NAPLAN Testing
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in NAPLAN Testing in Reading, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy this week. The results of these tests will be sent to parents in Term 3.

Vline Lifeskills Program
This week our Year 10 students participated in the Vline Lifeskills program. This program focuses on skills that are important for positive development such as goal setting as well as the consequences of choices in life. Students are given tools and knowledge to help them make informed decisions. Community members joined our group for lunch to talk about their careers and the pathways they had followed in life.

I would like to thank those who gave up their time to come along and support our students, the Vline staff who provided the program, as well as Mrs Michelle Morrish and Mrs Elliott for organising the day and the Year 10 parents who catered for the day.

National Volunteer Week
This week is National Volunteer Week and a good opportunity to thank those who volunteer at our school. The contribution of volunteers helps to make our school successful. It is important for our students to have such positive role models around.

Head Lice
We have had an outbreak of head lice in both the primary and secondary sections of our school. Parents are asked to check their child/children’s hair carefully and regularly. Students are not permitted at school with live lice. Please contact the school for information regarding the treatment of lice and nits. Students with long hair should have this tied back at all times to prevent the spread of lice.

School Council
The May School Council meeting will take place at 7.30 next Tuesday evening.
UNDERBOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the students who participated in the annual Underbool Cross Country event last Friday, in what were perfect weather conditions. The school welcomed runners from Tempy, Underbool and Murrayville.

The students participated enthusiastically and achieved excellent results.
1st Place – Georgia Latta (9 year old girls), Lauren Grace (11 year old girls), Heath Smith (11 year old boys), Abbey Latta (12 Year old girls)

2nd Place – Joel Grace (9 year old boys), Hollie Munro (10 year old girls), Tim Vine (10 Year old boys), Molly Grigg (11 Year old girls), Dylan Davis (11 year old boys)

3rd Place – Ethan Munro (10 year old boys), Jaimie Darley (11 year old girls), Darcy McKay (12 year old boys)

A team has been selected to represent the school in the Sunraysia South Cross Country which will be held in Mildura on Monday.

The team is:

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We wish these runners the best of luck and look forward to hearing their efforts.

Thank you to:
- Staff and parents who assisted with scoring, time keeping and worked on check points
- Mr Geoff Amos for his preparation in preparing the track
- Mrs Simmonds for her assistance with organising the runners tags and general paper work task

SSV Mallee Division Cross Country was held today. Results in next weeks newsletter
WALK TO SCHOOL - FRIDAY, 23rd MAY
National "Walk to School" day will be celebrated next Friday 23rd. The Health and Well Being team are encouraging all staff and students to put on their walking shoes and take on the challenge of walking for the day.

On arrival, students and staff can check in at the registration desk which is situated outside room 15 – the Year 8 home group room.

Once checked in, walkers can help themselves to fruit and a glass of juice to celebrate their walk.

Download the free “Walk to School” app to keep track of the distance walked, along with the average speed and it also keeps track of maps.

Grade 2 won the “Ride to School” challenge in term 1 and the class received yummy milkshakes for their great effort, so which group is going to win this term’s activity?? We hope to see lots of walkers out and about next Friday.

Cultural Performance payments are now due for Tuesdays performance. Please send $5 to the General office if you wish your child to attend.
**Work Experience**

It would be nice if all Year 11 students had their work experience organized, the work experience forms need to be signed by both the parent and student and sent to the employer for their signature, if you are have not done so please do as soon as possible.

**Work Experience - Interested in Geography, Math’s, IT and the outdoors?** If this sounds like you, why not try out Surveying with a work experience placement.


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**2014 VCE/VCAL Careers Trip - Year 11**

When: Sunday 10th – Tuesday 12th August

All year 11 students have received a ‘Expression of Interest’ form, Parent and student please read extra comments and ideas, sign and return so as planning can commence.

Deposit of $100 per person will be required by Friday 30th May 2014.

Please make contact if you have any concerns or questions

**The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation**

MSRF is a charitable institution dedicated to the needs of rural and regional Victorian communities.

**Open:** Thursday 1st May

**Close:** Friday 18th July (midnight)

**Value:** $45,000 over three years and participation in mentoring and leadership development programs.

Demonstrated leadership capacity is a critical selection criterion for all MSRF programs.


Limited to 1 or 2 applicants per school.

Please see Sue Sly if you are interested in applying for this scholarship

**Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT)**

The Sunraya Careers Association is conducting a UMAT preparation course through MedEntry. The details are as follows: **Date:** Saturday, 21st & Sunday, 22nd June 2014

**Venue:** St Joseph’s College, Mildura

**Cost:** $270.00

**Registration & Payment by Friday, 30th May,**

The cost includes course material, lunch and snacks on both days.

**NB:** Please be aware that this is not registration for the UMAT through ACER and you will need to apply to sit the test by Friday, 6th June at 5.00pm on the ACER website: [http://umat.acer.edu.au/](http://umat.acer.edu.au/)

The UMAT will be held on Wednesday 30th July 2014

You may need to sit the UMAT if you are interested in any of the following:

- Medicine
- Dental Surgery
- Optometry
- Dental Science
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Vision Science
- Oral Health Science
- Clinical Sciences

For more information on MedEntry go to their website: [www.medentry.com.au](http://www.medentry.com.au)

**ICHM (International College of Hotel Management)**

Career Week 2014 7th – 11th July & 29th Sept – 3rd October

[www.ichm.edu.au](http://www.ichm.edu.au)

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**Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo Adelaide**

**When:** Sunday 25th & Monday 26th May 2014

**Where:** Adelaide Convention Centre

More details visit the link [www.careersevent.com](http://www.careersevent.com)

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**Australian Catholic University (ACU)**

University Experience is now open for registrations.

**Where:** Ballarat Campus

**When:** Tuesday 1st July

**Time:** 9-3.30pm


**RMIT University offers a number of free events**


**2014 Experience La Trobe Events**

- Melbourne Friday, 11th April and Tuesday 8th July
- Bendigo Friday 11th April and Thursday, 10th July


**Moving into Medicine The Rural Way – School of Rural Health Mildura 13th Street Mildura**

**Date:** Tuesday 10th June

**Time:** 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Enquiries and RSVP by Friday 6th June to Jenny Timmis 5022 5521 or email jenny.timmis@monash.edu

**Cultural Care Au Pair**

Interested in a GAP year as an au pair in the USA,

Meeting Dates Geelong Friday 30th May,

Melbourne Saturday 31st May

More details [www.culturalcare.com.au](http://www.culturalcare.com.au) or Phone 1800 677 373

**Victorian Skills Gateway**

is a one-stop-shop of Victorian vocational education and training to help find the best option for you.

Searches can be performed on occupations, courses, training providers, video and written case studies.

The courses on the Victorian Skills Gateway website are either regulated qualifications under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), or short training programs comprising units of competency from regulated qualifications.

Meeting – Thanks to Mrs. Dawes for showing those at the meeting through the Food Tech area – great kitchen bays for the students to learn in. We were updated on the finishing off of the building program and the processes around making traffic – pedestrian, bike, and vehicle – movement and parking around the school as safe as possible; there was feedback about the Parent-Teacher interview arrangements, and ideas shared about playground development. Various other issues about settling into life as a P-12 on one campus were also mentioned. Mrs. Dawes noted plans for Education Week were underway. PA is purchasing a large outdoor chess and draughts set. Staff are busy selecting books for the middle school FAB and Literature Circle programs in memory of Mrs. McKechnie. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10th, even though it’s a pupil-free day.

Catering – The families of Year 10 students arranged a wonderful lunch for students, guests and staff yesterday. We got to try out parts of the new kitchen in the process. Thanks to all who helped.

Contact people – we have now filled all Contact people positions. Thanks to these parents for volunteering. It’s hoped they will receive co-operation and respect for the task they have undertaken.

Yrs Pr, 1 & 2: Pat Higgins; Yrs 3 & 4: Melanie Grace; Yrs 5 & 6: Donna Nihill;
Yrs 7 & 8: Joanne Linklater; Yrs 9 & 10: Therese Jolly; Yrs 11 & 12: Tracie Corbett

Well Done to all the secondary students who ran in the SSV Mallee Cross Country event today. Great effort. Best wishes to the primary students competing in the Sunraysia South event on Monday. Again, thanks to the staff and parents who do the work to enable students to have these opportunities. There are a number of events and excursions happening that require extra time and support from families and staff that broaden the students’ outlook, experience, and goals. It’s all appreciated. Best wishes to all involved in the Debutante Ball tonight. The Committee have put in a huge amount of work for your special night.

Working Bee: With extra hands and a fully operational dishwasher, we achieved a lot at the working bee on Tuesday. There’s about a third of the equipment left to wash. Next week, we’ll try Thursday morning 10.00am. and see how we go. Thanks to Narelle Higgins and Jo Linklater for your help – another way to connect with school families.

Membership: We have about 25 parents who have paid $2 memberships. We’d love to have a few more. Pop it in an envelope, labelled, and let us know if you want copies of minutes. Thanks.

Education Week: The 70th annual Education Week is coming up from May 18-24 with the enticing theme of Scientists do Amazing Things. The Education Department has a special Education Week web resource with information for parents, students and staff. Some fun science experiments are included. Try [www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek)

Parents Victoria/ Education Week Parents Victoria invites you, and members of your wider school community to join us for a Blackboard Collaborate presentation and discussion session. We hope you will take up the opportunity to use a technology which you may not have previously experienced! Details are:

What: Blackboard Collaborate Presentation An online presentation and open discussion (Q&A) via your own PC or Desktop Computer - must have recent version of ‘Java’ installed. I-pads OK if Java app installed.

Presentation Topic: Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) at schools

Who: Facilitated and moderated by Parents Victoria
Presentation, Questions/Answers: Peter Maggs, DEECD (Department of Education)

When: There are three sessions – each uses a different link – to give people a suitable time option.

Session 1: Tuesday, May 20 1.30pm official start time and check equipment, 1.45pm presentation commences, 2.30pm conclusion
Participants are encouraged to log on from 12.30 pm to ensure connection (once successfully logged on and connected, you can leave your computer and please return for the 1.30 start time)

Session 1 Participants use this link: [https://ca-sas.bbcollab.com/m.jnlp?sid=2007026&password=M.F388471666C5A7ECA0D9B6E6652C4](https://ca-sas.bbcollab.com/m.jnlp?sid=2007026&password=M.F388471666C5A7ECA0D9B6E6652C4)

Session 2, Wednesday, May 21 10.00am official start time and check equipment, 10.15am presentation commences, 11.00am conclusion
Participants can log on from 9.00am to ensure connection (once successfully logged on and connected, you can leave your computer and please return for 10.00am start time

This session will be a replay of the Session 1 presentation with additional time for Questions and Answers.

Session 2 Participants use this link: [https://ca-sas.bbcollab.com/m.jnlp?sid=2007026&password=M.29B89A8C463A8A574AE7E1CA665E2](https://ca-sas.bbcollab.com/m.jnlp?sid=2007026&password=M.29B89A8C463A8A574AE7E1CA665E2)

Session 3: Thursday, May 22 8.00pm official start time and check equipment, 8.15pm presentation commences, 9.00pm conclusion
Participants are able to log on from 7.00pm to ensure and check connections (once successfully logged on and connected, you can leave your computer and please return for the 8.00pm start time

This session will be a replay of the Session 1 presentation with additional time for Questions and Answers.

Session 3 Participants use this link: [https://ca-sas.bbcollab.com/m.jnlp?sid=2007026&password=M.7F04FD70CF99717CFDF191A07AF04](https://ca-sas.bbcollab.com/m.jnlp?sid=2007026&password=M.7F04FD70CF99717CFDF191A07AF04)

Overview of Blackboard Collaborate

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