Outdoor Education Bushwalking

The recent warm(ish) weather turned the Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental trip to Mt St Gwinear from a cross country ski trip to a bushwalk. Most of the snow had melted away so the class was able to walk to the top of the Baw Baw plateau in August! On this trip the class explored the commercial, recreational and conservation uses of this area.

First stop on the trip was Mt. Erica. We were now in the Baw Baw National Park and joined for a short way the Australian Alps walking trail. We walked up to Mushroom Rocks which is a magical place to visit on a fine sunny day.

From here we had a look at Thomson Dam then headed up to Mt St Gwinear. This is the cross-country skiing recreational hub during winter but also highlights its conservation values to visitors. The walk to the top of the mountain enabled us to view the natural environment that exists there as well as the adjacent commercial uses of the area.

A lovely day for a walk.

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.

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

**Health Education Classes for Grade 6s**

On behalf of the Tarago Education Community, I would like to thank Mr Biffin and Ms Hopkins for running these sessions for our Grade 6 students. The feedback from students, parents and the local primary schools has been incredibly positive.

**Lockdown Procedures at the School**

On occasion, it is necessary for us to instigate lockdown procedures. Last week we were required to initiate a lockdown as a precautionary measure. No students were at risk at any stage during this process. We have also several times over the last month held the bells for a short period of time to protect the privacy of severely ill students. I have heard several of the rumours circulating throughout the community, none of which are true.

**Internationalising Education**

Last Friday, I attended a Principals’ Forum at Leongatha Secondary College with a number of Chinese Principals. We discussed and explored the skills young people need in today’s society. There were many similarities between China and Australia. These conversations affirmed the importance of our Chinese Language Program.

“Almost all the big issues young Victorians will face as adults will have a global dimension, including environmental sustainability and climate change, international security issues, and ongoing economic interdependence. Globalisation will affect every aspect of their lives.” – Connected to World, a plan to internationalise Victorian schooling, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

What does it look like in our school?

- Having an international perspective in every subject
- a strong focus on languages
- a strong focus on contemporary skills (including critical thinking and problem solving, creativity, collaboration and communication), and
- a deep appreciation of our connectedness to other nations and an understanding of their peoples and cultures.

**Interim Reports and Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**

In a way of streamlining our reporting process our Interim reports have now been merged with our GPA reporting system and will be completed by teachers, twice a term. These reports are now available to view online and print (if you wish) via the Parent Compass Portal ([http://ndsc.vic.jdlf.com.au](http://ndsc.vic.jdlf.com.au)).

Parent login details for Compass were mailed home to all parents, last year or early this year for Year 7s. If you do not have internet access at home, a Compass Kiosk is available in the school’s library. If you need your username or password reset, please contact the school office.

The Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday 15th September between 4pm - 7pm and can be booked via Compass, through the community icon.

As some staff do not work on Thursdays they will be unavailable on this evening, but will be happy to organise another time in person, or via email or telephone. If these requests can could please be made via the school office.

Vaya Dauphin
College Principal

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**Sponsor of the Week**

**JAN MILLS INTIMO**

This week’s winner is Grayson McNolty of Year 11.

Congratulations Grayson, a voucher to the value of $30 is on its way to you courtesy of this week’s sponsor.

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**Calendar of Events**

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Good News Postcards

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Bayley Gunton, Mikaylah Orwin, Jai Atkins, Cooper Clancy, Jacob Coad, Ryan Crestani, Rosie de Kock, Amy Jones, Jacob Findlater (2), Matt Gates, Tianni Harris, Charlotte Hoddinott, Tyler Joachim, Shakira Kimm, Lucy Liefman, Karin Martin, Flynn Pallot, Rhys Peterson, Deakin Santo, Jackson Saunders, Patrick Bernard, Emma Field & Harry Liefman.

PBS IS A MARATHON. NOT A SPRINT.

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 winners are Rosie de Kock of Year 11. She has been nominated for her leadership skills with the School Formal and STAG.

Congratulations to you Rosie. A cheque will be heading your way shortly, courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.

Free Dress Day

Friday 9th September
Please bring a gold coin donation

Headspace will be coming to the school during lunchtime on the day to promote good mental health.

The proceeds will go towards Headspace and the school formal.

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.

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**Camps, Sports And Excursions Fund (CSEF) - Dairy Assistance**

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is being extended to students currently enrolled in government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm.

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 where one or both parents:
- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

Evidence may include:
- a dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- lease documentation
- share farming contract
- agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- a letter from an employer
- a statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in cases where other forms of evidence are not available).
- Confirmation from a kindergarten that a younger sibling has been approved for the dairy Kindergarten Fee Subsidy on the basis of being an eligible dairy farming family (as above)

Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

A one-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to schools. Parents/legal guardians will need to apply for this assistance via the Dairy Assistance Application Form along with evidence as requested by 18 November 2016.

For further information please contact the office.

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**Whole School Formal**

On Friday 7th October, NDSC are intending to run a whole school formal with the theme being “Black and White”. The formal will be held at the J.D. Algie Hall in Neerim South, and will run from 7.30pm until 11.00pm. Tickets are available from the general office for $15. Please note the event is for students of Neerim District Secondary College only, and is a 100% drug and alcohol free event.

If any parents are interested in helping out on the night that would be greatly appreciated – please phone the school for any further details or to volunteer assistance.

Thanks you to Maddi Jeffires, Rosie de Kock, Grayson McNolty and the formal committee team.

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**VCE News September 2016**

We are getting very close to the end of school for the Year 12’s – just over 4 school weeks to go. They should be working hard to complete all their VCE requirements and starting to get organised for their end of exams.

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- All VCE students have been given a copy of the VCE Exams Navigator 2016. This lists their exam times and requirements.
- All VCE Unit ¾ exams will take place at the Neerim South Football Club Social Rooms (Phoenix Rooms).
- Students should be taking advantage of the Revision Lectures during the term break – the school offers subsidised access. All students have the revision lecture timetable booklets.

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**Canteen Tabs**

Please be aware that Glenys is closing off the tabs for the term, and all students need to finalise any money owing before Friday 16th September.
A wristband gives a child unlimited rides on the day, the first 100 Wristbands pre-ordered and paid for from all schools will cost only $20. After that the pre-order price will be $25. So get in early and buy your wristband(s) from your school office to collect at the gate on the day. Wristbands purchased at the gate on the day will cost $30.

**Neerim Bower Arts Festival**

**Sunday 23rd October 2016**

11:00am—4:00pm

Neerim South Recreation Reserve

Rides supplied by Baileys Bouncers Pty Ltd

No Refunds given on presold wristbands, in the event of postponement due to inclement weather they will be valid for a rescheduled date.

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**Scholarships**

Each year Federation University Australia award scholarships to the value of **$5,000** to Year 12 students within regional Victoria who enrol in a Federation University Australia course.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

- Excellence/effect in your area of study
- Contributions to the community
- Contributions to the School
- Principal’s Supporting Statement

For further information and how to apply please visit: www.federation.edu.au/year12scholarships

**Apply Now!**

Applications open: 25 July 2016

Applications close: 21 October 2016

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**EXPERIENCE the WORLD of CONSERVATION**

**STUDENT CHALLENGE**

This package, fully funded by the George Alexander Foundation, is open to students in years 10-12 attending a state school and includes:

- Food, accommodation, field transport and permit fees
- Flights and airport transfers
- Insurance
- Access to Earthwatch educational and professional resources

**Ecosystems of the Murray River**

Learn about the boom and bust cycle of life and the animals who make their home in the flood zone of the mighty Murray River. You’ll be helping scientists study the ecosystems on Calperum Station and how they’re recovering from 150 years of cattle grazing.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Small mammal and reptile trapping
- Vegetation studies
- Wildlife and water surveys
- Biting pressure surveys

**DETAILED**

- Location: Calperum Station, Murray River, North of Renmark, South Australia
- Dates: 11-16 Dec, 2016 or 2-7 April, 2017

**How to apply**

See your coordinator and return the application form to

www.earthwatch.org.au

Applications close 16 September 2016

Spaces are limited!

**About Earthwatch**

Earthwatch’s mission is to engage people worldwide in scientific field research and education to promote the understanding necessary for a sustainable environment.

**“Please continue this program for future students, the learning, friendships and experience made... are priceless.”**

Laurie Singelton, St Andrews Secondary College

www.earthwatch.org.au
Reminders:

1. ‘INSIDE MONASH’ UNIVERSITY SEMINARS One to go – Teaching - Sept 13; Details and bookings: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
2. YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE - timely applications close 29 Sept
4. OPEN DAYS - Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat): Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

1. YEAR 12

1. APPLY WITH VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) - Complete an application for courses for 2017 on the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au if you have not done so. You can change your application as many times as you wish at no extra cost ($32.00) as long as you apply by 29 Sept. After that it will cost $100.00. Preferences can be changed when you have your ATAR in December.
2. DO YOU WANT TO DEFER YOUR STUDY IN 2017? Most courses allow deferment, so even if you plan to break from study in 2017, you are still encouraged to apply in 2016. Institutions have different deferment policies. For the deferment policies of the various institutions see: http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html.
3. SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) – Don’t forget to organise your SEAS application if you are eligible. Category 1 simply requires you to click the YES box. All other categories (2 – 4) require you to supply extra information or evidence. If you need help with your application from school staff, do it soon as applications close at 5pm on 4 Oct. See: http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html
4. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –

1. Femmes in STEM – Hosted by the world’s 4th ranked faculty of pharmacy and pharmacology, the Monash inaugural Femmes in STEM event allows girls to meet and be inspired by women changing the world through science. Hear about possible career paths, engage with some of the big scientific challenges of the future, and meet other girls who are just as keen on science as themselves. Who: Year 10-12 girls; When: 11am-2.30pm, Fri 23 Sept; Where: Cossar Hall, Monash Parkville campus; Register: http://www.monash.edu/pharm/femmesinstem
2. TAKE CTRL EVENT – Year 11 and 12 students are invited to a taste of Information Technology at the event ‘Take CTRL’. You will be able to meet Monash IT staff, PhD students, and leaders from the IT industry to talk about career opportunities. Activities include: workshop, tour of the immersive data visualisation facility, CAVE2, and a presentation from a guest speaker about where a Monash IT degree can lead. When: 10am-4pm, Tues 27 Sept; Where: Monash Clayton; Details, and to register attendance: www.it.monash.edu/TakeCTRL; Questions: Taylor Maxwell ph 9905 5845, taylor.maxwell@monash.edu

MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES – If you are passionate about promoting good health, preventing disease or managing illness and disability, then consider a Bachelor of Public Health Science, the public health specialisation located in the Bachelor of Health Sciences course. The course provides a solid foundation in health science, with a broad overview of health care and skill development in identifying, investigating, analysing and assessing health issues. Studies include epidemiology, biostatistics, health program planning and health-data management. Careers are in public health research, disease prevention, health promotion, or health planning and management. For more information see: www.study.monash.edu

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART (NIDA) – NIDA, a leading institution for dramatic arts education and training, is offering: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Properties and Objects, Staging, and Technical Theatre and Stage Management; Diplomas in Live Production and Technical Services, Musical Theatre, Screen and Media (Specialist Make-up Services) and Stage and Screen Performance. You must demonstrate commitment and passion in relation to the creative and cultural industries. NIDA wants applications from those of diverse backgrounds with varied levels of experience in theatre, film, television, or other area. Applications close: 30 Sept; Auditions/Interviews: Nov/Dec in capital cities; Apply: www.apply.nida.edu.au

RMIT UNIVERSITY NEWS –

1. SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS – Visit RMIT’s state-of-the-art laboratories to learn about courses and discover how RMIT science courses provide the knowledge and practical skills to tackle real-world problems and advance the way we live, travel, learn and work. When: 11am-2pm, 19 Sept; Info/reg: http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/september/science-in-the-city-lab-tour
5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS –
   - The DIPLOMA OF LANGUAGES (DipLang) is a great way to gain a language qualification while completing a degree. On offer: Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish. Students also have the option of a concurrent Diploma in Informatics, Mathematical Sciences or Music. Info: www.students.unimelb.edu.au/achieve/concurrent-diplomas
   - MUSIC AT SOUTHBANK – In 2017 the University commences construction of a new building for the Conservatorium of Music (MCM) in the Melbourne Arts Precinct. It will help consolidate the existing MCM staff and students on the Southbank campus. The existing Conservatorium building will be retained at Parkville. The new building will include a 443-seat auditorium and a public square contributing to the community space plan for the Melbourne Arts Precinct Blue-print. In addition, the Dodds Street Stables redevelopment will redevelop the Dodds Street police stables into a visual arts wing at Southbank, creating a new entry point to the University and opening the campus to students, local business and residents. It is planned to be completed by mid 2017.

6. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS –
   - ASPIRE APPLICATION CLOSING SOON – Applications for the Aspire Early Admissions Program (EAP) close Wednesday 31 Aug - see http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/about-aspire.
   - EDUCATION COURSE OVERHAUL – The accreditation system for initial teacher education (ITE) programs in Australia is experiencing a shake up. Reforms requiring evidence-based accreditation of ITE programs are coming to ensure graduate teachers are better prepared and ‘classroom ready’. La Trobe is making the mandatory changes but using this opportunity to make improvements across all major education offerings.
   - TALK AND TOUR IN THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS – Like a tour of La Trobe with a Student Ambassador? Then email Livio at l.sikora@latrobe.edu.au or ph 9479 5844.

7. SWINBURNE NEWS

8. DEAKIN
   - IGNITED SCHOLARSHIPS – Ignited scholarships are aimed at attracting more female students into non-traditional areas of study such as Engineering, IT and Construction Management. See: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards

9. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEERIM DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB
SEASON 2016 - 2017

School Holiday Tennis Clinic.
by
Mark Stephens
Tennis Coaching School.
Sept, 19, 20, 21.
9.00am – 10.30am (Beginners)
10.30am – 12.00pm (Experienced)
Cost: $60.00 per participant.
Contact Sarina to book on 0428 281 214.