Daylesford Secondary College Concert and Beginner Band Students participated in a Masterclass with Ringwood Secondary College Band.

Together they presented a Wonderful performance for DSC Junior School celebrating and enjoying their respective musical talents.

Photo - Amy on clarinet with Ringwood Secondary Band.

COMING EVENTS

Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday 3 November
DSC Working Bee – 6 November
Valedictory Dinner - 20 November
Year 11 Exams – 24, 25 & 26 November
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### Online Calendar and Newsletters

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### Principal’s News - Mr Graeme Holmes

**Student Success**

It was a wonderful musical and cultural opportunity for our students last Monday when the Ringwood Secondary College Band visited us. Our band members participated in a masterclass with the Ringwood band then they all joined together to present a wonderful performance for our Year 7 and 8 students. It was great to see the way the students mingled together from both schools, respectfully sharing their musical skills and knowledge.

**Year 12 Final Assembly**

The Year 12 final assembly was a credit to our final year students. They showed the values we expect of our Year 12s. The speeches were positive and enlightening, the mood was light and cheerful and the musical interludes were wonderful. The scene for a pleasant assembly was there from the outset when Floyd and Jade opened the assembly with a musical rendition then the positive theme was continued by our school captains and vice-captains. The final act – a dance performed by most of the Year 12 students – closed the assembly on a high. Well done to all of our Year 12 students.

By the time this newsletter is published the Year 12 exam period will be well underway. Many students have already commented how pleased they are with the exams to date. I wish everyone all the best for their studies and exams.

**End-of-Year**

Yes, the end of another school year is looming. Students are expected to attend school and participate in the exams, testing, new courses and activities. It is especially important for all students to attend during assessment and exam time. Details of the assessment and exam dates are described elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to mention the final three weeks of the school year as these weeks are also important for students.

Week 9 (30 November – 4 December) is Kickstart week where all students step up a year level.

Week 10 (7 December – 11 December) is Hands on Learning Week where KLAs provide a range of challenging activities for the students. It is also transition week and the time when our Year 9/10 students go on their trip to Queensland.

Week 11 (14 December – 18 December) is our Activities Program Week as well as Presentation Night on Wednesday 16 December.

**REBUILD PROJECT – UPDATE**

Tenders have been called for architects, project managers and quantity surveyors. Tenders closed yesterday and interviews will be held in the next two weeks.
Daylesford Secondary College is OPEN for 2016 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

Parents and Guardians interested to visit the school for a college tour or to discuss the enrolment pack are welcome to contact Ms Penny Ellis on - Ph: 5348 2367

Term 4 Working Bee

Our Term 4 working bee will be focused on cleaning up the school grounds and developing the garden area further. We are keen for as many students and parents to come and help out. A BBQ tea will be put on to feed us all afterwards.

When: Friday 6th November 4pm-6pm

Please bring your gardening gloves, spades, shovels etc.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 3rd November

Students are not required to come to school
Senior Learning Community

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Important Year 12 dates:
Year 12 Exam period started Wednesday, 28th October - Wednesday, 18th November.

Friday 20th November (evening only) – Valedictory Dinner 6.30pm for a 7.00pm meal at Creswick Forest Resort.
Tickets will be available from the General Office

SWOTVAC:
Students should be using this time to prepare for their upcoming exams. We strongly encourage students to keep in regular contact with their teachers during this time, via face to face meetings, emails and/or phone calls. Students should speak with their individual teachers to seek advice on specific study they should be doing during this time.

Unit 3 & 4 Exam Information:
Unit 3 & 4 Exams are held from Wednesday, 28th October - Wednesday, 18th November at the Daylesford Inn, 2891 Ballan Road, Daylesford. All exams will be held at this venue (except for VET: Interactive Digital Media being held at the college, in Room A2). Students must ensure they arrive at their exam 30 minutes prior to the exam starting time. They must ensure they have read the exam navigator (posted to all students in term 3) and familiarised themselves with important rules relating to exams. Students have been given their exam advice slips, with information about exam times already and should speak with their individual subject teachers about specific equipment they should take into the exam.

Year 11 Important Dates:
¬ Last day for Year 11 classes is Monday 23rd November
¬ Year 11 Exam period: Tuesday 24th November – Thursday 26th November
¬ KICKSTART will be held from Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December

Please be aware: THE COLLEGE REQUIRES ALL STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON:
¬ Tuesday, 15th December - Rehearsal Day (morning only).
¬ Wednesday, 16th December (evening only) - Presentation Night. 6.30 for 7.00 pm start in the College Theatre

Natalie Kirby & Angela Olver
Senior Learning Community Managers

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Weeks 6-8 in Term 4

Term 4 – A Critical Assessment Period

Term 4 is a critical time in the school year as the focus shifts to consolidating skills and knowledge learnt throughout the year and implementing these in the final outcomes. It is vital for students to be aware of key dates for assessment and to ensure that they are keeping up with classwork, utilizing their teachers and technology to access resources and seek feedback for improvement, particularly when they have missed a class.

Years 7-10
In addition to outcomes in each of their courses, students in Years 7-10 will be completing their final round of **On Demand testing for the year during weeks 6 and 7**. This is an important indicator of growth in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy which is used by teachers to reflect not only on the needs of individuals, but on their courses. Data from this testing and students’ final reports for the year will be utilized by Key Learning Areas (KLAs) as they revise their courses and prepare for 2016. Students are also encouraged to track their growth using the Student Growth Tracker.

After a week of their 2016 courses, **students in Years 7 and 8 will participate in Hands on Learning Week (7th-11th December)**. This week will involve a variety of hands on activities run by each KLA, these will include things such as pizza making, a sports day, potato Olympics and a Master Writer Challenge. **(Watch this space for more info!)**

Year 11 (Units 1&2)
Students undertaking a Unit 1 and 2 subject will be completing **exams from Tuesday 24th- Thursday 26th November** in the lead up to report writing day on Friday 27th. It is recommended that students prepare a study timetable and seek advice from their teachers as to how to revise for the exams.

Key dates
¬ The final day for 2015 classes is **Thursday 26th November**
¬ 2016 courses will begin on **Monday 30th November**
¬ Students in Years 7-8 are required to attend the Hands on Learning Week, **7th-11th December**
Ringwood Secondary College student together with Daylesford Secondary College students perform to DSC Year 7 & 8 students.

On Monday Daylesford Secondary College was visited by Ringwood Secondary College music students. Ringwood Secondary College is a 1400 student stand-alone Secondary College with a specialisation in Performing Arts located in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. One hundred and thirty (130) of their music students plus a small number of students in our own Concert and Beginner Band managed to fill the stage and a third of our theatre to play to our Year 7 and 8 students.

For over twenty years, Ringwood Secondary College has conducted a highly successful one week Band Tour in a regional area of Victoria. The Tour aims to provide an impetus and focus for local school music programmes, introduces different instruments to students and to provide performance experiences for Ringwood’s middle school students. Their company consisted of a Concert Band, String Orchestra and Choir. This year they concentrated their Tour in the Central region of Victoria.

Above: Flin on clarinet

Above: Amy and Sarah with Ringwood Secondary College Concert Band

Sports

Greater Western Region Volleyball

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Volleyball Team

Last Tuesday the Year 7 and 8 boys and girls Teams journeyed to Horsham to compete in the regional volleyball finals. The Year 7 boys team finished 2\textsuperscript{nd} overall while the other 3 teams were placed in 3\textsuperscript{rd} position.

All team members should be proud of their efforts and dedication on the day.

Many thanks to Gemmah Gill and Tlarne Lake for their much appreciated assistance as well as Colin Priest for his coaching leading up to the day of competition.

Martyn Nettleton
Sports Co-Ordinator
Swiss Italian Festa

Swiss Italian Festa: story telling in Italian

Last Thursday, as part of the Swiss Italian Festa, some of our Year 8 Italian students joined our local librarian to read stories and sing songs, in Italian, to a group of preschool children, their parents and grandparents. Santino, Jace, Kelly and Andrea read old favourites such as, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and sang traditional nursery rhymes like, Twinkle Twinkle to a very appreciative audience. Our students read their stories and sang each song beautifully. I would like to thank them for their great efforts to rehearse prior to the day and for representing our school in the local community. As one parent remarked, they were a great advertisement for DSC. Thanks to Maria Mazzitelli for helping our students with their reading and to Alison from the Daylesford Library for inviting us to participate, and for meeting us at DSC. We all enjoyed this activity very much and hope we can do the same next year.

Also on Saturday morning as the parade weaved its way into the soundshell area of the Hepburn Springs reserve for the annual Schools’ Concert, Isabella Thomas, Isabelle Fitzgerald and Holly McNamara entertained the crowd with a few songs.

Their beautiful voices could be heard drifting throughout the reserve and added such joy to the sunny, happy morning that it was.

After the girls’ singing, three Year 11 students of Italian took over to be the concert’s Masters of Ceremonies. Zoe Ingham, Holly McNamara and Jack Michael who truly did the school proud. They were wonderful presenters who spoke with great clarity and confidence in both English and Italian.

A big thank you to Susan Verbyla, who does so much work behind the scenes to get our talented performers up on stage and behind a microphone.

Ms Jenny Penaluna and Ms Maria Mazzitelli – LOTE
Absences & Time-on-Task

The target for attendance should be at least 95% unless serious illness intervenes. Also, when at school, time-on-task is necessary for learning to take place. At school, in class, paying attention and focused on learning improves learning outcomes.

“Inspiring” Quotes

You can have a million experiences or a million excuses - you can’t have both.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with one single step.

Believe in yourself – there is no one better qualified.

It’s your attitude not your aptitude that will determine your altitude in life.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Wimmera Hearing Society Inc.
Year 7 Hearing Tests

Information for parents/carers whose child had a hearing test on Monday morning, 26th October.
Your child had a hearing assessment conducted by the Wimmera Hearing Society trained staff and were given their results to take home. A copy of the results are also in your child’s school file.

Assessment: A pure tone air conduction hearing test was carried out along with further investigation of looking in the ears and a tympanic screen if required. These last two tests are only conducted if there is a deficit in your child’s hearing results. Looking in the ear is a check for wax in the ear or an ear infection. Tympanic screening measures the movement of the ear drum, indicating if your child has some form of blockage in the middle ear.

If we have recommended further investigation I strongly urge a medical follow up, as soon as possible.

A pure tone air conduction assessment is when a series of different pure tones are presented through a head set and your child responds each time they hear them.

Results: Your child’s results include the softest tones presented at different frequencies. Decibels (dB) O dB- very soft up to 100 dB- very loud.
Frequency (Hz): 500 /1000Hz low tones, 2000Hz mid range and 4000/8000Hz- high frequency tones

Normal Hearing: On the graph with your child’s results, X indicates the left ear and O the right ear. If all the X’s and Os are in the shaded area, your child’s hearing is all within the normal range.

If the results indicate a problem, and are below the normal range, we will have written our recommendations. This may include further investigation. This with your local doctor.
If the results indicate a loss in high frequency area 4000 and 8000 Hz. This usually is the result of exposing your hearing to loud noises, such as music, motorbikes, shooting etc.
If your child has a noisy hobby, please purchase some ear plug or muffs to protect their hearing.
It is very important to protect our hearing especially when younger as when you damage your hearing from noise exposure IT WON’T COME BACK.

Please contact us if you have any questions or worries on - 0417 342 850
www.wimerahearingsociety.com.au

Student Support Continues Term 4
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.

MIPS & Careers Update
Week 4 Term 4 2015

Careers
Considering an electrical career? NECA Readiness Assessment
An aptitude test for the Electrical Industry, by the Electrical Industry NECA Education and Careers has sessions open NOW to book for the 2015 NECA Readiness Assessment. This is a literacy and numeracy aptitude test for those wanting to be a part of the Electrical Industry. The results of this test are sent out to over 1,000 Electrical Contractors in Victoria, most of whom use it as a recruitment tool to shortlist their new apprentices. November 7th sessions are now available but spaces are filling up fast! Visit www.necaeducation.com.au click on the NECA Readiness Assessment link to register yourself. A fee of $55 is payable upon registration.

Year 9 students
Time to start talking to family friends and relatives about your Work Experience in 2016. The dates; 20-24 June 2016.
If you have a particular location or career in mind you may need to do some homework now.
Some examples:
Work Experience applications at the Royal Children’s Hospital open in January.
We believe that applications for the 2016 Royal Woman’s Hospital program will open toward the end of November this year and close mid-December (includes Pathology).
CSIRO – their program opens early 2016.
The range of possibilities is extensive – do your own research and bring your ideas to us.
Local placements
Placements at local schools, kindergartens, the Daylesford Community Childcare, the local hospital and Hepburn Shire must be organised through our office. This prevents these organisations from being bombarded by multiple requests.
Students with particular interests can register with us by making an appointment.

Year 11 students
A reminder that we need to update a number of Year 11 Career Action Plans. If you have not seen us for a while – please make an appointment ASAP.

Year 10 students
Girls – please email Ms Cattanach if you are interested in attending next year’s Women’s Mentor Breakfast. Give her two options regarding your career interests.

Year 12 students
We wish you well with your exams. Remember we expect to see or speak to all VCE students regarding their preferences on Monday 14 December. A number of VCAL students also need a follow up appointment. Please ring and we will make a suitable time.

Library

Library Books:
Reminder: Could all students please return overdue books to the library ASAP.

Thank you – Ms Slater

COMMUNITY NEWS

2 Day Standard Mental Health First Aid Training in Daylesford
Develop new skills and improve your understanding of mental health and mental health problems.

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, or who is in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or the crisis resolves.

Learn about signs and symptoms of mental health problems, how to help and what support is available.

**Thursday November 19th and Friday November 20th**
9.00am – 5.00pm.

Cost: $40
Registration includes course materials, lunch and morning/afternoon tea both days.

About the course [www.mhfa.com.au](http://www.mhfa.com.au)
Register by Monday November 9th.

For more information or to register contact Brian Dunn or 5321-6587 or briand@hhs.vic.gov.au

**Meditation: Three Mindful Mornings**

There is a lot of talk these days about mindfulness and meditation. In three relaxed and informative sessions various forms of meditation and mindfulness will be explored. You will be guided by Brad, who with over 20 years’ experience in Buddhist and Yogic meditation techniques, will lead the group in an exploration of the nature and practice of different styles of meditation including mindfulness of breathing, single point of focus and walking meditation.

**Friday 6, 13, and 20 November 9:30-10:30am**
Tutor: Brad Sadler
$10 per week
Trentham Neighbourhood Centre
03 5424 1354
info@trenthamnc.org.au

**DAYLESFORD JUNIOR TENNIS**

Junior tennis on the beautiful grass courts at West St Daylesford started on Saturday 17 October. Daylesford junior tennis is for all students up to and including 18 years of age. If you are still at school including completing Year 12 this year, you are welcome and encouraged to play as part of our junior competition. Competition tennis begins at 9.15am and any interested players should just come along. For information, registration forms and membership details check out the web site [www.daylesfordtennis.com](http://www.daylesfordtennis.com). For any enquiries please call Vicki Horrigan 5348 3894.

Vicki Horrigan - Junior Tennis Coordinator
Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club
[www.daylesfordtennis.com](http://www.daylesfordtennis.com)
[vicard@bigpond.com](mailto:vicard@bigpond.com)

**MATHS Help**

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

**Don't fear maths!**

Maths tutoring available. Thursday afternoons. All levels. $50 per hour & travel if outside Daylesford.

Call Lee Taylor on 0439326651.
Qualified engineer with current Working With Children Check.

**ENGLISH Help**

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

**Sprung Circus Term 4 Classes & Holiday Program**

Weekly classes for children, teens and adults, all things circus, call 0477499342 for details or see [www.sprungcircus.net](http://www.sprungcircus.net)