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NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August
30-31 Aug All Production, Pinafore Pirates 7:30pm

September
4 Sep Eureka Sport Years 7&8 Basketball, Ballarat
5 Sep All AEU 24-hour Stop-work action
6-7 Sep All Production, Pinafore Pirates 7:30pm
7 Sep All Final day for magazine cover competition
11 Sep Year 7 Hearing screening
18 Sep All Spirit week, Games Characters
19 Sep All Spirit week, Olympics and Sports
20 Sep All Spirit week, Op Shop / Formal
20 Sep Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews, 4 - 6.30pm, normal school day
21 Sep Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews, 9am - 12.30pm no normal classes & last day Term 3
28 Sep Year 12 VTAC applications close

October
1-3 Oct Year 11/12 Unit 4 Revision & Exam Practice
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
26 Oct FSPC Meeting 9:15am
29 Oct Yrs 7-10/Parents ACMA CyberSmart
31 Oct Eureka Sport Year 7 & 8 cricket

November
30 Nov All Pupil Free Day DATE CHANGED

December
3-7 Dec 2013 Years 8-12 KICKSTART 2013 Week 1
10-14 Dec 2013 Years 8-10 KICKSTART 2013 Week 2
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

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Debating

WOW! We have done it again!! In the Grand Final of the Year 7/8 Division of the South Street Debating Competition, our team, consisting of Flin Judd, Aidan Mayger, Lachie John and Oscar Jonas defeated Ballarat High School, successfully arguing from the negative perspective that we should tax fast food. This is an outstanding achievement, and our College is indeed very proud of these highly talented young men.

In the Year 9/10 Division our team consisting of Amy Gamble, Makaela Watson and Liam Oliver argued from the affirmative perspective that social media brings more benefits than risks and they were very unlucky to narrowly lose to Clarendon College.

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate Eamonn McGrath-Lester, who received the “Gold” Individual Debating Prize and the Ballarat East Rotary Clubs Sponsor’s Prize in the Year 9/10 Division and to Amy Gamble who received the overall “Silver” and Zonta Ballarat Sponsor’s Prize in the same division. To have two students from our college win these overall prizes in debating excellence is simply wonderful. Well done Eamonn and Amy.

Production - The Pinafore Pirates!

Hours and hours of rehearsals and preparations have again gone into our annual college production! We look forward to opening night this evening and followed by three more shows, tomorrow evening (Friday 31st August,) then next week on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September.

I wish to acknowledge in advance of opening night the tremendous efforts from all our staff and students who have worked tirelessly over the previous 3 months to ensure we deliver yet another show not to be missed!
Enviro Day, Medieval Day and Principal for a Day
A fabulous day was held at the school last Thursday with our Year 7 students participating in numerous activities that revolved around our environment, including starting our college recycling program and the planting of a variety of foods within our horticulture area. Thank you to Mrs Woodroofoe and Mrs Taylor for their planning of these activities and their efforts throughout the day.

At the same time our Year 8 students were fortunate to spend the day involved in a variety of medieval learning activities, and I do believe that archery and sword fighting where the most popular!

Mayor Sebastian Klein also addressed our whole school community as part of his ‘Principal for a Day’ visit. I wish to thank him greatly for his very engaging and motivating speech on being what you want to be, striving to achieve your best, and how the perception you have of yourself will help to determine the perception that others will also have of you.

I believe his opening “rap” (yes, a musical rap) captivated our audience! Our students also enjoyed a free hot dog and baked potato lunch, so generally a great day was had within our college.

We now look forward to several more fun days with the SRC holding our annual “Spirit Week” in the last week of this term.

Whole School KICKSTART 2013
I ask parents to read carefully the information at the end of this newsletter regarding the implementation of our “Whole School” KICKSTART 2013 Program that will occur over the final four weeks of Term 4 this year. More information will come regarding this program as the year progresses.

Local Sporting Finals
I would like to congratulate all students who are participating in the finals series of the local football, netball and other sports competitions over the coming weeks. As long time netballer myself (and a 2012 finals contender), I truly value the learning that comes with playing sport within the local community and clubs, including the learning that comes with participating as a “team” member in order to achieve the highest accolade, that is, striving to win that premiership!

Good luck to you all, and remember our College value of Endeavour, that is, being the best that you can be, during your finals series!

College Uniform Audit - UPDATE
After receiving some very valuable feedback from our parent and student bodies, I am pleased to report that we have reached a position on what the college uniform could look like from 2013 and beyond.

I understand that there is much discussion about this within the community, but I ask that parents and students please await the recommendation and approval from college council before assuming that certain uniform items could be implemented.

At this stage, the college will be speaking with uniform suppliers around our desired products, as one of our key aims is to ensure a consistent supply of approved items from selected distributors, ensuring cost effectiveness, quality products and identical products.

College Council meets in the final weeks of this term, after which I hope to advise everyone of our new uniform options for 2013 and beyond.

I wish to alert all parents and students that the recommendations of the Uniform Working Group consist of no dramatic changes to our current uniform, just some slight adjustments and refining of the current policy and items.

AEU Stop-Work Action
Wednesday, 5th September 2012
I advise parents to read the letter sent home with students today, and in this newsletter, regarding the affect of the continued industrial action on the College.

Some final things...
• Thank you to Ms Verbyla and Mr Mckelvey for the recent, very successful, music tour to the Wimmera area. I have received some very pleasing feedback from our parent body and the organisations in which our College visited. Again, our Music Program is something our College remains extremely proud of, and it is fabulous that our students have again had the opportunity to participate in such as great tour.

• Thank you to Mr White and our VCAL students who hosted a fabulous Senior Ball last week. The students had a wonderful time, and they all looked ‘amazing”! I also thank all staff who attended the evening and I know our students are both grateful and thankful for this occasion to celebrate their time at DSC prior to their exams, which begin in the near future.

• Texting (SMSing) Parents I am pleased to report that our new SMS (texting) system is working extremely well. We are now beginning to send information updates and reminders to parents via this system, as well as alerting parents if their son/daughter is absent from school/class.

Parents are advised that they will continue to receive a variety of messages via our SMS system, and should your mobile phone number change, please notify the college general office as soon as possible.

• Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
We encourage ALL parents to attend our Term 3 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews. These will be occurring on Thursday 20th September from 4pm to 6.30pm and the final day of Term 3, Friday 21st September, from 9am to 12.30pm. Students are required to attend all interviews with their parents; therefore normal classes will not be running on Friday 21st September.

Miss Holt 😊

Senior Learning Community

Year 12 Important Dates 2012/2013
• July - September University Open Days
• 28th September 2012 VTAC applications close
• 9th October 2012 SEAS applications close
• 24th October 2012 Last day Year 12 applications
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• 17th January 2013 Round One Offers
• 6th February 2013 Round Two Offers

2012 Senior Ball
The 2012 Senior Ball was held on Thursday 23rd August. I would like to sincerely thank all of our VCAL
students for their assistance this year for designing and making the tickets, putting up all of the decorations, designing this year’s glass, designing and making individual name cards and table numbers, as well as setting up the Town Hall in a little over half a day (record time).

I would also like to thank all of the parents and staff who volunteered their time to assist with security, waitressing and the overall running requirements of a very successful Senior Ball. Phil While

**2012 VCAL Camp**

This year’s VCAL students organised a very successful 3-day adventure camp to Warrnambool as part of their Personal Development Skills requirements. I congratulate all students for what they have achieved and for their excellent behaviour, cooperation and participation throughout the 3 days while on camp. I would also like to thank Ms Slater who assisted me with the overall supervision of this camp. Phil While

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**2012 Senior Ball**

On the 3rd of December all Year 11 students will start Year 12 subjects in the 2013 KICKSTART Week. If you would like to purchase your Year 12 Jumper for that week, you will need to give me your nicknames and jumper size and pay a $30 deposit ASAP. Phil While

**Holiday Revision and Exam Practice Sessions**

The senior centre will be open for students wishing to do study over the third term holidays. The centre will be open between 10 am and 4 pm on Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd October. Students will have the opportunity to sit timed exams at 10 am and 1 pm on these days as well as using the centre as a study base.

On Tuesday 2nd October, the centre will be open from 10am to 1pm for study. A mock English exam will be held on from 1-4:30pm. All students who can attend this session should do so. Nick Pethica

**Revision for Unit 4 Exams**

Access Education is offering a series of revision lectures in Ballarat for students who are sitting Unit 4 exams in October and November. Sessions are 2.5 hours long and include some revision notes.

**Saturday 13 October 2012**

9–11.30am Health & Human Development OR Maths Methods CAS  
12–2.30 pm Biology  
3–5.30 PM Chemistry OR Psychology

**Sunday 14 October 2012**

9–11.30 Physical Education  
12–2.30 English  
3–5.30 Further Maths OR Physics

The college is taking bookings on behalf of students to reduce the cost of the lectures. Each lecture usually costs $40 but booked through the college it will be $33 or $35 per lecture for students.

Students should place bookings on the sign-up sheet in the senior centre.

The college is **NOT** arranging transport to and from the lectures. Students will need to do this themselves.

Other providers offer revision lectures eg TSFX offer ‘Mastering the Exams” for free and revision lectures for a fee [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au).

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**Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians**

During term 2 11 committed math’s students from Years 7, 8 and 10 undertook the challenge of solving five difficult problems over a three-week period, in competition with approximately 6000 other students around Australia. The Math’s Department would like to thank the following students for their participation and certificates were presented at last week’s assembly.

Participation Awards were awarded to: Primo Clutterbok, Tiger Callahan, Lachlan Hobson, Emma Hart, Tady Callahan, Julian Hobson and Liam Fitzgerald.

Credit Awards were awarded to: Kelly Matheson-Millar, Dace Callahan, Jessie Iro

A High Distinction was awarded to Isabella Thomas. Isabella came in the top 5% of those who participated at her age level. This is a wonderful result. Isabella received a gift certificate for $50 from the Math’s Department.

Congratulations everyone for your achievements.

Karel Arndt

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**Concert Band Practice**

There will be no concert band practice this week Thursday 30th August or next week, Thursday 6th September due to College Production commitments.
Performing Arts

DVDs for Past Productions

To celebrate our 2012 Production, the following DVDs are available for $6:

- 2010 High School Spoofical
- 2011 Thursday’s Child.

Please place your order with Marg Cattanach.

School Magazine 2012

Contribute to this year’s School Magazine

we are looking for.....

Articles.... Front cover designs
Photos
Creative stuff...
Poems
Journalistic wonders...
Tell us about your year
Songs...
Best cover design...!
Best contribution...!

Prizes
Submit your entries by placing them on school computer:
School magazine folder OR
Send them to Mrs Penaluna, Mrs Row

Student Wellbeing & Engagement

School Magazine 2012 Cover Competition

We are seeking entries for this year’s school magazine cover. This competition is open to all students, either individually or as a team effort.

Your design needs to be for the front and back covers (A3 size in total). It can be hand drawn or painted or can be created digitally.

You can look at past magazines, available at the library, or from Mrs Rowbotham.

If you need any other information to help you get started contact Mrs Rowbotham or Mrs Penaluna.

Entries need to be submitted by Friday, 7th September.

SPIRIT Week

It’s SPIRIT Week time again when we have some fun and lift our spirits after this long, cold winter.

When – the last week of Term 3

Themed Dress Days are:

- Tuesday September 18th – Games Characters
- Wednesday September 19th – Olympics and Sports
- Thursday September 20th – Op Shop / Formal

Year 7 Hearing Screening

Each year Daylesford Secondary College and The Wimmera Hearing Society Inc provide the opportunity for all Year 7 students to undertake a five-minute hearing-screening test. The permission form will come home this week. We encourage a gold coin for a donation to the Wimmera Hearing Society who conduct the screening.

Soundcheck Australia – Hearing & Noise Survey

How good is your hearing? Do you spend a lot of time out and about in noisy situations? Or do you like to listen to music through your earbuds? Scientists at the National Acoustic Laboratories want to know about your noise exposure and hearing health. They’re interested in EVERYBODY!

It will be the biggest survey of hearing and noise ever. And just by taking part you can enter the competition to win $1000 worth of tickets to an event of your choice - just make sure you pack your ear plugs!

www.soundcheckaustralia.net.au/
FREE eMac Computers for Students
Daylesford Secondary College is seeking expressions of interest from students who would like to obtain one of the school’s old eMac computers.
- They are 5 or more years old
- They are Apple eMac computers
- They will come with OSX10.5 Leopard operating system
- There will be no other software.
- There will be no charge and no guarantee.
If you are interested could you please leave your name on the list at the General Office.

Special Breakfast, Tuesday 22nd August
Thank you to Daylesford Police for providing students with bacon and egg muffins for breakfast

Careers & MIPS Update
Week 7 Term 3 2012

Reminders/Coming up
- Parent Evening at Monash – Caulfield Campus, Building H116 Date: 6.30pm, Thurs 6 Sept Register: www.monash.edu.au/parent
- Explore Occupational Therapy - Thurs 13 Sept; Austin Hospital, email Kathy.MAGGS@austin.org.au
- Faculty of Education Sessions at Monash Uni – Peninsula campus (Theatre building A, A4.16); 6.30pm, 12 Sept, Early Childhood and Primary Ed; 6.30pm, 13 Sept, Outdoor Rec and double degrees; Clayton (Rotunda Theatre): 6.30pm, 7 Sept, Secondary Ed; Berwick (Building 901, room 117): 6.30pm, 14 Sept, P-10.
- VU Information Day – at the Footscray Park campus with tours, presentations and a mini faculty expo to find out more about courses. When: Sat 8 Sept; Register or find out more: www.vu.edu.au/news/events-for-future-students.
- TVSA Pilot Training
  - Open Day - 9th Sept Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome 2pm
  - Careers Seminar on 12 Sept. See www.tvsa.com.au
Year 11 Art Students Scholarship
National Gallery of Australia conducts the 2013 National Summer Art Scholarship. Application forms from MIPs and Careers or Art department or www.nga.gov.au.

Electrical Industry News
NECA Apprenticeship Pre-Selection Assessment.
NECA conducts pre-selection assessments for students interested in an electrical or electronic career. This assessment is highly regarded by employers, providing a common assessment of all candidates from an industry standpoint and a successful result in the assessment will enhance the entry prospects of those interested in electrical apprenticeships. The assessment is set at about a Year 10 level and an average level of English comprehension and maths should produce satisfactory results. The assessment will be conducted in Melbourne and regional centres during October. Cost: $55.00; Register: www.neca.asn.au (go to NECA Victoria site then to Careers and Apprenticeships on left hand menu).

Year 12
Year 12’s need to be registering as applicants with VTAC now (at www.vtac.edu.au – see Register here). This is required before making an application for courses. Do not put it off...the $26.00 fee can be paid later. You might like to subscribe to the applicant blog (http://vtacmedia.wordpress.com/). Remember – we would like all applications and SEAS completed by end of term.

University of Melbourne News
• Closing Dates For Scholarships At Melbourne
  Each scholarship has its own closing date. To find out about the different scholarships available to students, as well as opening and closing dates, go to: www.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships. Many faculties have specific scholarships and benefits for those applying to their course. Check the website carefully.

• New Course Search Facility
  The University of Melbourne has launched a redeveloped Course Search including more detailed undergraduate course information, details of all majors offered, concurrent diplomas, popular study pathways entry requirements and so on. See: www.coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au.

• Southbank Campus
  Those planning to apply for the Bachelor of Fine Arts at Southbank (VCA) are advised to see www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/bfa. For a Flow Chart explaining the application process for domestic students go to the specialisation of interest, click ‘Domestic’, then go to the ‘Apply Now’ tab.

VCE Summary Lectures
VU is offering a series of summary VCE lectures to help Year 12 students prepare for exams and final assessments. The next series will take place in September-October. See: www.vu.edu.au/future-students/secondary-schools/year-11-and-12-students/vce-summary-lectures.

Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) Scholarship
The Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) is pleased to announce the next opening date of the Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Scholarship.

This scholarship provides assistance for people living in rural, remote, and regional areas (Daylesford is eligible) that are enrolled or intending to enrol in, an accredited/approved undergraduate or graduate entry allied health course (This scholarship does not cover those students studying Nursing, Pharmacy or Medical Degrees). Total scholarship value is up to $10,000 per full-time equivalent (FTE) year.

For more information on this scholarship, or others administered by SARRAH, please go to the SARRAH website www.sarrah.org.au and follow the links from the Scholarships page to access information about eligible disciplines, eligible courses, selection criteria, application process, scholarship guidelines, and on line application form.

Opens 4 September 2012 Closes 25 October 2012

Scholarships at Monash University
More students are guaranteed scholarships in the undergraduate program of their choice at Monash in 2013. Monash has expanded its undergraduate scholarship offerings with the launch of the Sir John Monash Scholarship Program. It recognises the dedication and talent of Australia’s highest-achieving students and provides support to those who otherwise might not have the opportunity to participate in a world-class education. Monash will offer more than 1200 new scholarships and bursaries in 2013 as part of the coursework scholarship program worth over $16 million. More than half will be offered to indigenous students, students from regional and remote areas in Australia, and to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. See: www.monash.edu.au/study/scholarships.

Charles Sturt University
Charles Sturt is a NSW university which has a campus at Albury-Wodonga and Victorian Year 12 students can apply for their courses through the VTAC system (see p 170 of the VTAC Guide). A limited range of degrees is offered as it is a small campus, however, some students might want to consider, for example, physiotherapy (last year’s ATAR: 93.44), occupational therapy (75.00), speech pathology (75.00) and podiatry (70.00). These degrees have no prerequisite subjects. Accommodation is available on-site.

Year 10 University of Melbourne
Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program
As a Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar, you can take part in an exciting program of academically focused events and activities. Being a Young Scholar will not add to your workload – in fact, past participants have found that meeting new friends through the program and attending events really helped with their studies. Most events are held in the school holidays to minimise disruption to your schoolwork. Events aren’t compulsory, but we hope you’ll take part in as many as possible. Events include:

• Welcome Events - a great opportunity make new friends and get to know the University’s Parkville campus.

• Case Competitions - build your problem solving and presentation skills, working in groups with leading University academics.

• VCE Revision Lectures - facilitated by leading teachers and past assessors and are held in key VCE subjects.
• **Stay on campus overnight** - a great taste of life as a university college resident.

• **Open Day Lounge** - an annual Open Day Lounge exclusive for our Year 11 and Year 12 Young Scholars who have the opportunity to meet academic staff and current University students.

• **Celebration Evening** - Young Scholars in Year 12 and their guardians are invited to a special event to celebrate the completion of Year 12.

There are also exclusive Young Scholars events in regional Victoria and other special opportunities to engage at regular University events.

If you are a current Year 10 student and are interested in participating in the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program, please advise MIPs and Careers next week.

You'll need to tell us about any extracurricular activities and/or leadership roles you have undertaken, as well as your greatest achievement so far. You will also need to write about yourself (for example, about your role models, goals, challenges you have faced, etc.).

Students are selected into the program while in Year 10, on the basis of their school's endorsement and their own academic performance and leadership skills.

Usually 2 or 3 students are selected from the College each year. See www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/school-students/kid

**RMIT Electrical and Computer Engineering**

These undergraduate degree programs have a strong practical focus and integrate technical, personal and business skills development. After four years of study, you will have the skills to enter the job market as a professional Engineer.

An information evening for prospective undergraduate students will be held on 5 September 2012, 6:30 pm – 9pm.

**Pre-Apprentice Bricklayers Wanted**

Want a job as a bricklayer? Over 90% of Holmesglen’s pre-apprentices get jobs after completing their training. Pre-apprenticeships teach students the basic skills of a particular industry so that they are prepared when starting an apprenticeship. Employers know that the new apprentice has experienced the industry before taking on the commitment of an apprenticeships and are passionate about the field. This pre-apprenticeship takes 14 weeks incorporating on-site training. Next intake: 20 August; other intakes to follow; Contact: Glenn McGill, 9564 1584, glenn.mcgill@holmesglen.edu.au.

**September Holiday Activities**

**University Of Ballarat - September Campus Tours**

Tours will be held in the holidays on 27 Sept and 2 Oct at 1pm. Bookings essential. Find them at www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students/open-day. Don’t forget to ask about the First Year Accommodation Guarantee offered by the university.

**Nuclear Medicine**

Like to find out about nuclear medicine and its role in the investigation diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease? With RMIT’s **Behind the Scenes, tours** gain an insight into the role of nuclear medicine in the healthcare sector. RMIT has the longest standing nuclear medicine program in Australia and in the past five years, all graduates have obtained an intern position following graduation. RMIT has arranged visits for Year 11/12 students to nuclear medicine departments that support its **Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations)** degrees. **When:** Thurs 27 and Fri 28 Sept; **Reg’n:** [www.rmit.edu.au/medical-radiations/nucmedvisits](http://www.rmit.edu.au/medical-radiations/nucmedvisits).

**Science in the City Lab Tour**

Science at RMIT will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills to tackle real-life problems. RMIT offers a range of science degrees including **biology**, **biotechnology**, **chemistry**, **environmental science**, **food science**, **nanotechnology** and **physics**. Visit the learning laboratories and find out about the programs, research and training facilities. **When:** 11am-1pm, Tues 26 Sept (incl lunch); **Register:** [www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover](http://www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover).

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**School Compliments**

During the week, it was great to hear from Tiffany that she had received some feedback from parents about the excellent support students were given for debating and also how fortunate other students were to attend the school's recent music tour.

Debating and the music tour are just two of the many extra-curricular college activities that are on offer across the curriculum.

Due to the busyness of life the majority of parents only contact the college when we have concerns. When you or your child feels teachers and other college staff have done a great job, see if you can find the time to thank them. A quick call to the office or an email is all it takes.

**Next FSPC Meeting**

If you have time help plan the activities of this group, please come to our next meeting on **FRIDAY 26th October** - 9:15am in college conference room.

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

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**Scouts ‘Our School Raffle 2012’ Tickets**

Sorry about the confusion with raffle ticket charges on family college statements. Raffle charges were entered for each family to help track the distribution and return of tickets. As sold and unsold tickets are returned, these charges will be processed or removed. Tickets not returned will be removed from accounts. If you are happy pay for them via your statement please make sure you return the stubs so you can go into the draw.

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**Community News**

**Daylesford Junior Football Club Presentation Evening**

**U12 + U15 Players & Family**

**Daylesford Town Hall**

**Sunday 16th September 2pm**

**Enquiries Ring Belinda 5348 4846 or Jan 5348 1761**
30 August 2012

Dear Parent/Guardians,

The Australian Education Union (AEU) as part of its current industrial campaign has called upon its members as Teacher, Principal Class, and Education Support Officers to participate in a state-wide stop-work action. The stop-work action will be held on Wednesday 5th September and will consist of a full day of action.

As per my correspondence regarding the previous state-wide stop-work (June 7th 2012), the majority of staff at Daylesford Secondary College, both teaching and non-teaching, are members of the Australian Education Union, and therefore have again agreed to support this second call to stop-work. Again, this places the college in a position where greater than 90% of our teaching and non-teaching staff will not be present on this day.

Therefore, the following special arrangements will be in place for Wednesday 5th September 2012.

∞ Due to a lack of availability of both teaching and non-teaching staff, our capacity to run our normal educational and supervision program will be extremely compromised. Therefore, students are not required to attend school on WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Our college understands that this form of stop-work action can be quite disruptive to families; therefore we endeavour to make this disruption as minimal as possible.

The college requires you to notify us if your son/daughter needs to attend school on this day. Please contact Tania at the General Office to indicate if this will be the case or, alternatively, please complete the form below and return to the General Office as soon as possible. It is essential that we are aware of any students who may need to attend school on this day of stop-work action. Parents should also note that, due to our very limited capacity to manage students who may attend, you may be contacted to come and collect your child if the number of expected students exceeds the legal staff/student ratio on the day. Parents are also reminded that school buses are not to be used on this day unless your child is attending school.

If you require your son/daughter to attend school on Wednesday 5th September, the below slip MUST be returned to the college by Monday 3rd September, 2012.

Kind regards,

Tiffany Holt
Principal


Parent/Guardian Name:  ........................................................................................................
Student Name/s: ....................................................................................................................

I understand that on Wednesday 5th September 2012, students are not required to attend school as the college will not have the capacity to provide their normal educational and supervision program, however, my child/children named above will be attending school on this day.
21/08/2012

Dear Parents

**KICKSTART 2013**

Whole School Program

I write to you regarding the **KICKSTART 2013** program that our College will be implementing this year for the first time across our **whole school**, as opposed to just our Senior Learning Community as we did in 2011.

1. The **KICKSTART 2013** program is the **OFFICIAL** beginning of the **2013 SCHOOL YEAR** for our **WHOLE SCHOOL**.
   This means that ALL students who are currently in Years 7 to 11 will move into their new Year Level as of **MONDAY 3rd December, 2012**.

2. Students who will be in our **Senior Learning Community in 2013 (Years 11 or 12)** will be required to attend school for **ONE week** of the **KICKSTART Program**, being, **Monday 3rd December to Friday 7th December**.

3. Students who will be in our **Junior and Middle Learning Communities in 2013 (Years 8 to 10)** will be required to attend school for the full **TWO weeks** of the **KICKSTART Program**, being, **Monday 3rd December through to Friday 14th December**.

4. **Year 6 to 7 Transition Day** will occur on **Tuesday 11th December**, where our new Year 7 students will begin their official timetable for 2013 on this day.

The 'End of Year Activities' Program, for students currently in Years 7 and 8, will commence from **Monday 14th December**.

**The reverse side of this letter provides a detailed calendar of activities and attendance days/requirements for ALL students over the final 4 weeks of 2012.**

The purpose of this highly valuable program is to allow our students to begin their 2013 studies **ASAP**, and to make the most valuable use of time between the school years. This allows for links in learning to occur immediately, ensuring the most effective use of time. Whilst the College understands the need for students to refresh and relax over the January period, we acknowledged that this down time can result in students losing engagement in their learning. The College has a clear goal for students, and that is, for them to learn and achieve to their greatest potential. Beginning the following year’s study at the end of the current year is a common practice for most secondary schools.

Please note that student attendance is **COMPULSORY** and will contribute towards their attendance requirements and percentage for 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Tiffany Holt
Principal
## Final 4 Weeks of 2012 & KICKSTART 2013 PROGRAM

Calendar Activities and Student Attendance Requirements

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| Mon 26 Nov    | - Year 11 Exam SWOT VAC 1 DAY  
- Current Timetable for Year 7-10 Students                          | Current Year 7-10 Students ONLY                                           |                                                                            |
| Tue 27 Nov    | - Year 11 - UNIT 2 Exams **DAY 1**  
- Current Timetable for Year 7-10 Students                          | Year 11 Students attend TIMETABLED Exam  
Current Year 7-10 students attend classes  
Year 10 students completing a UNIT 2 subject attend Exam |                                                                            |
| Wed 28 Nov    | - Year 11 - UNIT 2 Exams **DAY 2**  
- NO classes Current Year 7-10                                       | Year 11 Students attend TIMETABLED Exam  
Year 10 students completing a UNIT 2 subject attend Exam  
**Year 7-10 Students DO NOT attend** |                                                                            |
| Thu 29 Nov    | - Year 11 - UNIT 2 Exams **DAY 3**  
- NO classes Current Year 7-10                                       | Year 11 Students attend TIMETABLED Exam  
Year 10 students completing a UNIT 2 subject attend Exam  
**Year 7-10 Students DO NOT attend** |                                                                            |
| Fri 30 Nov    | REPORT WRITING DAY                                                        |                                                                            | **PUPIL FREE**                                                             |
| **KICKSTART 2013 - Week 1** WHOLE SCHOOL (2013 Year 8-12 Students) |                                                                           |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Mon 03 Dec    | First Day of KICKSTART 2013  
First OFFICIAL Day of 2013 School Year - ALL students                 | ALL Students- 2013 Years 8-12                                            | **MONDAY 03 December-**  
**OFFICIAL BEGINNING OF THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR for the**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL**                                                             |
| Tue 04 Dec    |                                                                            |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Wed 05 Dec    |                                                                            |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Thu 06 Dec    |                                                                            |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Fri 07 Dec    |                                                                            |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| **KICKSTART 2013 - Week 2 Junior and Middle Learning Communities (2013 Year 8-10 Students)** |                                                                           |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Mon 10 Dec    | No Srn Classes (VCE or VCAL) this week.  
Year 8-10 Classes Only                                                   | 2013 Year 8-10 Only.                                                       | TUESDAY 11 DEC-  
SECOND HAND BOOK & UNIFORM SALE                                             |
| Tue 11 Dec    | Year 7 Transition Day                                                      |                                                                            | Booklist DUE Wed 12 DEC                                                   |
| Wed 12 Dec    |                                                                            |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Thu 13 Dec    |                                                                            |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Fri 14 Dec    | Last day of KICKSTART 2013                                                 |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| **Final Week of 2012** |                                                                           |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Mon 17 Dec    | EOYA (End of Year Activities) Timetable                                    | 2012 Year 7 and 8 Students                                                |                                                                            |
| Tue 18 Dec    | Results & Rehearsals Day - Report Distribution 10.45am  
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY at 9.15am                                    | ALL 2012 Students Years 7-12                                               |                                                                            |
| Wed 19 Dec    | EOYA Timetable **Presentation Evening**                                   |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Thu 20 Dec    | EOYA Timetable                                                            |                                                                            |                                                                            |
| Fri 21 Dec    | Staff available for Parent Interviews to 12noon.                          |                                                                            |                                                                            |