 Grade 5 & 6 Discovery Day

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.
I would especially like to thank all the teachers (both from NDSC and the TEC primary schools) who prepared lessons and attended the Discovery Day. Everyone had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. I was a little mortified to discover that I was guilty of stealing the biscuits twice; the students investigating the forensic evidence in the Science lesson were able to prove me guilty on not one but two occasions! In addition to the Science lesson, students made dice in Woodwork, baked banana and chocolate chip muffins in Foods and undertook team building exercises in PE.

The Information Evening also went well and it was fantastic to meet several new families. If you were unable to make this evening and would like more information about enrolling a child in 2017, please contact the Office.

Melbourne Zoo Excursion

The Year 7 and 8s were lucky enough to go to the Melbourne Zoo this week. Thank you to parents for supporting this combined Science and Humanities excursion. Between our students and the staff, I now believe we have hundreds of photos of a wide variety of animals. As usual, the conduct of our students whilst at the zoo was exemplary.

RESPECT and PBS

Home groups are working on extending our PBS matrix. Students have been discussing what respect looks like in friendships and if this is different to how we might behave around other people. These discussions are producing a great debate and an increased understanding for students on what respect looks like in a variety of situations. We hope to follow this by looking at respect for self, respect in the cyber arena, and in other relationships.

The Weather and Uniform

Now that the weather has turned cold, we encourage those students who are feeling chilly to wear either a white or blue shirt under their school top. Parents - please do not allow your child/ren to wear hoody jumpers at or to and from school.

Suspensions

Unfortunately, we have had a number of suspensions this term. It is our highest priority that we maintain and operate a safe school. We have a zero tolerance regarding disrespectful behaviour. Many parents will have now also seen the ads from the Victorian government which talk about disrespect and how it can lead to family violence. In an era where social media has allowed us to say more than we should, it is important that we remind young people that verbal abuse is not acceptable. The consequences should we do nothing are long reaching. For the good of your children and our school, I ask that parents support us in this matter.

Vaya Cross
Principal

Sponsor of the Week

DEJA-VU HAIR AND BODY

This week’s winner is Jack de Kock of Year 7. Congratulations Jack, present this newsletter to Kristy and the team at Deja Vu to receive goods and services to the value of $30

Calendar of Events

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**Good News Postcards**

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Jack de Kock, Tamika Clancy, Jade Vogt, Isabella Ryan, Patrick Hoddinott, Adam White & Patrick Bernard.

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.

**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 Maddi Jeffries of Year 11. Maddi has been nominated by Ross, driver of the Jindi bus, for her great assistance on Monday. Congratulations to you Maddi. A cheque will be heading your way shortly, courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.

**Home Groups**

Over the past few weeks, NDSC students have been busy considering ‘respect’ and ‘friendships’ in their home groups. Students have been discussing how to show respect in friendships, and what behaviours are necessary in sustaining strong, respectful and lasting friendships. This work is going to help us move towards an extended PBS matrix.

**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.

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BEING CYBER SAVVY

The online world is truly amazing. And while it allows you to do so much, there are some very real risks. Sometimes things don’t go as you’d hoped. Finding out about what can happen and what you can do about it are all part of learning to be smart online. The internet is a great place for sharing stuff, but remember that what you share with your friends could be seen by other people that you don’t know. They may also be able to look at it for years to come. Once it’s online, it could be there forever. Part of the fun of sharing videos, images and other content, is that other people can view and respond.

Everything you post adds up to make your digital footprint or digital dossier. Each time you share information about yourself online, stop and think, “Am I giving out information that I should keep private”. Private information is information that may identify you this should be kept private as it is what can lead to identity theft when you are older. Personal information may be private but doesn’t usually identify you.

Limiting who can see you info or search for you
- You can limit who can see what on your profile
- Recommendation: Friends Only in most cases
- Adjust settings on Privacy Settings page
- You can view your own profile to see how the public views it

One sure way to help protect yourself is to maintain smart passwords.

Nicknames and Profiles
- Avoid choosing provocative or identifiable nicknames.
- Keep personal information out of your online profile.

Select “Smart” Passwords
- Choose a password that is not easy for a hacker to guess, preferably one that includes upper AND lower case letters, as well as one or two numbers.
- Don’t share the password with anyone.

Where to get help
- School Wellbeing Team
- Victorian Police (for bullying or abusive behaviour)
- Talk with trusted adults

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school cross country was ran recently on Monday 16th May. With perfect conditions for running, students made the most of the warm end to Spring. Congratulations to Monash house, who were the winners on the day. Well done to all students who ran and those who qualified for the next round of competition.

House results
1st – Monash
2nd – Tarago
3rd – Kurnai
4th – Strzelecki

Age group results

Over 15 boys
1st – Thomas Hankin
2nd – Lawrence Barford
3rd – Adam White

Over 15 girls
1st – Jesse Darcy
2nd – Tori O’Connor
3rd – Rosie de Kock

15 and under boys
1st – Josh White
2nd – Loki Bromilow
3rd – Beau Ellis

15 and under girls
1st – Cassidy Holland
2nd – Jessica Komsky
3rd – Emma Field & Sasha Geerlings
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Reminders:

- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) – Register by: 3 June
- ‘INSIDE MONASH’ SEMINARS: Biomedical Science, Radiography and Nutrition and Dietetics - 25 May, Business & Economics - June 15; www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- ‘FOCUS ON MELBOURNE’ – seminars (6.30-8.00pm) - Agriculture - 24 May; IT - 25 May; Science 31 May; information/registration: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus2016.
- INDIGENOUS STUDENT EXPERIENCE MONASH DAY – 24 June; Book: Ph 9905 8699, See www.monash.edu.au/study/life/indigenous
- EXPERIENCE RMIT – for holiday programs see: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays
- EXPLORE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – 14th July @ Austin; contact keely.zenner@austin.org.au
- AVIATION FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE – 4 June; ph 9580 8822 or markd@mfs.com.au.

1. FIND OUT ABOUT NURSING DEGREES AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Deakin nursing graduates are well regarded and well prepared for work. Find out about Deakin courses at an information session:
   - Burwood Campus: 6-8pm, Wed 20 July, Building BC, Burwood Corporate Centre, Level 2, OR 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 23 July, Building BC, The Point, Level 1;
   - Geelong Waterfront campus: 6-8pm, Wed 20 July, OR 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 23 July, both Building AD, Western Beach Room 6.104;
   - Warrnambool campus: 7.30pm, Fri 22 July, 165 Timor St.
   Book: Ph 9244 3059; See: www.deakin.edu.au/nursing

2. MORE DEAKIN NEWS –
   - Faculty of Business and Law – preparing to find a job will soon be part of the Commerce degree, with a compulsory unit in career planning being piloted. This Personal Insight unit will provide career development experiences, and has a clear focus on co-creating a professional identity. You will explore personal aspects of yourself to create a portfolio of career resources.
   - New Website coming – Scheduled for launch on 23 May, the site will be ground-breaking in the sector, combating problems commonly faced by university websites. See: www.deakin.edu.au.
   - Elite Sports Precinct Developments – The first stage of the new Elite Sports Precinct has opened at the Geelong Waurn Ponds campus providing state-of-the-art facilities for exercise and sport sciences and physical education teaching students, and for student engagement and community sport.
   - Kickstart your Course and Career Exploration at Deakin – ‘Explore’ is a digital tool enabling you to search for courses and corresponding career possibilities, and vice versa. If you don’t know what to do when you finish school and want help with ideas, give it a try!
     - View more than 1000 course and career pairings
     - Filter your search based on your interests
     - Save your favourites and share with friends
     - Enjoy short snippets of relevant information
     - Visit explore.deakin.edu.au

VECE LECTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – The Faculty of Arts is offering VCE Winter School for Year 10-12 students. There will be lectures, seminars and tutorials in three VCE subjects: Literature, Australian History and History Revolutions. The program is developed with VCE experts and examiners, giving students the opportunity to excel in their VCE exams. When: Literature - 27 and 28 June, Australian History - 29 June, History Revolutions – 30 June and 1 July; Where: Old Arts Building, Melbourne University; Bookings: vce-arts@unimelb.edu.au.

DESIGN EVENTS COMING AT SWINBURNE – Swinburne is offering a Discover Design student holiday program. It is a creative program for Year 10-12 students who would like to learn more about design careers, courses and pathways. Participants will develop a design portfolio, broaden their problem-solving and design-thinking skills and work in teams – just like in a real design studio. When: 5-8 July (registration 9am for a 9.30am start); Where: Level 3, Advanced Manufacturing design Centre, Hawthorn campus; Cost: $160; Register: Register now.

EXPLORE THE MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF DESIGN – The University of Melbourne’s School of Design (MSD), located at the heart of the Parkville campus, is designed as a learning building. Students learn not only in classrooms but also by using the building and observing ways others use it. The new building provides opportunities for ‘living learning’ through studio classes, exhibitions, tours, photo documentation and teaching on and around the site. An app has been designed to enhance your experience of the building. Take a self-guided tour, see why some key design decisions were made, and why the building is unique www.explore.msd.unimelb.edu.au/explore.
6. **RMIT FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES**
RMIT’s folio preparation and career discovery courses are designed to help you create a winning portfolio to apply for university. These types of courses also provide an overview of the industry, study options, and the selection process. Upcoming courses include: illustration, fashion, 3D product design, graphic design, interior decoration and visual merchandising. Information: Call 9925 8111 or click [here](#).

7. **WHICH CAREER SUITS MY PERSONALITY?**
SEE: MY CAREER MATCH – There are many tools available for finding out which careers will best suit you. RMIT is offering ‘My Career Match’, an online tool where you can fill out a personality questionnaire and receive a comprehensive career profile detailing traits and strengths of your personality type, suitable career paths, and relevant courses. Check out RMIT’s My Career Match profiles at: [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/myprofile](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/myprofile). Use the access code RMIT:180 when accessing it.

8. **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS**
- The Bachelor of Criminology is being offered in 2017. Unlike some other criminology degrees, this particular degree will feature forensics as a core component. It will also include Integrated Workplace Learning (IWL) as a part of the course, giving students the opportunity to use their knowledge, and to assist with future employment.
- **ASPIRE**, a well-received and recognised La Trobe initiative for domestic undergraduate school leavers which has been operating for two years now, will continue into 2017 and beyond. The program recognises the positive impact that a student has had on their local community. Community engagement and objective school achievement forms a significant part of the assessment criteria of the program, not ATAR scores. Applications for 2017 entry open on shortly on 1 June and close on 31 August. See: [www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire)

9. **WHERE MIGHT A SCIENCE DEGREE TAKE ME?**
- **Are you fascinated by nature?** You can discover more about living things with biology and environmental science or even biotechnology where you can learn about everything from farming to pharmacy products.
- **Do you want to be at the forefront of technology?** A career in chemistry allows you to test and produce anything from penicillin to polythene or if you’d like food for thought consider the potential of food science.
- **Are you curious about the universe?** Physics looks at the smallest sub-atomic particles and the forces of the universe but if you want to explore a new frontier of science, discover nanotechnology.
- **Are you intrigued by the potential of numbers?** Mathematics finds patterns and connections and can help to model systems and develop theories and formulas while statistics can allow you to predict trends by using data to make conclusions. If you fancy yourself as a forecaster, analytics can help you see preferences and anticipate actions.
- **If maps and modelling interest you,** this could lead you to a career in surveying. Alternatively, find out how location has an impact on the way we interact with world around us with geospatial science.

Complied by: M. Walker

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**Vicroads Keys Please Presentation**

Last Thursday, Year 10 students were educated on how to get from their “L’s to P’s” and everything in between. A presenter from Vicroads presented a “Key’s Please” session which was highly informative and engaging. Our students were a fantastic audience as they listened attentively, got involved with discussion and asked questions throughout.


**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.**

**National Trust Heritage Festival Event**

WGGS preserving our local Heritage Family History Open Day 21 May 2016 to be held in the Beautiful Old Shire Hall Warragul at 9.15am - 4.00 pm, featuring Family History Groups from GSV. Come and research your Scottish, Irish and Convict ancestors with expert help. Family History Software demos and advice by GUM. Local Family History Groups also represented. Free guided access to Local research resources. WW1 Writing Workshop hosted by GSV (bookings essential). See website for details: [www.westgippslandgenealogy.com](http://www.westgippslandgenealogy.com)
West Gippsland Music and Drama Eisteddfod 2016
Do you like to sing? Do you play a musical instrument or are you in a band? Do you have a dramatic flair?
Or... do you someone who does? Then the West Gippsland Music and Drama Eisteddfod has the venue and performance experience you would love!!! Held this year between the 22nd July and 14th August the eisteddfod allows you to polish your skills and gain valuable stage experience. Each performer also receives a review written by a professional adjudicator.

In addition to the traditional eisteddfod, the WGE hosts The Gippsland Parasteddfod. This is a non-competitive event for people with a disability and provides performance experience in the areas of music, drama and dance. For the thrill of stage performance, the experience and confidence it brings and the opportunities it can open up, come and join us won’t you? Entries close on Sunday 5th June 2016, so to be part of this wonderful experience go to www.stardom.com.au and follow the links. See you there!