The term is flying by! It is hard to believe that Term 1 concludes in less than three weeks (a 2.30 finish on Friday March 27).

**Changes to the Term 1 Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Schedule**

There is a change to the traditional model for our Term 1 interviews this year. Students and their families have access to teaching staff from both campuses on Thursday March 26 between 4 and 7 pm at the Dudley Campus as per usual.

However on the last day of term, March 27, the McBride Campus will be operating its classes as per the usual Friday timetable (Unit 6 will not run due to the 2.30 finish). **All McBride students are required to attend school on the day as regular classes will be running.** While it is anticipated that the Personal Learning Reports (formerly the GPA Report) will provide some key information on individual students, parents who wish to discuss their child’s progress further are encouraged to contact the McBride Campus (5671 3700). Our teachers are happy to make contact with all interested carers who are unable to attend on the Thursday evening.

On the same day, March 27, Dudley students will not have regular classes. As has been the practice in the past, Dudley students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents/carer. Further information about the Personal Learning Reports and instructions for booking interviews will be distributed this week.

**Student Full Details and Compass Login Information**

Parents and carers were recently sent the Student Full Details information for each of their children in the College. Please ensure that all forms are returned to the relevant General Office ASAP as it is important that we have an up-to-date record for all students. Forms should be returned even if there are no changes to the details at this time.

One particularly important piece of information that is required is the current email address for parents/carers. This is essential to assist with communications home as we enter an era with increased email communications and a reduction in mail by post. It is also essential to provide the maximum service for the recently introduced parent access to our Compass Management System (details of which were emailed home to you recently). Please contact the office if you’ve any questions.

**New Staff in 2015**

We welcomed several new staff this year to the College. Jodie Fokkens (Library) and Emily Leversha (Arts) have joined the McBride Campus teaching staff, while Gary Ferteis (Maths/Science), Jo Keating (Indonesian/ESL), and Jess Bretherton (Japanese), and James Jesson (English) have commenced at Dudley. We also have four ex-students returning as trainees in 2015. Alesha Kelly and Daniel Turton will be assisting in the PE/Sport & Recreation area, Josh Husband is supplying additional IT/Computing support and Paige Brent was appointed as WSC’s first Science trainee. All new staff have made an immediate positive impact at the College!

Darren Parker - McBride Campus Principal

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

*Lau Tzu*
### Important Dates

#### MARCH
- **Tues 10-Thur 12**  
  Year 12 Prom Camp
- **Thursday 12**  
  Gippsland Swimming @ Sale
- **Friday 13**  
  Interschool girls cricket, boys tennis  
  Year 11 Biology Fieldwork Excursion
- **Tuesday 17**  
  Year 10 & 11 HMAS Cerberus Visit  
  Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
- **Friday 20**  
  House Athletics  
  Year 11 Psychology Excursion to Melbourne Museum
- **Monday 23**  
  Year 10 Evolution Excursion
- **Thursday 26**  
  Parent Teacher Student Interviews 4pm-7pm
- **Friday 27**  
  Parent Teacher Student Interviews—Dudley Staff Only, Dudley Student Free Day  
  McBride Campus classes as normal - 2:30pm finish

#### APRIL
- **Monday 13**  
  Term 2 Begins

### From The Business Manager

#### 2015 SCHOOL CHARGES

Statements were sent out recently to all families who still have charges outstanding for 2015. 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:

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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.

#### CENTREPAY

**Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to Centrelink customers who receive an Australian Government Department of Human Services Centrelink payment, family assistance payment or Parental Leave Pay.**

Wonthaggi Secondary College is now a registered service provider for Centrepay. If you would like to nominate Wonthaggi Secondary College to receive deductions from your Centrelink payments you will need to complete a Centrelink SA325 form. You can do this by logging on to [www.humanservices.gov.au/centrepay](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/centrepay) or you can pick up a form from the administration office at either McBride or Dudley Campus.

There a couple of details you will need to know when completing the SA325 form:

- **Service Providers Centrepay Reference Number**: 555-111-259-L
- **Your account number with the Service Provider**: Student ID number if 1 student at school.  
  Family ID number if more than 1 student at school.

If you are unsure of what number to record or want more information on Centrepay; please ring the school on 03 5671 3700 for assistance.

*Steve Plumb - Business Manager*
Wonthaggi Sweeps the Pool at Interschool Swimming

On Tuesday February 24, 44 students travelled to Korumburra to compete in the Interschool Swimming Championships. It was a highly successful day for the College winning the Girls Aggregate, Boys Aggregate and Overall Aggregate shields. The College also had the following age group champions:

13 Yrs - Mayson Vanderkolk
14 Yrs - Lily Robinson & Jarrod Muir (runner up)
15 Yrs - Melody Notley & Jordan Patterson (runner up)
17 Yrs - Mallory Bradley (runner up)
20 Yrs - Molly Edwards & Surrey Fisher

Congratulations to Mayson Vanderkolk, Lily Robinson, Mallory Bradley, 13 Years girls freestyle relay and 17 Years girls freestyle who broke records on the day.

Good luck to all those students who are competing at the Gippsland Titles on March 12.

School for Student Leadership, Snowy River Campus Update

Ella Hughes, Elly Wingfield, Phoebe Milnes, Michael Robinson, Joshua Excell and Ewan Millet have been attending the Snowy River School for Student Leadership for four weeks now with 40 other students from schools around Victoria. Snowy River is an eight week program with a focus on personal development and team learning as well as a focus on developing leadership skills.

We are working on a community project we have called “Enviroswell”, which is a program to inform primary school students on safety around beaches and how to keep beaches under good environmental management. There is a month remaining to make “Enviroswell” a successful program. It sounds like a great idea and we are confident it will help all the younger students.

Michael Robinson

Wonthaggi are teamed up with Diamond Valley and we are in a class called 1A. This photo is from our first expo. We were all over the moon to finally get to Dock Inlet after a hot, never-ending walk on the beach for 8km. You would not be surprised but not long after this photo we all went for a refreshing swim in the fresh water lake behind us.

Ella Hughes

My time at Snowy River has been great so far and there is no doubt that it’s going to continue being the time of my life. I’ve met so many great people and I would recommend this experience to everyone!

Phoebe Milnes
WSC Student Investiture

The investiture for Wonthaggi Secondary College’s Student Leaders occurred recently at both McBride and Dudley Campus. The special guest on the day was Brooke Love who is currently the Fire Field Service Officer at Wilsons Promontory National Park. Brooke was the recipient of the College’s Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (Dux) in 2006 and it was great to have her back at WSC. Her message of capitalising on opportunities, being prepared to be flexible with your thinking and following your heart to pursue a career that you’re truly connected with, was very well received by students. It was a most enjoyable event with many parents and carers joining staff and students to recognise the Leadership Team of 2015.

Dudley Student Leadership Team

Berry House Captains: Front: Mack Geyle, Kyle Reid, Melody Notley & Jaxon Wade
Lovett House Captains: Back: Adam Honeysett, Lachlan Scott, Taylah Turner & Leah Lovett
Luke House Captains: Front: Cameron Boulton, Skye Aldie, Shantelle Keogh & Hayley Balmer

Peer Support Leaders: Back: Abbey Grenville, Shantelle Keogh, Moo Kyi, Corina Lubawski, Keely McMahon & Kate Shannon
Front: Sylvia Rohner, Grace Steevens, Jessica Tong & Jenna Whitehead. Absent: Elly Wingfield & Brittney Ames

Right:
Peer Support Leaders: Back: Phoenix Brynes-Davies, Lachlan Cox, Josh Thomas, Brett Jones & Jack Mendes
Front: Oscar Rogerson, Will Semple and Riley Weinzierl
Absent: Jake Roylance, Clay Duke & Daniel Park
Student Accident Arrangements & Personal Property at School

Please note that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport / ambulance costs.

In the past some families have organised accident insurance through private agencies. These agencies often contact the College and we would be happy to pass on this information if you are interested.

There is similar advice regarding the personal property that is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This includes mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property (so please think carefully about bringing expensive items to school).
McBride Homegroup Excursion

On the 6th of February Homegroups 10F and 10G travelled to Melbourne to enjoy the day with their new teachers and each other. The day started leaving McBride at 8 o'clock and we arrived at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) at 10:15. The students enjoyed the Menagerie exhibition gathering ideas and inspiration for their creative writing task in English. We then walked down to Federation Square together where students were allowed to indulge in some shopping and exotic cuisine until 1 o'clock. We all then hopped onto the bus and travelled down to the Docklands for ice skating at the Icehouse. Most students were very wobbly at the start and everyone fell at least once on the ice. By the end most were skating around with some confidence!

It was an enjoyable day for the students involved and a nice way for the teachers and students to connect. Thank you for the support from all parents/carers and a huge thank you to both Nick Wilson and Mel Tschiderer for their organisation and help.

Headspace Pop Up @ Dudley

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. They help young people who are going through a tough time. Headspace cater for people 12-25 years old, offering advice, support and information on a range of issues including, general health, mental health and counselling, education, employment and other services and alcohol and other drug services.

Travis and Ema from Headspace were also promoting a new local Youth Health Clinic opening in Wonthaggi, this is a long awaited resource for the youth of Bass Coast. Dudley students had the opportunity to chat with Travis and Ema as well as test their skill in a thong throwing competition.

Lucky winners were Mack Geyle, Blythe Page, Hayley Balmer and Astrid Gruen-Barber

For more information on headspace go to www.headspace.org

Work Experience

Yr 10 Students work experience week is 3-7 August. Students should have begun the process of organising their placement to ensure a suitable placement.

Yr 11 Students> The program is optional for Yr 11 students. There is no designated week for Yr 11’s and hence they must be prepared to catch up on work missed and are asked to have their Work Experience completed by mid second term, if that is possible.

Any student who requires assistance in organising their Work Experience should seek assistance from Jack Taylor.
**Girls Tennis**

On Monday 2nd March Wonthaggi Secondary College had a very successful day on the tennis courts at the South Gippsland round of the interschool tennis. Five out of the six teams WSC entered won their section and the Year 7A team, the intermediate A team and the senior team will progress to the Gippsland region finals in Traralgon on the 29th of April.

The Year 7A team (Callen Lone, Alanah Dean, Lanni Pryor and Zali Anderson) was unbeatable on the day, dominating in 5 out of the 6 singles and doubles games in the final against Mirboo North. Leongatha were unable to field a complete team which gave our Year 7B team (Holly Hughes, Gabby Martin, Hajer Mohamed and Grace McRae) the opportunity to challenge the 7A team in singles. A very close match between Grace McRae in the B team and Lanni Pryor in the A team might see some changes made to the team in the next couple of weeks! Our 7B team had a convincing win over Mirboo North's B team.

The Year 8 team (Finley Dempsey, Flynn Edwards, Lara Garry and Maddy Pearsall), despite having no prior training and being a late entry, were on fire in their first match against Korumburra. At the end of the match both teams were on 3 sets each. After a count back, Wonthaggi came out on top by 1 game allowing them to play Mirboo North in the Year 8 final. Mirboo North had a convincing win over our girls despite their great efforts and close rallies.

Our Intermediate A team made up of Year 10 students Millie McPhee and Jess Palmer and Year 9's Alana McRae and Taylor Turner defeated both Mirboo North and Leongatha winning 11 out of 12 sets. Jess Palmer was a stand out player on the day with some stylish ground strokes and powerful serving. Well done to Taylor and Alana for stepping up into the A team at the last minute and contributing to a great win.

The Intermediate B team (Melody Notley, Rose Coombs, Maddy Adams, with Ellie Bates and Holly Hughes from the Year 7B team) played some impressive doubles against Korumburra and Mirboo North winning both matches and improving as the day progressed.

Our senior team (Jess Foreman, Tayla Collins, Kelsey Milton and Federica Minonzio) proceed straight into the regional finals as Leongatha did not have enough players to compete on the day.

Thanks to all the players for their efforts, enthusiasm, cooperation and friendly manner with which they participated with each other and the other teams on the day. Well done girls!

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**WANTED:**

All students (Years 7-12) are invited to attend in Room 24 at McBride Campus Wednesday’s after school for maths help. Refreshments are provided and classes run until approximately 5pm.

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 9 - Managed Individual Pathways Program (MIPs)

As part of the Managed Individual Pathways Program this year, all Year 9 students are involved in the following:

- Completion of their Individual Pathways Plan
- Resume and job application writing in English.
- Mock job interview day and course counselling in September
- Completion of appropriate Safe@Work certificates.
- Work Experience for those students not attending camps.

All students will be involved in a two hour workshop in which they will complete their Pathways Plan in a folder. During Term 3 they will be studying interviewing techniques, personal presentation and skills which will assist them in their pursuit of future employment goals.

On Tuesday September 1, Year 9 students will attend one of the many business and community organisations within the Wonthaggi township for a mock interview process. All students will be interviewed by their English teacher and a local business person in a panel situation. Students will be interviewed in groups of three and the time allocated for each interview is approximately 15 minutes. Students are expected to dress appropriately for their interview. All students, with support of their English teachers, will soon begin preparing their job application for a position at 'Bramley Mart'.

I would ask you to please read your child’s Pathways Plan when they bring them home. They then need to be returned within three days with the Parent/Carer section completed to the General Office.

Thanks for your support

Kathy Moore - Managed Individual Pathways Coordinator (Dudley Campus)

Update on WSC Reporting

WSC is making changes to the way we carry out Student Reporting. Following feedback from staff and Parents/Carers we will refine and continue the system of Grade Point Average reporting throughout 2015. There will be a few minor changes.

- Grade Point Averages (GPA's) have been renamed, they are now called “Personal Learning Reports”. We feel that this name change helps to clarify the purpose of this ongoing formal FEEDBACK on Learning Behaviours.
- The Personal Learning Reports comment on student behaviour, effort, self-management, revision/ homework and classwork and give students the opportunity to take more responsibility for improving their learning.
- The Personal Learning Reports complement the traditional Semester Reports which are the summary of what the students have learned and in which teachers make comments on what actions are needed to further academic improvement. These will be streamlined and made more Parent friendly.
- Regular Personal Learning Reports throughout the year replace the need for 1st and 3rd term Interim reports.
- The Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for the 26th of March for both campuses. The 27th of March is for Dudley Campus only. The interviews are an important opportunity for Parents/Carers to meet the teachers and discuss student's progress. All interviews are held at Dudley Campus. There will be more on booking interviews in the next mailout.

The first round of Personal Learning Reports for 2015 will be printed and mailed out. They will be also published and available to students/parents/carers online via the school website and “Compass”.

- Parents have already been mailed passwords and instructions on how to access online information through Wonthaggi Secondary College’s website.
- We also intend to hold a short training session for parents starting at 5pm on Wednesday 18th March at both Dudley campus (Flexi Centre) and McBride Campus (Room 15), should this be needed.

If you have any further queries please contact Gay Findlay or Jacqui Hilton. Teaching and Learning Team
**Bass Coast Youth Clinic**

On Thursday the 26th February Travis Bennett and Bec Vandyk visited the McBride Campus at lunch time to promote the newly opened Bass Coast Youth Clinic. They entertained students with a “Thong Throwing Competition”, as well as giving away many prizes: pens, wrist bands, drink bottles, bags etc.

Bec and Travis spoke to students in an informal setting about the Bass Coast Youth Clinic and how it is set up to reach out to the young people in our community to discuss any health issues. The clinic is free of charge and run by qualified medical personnel.

It was a great way to introduce this fantastic service to our students, many of whom have already taken the opportunity to visit the clinic and feel supported about issues in their life.

Many students participated in the Thong Throwing competition with the eventual winners being:

- **Girls**
  - 1st – Angelica Emery
  - 2nd – Tayla Muir

- **Boys**
  - 1st – Rick Gow
  - 2nd – Brock Niessen

These students received a Golden Thong Trophy each – well done for participating!

_Carol Davidson - McBride Student Welfare Coordinator_

**Careers**

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Open Days are a great opportunity to check out tertiary institutions. Most Open Days occur on Sundays in August. The dates for many of them are listed here so that you can get them in your diary for later on. Year 10-12 students (and their families) are encouraged to visit institutions of interest on Open Days so that you can see their facilities, attend information sessions, collect information, get your questions answered, talk to staff, and so on.

**DATES:**
- Sat 1 Aug – Monash (Berwick & Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 2 Aug – Deakin (Warrnambool); Monash (Caulfield & Clayton); Swinburne (Hawthorn)
- Sun 9 Aug – Australian Catholic University (ACU) (Fitzroy); Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bundoora); RMIT; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy); La Trobe (Bendigo)
- Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin & MIBT; Victoria (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Federation (Ballarat & Gippsland)

Holmesglen has a number of Open Days during the year, usually the last Thursday of the month.

**Senior Drama**

Senior Drama students were very fortunate to have the opportunity to see a professional performance from the Melbourne based theatre company HIT Productions at Wonthaggi Art Centre. The play, 'The One Day of The Year ' by Alan Seymour, followed the Cook family during the week of Anzac Day exploring the tension between generations who disagree about the way war is remembered. Students also had an opportunity to meet the actors and seek advice about ways to improve their own performance skills.

“"I enjoyed the naturalistic style of the performance and how it was presented.”"

“"It had very traditional play with Australian Values and presented the new generations thoughts and feelings on the matter, which made the whole play divided”"

“"I never would have considered some of the different ideas they shared about Anzac Day.”"

“"The play was really well acted. I’ve seen those actors on TV but their characters were really different in the play.”"

“"I liked meeting the actors and finding out about how they got into acting”"

“"Before the play, the actors came to our class and showed us a couple of scenes. It was really cool to see them go from themselves into being a character”"

“"I liked the conflict and the feeling of real traditional Aussie values being redefined and evaluated throughout the play”"

“"This performance opened our eyes to different effects of war on different generations.”"
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonthaggi United Soccer Club

Season 2015 - Players of all ages wanted!!

Join Now ....... Seniors, Reserves, Women and Children all welcome.

We are also seeking Expressions of Interest for Junior Coaching positions

Call us on 0432 567 927 or come along to Wonthaggi State School oval for training

Seniors/Reserves: Monday & Thursday 6pm-7.30pm

Women: Thursday 5pm-6.30pm                 U16:  Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm-7pm

Youth Girls: Tuesday & Thursday 5pm-6:30pm    U13: Thursday 4.30pm-5.30pm

KEEPING KIDS ON TRACK

The 4th annual “Keeping Kids on Track” Fun Run Festival will be held on Saturday 14th of March this year.

This event is growing every year with over 600 participants last year. With a much larger committee K KoT 2015 is guaranteed to be a big success.

Sponsorship and support has been phenomenal.

A great opportunity for competitors to meet elite athletes and have a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

Funds raised go towards sport, education and a variety of activities promoting healthy living for children in our area.

Entries are open and filling fast for the various distances available: 21.1km, 15km, 10km, 5km (all timed events), and 3km run, as well as the family-friendly walk (prams welcome).

There will be an improved start/finish line and a Health and Fitness festival at the finish line including activities and stalls promoting a healthy lifestyle, entertainment, refreshments, sporting clubs represented, and more!

Only limited on-the-day entries will be available due to the capacity of the rail trail and timing bands, so we encourage everyone to enter online: www.basscoasttri.com. A LATE FEE will apply to on-the-day registrations.

For further information check the website www.basscoasttri.com, our facebook page ‘Keeping KIDS On TRACK’ or call 0409 945 559.

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