From the Campus Principal

It is also important for parents/carers to be aware that term 2 will finish at **2.30pm on Friday, 24th June.**

**SEMESTER 1 REPORTS**

The final collation of Semester 1 reports is nearly completed and they will be available online prior to the term break.

The Compass portal increasingly supplies a significant amount of important information on students such as attendance data, personal learning feedback and now our formal half-year reports. As a result we once again remind families of the importance of logging on to Compass with their previously supplied username and password (assistance with these is available through the General Office at each campus). We will be able to accommodate families for whom internet access is an issue, by having them contact the office to register for a more traditional report format.

**MATES DAY**

Last Friday saw the re-introduction of ‘Mates Day’ to our Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Program. This day is designed to have Grade 6 teachers bring their classes to the Dudley Campus and teach them in our school. This day gives primary school students the opportunity to experience a secondary school day while feeling supported by their regular teacher and classmates.

All of the staff and students who attended Mates Day had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the opportunity to meet new friends from other primary schools, experience secondary school subjects and fully explore the Dudley Campus.

Above: students from Cowes PS enjoying the computers in the Flexible Learning Centre.

**SCHOOLKIDS Bonus**

The second instalment of the schoolkids bonus will be paid into eligible parents accounts during the term 2 school holidays. This will give most families the opportunity to pay their outstanding charges with the school.

To assist schoolkids bonus recipients with planning we will be sending out statements to all families with outstanding charges in the week commencing 14/6/2016.

*Steve Plumb - Business Manager*
# Important Dates

**JUNE**
- Wednesday 22 - Year 9 Indonesian Excursion
- - Year 10 Federation University visit
- - Talented Students Concert
- Friday 24 - Year 9 visiting author Scot Gardner
- - Last Day of Term 2
- June 30 - July 14 - Japanese Study Tour

**JULY**
- Monday 11 - Start of Term 3
- Tuesday 12 - Education Rita Incursion @ McBride Campus
- Thursday 21 - SGSMP Combined Band Day #2
- Friday 22 - A Midsummer Nights Dream Performance at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre 7.30pm
- Saturday 23 - A Midsummer Nights Dream Performance at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre 7.30pm
- Sunday 24 - A Midsummer Nights Dream Performance at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre 2pm
- Mon 25-Fri 29 - SGSMP Music Tour
- Thursday 28 - Year 12 Formal

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**STATE SURFING CHAMPIONS**

The College competed in the School Sports Victoria Schools Team Tag Surfing event held in May, at Phillip Island. The team competed at Smiths Beach in 3-4 foot clean conditions. Wonthaggi Secondary College (69.3pts) continued their winning streak claiming their 7th consecutive title over Surf Coast Secondary College (57.9pts).

Lainie Paterson, Brennon Reusch (coach), Alex McEntee, Codie Jolly-Jeffery, Jakob Bill, Taj Sleeman, Josh Bracher & Jai Henry
Year 10 Work Experience at WSC

Between May 2nd and 6th, Year 10 students at Wonthaggi SC participated in their annual Work Experience program. This year there were 210 WSC students involved in the program in Bass Coast and beyond. It is a particularly valuable part of the secondary education experience as the senior school students investigate employment and training options for life after their formal secondary education. The roles pursued by the students ranged from working in a Youth Camp and grounds keeping to hairdressing and panel beating. We value the support of the many local employers who have taken on students and provided the opportunity for the students to develop skills in a workplace setting.
Shakespeare As You Write It

Five Year 7 classes delved into the world of Shakespeare with Australia Playhouse’s hilarious incursion on Friday 3rd June. The three very talented actors took suggestions from the crowd to create an original Shakespearean play – all improvised on the spot! The ‘Tragedy of Nemo’ took everyone’s favourite bits, from the angler fish to the seagulls, and included Shakespearean techniques such as monologues, similes, setting the scene through words and iambic pentameter. The lively performance was greatly enjoyed by all the students and staff, including some lucky Year 8s and 9s and Mr Bramley! Anyone who got even a little hooked on Shakespeare should continue their interest by going to see our very own production of ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’, on July 22nd, 23rd and 24th!

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Tickets are now on sale for ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’, Wonthaggi Secondary College’s 2016 production. This light-hearted comedy includes rebellious teens, star-struck lovers, heavy-handed parents, mischievous fairies and elves, struggling wanna-be actors and more! Our very talented cast have been working since February to bring Shakespeare’s famous words (slightly adapted) to life, and they are guaranteed to impress! Beautiful sets and costumes – created by students, teachers and devoted parents – will help to transport you into another world. Don’t forget to get in early to buy your tickets for this fabulous production!

Performance Dates:

- Friday July 22 - 7.30pm
- Saturday July 23 - 7.30pm
- Sunday July 24 - 2.00pm

Our special ticket pricing this year is designed to be a bargain for everyone - $15 each or groups of 4 for $50! Don’t miss out.
Music Recitals

Music students at the McBride Campus recently performed their Semester 1 solo recitals to an appreciative audience. Well done to all involved and thanks to music teacher Laren Hooke for coordinating the event.

Host Families Needed

We are looking for families to host Indonesian students from July 24 and departing on September 3, 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.

Biology Students Are Back At It Again!

This year’s Yr 11 Biology classes are out in the environment already, using their recently acquired ‘classification’ skills to identify eucalypts and wattles on the McBride Campus and surrounding bushland.
Report from Student Leadership Camp

Hi, my name is Micah Condron. I am from Wonthaggi Secondary College and I am currently attending the School for Student Leadership at the Snowy River Campus.

I came to the Snowy River Campus because I wanted to improve my overall leadership skills, including my public speaking and presenting, social skills, and my self-management. I am a very keen person in terms of wanting to lead in quite a few different situations and I think that I lead best by being a role model to other people. I am a Student Leader for my school campus back at home and I think that by going here I will be able to bring a lot back to the school to make it a great place to be.

The School for Student Leadership consists of three campuses that are all in Victoria; one located on Dinner Plain, one in the West of the state in Gnurad Gundij, and the one that I am at, in Marlo near the Snowy River. They are residential schools and students from many different schools around the state attend these campuses. A couple times a year at different campuses there is also a program where the students also go to China to do things there as well. Usually the program goes for 8-10 weeks, depending on how long the school term is, and around 44 students go each term.

Here at Snowy, the day consists of three periods for classes, morning, afternoon and evening. Each day we have to get up by 7:30am, for breakfast, because that is when our first headcount is. During the day we have several headcounts, whether they are before classes, at meal times, or when we have a community activity. However, on Rest Day we don't have our first headcount until 8:15am, so we get to have a little bit of a sleep in, if we can manage it. Rest Day is on a Saturday and we get to choose the activities that we want to do on the day or we can stay back at the campus to finish work or just chill out and rest.

During the rest of the week we do either outdoor classes or indoor classes. Our outdoor classes consist of things like surfing and canoeing. In our indoor classes we do things like our CLP or we take part in classes that help us to learn about ourselves or what we can do in different situations. An example of this was conflict resolution. We also have to do at least one duty every day, whether it is cleaning up the common room after meal times, doing the dishes, setting up and serving the food at meal times, bathroom duty or doing the chooks and watering the garden. We can join a range of different committees at the campus, which help organise different things. They range from the T-Shirt Committee, where you organise the making of t-shirts that everyone gets at the end of the term, to the Sports Committee, where you organise community games on a Thursday afternoon, to the CLP Committee, which organises the CLP Presentation Day. There are many more different committees and I am/have been a part of seven of them!

At the campus everyone shares a room with at least one other person who is from another school. I am with Declan, who is from Ringwood SC, and we have to collaborate to make sure that the room is neat and tidy.

While here we all get the chance to be Student Leader for the day at least three times during the term. When you are Student Leader you have to organise the community and make sure that everyone is on time for headcounts, as well as addressing any problems or issues that the community is having and creating a goal for the people as leaders for the community to achieve during the day.

I have had many highlights since being here at Snowy. My main highlights from my time here so far would be going on Expo, outdoor activities, like surfing, bridge-building, and canoeing, doing our CLP (Community Learning Project) and meeting and getting to know the people that I am here with. I am sure that I will continue some of these friendships into the future. My biggest highlight so far though was the second expo that I went on with my group 1A recently. We hiked and canoed for three days, travelling over 30km across the period. We had to carry everything that we needed for the Expo in our packs; tents, clothes, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, cooking utensils, food and water. It was a really enjoyable experience to be with the group that I’d been with in all of my activities during the term and I think that we did really well as a team.

If I ever came across anyone that was thinking about coming here, I would definitely recommend to them that
Report from Student Leadership Camp

they should go. This is because I have found the Snowy River Campus to be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.

I have found the Snowy River Campus to be absolutely amazing and I have enjoyed my experience here so far to its full extent. I can’t believe that I will be home soon, I definitely don’t want to leave the great people that I have met here behind.

Photos from Interschool Athletics

Marcus Toussaint – 1st place Triple Jump

Nicola Slade – 1st place High Jump, new record of 1.44m

George Burgess – 1st place Shot Put

Cooper Wagner – 1st place Long Jump

Lanni Pyror F 14Yrs Age Group Champion & Cooper Wagner M 15Yrs Age Group Champion
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to know what you can do to raise a resilient teenager?

FREE online parenting program empowering parents to make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager with confidence.

As children become teenagers, it can be hard for parents to know the best way to stay connected with their child. Partners in Parenting is a new online parenting program that has been shown to help improve parent-child communication and reduce family conflict. Through interactive online activities, parents can develop skills in emotional intelligence, supporting their teenager through difficulties they face, and maintaining a close relationship with their teen. This program was developed by researchers at Monash University and the University of Melbourne, and is based on Parenting Guidelines that were published in partnership with beyondblue, and have been accessed and found helpful by thousands of parents worldwide.

Researchers are currently evaluating the longer-term benefits of the program by offering parents in Australia the opportunity to try it for free. If you are a parent or guardian of a child aged 12 to 15, you may be eligible to participate. Participation will take a few hours of yours and your child’s time over 12 months. Both you and your child will be reimbursed for your time.

Find out more or register at www.partnersinparenting.net.au,
or contact the researchers at med-partnersinparenting@monash.edu or on (03) 9905 1250.

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2016 INDIGENOUS ROUND

SUNDAY 3 JULY

Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

Wonthaggi Power vs Leongatha Parrots
Kick off at 2:20pm