From the Dudley Campus Principal

GOOD LUCK TO THE CLASS OF 2015

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 the 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 80’s theme.

We wish all the very best of luck to the Class of 2015 as they commence the next exciting part of their lives; over the very important exam period and in 2016 and beyond!

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Reminder to all students and parents that Monday November 2 and Tuesday November 3 are student free days at the College.

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 the end of this year.

Please 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

Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.

Og Mandino
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**OCTOBER**

- **Tuesday 27** - Gippsland Basketball
- **Wednesday 28** - Year 12 Exams start
- **Thursday 29** - Bass Coast Primary Schools Surf Competition
  - Year 8 Melbourne Zoo excursion
- **Friday 30** - Year 7 Guest Presenter

**NOVEMBER**

- **Monday 2** - PD Day - student free
- **Tuesday 3** - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - student free
- **Wednesday 4** - Junior Band Day
  - Year 10 Geography Field excursion
- **November 9 - 13** - Year 9 Camp Week
- **Tuesday 17** - Year 7 Girls Cricket
- **Thursday 19-23** - HPV @ Maryborough
- **Friday 27** - Year 11 Last Day (including Headstart)

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**Congratulations**

to the following students who competed in the State Track and Field Championships held on October 20 at Lakeside Stadium.

- Jarrod Anderson (Yr 7)
- Caleb Cummins (Yr 7)
- Siobhan Griffin (Yr 8)
- Jarvis Kilgour (Yr 8)
- Josh Ryan (Yr 8)
- Lochlan Scott (Yr 9)

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**Indonesian Language Trip in June/July 2016**

An information session for students interested in Indonesian Language Trip in June/July 2016, will be held at the Dudley Campus - Flexi Learning Centre on Wednesday November 4 at 7pm.

Students must be studying Indonesian in 2016.

Further information from Jo Keating at Dudley Campus

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**Wonthaggi students succeed in state wide Japanese speech contest**

Students from both McBride and Dudley campuses have recently competed in a state wide Japanese speaking contest. Students were required to write their own speeches, and then deliver them from memory to a large audience comprised of students, parents, teachers and a panel of judges. Speech topics covered diverse topics such as Japanese anime, what students like to do on the weekend, and even a witty skit about an apple.

Competitions like this allow students to utilise their language skills in real life, as well as exposing them to a wider community of Japanese speakers in Victoria. Delivering a speech in a second language is a huge accomplishment, and the students involved should be applauded for their efforts. Well done!
Driver Education & Training Course

On Monday the 24th of August a group of Year 11 and 12 McBride students took part in a driver education and training course proudly sponsored by the Bendigo Bank San Remo. The day was made up of a number of activities which the students participated in around driver attitudes, safety on the road and defensive driving. Students also had the opportunity to drive in simulators where they were able to control cars in skids and avoid accidents safely. A big thanks to the organisers for coming down and running the program for the day at Wonthaggi Secondary College.

VCE Japanese Immersion Day

On the 5th of September, the Year 12 Japanese students embarked on a Japanese Immersion Day at Newhaven College. The aim of the excursion was to engross VCE Japanese students at both Wonthaggi Secondary College and Newhaven College in both Japanese language and culture.

Throughout the day the students were able to practice their language skills whilst doing a variety of activities. In order to increase their understanding of both Japanese language and culture the students introduced themselves in Japanese, did Kanji Script learning activities, made special origami cards, made Japanese Obento boxes, performed role-plays in Japanese and also participated in mock oral exams.

All in all the immersion day was a modest success. Both Wonthaggi Secondary and Newhaven College VCE Japanese students were able to practice and utilize their language skills as well as learn about Japanese culture. The students on the excursion would like to thank Kenji Misawa and all those who contributed to organising the day and also encourage current and future Japanese students to participate on upcoming Immersion Days.

Billie Emmett (11C)

Konnichiwa Japan 2016

The Languages faculty is currently trying to organize a trip to Japan in 2016. The purpose of this trip is to allow students to experience the culture, use their knowledge of Japanese and to expand their points of view by looking at the different country. The departure will be around Thursday 30 June 2016. The duration of the trip will be around twelve days. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr Misawa or Ms Bretherton to obtain detailed information. The information night for the tour is scheduled on Wednesday 28 October 2016.
GJ Gardner Homes – Year 10 Building & Design Competition

During Term 3 Mr Cochrane’s Building and Design class commenced work on their housing models. The students were encouraged with the news that GJ Gardner Homes would again be donating a cash prize for the best display model. The winner of the competition will be announced in the next edition of this newsletter – so watch this space! The winning design will be on display at GJ Gardner’s Wonthaggi Office.

Pictured are some of the Mr Cochrane’s Building & Design students – hard at work designing and constructing their model houses.

Year 9 Cape Day

On Wednesday October 14th, 189 of our Year 9 students attended a workshop day out at Cape Paterson as part of the Health & PE curriculum. The students rotated through three workshops on important topics including ‘Respectful Relationships’, ‘Contraception & STIs’ and ‘Alcohol, Drugs & Safe Partying’, which were run by the local school nurses. The students were fantastic and gained invaluable knowledge, which we hope they will use to make smart decisions regarding their sexual health and safety in the future. I would like to thank the school nursing team, the Dudley Health & PE department and the students for their efforts in making the day a huge success. I would also like to thank all parents for allowing their children to attend the event, which was our biggest one to date.

Bass Coast Shire Council Youth Workshop

Students from WSC and Newhaven College recently presented to Bass Coast Shire councillors and key staff. All had been participants in a recent regional Youth Summit event that took place over three days in the last term break. The workshop formed part of the work being completed on the Shire’s Youth Action Plan. The presentations were of a very high standard and feedback from all in attendance was particularly positive.

Well done to all involved!
ICE Forum for WSC Students and Staff

On Wednesday the 7th of October 2015 all students in Years 10 and 11 from the McBride Campus at WSC attended a presentation on the insidious drug ICE. This presentation held at the Arts Centre was an initiative from Bass Coast Health and was facilitated by Deb Guy.

Whilst WSC does not have specific drug or alcohol issues, like all schools it needs to be realistic about what our students are exposed to and be in a position to educate and offer support when needed.

The students heard from many guest speakers, including Brendan Horrocks (Police Liaison Officer), Deb Rielly (ambulance paramedic), and Jess (a young former drug addict). Our students were attentive and engaged with all the speakers. As Jess spoke about her troubled journey, the audience was stunned into silence with compassion and empathy of her plight, with the realization that she was not your ‘typical looking drug addict’, as was continually murmured.

This presentation provided our students with informative material, discussion and connection to health personnel. The feedback from students and staff has been extremely positive for its content and delivery. Well done to all who were involved in this important forum.

Carol Davidson - Student Welfare Coordinator

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WONTHAGGI LSC
2015/2016 SUMMER BRONZE CAMP

Our annual Summer Bronze Camp is being held on Saturday 9th January to Friday 14th January.

We're looking for keen candidates to complete their bronze medal and join our club in patrolling our wonderful beach over summer. Our Bronze Camp is not only the perfect way to become a fully qualified Surf Life Saver its also a great way to make new friends and spend a week down at the beach.

Our week long live-in camp is a fun, challenging way to experience an introduction to surf life saving.

Our camp is open for applicants aged 15 and over and the camp is instructed by fellow Wonthaggi lifesavers.

Pre-Requisites
To prepare for the Bronze Camp application you need to complete the pre requisite timed swim, 400m swim in a pool in under 8 minutes, there will be time to do the swim on the bronze camp, however we suggest you do the swim a few times before the camp to ensure that you can complete it.

For more information and to register please contact our camp organisers:
Tayla Scott & Tahlia Langborne
taylascott16@hotmail.com & tahlia.langborne@gmail.com

Wonthaggi Primary School is holding the 2015 Kidz Mini Mudda event once again, and it is looking pretty exciting – to be held on Saturday 31st October at school 10.00am-1.00pm (Melbourne Cup weekend).

Please encourage your families/students to register on-line ASAP – first 200 entries receive free t-shirts!

A great fund raiser for our school, with all money going toward updating the school’s solar water heating in our school pool!


Facebook event link:- https://www.facebook.com/events/1682973028600060/
SOUTH COAST ATHLETICS CLUB

"South Coast Athletics Club is commencing its summer track and field season on Tuesday 6th October, 2015 at Wonthaggi (Secondary School Dudley Campus) with local meets every Tuesday alternating between Leongatha and Wonthaggi. South Coast Athletics is an inclusive, encouraging and social club open to all ages up to 100 and capabilities. South Coast is the progression for children who have become too old for Little Athletics. It is a club where the whole family can compete together. If you can run, walk or jump then come and give us a try. Registration can be completed through the Athletics Victoria website or contact Helen Patterson (0439994855) for further enquiries."