NEW FOR 2017

ENHANCE PROGRAM

A program of extension and expansion work will be offered to students who demonstrate strength and interests in an area of their own choice.

This will not be limited to standard curriculum areas and will be structured and supported by specialist staff in order to build academic skills and enhance the educational outcomes of the students involved.

MODIFIED PROGRAM FOR MONDAY BEFORE MELBOURNE CUP

We fully appreciate that many families wish to use the day before Melbourne Cup Day to take an extended break and make it a long weekend.

Therefore, on Monday 31 October the school will be running a modified KLD based program due to the anticipated reduced numbers by the Cup holiday on the Tuesday (timetabled classes will not be running).

Normal classes will resume on Wednesday 2 November.

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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.

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If you wish to become a sponsor please contact Mr Stuart Nicolson at the school on 5628 1455 to discuss.
Principal’s Report

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to those families who completed a survey (not everyone receives a survey - parents are selected via a computer generated list on our CASES21 system). Unfortunately, our return rate was low, 54% compared with 82% last year. Low return rates can affect the statistical validity of the data; however, based on this year’s survey, parents expressed high levels of satisfaction around Student Safety and Classroom Behaviour, and the School’s Approachability, but low levels of satisfaction around Reporting and the Focus on Learning.

This year we moved to online Reporting. Parents were provided with passwords and opportunities to seek help either via staff at school (and/or during Parent/Teacher interviews), or via the library. There is a printer in the library which parents could use to print their child’s report. We also printed a number of reports on request. This information was conveyed to parents via the newsletter and letters home.

Our move to online reporting was made for two reasons: the Compass system provides parents with daily updates on a child’s learning, as opposed to the end of semester reports, which are summative. This means you learn about your child’s progress after the event when there is little opportunity to support or encourage their learning. Timely reporting of student progress is most effective in supporting students’ learning. The collection rate of the printed reports was approximately 30%. Our analysis of who has downloaded the reports shows that this rate (30%) is consistent even after moving to online reporting. The difference between the two being that we posted reports which were not collected. Not posting reports has meant that the majority of parents have had to be more proactive in accessing the reports.

We are excited next year to be moving to the Learning Coach model where staff will be directly responsible for up to 10 students. These staff will regularly communicate with parents either via email and/or phone. We hope this will provide parents with an immediate point of contact, and someone who can help parents navigate the volume of information schools supply. We have taken on board the feedback regarding reports, we intend for the Learning Coach role to be a significant strategy to update parents on their child’s progress. Learning Coaches will be able to email reports and/or send them via post to parents.

Vaya Dauphin
College Principal

Calendar of Events

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Sponsor of the Week

THE OUTPOST RETREAT NOOJEE

This week’s winner is Tsz Ching Kisielnicki of Year 7, well done Tsz Ching.

A prize to the value of $30 is on its way to you, courtesy of the team at the Outpost.

Year 9 First Aid Training

The college would like to thank the Baw Baw Big Blokes for providing our Year 9 students with the opportunity of learning First Aid. This valuable training has given them the skills and knowledge required to respond to any emergency situations should they arise.

Old Uniform Wanted

Our stocks of spare uniform items are running low and we are looking for any that might be donated to the College. If you have uniform items at home that are no longer used and in reasonable condition, we would be more than happy to receive them at the office.
**GOOD NEWS POSTCARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Kate Akers-Savenah, Maddison Sanders, Jaccob Coad, Cody Coad, Rylee Findlater, Jacob Findlater, Tsz Ching Kisielnicki, Shae Maxwell, Andrew Ottrey & Hannah Rhodes.

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**PBS LINK IS HERE!**

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.**

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**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.

This week’s winner is Dakota Dawson of Year 7. Dakota has been nominated by Mr Locklier for her consistent, outstanding level of work.

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

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**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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**STAG REWARDS!**

Congratulations to Dakota Dawson of Year 7, who stamped her way to success! Dakota has been saving up her STAG reward stamps all year and cashed them in for an iPod shuffle!

Well done Dakota!

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**PRESENTATION EVENING**

Presentation Evening is Tuesday 13th December at 7pm. It is a chance to celebrate student success for the year and see the Year 12s receive their certificates of graduation.

The school magazine will be available to pick up. Light refreshments will be offered after the presentation. Every one is welcome.

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**The Country Bean Café**

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- Neerim South
- 5628 1064
**Planet Paddlers**

**Port of Sale**

We put the canoes in at the Port of Sale, the urban environment providing a nice contrast to the bush sites we usually paddle.

We paddled down Flooding Creek to the Thomson river confluence and then paddled upstream to a small anabranch in the river. After exploring the anabranch we paddled upstream, almost making it to the highway crossing. We paddled back downstream to the Swing Bridge and confluence of the Latrobe River at Longford. The day provided some insights into the early river transport systems, a look at the confluence of two of the major rivers in our catchment and consolidating our paddling skills. Thanks to Mr Vincent who supported this trip.

![Image of paddlers](image1.png)

**Our Thomson River Camp.**

We arrived at the Coopers Creek Camp and set up our tents. With the weather on our side we paddled upstream after a riverside briefing. The river level was up so we could not quite get upstream to the tunnel, so we headed back down through the rapids to our campsite. With the strong winds due the following morning we decided to modify the program and start the next days paddle from the Walhalla Rd bridge back down to the Coopers Creek campsite. After a comfortable night’s sleep we completed the paddle, stopped for lunch as we portaged around the tunnel and with a thrills and few spills we finished our paddle. The students paddled very well, display their skills and honing some new ones. Thank you to Michelle, Cookie and Chris from Rubicon for an excellent trip.

![Image of paddlers](image2.png)

**Next week, our big camp 5 Days Sea Kayaking Gippsland Lakes**

Students need to be at Rubicon Nayook at 8:00 am Tuesday morning and return Saturday evening at 7:30pm at Nayook.

If anyone has problems getting to Nayook please call the school on Monday and speak to Mr Handley about alternative arrangements. Please be aware that a number of variables can affect our finishing time. Please check the following equipment/food lists to ensure you have all you need.
NDSC ART COMPETITION

We received a large number of excellent art works for the NDSC Art Competition. The winning artwork will be displayed at the school and the artist will receive $100. The high standard of the entries submitted made our task of judging very difficult and is was decided that we award an additional 4th prize as well as prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.

Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the NDSC Art Competition:

1st Mandy Swain
2nd Maddi Jeffries
3rd Sharlette Allen
4th Tara Brusco

We also had many other fantastic entries, each one worthy of recognition: Rhys Peterson, Shakira Kimm, Bayley Gunton, Kate Akers, and Dakota Dawson.

Winning entries will be displayed in the Conference Room over the coming weeks.

BOWER FESTIVAL ART COMPETITION

The year level winner for the Bower Festival Art Competition are:

Year 7 Dakota Dawson
Year 8 Lucy Liefman
Year 9 Sharlette Allen
Year 10 Amanda Swain
Year 11 Dylan Donnelly
Year 12 Cassie Swain

Congratulations to all who participated
2017 OUTDOOR RECREATION TRAINEES

Trainee Positions 2017 are now open!

2 X Thornton positions
2 X Nayook positions

Rubicon Outdoor Centre is a multi-campus Victorian government school delivering outdoor and environmental education programs within the state system.

Our Nayook campus is located 30 minutes north of Warragul, West Gippsland and Thornton campus near Lake Eildon. Positions are available for both campuses.

We are seeking enthusiastic and motivated Trainees who will work at the centre whilst completing a Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation.

Your role would include assisting the Teaching staff in activities such as canoeing, bushwalking, high ropes & cross country skiing.

The positions would suit a year 12 graduate wishing to pursue a career in Outdoor Education/Recreation. Must possess a sense of adventure and enjoy working with young people.

Before applying please read the position details. These can be obtained by visiting www.rubicon.vic.edu.au.

Applications close 14/11/2016.