From the Dudley Campus Principal

Congratulations to our Year 12 students, who have completed their external examinations and will be awaiting their results which will be available by phone, SMS and internet in December. We wish all of our Year 12 students the best of luck with their results!

**MCBRIDE END OF YEAR SCHEDULE**

Year 11 students have completed their formal examinations and this week sees them start their Year 12 Headstart program. This is a six day program in which students will attend Year 12 classes and workshops from Friday 21st November until Friday 28th November. This is an important period for all VCE students in which they will begin work on the set curriculum and prepare themselves up for a productive start to next year. All Year 12 (2015) VCE students are required to attend for the duration of the program.

Students will also be attending Course Counseling Interviews that finalise their enrolment into Year 12, 2015. Students and parents/carers have been allocated a time between Monday 1st December to Thursday 4th December where they will meet with a staff member to confirm their subject selection details and receive any other important information regarding 2015. Booklists will also be distributed at this time.

Year 10 students will commence their exam period (24/11 – 28/11) before attending the 2015 Year 11 Headstart program (1/12 – 4/12). All Year 11 (2015) VCE and VCAL students are required to attend for the duration of the Headstart program.

DUDLEY WORK REQUIREMENTS AND HEADSTART

A reminder to all students that there is only a short amount of time left to get work requirements in for your 2014 classes. Students should have already checked with their teachers that they are up to date and should be applying high levels of effort to their final pieces of work that will be assessed for Semester 2.

This work will lead directly into our Headstart program where students will begin work for their 2015 subjects. Attendance of all students is required during the Headstart program which includes the following dates:

- Year 9, 2014 into Year 10, 2015 - Monday, December 8 to Friday, December 12 (at McBride Campus)
- Year 8, 2014 into Year 9, 2015 and Year 7, 2014 into Year 8, 2015 - Monday, December 8 to Friday, December 12 ~ not including Tuesday December 9 due to Orientation day (this is only a Dudley student free day).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.
The most certain way to succeed is always try just one more time.

*Thomas A Edison*
Important Dates

NOVEMBER

Monday 24 - Year 12 Headstart
Friday 28 - Year 10 2015 VYDP Theory Day
- Year 11 RYDA Program
- Integration Celebration Day

DECEMBER

Monday 1 - Dudley Student Free Day
Mon 1—Thu 4 - 2015 Year 11 Headstart
- Year 10 2015 VYDP Camp
Monday 1 - Year 10 2014 Celebration Day
Thursday 4 - SGSMP Combined Concert
Friday 5 - Year 9 Last Day @ Dudley
- McBride student free day
Mon 8-Fri 12 - 2015 Year 10 Headstart McBride

2014 SCHOOL CHARGES

Statements were sent out recently to all families who still have charges outstanding for 2014. It would be appreciated if these charges could all be paid before the end of the year. If you have voluntary charges (prefaced with an asterisk *) that you don’t wish to pay, please notify the school to have them removed. Payment can be made at the office by cash, card or you can pay on-line directly into the schools bank account.

The schools bank details are:

Bank: Westpac
B.S.B: 033-265
Account Number: 194569
Account Name: Wonthaggi Secondary College Official Account
Details: 3 letter, 4 digit Student ID.

If you want your payment to go to a specific charge, please indicate this in the detail section. For example: If John Citizen wants $20 to go to his zoo excursion he should put CIT0001-ZOO in the details. If he wanted to pay $20 off his curriculum charge he would put CIT0001-CURRIC.

2015 BOOK COLLECTION DAY

The 2015 Book Collection Day will be held at Dudley campus on Tuesday 27th January 2015. The hours of operation will be from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

At the book collection day you will be able to:
- Collect and pay for your 2015 school books
- Purchase uniform items
- Pay your school charges

Please note that all items above will need to be paid for by cash or card. There will be no credit arrangements in 2015. Any family with a credit on their school account can use their credit to pay for books, uniform or school charges.

Please be aware that the book supplier, Campion (formally known as Landmark School Supplies) also do home delivery of prepaid books. Please note, there is a small fee for this service. This service might be a sound economical alternative to driving in to Wonthaggi to collect books, particularly for our residents from Phillip Island and beyond Bass.
Year 10 Celebration Day will be held on Monday December 1 at 2pm at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre.

Year 10 students will be presented with academic, sporting and school leadership awards as we acknowledge the efforts of the Year 10 group in 2014. There will also be performances by Year 10 students.

Parents and friends are welcome.

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

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.

One consequence of the change in EMA funding is that Wonthaggi Secondary College **WILL NOT** be entering into any credit arrangements from 2015. With this in mind I ask that you plan ahead so that you are in a position to pay for your school books, uniforms and charges in 2015. The payment of the schoolkids bonus to eligible parents in the fortnight leading up to the commencement of the 2015 school year will be timely.

Wonthaggi Secondary College will qualify for funding under the new financial assistance package but at this stage we do not know how much funding the school will receive. We anticipate that the amount will decline and reduce any payment to eligible families.

The amount of funding the school will receive is determined by the schools 'Student Family Occupation' (SFO) index. The index is calculated using the occupation code parents record on the student enrolment form. Only families with the occupation codes of D or N will qualify for assistance under the new funding model. There is no need to contact the school to access this funding as we will allocate the funding from our data base.

Please notify the school whenever your employment status changes.

The Business Manager can be contacted on 5671 3706 to answer any queries.

*Steve Plumb - Business Manager*
Student Free Days

In December, the College has organised a day for the staff of each campus to be involved in a variety of professional development courses and planning workshops for the 2015 school year. The dates are as follows;

Monday, 1st December - Dudley students are not required at school
Friday, 5th December - McBride students are not required at school

College Attendance Requirements

A reminder that students are required to be at the College every day of the school year unless parents are otherwise notified. Every absence must be explained by a note which sets out the reason for and the date of absence. The note is required on the first day that the student returns to school. Alternatively, a parent may advise the College of the absence of a pupil by telephoning the College attendance coordinators (McBride 56713700 or Dudley 56720900).

Students leaving school during the day has a negative impact on their learning and can disrupt the learning of others and should therefor be avoided wherever possible. Where a parent requires a student to leave the College during the day a note must be provided on that day, setting out the reasons for the absence and the time. This must be written into the student’s diary. All notes are required to be signed and dated by a parent/guardian. If you need to collect your child before the end of the school day, please contact the General Office (prior to coming in) to let us know and we will call your child to the General Office at an appropriate time. As WSC requests that students do not have phones on themselves at school due to the disruptions they cause to the operation of classes, please do not sms your child to inform them that they will be leaving early.

Year 7 Students and the art of reading aloud.

Character voices echoed through the Dudley Library as presenter, ex-Wonthaggi Secondary student Vaimoa Asa Leausa, read extracts from his favourite fantasy novels Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings. Characters, such as Gandalf, Gollum, Hagrid and Bilbo were brought to life through Vaimoa’s considerable vocal skills. Students were then asked to offer a name of a character in a book or movie and a line the character says and Vaimoa did his best to mimic the voice. Some of the characters requested were Dath Vader, Simba, Batman, The Joker, Simpsons, Shrek and Donkey and dozens more. With Vaimoa getting the thumbs up from a tough audience. We hope our Year 7 students will take on board Vaimoa’s bright and entertaining presentation and practice their own reading- aloud skills. Ask your Year 7 child about the event.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL and ST VINNIE’S CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

If you would like to donate food to the Salvation Army Christmas Food Appeal or toys to the Vinnies Christmas Toy Appeal please leave them in the appropriate boxes at McBride Reception before 11th December. They will then be collected and distributed to needy families before Christmas. Thank you! (Any questions, please see Kerry in the McBride office).
Year 11 VCAL Personal Development Assignment

Throughout Term Four Year 11 VCAL students were required to plan, organise and execute an activity which benefited the community. The two classes worked in small groups to plan and organise their selected activity. Mrs Kenny’s class ran a clothing drive for St Vinnies, as well as, an out of uniform day which raise $302 for World Vision. They also helped out at the Salvation Army and had a lolly guessing game. Ms O’Malley’s class organised a tree planting day at Wonthaggi North Primary School with the Grade Six students, the boys ran a demonstration with the class and then helped them plant about 100 trees in the school grounds. They also held a BBQ at Dudley raising money for Wheelchairs for Kids, they raised $379 on the day, with the money going to assist in the building of wheelchairs for disadvantaged children, ($150 builds one wheelchair.) Some of the boys participated in a clean up of Wonthaggi Day. The students all had fun and helped out various causes. Congratulations Year 11 VCAL students.

Maths Comp

Students at the Dudley Campus celebrated another strong year of Mathematics competition at a chip lunch recently. Certificates were presented to students who competed in three separate university competitions run by the University of Melbourne, the University of New South Wales and by Federation University. Awards were presented to students who scored in the top ten in the Numeracy Week AFL Mathletics Challenge and to students who have won Mathletics certificates for high achievement during the year. Around 150 awards were received by 120 students overall. Pictured right: WSC students competing at the recent GAP Mathematics competition held at Federation University Churchill.
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.

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GJ Gardner Homes/Building Design Competition

The competition is really heating up in Mr McLeod and Mr Cochrane’s Year 10 Building & Design Classes.

Students are in the final stages of production of their model houses. The winning designs will be judged by Brett Tessari from GJ Gardner and the students will receive a generous cash prize and a chance to have their designs incorporated into the GJ Gardner range. Watch this space for details of the winning designs.

Pictured here are some of the hopeful students in Mr McLeod’s class.

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2015 Music Recruitment Evening

An invitation is extended to any student who would like to start learning a musical instrument in 2015 to attend our Music Recruitment Evening on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm in Room 1 at the Dudley Campus. The Junior Band will be performing and giving demonstrations of the various instruments that can be learned here at school. Places are limited so preference will be given to students who attend on the night.

Students who are already learning an instrument this year do not need to attend as they are automatically re-enrolled for next year.

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Careers Information

Certificate in IV Hospitality

Summer School for School Leavers

Course Commencing 6 January 2015 at Wonthaggi RSL


Our Summer School program is a stage one of a two stage program. It is specifically designed for school leavers and university students to help them transition from school to the workforce and start earning money.

For three (3) days a week for three (3) weeks, you’ll learn how to make espresso coffee; prepare drinks behind a bar; serve food in a restaurant; and respond to a first aid emergency. Not only that, you’ll earn your Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) certificate, your Responsible Service of Gambling (RSG) certificate, your Food Safety (FSH) certificate, your Apply First Aid certificate and more.
Art Show Pictures

Above: Art Captains Jake Kershaw & Hannah McKittrick
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ideas for the Future of Cowes Town Centre

come along and have your say

Our Cowes Activity Centre Project Team is setting up a marquee at the Cowes Town Square in Thompson Avenue. Everyone is encouraged to attend our community design workshops and/or drop in to visit the project team.

Over five days the marquee becomes a space to exhibit the growing list of issues, ideas and visions of the community. At the end of the process these visions and ideas will be developed into draft design concepts for the future of Cowes Town Centre.

Community Design Workshops
An opportunity to work with the project team to develop future visions and ideas for the Cowes Town Centre.
- Thursday, 4 December: 7.00pm to 9.30pm
- Saturday, 6 December: 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Visit the Project Team
Drop in and share your issues and ideas for the future of the Cowes Town Centre:
- Friday, 5 December: 10.00am to 12.00pm and 1.00 to 4.00pm
- Saturday, 6 December: 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Sunday, 7 December: 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Monday, 8 December: 1.00pm to 5.00pm
- Tuesday, 9 December: 9.00am to 12.00pm

For further information and to RSVP to the Community Design Workshops please contact Council: Robyne Young (03) 5671 2275 or robyne.young@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Wonthaggi LSC Bronze Camp 2015
Participants Handouts

Start: Sunday January 4, 2015 @ 2pm
Finish: Saturday January 11, 2015 @ 2pm

Wonthaggi LSC Bronze Camp is filling fast and is a great opportunity to learn new skills, develop new friendships and have fun. The camp will be held at the Wonthaggi LSC clubhouse and is fully catered and challenges candidates with practical sessions and scenarios to develop teamwork and leadership. We want to inspire new candidates to achieve their full potential and be part of great movement that will bring out the best.

COST: This camp is $250 which is inclusive of accommodation, all food catered for the week, training manuals, patrol uniform, high visibility pink safety vest & membership fees for 2014/2015 season.

ACCOMMODATION: Is provided at the Wonthaggi LSC for the duration of the camp for those that wish to stay.

Participant under the age of 18 will have to fill in the additional parent/guardian permission form.

To register or any enquiries for the camp contact Cassandra - 0438 556 967 or Tayla - 0452 271 670 or Email - chiefinstructor@wlsc.org.au

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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