Neerim District Secondary College

News and Views

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NEW IN 2017!

A LEARNING COACH FOR EVERY STUDENT

In 2017, we will expand our pastoral care and student support processes to better meet the individual needs of each student at NDSC. All students will be assigned a learning coach to ensure that the best possible educational outcomes are reached and they are well prepared for the challenges ahead.

The role will cover educational and personal support, including:

- Goal setting
- Personal management
- Study Skills
- Talent identification and development
- Parent updates and real-time reporting
- Course and pathway selection
- Parent Interview management.

Contact Vaya or Stuart on 56281455 for further details.

NEXT ISSUE: NEW IN 2017: THE ENHANCE PROGRAM

COMING SOON: NEW IN 2017: NEUROEDUCATION

Our Sponsors

We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their support throughout this year. With your continued generosity and commitment we have been able to improve the educational opportunities available to students. We strongly encourage our parents and the wider community to please support these wonderful local businesses that sponsor our school so well.

1. **Thai Restaurant & Take away**, 115 Main Rd, Neerim South. 5628 1064
2. **The Country Bean Café**, Main Neerim Road, Neerim South, Vic 3831 5628 1155
3. **Neerim District Secondary College**: 157 Main Road Neerim South 5628 1519
4. **Cherokee's Pet Care**: 134 Main Road, Neerim South, Vic 3831
5. **Gippsland Pest Management**: 5625 4764 MOB: 0455 003 430
6. **Nam Nguyen**: 123 Main Road, Neerim South 3831
7. **S.D.A. Automotive**: 32-38 Queen Street, Neerim South 3831 5628 1104
**Principal’s Report**

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some of the warm weather.

The staff are already busy planning our programs for next year.

**2017**

We have a number of initiatives which will greatly benefit our students in 2017:

- Next year each student will be assigned a **Learning Coach** through their home group. This teacher will help students with their learning across all their subjects and will regularly be in contact with parents.

- We will run a **Neuro Education Program** throughout the year which will teach students how to exercise all parts of their brain as well as help them manage their ‘screen’ time.

- Students who are Talented in a given area will be able to apply for support and extra resources through the **ENHANCE Program**. What this will mean is that Talented students will be able to access additional opportunities, tutoring and supports through this program.

- **Flexible Learning Elective**, Years 9/10 – in this elective, students will be able to nominate an area of interest (for example, Coding, Computer Programming, Writing etc) and be supported by a teacher to work through a program specifically tailored for them.

**Facilities update**

As you may be aware, our front walls were replaced over the school holidays. Thanks to everyone’s patience, we were able to have a larger square area replaced than what we were technically entitled to.

Tennis courts – The Neerim Community Bank has very generously donated a large sum of money to this project. We are hoping that Tennis Victoria will contribute along with our funds to allow us to upgrade the courts. Ultimately, we would also like to resurface the basketball courts, however, prior to this, we intend on using funds to purchase a new school bus.

**Painting** – our plan is to tackle the outside first (2017) and gradually work our way inside!

**Coding Program**

We are investigating offering a coding program in 2017 – if your child is interested or you know someone who might be interested in this program, please let us know by ringing the Office and leaving you name and contact details.

**Year 12 VCE**

Farewell and good luck to our VCE students as you approach your exams. Our VCAL students finish on the 28th October.

Vaya Dauphin  
College Principal

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**Sponsor of the Week**

**THE SERIGRAPH GALLERY**

THE BEST FINE ARTS IN GIPPSLAND, WITH GREAT COFFEE AND CAKES TOO!

OPEN THROUGHOUT THE SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

This week’s winner is Gemma Burke of Year 8. Well done, Gemma.

Please present this newsletter to Chris and Keith at Serigraph to receive goods and services to the value of $30.

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**IMPORTANT UPDATE: FORMAL**

For a number of reasons, the NDSC school formal will be postponed until Term 1, 2017. Any current year 12’s who have purchased tickets can see the office for a full refund, as can any other students who wish to do so. If you have purchased a ticket and wish to attend next year then your ticket will still be valid.

Apologies for any inconveniences caused.

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**Calendar of Events**

| Dates to Remember |  
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| **October** |  
| Tuesday 18 - Friday 21 | Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental Education - Mitchell River Rafting |
| Thursday 20 - Friday 21 | Year 9 Planet Paddlers Sports Rafting and Camping @ Coopers Creek |
| Sunday 23 | Neerim Bower Arts Festival |
| Wednesday 26 | Year 8 visit to Federation University |
| **November** |  
| Tuesday 1 - Friday 5 | Year 9 Planet Paddlers Sea Kayaking Camp @ Gippsland Lakes |
**GOOD NEWS POSTCARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Brooke Peters, Brodie Broadbent, Gemma Burke, Tamika Clancy, Sain Ellison, Andy Entsch, Sasha Gerling, Emma Hardy, Tsz Ching Kisielnicki, Grace MacDonald, Grayson McNolty, Shae Maxwell, Matthew Norris (2), Georgia Osler, Thomas Richardson, Charlie Ryan (2), Isabell Ryan (2), Amanda Swain, Indiana Tame, Caitlyn Quain & Adam White.

Don’t forget to register details of receiving a postcard by ringing NDSC on 5628 1455 or 5628 1201 after hours to go in the draw to win a community sponsored prize.

**PBS IS A MARATHON. NOT A SPRINT.**

**AAA Award**

The AAA award rewards consistent effort and citizenship in our students and recognizes the contribution that they make to the life of the College.

Emma Field, Jessica Komsky, Cassidy Holland and Sasha Geerlings of Year 9 have, through their CEA9 project, done a power of very impressive work around the effectiveness of the girls toilets.

Congratulations and thanks to you all, a reward is on its way to you courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.

**STAG NEWS: UNIFORM**

In 2014 STAG successfully lobbied for a more flexible uniform policy in order to cater for all students as some run hot even through the coldest winter and some feel the cold more than others. It was felt the families would also appreciate the increased range of options and also acknowledge that our community image is important. White or grey socks, as well as correct school shoes are the only must haves and we ask that all students adhere to these guidelines each day.

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**WELLBEING**

Check out [http://au.reachout.com/sites/thetoolbox](http://au.reachout.com/sites/thetoolbox) as a great resource to assist you achieving your goals – whether they be overcoming challenges, physical health or mental health goals, school related goals, or personal goals. The ‘toolbox’ allows you to take a quiz and then prioritise what you would like help with achieving, then suggests helpful apps that you can download and use. While you are there, check out the other links and resources available on the ReachOut website as there is loads of information, tips and advice.

Remember, as the weather is getting warmer it becomes even more important to drink water. The recommended daily water intake is 2 litres – and your require more in the hot weather and you engage in physical activity.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE OR EMAIL**

It is very important for health, safety and emergency management that the school keeps accurate records of student addresses and contact details. If you have recently moved or changed your phone number/email please notify the staff in the office asap of this change.

Thank you.

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**Camps, Sports And Excursions Fund (CSEF) - Dairy Assistance**

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is being extended to students currently enrolled in government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm.

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 where one or both parents:

- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

Evidence may include:

- a dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- lease documentation
- share farming contract
- agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- a letter from an employer
- a statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in cases where other forms of evidence are not available).

- Confirmation from a kindergarten that a younger sibling has been approved for the dairy Kindergarten Fee Subsidy on the basis of being an eligible dairy farming family (as above)

Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

A one-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to schools. Parents/legal guardians will need to apply for this assistance via the Dairy Assistance Application Form along with evidence as requested by 18 November 2016.

For further information please contact the office.

**FUNCTION AT THE JUNCTION**

Friday 21st October ($18) and Saturday 22nd October ($20)

Function at the Junction is going live this year!

All proceeds go to the Neerim South and Noojee CFA’s. Featuring several musicians, Great Scott the magician, and a bit of musical theatre, some skits and heaps of fun planned for the audience. We have a 5 piece rock and roll band coming up from Melbourne to perform some great dance music in the 2nd half, so we will have a dance floor.

Good supper (including hot food, home-made sponges etc), raffle, door prizes and more. Big thanks to all our sponsors.

We hope to see you there.
Reminders:

- YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) - timely applications closed on 29 September; applications can still be made, but now cost $100.

1. YEAR 12 AND VTAC –
   - Late course applications can still be made, but now cost $100 (till 4 Nov). After that, applications will cost $130 (till 2 Dec). The payment deadline for most applicants is 19 December.
   - Course preference changes can be made till 12 noon 20 December, except for the period 8 – 21 November; they can also be made between Offer Rounds in January and February.
   - The first offer Round of courses will be on 18 January, the second on 7 February. There will be three later rounds of offers as well.
   - You are advised to accept your first offer of a tertiary place. Most applicants will only receive one offer. Accepting an offer does not stop you from receiving a later offer for a course higher in your preference list.

2. WHERE CAN I GET ASSISTANCE DURING ‘CHANGE OF PREFERENCE’ WEEK? The week after you receive yourATARis generally known as Change of Preference (COP) week (Mon 12 – noon on Tues 20 December). During this time tertiary institutions run information sessions, COP Expos, offer phone assistance, and will help you in any way they can. You can also obtain assistance at school. These institutions are offering the following (check online for more details):
   -Australian Catholic University – Hotline: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228); COP event on Tuesday 13th December.
   -Box Hill Institute – Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445); 5-7pm, COP Night 14 December (all campuses) (cont.)
   -Charles Sturt (NSW) – Hotline: 1800 334 733
   -Chisholm – Hotline: 1300 244 746
   -Deakin – Hotline: 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733); Chat online with staff and ask questions: http://choose.deakin.edu.au/; Information Evenings: 4-7pm, 15 December, Level 2, Building BC, Burwood Campus; 4-7pm, 16 December, 1 Gheringhap St, Geelong Waterfront Campus; Register: http://choose.deakin.edu.au/
   -Federation - Hotline: 1800 333 864
   -Holmesglen – Hotline: 1300 693 888
   -Kangan – Hotline: 13 8233
   -La Trobe – Hotline: 1300 135 045; Advisory Day: Tues 13 December (Bundoora 10am-2pm), (Bendigo 11am-2pm).
   -Melbourne Polytechnic – Hotline: 9269 1200

3. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS –
   -TRANSPARENCY OF OFFERS AND ATARS’S Students wishing to learn more about the distribution of ATAR’s in the previous January offer round can check out details. See: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/summary-of-undergraduate-offers.
   -NEW SCIENCE MAJORS IN 2017 – 41 areas of specialisation are now available in the B. Science with the addition of Data Science and Environmental Engineering Systems. A Data Science major gives graduates a deep understanding of how to apply statistical and computing principles to working with big data. The other new major focuses on the interactions between physical materials and processes, and human and non-human organisms. See: www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au.
   -INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONSULTATIONS – Year 12 students can book a consultation at Melbourne to discuss study options, applications and support services. When: 2-5pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays; Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/consultations-yr12.
   -RESOURCES FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS Those applying for Melbourne are eligible for entry and scholarship consideration under the Access Melbourne scheme. Also offered are the four-year Bachelor of Arts (Extended) and Bachelor of Science (Extended) for Indigenous students. In addition, support is available through Murrup Barak, the Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development.

Monash – COP Expo: 3-7pm, Wed 14 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East; COP Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274); see www.study.monash

RMIT – Hotline: 9925 2260; Visit Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St); COP Expos: Arts, Design, Communication, Justice, International and Community Services courses 11am-1pm, 14 Dec; Business courses 3-5pm, 14 Dec; Science, Engineering and Health courses 11am-1pm, 15 December; http://inspired.rmit.edu.au

Swinburne – Hotline: 1300 275 794; COP Expo: 11am-4pm, 14 Dec (Hawthorn campus); See: www.swinburne.edu.au/choose.

University of Melbourne – Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352), email 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au

Victoria – Hotline: 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864); Book an appointment: www.vu.edu.au/change; COP Expo: 3.30-6.30pm, 14 December (Footscray Park)

William Angliss – Hotline: 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)
4. **INDIGENOUS STUDENTS: THINK YOUR WAY**

   – Get inspired and build aspirations by checking out this portal, providing information, links and resources and videos of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders ‘thinking their way’ to achieving educational ambitions. See: www.thinkyourway.edu.au.

5. **WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A HIGH ENOUGH ATAR TO GET INTO MY DESIRED COURSE?**

   Many pathways and programs exist to assist you in getting to where you want to go. Suggestions:

   - Complete a Diploma of Tertiary Studies at Monash University in either Education, Business or Nursing (ATAR 50+) OR a Diploma of Higher Education (ATAR 65+); Indigenous pathways - See: www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications
   - Complete a course at Monash College in Art & Design, Arts (Human Behaviour or Psychology streams), Business or Commerce, Engineering or Science; search Courses on VTAC website
   - Complete a course at Deakin College in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science
   - Complete a UniLink Diploma at Swinburne (Arts and Communications, Business, Design, Engineering, Health Science, IT, Science)
   - Complete a Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne in Biosciences, Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications
   - Complete a Tertiary Preparation Course at RMIT in engineering or science
   - Consider studying a related university course with a lower ATAR; if you do well you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later on
   - Start with a VET (TAFE) course in a related field; two years of VET often equals one at university
   - Complete a Tertiary Studies Diploma at Melbourne Polytechnic (Preston)
   - Complete a Certificate IV in Liberal Arts – a pathway into a range of degrees. Swinburne and Victoria Uni have this Certificate
   - Consider a country/rural campus. ATAR’s are often lower, usually due to lower demand; most have accommodation (apply ASAP)
   - For **nursing** consider first completing Division 2 at TAFE (or a private provider) - eg. Box Hill, Chisholm, Federation, Goulburn Ovens, Holmesglen, RMIT or Swinburne
   - ACU has certificate/diploma courses that can lead to degrees (through ACUcom) See: http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other_courses/vocational_education_training_vet/
   - Complete a Victoria University Foundations@VU alternative entry to higher education and diploma studies course - a 13 week course designed to build academic skills needed for tertiary study. See: www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-jyac
   - Complete a 2-year Associate Degree – Do you want to study at university but are not sure if you will meet the entry requirements for a bachelor’s degree? Several universities offer Associate Degrees (eg Deakin, RMIT).

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All funds raised will go towards the Neerim South and Noojee CFA.

Function at the Junction 2016 Variety Gala

Presented by the Neerim South and CentralNet Clubs.

A variety show with local talent including live music, comedy, magic, skits and a finale to the night with the Sounds Familiar band.

At the Neerim Junction Hall

Friday 21st
7pm $10
Saturday 22nd
6pm $20

This is a BYO event with a light supper provided.

Tickets will be available at the Neerim South Post Office
(03)5628 1444.

Ticket collection available on request from Jak’s Music
28 Mason Street Warragul.

There will also be a Raffle on the night so bring some spare change.

Neerim District Community Bank Branch
143-145 Main Neerim Road, Neerim South

Bendigo Bank

Wristbands give a child unlimited rides on the day, the first 100 wristbands pre-ordered and paid for from all schools will cost only $20. After that the pre-order price will be $25. So get in early and buy your wristbands from your school office and collect on the day from Neerim District Secondary College stand.

Wristbands purchased on the day will cost $30
Tickets on the day $5 per ride

PRIDIFORMAL

Saturday November 12
VRI Hall, Traralgon

18-20 Queens Parade

Live Music Entertainment
Doors Open 6PM - 10:30PM

Age of Entry 12-25

Finger Food Catering

Dress Code: Open to Individual Expression of Identity

Free Entry

headspace would love to invite you to our very first Pride Formal Gippsland.

This event offers the GLBTQIA+ community and friends of Gippsland the opportunity to come together as a GLBTQIA+ community and celebrate our identity for a night.

You will need to RSVP these details:
Name, Phone number, Transport from Sale or Warragul station, ID for security purposes.

Cost:
Free admission

Dinner: $10

Catering: $10

Dress Code: Open to Individual Expression of Identity

Free Entry

RSVP by 5PM Friday 11 November 2016

To RSVP call headspace Morwell 5160 0859 or email Headspace at info@headspacevic.org.au

Neerim Bower Arts Festival

Sunday 23rd October 2016
11:00am - 4:00pm

Neerim South Recreation Reserve

Tickets: Adults $15 (Children free)

Neerim South Bower is excited to present the first Neerim Arts Festival, held in conjunction with the Neerim Community Art Group and Neerim South Recreation Reserve.

Wristbands include unlimited rides on the day, the first 100 wristbands pre-ordered and paid for from all schools will cost only $20. After that the pre-order price will be $25. So get in early and buy your wristbands from your school office and collect on the day from Neerim District Secondary College stand.

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