Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3! Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Mr David Stuchbery for his extremely hard work and commitment to Daylesford Secondary College as Acting Principal during Term 2. Mr Stuchbery had a fantastic time whilst here in our school, and he reports of the wonderful things going on within our college, and the excellent attitudes and demonstration of our college values by our students. Thank you again Mr Stuchbery. On that note, I also thank everyone for their kind words of support and thoughts during my absence in Term 2 and especially for everyone’s lovely welcome back messages. It is great to be back at school after such a long time away!

We began the Term with an outstanding Professional Learning day, where over 120 teachers from across the Hepburn Shire gathered here at our college to learn more effective ways to developing and promote students writing skills and abilities. This was our second day of learning from the outstanding Mr Stephan Graham, and followed on from our first encounter back in 2012. It is absolutely wonderful for our secondary and primary teachers to work and learn together so that our students, no matter what age, are learning from consistent and effective teaching practices. This is just another example of how we all never stop learning in our lives.

Some very important activities are coming up this term as we begin to prepare for the 2014 school year, and I send some reminders for everyone to note-

### 2014 Course Selection Information nights:

Information nights for students who will be moving into our Senior Learning Community (Years 11 and 12) and or Middle Learning Community (Years 9 and 10) in 2014 will begin next week as follows:

- **Wednesday 31st July at 5.45pm**
  - **2014 Senior Learning Community Parent/Student Information Evening**
  - Students who are currently in Year 10 MUST attend this evening as their introduction to Years 11 and 12. Students will be introduced to their Senior Course options, either VCE or VCAL, and staff will be present from across the college to discuss subject choices that will be appropriate for learning or employment needs after secondary school.

- **Monday 5th August at 5.45pm**
  - **2014 Middle Learning Community Parent/Student Information Evening**
  - Students who are currently in YEARS 8 and 9 MUST attend this evening
  - Current Year 9 students will attend from 5.45 to 6.30pm
  - Current Year 8 students will attend from 6.30pm to 7.15pm

At both of these evenings, student(s) will be instructed about the course selection process, where all student subject choices must be submitted by 3.30pm FRIDAY 9th August.
letter about these information evenings will also come home today also.

• **Wednesday 14th August at 7.00pm**

Tertiary Information Evening for CURRENT Year 12 Students and Parents

**Students who are currently in Year 12**

who are planning on going to university in 2014 should attend this evening to learn of the application processes and other ESSENTIAL requirements for applying to Universities and/or TAFE. Please see inside this newsletter for more information about this evening, or contact our Careers advisors, Mrs Barlow or Ms Cattanach for more information.

**ARC Youth Space Open at Lunch times on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday.**

We are very fortunate that the ARC Youth Space will now be open to our students during school lunch times. The venue will be supervised by our new Youth Extensions Coordinator, Mr Sebastian Klein, and ARC Manager, Letecia Frost. A limited number of students will be able to use this space during lunch times, and a sign in and out process will be required. If you do not wish for your son/daughter to access this space during lunchtimes, please notify the college general office at your earliest convenience.

**Uniform**

I was absolutely delighted on my return to see our students proudly wearing their new college uniform. Our students have dramatically improved the wearing of their uniform, they look fantastic, and I congratulate them for doing so! Some improvements can still be made, and I remind all parents that only our new “Perm-a-pleat” uniform from **DAYLESFORD CLOTHING** should be purchased when replacing old items. On that note, if parents are having trouble getting into the store, the college is more than pleased to take uniform orders, where Daylesford Clothing will package these for you and we will send them home with your child. Uniform order sheets are now available at the General Office. This process will assist any parent/s who may not be able to visit Daylesford to purchase new uniform items, and where a size may be obtained that does not fit, exchanges can be easily made. I will also send a note home to all parents regarding this new way to purchase uniform items. Also- **ORDERS are now being taken via the General Office for our official college BLACK WIND-STOPPER Jacket.**

See our office staff to place an order. Orders must be received by Wednesday 31st July.

**Upcoming dates to remember**

**Athletics Sports** - We’re all keeping our fingers and toes crossed that the weather holds out for this year’s Athletic Sports, scheduled for Thursday 22nd August. We have not had much luck with our athletics sports over the coming years, so we are all hoping for a beautiful sunny day!

**College Production** - Rehearsals are in full swing as the college again prepares for our Annual School Production. This year’s spectacular, “The Rocky Monster Show” opens on Thursday 29th August, and further shows will be on Friday 30th August, Thursday 5th September and Friday 6th September.

**Finally,** I wish to congratulate a group of Year 10 students who on Monday attended a special Trauma Prevention Program in Ballarat delivered by the Ballarat Health Services. I am delighted to say that the event providers and presenters reported our students to be the best ever group to participate in this program! They were highly engaged, asked excellent and relevant questions, and demonstrated nothing but respect and politeness to everyone throughout the day, an absolute credit to our college! Well done, guys! Miss Holt ☺

**Cultural Bends Get Together**

**Dear Parent and Friend,**

A ‘get together’ has been planned for those interested parents and others, who may wish to contribute to a program of **developing the arts and cultural opportunities for our students.**

Encouraging the influence, participation and understanding of arts and culture within the school will be our key focus.

I have some ideas, and I’m sure some of you will have a few of your own.

There is no obligation or expectation apart from discussing ideas, potential contacts and helping to look at things differently.

I am working with the title - ‘Cultural Bends’ and look positively ahead to meeting you as potential ‘Cultural Bends Players’

**An apology:** I recognised, too late, that my first attempt to ‘get together’ became problematic because without realising, the date chosen was on the evening of a public holiday. I had no way of changing this in time, and had little option but punish myself for the oversight, so meeting with myself on this evening at the school – long enough to be convinced that ‘no-one else was coming’

I have confidence that amongst you all, there are those who appreciate this call, recognise its importance and have something to say about it.

**Where:** At the School

**When:** Monday Aug 5, 7pm - A few snacks ??

Regards Alec Cimera

**Calling for Recipes’**

Some Daylesford Secondary College students are producing a cook book made up of low cost, fresh produce easy make recipes. We have approached the local cafes and restaurants and have received a terrific collection from the chefs of Daylesford and now we would like to add any you might have to the book. If you have a low cost, easy make, fresh produce recipe we would love to be included. Please
email to Elaine Anderson anderson.elaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or drop it into the school office with your name so we can acknowledge you for contributing. All recipes need to be in by Mon 5th August.

**Library Notice**
A notice for all overdue books to be brought back to the library ASAP.

**Breakfast Hepburn Shire Council**
Thank you to Hepburn Shire Council for providing students and staff with a bacon and egg breakfast on Tuesday 23 July. We appreciate Hepburn Shire Council for supporting our breakfast program providing hot food on a very chilly morning.

**State Cross Country**
Congratulations to Eve for her fantastic effort to finish 29th in the State Cross Country last week. Eve’s time of 12 min 22secs was a personal best and the College is extremely proud of her achievements in cross country this year.

**Stanley Hammond Awards**
Jezza, for helping clean up Senior Centre and Dylan, Dean, Finn for helping set up for the G.A.T.

** Year 10 Work Experience**
Congratulations to those who were out in the workplace last week. Feedback from both students and employers, so far, has been very positive. It was fantastic to see you in work situations and in the main enjoying yourselves.

You are to be complimented on:
- Showing initiative
- Being polite, on time, and dressed appropriately
- We received no negative comments about inappropriate phone use
- Being adaptable and getting through the week
- Being great ambassadors for our school and, most importantly, for yourselves

We would like to take copies of your ‘assessment sheets’. Could you bring them to our office in the next week please.

**Year 10**
Hopefully you got a copy of University prerequisites for 2016 (Current Year 10 students) from one of the newspapers last Monday. If not this information is available on the VTAC website - www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html Year 10 students will soon be selecting courses and subjects that will have impact upon what is open to the student in forming attitudes to it. It’s also their own use of alcohol and how they use it, discuss it and respond to it that is also vital in determining a child’s attitude. We (Australian Drug Foundation – Grog Watch) launch our parent’s site TheOtherTalk.org.au encouraging parents to discuss alcohol and other drugs openly with their children. The Other Talk highlights the important role parents play in shaping their children’s attitudes and knowledge to alcohol. It’s important that parents learn the facts about alcohol, discuss their own attitude to alcohol, and ensure their children delay their drinking. With this approach we can ensure that our children will have a sensible approach to alcohol and reduce the need for binge drinking and other long-term abuse.

following the completion of year 12. Year 10 students should have a look at the information in this publication to prepare themselves for the decisions they will soon be making.

Year 12

All year 12 students intending or considering applying for university for 2014 (or deferring) will need to attend Year 12 Tertiary Student/Parent Information evening at 7.00pm Aug 14th at the school in C wing. The process for applying (for both Victorian and interstate) can be quite daunting and to assist you we need to provide you with advice. Parents are strongly urged to attend. The application process covers scholarship applications and SEAS (special consideration for a range of issues).

To assist us in preparing for year 12 student interviews we ask that students update their Career Pathway Plans. These are now available on the school system through ‘Student Quick Links’.

Doxa Cadetship Program

This was designed 20 years ago to support talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to succeed in university and enter the professional world. Since this time 400 young people have graduated to become successful in significant Australian and International companies.

The program creates success by providing cadets with the following supports which are common barriers to their development including:

- A living allowance of $120 per week
- A new suit from SABA
- A book allowance
- Professional development training including overnight camps and evening training from some of the leading experts in the country.
- Access to an Alumni network involving 400 graduates and 50 of Australia’s leading companies.

By far the most impactful part of the program is the 8 weeks of work placement each cadet undertakes annually within their sponsor company under the guidance of an industry mentor. This is where the majority of learning takes place and cadets get a firm grasp of what is required to make it in the professional world.

Due to outstanding support from our corporate partners it is anticipated 2014 will offer our largest range of sponsorship opportunities to date. Sponsor opportunities in 2014 will include fields as diverse as:

- Law
- Commerce/Accounting/Finance
- Marketing and Communications
- Information Technology
- Engineering
- Science
- Management
- Manufacturing

Cadet recruitment will commence on the first week of August 2013 and end on Thu 31st October 2013.


Years 10, 11 & 12 OPEN DAYS

Annual University and TAFE Open Days are coming up soon. These are a great opportunity for you to check out facilities, courses, locations, attend presentations about courses and careers, and to talk to staff and students. Year 10 is great time to start attending these because it is hard to see all options before you complete year 12.

You need to think about what you want to get out of OPEN DAYs before you go.

Don’t wander aimlessly …… try the following:

- Obtain an Open Day Guide beforehand (e.g. from websites like [www.deakin.edu.au/openday](http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday) or [www.openday.unimelb.edu.au](http://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. Register ahead for these if required
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff about courses that interest you - note 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; these can assist with gaining employment
- 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 offer a lifestyle that will suit some students.
- Ask about international study opportunities – a very popular option

**Art/Graphics/Performance 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 is A MUST!**


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Australian Catholic University Arts Degrees

ACU is committed to developing graduates with strong communication and analytical skills, flexible and innovative thinking, who will seek exciting career options in the global workforce. ‘Arts Advantage’ is a new subject that will stimulate students to think from the very beginning of the degree about work readiness and the attributes sought by employers. The compulsory unit will focus on work readiness, and building relevant skills and knowledge in essential areas. It will be undertaken in the B. Arts, B. Creative Arts and the B. Arts/B. Global Studies from Semester 1, 2014.

Deakin University and Parents

Would you like to be better informed about further study options for your child, how to prepare for this important transition, and key dates and processes? You will be able to meet staff and students, find out about the range of courses, the costs associated with further study, the VTAC application process and more about campus life.

When/Where: 6-8pm, Wed 11 Sept, Geelong Waterfront Campus, 1 Gheringhap St, Geelong;
Refreshments will be served, and you can enter into a prize draw to win a $1,000 travel voucher.

Student and Parent Evening at Victoria University

The transition from school to further education can be daunting for parents and students. Find out about courses, facilities, the VTAC system, how parents can assist with transition, and talk to VU representatives.

When: 7-9pm, Tues 13 Aug; Where: Footscray Park Campus;

Victoria University

If you are passionate about staying fit and healthy, and want to help others do the same, you can join a motivated group of like-minded people in VU’s College of Sport and Exercise Science. Be spurred on by internationally recognised teaching staff who are highly sought after in the sports and exercise science industries, as coaches, advisers and more. You will also benefit from the close links with sporting institutions such as the Victorian and Australian Institutes of Sport, Western Bulldogs, AFL and Netball Australia. With a range of courses spanning TAFE, bachelor and postgraduate qualifications, you will find an entry point that suits your level of education.

Monash University's new Bachelor of Counselling

The Berwick campus of Monash is offering a new degree in counselling in 2014. Recognised by the Australian Counselling Association (ACA), the degree will provide students with a solid background in psychology, as well as in-field placement opportunities and will focus on delivering counselling to diverse communities. At completion of the degree, graduates will be job ready. This course does not require further postgraduate qualifications as does psychology.
Catch-up, Cuppa & Cake
NEXT Catch-up, Cuppa and Cake is Friday 26th July 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.

Welcome Back Tiffany
Tiffany Holt is back from a well-deserved break. Sounds like she has seen a lot of Australia in her break. Sorry you have to come back to such dull weather Tiffany. Spirit Week later this term should brighten the college up a lot.

College Facebook Page
Check out the college FB page at www.facebook.com/pages/Daylesford-Secondary-College/ One more Like and we crack 100 likes – will it be you. You don’t need to join Facebook to view the college Facebook page. Just ignore the request to join and view most of the information.

Acronyms And Education
DEECD – Department of Education and Early Education
HAPE – Health and Physical Education
VCAL – Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education
VET – Vocational Education and Training

End of Semester 1 Reports
If you have questions about your child’s report please contact the college to organise a time to follow up with teachers.

College Backpack Parent Survey - Last Chance
Here is a link to the SurveyMonkey survey. www.surveymonkey.com/s/GNL9WQD. There will be a separate survey for students.
The survey is also on the college Facebook page. There was a paper copy in the last newsletter—please return to the college as soon as possible or complete online. We appreciate your input. Only 11 completed so far.

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

Community News

Hepburn Primary School Shopping Trip
Hepburn Primary School’s shopping trip is on the Sat 21st September, departing from Daylesford Swimming Pool 7:00 am. They will be visiting 10 factory outlets such as Manchester, Bonds, Rudolf Christmas Cave etc. and should be returning at around 8:00pm. So get your shopping started early - it’s a great fun day out! Adults $30, Children $15. Bookings: Nicole Olver 0419 15 2246.

Melissa Banks Music Studio Daylesford
Teaching Piano, French Horn, Trumpet and Theory Member of the BSO (Ballarat Symphony Orchestra) And BWO (Ballarat Wind Orchestra) Beginners to advanced: AMEB, Jazz or Popular. BMUS (Bachelor of Music)
Teaching Tuesday’s and Thursday’s
Rates: $25 half hour $40 per hour
Phone: 53481187
Mobile: 0417694741
Email: midoribee@hotmail.com www.melissabanksmusic.com

Hip Hop at The Rex - Flybz
Saturday 10 August 12.30pm $5
The Rex Theatre, Vincent St, Daylesford
From a dusty Tanzanian refugee camp to the prestigious stage of the Sydney Opera House, the FLYBZ were recently voted Australia's number one African-Australian Hip-Hop act. Now they're coming to Daylesford. Live at the Rex Performance and Hip Hop Workshop. Don’t miss out! Book Early.
Bookings: info@wordsinwinter.com
Details: www.wordsinwinter.com

CGSV Solo Guitar Competition
The 2013 CGSV Solo Guitar Competition is here, with over $10,000 worth of cash and prizes to be won! 5 categories for guitarists of all ages and abilities! Substantial prizes for each category! Entries close 31/07/13! See www.cgsv.org.au for more details!

Inside Out Dance - New Classes!
Friday 10am, Adult and child dance. This is a creative class focusing on improvisation and play using a wide variety of music and props for stimulus, fun and learning. Babies are welcome.
Wednesday 7pm, Highlife dance. Have some fun and warm up this winter with high life dancing from Africa, samba from South America and some Jamaican Dance hall moves.
Contact Joanne on 0417592522 for enquiries & enrolments.
Daylesford Youth Group

Icehouse–Melbourne A night of skating!!!!
Date: Fri 26th July Cost: $30pp
Time: 5pm-11pm
Depart & return to "The Rock"
16a Camp St Daylesford

For youth in years 7-12. Booking essential for more info or to book contact Elaine Anderson 53485533 or 0403355992
Ran by Daylesford Community Church & Daylesford Presbyterian Church sponsored by Hepburn Shire Council.

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre Courses

Adolescents Online: Risks & Challengers
This talk is for parents, teachers and carers. By developing a better understanding of their online world we can help to keep young people safer online.

Speaker: Juliet Summers (Online Project Worker SECASA)
When: Friday 9th August, 7-9pm
GOLD COIN DONATION

SEXTING INFORMATION PACK
What is sexting? Is it a problem and if so, what can be done about it? This talk will explore the issues and legal consequences of sexting.
For parents, carers and education staff.

Speaker: Juliet Summers (Online Project Worker SECASA)
When: Saturday 21st September, 2 –4pm
GOLD COIN DONATION

MUSIC LESSONS
Always wanted to learn the piano, saxophone, trombone, clarinet or flute?
When: Mondays 12.30pm-2.30pm
Teacher: Sue Morris Cost: $20 per ½ hour
Contact Sue on 0429 136 494 to book

GUITAR LESSONS
Come along and learn guitar from a professional musician in a relaxed environment. Open to adults, children & beginners
Teacher: Al Roberts When: Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm

PEACE MEDITATION
There are two kinds of paralysis: not being able to start and not being able to stop. The world doesn’t seem able to stop itself on its self-destruction course of war and exploitation. And to start thinking ‘peace is inevitable’ rather than ‘war is inevitable’ seems to be just as hard. To mediate for peace is a gentle way to interrupt the race and requires little effort to make a start.

Convenor: Henk Bak Ph: 5424 1702
When: Mondays 9-10 am from 15th July
Gold coin donation

Ellen Kemp Memorial Writer’s Prize
Part of the Words in Winter festival – two categories:
open and under 18.

Asthma Foundation

Do your children have asthma or allergies?
Are you a part of the local footy team, scouts club or netball club? Do you worry about your children’s asthma when they are not at home? Learn practical strategies for helping your children to live well with asthma each day from people who know. Join The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s online forum. Ask a question, share your story, meet with others in your area. Call (03) 9326 7088 for more information or follow the link below.

Asthma tips for Parents and Carers this Winter
Winter can be a hard time for people with asthma as cold weather, coughs, colds and the flu can bring on more symptoms and attacks.

• The common cold is caused by a virus and it is important to try not to cough and sneeze near other people, and to wash hands properly to prevent passing on the infection. The flu is different to the common cold and can be a much more serious viral infection.
• People with asthma are recommended to have an annual influenza vaccination (the flu shot). Preventing the flu protects people with asthma, as those with asthma are often unwell for longer and have a much harder time recovering from the flu.
• Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled; this will help them to bounce back quicker from a cough or cold and will help prevent asthma attacks when they are unwell.
• Some medications and herbal remedies that we use for colds and flu can make asthma worse. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about any concerns you may have.
• Antibiotics are not normally prescribed for the common cold, or influenza, as these medications will not help a cold get better. Effective medications may include paracetamol and decongestants; however seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist before purchasing them for your child.
• Suggested remedies for the flu and the common cold are: rest, staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water, staying away from cigarette smoke, using steam inhalation, gargling with salty water for a sore throat and seeking medical advice if concerned at any time.

For more information on the common cold, medications and references used in this article please see the Better Health Channel (State Government of Victoria) www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and the NPS website - www.nps.org.au. Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or www.asthma.org.au.
Run for East Timor

On Sunday 8 September 2013 a fun run and walk will be held at Castlemaine Botanic Gardens to raise funds for student scholarships and a multi-purpose building project for guest accommodation and youth centre in the Loleto community in East Timor.

The Fun Run is being organized by Friends of Loleto, the Mount Alexander Shire’s East Timor Friendship Group. It will be followed by music from Mystic Trio, a group of three musicians with their roots in East Timor, who play a combination of original and traditional East Timorese music and are based in Melbourne. Food stalls will be available, including East Timorese food and Aussie barbecue, or you are welcome to bring a picnic.

We would like to invite students, teachers and parents from your school to enter the Fun Run and to enjoy the music and food afterwards.

The Fun Run has a 10.2km run (secondary school students and adults only), a 5.1km run/walk and a 2km walk. Family, friends and neighbours would all be very welcome.

This is a great opportunity for school students to be involved in an event that supports a neighbouring country where life is very different and where children generally have fewer opportunities than here in Australia. We would also be happy to discuss other ways that friends of Loleto could provide information to develop your students’ understanding of a different culture and lifestyle and about the strong links between East Timor and Australia.

The event will also promote fitness and will be great fun! Now is the time to start training!

For more information, and to register, please visit our webpage
http://www.runforeasttimor.org.au

or call Elaine Pulleine on 0419 620 102.