DSC Students On Work Experience

Year 10 students on Work Experience
Sophie experiencing life at work at St Michael’s Primary School and Kyle – car mechanics runs in the family.

Each year our Year 10 students complete a week of work experience in an industry of interest to them. This provides them with an opportunity to ‘test the waters’ of the working world. This can often assist them to make decisions about future pathways and, on occasions, lead to ongoing employment or apprenticeships. For some it can confirm their area of interest while for others, it can enable something to be crossed off the list. Either way, it is a valuable experience at a very important time in their lives. As always, we are very grateful to the employers who provide our students with the opportunity to participate in work experience.

COMING EVENTS
Senior Information Night for 2016 Year 11 & 12 Students – 27 July, 6pm
2016 Year 9 & 10 Information Night – 3 August – 6pm
Ski Trip 11 – 14 August
VTAC Information Night – 17 August, 7pm
Welcome to term three. Yes, it seems a long time in coming as we are almost two-weeks into the term yet a welcome is still important. It promises to be another busy time for learning as well as for participating in a range of interesting extra-curricular activities. Our core purpose is learning; learning at the cognitive, social, emotional and physical levels. I usually refer to term three as the premiership quarter. This is because the real gains are made during term three and those students who work diligently during the third term certainly set themselves up for success in the final quarter. Term three is, of course, critical for our Year12 students as this is the lead-in to their final exams which take place early in term four. Focused, organised and intense effort in term three will establish the conditions for ultimate success.

Some of the features of term three include the senior ball, which was held last night, the annual ski trip, a visit by a group of Italian students and, of course, our highly valued and exciting annual school production. Two of our students won their way through to the state finals in cross country last term. One, Eve Stockfeld, participated at Bundooora during the first week of term three. She ran a very creditable time and was placed in the mid-60s out of a field of in excess of 100 students. Well done Eve. Unfortunately Owen Turbitt was unwell on the day hence was unable to participate but he did a great job in achieving the right to run in the state finals.

PRIORITY REVIEW — THE BACKGROUND
School improvement planning operates on an annual as well as a four-year rotation cycle. A School Strategic Plan is developed for a four-year timeframe then Annual Implementation Plans are developed to implement the strategies. Every four years each school has a thorough review which enables the school to develop a new strategic plan to focus on improvement over the ensuing four years. Daylesford Secondary College’s strategic plan has come to an end hence it is time for a review and development of new strategies for improvement. You will recall that we invited parents to have input to our self-evaluation last term. That was the precursor to this priority review. Over the next few weeks our external reviewers will be visiting the college and undertaking a series of meetings and forums with staff, students and parents.

Invitation To Have your Say – the details of our priority reviews are still in the formative stage. However, there will be an open meeting of school council on Thursday 30th July where all parents and carers are invited to join with councillors to meet with the reviewer. Mr Peter Gannon, a well-respected and professional reviewer would like to meet as many parents as possible at this open forum. He will seek your opinions about the school and, in an open and friendly way, ask your views on areas for improvement. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to help in evaluating school performance as well as assisting in providing direction for the future. The open meeting will be held in the library from 7 to 8pm on Thursday 30 July.

Parent Survey
The annual parent survey was posted home this week. A random sample of 70 parents were asked to respond to the survey questions. The parent survey provides important feedback to our College and to our College Council on a broad range of areas. Next year is our year of review, a time when we analyse the achievements and issues impacting student achievement. The parent survey results provide essential information to feed into this review process. If you receive a parent survey form, I ask that you take a little time and complete the questions. It is completely anonymous and provides important information for us to enable our school to continue to improve.

STAGE 2 REBUILD
College Council has submitted the school’s Asset Management Plan (AMP) to our Regional Office as required. We are awaiting a response. You can check the progress of our Stage 2 Rebuild by clicking on the Community tab on our school website. This page will provide any updates as they become available.

INFORMATION NIGHTS -

2016 - Year 11 & 12
All current Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the Senior School 2016 Information Night to be held in C1 and C2 on Monday 27th July from 6pm - 7pm.

2016 - Year 9 & 10
All current Year 8 and 9 students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the Middle School 2016 Information Night to be held in C1 and C2 on Monday 3rd August from 6pm - 7pm.

Invitation to Have Your Say - Open Forum
For All Parents and Carers
There will be an open meeting of school council on Thursday 30th July where all parents and carers are invited to join with councillors to meet with the reviewer. Mr Peter Gannon

The open meeting will be held in the Library from 7pm to 8pm on Thursday 30 July.

FREE DRESS DAY & BBQ - FRIDAY 31st July
This free dress day will be a gold coin donation and ALL proceeds will go towards a local school family who are in desperate need of funding to support their loved one who is battling bowel cancer. Please wear as much green and red as possible to raise awareness for this cause.
Information Technology - XUNO

Keeping Parents In The Loop: XUNO

XUNO is an online platform that gives you a live insight into your child’s attendance, learning and everything else that’s going on at school. It is packed full of features and over the next 12 or so months we will be rolling these features out to you. Term 3 will see all parents provided with your own login details at which point you will be able to:

- check your child’s attendance;
- view your child’s timetable;
- message your child’s teacher;
- receive up-to-the-minute news;
- access your child’s reports;
- view the College calendar; and
- book parent-teacher interviews.

For more information on XUNO please visit www.xtremesoftware.com.au/features/portal/

Senior Learning Community

YEAR 11 & 12 2016 INFORMATION NIGHT

All current Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the Senior School 2016 Information Night. This will be held in C1 & C2 on Monday 27th July from 6pm – 7pm.

The Information Night will provide important information to students about the course selection process for their initial preferences and beyond, giving them information about VCE and VCAL and provide an opportunity to speak with staff about specific subjects.

Please contact the College for more information.

Natalie Kirby
Senior Learning Community Manager

VCE Writing Workshops

VCE Writing Workshops will run every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 - 4.30 in the Senior Centre (S1).

These sessions will cover topics such as "How to write a really good sentence", "Structuring your essay correctly" and "How to interpret questions / prompts". The workshops will cover skills that can be used in any VCE subject that requires a written component, so everyone is welcome.

Sandra Norsen
English KLA Leader

VCAL Students Organising & Preparing SENIOR BALL

On Thursday VCAL Students prepared and ensured all was in place for a great night – 2015 Senior Ball.

Sports/PE/Outdoor Education

State Cross Country

CONGRATULATIONS to Eve on finishing in 63rd position at the State Cross Country in Bundoora last week. To compete at this level is a fantastic achievement and we are proud of her efforts in Cross Country running for 2015.

Eureka Intermediate & Senior Boys Basketball

The Intermediate and Senior Boys competed last week in Ballarat with the Intermediates winning 2 out of the 5 games and the Seniors 1 out of 4 matches.
Careers News

Work Experience – a great success! Most of our Year 10 students went out into the adult world of work during the final week of term 2. Some students had already completed their week and others will complete their week later in the year. One even gave up a week of her holidays!

A great variety of occupations –

Mrs Barlow’s favourite photo, Micayla looking after Mrs Barlow’s dog after surgery at the Hepburn Veterinary Clinic.

Right: Thomas
Below left: Ethan and below right: James

Work Experience photo link: http://prezi.com/5fviw4-kndbg/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

YEAR 12
Year 12 students are beginning the process of applying for further education and training.

The first step in this process was to attend the Ballarat TIS event – Tertiary Information Session.

The next steps in the process:

- Attend 17 August VTAC information session for parents & students. Held at school at 7pm.
- This will cover the basic information about
  - applying for universities, TAFEs and private courses
  - applying interstate
  - special entry access scheme
  - early entry schemes
  - deferring courses
  - scholarships and more
- Attend OPEN DAYS – see below
- We suggest that students complete their VTAC applications in our office but not until after the 17 August information session. Timely applications do not close until the next school holidays.

2016 Scholarships for current year 12 students – start doing a little research
All Year 12 students planning tertiary education in 2016 need to be aware of scholarship opportunities. A good starting point to find out about them is go to the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) and search Scholarships at the top of the screen. Many are applied for almost automatically when you apply for courses but some scholarships require an actual application.

To find these, go to the individual institution websites (eg www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships).
Many scholarships are offered on the basis of equity issues, not just because of academic performance. Scholarship applications close after general applications and SEAS. It is sensible to make applications in the following order:

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There are also scholarships outside of the university websites – in general for students with reasonable results but who are in financial need. Any student who believes they are in financial need should make
an appointment with us ASAP to discuss applying for these scholarships.

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**Years 10, 11 & 12 - start preparing for OPEN DAYS**

For a complete list of events go to: [http://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays.html)

**HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAY VISITS – Plan**

- Be there when relevant information sessions are on
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff about courses which interest you - prepare your questions beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses which interest you
- Collect information/brochures
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about international study opportunities – a popular option
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
- Ask about accommodation if you are leaving home. Does the university provide a ‘Housing’ officer?
- Costs of college or related housing?

**NOTE:** If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process, attendance is A MUST! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.

Jess Phillpot spent four days of the holidays at a folio preparation course for visual merchandising at RMIT. She enjoyed the course enormously and the experience of staying in Melbourne and catching early morning trains! There were only five other participants and the teacher was very impressive being both an educator and working for high profile Melbourne retailers. Jess’s highlight was preparing a window front for a perfume brand. She has come back to school feeling excited and highly motivated.

Although the course was expensive she believes the money was well spent.

**Ballarat Careers Expo**

**Ballarat Rotary Careers Expo**

**Monday 17 August**

7pm – 9 pm

$1 entry – great expo

**Melbourne Careers Expo**

- Fri 24, Sat 25 & Sun 26 July, Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank;
- Info: info@careersexpo.com.au, Ph 9620 9920,

**Year 10 students - VICTER 2018**

Although applying for university seems a long way off, you will be making decisions about your senior years’ courses in the next short while. Some university courses have ‘pre-requisites’, that is VCE subjects that you must have completed while at school. Universities have to make this information available to you now – so information regarding tertiary entry for 2018 is now available on the VTAC website (look for VICTER 2018 in Publications).

**Nursing and midwifery at Deakin**

Find out about nursing degrees.

**When/Where:** Burwood - 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 25 July, The Point, Level 1;

OR Geelong Waterfront - Sat 25 July, Building AD, Western Beach Room 6.104;

**Register:** ph 9244 6032 or nursinfo@deakin.edu.au (say which session you wish to attend);


**Monash University News**

**Monash Sports Scholarships**

Elite athletes are able to apply for scholarships at Monash. You need to apply for your course in the usual way through VTAC, and then to Team MONASH for your scholarship. These scholarships are not applied for through the VTAC scholarship application process. See: [www.monash.edu/teammonash](http://www.monash.edu/teammonash).

**New double degrees in Design at Monash Caulfield**

From 2016 Monash will offer double degrees in Design and Business, Design and Information Technology, and Engineering and Industrial Design. Double degrees allow you to study broader areas than a single degree, in less time than it takes...
to do them separately. They can improve career options as well. Many students study overseas for part of their degree. The Monash campus at Prato in Italy, is a popular option for design. Applicants for design courses apply for courses through VTAC (www.vtac.edu.au) as usual (from 3 August), but must contact MADA (Monash Art Design and Architecture) via their website for an interview as well (www.monash.edu/mada). Most Monash staff at Monash work in industry – a big plus for students.

Nutrition and dietetics
From 2016, Dietetics will be a Masters qualification at Monash. The most direct pathway into the Masters degree will be the completion of B. Nutrition Science at Monash. It will not be possible to study dietetics as an undergraduate degree – the same as at Deakin. The B. Nutrition Science Scholars program is offered for VCE high achievers. These students are guaranteed a place in the Masters program so long as they maintain at least a credit average. If you complete the B. Nutrition Science at Monash, the Masters will take 18 months. For those coming from another degree it will take two years. See: www.daa.asn.au for info. about being a dietitian.

Experience the outdoors
Experience the life of an Outdoor and Environmental Education student at La Trobe in the next holidays. The 5-day program, for Year 10-12 students, offers either climbing and bushwalking or paddling and bushwalking.
When: 28 Sept-2 Oct;
Where: Begins at Bendigo campus; Cost: $100;
Info: www.latrobe.edu.au;
Search - Experience the Outdoors.

Tuesday Night SENIOR STUDY Sessions
Senior students are invited to attend our senior school study nights on Tuesdays after school. Some senior staff will be available to assist students with their study during this time.

Absences
Just a little bit late …
If your child misses half an hour per day that equals half a day per week which is four weeks per year which, over thirteen years of schooling, comes to missing nearly one and a half years of school.

School Uniform
It is extremely cold, frosty and unpleasant, especially in the mornings. Please dress appropriately, however, hoodies are banned at all times.

COMMUNITY NEWS
FREE DENTAL TREATMENT - Hepburn Health Services - See letter at the end of the newsletter for more information

MATHS Help
Ms Arndt is available for help with maths. Call her on 5476 4420 to discuss your needs.

ENGLISH Help
Experienced English and VCE English tutor available Monday or Friday daytime (if you have study periods) at the Daylesford Library, or Monday and Friday evenings from 4pm at the Daylesford Neighbourhood House. Call or text Cate for details and bookings on 0450 413 540,

UNIFORMS FOR SALE
We have a number of girls uniform items to sell
If you are interested contact Tina Winzar on 5447 0771 or 0403 299 646
Winter skirt size 12C VGC $20.00
2 long sleeve shirts size 12/34 VGC $8.00 each
1 long sleeve shirt size 14/16 VGC $8.00
School jumper size 14 GC $12.00
3 summer dresses size 12C VGC $10.00 each
2 short sleeve shirts size 8A as new $15.00 each
1 pr black shorts
size 8A as new $15.00
Sports polo
size 12 GC $5.00
2 navy aprons, 1 white, 1 safety goggles $10.00 for the lot.

There are many benefits to physical activity:
- Preventing or improving the management of chronic conditions such as arthritis, osteoporosis, type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease
- Reducing tension, stress and mental fatigue
- Feeling better about yourself – more confidence, self esteem and capacity to enjoy life
- Inspiring others

Why not try …..
- Walking or cycling and leave the car at home
- Dancing at home or with others
- Going for a 15 minute jog before breakfast
- Doing household tasks like cleaning windows, raking leaves or vacuuming
- Catching up with friends for a walk, instead of sitting to chat

If you are new to physical activity, have a health problem, or are concerned about the safety of being (more) active, speak to your doctor or health professional about the most suitable activities for you.

WHAT’S ON THIS TERM AT TRENTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.

Meditation: Three Mindful Mornings
There is a lot of talk these days about mindfulness and meditation. In three relaxed and informative sessions various forms of meditation and mindfulness will be explored. You will be guided by Brad, who with over 20 years experience in Buddhist and Yogic meditation techniques, will lead the group in an exploration of the nature and practice of different styles of meditation including mindfulness of breathing, single point of focus and walking meditation.
Friday 28 August, 4 and 11 September 9:30-10:30am
Tutor: Brad Sadler
$10 per week

French for Fun and Travel
A relaxed introduction to the French language that includes helpful basics for travelling, some simple conversation and an exploration of French culture and society.
Monday 4:30-5:30pm
(8 weeks commenced 20 July)
Tutor: Lynn Sunderland
$80 per term

SPRUNG CIRCUS/CASTLEMAINE YOUTH CIRCUS

SPRUNG CIRCUS/Castlemaine Youth Circus performance project and Sprung classes. We are looking for young people who would like to work towards a performance with the Castlemaine Youth Circus for this year's Swiss-Italian Festa. Training for this project and usual teen class is on Wednesdays 5.45-7.00pm.
Also suitable for teens is acrobalance on Mondays 5.45-7.00pm. For more info see www.sprungcircus.net or phone 04774993
HEPBURN BEETLES - A Group for Foster & Kinship Carers

Hepburn Beetles
A group for foster & kinship carers living in the Daylesford area

CAFS Kinship Care program facilitates monthly morning teas from 10:30am - 12pm @ CAFS
Daylesford (13 Hospital Street).

If you would like to join us -
➢ For a coffee and a chat
➢ To meet other local carers
➢ To access information and support

You can contact Toni Schütz 03 53373333

Daylesford Hepburn Soccer Club
needs you!
If you're 12-15 years old and want to play soccer in 2015, ring the club now.

• Training: Wednesdays 4-6pm
• Games: Sundays mornings/midday April 19 - August 30

• Keep up your other sport commitments eg footy - no clash with training or games
• Generous registration fee arrangement*
• Car pooling to take pressure off parents/carers

*If a member of Daylesford Junior Football Club

Daylesford Hepburn United Soccer Club
All enquiries:
Pete D'Orghio 0401957942 president@daylesfordsoccerclub.com
Murray Peham 0403188448 secretary@daylesfordsoccerclub.com
Would you like **FREE** Dental Treatment?

Hepburn Health Services is now offering **FREE** Dental Treatment

- If you are aged between 0-12 years old, you are eligible for a **FREE** dental examination and any dental treatment required such as fillings, fissure seals, cleaning, dental X-Rays and extractions.

- If you are aged between 13-17 years old, you are eligible for a **FREE** dental examination and any dental treatment required such as fillings, fissure seals, cleaning, dental X-Rays and extractions. For this age group, you are required to have, or be dependents of a valid
  - Health Care Concession Card
  - Pension Concession Card

- If you are aged between 13-17 years of age, **BUT DO NOT HOLD** a Concession Card, but **DO RECEIVE FAMILY BENEFIT PART A** – you are eligible for up to $1000 of dental treatment over a two year period from our Private Dentist. A co-payment may need to be paid.

Waiting lists do not apply for Child and Youth Dental Patients

For further information, or to arrange an appointment, please call our Dental Receptionist on: 5321 6580