Welcome back everyone for Term 4! After such a busy and rewarding Term 3, I find it hard to believe we are at this time of the year yet again. Thank you to everyone involved in our Whole School Assembly on the final day of Term 3, where we saw a wonderful celebration of the many achievements made during Term 3, including an outstanding performance by Mr Timcke’s New Orleans Band, the presentation of so many A+ Attendance Awards, Values Awards, Science and Math Competition Awards, and the passing on of our best wishes to our Year 12 students as they prepare themselves for their final exams. What a fabulous assembly it was. The College is now in full swing in terms of planning for 2014. Thank you to all students and parents for their consideration regarding subject choices for 2014, and to the many families who attended our Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 3. These interviews are a very important process not only in regards to how your son/daughter is currently performing at school, but also in relation to their learning program and potential for next year.

**2014 KICKSTART**

Whilst we are talking about planning for 2014, I wish to remind our College community of the 2014 KICKSTART program dates. I will be sending a letter home to all families in the very near future regarding the finer details of the program for this year, however, for now, please note the following dates:

- **2014 KICKSTART WEEK 1** - 20th December to 21st December - All Year 7 Students required to attend.
- **2014 KICKSTART WEEK 2** - 22nd December to 23rd December - All Year 8 Students required to Attend.

Parents should note that 2014 Year 7 Students (current Grade 6 Students) will attend our College on Tuesday 10th December as part of their Year 7 Transition. As this occurs during our KICKSTART PROGRAM, students will be placed into their actual 2014 Homegroups and they will follow their actual 2014 timetables.

**Uniform**

As we enter Term 4, the weather is presenting us a few challenges, cold one day and warm the next! Students are reminded that approved uniform MUST be worn at all times. Black socks are not permitted when visible, either with College summer dresses, winter skirts or shorts. Girls are also reminded that the only black shorts that can be worn are those from our new Uniform Perm-a-pleat range, purchased from Daylesford Clothing. I also remind both students and
parents that long sleeve tops underneath short sleeve shirts are not permitted, and dress and skirt length should be no shorter than mid-thigh. Please note; College Black Pullovers for our Senior Learning Community are now available at Daylesford Clothing. I would also like to thank and congratulate the majority of our students who are now wearing our new College Uniform with pride, and a very big congratulation to Ethan, who is a fine example of this, looking absolutely fantastic in his full College Uniform!

**Year 12 & Valedictory Dinner**

As mentioned previously, we wish our Year 12 students every success as they currently prepare themselves for their end of year exams. This can be a very stressful and challenging time for students. We encourage parents/guardians to ensure their Year 12 students have a well prepared study plan in place that also includes adequate sleep, nutrition, exercise and some relaxation away from the books! We also wish to notify Year 12 families of this year’s Valedictory Dinner. The **2013 Valedictory Dinner** will be held on Wednesday 20th November from 6.30 to 10.00 pm. The dinner is being held at the Bellinzona Country Retreat in Hepburn Springs and tickets are $55 per person. A personal invite has been sent to all Year 12 Families. The Valedictory dinner is our College’s final farewell to our **2013 Year 12 students**. This is an evening of celebration, where our College community joins together to congratulate our students on their overall achievement and to wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours. A presentation ceremony and valedictory address follows the dinner.

**Year 11 Exams**

Year 11 Students are reminded their end of year Exams will occur on the following dates:

- Monday 25th November- Year 11 Exam Study Day
- Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November- Exam Timetable.

The Year 11 Exam Timetable will be distributed to students in the coming weeks.

**2013 Naplan Reports**

Parents/Guardians of students in Years 7 and 9 will have recently received their son/daughters NAPLAN Report. As per the letter attached to this report, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s results, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Learning Community Manager as follows:

- Junior Learning Community- Mr Roger Gooding
- Middle Learning Community- Ms Penelope Ellis

**Communication with Parents**

Communicating with parents about the many different activities, events and requirements that occur within our college every day is always a very difficult task. Currently our College aims to communicate with parents via our College Newsletter, our College Website, regular letters home both directly with your child or children or via the mail, our new SMS texting system and of course direct phone calls. We understand that there are times when parents may miss pieces of information, and it is for this reason we are continuing to have discussions with our Family School Partnership Committee about ways to improve communications between school and home. Currently we are investigating the use of a new Smart Phone App that provides a variety of functions and communication support for both the College and parents alike. This will take some time to investigate properly; however, we are aware of a number of schools who are currently using this communication method, and who report it to be very successful. If you would like to provide any feedback on whether you feel a Smart Phone App would be an effective way for the College to improve communication with parents, please feel free to email your thoughts or other ideas to daylesford.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or speak directly to our parent representatives Ms Vicki Horrigan or Ms Stephanie Barron.

**Junior Learning Community**

**Year 7 PE - Elyse Penaluna Visit**

Last Thursday Elyse Penaluna from the Bendigo Spirit visited Daylesford Secondary College to give the year 7 PE students a basketball clinic. Elyse is also an Australian Open Squad member and a WNBL championship winner with the Bulleen Boomers. All students had lots of fun and learnt a great deal from Elyse. We thank Elyse for giving her time and effort to visit our school.

**Stanley Hammond Awards**

Ethan is awarded a Stanley Hammond for modelling the school values and for exceptional school uniform
Year 7 students’ excursion to Vic Market, Thursday 7th November

As part of the Italian curriculum, all year 7 students are encouraged to take part in whole day excursion to the Queen Victoria Market, on Thursday November 7th, week 6 this term. It is also anticipated that students will use their experiences on this day for some future English/Sose/ICT activities. Prior to the day, students in 7.2 and 7.4, who are currently studying Italian, will begin their assignment, which will be completed at the market. Students from 7.1 and 7.3, who completed Italian in first semester, will join the student groups from the current year 7 Italian classes. All students will be able to win small prizes for the best and most accurate team effort to complete their assignments. To complete the assignment, students will visit the meat, fish, fruit and vegetables and deli sections of the market, to find out what ingredients are used in Italian cooking, how much they cost and to ask questions about how to cook them. Afterwards, they will have pizza or pasta, soft drink and ice cream at La Porchetta’s, across the road from the market. If there is any free time afterwards, students will be allowed to return to the market for some personal shopping or browsing time. For this excursion school uniform must be worn and while students are at the market, or nearby, they must always stay with at least 2 other students. We will return to meet the school buses, at the end of the school day.

Please note: In the past, some students have purchased chickens or other small animals at the market. Prior to the excursion, students will need a written note from their parents and we will make a phone call to confirm they are allowed to make such purchases.

The cost for this excursion is $25.00, which includes lunch at La Porchetta’s. Permission notes and payments must be handed in at the general office, no later than Friday November 1st. Unfortunately, late payments cannot be accepted. This is so we can ensure that buses can be paid for. However, please do not hesitate to call me at school if you have any questions, or difficulties regarding paying for the excursion.

Jenny Penaluna
Languages Coordinator

DOXA Youth Foundation

Applications for the Doxa Cadetship Program for 2014 close on Friday 25 October. This program helps talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, aspiring to go to university in 2014, to progress through university and into a professional role.

Benefits include:
- A corporate sponsor related to their field of study that provides 8 weeks of work placement annually under the guidance of an industry mentor
- A living allowance
- A book allowance
- Annual overnight professional development weekends and evening training
- A new suit
- Counselling and tutoring as required

For application forms see Ms Bosch/Ms Cattanach/Ms Barlow

Daylesford Clothing Uniform Notice

New Black Senior Pullovers have arrived and are now available at Daylesford Clothing size 16 ($69.00) and sizes 18-24 ($75.00)

Hepburn Seniors Football

The Hepburn seniors played Buninyong in the CHFL grand final on Saturday 14th of September and came from behind to win by 9 points. The team is made up of a very talented and diverse group of men. One of the features of this team is they have 10 players under 21. Several of these young players are from DSC past and present. Tom Conroy graduated in 2012, and Jimmy Rodgers and Joe Malone also attended DSC. The youngest player in the team is Finn Anscombe who is 18 years old and currently studying in year 12 at DSC. Finn has managed to balance the demands of moving into the seniors line up this year with year 12 studies and his role as Flinders house captain at DSC for 2013. Finn is a very proud member of the DSC school and is a great role model for younger people in the community. He displays all the values that DSC stand for, ‘Respect, Honesty, Endeavour, Cooperation, & Courtesy’ and in 2012 Finn was honoured to receive the senior sports person award at DSC. But nothing can compare to a young man realising a dream to play in and win a grand final and after the game he said to his uncle ‘it doesn’t get any better than this’. Finn is very much a team player and is grateful for the opportunity coach Clive Raak and the Hepburn football club gave him to play in the senior’s team and play his part in the grand final victory this year, and he is looking forward to next season. In 2014 Finn hopes to go on and study Sports Science and to continue to encourage and support other younger sports people.

MIPS & Careers Update

Week 2 Term 4 2013

On Wednesday 9th of October, members of Daylesford Rotary met with SRC representatives at lunch time to talk about the work that Rotary does,
and the programs and support available to our students. This includes leadership camps and general support including the bus for our debating teams to travel to Ballarat. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch, with several students being interested in volunteer work with Rotary and their youth organisation Interact.

Colin Glen attended the Australian Sheep Show (Bendigo) as part of his Work Experience in term 3. Colin’s employer was ex-student Finlay MacDonald.

Electrical - NECA

For more than 29 years, NECA has been conducting a pre-selection assessment for students interested in an electrical career. NECA Victoria have partnered with E-Oz Energy Skills Australia to deliver a new national Readiness Assessment in place of the NECA Pre-Selection Assessment. The assessment is highly regarded by employers in the industry as it provides one common assessment of all candidates from an industry standpoint. The assessment covers both numeracy and literacy and it is ‘free of charge’. Go to http://vic.neca.asn.au/ to register online.

Year 12

We wish our students good luck in their upcoming exams.

Reminders:

Any student wanting a school reference will need to put their name on the list in Careers office and will need to complete the Career Plan on the school website. This can be done as soon as exams are over.

December 17 – ATAR results – we expect to see or speak to all students with VTAC applications on that day. Remember that universities will conduct information sessions regarding changing course applications in the days following the results. Scholarship applications through VTAC close 19 October (5pm).

Scholarships Lewis Trust

See: http://www.lewisscholarships.org.au

Dafydd Lewis Scholarship - Only boys can apply for the Dafydd Lewis Scholarship. (Girls see Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship below).

A recipient of the scholarship must have attended a Victorian state school or college for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to being awarded the scholarship. Exceptions may apply for holders of humanitarian visas. Please visit the FAQ page. Applicants may not be older than 19 years of age (i.e. not yet 20) on 1st January 2014. All applicants will need to complete a means test. The combined gross income of the applicant's parents must be below $73,980 per annum (in 2013). Students can intend to study any degree offered at any university in Victoria, with the exception of Arts, Education, Music & Theology, excpeting those students who wish to undertake the Arts course for the purpose of gaining entry to a course which was previously offered by the institution as an undergraduate degree but is now only offered at postgraduate level.

Scholarship Application Form

The Scholarship Application Form and supporting materials must be received no later than the second Friday of December (13 December 2013).

Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship

Young women can apply for the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship provided they will be commencing a degree at Melbourne University. Combined parental income must not exceed $73,980 per annum (earnings in 2013).

University of Melbourne

There is a range of other scholarships available at Melbourne which have different application requirements and closing dates.

Residential Scholarships

The University of Melbourne's residential colleges offer financial support in the form of scholarships, bursaries and employment opportunities to help students fund their college experience. www.colleges.unimelb.edu.au/information/scholarships.html

Faculty Scholarships

Many faculties have specific scholarships and benefits for students applying to their courses. Students are encouraged to check the website of their preferred course for more information: www.unimelb.edu.au/az/faculties.html

Want to do science at University of Melbourne but don’t have the maths?

There are ways the student can catch up! They could undertake maths as a single subject at the University of Melbourne. The Semester 1 subject Introduction to Mathematics is equivalent to VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 (the student must have completed Units 1 and 2 Mathematical Methods or equivalent first). If Semester 1 has already started, the student could undertake Senior Mathematics through UniLearn (an 18 week online subject) and achieve a final score of 75% to meet our requirements.

More information:

Single Subject Studies: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/cap
La Trobe Uni: A maths bridging course is available at our Melbourne campus for students who have not recently completed Year 12 and want to enrol in a La Trobe course that requires maths skills.

La Trobe Health promotion at Bendigo Campus

The Rural Health School is pleased to be offering the Bachelor of Public Health Promotion from 2014 in addition to the Bachelor of Health Science and Diploma of Health Science. This new course is exclusively available at our Bendigo Campus. In this course you will explore current and emerging knowledge in health promotion activities and develop the skills that prepare you for a practical role in a broad range of settings that work to promote and protect people’s health.

Scholarships: In it to win it!

It’s worth your while investigating what’s out there. The eligibility criteria for our scholarships differ greatly.

We offer a range that may be suited to your needs and personal circumstances.

Go to: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/costs/scholarships

The closing date for most scholarships is 30 October 2012.

La Trobe A shout out for parents!

La Trobe recognise that parents play a vital role in providing guidance and support to our future students.

This is why we have developed a series of useful video resources for you to view online. The videos cover topics such as:

- What is an ATAR?
- How subject selection works
- Middle band and pathways

Start with http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school Year 10 & 11 students Summer School

If you are serious about doing well in your VCE you should consider the VCE Summer School at the University of Melbourne. It is run by the Student Union and it runs from the 6th to the 17th of January, 2014. The program runs from 9am to 4pm each day, and students are expected to attend the full duration of the program.

VCE Summer School is run by four student directors and the tutor team consists of volunteer tutors from tertiary institutions across Victoria. We offer all subjects at VCE Summer School, so be sure to apply even if you are only doing the visual and performing arts, we have tutors from all different tertiary institutions, including Monash, RMIT, Deakin, La Trobe and the Victorian College of The Arts and Music.

The broad range of tutors allows us to cover all VCE subjects, so don't let the rarity of your subjects deter you from applying to VCE Summer School.

If you have any questions and queries please feel free to contact the VCE Summer School office by email – summerschool@union.unimelb.edu.au or you can call us on 8344 8204. We are usually in the office 10am – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Residential Program

To accommodate rural and regional students in Victoria, VCE Summer School runs a supplementary residential program. The residential program allows students to board on campus at St Hilda’s College, for the duration of the two week program. Up to sixty students can be accommodated in 2014, with meals provided. Students can be accommodated over the middle weekend if necessary. Furthermore, the residential program is a structured, two-week activities program. A team of seven residential tutors and four directors will supervise the students and all activities for the two weeks. Students will be divided into groups and supervised by one of the residential tutors for the duration of the program. The residential activities program is designed to give students a taste of college life, as well as the opportunity to explore the city of Melbourne. Activities and excursions that have run in the past include; a Melbourne Amazing Race, trivia, Quidditch, and the Victorian Night Market. Please note that attendance at all activities is compulsory. Activities will also be run over the middle weekend, subject to the interests of those staying on campus. Please get your applications in early! We can only accept 60 students and we generally only accept three students per school. The Residential Program is only available to students in rural or regional Victoria outside of metropolitan Melbourne hence preference is given to students based on geographical need. If you are unsure if you qualify for the Residential Program please contact the VCESS office Directly.

The cheque and money order must be attached to your completed application form, which you can download and print. The program is $190 for the entire two weeks, and the Residential Program is $570 which provides food, accommodation and supervision for the 2 weeks of Summer School (excluding the middle weekend). For more information on completing your application, please see the How to Apply page. Please see Careers Office for further information.

Family School Partnership Committee

Catch-up, Cuppa & Cake - 2nd last for Year

NEXT Catch-up, Cuppa and Cake is Friday 25th October 9-10am (last Friday of the month).

Staff from the college Student Wellbeing Team is present from 9’ish to 10 and the principal often drops in. Stay on for a chat and something to eat or drink.

Cuppa & Cake Deal for $6.50 @ Harvest Cafe 29 Albert St, Daylesford or just have a cuppa.

Focus this year is communication, homework and volunteering and direction for 2014 and beyond.

Term 4

I hope everyone had a good break and are ready for this term of change. Year 12s are getting ready to leave, Years 7 to 11 are moving up and Grade 6’s come to experience their next school for a day. Thank-you to the team at school that make this all happen.

Year 12 Exams

Next week is the final few full-time school days for our Year 12 students. I would like to wish them well on behalf of all the college families for their end of year exams. GOOD LUCK to you all.
Year 12 Dinner - 20 November

The annual dinner is after the Year 12 exams and helps the Year 12 celebrate with their parents, teachers and peers. More details have been included in this newsletter. This is an important night for ALL Year 12 students.

Facebook and Photos

School Council is discussing the loading of photos onto the college Facebook page. Stayed tuned.....

College Backpack Parent Survey

The survey results are still to be presented to School Council but the view of the parents was they liked a college backpack but generally didn’t buy one because their child didn’t want a college one. Only a handful of parents completed the survey so the results are not that reliable.

Contact Details for FSPC

Donna O’Mara on fspc@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-7970.

Community News

Casual Junior Staff Wanted

Daylesford IGA is currently seeking casual junior staff members to join their team. Successful applicants will need to be outgoing, friendly and reliable. Prior experience isn’t necessary, but a ‘can do’ attitude is a must. Applicants will need to be available at least one night a week after school and one shift over the weekend.

If you think you are right for this position, please come in to IGA ASAP and ask for Elisabeth.

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Homework Group

Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre

FREE!!
Grade 5-6 (Primary)
Years 7-10 (Secondary)
Tuesdays (during school term)
3.45pm – 5.30pm
Light snack + drinks provided.
Experienced local teacher Peter O’Mara will assist you with any homework needs.
Computers available if required.
Contact Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre
E: daylesford@ourneighbourhood.org.au

P: 5348 3569
Or drop in to 13 Camp Street and see Reception.
Financially supported and encouraged by DSC

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

Free Youth Hospitality Training

This training is available free to young people aged 15 - 25 and is funded by Melbourne Food and Wine Festival’s Longest Lunch Daylesford 2013.

Barista Coffee Making

For people who work or hope to work in the hospitality industry, the home Barista or the hardcore coffee lover. Find out how to expertly grind coffee, perfect methods of extraction, dose, tamp, tricks and troubleshooting. Practice milk heating and various pouring techniques. Discuss styles, origins and coffee culture. Also covered will be cleaning to help keep your machine in great shape. Make and taste some great coffee and improve your barista confidence.

FREE Monday December 2, 6 – 8.30pm
Tutor: Vigen Karibian

Responsible Service of Alcohol

This is the official Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation authorised program designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to a safe, enjoyable environment in licensed premises. This is the certificate accepted by the hospitality industry in Victoria and is essential if you are working in, or intend to work in the sector.

FREE Tuesday December 10, 10am - 2:30pm
Training Organisation: The Laurels

Food Hygiene

Suitable for staff working in any food business. The National Food Safety Standards require that all food businesses ensure their food handlers have the skills and knowledge of food safety and hygiene for the work they do. The following course is suitable for staff working in any food business. Students who successfully complete the unit competencies will receive a Statement of Attainment for SITXOHS001A “Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures from Certificate II in Hospitality.”

FREE Tuesday December 17, 9.30 am - 5.00pm
Training Organisation: The Laurels

Please Note: All training is held at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Registration is essential. Please phone: 53 452 356 for bookings.
ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2014, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 7 November 2013.

Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- excursions and camps
- laptops and notebooks
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program, supporting over 20,000 people to build their financial confidence since 2003.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cathy Goss, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5444 9081 / 0459 131 175 or cathy.goss@haven.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is administered in Western Australia and South Australia by Haven, Home, Safe. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
As you will have noticed by the strange attire worn by your children at the end of term three that the school celebrated another wonderful Spirit Week. The students really rose to the occasion and wore some truly uplifting costumes, which helped to lift everyone’s spirit at the end of a long term. Around every corner you really didn’t know who or what you might find, though one thing was certain, and that is, it was bound to make you laugh.

This year’s festivities were even more enjoyable with the Year 9 Personal Development classes adding to the atmosphere by running some fantastic stalls and the music performances in the theatre, giving all three days a wonderful carnival atmosphere. The SRC would like to thank the Year 9’s for their enterprising spirit and effort, the staff of year 9 Personal Development who supported their students, the bands who played and in particular, Ms Verbyla who oversaw and coordinated the entire year 9 and musical involvement in Spirit Week. A very big thank-you to you all. This year’s winners of the pizza lunch awarded to the homegroup, which accrued the most points through the quizzes, number of students in spirit costume and bonus points entering, The Costume of the Day competition are 10.2 with a total of 96 points. Congratulations to 10.2. The scariest room or place at DSC is clearly the art room storeroom with nine homegroups out of 22 having voted it creepy, haunted and the frightening home of decapitated Barbies. The student most listed on the Colourful Day Quiz was Tim Bull and his red hair by eleven homegroups. Enjoy the photos and we look forward to Spirit Week 2014.

SRC Spirit Week Sub-Committee