Principal’s Report

I write this report as our Years 7 and 9 students begin three days of NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN is a national test in which all schools across Australia participate. The information we receive on student performance supports our teachers in understanding where each child is on the learning continuum and as such is an important resource. In three months’ time parents will also receive a transcript of these results which will help them understand more about their child’s progress. I wish the students well as they tackle these tests and they should clearly understand these are not a pass / fail test but a measure of progress that should be used by all to support future learning.

MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC

Our VCAL classes have done it again; this time organising the Mother’s Day Classic last Sunday at Drouin Golf Club. The weather on the day was horrible but that didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the students, staff and the community which supported the walk. If success can be measured by money, then raising close to $7,000 for breast cancer research, as they did, would make it a huge success. Thank you to all the staff and especially the students who organised the event.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be out soon and it is another chance for students and parents to get a snap shot of how students are performing. Given this is the last Progress Report prior to end of unit assessment; I encourage all students to be up to date and seek help if there are issues.

GRADE 6 INFORMATION DAY AND PARENT EVENING

The College conducted our annual Grade 6 Day and Parent Evening on 7th May. We had 170 grade 6 students visit our site from our feeder primary schools and beyond. The young students seemed to enjoy their first secondary college experience. That night we hosted 150 parents, and in some cases their children, with information and a tour. A special mention goes to the Year 7 students and staff who worked to make both the day and evening a positive experience for these families. The feedback from the students and parents I spoke to was overwhelmingly positive about our school and our students.

COLLEGE ASBESTOS AUDIT

Last week the college underwent a Department of Education asbestos audit. As with previous audits, the college does contain asbestos materials. All these materials within the audit were considered inactive and completely safe at this stage. As part of OHS requirements parents will notice that buildings now display a small asbestos hazards sticker; this is provided as a warning to potential builders working onsite to ensure their safety. In the last budget the state government has funded schools for asbestos removal and in the future we hope we can access this funding to remove this asbestos around the college. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me.

WELL DONES

Congratulations to Georgia Fisher on being part of the Victorian youth girls football team who were the National Champions. Georgia was one of the best on ground in the final.

Shane Wainwright
Principal
As part of developing their personal fitness and knowledge of health promotion the 8H team visited Voyage and Jada Fitness. The team explored the facilities and gained an understanding of the different services provided by the two fitness centres.

The 8H team have also embarked on a journey of discovery with the Drouin CFA. The team are learning about the CFA, the major role the CFA plays in the community, what it takes to be a CFA champion and how to operate CFA equipment. This service has been provided to the 8H team for the past few years and the college is extremely grateful. CFA rules!
The beginning of Term 2 saw 103 Year 9 students depart on the Spirit of Tasmania bound for Devonport. With much excitement the two groups made their way across Bass Strait which, luckily, was a very smooth crossing. We greeted an early and slightly chilly day in Devonport, grabbing a quick breakfast before making our way to Lake Dove for a refreshing and scenic walk.

Our first night in Tasmania was spent at Grindelwald, an amazing Swiss style village just out of Launceston. Early the next morning we set off to Hollybank for a Treetop Zipline flight which thrilled some and challenged others. All students, no matter how nervous they were, completed the course and some even posed for photos mid-flight. Another stop on Wednesday was the beautiful Cataract Gorge in Launceston where a few lucky students even got to take a ride on the chair lift.

Our next stop was spooky Port Arthur. We arrived after dark and after a long day, a long drive and a much needed dinner, we crawled into bed. The next day we explored the World Heritage listed Port Arthur site, learning about some of Australia’s most interesting and troubled history. Meanwhile, excitement was building for the Port Arthur ghost tour planned for that night. This spooky adventure became too much for some and left many others very jittery!

The next day, we headed towards Hobart and, for some, the highlight of the trip, a visit to the Cadbury factory. Although they don’t let the public in to watch chocolate being made anymore, there were plenty of offerings to be had when it came to the factory seconds shop.

Overall, a great time was had by students and teachers alike, making Drouin’s Tassie tour of 2015 a memorable one.
The College Training Restaurant, Food 4 Thought is open to the public this Wednesday 20th May from 6.30pm. The restaurant provides students from across West Gippsland with the opportunity to hone their culinary skills by planning, preparing, and operating the restaurant for the local community.

By attending a dinner at Food 4 Thought, not only do you partake of a great 3 course meal for around $30, you are helping our students gain an excellent understanding of the joys & challenges of working in hospitality.

Bookings can be made through the Drouin Secondary College Web site http://student.drouinsc.vic.edu.au/wordpress/food-4-thought/ or by phoning the general office 5625 1002.

OPEN NIGHTS

- May 20th
- June 3rd
- June 17th
- July 22nd
- August 5th
- August 19th
- September 2nd
- September 16th
- October 14th
- October 28th

Any community/sporting/social group (25 or more people) who would like to book any of these dates for a private function please contact:

Kevin Thorpe - Hospitality Trainer
thorpe.kevin.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

DSC Library Opening Hours

- Class-time
- Before School: 8.30am until the first bell.
- Recess: Only on Mondays and Wednesdays (SURFF and LG Days)
- Lunchtime: After the first 7-8 minutes of lunch until 3 minutes before the bell for Period 4.
- After School: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 4.30pm (ideal time for private study)
On April 29 the group left the College after classes for the long drive to MacFarlane Saddle to walk in towards Lake Tali Karrn. After setting up the tents in the dark at the car parking area we awoke to frosty tents and pancakes for breakfast.

The first part of the walk, which was quite damp, was 8.5 km with packs on along the Wellington High Plains to the track junction above the lake. Leaving our packs and taking only some food, water and extra clothing, we then hiked down Gilliou’s Track to the lake. Lake Tali Karnng was very full with the water lapping the trees that are normally well above the water line so we stayed near the track entrance.

Not many enjoyed the 4.5 km slog back up to the packs but all met the challenge. Only a short walk to Nyimba camp site and soon a fire was going. Those who pitched the tents amongst the trees enjoyed a warmer night than the girls who pitched tents in the open adjacent to the fire place. With a toilet and a small water tank and plenty of flat ground, it was an excellent camping area.

An early start to ensure that people would be back for the school buses meant that we were walking across the frosty ground until the track disguised itself as a creek. We made better time retracing yesterday’s walk and ensured that there was plenty of time to refuel at Traralgon.
On 26th March, 2015, Year 12 VCAL students held the Pink Stumps Day event. Everyone had a fantastic day, and was proud of their achievements.

The event was held to raise money for the McGrath Foundation for research to cure breast cancer.

Many events were held around the school and before the day. This included:

- face painting
- pie throwing
- sausage sizzle
- talent show
- movie night
- cricket match
- wristband selling
- raffle
- and many other events

Overall, the Year 12 VCAL students raised over $5,000. This was an excellent effort.

Many people are to be thanked, including the teachers who courageously let students throw pies at their faces, the businesses around Drouin who generously donated prizes to the raffle and Coles who donated items for the sausage sizzle.

The Shrine of Remembrance was amazing!

Our tour guide told us all about wars Australia has fought in and showed us one of only two remaining boats used in the Gallipoli landing. Some of us got to try on uniforms from World War I and also to look at equipment soldiers used. I liked the periscope which soldiers used to look over the trenches without taking a bullet to the head.

I’m very thankful we got to get the full experience of the Shrine of Remembrance.

Stephen Aschenbrenner, Yr 9
During the last couple of weeks the class was involved in two trips. The first to Waratah Bay surfing and then to Geelong, sailing.

We were fortunate with the surfing conditions and cool day with good surf for beginners. Everyone managed to stand up and ride a wave with the help of the instructors from Offshore Surf School.

After a good trip through Melbourne the class arrived at Eastern Beach in Geelong to a strong wind warning. This meant that the small boats could not be taken out but students would go in groups of three or four on the Dolphins (larger yachts) with an instructor and learn the basics of sailing. There was a much shorter theory lesson prior to changing for sailing. The advantage of the larger yachts was that students only got wet from spray flying over the bow.

With no improvement in the weather and wind warnings, the following two days were replicas of the first, except the boats ventured further out in the bay. Students cooked the meals and enjoyed the comforts of the tourist park cabins for the duration of the trip.
On the Friday prior to ANZAC Day 2015, Mrs Williams’ Year 11 history class attended Camp Gallipoli which was held in the Melbourne Showgrounds. The camp celebrated 100 years, the centenary, of the well-known battle for Gallipoli which the ANZACs (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) played a large part in.

We began the day with attending our school day as per normal, afterwards we all got changed, grabbed our swags and headed to the train station to catch a carriage to Frankston. When we arrived in Frankston we waited for one of our peers that had attended one of the other school excursions to Melbourne. After a few public transport difficulties we finally reached our destination. So we had dinner, “finally”, and began to set up our sleeping arrangements while watching Shannon Noll perform.

Moments later the heavens opened and drenched everybody there while we were trying to move swags and equipment undercover. After drying our clothing under the hand dryers in the bathrooms, and watching The Water Diviner we attempted to fall asleep.

We were woken to the sound of the ANZAC anthem, mumbled over lack of sleep and stood out in the stadium to watch the dawn service. We were witnesses to both the Australian and New Zealand anthems, numerous war songs, and meaningful speeches by decorated war heroes. After this each of us found our way home after visiting the State Library of Victoria and raiding Melbourne of what food it had.

Overall it was an extraordinary experience which allowed each of us to view the battles fought and the lives lost as just how important and crucial they are to this country and its citizens.

By Darcy Siekman 11B
Mother’s Day Classic

Sunday 10th May - Mother’s Day. Isn’t it a special time for all of us…
A day where we can celebrate and be with our mums and spoil them?

The 2015 Year 11 VCAL group chose to spend the day raising funds
for breast cancer research. Since the start of the year we have been
working hard on hosting Gippsland’s very first Mother’s Day Classic.
Approximately 40 Year 11 VCAL students have been involved in
organising, advertising and running this inaugural event for the
Drouin and Warragul area.

Mother’s Day however was a cold, wet, miserable day. The
enthusiasm of the VCAL groups made up for the terrible weather and
we made sure the Classic went on. An early start of 7:00am was
required for the VCAL groups. Gazebos, tables, banners, food, car
shows, face painting and much more had to be set up and organised
before everything could get underway.

As 8:30am struck upon us, the warm-ups and speeches took place
and everything was coming together. Ms Andrews and Ms Martino
read out a tribute to one of the ladies who started the Mother’s Day
Classic, who unfortunately passed away this year. The race soon got
under way and everyone enthusiastically headed off to either walk
or run in the rain. The first two participants to cross the finish line ran
the four kilometres in under twenty minutes, with most others close
behind. A warm barbecue was ready for all the participants when
they finished and also a sweet cupcake, with tea and coffee, were
available.

We were all very amazed and thankful for the approximately two
hundred people who came and supported this great cause. We would
also like to thank everyone who made this day possible – from local
business to staff members who helped us, and lastly to our families
for the early start. With your help, we were able to raise an amazing
amount – almost $7,000 for this great cause. Thank you again.

The 2015 Year 11 VCAL group.
Phillip Island Fieldwork

Recently, on a beautiful Autumn day, the Year 9 Geography and Year 12 Outdoor Education classes headed to Phillip Island to conduct fieldwork.

The island operated as a case study for learning about management strategies used to balance the environment with the impacts of tourism. Students visited each site of the Phillip Island Nature Park to collect fieldwork data. We spent a few hours with one of the Park’s Rangers who gave an overview of the Island’s history.

After a long and busy tour, students watched the penguins come in.

Yr 7 students read over six million words between 18th April and 11th May and the following students successfully completed quizzes:


A special mention goes to the following students who have all read over one million words since the beginning of Term 1: Tanner Hay, Taliah Brooker, Jeffrey Williams and Alexander MacDonald.

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

Progress can be tracked at https://auhosted1.renlearn.com.au/1458054 using the student’s username and password for Moodle.

Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff
Careers Expo
All Year 11 students, both VCAL and VCE, attended the Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse last week. Representatives were present from a range of universities, both from Victoria and interstate as well as many TAFE providers, private colleges and companies who offer GAP year experiences. It was great to see so many students making the most of opportunities to seek information about tertiary options relevant to them and asking questions.

Federation University Experience Days
Federation University have run a variety of Experience Days this year, designed to provide Year 10, 11 & 12 students with the opportunity to visit different faculties within the university, engage in ‘hands on activities’ led by university staff and speak with current students/industry representatives. Faculties highlight career and educational pathways within their industries. A number of Year 10 & 11 students attended the Nursing, Health Science and Psychology day. Hands-on experience in a variety of activities enabled the students to learn more about these fields of study and possible pathways they could choose to follow.

Deakin University
Representatives visited Drouin SC recently to speak with Year 11 students about what Deakin Uni has to offer them in the future. Some Year 12 students also attended the presentation. It was informative, providing information about courses on offer, how to apply, accommodation options etc.

Year 10 Work Experience
There are still a number of students who are required to finalise their Work Experience placement for the last week of this term, June 22nd-June 26th. If you know that your son/daughter still has to find a placement, please assist them to do so by suggesting possible jobs they may like to try, listening to them practise what they could say when phoning a prospective employer seeking a placement and assisting them to complete the required paperwork.

Keeper/Vet for a day
This program is running in the June/July holidays. Are you an aspiring zookeeper? Find out what it takes to care for an array of animals at Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo. Who: Years 7-12; When: Healesville – 30 June, 1, 7 and 8 July; Werribee – 30 June, 2, 6 and 8 July. Do you want to be a vet? Meet veterinary staff at Healesville – 1, 2, 8 & 9 July; Info: www.zoo.org.au/education/careers-programs; Bookings: 1300 966 784.

CareerNews
This newsletter is published in full on the Drouin Secondary Website. In each issue, it highlights a wide range of tertiary institutions and the courses on offer, Open Days etc. Take time to check it out.

UMAT
A reminder to register for UMAT by 5th June. The test is on 29th July 29.
Interested in Volunteering Overseas with your friends from DSC in 2016?

After a highly successful WEP Thailand Tour in 2014, where 18 DSC students and staff volunteered in Thailand over a 4 week period; Drouin Secondary College is pleased to offer another DSC overseas volunteering expedition (DOVE) to Cambodia in 2016.

Interested students from Years 9 and 10 (in 2015) are invited to an Information Night to hear about the DOVE program first hand and to ask any questions related to the opportunity.

The session will include:

• A visual presentation on the places students will visit in Cambodia.
• A full run down of the goals, objectives and intended itinerary.
• A discussion on requirements, application procedure, insurance and costings.
• Teachers and students from the WEP Thailand Tour 2014 will reflect on their experiences and offer any advice to future volunteers; especially with fundraising ideas.

“A small change can make a big difference. You are the only one who can make our world a better place to inhabit. So, don’t be afraid to take a stand.”

Ankita Singhal

DOVE information night:
Tuesday 21st July
7.00 – 8.00pm in DSC Auditorium
Bring a can of non-perishable food to the senior LCC so we can provide homeless people with some food.

We will give the form with the most cans a winning prize!

Collector prize for the winning form

Baby Shower and Bottle Blitz!

Olivia’s Place Pregnancy & Early Parenting Support Centre is once again holding its annual fundraising event throughout the month of May.

The ‘Baby Shower Blitz’ is the community’s opportunity to host a baby shower at home, business, church or other community organisation throughout the month of May to demonstrate your support of mums and babies in the Baw Baw Shire, and bring life to the phrase ‘it takes a village to raise a family’.

Party packs are available to help you organise your get together. Register at admin@oliviasplace.org.au or 03 5622 1022.

Baby Bottles are also available once again to collect donations for our services. All you need to do is take home a baby bottle supplied by us, fill it with coins and return to us at our centre 2/7 Barkly St, Warragul during our opening hours.
### COLLEGE DATES

#### WEEK 6
- **Tuesday 19/05**  AIME FED UNI Selected Koorie students Parents and Friends Committee - 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 20/05**  Finance Committee - 5:00pm
- **Friday 22/05**  Vet/VCE Dance Semester 1 Performance Evening

#### WEEK 7
- **Monday 25/05**  DSC Cross Country
- **Tuesday 26/05**  Year 10/11 semester exams Excursion - Year 7 - Dandenong Market College Council - 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 27/05**  BH Parent Information Night - Moondah - 6pm Year 10/11 semester exams Incursion - National History Competition - Period 2
- **Thursday 28/05**  Year 10/11 semester exams Excursion - Yr 12 Literature - Red Shield Appeal Excursion - Year 7- Dandenong Market
- **Friday 29/05**  Year 10/11 semester exams
- **Saturday 30/05**  APP Testing

#### WEEK 8
- **Monday 01/06**  Incursion - Year 9 - FED UNI Period 2
- **Wednesday 03/06**  Incursion - Year 9 - FED UNI Period 2 Excursion - 12 Legal - Magistrates and Supreme Court Buildings and Grounds Committee - 7:30pm
- **Thursday 04/06**  Harry Potter Casual Clothes Day
- **Friday 05/06**  Excursion - Year 10 Incursion - DSC Movie Marathon 7pm

#### WEEK 9
- **Monday 08/06**  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- **Tuesday 09/06**  Music Concert- Audo
- **Wednesday 10/06**  Incursion - Year 9 - FED UNI Period 2 General Achievement Test (GAT)
- **Thursday 11/06**  Excursion - VEET Program - Selected 3 students Excursion - Yr 9 French- Snail Farm Visit Incursion - Year 10 - Inspiring Young Women Dinner - Selected 7 Students
- **Friday 12/06**  Pupil Free Day

#### WEEK 10
- **Tuesday 16/06**  Excursion - Year 11 VCAL - Holocaust Centre Parents and Friends Committee - 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 17/06**  Incursion - Year 9 - FED UNI Period 2 Finance Committee - 5:00pm
- **Thursday 18/06**  Excursion - Dare to Dream - Inspiring Young Koorie People
- **Friday 19/06**  Excursion - Yrs 7 - 9 - Science in a Suitcase - Selected 8 Students
- **Sunday 21/06**  Camp - Central Australia

#### WEEK 11
- **Monday 22/06**  Year 10 Work Experience Incursion - Year 12 - Responsible Serving of alcohol
- **Tuesday 23/06**  Camp - Central Australia Year 10 Work Experience College Council - 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 24/06**  Camp - Central Australia Year 10 Work Experience The Big Read - Library
- **Thursday 25/06**  Camp - Central Australia Year 10 Work Experience
- **Friday 26/06**  Camp - Central Australia Year 10 Work Experience Last Day of Term 2
- **Saturday 27/06**  Camp - Central Australia
- **Sunday 28/06**  Camp - Central Australia
- **Monday 29/06**  Camp - Central Australia
- **Tuesday 30/06**  Camp - Central Australia
- **Wednesday 01/07**  Camp - Central Australia
- **Thursday 02/07**  Camp - Central Australia

#### 2015 TERM DATES
- Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
- Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
- Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

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