DATES TO REMEMBER

March
12 Mar Public Holiday  
14 Mar Years 8 & 10 Closing day, Junior & Middle Learning Community College Captain applications  
15 Mar Year 12 1:1 Netbook Distribution night, Students and Parents, 5.45pm  
16 Mar Grampians Interschool Swimming  
19 Mar FSPC Family School Partnership  
20 Mar Year 11 1:1 Netbook Distribution night, Students and Parents, 5.45pm  
21-23 Mar Year 7 Camp, Camp Curumbene  
28 Mar College School Council AGM & Meeting 6pm staff room  
28 Mar Eureka Interschool Athletics Ballarat  
29 Mar Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews.  
30 Mar Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews.  

April
16 Apr College Pupil Free Day, 1st day Term 2  

May
4 May Grampians Interschool Athletics Ballarat  
8 May Grade 6 Year 7 2013 Information Evening 6pm  
17 May College Cross Country  
24-25 May Concert Band Music Camp  

June
12-13 Jun Unit 3 Exams See AP News for details  
14 Jun GAT See AP News for details  
15 Jun College Pupil Free Day  
25-29 Jun Year 10 Work Experience Week  

December
7 Dec College Pupil Free Day  

Weekly
Tuesday College Free Breakfast 8:30-9am  
Wednesday Maths Help 3:30-4:30pm B4  
Thursday Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30-5pm  

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Term Dates 2012
Term 1 2 February – 30 March  
Term 2 16 April - 29 June  
Term 3 16 July - 21 September  
Term 4 8 October - 21 December  

Athletics Sports

We can’t believe that for a second year in a row our Athletics Carnival was yet again washed out!

What a shame it was that the weather could not hold off for the day, and yet again, we were back on the buses by lunch time returning to Daylesford.

Thank-you to all students who eagerly participated in the less than desirable conditions last week, and to our staff who conducted the events in unpleasant conditions throughout the day. I am pleased to say that we are able to conduct most of the remaining events here at DSC, so this year we will be able to announce Age Group Champions and an overall winning house. Thank you again to Mr Bones for his excellent organisation of the day given our challenging circumstances, and for following through the completion of this carnival here at school. The College was required to persist with holding the event due to being unable to re-book the venue.

Let’s keep our fingers crossed for a hot and sunny sports day in 2013!

2012 College Council

Thank you to all parents who have voted in our ballot for the parent representative positions on this year’s College Council. I am pleased to confirm that the council membership for 2012 is as follows:

- **DEECD Representatives:** Ms. Tiffany Holt, Mr. Phil White, Ms. Marg Cattanach, Mr. Martin Hogan
- **Parent Representatives:** Mr Steve O’Connor, Mr Tim Ferrier, Mr Andrew Cooper, Mr Chris Hartigan, Mr Terry Judd and Ms Donna O’Mara

Congratulations to Terry and Donna on their successful election and appointment to council.

- **Co-Opted Members:** The College sincerely thanks Mrs. Lorraine Hayes in her role as a co-opted member to Council during 2010 and 2011, and especially thank her for her work as College Council President for 2011. Co-opted Membership for 2012 and 2013 will be addressed at our AGM.

College Council Meeting and AGM

The next College Council meeting and the AGM will now be held on Wednesday 28th March 2012 (postponed from March 21st).

The College is currently working closely with our architects in planning Stage 2 of our Building Futures program, and we were required to move our next council meeting in order to meet commitments.
and timelines regarding this planning and approval process.

**College Council and School Uniform**

Students and parents should now be aware that our Family School Partnership Committee (FSPC) will be conducting a full Uniform Audit this year in order to address our current Uniform Policy and to streamline and rectify all uniform requirements. A very large part of this process will be to first consult with our students and we will be doing this with the assistance of our SRC members. The FSPC will also then be consulting with parents so that we gain detailed and essential feedback from all within our college community.

We wish to congratulate and thank the school community for their positive response to ensuring that correct uniform is currently being worn. We are very pleased with our student’s maturity and cooperation in trying to do the right thing and our parents supporting us in this matter. We still have a way to go and we will continue implementing our college policy around uniform.

In saying this, College Council wish to advise that our current policy has never stated that black denim jeans are an approved uniform item. Therefore, Council wish to advise all parents and students that as of the beginning of Term 2, black “denim” jeans are not appropriate uniform, and students wearing these will be considered out of uniform. The wording on the current college uniform policy brochure states “Plain black or grey tailored schools pants - no denim or jeans of any colour.” The policy also states that under no circumstances are leggings to be worn instead of pants.

I also wish to clarify the length of girl’s dresses, skirts and shorts. We simply ask that the length of these items be close to the knee. Whilst we do not wish to “measure” this, we advise that approximately 5 centimetres from the top of the knee is appropriate.

We ask that parents ensure that all students have correct uniform items ready for the colder weather approaching in Term 2, and we remind parents that orders for our college black jackets are now being taken at the general office.

**Senior Netbooks 1:1 Program**

We are very pleased that the netbooks for our senior students have finally arrived and are now fully set up and ready to be distributed.

In order for students to receive their Netbooks, both the student and the parent/guardian MUST attend the following information session, where they will be briefed on all terms of use and the regulations around these machines. Students will also be given an introduction to the Netbooks at these meetings, and they will be able to take their new machine home with them on this night provided all requirements have been met.

Information and netbook distribution nights:

- **Year 12 Students and Parents** – Thursday 15th March @ 5.45pm
- **Year 11 Students and Parents** - Tuesday 20th March @ 5.45pm

**Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews**

Two days/times have been scheduled for these interviews:

- **Thursday 29th March** – 4 to 6.30pm. This is a normal school day for students.
- **Friday 30th March** – 9am to 12.30pm. This is the last day of Term 1 and there is no normal school on this day.

Students will receive their Term 1 Interim Reports on Thursday 22nd March at their homegroup meetings. In the envelope is information on how parents can make appointments to see their child’s or children's teacher/s.

If teachers are concerned about your child’s progress, parents will also receive a special letter specifically requesting that they attend interviews on one of these days. Should any parent not be able to attend on the either the Thursday evening or Friday morning session, please let us know and we can schedule a time that is convenient for you.

We encourage parents to come to the interviews if they have concerns or would like to meet their child/ren's teachers to discuss their progress.

**Students are required to attend interviews with parents.**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the general office on 5348 2367.

**Congratulations - Longest Lunch**

Mrs Lorraine Hayes, College Council President, attended the Longest Lunch in Glenylon last Friday and has congratulated the student volunteers.

She reported that the following students certainly did our school proud as they assisted at the lunch, waiting on over 150 guests!

Our students were extremely polite, capable, and friendly, and modelled our College Values throughout the day. We congratulate and thank you all on a job well done! Jack Simmonds, Clare Daly, Ruby Scott, Clare Hartigan, Melissa Howell, Harmony Virgilio, James Bolton, Amy Gamble, Liam Oliver, Tallulah Sargeson and Carley Kirby.

**Congratulations - Eureka Swimming Carnival**

Well done on the excellent results achieved by our College Swimming Team who placed an overall 2nd at the Eureka Swimming Carnival in Ballarat on Friday. Again, this is an outstanding achievement by you all - Fantastic! Good luck to those competing in the Grampians Swimming Carnival in Horsham.

**Miss Holt 😊**

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**from Mr White**

**Vice Principal**

**Year 11& 12 Students**

**2012 Written Examinations - Unit 3 & GAT**

Year 11 students studying a Unit 3/4 subject will sit the GAT - General Achievement Test.

**Starting times**

Each examination commences with a 15-minute reading period. The reading period is included in the
The following conditions apply for student drivers:

Registration and Parent Consent Form (from school, whether regularly or on a casual basis).

Licensed student drivers who wish to drive to and from school. However, in some circumstances, providing that the passenger section of the Car Registration and Parent Consent Form is completed and lodged with the School.

You must obey the road rules and drive with extreme care at all times, including in the local school zone. Breaches of the road rules may be reported to the police.

You must not drive into the school grounds. Parking is available in Smith Street.

Student drivers are not permitted to drive any passengers will fully abide by the college’s Student Driver Policy. Breaches of the Student Driver Policy may lead to parent contact and appropriate sanctions, including withdrawal of driving privileges.

The Car Registration and Parent Consent Form contain an agreement that the student drivers and passengers will fully abide by the college’s Student Driver Policy. Breaches of the Student Driver Policy may lead to parent contact and appropriate sanctions, including withdrawal of driving privileges.

### Examination responses

All written responses must be in English, unless otherwise instructed in the question book for that particular examination.

### June examinations and GAT timetable

**Important to note:** Each examination commences with a 15-minute reading period which is included in the times shown in the timetable.

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**Year 11 & 12 Study Timetable**

The expected workload of students through Years 11 and 12 at our College is considerable, covering activities conducted in class time and designated learning activities which are designed to extend and consolidate skills, concepts and understanding. Assessment tasks and revision activities are also included.

All students are expected to develop a study timetable that identifies times across each week for all their commitments including:

- Part – time work
- Social activities
- Sport
- Family and community events
- And two to three hours study time for each subject

Where students develop and adhere to their study timetable, they give themselves the best chance to obtain results that reflect their ability and derive a sense of being ‘in control’ of the demands of their VCE/VCAL program.

### Student Car Use

Licensed student drivers who wish to drive to and from school, whether regularly or on a casual basis, must gain prior approval by submitting the Car Registration and Parent Consent Form (available from the Senior School Assistant Principals Office).

The following conditions apply for student drivers:

- Student drivers are not permitted to drive any student to or from school. However, in some circumstances, providing that the passenger section of the Car Registration and Parent Consent Form is completed and lodged with the College Principal, siblings may travel to and from school with the licensed driver.
- Once at school, you may not drive your car during the school day unless issued with a pass.
- You are not permitted to drive other students to any excursions or activity, whether during school hours or at other times.
- You must not drive into the school grounds.
- Parking is available in Smith Street.
- You must obey the road rules and drive with extreme care at all times, including in the local school zone. Breaches of the road rules may be reported to the police.

The Car Registration and Parent Consent Form contain an agreement that the student drivers and passengers will fully abide by the college’s Student Driver Policy. Breaches of the Student Driver Policy may lead to parent contact and appropriate sanctions, including withdrawal of driving privileges.

**Phil White**

**Junior & Middle Learning Community**

**2012 Junior and Middle Learning Community College Captain Information**

**Application Process**

When applying for the Learning Community College Captain position, students must complete the following: (Middle LC Year 10 students only and Junior LC Year 8 students only)

- A nomination form signed by the applicant.
- A written application addressing the selection criteria listed.
- List two staff members who are prepared to be your referee.
- Applications must be submitted by Wednesday 14th March to Mr. White or your Learning Community Managers.

**Position Description**

Students selected to the Leadership Program will be expected to:

- Represent the College in an appropriate manner, at all times reflecting the values and ethos of the College.
- Provide an appropriate role model for other students.
- Attend leadership meetings as requested. Initiate and implement proactive programs to enhance opportunities for students.
- Encourage positive student involvement in extra curricula activities.
- Attend committee meetings as student representatives as required.
- Work effectively as members of the student leadership team.
- Address Learning Community Assemblies as required. Undertake a range of official duties as required.
- Liaise between the College Administration and the students as appropriate.
Successful Criteria

Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate:

• A commitment to success in their chosen course.
• Involvement in and commitment to the wider school curriculum.
• Leadership capabilities/potential over his/her years at the school.
• A commitment to the college philosophy.
• A high standard of interpersonal skills
• Excellent communication skills.

In addressing these criteria, applicants must provide evidence of their ability to meet the criteria.

LEARNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPTAIN application

I wish to apply for the School Captain Leadership role and I believe I have the necessary skills to fulfil the expectations of a student leader.

Name:……………………… Homegroup: …………

Student Wellbeing & Engagement

Rotary Camps for Our Students

Ben, in Year 12, recently spoke to the Daylesford Rotary Club, who sponsored him to attend the Lord and Lady Somers camp for students.

Ben expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the camp, which focused on leadership skills, self-awareness and simply having fun with students from other schools.

We are again grateful for Rotary’s sponsorship of four students to attend the weekend long RYPEN camp in Lancefield later in March. As well as covering the expenses, the Daylesford Branch also secured two extra places to allow all of the applicants to attend. We look forward to a report from those students after the camp.

Year 9 & 10 Back Pack Adventures Excursion

Back Pack Adventures is a geography-based subject for Year 9 & 10. Essentially, we are concerned with being aware travellers - practically, culturally, financially and with regards to personal safety.

Our starting point has been local tourism. As locals, we are in a position to see firsthand the benefits and issues of travel and tourism.

We are grateful to John Collins and Rebecca Clohesy from the Daylesford Regional Visitor Information Centre who hosted our visit. They discussed visitor numbers, the economic importance of tourism to the area and the target market for the Visit Daylesford/Hepburn advertising campaign, as well as future issues and challenges. The majority of students had never visited the Information Centre.

As students plan for their own trip of a lifetime, we would like to have members of the school community who have recently slung a backpack over their shoulder and headed off, to share some experiences and photos with the class. Our class times are Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. If this sounds like you, please contact (Mr) Brendan Murray to arrange a time.

College News & Office Notices

Uniform - College Black Winter Jacket

The office has some samples of the jacket for parents and students to view. The college will order the jackets from the supplier before the end of term and the expected cost is $65.

2nd Hand Book Stall - Money to Be Collected

Any families who put books into the Second Hand Book Sale last year can now collect their money from the General Office. Books not sold can be held by the school to continue selling.

If your child is collecting the money on your behalf, please send them with a note signed by the Parent / Carer giving permission for them to do so.

Any monies not collected by the end of Term 1 – Friday 30th March will placed in your family account. Books not able to be sold will be donated to charity.

If you would like to confirm if you have money or books to collect, please call Lisa at the General Office.

Tax File Numbers for Students

The Tax Office, with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the Tax Office. The application form is available from the school, and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student’s name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

• students born in Australia will need to provide their
  o birth certificate number
  o state of issue
  o year of registration
• students born overseas will need to provide their
  o overseas passport number and country of issue, or
  o Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue.
It is important that the application form is completed correctly and in full, and signed by the student. All information provided on the application form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by crosschecking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to school or the Tax Office.

Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the Tax Office.

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### Careers & MIPS Update

**Week 6 Term 1 2012**

**Year 10 – is your Work Experience placement organised yet?**

**CAREER EXPOS**

Career Expos provide an opportunity to collect information and to talk to staff from a wide variety of education and training providers at the one time and location.

Coming up (dates for your diary):
- The Age VCE and Careers Expo is from Thurs 3 to Sun 6 May at the Caulfield Race Course
- National Careers & Employment Expo: 18/19 May at Melbourne Convention Centre
- The Herald Sun Career Expo is on 27 – 29 July
- Engineering Careers Expo is 2-7pm, 29 Mar, Etihad Stadium; [www.engineeringexpo.org.au](http://www.engineeringexpo.org.au)

**OPEN DAYS**

University and TAFE Open Days are a great source of information. Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 should take note.

- Sat 23 June – Holmesglen
- Sun 24 June – Victoria Uni
- Sat 4 Aug – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsular)
- Sun 5 Aug – La Trobe (Albury-Wodonga); Monash (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville)
- Sun 12 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Warrnambool); Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
- Sun 19 Aug – Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bendigo); Swinburne (Uni & TAFE)
- Sun 26 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Melbourne Burwood); La Trobe (Melbourne Bundoora)

**CAREER EVENTS - Throughout the Year**

1. Starting very soon is the annual ‘At Monash’ Seminar series. These give you a head start when considering where a university degree can take you. **What/When (all 6.30-8pm):** See following for information and registration: **Info:** 1800 Monash/9903 4810; **Register/locations:** [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars)


3. [Trial-a-Trade day at William Angliss Institute](http://www.williamangliss.edu.au/trial) 14-18 year olds, Sun 18 March. **Where:** William Angliss, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; **Cost:** $28.00; **Info/registration:** 1300 264 547 or [www.angliss.edu.au/trial](http://www.angliss.edu.au/trial)

4. Environmental science and engineering day at RMIT. **When:** Thurs 5 April; **Cost:** Free (incl lunch – a bargain); **Info/register:** [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays). **Call:** Clare, 9925 3699; more ‘Get Real Experience’ activities coming in arts/design, computing, marketing and medical sciences (info soon)

5. ‘Experience La Trobe’ - a uni student for a day at La Trobe Uni. Yr 10 - 12s and parents. It’s free, entertainment and lunch provided. **When:** Fri 13 April and Tues 3 July (holidays); **Where:** La Trobe (Bundoora); Register (and check sessions at Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga): [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience)


**WEBSITES**

University and TAFE websites are a great source of information. A website regarding tertiary study, costs and financial assistance (with links to other great careers sites) for tertiary education has been updated to [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au). A very useful site combining a wealth of career information.

**Nursing - A Summary**

- The [Bachelor of Nursing](http://www.monash.edu/education/medicine-and-surgery/bachelor-of-nursing) (a 3-year undergraduate degree for registration as a Division 1 nurse) is taught at many universities (ACU, Ballarat, Deakin, La Trobe, Monash, RMIT and VU). It is also taught at some TAFE Institutes (e.g. Holmesglen)
- A number of universities such as ACU and Monash offer a [Bachelor of Midwifery](http://www.monash.edu/education/medicine-and-surgery/bachelor-of-midwifery) (for those who wish to work with mothers)
- Some offer a double degree in Nursing/Midwifery, where students complete both qualifications in four years (e.g. Deakin, La Trobe and Monash - Gippsland)
- A number of universities offer other combinations of double degrees such Nursing/Business Administration (ACU), Nursing/Paramedics (ACU – Ballarat, Monash), Nursing/Psychology and Nursing/Public Health and Health Promotion at Deakin
- Melbourne university has a post-graduate nursing degree (Master of Nursing Science)
Friends how you would want to be treated. Others to see or know about. Treat your reputation. A poor digital reputation can affect your friendships and relationships as well as your future job prospects. What happens online can permanently affect you in the real world. 

**English**

8.1 English

We mark homework and have a spelling test each Friday. It would be a great help if parents/carers could help revise spelling and check homework. Each week half a chapter must be completed and 15 spelling words revised. On the 9th March, we will be correcting the first half of chapter 3. Poetry posters are now overdue and students should start reading "Runner." Cheers, Helen Robinson

**Maths**

**Concerned about your Child’s Maths?**

If parents have any concerns about their child’s maths work, they should contact their maths teacher at the school.

*Karel Arndt for the Maths Faculty*

**Family School Partnership Committee**

**Communication and the Student Diary**

In response to the FSPC College Communication Survey, teachers are focusing on the use of the student diary to communicate between students, teachers and families. Please make time to review your child’s diary. Don’t just sign it off without reading it! Check if there are messages from any teachers and review the homework your child has coming up. You can enter notes about absences and uniform. For private notes, put the note in the plastic pocket for your child to give to their teacher or the office.

Your child’s timetable should also be in the plastic pocket.

**Cybersafety Tips for Your Children**

Your digital reputation is defined by your behaviour in the online environment and by the content that you post about yourself and others. Tagged photos, blog posts and social networking interactions will all shape how you are perceived by others online and offline. A poor digital reputation can affect your friendships and relationships as well as your future job prospects. What happens online can permanently affect you in the real world—so protect your digital reputation.

**TIP:** Don’t post anything you don’t want others to see or know about. Treat your friends how you would want to be treated.

**Next FSPC Meeting**

If you have time help plan the activities of this group, please come to our next meeting on **Monday 19th March** 9:15am in college conference room.

For more information, contact Donna O’Mara on fpsc@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-7970

**Community News**

**UnitingCare Book Fair**

**Saturday 10th March**

Wide range of fiction and non-fiction second-hand books at bargain prices. Fair will also include a sausage sizzle and coffee van. Raising funds for UnitingCare Ballarat Homelessness Service Programs. **Inquiries:** 5337 2725. **Time:** from 10.00am. **Location:** St. Andrew’s Uniting Church Hall, cnr Dawson and Sturt Sts, Ballarat.

**DYSLEXIA**

- Does it affect your child’s learning ability and self-esteem?
- Does your child suffer the frustration of being smart yet not being able to read?
- Are you concerned about how best to help your child?

Then join us for a coffee as we chat informally about the difficulties and the possibilities for your child with Dyslexia. 9am every first Friday of the month at “The Village Larder” in Woodend.

Experienced parents from Parent Support 4LD and qualified professionals will help you through the maze. **Phone Marg:** 5427 2581… or just turn up!

**Rural Access Disability Survey**

The purpose of the survey is to collect information relative to persons with a disability who live in the Hepburn Shire to establish if current programs, services and activities are meeting individual needs. Survey link [www.surveymonkey.com/s/BGTYQXF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BGTYQXF). The target group for this survey are those with profound or severe limitations in their ability to undertake core activities including communication, mobility and self-care, and have non-existent or minimal social inclusion in their community. To view the Hepburn Health Service’s Privacy Policy, visit our website: [www.hhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.hhs.vic.gov.au).

The Survey should take you around 5-10 minutes to complete. If you need any assistance or have additional information, please contact your Rural Access worker Fiona Porter on (03) 5321 6567.

**Computer Tutor - Help Wanted**

I need a savvy computer person to tutor me in a range of areas, i.e., facebook, twitter, iPod set up, Skype and some theoretical understanding of it all! You must be a good communicator & understanding to assist me with a higher degree of knowledge. For one-on-one tuition, rate negotiable. Phone Marguerite 0417 332 459.