Neerim District Secondary College

News and Views

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INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG WOMEN DINNER

On Wednesday 15th June, Ms Kahlani Akarana went to the Inspirational Young Women Dinner with Bronte Harvey, Jade Wilson, Grace Macdonald and Georgia Osler. Inspiring Young Women is an innovative program, auspiced by the Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network. Young women are "matched" with experienced women employed in a career of their interest. They are encouraged to talk and share their journeys over a meal as well as listen to guest speakers from different walks of life.

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.

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.

Inspirational Young Women Dinner included pictures of four young women standing side by side, each holding a certificate. The text under the picture explains the program and the purpose of the event.

Working Bee in School Holidays included a picture of a bee and text explaining the upcoming event for school staff, parents, and students during the school holidays.

Our Sponsors included a list of local businesses that support the school, including images and contact information for each sponsor.
Principal’s Report

Thank You

I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for another productive term. At times the weather has been quite a challenge but we have all coped with a smile on our face and an upbeat attitude! This has been a long term, and a busy one. Congratulations again to our senior students who conducted themselves extremely well leading up to and during the exams.

It was also wonderful to see many parents this week at the Year 7 Scone Making in Foods. Thank you for giving up your time. I hope you enjoyed having a little peak into the learning your child does at school.

Girls’ Workshop

On behalf of the girls in Years 9-11, I would like to thank Ms Hopkins and our School Chaplain, Josh, for organising this workshop. The focus of the day was on Relationships, Dreams and Goals, and Conflict Resolution. This is the second time we have had ELEVEN88 in to deliver personal development workshops for the girls. Last year they ran a session on Body Image for the girls in Years 9 & 10. The feedback from our students was incredibly positive. As these workshops are extremely popular with the girls, we intend to ensure that all the girls get an opportunity to participate.

Working Bee

The School Captains are organising a Working Bee for Wednesday 6th July 10am - 12pm. The plan is to clean up the basketball courts and surrounding areas. If you are interested in helping out, please come on the day and bring a shovel!

Congratulations to Isaiah Abrahams

Isaiah was nominated by the school and awarded the Pierre de Coubertin Award on Thursday 23rd June at a ceremony at the MCG. This award recognises students of exceptional sporting talent and fosters the Olympic dream. Congratulations Isaiah. Two students (Jake Sayburn and Jed Cummings) also attended an Olympic Academy this week with Isaiah where they got to meet past and present Olympic competitors.

Reports

Students and parents will now be aware that we have moved across to online reporting. Unfortunately, this new process has taken longer than expected; however, reports will be available via Compass on Friday 24th June. Parents are reminded that we no longer provide hard copies of student reports, however, if you are unable to access the internet, on request, we are happy to print you a copy.

Change of Name

I have recently reverted to my maiden name – and I apologise in advance for any confusion this may cause. My new name is Vaya Dauphin (formerly Cross).

Vaya Dauphin
College Principal

Sponsor of the Week

Neerim South Hotel

This week’s winner is Tom Richardson of Year 10.

Congratulations Tom, grab the family and present this newsletter to the team at the pub to receive goods and services to the value of $30.

Lost Property

A pair of boys long grey school pants size 16 have been lost recently. Could parents please check that their child has not accidently picked up the wrong pair when changing for PE/Sport.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Calendar of Events

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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 the Year 11 Peer Support lunchtime team. These students have been nominated by Miss Hopkins for their ongoing mentoring of the junior students. Congratulations to you all. A cheque will be heading your way shortly, courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.

**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 your child’s belongings, it makes the task of finding and returning lost items much easier!**

**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.

**Parking**

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

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**New Procedure for Student who Arrive Late**

Starting from the beginning of Term 3 we are introducing and implementing a Late Arrivals Pass and Procedure.

This is to ensure an accurate accountability of attendance for Emergency Management purposes.

Students who arrive late will be required to sign in at the office with a note from their parents explaining the reason for being late and collect a LATE PASS from office staff as evidence that they have signed in.

Students must present this LATE PASS to the classroom teacher. If a student arrives late without a pass teachers are asked to send the student to the office to sign in and collect a pass.

We appreciate the support of parents in the implementation of this new procedure.

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**Beleza Warragul**

**Term 2 School Holidays Trading Hours**

**Last Day of Term (24th June 2016) – 10:00am to 1:00pm**

**The Store will be**

**Closed**

**Between**

**Saturday 25th June 2016 to Saturday 2nd July 2016**

**We will resume back to normal trading hours as of**

**Monday 4th July 2016**

**Normal Trading Hours**

(Effective as of 4th July 2016)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 10:00am to 5:00pm

Wednesday & Saturday – CLOSED

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**Neerim South Hotel**

Bar | Bistro | Bottle Shop

91-109 Main Neerim Rd Neerim South

Ph: 5628 1431 Fax: 5628 1093

**Neerim South Milk Bar and Takeaway**

133 Main Neerim Rd Neerim South

Ph: 5628 1454

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**Deja Vu Hair and Body**

129 Main Road, Neerim South 3831

Ph: 5628 1513

**Thrifty Link Hardware**

Nothing’s too hard!
1. **LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS?** Do you wish you could ask someone about their university experience? Would you like to know about employment outcomes? What about the quality of learning resources available? With QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) you can compare the quality of higher education institutions and study areas that interest you. QILT results are based on thousands of annual surveys completed by students across Australia, and are well worth a look. See: www.qilt.edu.au.

2. **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS**

   **NEW BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND DOCTOR OF MEDICINE** - Monash is the only Victorian university to offer both direct-from-school entry and graduate entry to the same medical degree. The course is designed as an integrated curriculum, taught on both campus and clinical sites. For school-leaver entry, the first two years are largely campus-based, although some city and rural clinical placements are possible. Students will complete a research project and clinical placements will have a home base with better relationships with clinical supervisors. The graduate entry program is open only to those who have completed a Monash University degree in biomedical science (including those undertaking double degrees), pharmacy, physiotherapy or science (with the completion of specific units).

   **YEAR 10 INDEPENDENCE DAY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY** – Would you like to find out about courses, prerequisite subjects, meet Monash staff, explore the campus, get advice on management of Year 11 and 12, and attend workshops? Then Monash Independence Day is for you. **When:** 10am-2.30pm, Thurs 30 June (lunch included); **Where:** Robert Blackwood Hall, 49 Scenic Boulevard, Clayton; **Information and Bookings:** www.monash.edu/year10-day

   **‘INSIDE MONASH’ UNIVERSITY SEMINARS** – Wanting to find out about studying at Monash? The final seminars in this series for 2016 are as follows: **August 24 – Science; September 13 – Teaching. For details, and to book go to:** www.monash.edu/inside-monash

   **WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTS AT MELBOURNE?** The B. Environments at the University of Melbourne is **not having an intake in 2017** while a major review of all undergraduate environmental offerings is being undertaken. Students who were considering the degree for 2017 will still be able to undertake studies in all majors either in the B. Science, the B. Arts or the new Bachelor of Design (see www.bdes.unimelb.edu.au/).

As a student of the B. Design you will use innovative processes to solve problems creatively, and determine solutions for a better future. You will study the application of design to a wide range of contexts from the construction of buildings and landscapes to the small scale of systems and microstructures. The majors offered within the B. Design include: architecture, computing, construction, civil systems, digital technologies, graphic design, landscape architecture, mechanical systems, performance design, property, spatial systems and urban planning. The B. Design in Performance Design will be taught at the VCA. It will be different from the B. Fine Arts (Production) in that students will be chosen on ATAR only, it will not involve acting, students will be exposed to a range of areas, not just one specialisation as with the B. Fine Arts and there will also be more conceptual thinking in the B. Design.

The B. Design provides pathways to more than 20 different Masters degrees in areas including: Engineering, Design, Computer Science, Agricultural Science and the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Reminders:
- **EXPERIENCE ACU** – See: www.acu.edu.au/university-experience
- **LA TROBE ASPIRE PROGRAM** - See: www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire
- **EXPERIENCE LA TROBE** – See: www.latrobe.edu.au/study
- **EXPLORE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY** – 14 July; keely.zenner@austin.org.au
- **NURSING AT DEAKIN**: See: www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery
- **MELBOURNE Uni VCE LECTURES** – Literature, Australian History, History Revolutions. Book: - vce-arts@unimelb.edu.au.
- **DESIGN EVENTS AT SWINBURNE** – 5-8 July, (Hawthorn); Register: Register now.
- **RMIT – FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES** – Call 9925 8111 or click here.
- **EXPERIENCE RMIT** – See: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays
- **WOMEN IN ENGINEERING** – Contact Bianca b.vanmeewen@latrobe.edu.au
- **MONASH COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP** – See: https://cgbc.monash.edu/#register
NEW DEGREES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – ACU has campuses in several Australian states. The Melbourne campus (Fitzroy) has 10,000 students, and is growing. As a public university, ACU is open to students of any or no religion, and has a commitment to empower its graduates with the knowledge, skills and professional experience needed to make a difference in the world.

Interestingly, the QILT 2015 University student experience survey shows that ACU graduates earned $600pa more in starting salary than Melbourne and Monash graduates.

New courses at the ACU Melbourne campus in 2017:

- **Bachelor of Science** – will prepare graduates with the skills needed to apply a sophisticated understanding of a broad and coherent body of scientific knowledge to professional work in a range of science contexts. Majors offered: Chemistry, Biology and Environment. Prerequisites: Units 3/4 with at least 30 in EAL or 25 in any other English, and a minimum of 25 in mathematics (any) and 25 in science (any)

- **Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Science** – prepares graduates with skills to apply a sophisticated understanding and coherent body of scientific knowledge to professional work in a range of science contexts within an education setting

- **Bachelor of Physiotherapy** – Commencing at the Ballarat campus as noted previously.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) IS INDUSTRY CONNECTED – VU is both a provider of higher education and VET courses, with campuses in Footscray, St Albans, City, Melton, Sunshine and Werribee. One of VU’s strengths as a university is its links with industry. In the Education Faculty alone VU has over 900 partnerships with a range of organisations across Victoria and beyond. Many professional experiences are offered such as:

- Teaching in rural/remote areas
- Overseas study tours to countries like Malaysia, China and Timor Leste
- Sporting, literacy and leadership programs with sporting organisations including Western Bulldogs
- Mentoring school students in university-ready skills
- Creative art projects.

Graduates find employment in youth work, early childhood education, kindergarten, primary and secondary schools, in adult and vocational education, and in special needs education.


TURN YOUR HOBBY INTO A CAREER AT RMIT – Melbourne plays an integral part in Australia’s vibrant and growing animation, games and interactive media industries. It is home to independent start-ups and small gaming and app development studios, and is a hub for award-winning animation and VFX companies – like Iloura, whose team has worked on Hollywood blockbusters like Mad Max. Be immersed in a culture of animation and design, where staff are practicing artists and designers. Collaborate on projects across year levels and in real world studios.

Through studying games and animation at RMIT you will become skilled in producing interactive experiences by developing your conceptual design, storytelling and specialist art skills – perhaps turning your hobby into a career.

Check out the courses and studios at RMIT Open Day, 10am-4pm, Sunday 14 August.

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**Community News**

**WANTED STALL HOLDERS and Musicians** for our NEW WINTER MARKET at JD Aligle Hall, Main Road, Neerim South on 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.