Art and Design Trip
This week a group of VCE students travelled to Melbourne to view the 2013 Top Arts / Design Exhibition. It is valuable for our students to see what have been considered the top projects from previous years and I am sure that it proved worthwhile to everyone who attended. Thank you to Mrs Nerida Morrish, Mr Chizmesya and Mr Burridge for accompanying the group.

School Buses
Our school hosted a school bus forum on Wednesday this week. The administration of the school bus program will be updated over the coming years. We will be publishing bus related information in the coming weeks to ensure that everyone is kept informed of any changes.

Parent/Teacher Interview Survey
This year for the first time we held P-12 Parent / Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 1. Attached to this newsletter is a short survey to give parents the opportunity to give us feedback about the interview format. Please take the time to complete and return the form to school.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY:
The efforts of both the Year 8 & 9 Food Technology classes over the first days of this term are to be commended. With a Can-Do attitude, plenty of initiative and no complaints (none that I heard anyhow) they contributed enormously to the smooth transition in to the new centre. Although the location of some items is still to be perfected, we have now completed two practical sessions with each group. A huge thank you to Prue and others, who made the task so much easier. Food studies, are back!

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE:
On Tuesday, May 20th there will be a cultural performance “Planet Rhythm” for P-6 students. Parents are asked to forward payment of $5 per student to the general office before that date. Envelopes have been sent home with students.

MUSIC:
Thank you to Mr Craig Woodall for his time and effort in providing low cost (free!) and reliable freight for our new guitars and for re-stringing our guitars every time a string breaks or needs to be re-strung for a left hander.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:
Parents of Years Prep, 1 & 2 students are asked to ensure their children have their own glue sticks and white board textas as listed as requirements on the booklists at the beginning of the year.

MOTHERS DAY STALL:
Julie Jardine will have a limited range of goodies from Pattinson House on sale on Saturday morning in Oke Street.

Dedicated Collingwood supporter, Ethan Munro was thrilled to meet some of his heroes, including Jack Frost, at the football clinic held this week.
NEW BOOKS:

Virals by Kathy Reichs
Fourteen-year-old Tory Brennan is as fascinated by bones and dead bodies as her famous aunt, acclaimed forensic anthropologist, Tempe Brennan. However, living on a secluded island off Charleston in South Carolina there is not much opportunity to put her knowledge to the test. Until her and her ragbag group of technophile friends stumble across a shallow grave containing the remains of a girl who has been missing for over thirty years. The question is, did whoever was responsible for the girl's death have anything to do with the sick puppy they rescued from a secret laboratory on the same island? With the cold-case murder suddenly hot, Tory realises that they are involved in something fatally dangerous. But events take a turn for the bizarre when they escape some would-be attackers by using physical powers more akin to a dog than a human... Could the puppy hold the key not only to the murder, but also the strange changes that are taking place in their bodies?

The Fault In Our Stars by John Green
Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

A Very Peculiar Plague by Catherine Jinks
'Bogles ain't like pigeons. They don't travel in flocks. So why is this corner o' London crawling with 'em?'
Eleven-year-old Jem Barbary spent most of his early life picking pockets for a canny old crook named Sarah Pickles. Now she's betrayed him, and Jem wants revenge. He also wants to work for bogler Alfred Bunce, who kills the child-eating monsters that lurk in the city's cellars and sewers. But Alfred is keen to give up bogling, since he almost lost his last apprentice, Birdie. When numerous children start disappearing around Newgate Prison, Alfred and Jem do join forces, waging an underground war.

The Day Of The Triffids by John Wyndham
This classic scifi novel traces the fate of the world after a comet shower blinds most of the world's population. The few with sight must struggle to reconstruct society while fighting mobile, flesh-eating plants called triffids.

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
When it comes to relationships, Colin Singleton's type is girls named Katherine. And when it comes to girls named Katherine, Colin is always getting dumped. Nineteen times, to be exact. On a road trip miles from home, this anagram-happy, washed-up child prodigy has ten thousand dollars in his pocket, a bloodthirsty feral hog on his trail, and an overweight Judge Judy - loving best friend riding shotgun - but no Katherines. Colin is on a mission to prove The Theorem of Underlying Katherine Predictability, which he hopes will predict the future of any relationship, avenge Dunpees everywhere, and finally win him the girl.

Secondary Sport

The SSV Mallee Cross Country will be held in Ouyen next Friday, May 16th. Well done to the majority of squad members who are on track to complete the training requirements for the Interschool Cross Country event. It is great to see these students making every effort to prepare themselves to perform at their best. Any students carrying injuries or fighting off illnesses and unable to train should have the courtesy to see Mrs. Morrish or myself to let us know and not just absent themselves from training.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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Starting times and distances of events are:

- Boys 15 & Girls 17-20Yrs (3km) 10:30 a.m.
- Girls 12/13 & 14 Yrs (3km) 10:55 a.m.
- Boys 12/13 & 14 Yrs (3km) 11:20 a.m.
- Girls 15 & 16 Yrs (3km) 11:45 a.m.
- Boys 16 & 17-20 Yrs (5km) 12:15 p.m.
- Presentations - 1:00 p.m.

SPORTS SINGLETS - WE NEED THEM!!!

Thank you to all those families who have returned interschool sports singlets. At present some shirts have been brought back, however, many of them are still missing from our store and need to be returned. At the moment, quite a few of our cross country runners will need to share shirts. These shirts are school property and are only loaned out to students. It is important that the shirts are returned by Monday if you have one at home as we need them for the Cross Country team. It has been great to see shirts returned by students and being dropped off at the office by people who have found them in their homes.

Happy Birthday To:

May 13th -
Jade Eames
Allirra Woodyard-West
UDSSA CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to all students who took part in the cross country today.
Results and details will be in next week’s newsletter.
A team will be selected to compete at the Sunraysia South cross country on Monday, May 19th. Students will be informed next week.

WALK TO SCHOOL
Friday, May 23rd
More details in next week’s newsletter.

Collingwood Clinic!
On May 5th eight Collingwood players generously came to Ouyen and did a clinic with us at Blackburn Park!
Other schools were Tyrrell, St Mary’s, Walpeup, Tempy, Underbool and Murrayville. It was heaps of fun and I even learnt a few things, there were various activities to teach us about the different areas of football such as goal kicking, tackling, handballing and many others… We also learnt a bit about the players such as age, favourite and least favourite team to play on, favourite player to play on and others. Most players picked Geelong as their least favourite team to play on because they are the hardest to beat. I agree!!!!!
My favourite player was Tim Broomhead who taught us about handballing accurately. And my favourite activity was when we got to specky an inflatable football player!

Abbey Latta

• It was great fun to actually meet some of the Collingwood players and get photos with them Molly Grigg
• The clinic was educational and awesome! Lauren Grace
• It was really good to meet the players in person and ask them questions and get autographs! Amber Munro
• It was fun to get tips about how to be a better sportsperson. 5/6 Girls
**Work Experience / Structured Work Placement Dates – 2014**

Year 10 – August, 11th 15th

Year 11 – July, 14th / 18th

July 14th – 18th (Optional School Holidays)

**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. Register: http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/student-work-experience/secondary-students/

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

When: Sunday 10th – Tuesday 12th August

All year 11 students have received an ‘Expression of Interest’ form. Parent and student, please read, add 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

**Closes:** 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 Sunraysia 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 & 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/

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.

**Federation University Australia**

Online Program Finder - a resource for students.

www.federation.edu.au/programfinder

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**The University of Melbourne**

Explore your options now 2014 events for future undergraduate students in Victoria

- Thursday 15th May – Focus on Biomedicine
- Wednesday 21st May – Focus on Arts
- Tuesday 27th May – Focus on Commerce
- Wednesday 28th May – Focus on Environment
- Tuesday 3rd June – Focus on Science
- Wednesday 4th June – Focus on Agriculture
- Tuesday 10th June – Focus on Law
- Wednesday 11th June – Focus on Engineering & IT
- Wednesday 25th June - Focus on Victoria College of the Arts

**Thurs 10th Friday 11th July – UniExperience**

Friday 11th July – A Day at Melbourne

Sunday 17th August – Open Day, Parkville & Southbank

www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014

**Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo Adelaide**

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

**Where:** Adelaide Convention Centre

**Time:** Sunday 10am – 4pm, Monday 9.30am – 1.30pm

More details visit the link www.careersevent.com

**Australian Catholic University (ACU)**

University Experience is now open for registrations.

**Where:** Ballarat Campus

**When:** Tuesday 1st July (first week of July school holidays)

**Time:** 9-3.30pm

**Includes interactive sessions:** Education – Primary & Early Childhood and Health Sciences – Nursing and Paramedicine.

**Register online:** Places are limited. www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience

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

**Designed for students in Years 10, 11 and 12**

The free events will run between Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July, plus a special October Experience Project Management Day. More information http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

**2014 Experience La Trobe events**

Experience La Trobe is a free event – with lunch & entertainment included

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

Designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents, the day offers a taste of what it’s like to be a uni student for a day. To register: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience


**Flinders University E-Newsletter**

https://listserv.flinders.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/focus_on_flinders

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

Interested in a career in medicine? Are you in Years 10, 11 or 12? You are invited to an Information Evening to be held at the Clinical School Thirteenth St, Mildura

- Date Tuesday 10th June
- Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Light refreshments supplied.

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

Sue Sly

Careers Coordinator
Meeting – Our next meeting is next Monday night, May 12th, and will be held in the Food Technology dining space from 7:00p.m. Enter through the Community Centre foyer. We will be treated to a look at the Food Tech centre. Any agenda items/ apologies to Raelene Vine (Secretary) 0407849174.

Catering – Year 10 students are involved in a Work Readiness/ Life Training activity being conducted by VL/Line and the Beacon Foundation next Thursday, May 15th. It includes a luncheon which they will cater with their families’ help. Below is the list of requirements for anyone else who might like to assist. Help will be needed to heat food, cut food, plate up, serve, and clear up what the Year 10s bring along. Please contact Mrs. Michelle Morris at school, or Raelene Vine, if you can help.

Well Done to all the primary students who ran in the UDSSSA Cross Country event today. Great effort. 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.

Working Bee: Thank you to Narelle Huggins for washing and drying her way through about 8 boxes of crockery and glassware in the Community Centre kitchen this week – only about 28 boxes to go! We’ll try another working bee next Tuesday, May 13th. If you can pop in any time from 10:00a.m. onwards for an hour or two, we’d love to see you there. Only need about 6 volunteers so we don’t get in each other’s way. Please contact Raelene Vine if you think you can make it - 0407849174. If another date suits you better, give Raelene a call.

Membership: Thanks to the few parents/guardians who have returned membership slips for Parents Association. It is $2 per parent/guardian. Please fill out the slip below and return with your membership payment to the school office [in a clearly marked envelope]. Thanks.

Contact people: Any Year 7/8 parent willing to be the Parents Association contact person this year? It won’t be a too arduous task. Please let us know.

Parents Victoria and Andrew Fuller have combined to produce a series of 6 interviews as Vodcasts. Vodcast 1 & 2 – General introduction to bullying; Vodcast 3 & 4 – Bullying information for parents; Vodcast 5 & 6 – Bullying information for schools. Find out more at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentes.aspx

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

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary

Year 10 Catering:
2 packets mixed sandwiches 2 x 3-4 L soup
8 doz homemade sausage rolls 2 dozen party pies
2 dozen party pies/ pasties zucchini slice
Quiche French stick
3 trays of slice/ cake fruit for platter
2 – 4 workers 12 noon – 2pm

SHEEP SALE
May 22nd
WORKERS	COOKS
Vanessa Anderson	Danny Phillips
(50921379) Helen McKay
Justine Cresp Melanie Grace

June 5th
WORKERS	COOKS
Janeece Hahnel	Ollivia Cheema
(50921634) Melinda Clarke
Tina Godden Kate O’Callaghan

June 19th
WORKERS	COOKS
Karrina Erhardt	Cathryn Prentice
(50922109) Kim Darley
Kellie Eldridge Zoe Taylor

MEMBERSHIP & MINUTES

Please select

YES I would like to receive a printed copy of PA minutes via my child
Child: ..................................................Yr. level. 

YES I would like to receive minutes via e-mail

e-mail: ..................................................

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Infant & Toddler Water Safety Lessons

Instructor: Trish Torpey
Commencing: Monday 19th & Friday 23rd MAY
Cost: $50 per participant for 5 week program
Venue: MTH&CS Hydrotherapy Pool in Ouyen
Spaces still available Friday’s between 12pm – 1:30 and 2pm-3:30pm

The aim of this program is to teach water familiarisation, water safety education and introduction to basic swimming skills.

Names to Kim Darley
Ph: 50 921 111

TICKETS AVAILABLE
MTH&CS DEBUTANTE BALL

Friday, May 16th
Ouyen Community Centre
Doors open at 7:30pm for an 8:30pm presentation

ADULTS: $25
SECONDARY STUDENTS: $15
PRIMARY STUDENTS: $8

CONTACT
Karen Crook or Kim Darley 5092 1111

Parent/Teacher Interview Survey

We are seeking feedback regarding our Parent / Teacher Interview process which involved having all staff P-12 available in the multi-purpose room. This process had been trialled last year for secondary parents (in terms 1 and 3) but was the first time we had had the whole school together. We are still planning to hold Student Led Conferences for Primary aged children in Term 3 but would appreciate some feedback regarding those held in Term 1.

Please complete the form below to provide us with your opinion:

Parent/Teacher Interviews (please tick):
I was happy with the format for P/T Interviews held in Term 1.

I would prefer a set time for an interview with my child’s teachers.

Other Comments: