

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## COMING EVENTS

### August

19th Resources & School Council

### September

1st CEA9 Information Evening 7.30 p.m.

4th Years 7—10 Round Robin

8th Students/Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.45—8.30

p.m.

13th Working Bee 9.30—1 p.m.

14—18th Rubicon Camp

16th Resources & School Council

### Parents and Friends Meeting Dates

Sept 15th,

Nov 10th 2009

### Important VCE Dates

Current Yr 12 VTAC timely applications close 30th Sept (5pm)

Current Yr 12 SEAS applications close 9th October (5pm)

Current Yr 12 Scholarships administered through VTAC applications close 30th October (5pm)

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**Wanted for Working Bee:  
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Any type greatly appreciated.**

## Principal's Report

Congratulations to the students who were involved in the running of the College Café earlier this week. It was fantastic to see that so many of our community members took the time to enjoy the brilliant music and food on offer at this event. Well done to all of the students involved and many thanks to Jenny Williams and Kate Tweddle for their organisation and contribution to this event.

I enjoyed our annual public speaking contest greatly last week. The quality of the speeches was amazing and is a real credit to the students involved. Well done to Monash who were the winning house. Both of the section winners, Brigitte Kuhnell and Jacqui Panozzo spoke extremely well and were well deserved winners. I am also looking forward to the Youth of the Year night next week where some of our Year 10 & 11 students will showcase their public speaking skills.

Parent opinion surveys will be sent out through the mail during the next few days. I would ask that parents surveyed fill these in and return them to school promptly. This information is important to us as a school and will help us to shape our priority areas for the coming years. Students attending the Rubicon camp may also receive a parent opinion survey from Rubicon. These will need to be returned to Rubicon and are only about the experiences that your student has while on camp.

VCE interim reports were sent out last week. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please contact the school. For particular subject concerns, in the first instance contact your child's teacher and for more general concerns, contact Steve Duncan who is in charge of post compulsory education.

Students in Year 9 attended a one person play last week. This modern presentation titled "Cranked" explored drug use amongst teenagers to heighten the dangers of such drugs. Students who attended this play found it entertaining but also received a strong message about a societal problem.

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### **Assistant Principal's Report**

Last Wednesday we held a successful public speaking competition. The section winners were Year 7 & 8 – Brigitte Kuhnell and in Year 9, 10 & 11 – Jacqui Panozzo. The winning house was Monash.

Thanks to Joan Gleeson and Beth Delzoppo for judging. The students improve every year in the way in which they present speeches and the content which they include. This is a credit to the English teachers and this year the House Captains who spent time coaching students.

All students are expected to be at school by 8.58 a.m. each morning to collect books and be ready for home group assembly and lessons 1 & 2.

Please support the Working Bee on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> – thank you to Jackie White who arranged for some broken slate which we will be using in gardening on that day.

Student / Parent /Teacher interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, between 3.45 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Students attend normal timetabled classes throughout the day. Interim reports will be mailed in the week before interviews.

**Graham Rawson**

### **BULLYING IS NOT OK!**

Bullying is when a person or a group of people, who have more power at the time, deliberately upset or hurt another person, their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. Recent research suggests that as many as 1:6 children are the victims of bullying.

#### **Types of Bullying**

**Cyber bullying** is a relatively new type of bullying. Through email, instant messaging, internet chat rooms, and electronic gadgets like camera phones - cyber bullies forward and spread hurtful images and/or messages.

**Emotional bullying** can be more subtle and can involve isolating or excluding a child from activities (i.e., shunning the victim at lunchtime or on school outings) or spreading rumors. This kind of bullying is especially common among girls.

**Physical bullying** can accompany verbal bullying and involves things like kicking, hitting, biting, pinching, hair pulling, or threats of physical harm.

**Racist bullying** preys on children through racial slurs, offensive gestures, or making jokes about a child's cultural traditions.

**Sexual bullying** involves unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive or inappropriate comments.

**Verbal bullying** usually involves name-calling, incessant mocking, and laughing at a child's expense.

#### **Self help strategies to deal with being bullied.**

Try not to argue with the bully as this will only please them more.

Act confident and try not to show that you are upset.

Don't always believe what a bully says about you – they say things to hurt you, not necessarily because it's true.

Should the bullying continue after you have tried a range of strategies to end the behaviour, there are additional strategies you can use.

Seek out a trusted adult within the school.

For really serious bullying, reports can be made to the police.

**Rosemarie Vary**  
**School Nurse**

### College Café



### Jude's Driving School

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### Pre Spring Car Boot Sale

30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009

10am – 12.30pm

\$10 per car/\$20 car & trailer

To be held in the car park of the  
Neerim District Secondary College

To make bookings please phone the college  
on 56281455

### NEERIM DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held in the Staff Room Neerim District  
Secondary College, Wednesday, 26 August  
2009, 7.30pm.

Quorum Needed

Expressions of Interest for all current/future  
junior/senior members wishing to play Sum-  
mer Competition required -

Tel: Di Glass 56281712

### Buln Buln Cricket Club

Buln Buln Cricket Club require players for  
Under 12, 14, & 16 this season. Registration  
day is 10am Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September at  
the Buln Buln Oval.

A free sausage sizzle provided.

Season playing fees are \$30 for Under 12,  
\$40 Under 14 & 16. Under 12's play on  
Wednesday evenings, Under 14 & 16 Satur-  
day mornings.

Contact Daniel Sell on 0405 586 241 for fur-  
ther information.

### Want to Know More About Camellias?

Why not come along to the National Camellia  
Show. Being held for the first time ever in  
Country Victoria.

The West Gippsland Arts Centre  
Friday 28th August 10 a.m.—4 p.m.  
Saturday 29th 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

100s of named Camellias on show from  
around Australia. Camellias and other plants  
for sale.

Entry \$4.00

Fore more information ph: June 5623 2293

Or

Jim 5628 1229

Email: [camelliawarragul@hotmail.com](mailto:camelliawarragul@hotmail.com)



### **A career in Pharmacy gets some fresh air**

There is a change to application process for CSU's Bachelor of Pharmacy from 2010. In addition to lodging an application with VTAC by September 30, a 'Supplementary Application Form' and interview process has been introduced. Reflecting CSU's continued support for students who wish to study and gain their professional qualifications in Wagga Wagga or Orange NSW, this new application process offers greater opportunity to applicants by giving them the chance to demonstrate an interest in, and commitment to, rural Australia, a career in pharmacy and the overall health of the rural population, and an understanding of the unique issues that confront pharmacists and other health workers in rural and remote Australia. For more information visit [www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/pharmacy](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/pharmacy) or phone 1800 334 733.

### **Making students MaD**

With Australian youth feeling powerless regarding issues such as homelessness, teen suicide, drugs, poverty and crime, Charles Sturt University (CSU) is giving young people the opportunity to make a difference. The Making a Difference (MaD) competition is now open with submissions closing on 5 October 5 2009. "By simply writing a story, poem or script that addresses any issue of social justice, entrants are in the running to receive one of four \$250 cash prizes," explains coordinator, and CSU lecturer, Bill Anscombe. "In addition, CSU will make a donation of \$250 to the charity of the winners' choice." The CSU School of Humanities and Social Sciences Social Justice Innovation Award is eligible to anyone aged between 15 and 21, in Years 11 and 12 at high school or studying at TAFE. Judging will occur during October, with the winners announced early November. More information, including a full list of conditions, is available on the MaD website [www.csu.edu.au/student/mad](http://www.csu.edu.au/student/mad).

### **Scholarships mean business**

The School of Business is currently offering five \$3,000 scholarships (\$1k per annum), available to those school leavers who apply for the Bachelor of Business (Marketing) program via PREP. Three scholarships will be offered to those students looking to attend on-campus at Bathurst NSW, and two scholarships for on-campus at Albury NSW. Students can still be eligible if they choose to defer studies until 2011. For more information visit [www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au)

For all inquiries about Charles Sturt University courses, please contact info.csu on:

**T:** 1800 334 733

**F:** (02) 6338 6001

**E:** [inquiry@csu.edu.au](mailto:inquiry@csu.edu.au)

**W:** [www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au)



**INTEREST IN PLAYING BASKETBALL?  
Summer season commences October 2009!!!**

**Neerim District Basketball Club**  
is looking for **boys and girls** for the following age groups:  
**U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16 & U/19**

**Support your local club and have fun at the same time!!**

**Contact Di Davison on 56281183**  
for more information. For a registration form, go to [www.neerimwolvesbasketball.net](http://www.neerimwolvesbasketball.net) and  
hand the completed form in to Jenny at the Post Office.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON  
2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

**Maybe you are interested in Refereeing a game locally?  
Training is available.  
Call for more information!**



8. QANTAS APPRENTICESHIPS – Qantas Engineering offers a variety of apprenticeships to enable people to train and become qualified tradespeople within the aircraft industry. You must have at least Year 10 with passes in maths, science and English. Several trade streams are available such as avionics, mechanical and structures. **Expressions of interest and applications:** <http://www.careers.qantas.com.au>.

9. MELBOURNE UNI MUSIC - Two Bachelor degrees: The **B. Music** is for those pursuing a specialisation in performance, composition, musicology or ethnomusicology and those wishing to extend their education through graduate training to be music educators or music therapists. The **B. Music Performance** is for those pursuing a specialisation in improvisation and who might aspire to further graduate study. **Info:** 9685 9419, [vcam-info@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:vcam-info@unimelb.edu.au) or [http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/school\\_music.html](http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/school_music.html).

9. BREAKFAST AT DEAKIN – Deakin Uni has an **International Student Breakfast**, 9.30-10.30am, Sun 23 August (Open Day) at the Melbourne campus. Meet international staff and students, collect information and learn about international services over breakfast. **Where:** Building 1a, Elgar Rd Burwood, Entrance 3, Level 2, Atrium.

10. RETURN TO STUDY AT DEAKIN – ‘Destination Deakin’ is for non-school leavers about transition into university study and student services. Speak to uni representatives about course options and receiving credit for prior learning. **When:** 6.30-8.30pm, Tues 15 Sept; **Where:** Burwood; **Info:** [www.deakin.edu.au/destination](http://www.deakin.edu.au/destination).

11. WHAT ABOUT A CAREER IN MINING? In Year 10 or 11 (2009) and want to find out about earth and environmental sciences, geology, mining and minerals engineering and exploration? Then don't miss this opportunity. Applications are open for the 2010 University of NSW (UNSW) **Minerals Summer School**, a 4 day, fully residential and supervised event. Find out about **careers** and opportunities, investigate university **courses**, join **workshops**, visit **underground/surface mines**, mine **rehabilitation** sites. Commence at the University of NSW and travel to the Hunter Valley with male and female supervisors and share good quality accommodation. You should be studying subjects like chemistry, physics, maths or biology and have a genuine interest in careers in the mining industry. **When:** Mon 11 – Thurs 14 January, 2010; **Cost:** \$220 (subsidised); **Apply:** Forms in Careers Room; **Info:** [www.mining.unse.edu.au](http://www.mining.unse.edu.au), (02) 9385 5006.

12. WHAT IS MECHATRONICS? Year 11 and 12 students can experience cutting edge mechatronics technology. Participate in the following: temperature control experiments, Robotino wireless programs, Mitsubishi robot pick and place and SAGE industry demonstration of targeted technology introduction modules. **When:** 10am-3pm, Fri 25 Sept; **Where:** RMIT's Bundoora campus (Plenty Rd); **Cost:** Free (incl lunch); **Book:** [www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech](http://www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech); **Info:** Tim Peters, 9925 6167, [timothy.peters@rmit.edu.au](mailto:timothy.peters@rmit.edu.au).

13. HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM? Swinburne (Lilydale) has an information session for Year 12's interested in enrolling in cookery, hospitality/events and tourism courses. Talk to staff and consider options. **When:** 7-9pm, 24 Aug; **Where:** Mitchells' View Restaurant, TAFE bld LB, Level 3 (light refreshments); **Book:** 9215 7047 by 19 Aug.

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