PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Parents/Carers should have received their child’s latest Progress Learning Report (PLR) on the College’s Compass system. Information regarding the online booking system for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews is on page 11 of this newsletter. This includes step by step instructions on how parents can book interview times with their child’s teachers.

Term 3 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus on:

Thursday 17th Sep (4.00pm - 7.00pm — for parents of students at McBride and Dudley)

Friday 18th Sep (9.00am - 2.20pm — for parents of students at the Dudley Campus only)

McBride students are reminded that normal classes will be conducted on Friday the 18th of September and attendance is compulsory as per normal requirements.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

As you may be aware, two years ago the Wonthaggi SC School Council completed an extensive review of the College uniform. The process involved students, parents and staff from the College with the view to modernising and improving the look of the uniform across the entire school.

At that stage we identified that the uniform still needed to remain affordable, therefore it was decided that we would be the sole suppliers of our uniform items so as to keep prices at a minimum. It was also discussed that students should be able to get more wear out of the uniform items that they currently owned so we decided upon a two and a half year phase in of the new uniform. That phase-in period ends at the end of the 2015 school year.

All students across the College must be wearing the new items of uniform at the start of the 2016 school year. As a result, all varieties of old uniform items (eg. light grey, non-logoed shorts and maroon shirts) are not permitted to be worn to school beyond the end of this year.

Our uniform policy has been attached to the back of this document for your information. Please read it carefully and note that all of our clothing items, at this stage, are only available through the College uniform shop and will be the only items permitted to be worn in 2016.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either Darren Parker (McBride Campus Principal – 5671 3700) or Ross Bramley (Dudley Campus Principal – 5672 0900) at the College during business hours.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

Thomas Jefferson
IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER
Monday 7 - Senior Girls Netball State Finals
Friday 11 - Dudley Book Week - Dress Up Day
- Junior Golf - Gippsland Titles @ Traralgon
- Music guest Andrew Dale
Monday 14 - McBride Chemistry/Biology excursion to Melbourne Aquarium
Wednesday 16 - Grade 6 Fantastic Racers Day @ Dudley
Thursday 17 - Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews @ Dudley Campus 4pm - 7pm
Friday 18 - Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews @ Dudley Campus 9am - 2.20pm
Student free for Dudley students, classes as normal for ALL McBride students
Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER
Monday 5 - First Day Term 4

School For Student Leadership - Year 9 Students 2016

Wonthaggi Secondary College has once again been allocated six student places (three boys and three girls) at the School for Student Leadership for Year 9 students in term 2, 2016. The School for Student Leadership is a Victorian Department of Education and Training initiative offering a unique residential education experience for Year 9 students. There are three campuses across Victoria (Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps, Marlo in East Gippsland and Mount Noora 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 2, 2016. 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 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.

If you are interested you should contact Penny Gordon at the school as soon as possible (contact details below). Final “Expressions of Interest” must be with Penny by 12 noon on Friday September 18 - School for Student Leadership 2016 – Meeting Friday Lunchtime. A selection panel will make the final determination of students to attend in the event that there are more interested students than places available.

Please note that students must currently be in Year 8.

Contact details:
Penny Gordon
0400 084 652
gordon.penelope.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

The following websites contain information about the program:

Congratulations Andrew

Year 7 student Andrew Thomas was a winner of the Bass Coast Youth Survey competition, he is pictured with Mayor Kimberley Brown.
The Year 7 girls netball team travelled to Jells Park on Monday the 31st of August for the State Finals. This was after winning through at the local round and then at the regional Gippsland round.

There were 8 teams from across Victoria participating at this level.

The day consisted of two pools of four teams, with the winner from Pool A to play the runner up of Pool B and vice versa in the semi final. Each game was played for 4 x 7 minute quarters.

After the round robin matches in which the girls won all three games- 38-12, 27-17 and 26-12 respectively, they played their semi-final and won 37-11.

In the final the girls versed Williamstown SC. The final result was Williamstown SC 18 - Wonthaggi SC 36.

Congratulations to all the girls who worked hard at training and especially on the day. You should all be very proud of yourselves. Thank you too to the junior boys who continued to train with us at lunchtimes.

The winning team (pictured) consisted of Isabella Tiziani, Zali Anderson, Ellie Bates, Leila Kane-Di Paolo, Lani Pryor, Chloe Cengia and Gemma DellaMina (coach). Front: Grace McRae, Gemma Thomas, Bella Anderson and Gabby Martin.
**Year 9 MIPS Day - September 1, 2015**

As part of the Year 9 Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) program, all Year 9 students have been writing their Pathways Plans, resumes and job applications as well as studying interview techniques in their English and Humanities classes over the last two and a half terms. Many have also completed their online Safe@Work certificates.

On September 1, all students attended a mock job interview for a job at ‘Bramley Mart’. They all attended their formal interview at a business in Wonthaggi. Venues for the program this year were Bunnings (Chris Hymas), Woolworths (Ralph Martino), Cardells Accountants (Fay Quilford), Big W (Ashley Lamers), Bass Coast Information Centre, Wonthaggi Police Station (Brendan Horrocks), Target (Tarsh Burnell), NAB (Maree Wittingslow), Bendigo Bank (Jacqui Laurie) and the Wonthaggi Library (Lucy Nuttall). The interview panels consisted of the above mentioned people together with a teacher. All students had prepared themselves well and demonstrated a sound understanding of the process of applying for an advertised position and then attending a formal interview. The feedback from those involved from the business community was outstanding and extremely complementary of our students’ preparation and professional presentation.

Other aspects of the day included Course Counselling for Year 10 subject selection at the Wonthaggi Town Hall with the College Principal team and other McBride campus staff. Students were able to ask questions related to their subject pathways and career directions.

These subject selection sheets are due in no later than September 4 and can be placed in the box in the Year 8/9 Co-ordinator’s office.

At the Wonthaggi Arts Centre throughout the morning, students were presented with an array of speakers in the Career Snapshot component of the day. Our speakers’ focus was on their own career pathway and their work experiences to date. All speakers were informative and provided students with glimpses of various career choices and opportunities as well as their school and career highlights. Eleven professional people spoke for 10 minutes at a time throughout the morning. Our speakers this year were Helen Black (Science Lab Technician), Mel Licciardi (student teacher), Marjorie Jane Scott (Shiatsu massage); Alistair Lowe (School Technician) Ross Bramley (Principal), Kathy Moore (teacher), Harold Milkins (Funeral Director), Laurie Werrett (LLENS), Brendan Horrocks (Wonthaggi Police), Kerry Ritchie (Community Development Team Leader at Bass Coast Shire and Kimberley Brown (Mayor of Bass Coast Shire).

The Lions Club cooked up a delicious BBQ lunch for students and staff and, because we were blessed with such beautiful weather, we sat in the sun to enjoy McBride Campus as part of their transition process. Tony Stopps and Marg prepared delicious fruit platters and an array of fresh vegetables and dips.

Amy and Michael from WorkSafe delivered a powerful presentation to all students at the Arts Centre after lunch about aspects of work safety issues and responsibilities about bullying prevention in the workplace. This delivery was designed specifically for our Year 9 students and was particularly relevant because many of our students are now beginning part time paid or voluntary work and others will be undertaking Work Experience during Camps Week in November.

It is a delight to work with such motivated and organised students who take great pride in themselves and their various individual pursuits. Thanks very much to all of staff who assisted with the various aspects of the day including interviewing, course counselling, food preparation, supervision, training of students for their interviews and application writing. Well done! It was a huge and successful day and well worth the effort.

Congratulations Year 9, you did yourselves proud!!

Kathy Moore - MIPS Coordinator
Year 9 MIPS Day - Photos

Chloe Britt doing her course counselling with College Principal Garry Dennis

Kersti Churchill, Jessica Martin and Miora Trainor after their mock interview.

Miller Croker and Tara Macdermid ready for their Snap Shots presentation.

Emma-Louise Holden, Cooper Goodwin, Allegra Hall-Carmichael, Rose Coombs, Joe Poole & Hayley Balmer.

Hayden Brown, Trent Argent, Kurt Brown, Josh Bates, Lochie Scott, Liam Martin and Eden Purnell.

Front: Jack Clements & Thierry Palmyre

Jake Barry, Kyle Reid and Adam Honeysett waiting for their mock interview at the Wonthaggi Police Station.
WSC advances to Tournament of Minds State Finals

Wonthaggi Secondary College has once again advanced to the state finals for Tournament of Minds (TOM) to be held at Latrobe University in Bundoora. The Applied Technology team progressed to the state final for the third year in a row after presenting a solution to a difficult problem requiring students to develop an understanding of loops and conditionals that are used when writing programming code.

Four teams competed at the Regional final at Federation University on the 22nd of August. Our Social Science team achieved Honours as well as a judge’s award. Maths Engineering achieved a special judge’s award for excellent model construction.

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving challenge that requires students to solve open ended problems while fulfilling a number of criteria. TOM has been running in Australia for over 25 years and is growing each year. It is hoped that more schools in the local area will participate in the next couple of years as it gives students an excellent opportunity to work collaboratively on long term and spontaneous problems as well as giving teachers the opportunity to develop their group working skills. It would be a great advantage if the feeder primary schools for Wonthaggi Secondary College were able to provide teams for the primary division (the tournament involves both primary and secondary challenges and runs each year during term three).

The winners of the state final progress to the Australasian final which will this year take place at the University of Sydney in October. The next few weeks will involve preparing the Wonthaggi students for the pressure of the 3 hour challenge. It is hoped that Wonthaggi Secondary College will once again progress to the Australasian final after making it through for the last two years.

Dudley Science Week

During the week of 18-22 August, the Dudley Science faculty ran a number of activities to help celebrate the importance of science. Some of our activities were fun and focused on explosions and hovercrafts, while others were designed to show students the different career paths. Each class ran a series of competitions and we also had quiz questions each day. It was great to see many students filling the science rooms during each lunchtime participating in a variety of activities. A big thanks to all the science staff who organised and ran the activities.

Dave Wingfield - Science Coordinator
Year 9 Tree Planting Day a Major Success

Recently a group of 57 Year 9 students were invited to a tree planting day at a farm in Ryanston.

The school has been working at the 10 hectare site for the past three years so it has been great to see the progress of the trees planted since 2012. It is estimated that the school has already planted over 10,000 trees at the site.

The site is particularly important in the Powlett catchment as it contains many damp forest remnants which have largely disappeared in the Western Strzelecki ranges due to logging and agriculture. The site is very steep and it requires mountain goat agility to get the trees in the ground.

Our Year 9 planters managed to plant another 5,000 trees on the day. The owners of the property, Anna and Bruce Speiden, are very thankful for the students’ efforts and have expressed an interest in having senior biology students to the site to investigate biodiversity.

Our students were treated to a huge cooked lunch at the home of the Speidens after the trees were planted.

It is hoped that we will continue to be involved in the project in the years to come. There is an extra 5 hectares set aside for reforestation over the next three years.

Junior Girls Football

Our junior girl’s football team have had the best season WSC can boast of for many years. The girls realised they were a chance this year when they knocked off reigning state champs for 2013 and 14, Lavalla Secondary College in their battle for the Gippsland-Cup.

From their win over Lavalla, the girls went on to knock off a rough n tough Frankston team. Our girls showed a lot of grit and depth against Frankston, refusing to be intimidated by the very physical Frankston girls. This was an especially big achievement as half the team was made up of Year 7’s and we were obviously the smaller team on the paddock.

As the best girls footy team this side of the Yarra, we went on to play Gisbourne in the State Semi’s. Gisbourne played an amazing style of footy, and outplayed us in the first half, putting an unanswered four goals four on the board. WSC came out hard in the second half and played themselves into the ground. Even against Frankston, I hadn’t seen them play so tenaciously, nor put their bodies on the line to such an extent. Although the girls gave everything they had and they beat Gisbourne’s score in the second half, they couldn’t close the gap and the final score read 34-14.

Well done to all the girls who played. The Year 7’s in the team can hold their heads up high at the fact they didn’t cower, but stood up to the plate against such strong opposition. Leadership from our Year 9 girls also deserves praise and is largely responsible for the fierce passion our girls took into each game. Thanks for a great season, Mr Groom (coach)
The Year 9 Horticulture class at Wonthaggi Secondary College have begun the 2015 Cows Create Careers (CCC) program after eighteen months of preparation. The school was approached early in 2014 by the representatives of CCC and agreed to prepare an area suitable for caring for calves. The Year 9 students from 2014 began the construction of a 3m by 3m calf shed during Semester 1 last year. The shed was eventually completed at the end of first semester 2015 just in time for the CCC program.

The program involves caring for two Friesian heifers who have been loaned to the school for four weeks. It is up to the students of the Horticulture class to feed and monitor their progress. The calves have been generously loaned to us by local dairy farmer Ian Hitchings. Ian has spoken to the class and taught them how to maintain good health and hygiene for the animals. The class has also had presentations from local Murray Goulburn field officer Gary O’Connor and local veterinary scientist Dave Beischer.

The program, involving groups of three or four students, also requires the groups to complete a number of written tasks as well as a photography component and a model. Lastly, the entrants to the program are invited to a major presentation in October and the winning team members will each receive a $50 prize. As this is our first year to participate we are simply happy to be part of the experience. The Year 9 Horticulture students are loving the experience of working with animals. It is hoped that the CCC program will educate our students about the many varied career paths in the dairy industry.
Year 10 Work Experience Photos

Below: Calim McGregor-Gibson at the Phillip Island Race Track

Left: Wonthaggi North students, Sierra Anderson, Kohen O’Leary, Max Pugh and Chloe Huther with Shaye Wilson.

Below: Kyle Garvie at a local music store

Above: Brianna Magro with Bonny Huitema at BH Beauty Skin Body.

AMBULANCE COVER

Wonthaggi Secondary College has a policy that when a child has an accident or falls ill and the injury or illness is beyond the capacity of basic first aid, an ambulance is to be called.

In all cases, without exception, the cost of an ambulance attendance is to be paid by the parent.

The cost of an ambulance attendance can vary from a few hundred dollars to many thousands of dollars.

For this reason, the School highly recommends that all families ensure that they have ambulance insurance.

Right: Year 12 guest speaker Jamin Heppell taking the students through meditation exercises.
Book Week Celebrations

We celebrate Book Week over the course of three weeks. Over this time:

English classes will come into the Library for a presentation on the books that were short-listed by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) – the most prestigious Australian children’s book award.

We will run a competition that tests the students’ knowledge of the short-listed books. Entry sheets are in the Library.

Year 8 students will have a special visit by ex WSC student and now acclaimed young author James Phelan. James will present to all students and then a select group of aspiring young authors will gain the benefit of his expertise by participating in a writer’s workshop.

Students will be invited to come dressed up as a book character on Friday September 11th. There will be a band playing at lunchtime and a parade for best costumes for each Year Level, with prizes awarded. Ask your child what they intend to come as. If they don’t know, perhaps you could help them with some ideas. The character can be from a particular book or can simply be what a typical character might look like – eg a pirate, a jillaroo, an adventurer etc. It is a fun day and those students who put a lot of effort in usually end up having the best day ever.

Year 7 Girls Soccer

On Thursday August 20th, the Year 7 Girls Soccer team competed in the Gippsland District Finals in Sale. It was a great start to the day, with a win against Trafalgar SC, 1 v 0, the winning goal scored in the last few minutes by Ebony Saunders. Next up were our biggest competition of the day, Lavalla SC and unfortunately they defeated us 0 v 3. The final match of the day was against Bairnsdale SC, and we ended on a high note with another win, 2 v 0. The goals were scored by Ebony and Mayson Vanderkolk, and the win put us in second place overall. The girls team work, sportsmanship and team spirit was outstanding and they did a fantastic job representing the school. A special thank you goes out to Cameron Boulton and Nick Duyker for their roles coaching and refereeing on the day and also to Jess Bohn for supplying the oranges!

Music News

Congratulations to members of the Senior Concert Band and the Big Band on their recent success at the Yarram Eisteddfod. The Senior Concert Band achieved first placing in their section, performing well against some great concert bands from other Gippsland schools. The Big Band achieved third placing in their section. Both bands were also complimented for their wonderful behaviour as audience members. They were a credit to our school.

The School and wider Wonthaggi Community are invited to come and hear all of the school bands perform at our annual Guest Artist Evening on Friday 11th September at 7.30pm at the Wonthaggi Workmans’ Club. Our Guest Artist for 2015 is Mr Andrew Dale. Andrew was one of the founding teachers of SGSMP. He has worked extensively as a teacher, conductor and performer, both in Australia and overseas, and is currently the Music Director at Ballarat Grammar School. He will be spending a couple of days in Wonthaggi working with our students before our Friday evening concert. This event has become a highlight of our performing year with audiences thoroughly enjoying the night. Entry to the concert is free, however it is recommended to obtain tickets from the General Office of either school as seating at the venue has to be arranged for the appropriate number of guests.

Another performance to which people are invited is the Semester 2 VCE Music Recital Evening on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in the music room of the McBride Campus. Each of the VCE music students will be performing their Semester 2 program. Please come and support them in their endeavours.
Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Thursday 17th September and from 8.00am – 2.20pm on Friday 18th September (Student Free Day, Dudley Campus only).
We have changed our parent/teacher booking procedures and you can now book interviews at times that suit your family best.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 7th September at 4.00pm
BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 16th September at 3.30pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER.

For parents/carers that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, bookings may be made at the school office from Monday 7th September onwards.
Parents may also send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride). Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. Parents are asked to please only make one booking per teacher even if your child has that teacher for more than one subject. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride).

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb. Alternatively, you may give feedback to the school office.
The Wonthaggi Tennis Club is looking for junior players for this season.

We play in the Korra and District Tennis Association.

Matches are held on Saturday mornings.

Grades range from Pennant to Section 5.

The season runs on 16th October 2015 until 13th February 2016 with finals on the following three weeks.

Names are to be in by 7th September.

To leave your name, or ask for further information, please contact the club at wonthaggittennisclub@gmail.com or phone Phil Dempster 0437011666.