NATIONAL TREE DAY at DSC

From left: Noah, Ethan & Mitch prepare plants for the vertical garden

**Science and Art together creating a great environment**

The DSC Green Team ran 3 projects on this day.

DSC students were busy creating vertical gardens to green up the alcove, created with moss a 3D living sculpture on a brick wall and planted native trees and shrubs throughout the school grounds to create important habitats for insects, birds and wildlife as well as a shady place to sit in summer.

**COMING EVENTS**

Ski Trip 11 – 14 August
VTAC Information Session – 17 August, 7pm
Pink Day - Free Dress Day – 20 August
Curriculum Day – Student Free Day – 21 August
DSC Production – 3, 4, 10, & 11 September
The parent forum has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 6 October at 7pm for an hour. This is the first week back in term 4. It is hoped that you will be able to attend this open forum and provide your input as to the successes and areas for improvement across our College.

**Debating**

We had an excellent contingent of debaters participate in the Royal South Street debating over the past few weeks. See the detailed report on page 4 in this newsletter.

Congratulations go to all of the debaters who, I am reliably informed, debated extremely well and represented themselves, the school and their families impressively.

Thanks go to Mrs Robinson who, again this year, worked long and hard with the debating teams to assist them in the preparation of their debates. It is hoped that we will be able to get a few of our teams into the finals which will be held throughout August. Well done to everyone involved.

**Senior Ball**

It was a wonderful night of good food, good music and good behaviour a few weeks ago when over 100 students and partners joined together for the senior ball.

The senior ball is organised each year by our VCAL students. The activity provides excellent real-life opportunities for planning and implementing a significant event for the school. An interesting twist to the planning this year was where Mr Coleman invited the WorkSafe advisor to visit during the set-up time to ‘inspect’ our preparations and ensure we met all of the WorkSafe guidelines.

I congratulate Mr Coleman – our VCAL coordinator – and our group of VCAL students for delivering an outstanding social event.

Senior Ball photos are on display in the office foyer for anyone wishing to purchase copies.

**Parent Survey**

Thank you to the parents who have returned their parent survey forms. We have had some returned but we need many, many more so that we can get a clear understanding of your views on the college.

If you have received a survey, please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback and return to the office no later than Monday morning 10th August.

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**Priority Review**

I wrote at length in our last newsletter about the priority review. There was an invitation to attend an open forum as well as the opportunity to have one-on-one interviews with the reviewers. Unfortunately, the forum has had to be postponed, as has the whole review, until term 4. This change became necessary due to critical family matters the lead reviewer had to attend to at the time. I apologise if this change has caused any inconvenience for you.
Ski Camp 2015
We will be departing DSC during period 6 on Tuesday 11th August.
**Students are required to attend class periods 1-5.**
Students gear will be stored in a secure location until period 6.

Parents please note, the pickup time on Friday night is variable, we expect that you will be contactable so we can notify you of the expected arrival time whilst in transit.

Please direct any last minute queries to Ms Williams.

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**CURRICULUM DAY**
Friday 21 August – Student Free Day
Students are not required to attend school

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**CELEBRATE PINK DAY**
FREE DRESS DAY Thursday 20th August,
SRC is organizing a gold coin donation fundraiser for Breast Cancer National Association

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**COMING SOON – DSC PRODUCTION**
Commencing Thursday 3rd September

"OLIVIA! A female Oliver!

As the name suggests, "Olivia" is based on a favourite character from children's fiction-the orphan Oliver. However, not only does this musical substitute the lovable boy character for a girl, but it also entwines other familiar faces such as Eliza Doolittle, Ebenezer Scrooge, George Bernard Shaw, Sherlock Holmes & Dr Watson.

This brilliant and innovative show, set in Victorian times, traces the steps of Olivia, from downtrodden orphan to star of the stage. On her journey to the bright lights of London, she is befriended by Eliza Doolittle [from "My Fair Lady"] and, after a series of adventures, becomes a singer in a new Gilbert and Sullivan show, thanks to the unlikely assistance of Fagin and The Artful Dodger [from "Oliver!"].
Designs Technology

Designs on Camping
Daylesford Secondary College students showed off their design talents again last week in the Blackwood Mineral Springs Holiday Park Logo Design Competition. Park owners Jenni and Brad Panos approached the school about running a competition thinking that students might like to try their hand at designing for a local business. With over 20 great entries they were really impressed with the response, and thrilled at the quality of the work that was entered.
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Lachlan John receives his prize and certificate from Blackwood Mineral Springs Holiday Park owners Jenni and Brad Panos

Our four junior teams took on Clarendon, Damascus, St Patrick’s and Ballarat High, arguing for the Monarchy, television as entertainment, parents responsible for their children’s behaviour and the harm done by zoos. For some students it was their first debate – a nerve-wracking time – yet everyone debated confidently.
Thanks to Kit, Jim, Woody, Antigone, Chiquita, Holly, Govinda, Marlon, Santino, Darcy, Flint, Oscar, with a special thanks to Chloe and Briony who – literally – came along on the day to replace students who were sick.

Congratulations to Lachlan, and thank you to all the students who entered their terrific designs. Also, a big thanks to Jenni and Brad for offering students this great opportunity.

2015 Royal South Street Debating

Debating
Last week our 13 teams took part in the prestigious Royal South Street/ACU debating competition. Our school and wider community can be very proud of our students’ efforts: they represented Daylesford Secondary College – and our part of the world – with confidence, competence and good humour.

Our middle teams showed how competent they have become as debaters. We successfully defended space exploration, the banning of alcohol advertising, Australia having equality of the sexes and our identity not being based on sporting achievements. Our clever competitors were Clarendon, Damascus, St Patrick’s and Sunbury Downs. Thanks to Primo, Flin, Lachlan, Annie, Mia, Eve, Chloe, Joel, Lola, Ceilidh, Caitlin, Alex, Sarah, Aidan and Bella.
Finally, over two evenings we battled hard to defend religion having no role in society, unions still having a place, our offshore detention policy, no legalising of euthanasia and alcohol being a larger problem than Ice. Our worthy opponents were St Patrick’s College, Clarendon, Damascus and Phoenix College.

We have had very positive feedback about the competence shown by our senior debaters: Rory, Chelsea, Jack, Floyd, Nicole, Tady, Katie, Maya, Dywana, Marley, James, Alex, Jade, Lotus and Callan.

Overall, we were successful in 9 of our 13 debates, but debating is not really about winning, it’s about having a go and thinking on your feet – and all our debaters gave it their all.

As usual, I would like to say how much I love working with the debating group. And this year we have to give a special thanks to the students who so generously joined the debating team – often at the last moment – when others had to pull out. And also to Ms Cattanach, who drove teams over in the evenings so they could compete.

Helen Robinson
Debating Coordinator.

Science - Environmental Studies

Friday 24 July was National Tree Day and the DSC Green Team ran 3 projects on this day. As you enter the school, look right. The once drab brick wall has now been given a face lift. Students have created a ‘moss graffiti’ installation. Over time the moss will grow into a 3D living sculpture.

"S o w a t c h t h i s s p a c e"

Ella & Tom plant trees
Students also created a vertical garden to green up the staffroom alcove. A special thanks to Ethan Cronin, Lachlan Barry Godden, Owen Gamble & Bill Giacometti for securing the frame to the wall!

Students from Year 7 – 12 have volunteered to form the DSC Green Team. They are responsible for our recycling program, composting and other green activities that happen throughout the school. I applaud their enthusiasm and all other students involved in the day.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not.”
—Once-ler, The Lorax

Eirinn Taylor

DSC Students attend The Conoco Phillips Science Experience

We are also very proud of the students that attended the recent Conoco Phillips Science Experience activity at Federation University during the last school holidays - Sarah Bertoncello, Joel Bertoncello, Ryan Adkins, Thomas Burningham Glover and Stephen Walter.

This was a fun 3 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. The program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

DSC would like to thank the Rotary Club of Daylesford who kindly sponsored some of the students.

STUDENTS WANTED to be on a panel asking questions of an AstroPhysicist -

Pocket Astrophysics with Professor Orsola De Marco of Macquarie University, Sydney on Friday 21 August, 7pm. Daylesford Town Hall – Free Entry.

DSC students have a wonderful opportunity to be involved in the Words in Winter Festival in August. The organisers are looking for a number of students to be on a panel to ask questions of a world class visiting astronomer. The students can be from any year level and a wide range of year levels would be preferable so that the questions can reflect many levels of understanding. Please have a look at the flyer at the end of the newsletter and see if you would like to put your name forward to your science teacher to be considered for the panel. Even if being on the panel does not appeal to you there are some great astronomy activities offered too, so bring your family along! For more information see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

BIG Science Competition

At last the results of the Big Science competition are in and I am delighted to announce that both Amy Naylor and Lola Jackson were awarded a Distinction for their performance on the day. Any student who participates in these extra challenges is to be congratulated regardless of how they do because they have put themselves out there and had a go! Congratulations also to Ceilidh, Max, Eve and Mia. Come and see Ms Woodroofe and she will show you exactly how you went.

SRC

CELEBRATE PINK DAY

On Thursday 20th August, the SRC is organizing a fundraiser to celebrate Pink Day, and to raise money for the Breast Cancer National Association (BCNA). The idea is also raise awareness in young people about breast cancer.
cancer and the impact it has in the community and the family. Students can show their support by dressing in pink on the day and give a gold coin donation.

School Captain Update

On Friday the 31st of July at Daylesford Secondary College a fundraising free dress day and BBQ was held for the local Kilbourne family. I was personally overwhelmed with the support that all the Daylesford Secondary students showed as well as the generous support and donations from community businesses.

I would firstly like to thank the Albert Street Butchery for donating so many of their sausages, Bakers Delight for supplying us with bread and Coles for offering a voucher to get what other supplies we needed for the BBQ. Over the whole day we managed to raise over $1000 and all of these proceeds will be given to the Kilbourne family.

I could not have organized this day alone however and would like to say a huge thank you to not only all of the staff and students at Daylesford Secondary College but say thanks to Shania Slater, Jordy Barnes, Ned Johns, Sophie Anscombe, Jackie Lipplegoe, Cameron Powell, Sharie Olver, James Watson and Annachie Fernon for all helping on Friday with the BBQ. I would like to also say a special thank you to Miranda Turbitt who dedicated her time to this fundraiser and helped me to design flyers and brochures to advertise the day.

This day is not only supporting a family in need but it shows the students of DSC that we do have the power to help within our very own community and to make a difference in people’s lives.

Jess Rae (School Captain)

The Power of Students

Friday was a fantastic day at Daylesford Secondary. The students conceived and organised the whole event and they should rightly be proud of themselves. I would like to on behalf of the school give my thanks to Jess and all the students who helped organise and run the day, all the students who participated and finally thank the local business that generously donated all the supplies for the BBQ. We have shown that Daylesford

Roger Dunn (SRC Support)
Laptop Sale

Starting on Monday (10/8/2015) the College is selling off a number of our second hand laptops for $30 each. The laptops are Acer Extensa 5630’s (Windows Vista OS). Each laptop is in full working order* and comes with a number of programs pre-installed (Open Office, Internet Explorer).

These can be purchased from the IT Office from Lachlan and Andrew.

Laptop Specifications
Make: Acer  
Model: Extensa 5630  
Age: Aprox 4-5 years old  
Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo T6600 CPU (2.2Ghz 2MB 800Mhz FSB)  
Screen: 15.4” WXGA TFT-LCD 1280x800  
Memory: 4GB (2x2GB) DDR2-SDRAM 667Mhz SODIMM  
Hard Drive: 160GB 5400RPM SATA

* Disclaimer: These laptops are provided as is, without any guarantees or warranty. In association with the product, Daylesford Secondary College makes no warranties of any kind. Use of the product by a user is at the user’s own risk.

Junior Learning Community

DSC YEAR 7 2016

Year 7 2016 enrolment packs will soon be provided to families who have elected to attend Daylesford Secondary College. Packs will also be delivered to local primary schools in the coming weeks. If you do not receive an enrolment pack by Friday the 21st of August, please contact the college to arrange for one to be posted. **Enrolment forms are due back to Daylesford Secondary College by Friday the 18th of September.**

Senior Learning Community

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

SENIOR BALL

Senior Ball – 23rd July 2015

A great night was had by all who were dressed in their finest and all looked spectacular, with the festivities seemingly over before we knew it.

There are many people that need to be thanked, with these starting with :

The kitchen and waitressing staff: Annabel Mazzotti, Stephanie Barron, Yvonne Millar, Samantha Mrsic, Helen Daly

The Disk Jockey (DJ) for the evening who put on a really great nights entertainment: Lucas Bossinger.

The security staff on the front door: Wayne Ryan; Peter Biggs; and Dean Jones.

All of the DSC staff who attended and assisted in many differing ways.

With the biggest thanks going to the VCAL PDS students who organised and setup the whole evening. These students as a collective group have worked on every facet of the organisation of this event which ranged from the smallest things like table décor to ensuring everyone’s dietary needs were catered for.

A sincere thank you to everyone to making it a great night!
Senior Ball 2015

Above: Claire, Zoe, Abbey, Mia, and Katie

Right: Aidan and Courtney

Below: Zoe, Jamison, Blake, Darcy, Nelly, Taylor, Mynette
   and in the centre Madeline

Above left: Jess, Georgia, Clare H., Clare D., Ashleigh and centre Jasmine

Below left: Guest with Lily, Gemma, Lauren, Sophie
   centre: Kirstie and Natasha
Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Year 9 Health Day

All Year 9 students participated in a Health Day on 23 June. The theme of the day was Healthy Relationships. Thank you to Hepburn Health Service, Ballarat CASA, Project ROCKIT, W.I.S.E Self Defence and Lynton Allan, Sketch n. Tell for facilitating sessions with the Year 9 students.

Daylesford Commonwealth Bank - Special Breakfast

Thank you to staff at the Commonwealth Bank for providing a bacon and egg breakfast to the school community on 28 July. We appreciate the support of community organisations in supporting our Breakfast program.

Pictures say a thousand words and so do the smiles of students and staff appreciating a hot delicious breakfast. Thank you CBA.
Absences
Just a little bit late …
If your child misses an hour per day that equals one day per week which is eight weeks per year which, over thirteen years of schooling, comes to missing nearly two and a half years of school.

School Uniform
There is no doubt that the college uniform looks smart. It is modern, stylish and has strong colour and presence. Students who wear the approved uniform look smart, look ready to learn and look to be part of our College. They wear it with pride. Let’s continue to build pride in our uniform and pride in our College by wearing the approved uniform.

MIPS & Careers Update

Careers News

WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS? An apprenticeship or traineeship is a pathway to skilled employment and further training opportunities. They can be undertaken on a full or part-time basis and can be used as a stepping stone to a career in one of 500 occupations across a wide range of industries. To do an apprenticeship/traineeship you must have a job. Apprentices/trainees learn industry skills by combining paid work with training through a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). The training leads to a vocational qualification, ranging from a Certificate I to an Advanced Diploma level, and is recognised throughout Australia. Find out more: www.education.vic.gov.au/training/employers/apprentices/Pages/default.aspx.

Also see: www.grouptraining.com.au.

Compiled by m.walker

Announcement: VTAC eGuide now only available from Google Play Books

The VTAC eGuide has been removed by Apple from the iBooks store, as it has been deemed marketing material which is not permissible content for their store.

Melbourne Uni
There have been three changes to courses at Melbourne. The B. Agriculture has been relaunched. This course has been very successful with students gaining their employment even before they qualify. As of 2016 all music related courses will be through the B. Music including Contemporary Music. Finally the B. Environments will now allow two majors instead of one.

Rural Access – there has been a change to the score required for Arts. Students from a rural background are eligible to gain access into the following with these ATAR scores in 2016:

- 78 or above — guarantees a place in Environments or Science
- 80 or above — guarantees a place in Arts
- 88 or above — guarantees a place in Commerce
- 95 or above — guarantees a place in Biomedicine

This university also has an Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme. Interested students should look on the unimelb website.

Anyone wanting to apply for College accommodation is able to do so after they have registered with VTAC. Please note that one of the colleges is offering a Hepburn Shire student a scholarship worth $7000 towards costs. Please see Careers if interested in applying.
Federation Uni
They are gearing up towards their OPEN DAY on Sunday August 30th. There will be free buses between the Mount Helen and central Ballarat campuses.

They have a very exciting new course – B. Veterinary and wildlife science Designed to meet demand for pre-veterinary qualifications and produce graduates specialised in animal management and welfare our programs will provide you with a strong background in the sciences concerning animal science, animal ethics and animal management. You will be trained as a scientist specialising in animal biology and to have the background to apply for entry to veterinary sciences around Australia and beyond.

**Pre-Requisites:** Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English; and a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics or any Science.

Audition Masterclasses
In preparation for applications to either the Bachelor of Arts (Acting) or the Bachelor of Music Theatre. Cost is $85.
Dates: Thursday 24 September, or Friday 25 September, 2015.
Folio Preparation
Most universities will conduct folio preparation courses: Fed Uni will have theirs.

Open Access and Early Entrance Scheme

**How does Open Access work?**
Open Access programs are those whose entry is based on applicants meeting prerequisite study scores rather than a minimum Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

For current Year 12 students this means that, provided you have met the prerequisites of your chosen program of study, your achieved ATAR is not a factor in our decision to offer a place; therefore, your study scores will indicate your eligibility for a place when you receive your school results in December.

**How do I apply for Open Access?**
Simply list the chosen Open Access program/s in your VTAC preferences.

La Trobe

**OPEN DAY**
Melbourne | 9 August 2015 | 10am-4pm
Bendigo | 16 August 2015 | 10am-3pm

**New Engineering degree 2016.**
This is a multi disciplinary degree, designed with input from industry. Bendigo graduates are guaranteed a paid work placement ($10 000) during their fourth year. Pre-requisites: U3/4 of Maths Methods AND Specialist Maths OR U3/4 of Maths Methods AND U3/4 Physics

Interested students should also note There will be an Engineering Workshop in November.

**Aspire**
We know many students work hard to make positive changes in their schools and communities through volunteering. At La Trobe, community counts, which is why we want to recognise students who share our values.

Our Aspire Early Admissions Program acknowledges your volunteering efforts when you apply. As a successful applicant, you receive an offer into your course in September before you receive your ATAR.

Applications for Aspire are now open. Learn more about [How to apply](#).

Applications close 31 August 2015.

**What's included?**
As a successful Aspire student, you will be invited to take part in an enrichment program, designed to support you through the final stages of high school and prepare you for life at La Trobe. The enrichment program offers:

- VCE/HSC revision lectures to be held in the September school holidays
- Mentoring from a La Trobe student ambassador
- Access to the La Trobe Library on all campuses
- Invitation to a ‘Welcome to La Trobe’ event
- Various on-campus events and activities.
You will also benefit from joining a group of like-minded students to share your experiences with.

**Are you eligible for Aspire?**
Aspire students can study any course at any of our campuses. To apply for the Aspire Program, you must:
- apply directly to La Trobe as well as through the VTAC/UAC process
- be a domestic undergraduate secondary school leaver
- meet standard course prerequisites, e.g. a study score of at least 30 in year 12 English
- meet the minimum ATAR of your course.

**Find a course**
Choose your course to take advantage of our Inspired Futures program.
- Browse our featured courses
- Search all courses

Get information on career opportunities, subjects, fees and how to apply.

**Types of volunteering**
To apply for the Aspire Program, you must be able to demonstrate the impact of your volunteer contributions to the community. This may be through:
- community service or community group activities
- religious/cultural group activities
- participating in social justice groups or a school leadership role
- being involved in sport, the performing arts or charity fund-raising group activities.

**Reminders: OPEN DAYS**
- Sun 9 Aug – Australian Catholic University (ACU) (Fitzroy); Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bundoora); RMIT; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy); La Trobe (Bendigo)
- Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Burwood); Victoria (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Federation (Ballarat & Gippsland)

**YEAR 12 NEWS**
**VTAC APPLICATIONS** – Applications for university, VET and private provider courses for 2016 open on Monday 3 August through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre website. Any Year 12 student wishing to apply for courses needs to visit www.vtac.edu.au. Timely applications close on 30 Sept. After that the application fee rises from $29 to $95. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will receive an offer early in 2016 for the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements (eg ATAR). You will be able to change your application at various times from 3 August through to February 2016. Check out prerequisites and selection criteria for courses you are applying (eg is there an interview, audition, folio presentation?).

**SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** – The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) 2016 Guide has a section about SEAS (pages 43-54), www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html. Find out about eligibility for special consideration for your course application. There are four categories of disadvantage. NOTE: SEAS applications are made on the VTAC website, but can only be done after applying for courses (SEAS applications close: 6 October).

**MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS**
‘AT MONASH’ SEMINAR SERIES CONTINUES – The series continues with: Theatre, Performance and Music on 18 August, Science on 27 Aug, Teaching on 1, 3 & 8 Sept, and Engineering on 17 September; all seminars are 6.30-8.00pm; Info/Reg’n at: www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash.

**MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY UPDATE** – To be considered for Medicine, Physiotherapy and Radiography & Medical Imaging, VTAC applications must be made by the close of VTAC’s timely application period, 30 September 2015. These courses cannot be added to an applicant’s preference list after this date, due to the interview requirements. However, as long as an applicant has at least one of the MBBS codes on their preference list by the close of timely applications, they can add other MBBS codes after this time. Applicants for Medicine will be required to undertake an 8 station MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) while applicants for Physiotherapy and Radiography & Medical Imaging will undertake a 4 station MMI. Interview dates for 2016 entry: for onshore international applicants – Fri 20 and Mon 23 November 2015; for VCE, IB and National Dean’s Rural List and Dean’s Indigenous List applicants (DRL and DIL relevant to MBBS applicants only) – Tues 5 - Fri 8 January 2016.

**BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE** – Monash has a new city campus and invite you to check out the Bachelor of International Business at Open House. Learn about degrees, meet students, do a tour. When: 11am-
3pm, Sun 9 Aug; **Where:** 271 Collins St; **Info/reg’n:** http://destination.monash/business-open-house.

**PHARMACY OPEN HOUSE** – See the Parkville campus; take a tour, attend an info session, talk to staff/students, and so on. **When:** Sun 16 Aug; **Info:** http://destination.monash/pharm-open-house.

**NEW FACULTY OF SCIENCE WEBSITE** – The new Future Students section of the Faculty website is a great way to find out what makes studying Science at Monash special and distinctive. **See:** http://monash.edu/science/future-students.

**RMIT NEWS**

**SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES** – Those on offer are: Ableton Live Music (Music software program), Audio Production – Studio Recording, Production, Lighting for Live Events, Food Photography and Folio Preparation in Photography. **Information:** 9925 8111, enquiries@rmit.edu.au and www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au – get in early!

**WOMEN IN ENGINEERING EVENT** – For National Engineering Week, RMIT is hosting an event for women considering a career in engineering. Hear from a range of engineers and gain insights into the career. **When:** 1pm, Sun 9 Aug (RMIT Open Day); **Where:** Story Hall, Building 15, Level 7; **Info:** http://openday.rmit.edu.au/event/3371/women-in-engineering.

**RMIT FLIGHT TRAINING DAY** – Students interested in a career as a pilot are invited to the RMIT Flight Training Open Day at Point Cook. Meet experienced flight instructors and learn about careers. **When:** 10am-4pm, Sun 23 Aug; **Where:** RAAF Williams Base Point Cook.

**INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL 2016** – Applications are open for a program giving 20 Indigenous students from across Australia, entering Year 11 or 12 in 2016, the chance to go to Sydney and explore studying engineering. The program is sponsored with activities/ accommodation/flights/meals covered by Engineering Aid Australia and Uni. of Sydney. Do site visits, curriculum exercises and cultural activities. Students with aptitude in science and maths are encouraged to apply by 16 October. **Dates:** 10 – 16 Jan 2016; For information and an application form: http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess/

**PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY** – Some students who would like to study at university do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access their preferred course. What happens then? Many universities offer pathways into university. For example, Deakin has Deakin College, Monash has Monash College, La Trobe has La Trobe Melbourne and Swinburne has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and often provide pathways into university. Many other pathways exist. For example, Monash offers some diploma programs (in business, science, education & nursing), the University of Melbourne offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway, ACU offers courses through ACUCom, and Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Some VET providers (eg Box Hill) have formal pathways to university.

Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a lower ATAR as a result of their involvement in their communities (eg Aspire at La Trobe and the Early Achievers Program at ACU).

**WHERE DO GRADUATES GO?** Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest you will make. ‘Where Grads Go’ provides the latest information on what graduates do and how much they earn (figures from the 2014 Australian Graduate Survey - Graduate Careers Australia). In 2014, the average bachelor grad earned $52,500. Median salaries of some bachelor degrees are mathematics $60,000, IT $55,000, architecture and building $53,000, engineering $62,000, medicine $62,000, nursing $54,000, education $59,000, accounting $52,000, psychology and behavioural sciences $52,000, law and justice studies $58,800 and visual and performing arts $42,000.

**Finding a full-time job** after graduation isn’t always easy. The following shows how graduates fared finding full-time work four months after graduating: mathematics 64.94%, IT 67.16%, engineering 72.2%, architecture and building 68.59%, medicine 97.52%, nursing 80.07%, education 70.01%, accounting 73.90%, psychology and behavioural sciences 52.14%, law and justice studies 72.71%, visual and performing arts 44.73% (substantial numbers were also in part-time work, and many go on to further study). In some fields, like engineering and nursing, most graduates find work in the fields they trained for. Graduates of other fields find work in a wide variety of fields. Interestingly, 93.9% of Australian bachelor grads said they were broadly satisfied with their higher education experience. **See:** www.graduatecareers.com.au/wheregradsgo.

**REMEMBER – SOME USEFUL WEBSITES** – There are many useful careers websites, starting with institution websites such as www.holmesglen.edu.au or www.unimelb.edu.au for example. Check out these...
as well (training opportunities, job prospects, students with disabilities, fees information):

www.jobguide.education.gov.au,
www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au,

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Student Support at Lunch Time and After School

**SCIENCE Help Tuesdays**

If you need a bit of help with any Science homework or classwork come along to a catch up and help session every Tuesday lunchtime in A8.

**Bring your lunch and whatever you need help with of a science nature.**

**After School MATHS Help**

Maths teachers are available to help students with their homework or other maths work after school every **Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30**. Students should bring their maths work and necessary equipment to B4.

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MATHS Help**

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

**Be rational**

Don't fear maths! Maths tutoring available. Thursday afternoons. All levels. $50 per hour & travel if outside Daylesford. **Call Lee Taylor on 0423571051**. Qualified engineer with current Working With Children Check

**ENGLISH Help**

VCE English Tutor - Call or text Cate on 0450 413 540

Pocket Astrophysics - 21 August

Free Entry at Daylesford Town Hall

with Professor Orsola De Marco

Find out everything you need to know about the Universe to negotiate your every day on Earth as Professor Orsola De Marco reveals the fascinating world of astrophysicists from her personal experience: what astrophysicists do, what they love and also, what they do not like. Professor Orsola De Marco is a researcher and lecturer in the Research Centre of Astronomy Astrophysics and Astrophotonics at Macquarie University, Sydney. Her main research areas are plantetry nebulae, evolved close binaries and the common envelope interaction, (which are technical terms for “old stars and what happens when they get too close to each other”). She's an engaging speaker with a wicked sense of humour whose talks enthral both children and adults alike with her fascinating area of study into the life and death of stars.

Find out more about Professor Orsola De marco and her research at:

http://web.science.mq.edu.au/~orsola/

**Drama Classes**

for ages 13 years+

Fridays 4:15-5:45pm starting August 7th

at the Trethorn Neighbourhood Centre

Drama classes are a great way for children to have fun, learn about acting and improvisation and build up their confidence. They are also able to learn about working in groups, co-operation, communication skills, concentrating and self-discipline in a safe and creative space.

In these 6 sessions, we will play drama games, do improvisations, write and act out scenes, create characters and learn about how to approach text, while exploring themes as they arise.

Classes are $90 for 6 sessions, or $18 casual.
It is better to commit to all 6 classes for maximum benefit.
Any questions please ring Saskia on 0418 257 156 or 5417 5273.

All classes will be tailored to suit the participants as the classes develop. These classes will be on-going and resume Term IV of school.

Saskia is an actor, art therapist, educator & writer. She has worked with children & adults as facilitator of acting classes & creative arts workshops. She also works with the aged & with clients in one on one therapy. She is a Qualified Member of AAMTC.
Pocket Astrophysics
for Daily Life

Does life exist on other planets?
Should we go to Mars?
Is the Death Star real?
Asteroids - when is the next one coming?

With Professor Orsola De Marco of Macquarie University, Sydney.

Friday 21 August 2015
Daylesford Town Hall

6.30pm  Telescopes on the footpath
View the night sky with the Bendigo and District Astronomical Society

7.00pm  Pocket Astrophysics

Professor Orsola de Marco reveals the secrets of the Cosmos in an illustrated talk that will enthral children and adults alike.

Expand your horizons to the edge of the Universe!

FREE ENTRY  Ages 8 to Adult
No booking required

Do you have a question for
Professor De Marco?
Send your question to:
bray_jen@hotmail.com and you could be selected to join our student panel to interview her after the show.