DATES TO REMEMBER

August
6 Aug  Year 12 VTAC and SEAS applications open
8 Aug  Years 7-10 Cyber Solutions
8 Aug  Parents & Carers Cyber Safety, college parents & wider community Daylesford Town Hall 7pm FREE
8-12 Aug  VCAL Camp Warrnambool
10 Aug  Careers Engineering Day in Melbourne
12 Aug  All Woolworths Earn and Learn last day
13 Aug  Year 12 Info Night - Uni/TAFE applications 2013 7pm college library
14 Aug  Year 11/12 Last day for senior ball tickets
17 Aug  All Scout Raffle ticket books due back
15-17 Aug  Concert Band Band music tour
22 Aug  All ‘Principal for a Day’ Mayor Cr Klein
23 Aug  Year 11/12 Senior Ball Daylesford Town Hall
24 Aug  FSPC Meeting 9:15am
30-31 Aug  All College Production, Pinafore Pirates

September
6-7 Sep  All College Production, Pinafore Pirates
11 Sep  State Final Senior boys soccer, Darebin
28 Sep  Year 12 VTAC applications close

October
9 Oct  Year 12 SEAS applications close
10 Oct  Eureka Sport Year 7 & 8 volleyball
11 Oct  Year 7 Immunisation
17 Oct  Grampians Sport Year 7 & 8 volleyball
24 Oct  Year 12 Last day classes
25 Oct  Year 12 Last day
29 Oct  Yrs 7-10/Parents ACMA CyberSmart
31 Oct  Eureka Sport Year 7 & 8 cricket

December
7 Dec  All Pupil Free Day
17 Dec  Year 12 ATARs released
17–24 Dec  Year 12 VTAC change of preference period
19 Dec  All Presentation night

January
17 Jan - 2013 Round One Offers

February
6 Feb - 2013 Round Two Offers

Weekly
Monday  Science Club A10 lunchtime, 1pm
Tuesday  Students 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 3  16 July - 21 September (Finish 2:30pm)
Term 4  8 October - 21 December

EXTENDED to 12th August. Cards in the office.

Online Calendar and Newsletters
Calendar  web.daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au/dsc/calendar/

2013 Course Selection

Firstly, I would again like to thank the many students and parents who attended our recent information evenings regarding 2013 student course selection. It was fabulous to see so many parents taking the opportunity to chat with our teachers about the right choices for their son or daughter’s futures, and I know our staff were delighted with the amount of enthusiasm and concern both parents and students display in addressing educational needs.

Subject selections were due at 3.30pm on Wednesday via the new “online” system, and hard copy selection forms should have been submitted to the general office.

Should any parents or students be concerned that they have not met this deadline, or if you still have questions around course selection, please contact your relevant ‘Learning Community Manager’ for advice and assistance as soon as possible.

2012 Snow Trip

I was delighted to attend our annual College Snow Trip to Mt. Buller on Friday. After a long drive to Mansfield on Thursday afternoon, in less than ideal conditions, I was greeted by a group of students, while exhausted from skiing in horrific weather conditions over the previous days, they were happy, excited and appreciative of their snow experiences.

I am pleased to report that whilst conditions were not perfect on Friday, we did see all four seasons, and our students experienced a ‘real’ snowfall at the end of the trip.

I cannot thank and congratulate enough the students who attended this trip. Throughout the entire camp, they consistently displayed our College Values, and I delighted especially with their demonstration of Endeavour in having a go and trying their best at something new, Cooperation and Courtesy in all their dealings with our staff, the personnel at the Arlberg Resort and those at Mt Buller!

I would also like to thank the staff who supported this trip. Staff have a lot of responsibility and are on call all day on a trip like this but do it because they want to give students the opportunity to experience a few days in the snow away from the usual school setting.

A number of other schools were present at our accommodation venue and on the mountain, and I am both pleased and proud to say that I am glad I was connected with Daylesford SC!
CYBER SAFETY Presentation - Susan McLean

I remind parents and all community members of this HIGHLY VALUABLE presentation next week, Thursday 8th August, at the Daylesford Town Hall from 7pm and it is FREE. This is a session not to be missed; Susan McLean, a former police officer, will go into great detail around the safe use of the internet and social networking sites, including the legal aspects behind using these sites and how an innocent posting may in fact be breaking the law.

This night is intended for parents and carers only. I also encourage parents of Primary age children to attend this night.

Susan will present to our students throughout the school day. Grade 5 and 6 students from local primary schools have been invited to attend the college for the day sessions.

Debating

Very big CONGRATULATIONS to Ms Robinson and our debating teams, who have yet again won their initial heats in the South Street Debating Competition held in Ballarat on Monday.

In total, there are 12 debating teams. Three Year 9/10 classes debated and all were successful. In the evening, the Year 11 team lost to Loreto and there are still eight debates to go.

Important dates for Senior Students

Please see inside this newsletter a report from Mr. White detailing essential dates for our senior students. Our Year 12 students are now very much at the "business end" of their education with only 7 weeks remaining in this term to complete their class tasks prior to exam preparations.

What’s coming up?

Thanks to all staff and students who will be involved in the following activities over the coming weeks:
allocating your study time into brief, intense sessions, you’ll find that you will become more focused and productive.

For example, if you allocate yourself three days to complete an essay, it’s likely that you’ll actually spend a good deal of that time procrastinating and thinking about other things. However, if you know that you only have a short span of time in which to produce the same essay, you’ll start to focus your thoughts faster, and you’ll work more productively.

**Here’s an easy way to get started:**

1) Assess your goals and priorities for the week
2) Create a task list in order of importance and urgency
3) Allocate a realistic amount of time to complete each task
4) Work diligently within the time you have allocated, and resist the temptation to occupy your time with other tasks.

Try this at home. You should see dramatic improvements in your productivity within a week!

*Phil White, Assistant Principal*
LOST - towards end of Term 2

This earring was lost in the A corridor last term. It has great sentimental value for the owner. A monetary reward is offered for the return of this precious piece of jewellery.

Please contact Marg Cattanach or Maria Mazzitelli with any information.

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Living Well with Asthma: Advice for Parents and Carers

1 in 10 people in Australia have asthma, and people with asthma often rate their health a lot worse and report a poorer quality of life than the general population. Children and adolescents with current asthma are more likely to miss days of school/preschool due to asthma and a key aspect of improving quality of life is ensuring that your child or teenager is able to engage fully in physical activity and social aspects of life and learning.

Good asthma control is:
- Symptom free during the day and during physical exercise, reducing the need for reliever medication
- Symptom free at night, allowing for a good night's rest
- Rarely experiencing asthma attacks or exacerbations
- Preventer medication and devices are being used correctly and as prescribed (eg. on a daily basis)
- Having an asthma action plan to follow, both for the school/preschool and at home, and promptly acting on the plan when asthma symptoms occur

Asthma symptoms are not a normal aspect of life and should be taken seriously. Children and teenagers with poor asthma control should be encouraged to seek assistance, and should visit their GP or respiratory physician for an asthma review as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

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Spacer Use in Schools/Preschools: Advice for Parents & Carers

As of the 1st July 2012, schools and preschools in Victoria will be implementing a new policy in regards to single person spacer use. This means that schools and preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever ‘puffer’ medication because:
- Using a spacer with a ‘puffer’ ensures that more medication reaches the airways
- Spacers are much easier for children to use than a ‘puffer’ alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation
- Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child’s school/preschool may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school/preschool staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school/preschool at all times if possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

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Stanley Hammond Awards

Ms Slater nominated Joe and Nathan for helping in the library and Mr Gooding nominated Jordan and James for volunteering to clean up the Year 8 locker area. Photos not available for Joe Evans and James Toohey.
Donation of Items for Student Lounge

Thank-you to the Commonwealth Bank for funding the purchase of items for the revamped Student Lounge. The Daylesford branch manager, Emma Johns, was on hand to see how students were enjoying the donation. Emma lives in Daylesford so she knows how great it is to have somewhere to go on cold Daylesford days.

Careers & MIPS Update

Week 3 Term 3 2012

Year 12 DSC Information Night
Applying for University or TAFE 2013

We are conducting an information session at the college for students/parents/guardians about the application process for Year 12 students wishing to apply for university or TAFE for 2013.

Attendance is essential! Monday 13th August 7 pm school library.

ENGINEERING DAY in MELBOURNE

On Friday 10th August, we have been offered 20 places for students to attend an Engineering Day at Quantum Victoria in Melbourne. The students will spend the day attending workshops on aspects of engineering such as robotics, games design; water supply etc and students are provided with a free lunch and morning tea. There will, however, be a cost of $25 to cover transport and students will need to arrive at school at 7.30 am and will not return until 4pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a student considering engineering as a career or just interested in these sorts of things. It should be a fun and interesting day.

The places are filling up fast so please let me know IMMEDIATELY if you would like to go or if you are on the list and cannot make it so the place will be available for someone else. Ms Woodroofe

Parent Evening at Monash University


Years 12, 11 & 10 - Ballarat Careers Expo’12

Monday Aug 20th 7 – 9 pm at Ballarat Grammar Entry $1 per person

Years 12, 11 & 10 - OPEN DAYS

Open Days are your opportunity to look at the institutions that interest you.

You will have the chance to look at the facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and consider transport/accommodation options.

They are generally run 10am to 4pm. Allow yourself an hour or two at each institution.

Year 10 or 11 is a great time to commence visits. Full list of OPEN DAYS at www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html

• Sat 4 Aug – Monash University (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)
• Sun 5 Aug – La Trobe (Albury Wodonga); Monash (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville); William Angliss Institute
• Sun 12 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Warrnambool); Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank - VCA); 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)

Independent Provider Open Days

Independent education providers hold Open Days like public institutions do. Some coming up are (see websites for others):

• Whitehouse Institute of Design: 12 Aug, 672 Bourke St, Melb; www.whitehouse-design.edu.au;
• JMC Academy (Music, audio, animation, film & TV): 10.30am & 2.30pm, 18 Aug, 171 Bank St, Sth Melb; register online at www.jmcacademy.edu.au or 9624 2929;

Getting the most out of OPEN DAYS

Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:
• Obtain an Open Day Guide beforehand (e.g., from websites like www.deakin.edu.au/openday, or www.openday.unimelb.edu.au).

Some hard copies are available in the careers room.
• Plan to be at Open Day when relevant information sessions are conducted
• Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
• Speak to staff about courses that interest you - write your questions beforehand
• Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses that interest you
• Collect information/brochures
• Ask about Industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities
• Ask about International study opportunities – these are becoming very popular
• 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
• Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle, which will suit some students.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process you may well be asked what you learnt or found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance at Open Days is therefore vital.

Year 10 - Subject Selection
If you did not save a copy of the newspaper section on 2015 university pre-requisites, you can download the VICTER15 from school website. You need to check that the Year 11 subjects you have selected will lead to Year 12 subjects that satisfy the pre-requisite subjects for any university application you may wish to make.

Year 11 Students Note Change to Prerequisites for SCIENCE Melbourne
The University of Melbourne has announced that from 2014 the Bachelor of Science prerequisites will change to: Units 3 and 4 – study score of at least 25 in English/English language/Literature or at least 30 in ESL and EITHER
• a study score of at least 25 in Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics, and in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics (the current prerequisites), OR
• a study score of at least 25 in both Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics.

BIOMEDICINE at the University of Melbourne
The following ‘majors’ are available in the B. Biomedicine: biochemistry & molecular biology, bioengineering systems, biotechnology, cell & developmental biology, defence & disease, genetics, human structure & function, microbiology, infection & Immunology, neuroscience, pathology, pharmacology and physiology.

Of the 343 students who graduated in 2011, 248 continue to study at Melbourne. Of these, 124 are studying medicine, 69 are studying biomedicine (Honours), 11 dental surgery, 9 physiotherapy and so on. Some are studying optometry, veterinary science, engineering and nursing science. Study options, clearly, are varied.

NEW Communication Design Degree Monash 2013
This new three-year degree will offer a considerable amount of design studio time and will combine visual communication with multimedia. Electives will include industrial design and fine art. The fourth year (by application) will offer more academic careers. First and second years will be studio based with specialisations in third year. Students will be encouraged to consider spending three to six weeks studying at Prato in Italy as part of the course.

A Career with the Victoria Police
Victoria Police is recruiting police and protective services officers. They are looking for people from diverse backgrounds, reflective of the community. People applying for positions will go through a number of steps before being accepted, including an entrance exam, a background check, fitness and medical assessment and a selection panel interview. If you are looking to apply or want to find out more go to: www.policecareer.vic.gov.au. You will find information about the various tests required.

Next week the college will be send raffle tickets home to every family for the Scout Raffle.
Tickets will need to be back by Friday 17th August.
This raffle has the potential to raise $5000 for our school if all books are returned.
Please support this fundraiser as all funds raised will benefit students at the college.

Concerned about Teenage Alcohol Use?
As a parent, you have a major influence on your adolescent child’s drinking behaviour and you can help prevent them from drinking alcohol or from harmful use. Your influence on your adolescent’s attitudes and decisions about alcohol is greatest before they start drinking.
This website has a link to parenting guidelines for adolescent alcohol use and explores the facts and myths about adolescent drinking. Website: www.parentingstrategies.net and downloadable guide: www.parentingstrategies.net/tl_files/documents/parenting-strategies_guidelines.pdf

Next FSPC Meeting
If you have time help plan the activities of this group, please come to our next meeting on FRIDAY 24th August - 9:15am in college conference room.
For more information, contact Donna O’Mara on fspc@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-7970
**Community News**

**Sprung Circus Classes**

Daylesford / Hepburn's very own community circus – be part of troupe, great selection of circus skills practiced weekly including acrobatics, mime, cloudswing, tissu, juggling, balances, pitching, performance and much more. Taught by qualified gymnastics coach with years of experience.

- Mondays: 4 - 5.30pm for 8 yrs and older.
- Wednesdays: 4-5.30pm for 5-8 yrs
- Wednesdays: 5.30 – 7.30pm secondary age & adults.

Call Mara... 0477 499 342 or 5348 4732

**Parent Volunteers Needed**

Parent volunteers needed for a survey on children's everyday activities.

The Royal Children's Hospital is looking for parents of typically developing children/adolescents to complete a survey on their child’s everyday activities. This information will help us understand the needs of children who have had a brain injury.

**What would I do?**

Complete one 40-minute survey (The survey asks about your child’s everyday activities; for example, going to school, interacting with others and organising leisure activities)

**Where & When?**

We can meet you at your home, your child's school or interview you over the phone, whatever is easier for you. Your child will not be interviewed.

We'd be happy to hear from parents of:

- Adolescents who are 15 years old
- Typically developing children/adolescents (who have not had a brain injury or other problems with development)

At the end of the project, we will give you a summary of the study findings.

**Interested? Want more information? Like to participate?**

Please contact: Ms Melissa Lai (ph: 0411 209 330 or email: melissa.laii@mcri.edu.au)

Child Neuropsychology - Murdoch Children's Research Institute

Level 4 West, Royal Children’s Hospital

Flemington Rd, Parkville VIC 3052

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**BALLARAT ROLLER DERBY IN HUNT FOR FRESH MEAT**

The Ballarat Roller Derby League (BRDL) is holding a “Fresh Meat” night to encourage people to join in the fun of one of Australia's fastest growing sports at 6pm on Sunday, August 5 at Doug Dean Stadium in Nandirog Drive, Delacombe. The event is designed to introduce interested people to the sport and will feature demonstration scrimmages as well as providing “newbies” the opportunity to strap on some skates and have a go.

Competitive roller derby is a highly skilled, full contact sport. Rookie skaters are carefully nurtured by league coaches and have to pass a number of fitness and skills tests before being allowed to take part in proper bouts.

“Safety is paramount,” said BRDL spokesperson, Rumblin’ Rogue (aka Michelle Gatt). “Roller derby is fantastic sport – fast-paced, colourful and competitive – and we want to seek out the best new talent to help Ballarat compete in state, national and international events.”

Ms Gatt said skating experience, while welcome, was not essential, because full training is provided by the league. There will be plenty of skates and protective padding available to use on the night, she said. All interested people need to bring is a mouth-guard.

More information can be found at [www.brdl.com.au](http://www.brdl.com.au)

**Additional Information**

Roller derby, a highly charged full contact game that pits teams against each other to score points while speeding around an oval track, is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia.

The sport began in the US in the 1930s and enjoyed massive popularity in the 70s, when it was a staple of Australian weekend television. Over the past decade, the predominantly female-led sport has enjoyed a rapid renaissance in popularity.

The BRDL is one of dozens of capital city and regional roller derby leagues across Australia. Its top team, The Rat Pack, recently competed in the Great Southern Slam; the Australasian championships, which saw more than 1000 female skaters, converge on Adelaide for three days of hard-fought bouting.

More information: Michelle Gatt: 0414 245 337
Foster Carers Wanted

We’ve just launched an exciting and innovative new website and campaign to help us recruit urgently needed foster carers for our home-based care program and to raise awareness about the diverse range of people who can make great foster parents.

Simply visit our new foster parenting website [http://www.fosterparenting.org.au](http://www.fosterparenting.org.au) and spread the word about ‘just what a foster parent looks like’ by selecting a postcard and sharing it on Facebook or emailing it to a friend.

You can share a postcard directly from the OzChild Facebook Page too – simply [click here](http://www.facebook.com) to ‘Like’ a postcard and share it on your Facebook wall!

Many thanks again for your support.

The OzChild Team