Neerim District Secondary College
News and Views
May 13, 2016

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.

Year 8 PE
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

TEC Discovery Day

I would like to remind our school community that our next Discovery Day for Grade 5 & 6 students will be on Wednesday 25th May. If you haven’t already done so, please register your interest with your child’s primary school or the College on 5628 1455.

NAPLAN Testing

Students in Years 7 & 9 have been undertaking NAPLAN testing this week. Parents will receive a summary of these reports later in the year. The College uses the information from these tests to inform our teaching programs, and identify any areas for improvement both in student performance and teaching.

Year 11/12 Exams (May 31 – June 3).

It seems a little unbelievable that it is already time for our mid-year exams. Senior students should be preparing for these exams and ensuring that in particular they create a study timetable leading up to the exams.

Melbourne Zoo Excursion (Year 7 & 8)

Year 7 & 8 students will be attending an excursion on the Wednesday 25th May to Melbourne Zoo as part of their Humanities & Science curriculum. The school has chosen to subsidise this excursion to enable all students to attend. Last year in order to have enough available classrooms to run Discovery Day for Grades 5 & 6, it was necessary for the College to ask the support of our community, specifically parents of Year 10 students to allow students to study at home. This year, we have timed the Zoo Excursion to coincide on this day.

Vaya Cross
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Monday 16: House Cross Country
Tuesday 17: Year 11 & 12 - Top Arts Exhibition
Wednesday 18: Year 10 - Federation University Visit, Churchill
Thursday 19: CEA 9 Jewish Holocaust Centre
Wednesday 25: Grade 5 & 6 Discovery Day and Parent Information Night
Wednesday 25: Year 7 & 8 Melbourne Zoo
Thursday 26: CEA 9 Victoria Market
Thursday 26: Year 10 Dance - Zumba @ Voyage
Tuesday 31 - Friday 3: Year 11/12 Exams

June

Wednesday 8 - Thursday 9: Year 10 Exams
Monday 13: QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 14: Year 12 Biology
Tuesday 14: Senior/Intermediate Round Robin Netball
Wednesday 15: Senior/Intermediate Round Robin Soccer & Badminton
Thursday 16: CEA 9 Excursion
Wednesday 22: Year 7/8 Round Robin
Thursday 23: CEA 9 Excursion
Friday 24: LAST DAY OF TERM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

IGA NEERIM SOUTH

NEW LOOK, SAME FRIENDLY SERVICE AND A GREAT RANGE OF SPECIALS EVERY DAY!

This week’s winner is Nathan Everton of Year 7. Congratulations Nathan, present this newsletter to Peter and the team at IGA to receive goods and services to the value of $30.
**GOOD NEWS POSTCARDS**


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**PBS LINK IS HERE!**

Don’t forget to register details of receiving a postcard by ringing the office on 5628 1455 to go in the draw to win a community sponsored prize.

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**PBS IS A MARATHON. NOT A SPRINT.**

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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 Cooper Clancy of Year 10. Cooper has been nominated by Miss Hopkins for his terrific presentations to the junior students. Congratulations to you Cooper. A cheque will be heading your way shortly, courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.

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**Student feeling unwell during school hours**

If your child becomes unwell during school hours, we ask that they report to the Library.

Library staff are first aid trained and will monitor your child and make the decision as to whether you need to come and collect them or if they are able to return to class.

Lately some students are contacting parents directly and asking to be collected. We discourage this practice and ask for your support in this.

Please discuss this with your child and ask them to make the library their first port of call when they are feeling unwell.

Thank you.

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**West Gippsland Athletics Sports**

Last Tuesday, the NDSC Athletics team competed against the other schools of the West Gippsland area. All students gave their best efforts, with many qualifying for the Gippsland Championship in September. Stand out efforts came from multiple students including:

- Isaiah Abrahams – 1st in 17 years boys Javelin ([West Gippsland record of 52.3m](#)), 1st 17 years boys discus, 2nd in 17 year boys Shot Put
- Beau Ellis – 1st in 15 years boys Javelin
- Bronte Harvey – 2nd in 16 year girls Long Jump, 2nd in 16 years girls High Jump
- Cassidy Holland – 2nd in 15 years girls 800m, 3rd in 15 years girls 1500m
- Kyle Clarke – 2nd in 16 year boys Shot Put
- Adam White – 2nd in 16 years boys Long Jump
- Flynn Pallot – 2nd in 13 year boys Javelin
- Tyler Joachim – 2nd in 13 years boys Shot Put
- Tori O’Connor – 2nd in 16 year girls Discus
- Justin Locket – 2nd in 16 years boys 800m
- Tyler Pratt – 3rd in 18-21 years High Jump

Well done to all students who came either first or second for their event, and have qualified for the Gippsland Championships on the Thursday 15th September.

**Lost Property at the Office**

The following items are in lost property if you think they may belong to you please come to the office: a light blue polo shirt, Bombers knit beanie & a white shirt.

Have you lost your left school shoe? This well-worn left shoe was found at the school bus loop, if you think it’s yours please come and collect from the office.

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**DISCOVERY DAY**

**Wednesday May 25th**

9am - 3.20pm

**DISCOVERY DAY – Neerim District Secondary College**

Neerim District Secondary College invites students in the Tarago Education Community and interested Grade 5 & 6 students from other schools to attend a Discovery Day.

During the day, students will participate in a number of classes and explore the wonderful world of Science and Technology.

All students will experiment, make, and cook on the day.

If you are a TEC student or considering Neerim District Secondary College in the future, we invite you to participate in this day and experience learning at NDSC. Come and see why our students are Connected, Community Proud, and Globally Ready.

Please RSVP to the School Office on (03)56281455 by Friday May 14th to reserve your child’s place.

Parent information session will run later that evening (6.30 – 7.30pm)
1. FINDING OUT ABOUT UNIVERSITIES – Universities provide many opportunities for secondary school students to find out about their facilities and courses, such as Open Days and Experience Days. Some of these are detailed below for you diary.

- EXPERIENCE RMIT – Year 10 – 12 students can attend free events and engage in workshops in a wide range of interest areas, while experiencing life on campus. See: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays for more information about RMIT’s Holiday Programs. They occur in the Term 2 holiday break.

- EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – Sample the degree of your choice and get a taste of life at ACU. You will meet staff and students, get a feel for the campus, learn about industries and careers, and enjoy the campus atmosphere. When: Ballarat campus Tues 28 June; Melbourne campus (Fitzroy) Tues 5 July. Register at: www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience.

- EXPERIENCE LA TROBE – This is another opportunity to find out about a university campus, its courses and careers. You’ll be able to go to workshops, attend lectures, do lab experiments, talk with staff, try different study areas and get advice from experts. You will also be able to tour the campus.

2. MORE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS -

- PREREQUISITE CHANGES AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – The College of Science, Health and Engineering at La Trobe has recently conducted an audit of course prerequisites and have made changes to the following degrees:
  - Bachelor of Applied Science/Master of Dietetic Practice
  - Bachelor of Applied Science/Master of Occupational Therapy Practice
  - Bachelor of Biological Sciences
  - Bachelor of Biomedical Science
  - Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-registration)
  - Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
  - Bachelor of Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology)

Click on the links above to view details of the courses and the new prerequisites.

- RANKINGS – La Trobe has been ranked 58 in the world in the latest 2016 Times Higher Education 150 Under 50 ranking of the world’s best young universities. This is a rapid climb of 42 places in two years. This year’s result is a jump of 17 places in 2015 when it ranked 75th which in turn was up 25 from a 100 ranking in 2014.

- ELITE ATHLETE BONUS ENTRY SCHEME – La Trobe is one of only three Victorian universities that offer bonus aggregate points (to the ATAR) for elite athletes. It is available to domestic undergraduate applicants:
  - who are classified as an elite athlete
  - whose sporting commitments have impacted on their previous studies
  - who apply for admission to La Trobe via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Under the scheme eligible students receive five bonus aggregate points towards their entry score for admission (see: www.latrobe.edu.au/sport/elite-athlete).

NOTE: Other universities offering a similar athletes scheme are ACU (see: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_and_performer_program) and Melbourne (Melbourne also has an Artistic Performers Entry Scheme; see: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers).

- WORLD-FIRST BLOOD TEST FOR PARKINSON’S DISEASE – La Trobe researchers have developed a diagnostic blood test which could change the lives of people with Parkinson’s. Currently no clinical biomarker test exists and the only means of diagnosis is a neurological examination. By the time patients have symptoms, large numbers of brain cells are destroyed. The new test will enable doctors to detect abnormal metabolism of blood cells and allow earlier treatment.
EXPLORING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AS A CAREER – You are invited to an information and demonstration evening to hear from Occupational Therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and oncology. These evenings have proved to be a great opportunity for students/parents to hear from OT’s working in their specialised domains, observe demonstrations, and have questions answered. When: 5.00pm Registration, 5.30-8.00pm Presentation and Questions; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4 Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Apply: ASAP, but by 24 June to keely.zenner@austin.org.au (successful students will receive a confirmation email – maximum of two attendees per reservation).

AVIATION FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE
Moorabbin Flying Services in conjunction with the Australian Women Pilots Association are holding a conference aimed at encouraging teenage girls to take the first step in pursuing a career in the aviation industry. With a predicted shortage of skilled employees, this is a wonderful opportunity to share your enthusiasm and passion with young women in the industry. Woman Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers, Aviation Fire Fighters and Cabin Crew will be in attendance. When: 10am-3.30pm, Sat 4 June; Where: Ground Theory Centre, 55 Grange Rd, Cheltenham; Bookings (essential): 9580 8822 or markd@mfs.com.au.

SWINBURNE NEWS –
° The Graduate Destination Survey ranks Swinburne graduate full-time employment rates ahead of most Victorian universities in the areas of science, communications, psychology and engineering. Swinburne employment outcomes are strong across the board, as revealed when compared with other institutions by the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching.
° Did you know? Swinburne’s specialist industry scholarships, Bachelor of Information Technology and the new Bachelor of Accounting and Information Systems, offer students a tax-free scholarship worth around $40,000, work placements and often, a job!
° Over 250 students accepted places in Swinburne’s new professional degrees in 2016. These offer students a 12-month paid work placement worth $30,000, and a head start towards their career. Read more.
° Final-year product design engineering students collaborate with an industry partner. Combining their skills in mechanical engineering and industrial design, students research and design a market-ready product that responds directly to a social or environmental need. Read more.
° Browse Swinburne graduate destinations; Discover where a Swinburne qualification is taking our graduates.
° Creative Industries Forum; Hear from graduates of Swinburne’s vocational design courses; register now.

INTERESTED IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY? A speaker at a recent professional development program for career practitioners at Box Hill Institute pointed out that the industry is looking more closely at the impact it has on the environment. More garments use organic cotton, recyclable synthetics, materials offering more durability and which require less washing, and re-using materials, and more man-made fabrics. Fashion designers work as pattern makers, designers, and in product development. Internships are often available, if you wish to become a sponsor please contact Stuart Nicolson at the school on 5628 1455 to discuss.

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 5628 1234 or 0417 748 884.

Neerim District Junior Football Club - We are still looking for players for Under 12’s and Under 14’s. Numbers will be capped at 20 so players are assured a game every week. Travel and financial support available. Please contact Secretary for more information on 0403 521 458.