**Year 9 & 10 Design and Technology**

The Year 9 & 10 D&T class at work on their projects.

A reminder that Monday 13 June is the Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday, therefore no students are required at school.

**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.
Principal’s Report

VCE Exams

Congratulations to our senior students on the completion of their first set of exams for the year. It was fantastic to see many students attending the study sessions. Students’ behaviour in the exams was exemplary. Consequently, a celebration was held after the completion of the General Achievement Test (GAT). Thank you Caz for the suggestion! Hot chips, a movie and our very own in-house magician made for an enjoyable afternoon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Leon Zajarski for filling in for Steve Vincent this term. Leon is a highly respected and experienced teacher and coordinator, as always, we are grateful for his willingness to help us fill short term vacancies.

The Year 10’s are currently completing their exams. Good luck.

Working Bee, Wednesday 6th July, 10am-12pm.

The School Captains have arranged a working bee on the second Wednesday of the school holidays (Wednesday 6th July), 10am-12pm. We are keen to clean up the back basketball court and surrounding areas in order to make this a more useable and pleasant space for students - if you are able to help, please let the Office know.

Before school yard duty supervision

Please be aware that the school’s hours of supervision are from 8:30am each morning. Parents are discouraged from sending their children to school before this time.

To our school community: Enjoy Queen’s birthday weekend, it’s not long now till a much deserved break over the June/July school holidays.

Vaya Cross
Principal

Calendar of Events

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Year 10 Dance

The Year 10 Dance crew have been working really hard all semester! They have learnt some basic Ballet positions, have been involved in creating their own dance, and have learnt a number of whole group dances. Recently, we have travelled to Voyage Fitness Warragul to partake in a Zumba session, which the students really enjoyed. Another session is planned for the last week of Term.

Ms Hopkins, Year 10 Dance Teacher
GOOD NEWS POSTCARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Isaiah Abrahams, Shannon Bright, Brodie Broadbent, Tamika Clancy, Charlie Ryan, Dakota Dawson, Jesse Darcy, Mitchell Dawson, Nathan Everton, Joshua Ferguson, Eliya Geerlings, Amy Jones, Lucy Liefman, Ruby McKissack-Broad, Rhys Peterson, Maddison Sanders, Jake Snelling, Jade Wilson, Brooke Peters, Grace MacDonald & Thomas Richardson.

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.

WORKING BEE IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

There will be a working bee for interested staff, parents and students during the school holidays on Wednesday 6 July, 10.00am-12.00pm, to improve the general appearance of the school grounds, one of the objectives is to remove the moss and lichen from the basketball court. Please let the office know if you are able to assist with this.

UNIFORM

Can we ask all parents to ensure that full uniform is worn each day. The message that the community takes from our appearance can have a significant impact on our student prospects when they leave school/ get part-time jobs.

Collective pride in our appearance and supporting the NDSC brand is very important.

Please remember to label all of our child’s belongings, it makes the task of finding and returning lost items much easier!

GIRLS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 22nd June, an all-day workshop aimed at Year 9-11 girls will be held at NDSC. All female students from these year levels will participate and learn about “Relationships”, “Body Image” and “Conflict Resolution”. A follow up session will be held in Term 3.

We believe teaching these life skills is crucial for the development of our young people. A workshop involving the boys will be held later on in the year.

PARKING

Please note as per signs posted, the 3 parking spaces in front of the Library are for Library staff & patrons of the Library.

EXCURSION FORMS AND PAYMENT

A reminder to parents that excursion forms and payment must be returned at least the day prior to the excursion to prevent cancellation of that activity. For your convenience you can now provide consent and payment through Compass.

OUR SPONSORS

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## Work Experience

The work experience program was conducted for Year 10 from Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May. Thank you to all those employers who participated in the program. Work experience contributes to better informed careers, course and pathways options for young people.

### Benefits for Students
- Better understanding of the work environment and what employers expect of their workers.
- An opportunity to explore possible career options.
- Increased self-understanding, maturity, independence and self-confidence.
- Increased motivation to continue study and/or undertake further training.
- Better understanding of how the school curriculum can help prepare young people for work.
- An introduction to workplace recruitment practices.
- Enhanced opportunities for part-time and casual employment.
- Opportunity to include the employer’s work experience evaluation in future job and course applications.
- Opportunity to develop work-related competencies and acquire skills.
- The chance to ‘try out’ a workplace, prior to possibly undertaking VCE, VCAL, or VET in Schools in Years 10 to 12.

### Student Comments on What Were the Main Benefits of Work Experience:

- “I gained a lot of confidence and independence” **Ruby**
- “I have become interested in more career options” **Brooke**
- “Meeting new and different people. Working outside instead of sitting at a desk all day” **Emma**
- “The skills I have developed” **Thomas R**
- “It has made me realize that I do want to work with children when I leave school” **Rylee**
- “See what is involved in that line of work” **Jackson**
- “It helped me find out what I want to do in the future” **Georgia**
- “I would rather do something with sports coaching” **Tom H**

### Student-Employer Pairings

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**TERM 2 REPORTS AND COMPASS**

Term 2 Reports will not be mailed home but will be available to view and print via the Parent Compass Portal (http://ndsc.vic.jdlf.com.au).

Parents should have received login details to access Compass, any parents who have misplaced this information please contact the office for assistance. If you do not have internet access at home, a Compass Kiosk is available in the school’s library.

**Compass School Manger**

Compass School Manager is a whole school administration package. It is used by the College to streamline many school operations, from attendance, communication, event management and reporting.

**As a Parent you have access to...**

As a valued Parent of at least one student at Neerim District Secondary College Compass is increasingly becoming a central portal for communication between the College and yourself.

Currently, the following features of Compass are available to parents.

- **My News**
  - This will display attendance alerts consisting of not present or late without approval for your student.
  - This newsfeed module will let you view Newsletters & eCommunications and any other information published by the College.

- **Student Profile**
  - Attendance - This module lets you review your student’s attendance at your own convenience. You are also able to provide parent approval for absences.
  - Student Schedule - This allows you to view your student’s schedule/timetable and events.
  - Communication - email your student’s teachers.
  - Organisation / Events
  - This allows you to view events assigned to your student and will be visible in their schedule.
  - Learning Tasks
  - This allows you to view your student’s learnings tasks: due date; description; attachments; grade, teacher comments and status
  - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – booking time
  - Permission Forms – this allows you to manage permission forms for events and other necessary documentation.
  - Payment – approve and pay for upcoming excursions, school fees and other costs.
  - Reports – access students’ progress reports and Semester reports including past years reports and assessment feedback.

**As a Student**

In addition to all information currently available to parents, students are able to access resources uploaded by their teacher for use in their classes. The future for Compass School Manger Later in 2014 other features will become available and we will alert parents via their Compass Home Page when this occurs.

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**WEST GIPPSLAND CROSS COUNTRY**

The School Sports West Gippsland cross country was run recently on Monday 31st May. With cool weather, it made for ideal running conditions. Neerim District Secondary College continued to produce strong performances, with multiple students progressing to the Gippsland finals on the Thursday 16th June. Congratulations to all students who ran on the day.

Students who progressed to the Gippsland final:

- 14 Years Girls - Sasha Geerlings
- 15 years Girls - Cassidy Holland & Emma Field
- 15 Years Boys - Josh White
- 16 Years Girls - Bronte Harvey
- 16 years Boys - Justin Lockett & Adam White
Do you know how to protect your kids privacy online?

What sort of personal information are we and our children sharing online? So often we launch ourselves online without considering this question. As adults we are aware that sharing too much information with the wrong parties can compromise our privacy and potentially hurt our digital reputation. Youth have all the pleasures of the internet at a click – chat, music, videos, photo sharing, games. Children are spending more time online. Online environments can give them the opportunity to express themselves and build an online personality. Sharing personal information can be risky and it’s important to educate your children on how to make good decisions and limit those risks.

Ten privacy tips for parents and carers are

- **Start the privacy conversation** – To help your children protect their personal information, and their privacy, it is essential that you talk to them about what privacy is and why it is important.
- **Get involved** – It is important you keep yourself up to date with the devices, apps and platforms that your children are using and how they use them.
- **Read privacy policies and collection notices** – It is really important that you read privacy policies and collection notices. These will help you understand what information is being collected about your children, and how it will be used and be protected.
- **Tailor privacy settings** – You and your children need to make sure you control the personal information that webcams, microphones and cookies collect, as well as that collected by websites, apps and internet based games and software.
- **Develop good password practises** - Passwords should use a random combination of numbers, letters and punctuation over eight characters.
- **Discuss their digital footprint** – Children need to know that their digital footprint can last forever. They also need to understand that every piece of content they consume, share, upload and download leaves a digital trace.
- **Teach your children to think before they share** – Make sure children know the difference between the kinds of information that may be appropriate to share online and what should be kept private.
- **Encourage safe and smart mobile use** – Ensure mobile devices have a pin lock or passcode. Make sure they understand how easily someone could gain unauthorised access to everything from their social media accounts to personal photos if they don’t have one.
- **Be aware of inline advertising** – Companies can build a detailed profile of your children just by compiling data of their online behaviour.
- **Emphasise help is always available** - make sure your children know that they can ask for help if they have a problem online.

For more information visit the eSafety website: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) or [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au)

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**Red Nose Day**

When: Friday 24th June

What: Casual clothes day – wear as much RED as possible!

Why: Raising money for families and children affected by SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

Cost: Gold coin donation + money for coin line.

Activities to be run throughout the day.

LET’S RAISE US MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT THOSE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SIDS.
Reminder:
- ‘INSIDE MONASH’: Business & Economics - June 15; See www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- EXPERIENCE LA TROBE – See: www.latrobe.edu.au/study
- EXPLORE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – 14 July @ Austin; Apply: keely.zenner@austrin.org.au
- NURSING AT DEAKIN: Book: Ph 9244 3059; See: www.deakin.edu.au/nursing
- VCE HOLIDAY LECTURES AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY – Literature, Australian History and History Revolutions. Bookings: DESIGN EVENTS AT SWINBURN – 5-8 July, Hawthorn; $160; Register: Register now.
- RMIT – FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES – Information: Call 9925 8111 or click here.
- LA TROBE’S ASPIRE PROGRAM - applications open; Info: www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire

1. EXPERIENCE RMIT – Would you like to learn more about studying at RMIT? The RMIT ‘Experience Days’ Event program is now available, giving Year 10 – 12 students the opportunity to attend free events and engage in workshops in business, science, social impact, health and medical sciences, engineering, marketing and communications, property and project management and design, and experience life on campus. Go to: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays, then to Event Program for more information and to book. The experience days are in the holidays.

2. WHERE CAN I STUDY PHYSIOTHERAPY?
Physiotherapy is a popular choice of career, with many aspiring physiotherapists hoping to become sports physiotherapists. The reality is of course, that many physiotherapists work in other settings such as hospitals, community health centres, in mental health, and in rehabilitation, often with elderly patients. In Victoria, physiotherapy is taught at La Trobe, Melbourne and Monash universities, and, from 2017, at Australian Catholic University (ACU) in Ballarat. The ATAR required for entry to physiotherapy is very high due to the popularity of the course, and to the fact that places are limited. La Trobe uses the ATAR for selection, Monash uses the ATAR and an interview, while at Melbourne, as with many of their degrees, physiotherapy is studied as a post-graduate degree. Applicants for Melbourne must have completed an undergraduate degree with human anatomy and human physiology subjects.

The aim of ACU offering physiotherapy in Ballarat is to help tackle the shortage of healthcare professionals in the Ballarat region by offering local training opportunities for up to 50 students. Purpose-built facilities will be available on campus and there will be access to laboratories, hospitals and health services in the region. Prerequisites for the ACU course are: Units 3 and 4 – a minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and a minimum study score of 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS
WHAT IS THE ASPIRE GENERATION? As noted previously, La Trobe university offers the Aspire Early Admissions Program for Year 12’s applying for La Trobe (applications are now open, and close 31 August at www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire). In addition, La Trobe is promoting the ambition of the next generation to come together and solve pressing issues facing our global communities. So La Trobe is launching the Aspire Generation for Year 10-12 students. This is a community of young people connected by their aspiration to make a difference through community service and leadership. The Aspire Generation will be empowered to drive change through community engagement, volunteerism and leadership opportunities. (eg La Trobe’s recent partnership with Orange Sky Laundry underpins the ongoing commitment to driving social change). Students in years 10-12 can register their interest online via the Aspire Generation page.

SPRING INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN THE HOLIDAYS! This is early notice of an experience of a lifetime. Find out what it is like to be an Outdoor and Environmental Education student at La Trobe university in the September School Holiday Program. When: 26-30 September, 2016; Where: Either canoeing on the Murray River OR bushwalking and climbing at Kooykora State Park; Cost: $100 (including food/equipment). The trips will begin and end at La Trobe’s Bendigo campus; sign up now.

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING - Sample what to expect if you study Engineering at La Trobe at Women in Engineering. In workshops you will try engineering in an interactive and fun way. When/Where: Melbourne Campus: Tues 12 July, 9.30am – 3pm; Bendigo: Thurs 14 July, 9.30am – 3pm; Register: Bianca Van Meeuwen, b.vanmeeuwen@latrobe.edu.au by Tuesday 5 July.
4. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AUSTRALIAN POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY? If yes, why not apply for the John Button Prize. The University of Melbourne’s School of Government is offering a $2,500 prize to a Year 10-12 student who successfully expresses their ideas about Australian politics and public policy. The subject might be Australia’s population, climate change, reconciliation with Indigenous Australians, water, asylum seekers, education, health, or the state of the Arts (these are just a guide). The judges want to see clear thinking, enlivened by a sense of passion, about Australia’s future. Please apply online through the Faculty of Arts website. John Button was a Victorian Senator of 19 years and Federal Minister for Industry and Commerce from 1983-93. Applications close on Fri 24 June 2016. Info: artsprizes-info@unimelb.edu.au.

5. RMIT NEWS – RMIT is a provider of both higher education and VET courses. The main campus is located in the City, but there are also campuses at Bundoora and Brunswick.

- SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS – Are you curious about science? You are invited to visit the state-of-the-art laboratories to learn more about courses, research and training facilities available. When: 11am-2pm, 27 June; Where: City campus; Bookings and information: www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/june/science-in-the-city-lab-tour/

- MEDICAL LABORATORY VISITS – RMIT in collaboration with research laboratories is giving year 10-12 students the chance to visit medical laboratories across Melbourne and regional Victoria. If you are interested in finding our more about being a medical scientist you are encouraged to attend. When: 9am-5pm, 4-8 July; Bookings and information: www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/july/medical-laboratory-visits/

- NEW DOUBLE DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES – This course will be on offer in 2017 across the City and Bundoora campuses. As the pharmaceutical industry expands in Australia and world-wide, your understanding of the engineering process and other scientific fields involved in drug development and production, will ensure you’re well equipped to work across a range of roles. For information: http://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/undergraduate-study/honours-degrees/bh122/#pageId=overview.

6. COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP COMING – The Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University invites Years 9-12 students to this annual event. It is an interactive event for students to engage with like-minded people and find out what their career could look like after completing studies with this Faculty. Learn about areas like graphic design, 3D animation, software development, web design, multimedia development, data science and cyber-security. When: 5-7 July; Where: Monash University, Clayton Campus; Register: https://cgbc.monash.edu/#register; Cost: Free; Info: 9905 5845.

7. AUSTRALIAN JOBS 2016 – In 2016 the Australian labour market is markedly different from that experienced in past decades. The Federal Government’s Department of Employment has a publication called ‘Australian Jobs’, presenting an overview of the current labour market and highlights the major changes which have occurred. It is useful for those exploring careers and those wanting a better understanding of the labour market. See: www.employment.gov.au/skill-shortages.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTED STALL HOLDERS and Musicians for our NEW WINTER MARKET at JD Algie Hall, Main Road, Neerim South on Saturday 11th JUNE; Saturday 9th JULY and Saturday 13th AUGUST. All sites under cover. Ample parking for visitors and stall holders. For BOOKINGS or ENQUIRIES, please call Deb on 03 5628 1234 or 0417 748 884.