Principal’s Report

Regional Director’s Visit
Our Regional Director Ms Jeanette Nagorka visited our school this week. Ms Nagorka was very impressed with the school and the way the P-12 has come together. I was proud to be able to show her around the completed buildings. I was also proud of the positive way students were behaving and interacting with each other and their teachers.

We know our school has terrific facilities and great programs in place and it is good to have the opportunity to show these to others.

I would like to thank Ms Nagorka for making the time in her busy schedule to drop in.

State Budget
In the State Budget released earlier this week announcements were made related to extra funding for school programs. I look forward to finding out more details of this funding and will keep everyone informed when I know more.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take place next week. This assessment is only one of the many ways in which students are assessed at school. Taken in context with our other forms of assessment, NAPLAN results help to give us a picture of students’ achievement levels and learning growth.

Students are tested in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The tests are conducted across the state at the same time and results are sent home in the form of individual reports later in the year.

Inter-School Cross Country
Next Friday, May 15th, we are hosting the Mallee Secondary Schools Cross Country competition. Everyone is welcome to come along and support our students.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

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EDUCATION WEEK:
A range of activities will be offered during Education Week for parents and students with an open day on FRIDAY, 22ND MAY.
Further details will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

Education Week 2015
May 17-23
Crack the code with maths
**Work Experience / Structured Work placement**

**Dates – 2015**

- Year 10 – August, 10th/14th
- Year 11 – July, 13th/17th
- July 6th – 10th (Optional School Holidays)

**SPARK ENGINEERING HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Spark Engineering Camp is a Youth Without Borders initiative that provides an opportunity for Year 10 – 12 students to experience university life and see what engineering has to offer. Students stay on university grounds at a residential college, with activities planned throughout the city.

Types of sessions you can expect include: Engineering Activities, Information Seminars, Personal Development, Mentoring, Team Building & Social Activities.

- **Melbourne Camp Dates:** 6th – 11th July
- **Camp Cost:** Free
- **Applications Close:** Friday 29th May

**VCE / VCAL CAREERS TRIP FOR YEAR 11**

When: Sunday 9th – Tuesday 11th August

Deposit of $100 per person will be required by Friday 29th May 2015.

**MOVING INTO MEDICINE – THE RURAL WAY!**

Are you interested in a career in Medicine? In Year 10, 11 or 12? You are invited to an Information evening to be held at the School of Rural Health, Mildura.

- **When:** Thursday 21st May 2015
- **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- **Light refreshments supplied**
- **Enquiries and RSVP by Friday 15th May to Jenny Timmis 5022 5521 or email jenny.timmis@monash.edu**

**WORK EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME – IT’S BACK**

**MARK YOUR DIARY** Victoria University’s connection to industry is legendary.

Your Year 10 and 11 students are invited to show their passion for their future careers with an entry in the Work Experience of a Lifetime competition. Creative students can vie for the opportunity to spend a week immersed with one of our special partners

HM Group –
- Graphic Design;
- Mushroom Music – Music Industry;
- Bonds - Fashion;
- Hacer – Construction;
- Leo Burnett – Advertising;
- Quest Apartments - Hospitality Management;
- Nova – Broadcasting.

Entries for this amazing experience are open 4 May and close 29 May, 2015.

Students can register online at [www.vuworxperience.com.au](http://www.vuworxperience.com.au)

**FEDERATION UNIVERSITY**

Has limited areas for the work experience program and these will depend on availability:

- Unisports – Eamonn Gill
- Hospitality & Events – Nigel Watene
- Business – Helen Ryan
- School of Engineering and Information Technology - School Administration

To contact these areas, phone 1800 333 864 or email info@federation.edu.au

**THE MACPHERSON SMITH RURAL FOUNDATION**

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

- **Open:** Friday 1st May
- **Closes:** Saturday 18th July (midnight)
- **Assessment Period:** July & August
- **Value:** $45,000 over three years


Limited to 1 or 2 applicants per school.

**CULTURAL CARE AU PAIR**


**GET A UniEXPERIENCE at Melbourne**

This holiday program is offered to Year 11 students from rural and border regions, who are the first in their family to consider tertiary study, and Indigenous Australian and Torres Strait Islander students.

- **When:** on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th July.
- **Where:** Parkville campus
- **Cost:** $100 (including GST) covering all meals, overnight accommodation and all materials relating to the program

**APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!** Places are limited. Selection will be based on the students’ reasons for wanting to participate as outlined in their application.


For more information contact: Leah McGregor, 0383447508, leah.mcgregor@unimelb.edu.au

**NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM 2016**

Are you in Year 11 and studying science?

- Online expressions of interest to attend the National Youth Science Forum 2016 are now open
- interested in a career in science, technology and engineering
- planning to do a science, technology or engineering course at an Australian university
- an Australian Citizen or has permanent residency status
- achieving good marks in science, but also has other interests and skills

- Applicants don’t need to be at the top of the science class, as long as they can demonstrate an obvious passion and commitment to science subjects & a broad range of interests, both extra-curricular & academic.

**Please note:** A student’s application must be endorsed by a local Rotary Club as part of the application process.

Brochures are available by emailing [nysf@nysf.edu.au](mailto:nysf@nysf.edu.au) or go to [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au) to learn more.

**DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE IN DENTISTRY, ORAL HEALTH AND MEDICINE**

The Faculty of Health Sciences invites you to attend a showcase of our Dentistry, Oral Health and Medicine programs at the University of Adelaide.

- **When:** Sunday, 31st May 2015
- **Where:** The Braggs Lecture Theatre, North Terrace Campus, The University of Adelaide

- **Sessions:**
  - 11.00am Dentistry/Oral Health
  - 1.00pm Medicine

Tours of the Dental Simulation Clinic and Robin Warren Clinical Skills Laboratory are available before and after the sessions.


The sessions will be recorded and uploaded to the Faculty YouTube channel post event for anyone unable to attend. The 2016 Admission Guides are available now.

**Please note:** domestic students who have commenced study at another tertiary institution other than the University of Adelaide, will not be eligible to apply for Medicine.

Sue Sly

Careers Coordinator
**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

~ Mother Teresa ~

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

**Super Star of the Week:**
- Prep: Grace Caldow
- Grade 1: Ava Wakefield
- Grade 2: Seanna Chalmers
- Grade 3: Makenzie Clarke
- Grade 4: Ben Nihill

**Numeracy Award:**
- Prep: Brooklyn Singleton
- Grade 1: Eli Revell
- Grade 2: Zandi Elliott
- Grade 3: Drew Latta
- Grade 4: Savanna Arnold-Rickard

**Literacy Award:**
- Prep: William Shaddock
- Grade 1: Bo Hastings
- Grade 2: Jaydah Martin
- Grade 3: Billy Cattanach
- Grade 4: Jade Eames

**AUSSIE OF THE MONTH**—Lucy O’Shannessy

**ATTENDANCE BEAR**—Year 4

**LOST PROPERTY - Secondary**

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**PLEASE COLLECT:**

We are collecting zippers and the button and button hole panels from old clothes for practising fine motor skills in the Prep room. If you have old clothes that are to be otherwise thrown away, could you please send them in to us first so we can remove the zippers and buttons.

Thank you,

Bree Lacey and Shelley Woodall

**TEXTILES:**

The Year 7 Textiles class has been very busy constructing various projects. Mrs Healy has been in high demand quilting the students’ work. Thank you, Eleanor.

**KEYS PLEASE:**

This year, on Wednesday, May 20th at 8.50am, we will be hosting a Keys Please session (room to be decided). The facilitator will be Murray Robinson. The session will go for approximately 50 minutes.

I am extending the offer to Year 9 & any Year 11 students who would like to go.

Jason Stewart
Year 10 Coordinator