FUNDING FOR PLANNING FOR OUR NEW SCHOOL
We received positive news in the State Budget this week with the State Government confirming that a new Senior Campus for Bass Coast Shire is genuinely on its agenda by committing to having plans completed for a new school.

Whilst this does not mean we are actually getting a new school, it is the logical first step in moving from the “concept” stage to the “it is actually going to happen” stage. We are happy with the announcement and remain optimistic for the future.

I received the news in a phone call from Harriet Shing (MLC for Eastern Victoria Region). She has visited our school a number of times and has been a strong advocate for our cause. I have included a quote from Harriet below (from her April 27 Media Release).

"Wonthaggi Secondary College is a great school with a huge catchment area – it’s continuing to grow and its teachers and staff do a power of work to bring the best out of every student. I know it’s planning an even more exciting future. Education Minister James Merlino and I have been working hard with Principal Garry Dennis and the School Council to make sure that the work can get underway at long last to deliver better facilities and learning environments to Wonthaggi.

I’m really looking forward to seeing the planning stage completed, and to working with parents and families so that Wonthaggi Secondary College gets the support it needs to go from strength to strength.”

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS
Thank you to the eight Student Leaders who represented the College at ANZAC Day ceremonies across the shire. We are proud of our association with the Cowes, Inverloch and Wonthaggi RSLs and value that they include us as a small part of their particularly important day. Fergus McKittrick and Bronte de Lacy-Vawdon represented us at Inverloch (and Fergus was a key speaker on the day); Casey Jordan-Lelliott, Emily Semple and Taya Murdoch were involved in reading tributes at Cowes while Maddy Murray, Eli Whitehead and Sam Watson also presented in Wonthaggi.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK
We recently launched an official Facebook page and our first post provided a link to Education Minister James Merlino’s press release regarding funding for building projects in regional schools (which included reference to WSC). We encourage members our school community to follow us on Facebook and look forward to providing more posts promoting the success of our students and other important information. See page 8.
## Important Dates

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### Wonthaggi Secondary College

**SEAL program**

Nominations are now open for the 2017 intake for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program. Please see your grade 6 teacher for information or visit the Wonthaggi Secondary College website and follow the SEAL link. Nominations close on Monday 16th May, with the testing day being Friday 17th June. If you have any questions please contact Heather Sullivan (SEAL coordinator) on 5672 0900 or on email sullivan.heather.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Fundraising BBQ

On Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} of March boys from the Year 11 VCAL class put on a fundraiser BBQ to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal. We decided to donate to the Royal Children’s because Good Friday is coming up and it is for a very good cause.

This idea all started with us having to do a project in English that involves helping the community and we decided on a fundraising BBQ.

We have had to do a number of things to get both the donations to happen, as well as the BBQ event to take place, which included going down to local shops to ask for donations and to collect food. There were also envelopes sent around for people to donate that way.

Both the BBQ and the envelopes were a huge success with us raising over $400, with all proceeds to be donated to Royal Children’s Hospital. We would like to thank everyone who made this possible and all the stores who donated to help us out on the day including Woolworths, Coles, Finlay’s Butcher and Connell’s Bakery.

Year 10 VET Surfing

As a part of the Year 10 VET surfing class in Term 1, we as a class split up in pairs and took turns surf coaching with Mr Sorati’s groups from several of the local schools. It enabled us to gain knowledge on coaching for the VET surfing class because we are all working towards a Level 1 Surf Coach Certificate and also to teach the kids water safety, knowledge and to learn how to surf. The program ran from the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of March and ended on the 18\textsuperscript{th} of March. The primary schools we coached were Wonthaggi North, Bass Valley, Powlett River, Cowes, Newhaven, San Remo, Inverloch, Bass Coast Specialist School. Everyone had a great time with all of the kids standing up on multiple occasions and we too gained a lot of knowledge. We are looking forward to the 2017 program!

\textit{Josh Balmer}
#iSurfWith presented by Surfing Victoria

On Tuesday March the 8th a bunch of groms trekked to the treacherous waters of Cape Paterson Seconds, greeted by groomed 3-4ft waves. After an hour of barrels and fun, the boys were greeted by Cahill Bell Warren, a Bells Beach warrior and a long time World Qualifying Series surfer and Tristan Forras, current WQS surfer. The boys were taught the importance of never surfing alone and as surfers we have a role to play in looking out for swimmers. The boys were all stoked and had a ball, getting some great footage and photos to make the day even better. All the boys were ripping all day and it was awesome to see the confidence and skill of them increase throughout the day. On behalf of the group, I would like to say thank you to Surfing Victoria for putting on such a sick day and in particular Cahill and Tritta for the advice. Also, we would like to thank Mr. Reusch and Channy for taking us and organizing days like this for us.

Kyle Ross


Southern Women’s Business Network (SBWN)

Jade MacDermid attends the Southern Women’s Business Network (SBWN) monthly dinner as a special guest.

The SBWN hold monthly events to present ideas, provide opportunities for networking and as chance for women in South Gippsland to prosper through connecting its members from a wide variety of backgrounds and to give back to the broader community.

In 2015 the SBWN supported Wonthaggi Secondary College by providing sponsorship for a Year 11 student who demonstrated community values, leadership skills and a commitment toward education. As part of their mission to ‘give back to the broader community’ the SBWN awarded the newly created ‘SBWN Leadership Initiative Awards’ to some very deserving young women from around the district. Students in Mirboo North, Korrumburra, Leongatha, Foster and Wonthaggi were offered scholarships be apart of their mission to recognize and encourage young leaders. Jade MacDermid was the inaugural recipient of this scholarship. As part of this scholarship, Jade was invited to attend a dinner at the Ruby Hall in Leongatha. On the night, Jade heard from key note speakers from the local business community. Jade and her mother, Melissa, thoroughly enjoyed the night out.

Pictured is Jade MacDermid and SBWN president, Megan Vuillermin.

Visit our new look website for all updates, events etc: www.wonthaggisc.vic.edu.au
Or like our facebook page: Wonthaggi Secondary College
**Head lice**

Recently there has been an increase in the reporting and incidence of head lice at the Dudley Campus.

Head lice are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at Wonthaggi Secondary College. Head lice are common in school-aged children.

**What can you do?**
I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child’s hair. Information on detecting and treating head lice is available at pharmacies, online or from the school.

**What if head lice are noticed at school?**
If it is noticed that a child at school has head lice, the Parent/Carer will be notified and asked to collect their child from school. Please note that we do NOT conduct regular head lice checks.

**When can my child return to school?**
Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

Wonthaggi Secondary College is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

If you have questions or concerns about head lice please phone the school.

_Emma Harris - Student Welfare Coordinator_

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**SEAMS Program**

Three of our Year 11 students spent three days living on campus at university during the school holidays as part of a science and maths academic enhancement program.

Andrew Arney, Caitlyn Taylor, and Lyla Wilson are participating in the Strengthening Engagement and Achievement in Mathematics and Science (SEAMS) program, run by Monash University and the University of Melbourne. The program aims to boost students’ academic performance in Maths and Science while immersing them in a first-hand university experience. Students from 32 schools across Victoria attended the camps.

The students stayed in university residential halls and attended classes designed to prepare them for their Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics subjects. Classes were taught by expert secondary teachers with assistance from high-achieving university students, who acted as tutors and mentors to the young participants.

Students also met faculty staff and learned about the enormous range of pathways and opportunities available at university.

Immersed in fun and puzzling activities, from trivia to the inaugural Rube Goldberg Machine challenge, students formed strong bonds with others from across the state who share their interests and aspirations. These relationships will continue via online learning platforms and social media, and the students will be reunited in July at a second camp.

The majority of SEAMS participants report feeling better prepared for their VCE studies after attending SEAMS. Last year 95% of students who graduated from the SEAMS program in 2014 received offers for STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) university courses.

For more information about SEAMS, visit the website or contact Jacob Thomas, SEAMS Project Officer.
Success at State Swimming

On Tuesday April 19, WSC swimmers headed of to Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre to compete in the State Swimming Finals.

It was a great but long day, leaving at 7am and returning to school around 7pm.

The students performed well and all members deserve a pat on the back for a job well done!

Some of the standout results were:

♦ Lily Robinson - 1st in the 50m breaststroke
♦ Taya Murdoch - 1st in the 50m backstroke
♦ Mayson Vanderkolk - 2nd in the 50m breaststroke & 3rd in the 50m freestyle
♦ Jarrod Muir - 2nd in the 50m backstroke
♦ Mallory Bradley - 3rd in the 50m breaststroke

Our best result in the relays was 4th in 18yr girls freestyle. WSC came 10th in the state out of the 125 competing schools.

Music News

An invitation is extended to all of the school community to attend the upcoming performances of our music students.

Monday May 23rd
The Year 10 & 11 Music Class will be presenting a recital night of solo performances in Room 18 at the McBride Campus, beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come and listen and provide support the musicians, especially the Year 11 students who are being assessed on the night. Entry is free.

Thursday May 26th
An Evening of Music will be held at the McBride Campus Theatre, commencing at 7.30pm and featuring performances by the Senior Concert Band, the Big Band and the debut performance of the 2016 Junior Band. Everyone is invited. Entry is by gold coin donation.

HPV

On the 24th of April the Wonthaggi Wizard HPV team competed at the Knox 6hr Grand Prix.

The weather was fantastic throughout the day, 7 students from WSC completed several stints of 30mins.

Knox is a small track with many tight turns and hairpins, so there were many crashes throughout the day, the Wizard avoided most of this and the team came away from the day as runners up in their category, a fantastic effort!

New riders are always welcome, The Wizard team meet each Friday night after school at the McBride engineering room. If you would like to know more please see Mr Harris.
NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing takes place across Australia on May 10th, 11th and 12th.

As in previous years we will run the Year 7 tests in Home Groups at Dudley and bus the Year 9’s to the Workmen’s where they will complete the NAPLAN over the 3 days. This model has proved successful over recent years and is a worthwhile introduction to formal testing procedures.

The tests are considered a useful source of data showing an individual student’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy at a set point in time.

Please note that normal classes resume after the morning test sessions; all students are expected to attend.

(All students are expected to participate, however exemptions may be granted for specific reasons. Contact Gay Findlay between May 2nd and May 6th on 5672 0900 for more information.)

Talented Students Concert

**WHEN** Wednesday 22nd June 2016  
**WHERE** Wonthaggi Arts’ Centre  
**TICKETS** on sale from June 6th

Auditions are well underway for this year’s Talented Students Concert, to be held on the evening of Wednesday 22nd June. It looks to be a very impressive line-up. Acts will include singing, dancing, drama, music and much more. Save the date in your diaries – an event not to be missed!

Clay Target Shooting

On April 21, a group of students travelled to the Melbourne Clay Target Club in Yering to compete in the Yarra Valley Annual Clay Target Championship. Pictured below and right are some of the competitors.

Host Families Needed

We are looking for families to host Indonesian students from the 24 July and departing on 3 September 2016. IndoAustay is a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria and using an all volunteer workforce was set up to organise cultural and language exchanges for students between Australia and Indonesia. If you think your family may be interested in hosting a student for two, three or even six weeks please see Jo Keating at Dudley Campus. It is an excellent way to improve your Indonesian language skills and meet some wonderful young people.
WANTED:

Art at McBride need soft drink bottles or water bottles to complete art projects/sculptures. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.