You will be all aware that the first set of Progress Reports has been published and I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the student body on their effort. The average progress score of 80.5 was the highest since beginning the whole school Progress Score system and indicates the commitment of our students in the first four weeks of the year. Below on the graph you can clearly see the improvement over the past four years with the average score starting at 65 and now increasing to 80.5. Task submission rates have improved to 89% which was also a record. However, our target for task submission is 95% so there is still work to be done.

We know that students who can combine excellent attendance with high progress scores will be successful each year and very importantly in their Year 12 completion. Our Learning Culture teams are working hard to support, encourage and at times push to complete outstanding tasks and to improve their progress scores. I encourage parents to be proactive at home in supporting their child.

We have had much activity in the first five weeks as you will see through the DSCN. Year 7s have attended their first camp, at the traditional Rawson Camp. The HPV team have competed in their first event at Casey Fields and this started a busy 2015 campaign that will see them compete in a record eight events. The College has conducted its swimming carnival and has completed in the West Gippsland Swim carnival (results below). Our production team of “High School Musical” has also begun rehearsals for the Term 3 performances.

**COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

We have received one nomination for a parent representative on College Council and are looking for a couple more nominations. I encourage all parents to consider themselves or encourage other parents to put their hand up for this important parent role at the College. All great schools have a committed and strong council with full parent representation. Please contact Mr Shane Wainwright or Ms Josie O’Connor for further information if you are interested in these positions. Information republished below.

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WEST GIPPSLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Drouin has finished 2nd this year behind Lowanna College. Well done to our students who competed in very pleasant conditions.

WINNERS ON THE DAY

Julian Wainwright: 200m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke and 50mB Freestyle, 50mB Butterfly
Maddie Shaw: 100m Breaststroke
Daisy Hastings: 50mB Backstroke, 50mA Freestyle and 50mB Breaststroke
Taylah Ward: 50mB Breaststroke
Caleb Wright: 50m Breaststroke
Mia Varrasso: 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle
Piper Hastings: 50mB Freestyle
Jess Murphy: 50mB Freestyle
Jess Mills: 50mB Freestyle
Connor Hetherington: 50mB Breaststroke
Lachie Pratt: 50mB Freestyle
Dane Johns: 50mB Breaststroke

13yrs Girls Relay, 13yrs Boys Relay, 16yrs Girls Relay, 17yrs Girls Relay, 18yrs Boys Relay, 12-14 Girls Medley Relay

PATERNSON House has taken out the 2015 Swimming Sports for the fourth year running by over 200 points, with Gordon finishing second.

Even though it drizzled most of the day, it did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of students and teachers all of whom seemed to have a good time. Races were contested with competitors keen to do their best for their respective houses. The novelty races at the end of the day were very popular with students having much fun.

It was pleasing to see the parents who were able to attend and show their support, even if for only part of the day. Congratulations must go to all the House Captains who organised their swimmers so well. A big thank you goes to all the students who contributed by supporting their houses and participating so enthusiastically in all aspects of the day.

Individual Championships went to Juniors: Lachlan Maas and Piper Hastings; Intermediates: Caleb Wright and Daisy Hastings; Seniors: Julian Wainwright and Emily Webster.

Congratulations also go to Julian Wainwright who set three new College records in the Under 17 50 metres backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle events.

Julian went on to break a record in the Under 17 50 metres butterfly at the West Gippsland Swimming Championships on 27th February.

Best wishes go to the 40 DSC students who will go on to represent West Gippsland at the Gippsland Swimming Finals in Sale on 12th March.
Drouin Secondary College feels very fortunate to be able to offer a wide range of activities that are in support of the fine work that our teachers do in the classroom. All of these activities are designed to enhance student learning by coupling theory with hands-on experiences, which happen through camps, excursions, incursions or through work experience.

As a school we are constantly looking for opportunities to include parents or community members in some of these programs, and as such we would be particularly pleased to receive details of those individuals that would be keen to support our camps program. I have listed details of these events below, which normally happen on a yearly cycle.

If you feel that you have spare time and would like to participate with a particular activity I would encourage you to contact our Business Manager who will guide you through the college’s process. All volunteers require a current Working with Children Check (WWCC)

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**Term 1 2016**

- Feb 2016     Y12 Melbourne Discovery | 3
- Feb 2016     Y11 Outdoor Ed – Inverloch | 2
- March 2016   Year 7 Camp | 3  Mon-Wed
- March 2016   Year 7 Camp | 3  Wed –Fri

Mick Wilson
Assistant Principal
Newsletters will be published on the College website on a regular basis. They provide information about events such as Tertiary Institution Open Days and a variety of other information including scholarships and UMAT and ISAT tests (admission tests for some courses). It is always worth checking out. Careers news is also posted in the Daily Notices in Sentral. We will highlight some information in the DSCN from time to time.

**VCAL students**

A reminder to all VCAL students to ensure that they have returned completed Work Placement Arrangement forms (green) to the Careers Office. Then collect two copies of the form from the Careers Office after they have been signed at school—one is to be taken to the employer and one is to be kept at home.

All students should now have a placement organised.

**Year 10 Work Experience**

Year 10 students should be seeking a Work Experience Arrangement for the last week of Term 2, 22nd – 26th June. Once a placement has been organised, please collect a Work Experience Arrangement form (pink) from Careers to be completed by the student, parent/guardian and employer. Then return the completed form to Careers.

**Tax File Number**

Instructions are now in the Careers folder in Moodle about how to apply for a Tax File Number.

Pat Dowty, Kerry Wales, Jay King

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**Yr 7 Reading & Literacy - Update**

At this stage of the year, students should all have selected books at their level and be reading them regularly at home. Students also read regularly in SURFF and English.

The target for Semester 1 is to read at least three books and successfully complete quizzes on each.

The following students have successfully completed quizzes between 13th February and 5th March:


Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff

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**FAMILY STATEMENTS**

A reminder that family accounts are due and payable by the end of Term 1.

Statements will be sent home this week or early next week. If you are on a payment plan organised through the Business Manager this is for your records only, and will show the total still owing.

If you wish to discuss a payment plan or have any queries please ring the office. The Business Manager, Josie O’Connor, is available for payment plan appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Also camp payments for Years 8-12 must be paid in full prior to the student attending the camp—there is no payment plan option available for camps as previously advised. For further details go the DSC website under Policies.
Even though the day started very dreary and damp, as we approached the surf beach the rain stopped providing ideal conditions for learning to surf. Small waves and a slight off-shore wind, enabled people to catch clean waves or the wash after the wave broke. Most of the people caught some waves on their board or the extra-wide board. A walk around Eagle’s Nest looking at the geology and a seal playing in the breaking waves next to the shore platform followed prior to setting up camp at the caravan park.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding was the morning’s activity and floating above the sting rays at the pier was one of the highlights of the paddle from the caravan park to the lagoon by the old kiosk site. Everyone enjoyed the experience and had a good look at the structure of the beach at Inverloch.

Japanese classes in 2015 are very lucky to have Japanese teaching assistant Keiko Kawasaki in their classes. Keiko will be supporting Japanese classes at Drouin Secondary College and Longwarry Primary School for the year. Welcome Keiko!
The Samurai Incursion was really fun. People from the National Gallery of Victoria came to give us a little insight on what the samurai was and what it was like to be a samurai in the samurai generation. They taught us about the life of a samurai, what they did, and taught us about samurai legends. Then we got to make a traditional samurai helmet and you got to choose what your helmet looks like. All samurais got to choose what their individual helmets looked like. It was a really good incursion and I really enjoyed myself.

Abbey Evans, 8C

On Thursday, 26th February, we were visited by two people from the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne who taught us the way of the samurai. We were shown what the people wore and what they were loyal to and what they did if they betrayed the people or master. We made the samurai hats and we made them mean something to a specification because samurai’s hats meant different things and that was the way of the samurai incursion.

By Russell Talbot, 8C

On Thursday, 26th February all Year 7s and 8s who are studying Japanese went to an incursion in Moondah. We learnt the qualities that the Samurais had to have, their weapons and the clothes and costumes they had to wear. We learnt that every helmet represented their personalities. It was a very fun experience, especially when making the helmets.

Mitchell Young, 8D
Congratulations to the Year 12 Jumper Committee who have been committed and organised to ensure that the Year 12 students received their rugby top or varsity jacket before the end of Term 1! What an outstanding effort. The garments look fantastic and the rugby top and jackets have been well received by both students and staff and is a great keepsake for their last year at Drouin Secondary College.

Once again, thanks to the Year 12 Jumper Committee: Ash Oldham-Barr, Emily Salan, Mitchell Lewis, Brandon Pompei, Sarah Lewis and Melissa Griffin.

YEAR 12 ENGLISH

Year 12 English students working hard while attending a seminar on how to improve their writing skills.
On Friday 27th February, Unit 1 Biology students went to GTAC (The Gene Technology Access Centre) in Parkville to find out more about cells. We began by looking at cell structure and thinking about what may happen when organelles in cells malfunction.

In the laboratory, we used compound light microscopes to prepare a range of cell types (bacteria, plant, paramecium & animal cells) in order to investigate the structure of cells and how to apply stains to allow various organelles to be seen more clearly. The animal cells were stained with fluorescent dyes and photographs were taken. The photographs show individual cells. Blue indicates the DNA located in the nucleus, the mitochondria are red and the cell membrane is green.

We worked in groups of about six, with each group being guided through the techniques by a PhD student. It was good to work in a lab with these scientists exploring cells at such an advanced level.

Kerry Wales

ANZAC Day 2015 marks 100 years since the Gallipoli landing in World War One. To commemorate this event, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will view a 90-minute performance during school time on Monday 20th April in the Drouin Secondary College Auditorium.

The ANZAC Story: Lest We Forget is a narrative that follows three different characters in the trenches of Gallipoli and is designed to promote the ANZAC ideals of mateship, endurance, sacrifice, and courage. This incursion will help our students to understand why we celebrate ANZAC Day.

We have been fortunate enough to have financial assistance from five different local organisations which has allowed our students to participate in this performance at no cost to the students. Drouin Secondary College would like to acknowledge and thank the following:

- Drouin & District Community Bank® Branch
- The Rotary Club of Drouin
- The Lions Club of Drouin
- Gary Blackwood, MP, State Member for Narracan
- Russell Broadbent, MP, Member for McMillan
Do you know when your child is doing great things at school?

When they do something that demonstrates our College Values they may get an ARCC award. A count of ARCC awards is included on Progress reports.

You can see the details of your child’s ARCC awards on the parent portal of Sentral. Click on Dashboard then Wellbeing to see them.

Advice to parents:

- Check into the parent portal on Sentral regularly so you see when students get an ARCC award.
- Praise your child for their efforts. Make a big deal of it. Positive recognition is great.
- Encourage students to include quotes from ARCC awards in their Job Applications and CV. The values of Achievement, Respect, Commitment and Community (ARCC) are exactly what employers are looking for. Past years ARCC awards are still on Sentral.
ARCC AWARDS:
PARENTS PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR ARCC AWARDS

The Parents and Friends of DSC are running a Hot X Bun fundraiser again this year. Please complete the order form and return it to the DSC General Office by 13th March so orders can be delivered before the end of Term 1.

The family with the most orders receives an awesome Easter Basket which may be viewed at the General Office, so get your orders in and enjoy some delicious buns for Easter.

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AUDIO BOOKS NOW AT THE LIBRARY

Audio CDs of the novels on the DSC booklists are now available for borrowing from the DSC Library. This includes:

- Boy Overboard Yr 8 English
- Deadly Unna? Yr 9 English
- The Story of Tom Brennan Yr 10 English
- The Messenger Yr 11 English
- Stasiland Yr 12 English
- All the Pretty Horses Yr 12 Lit
- In Cold Blood Yr 12 Lit

Each CD is available for borrowing for three days.

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Please note: All order forms and money to be handed into the office by Friday 13th March 2015
Orders to be picked up from the school last week of term. Details for pick up still to be finalised.
Notification will be given before last week of term. Easter Egg Hamper (displayed at the office) will be won by
the student with the most Hot Cross Buns Ordered.

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**COLLEGE DATES**

**Week 7**
- **11/03/2015** Camp - Year 12 Outdoor Environment Mornington
- **12/03/2015** Student activity - World’s Greatest Shave Excursion - Year 12 Outdoor Environment Mornington
- **13/03/2015** Excursion - Year 11 History Holocaust Museum
- **13/03/2015** Excursion - Year 12 Outdoor Environment Mornington

**Week 8**
- **16/03/2015** Camp - 8HOL Team Building
- **17/03/2015** Camp - 8HOL Team Building
  - Synergy Breakfast - College Captains - 9:00am
- **17/03/2015** Parents and Friends - 7:30pm
- **18/03/2015** Camp - 8HOL Team Building
  - Finance Committee - 5:00pm
- **19/03/2015** Leadership Assembly
- **19/03/2015** Camp - 8HOL Team Building
- **21/03/2015** Camp - HPV - Wonthaggi
- **22/03/2015** Camp - HPV - Wonthaggi
  - VCE History Lectures - 12:00 to 3:45pm

**Week 9**
- **23/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
- **24/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
- DSC House Athletics
- College Council - 7:30pm
- **25/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
- **26/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
  - Excursion - Years 9 and 11 AG - Farm World
  - Parent/student/teacher interviews - 4:15 - 9:00pm
- **27/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
  - Last Day of Term 1
  - Parent/student/teacher interviews - 9:00 - 12:00noon
- **28/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
- **29/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
- **30/03/2015** Camp - China Tour
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**TERM 2 - Week 1**
- **13/04/2015** Year 8/9 Camps
- **14/04/2015** Year 8/9 Camps
- **15/04/2015** Year 8/9 Camps
  - Finance Committee - 5:00pm
- **16/04/2015** Year 8/9 Camps
- **17/04/2015** Year 8/9 Camps

**Week 2**
- **20/04/2015** Incursion - ANZAC Story - 7 to 10 Students
- **21/04/2015** Excursion - Year 10 Geography Icehouse
  - Parents and Friends - 7:30pm
- **23/04/2015** Excursion - Civil Construction Overview
- **25/04/2015** ANZAC Day

**Week 3**
- **28/04/2015** College Council - 7:30pm