in the foyer of the Wonthaggi Arts Centre, the exhibition was a comprehensive display of the amazing talents our students possess in all facets of the Arts stream. The exhibition was visited by many students, staff and community members and has become as highlight of the school year. We are very proud of the work of all of our students and it was great to have the opportunity to publicly celebrate our talented Arts students.

Student Free Days

Reminder to all students and parents that Monday November 3 and Tuesday November 4 are student free days at the College.

NEW REPORTING TRIAL MID TERM 4

During the 5th & 6th week of this term, we are trialling a new report form. The new reports are called Grade Point Average (GPA) reports and are done using Compass software.

-GPA reports provide very clear feedback on students’ work habits across all subjects.
-Parents receive the reports either online or by post.
-Semester reports will still be completed.

These reports, if adopted will be completed 6 times per year which will create ongoing tracking of students’ work habits. Other schools who report this way say that noticeable improvements to many students’ effort, attitude and learning have resulted.

We hope to continue to build relationships with parents, students and teachers to assist you to stay involved in your child’s education and look forward to your feedback on the trial.

Jacqui Hilton - Assessment & Reporting Coordinator
Important Dates

**OCTOBER**

- Wednesday 29 - Year 12 Exams Begin
- Monday 1—Thu 4 - 2015 Year 11 Headstart
- Friday 31 - Year 8 Boys Basketball Gippsland Finals
- Mon 8-Fri 12 - 2015 Year 10 Headstart @ McBride

**NOVEMBER**

- Monday 3 - Student Free Day
- Tuesday 4 - Melbourne Cup Day Student Free
- Thursday 6 - Junior Concert Band Day
- Mon 10-Fri 14 - Year 9 Camp Week
- Wednesday 19 - Girls Table Tennis State Finals
- Thursday 20 - Boys Table Tennis State Finals
- Thursday 20-Mon 24 Maryborough HPV
- Mon 24 - Year 12 Headstart
- Friday 28 - Year 10 2015 VYDP Theory Day
- Mon 8-Fri 12 - 2015 Year 10 Headstart @ Dudley

**DECEMBER**

- Tuesday 9 - Grade 6 Orientation Day
- Monday 8 - 2015 Year 8 & 9 Headstart @ Dudley
- Thursday 11 - Girls Go Surfing @ Sandy Point
- Monday 15 - Dudley students End Of Year Activities & Movie
- Tuesday 16 - Dudley students End Of Year Activities– Korumburra Pool
- Wednesday 17 - Presentation Ceremonies
- Wednesday 19 - End Of Term 4

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.

Nikos Kazantzakis

**Surfboard Shaping in VET Surfing Year 10**

After finishing shaping the 4 surfboards to glassing stage, we took the boards over to Island Surfboards on Tuesday the 16th of September. We delivered the boards to the surf shop and got to discuss the boards and how they would be finished off with Greg Hogan. Types of things we got to decide on were, where the decals would be placed and what sort of fin configuration we wanted and what type of fibre glass would be used. After this we had a tour of the surfboard manufacturing areas which included the shaping rooms, glassing room and painting and final coat room. A big thanks to Island Surfboards for completing all the finishing work to the boards. The McBride Art Department for getting some artworks together to be laminated to the boards, in particular Ella Lausberg and Meg DalMasetto and Ms. Wilson. The boards have been picked up and ridden and will be displayed at the Wonthaggi Secondary College Art Show. The kids had a great time and learnt heaps throughout the unit.

*Group photo on page 7*
2015 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

For many years now low income families have had access to a number of financial assistance initiatives to help them put their children through school. One of these was the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

State Athletics

On Friday 17th October, seven Dudley students travelled to Melbourne’s Lakeside Stadium to compete in both relay and individual events at the State Athletics. Congratulations to the following students on their achievements;

- Brodie Anderson - 5th in 400 metres
- 7th in 800 metres
- 13th in 1500 metres

- Lochlan Scott - 4th in Triple Jump
- 5th in 200 metres
- 7th in Long Jump

- Georgia Filippi - 6th in High Jump

13 Girls 100 metre Relay - came 5th consisting of Lily Palmer, Ella Morcom, Finley Dempsey & Siobhan Griffin (pictured left)
Year 12 Last Day
McBride Excursions

McBride Campus excursion to Federation University – Churchill Campus

“So You Want to be a Nurse Day”

On the 16th October, 2 Year 12 and 6 Year 10 students travelled to Federation University at Churchill to visit the Nursing Department for the “So you want to be a nurse day”. The day is designed to give students from the South Gippsland and Bass Coast region an insight into nursing as a career. It was an exciting day with a few nursing quizzes, as well as some hands-on activities such as: taking blood from a prosthetic arm and performing CPR on a realistic dummy. It was an enjoyable way of learning about a nurse’s day-to-day life, and it was a wonderful experience to take part in. Thanks to Leanne Tessari and Mrs Christopher for driving us and organizing the day.

Bronte de Lacy-Vawdon

Swan Lake at the Regent Theatre

On the 22nd of October, 52 Year Ten students and 3 staff travelled down to the Regent Theatre to see Swan Lake. After studying Billy Elliot in English and completing several assessment tasks on the film, they enjoyed relaxing in the city, shopping and ballet. It was a pleasurable day for both staff and students.

Learning Stones

Mandy Leggett, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer with the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, recently conducted a workshop with students at McBride.

In addition to discussions around cultural heritage, they also prepared designs for McBride’s indigenous awareness garden (the Learning Stone) which we look forward to launching in the near future.

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 - Trade Day for Girls photos

Year 10 VET Surfing students with their finished boards.
Saver Plus

Would $500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?

You or someone you know may be eligible to join a local savings program and receive $500 for education expenses

Berry Street is delivering Saver Plus in the South Gippsland and Bass Coast areas and is currently looking for more people to join for the next exciting round. But be quick – signup before the 31 December to maximise the importance of using the money for the next school year expenses.

Saver Plus is a 10-month program that can assist you to save for your own or your children’s education. Participants receive:

- one dollar in matched savings from ANZ for every one dollar you save, up to $500
- MoneyMinded financial workshops, and
- personal support and guidance from a trusted community organisation.

At the end of the program you can use your matched savings to purchase an education-related item, such as a laptop, school uniform, school camps/excursions and text books.

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:

- be 18 years or over;
- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself;
- have a current health care card or pensioner concession card; and
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

It’s easy to find out more - Contact your local Saver Plus Worker: Reshma Raichura Manani on 51345971/0434 314 219 or email: rraichura-manani@berrystreet.org.au

Ask your self – Do I meet the criteria below? - If so don’t delay – give me a call now – I don’t want YOU to miss out

Preliminary eligibility check – tick criteria met

- [ ] Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- [ ] Regular Paid Employment (this could be babysitting, ironing for a neighbor)
- [ ] Child at School or themselves attending vocational training
- [ ] Has not participated and received matched funds before

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing match savings for participants.
Defence Force Recruiting

Adventure, travel, great pay and diverse career opportunities – just to name a few of the benefits on offer when you join the Navy, Army or Air Force. If you’re up for the challenge and would like to find out more, come along to one of our upcoming information sessions:

- November 5 - 1800-1900 | Aviation
- November 12 - 1800-1900 | Defence University Sponsorship
- November 13 - 1800-1900 | One Year Roles
- November 18 - 1800-1900 | Technical Trades
- November 19 - 1800-1900 | Royal Military College (RMC)
- November 25 - 1800-1900 | Army Reserve
- November 26 - 1800-1900 | Women In Defence
- November 27 - 1800-1900 | Engineering

All sessions are taking place in the Defence Force Recruiting Centre

**Location: Level 14, 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000**

**Our building is currently undergoing extensive refurbishment; please follow the signs to the 501 entrance**

*Photo I.D will be required and checked upon arrival. Any minors without photo I.D are requested to attend with a parent/guardian.*

There are limited positions available for these sessions so reservations are essential. To book your seat please email CPTVIC@dfr.com.au with the date and title of the session and also the number of seats you would like.

Hope to see you there!

Become A Volunteer Host Family

Gain A Friend From Another Country!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Imagine the look on your new brother’s or sister’s face as you introduce him/her to Vegemite for the first time. Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in January:

Ilaria (17) from Italy tells us that she is incredibly fond of animals, and that if she had her own way, she would turn her house into a zoo! She enjoys drawing in her spare time, as well as travel. She believes that living so far away from home will help her broaden her mind, and she can’t wait to live with a welcoming family. + MANY MORE

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly - Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au Online: www.wep.org.au
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2015, Please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry on (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose parent/s or legal guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 30 October 2014.

Make a Difference in a Child’s Life

Anglicare Victoria Gippsland is looking for couples or single people who can provide a safe and secure home for primary school aged children for short and long term placements.

Our next Foster Carer training is being held on: Saturdays 11th & 25th October, 15th November 2014, 10am – 4pm at 65 Church Street, Morwell

Bookings are essential. For further information and to receive an information package please contact the Carer Recruitment Team on 5133 9998 or email gippsland.carers@anglicarevic.org.au

Inverloch Community House Presents;

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER

With Psychologist Terry Guilford

Adolescence can be a particularly challenging time for teenagers. These information sessions will equip you with information and strategies to deal with all kinds of behaviours. For information, bookings and credit card payments ph: 5674 2444 Please note: payment will not be accepted on the night.

Understanding Your Teenage Girl
Date: Tuesday 11th November
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Cost: $10 (single) $15 (couple)
Venue: Hub Meeting Room

Understanding Your Teenage Boy
Date: Tuesday 18th November
Time: 7:15pm-9:15pm
Cost: $10 (single) $15 (couple)
Venue: Hub Meeting Room

The Inverloch Community House is situated at the Inverloch Hub. 16 Abeckett Street, Inverloch.

BEACH HOCKEY: 10 am Sunday Nov 30, 2014, Cape Paterson: all genders & ages welcome

5-A-SIDE HOCKEY: 3 pm Saturday Nov 29, Honey’s Rd Wonthaggi: round- robin, BBQ, small synthetic pitch with boards all around, no out-of-bounds.

Why not join in both, & stay overnight at Cape Paterson Caravan Park / Camping Area?

Contact John 56722445, or Ged from HV 0488-221858, if interested in entering as a player (we will find you a team), or entering a team / teams (5 players +/- sub per team)

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