WELCOME BACK

Semester 2 is now well underway and despite the chilly weather students and teachers are warming up to new learning in new units. We have some changes in place this semester.

At the end of last term we said farewell to our Principal Shane Wainwright for the remainder of this year. Shane will be working as a Senior Advisor for the Department of Education in Wellington and South Gippsland Regions. I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate Shane on this promotion and wish him well and look forward to him returning in 2016 with lots of experiences and ideas to share.

In Shane’s absence I am honored and excited to be working with the College Community as Acting Principal. Our College is fortunate to have a depth of leadership talent, with several teachers stepping into consequential vacancies.

Mrs Williams has been appointed to Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Walker and Ms Clapperton are joining the Curriculum Leadership Team, while Ms Goss and Mr Baxter have joined the Senior Learning Culture Team.

Unfortunately we also need to say farewell to a very long standing member of our college community. Mr Adam Tyson has served as a co-opted member of College Council since 2005 and as our College Council President for the past 8 years. Adam was a former student and has a strong connection to our school and our town. It is rare to find someone so willing to freely give of their time and expertise for over ten years. Adam is leaving us and Drouin to take up a position at a new Spray Drying Nutritional Milk Plant in the South Island of New Zealand. We wish him success in his new job and thank him for his dedication, loyalty and sound governance.

This means we now have 3 College Council member vacancies: one parent and two co-opted community members. If you are interested please contact Mrs Josia O’Connor at the College.

Other goodbyes are to Mrs Edelman who has taken family leave and Ms Sutton who is commencing further study.

We have also welcomed some new staff members:

- Mrs Nella Marx will be teaching Psychology, Science & Maths.
- Mrs Stacie Gardiner will be teaching English.
- Ms Liz Stevens as a Food Technology Aide.
- Ms Laura Van Stijn has joined the Wellbeing Team as School Nurse.

We have also made some alterations to E 6/8 to make a new space for the Integration Student Support Centre, opposite E5. The Interventions Tutor Support Centre is now in front of Science Wing.

At our Semester 1 Celebration Assembly on Monday 27th we congratulated students who improved and achieved their Learning Goals in Semester 1. A new Semester is the opportunity for us all to improve and grow. In the past two weeks students have been reflecting on their Semester 1 Reports and identifying some strategies to support their learning this semester. We hope parents will discuss these strategies at home.

One practical way of getting these conversations going is to look with your child at their Moodle courses on the Parent Portal. Parents can check current learning activities, homework, assessment tasks and messages from teachers.

WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS:

Year 10 students on successfully completing your week of Work Experience. Thanks to the Pathways Team: Mr Dowty, Mrs Wales, Mr King and Mrs Taafe for your organisation and support of this program.

Year 11 students who participated in the Central Australia Tour enjoyed a very successful trip. They displayed excellent teamwork and represented DSC positively. Thanks to Mrs Daldry, Mr Marks, Ms Longden and Mr Hawkins. For your leadership of the tour and for giving up part of your holiday.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY 2015

On Thursday 17th July, 9 students from Drouin Secondary College travelled to Bundoora to compete in the 2015 State Cross Country. This is the final competition for students competing at school level in Victoria and so it is a great accomplishment for all students involved.

Representing Drouin Secondary College were: Fletcher Robinson-Edgar, Harry Phillips, Kane Oldham, Michael Boyles, Tanika Moore, Lory Sykes, Meg Jackson, Tahnae Blight and Jessica Walker. Each of these students pushed themselves hard to complete the challenging track and secure their place.

With between 70 and 90 students in each category, the challenge was set. This, combined with the uneven terrain, muddy course and chilling wind factor really set the challenge for the students. Parents, teachers and coaches from many of the schools were running alongside the course near the finishing line as they wished the best for the students in this competition.

Drouin Secondary College competitors achieved outstanding results:

Under 15 Boys:

Harry Phillips – 7th Place.

Girls 17-20 Team:

Tahnae Blight, Meg Jackson, Jessica Walker & Loryn Sykes – 5th Place.

Thank you to Ms Rolls and Mr Marks for your great work with these students.

Finally, I have just received a cheque for $1000.00 from the Drouin Lions Club to support the DSC Human Powered Vehicle Team. We are very grateful to the Lions Club for their ongoing support of our students.

Deb Gentle
Acting Principal

“Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”
- Thomas Alva Edison
Out and About with 8H

Careers and pathways were the focus for the 8H team when the students attended an Inspiring Young People event at the Warragul Country Club. The event was hosted by Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN).

Men from the local community came together to share information and knowledge about their careers and pathways with the boys. Chris Roberts from The Man Cave, Warragul, hosted the event and provided a snapshot of his career pathway as a way of introducing the theme of the lunch event to the group. Guest speaker Russell Taylor, Sales Representative, highlighted his extensive career journey and the skills and mentors he has had throughout his career journey thus far. Russell encouraged the students to make the most of their opportunities in life.

The 8H team had a ball, commenting, “The event was great I got to meet new people and find out what they like and what job they do” and “I enjoyed today because I learnt to go for what you are good at and to follow my dreams and goals.”

The boys also enjoyed a hit of golf after their delicious lunch.

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Drouin Secondary College extends a warm welcome to current and prospective parents of students entering Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 in 2016.

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<td>* 6 – 7pm Information Session in the Auditorium</td>
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<td>* 7 pm Senior students (9, 10, 11) are invited to speak with K.L.D leaders, Careers Advisors, University, TAFE, and Training Providers regarding courses and pathways in classroom E6/8.</td>
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Students are offered an individual learning program to suit their personal learning needs. Students can choose from a range of elective units including Early Access to Year 9, 10, VCE and VET.

Contact: Mr Pat Dowty, Mrs. Kerry Wales or Mr. Jaydyn King on 5625 1002

More information and online bookings at www.drouinsc.vic.gov.au

In order to facilitate planning for the 2016 school year it is important that new students intending to enrol contact the College by Friday, 28/8/2015.

Proud to be your Community College valuing Achievement, Respect, Commitment & Community
Central Australia Trip 2015

RECIPE FOR A FANTASTIC TRIP

Ingredients
1 X bus driver (Lenny ‘the Legend’ Balfour)
1 x cook (Janette the clever cook)
4 x super staff (Daldry, Hawton, Longden & Marks)
44 X students (Year 11 DSC ‘Central Australia Super-stars’)

Method
Place all ingredients together in one bus for 12 days. Add tents & sleeping bags, early starts and cold nights along with camp fires & evening activities, spectacular scenery, unique outback experiences, and amazing team work and collegiality.

Product
50 tired people but a really great experience for everyone involved. Sensational!
On Thursday, 11th June the Year 9 French classes travelled to Café Escargot in Mirboo North for a snail farm tour and tasting. Students learned how snails are farmed, cleaned and prepared for cooking before participating in a snail tasting and having lunch.

Eating snails is one of the first things kids think of when asked what they know about the French people and their cuisine and culture and yet most of them never have the opportunity to try them. We are very lucky to have a snail farm in our backyard (almost!) attached to a café that specialises in cooking snails in a variety of styles, representative of many of the snail-eating cultures of the world.

Here is some of what the kids thought:

Today was such a great day! It was such an exciting experience that we normally wouldn’t get to do! It was a really great way to get into French culture, the snails were surprisingly delicious and I even snuck in 2!
– Hope Mapleson

I enjoyed the excursion because it wasn’t something I would have done on my own. The best part of the excursion was watching people’s reactions to eating/looking at the snails. For me the worst part of the excursion was probably watching some of the gory parts in the film which we watched before the snails were served.
– Taylah Marsh-Irwin
EXTENDED APPLICATION DATE
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND PAYMENTS ARE NOW IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE APPLIED.

Please read the following information to understand the use of this payment. Also note, that at the end of each term the CSEF will be allocated to unpaid, attended excursions, sports and camps, unless otherwise arranged.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card on the first day of Term 2, 13th April, or the first day of Term 3, 13th July 2015, will still be eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding. Students from these families must attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school.

Eligible families will need to apply to the General Office at Drouin Secondary College with an application and a current concession card BY FRIDAY, 7TH AUGUST. These applications will be classed as late applications which means the funds will probably not appear in the family’s school account until late in Term 3.

Applications close Friday 7th August 2015

Year 7 Reading & Literacy

Yr 7 students read over six million words between 4th June and 17th July and the following students successfully completed quizzes:


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
170 Year 10 students completed Work Experience during the last week of Term 2. Students worked across a wide range of occupations. Drouin Secondary College is indebted to the employers in both our local and wider communities who take the time to develop work skills in our students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
Mobile French-Style Crêpes

On Thursday, 13th August, we have very exciting visitors coming to the school. Les Crêpes de Marion is a mobile French-style crêperie coming to make crêpes for us! YAY!

Marion will be here all day – students who have French classes scheduled that day will be taken during class time to meet them, watch them make crêpes, order in French and, obviously, eat their crêpes!

Les Crêpes de Marion will also be making crêpes through recess and lunch, so everyone can get some!!!

Here’s the menu and price list:
(Pay them directly – school is not collecting money)

- Lemon & organic sugar $4
- Homemade salted caramel $5
- Homemade chocolate ganache $5
- Homemade raspberry jam $5

Gluten-free crêpes will be available.

SUPPORT DAFFODIL DAY

Momento Magico Florist would like to invite everyone to support the Cancer Council this coming Daffodil Day!

We are holding a fundraiser movie night on the night before Daffodil Day - Thursday (27-08-15) at Warragul Peninsula Cinema

Followed by a raffle and supper
Tickets available at Momento Magico Florist or call (03) 5625 5398

Daffodil Day - 28th of August 2015

- On Daffodil Day Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be available in store in return for your generous donations
- Daffodils will be available and all proceeds will be given to the cancer Council
- Cancer Council merchandise available also

All profits will go to the Cancer Council!

Momento Magico Florist
39 Princes Way, Drouin
(03) 5625 5398
Thank you!

To the local businesses supporting DSC’s 2015 musical production
Inspiring Young Women Dinner
This year saw another successful ‘Inspiring Young Women’ evening, organised by the Baw Baw LLEN. Nine Year 10 girls from DSC, along with 40 students from other West Gippsland schools, had the opportunity to attend. It was held at the Warragul Reception and Conference Centre.

The evening sought to link successful women in the community with young women who would benefit from some insight and information about specific careers or general information about career journeys. The girls had many opportunities to meet and talk with a range of women about their current jobs and the experiences they have had in getting to where they are now. Kate Simmons, Engagement & Partnership Coordinator at Medicare Local and Elizabeth O’Callaghan, a dietician with the West Gippsland Healthcare Group were the guest speakers. Below are comments from some of the girls who attended:

**Sally Campbell:**
I was invited to the Inspiring Young Women dinner, to talk to inspiring women about their careers and learn how they got to where they are today. My favourite part of the night was when two women read a letter they wrote to their 16 year old self, giving them advice, and talking about how much had changed between now and then. This was interesting to see how differently they would have done things if they could be 16 again, and it also gave us some very helpful advice! It was great being able to meet other students with similar aspirations to us, and be able to speak with lots of experienced women. It was an enjoyable night and I got a lot out of it!

**Emily Romea:**
I really enjoyed the Inspiring Young Women dinner, gaining a lot of knowledge about my career pathway. I met and talked to a lot of experienced woman who were just like me at one stage and are doing well in their career/life now and have achieved all their job goals. I took note of a lot of ideas and was given constant support throughout this night. I was also given a lot of advice on my career choices.

Maya Naprelac:
The Inspiring Young Women dinner was a bit different to how I thought it would be, however I am very happy that I was given the opportunity to attend. I really enjoyed hearing stories of the lives of women both of similar age and older than me. Listening to these stories, and to the selected speakers, made me a bit more aware of the different pathways that I can take outside of school, and even some of the pathways I can take while I am still in school. It was also a good reminder to aim to achieve your goals, chase your dreams and say “yes” to opportunities that you are offered in life. It was a very good experience.

Open Days - Year 10, 11 & 12 students
Remember that Open Days are coming up in August. Open Days are a great opportunity to see the campuses that interest you, attend information sessions about courses and careers, and get your questions answered. Here is a reminder of the dates:

- **Sat 1 Aug – Monash** (Berwick & Peninsula campuses)
- **Sun 2 Aug – Deakin** (Warrawongbool); **Monash** (Caulfield & Clayton); **Swinburne** (Hawthorn)
- **Sun 9 Aug – Australian Catholic University** (ACU) (Fitzroy); **Deakin** (Geelong campuses); **La Trobe** (Bundoora); **RMIT, William Angliss** Institute
- **Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash** (Parkville – Pharmacy); **La Trobe** (Bendigo)
- **Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin & MIBT; Victoria** (Footscray)
- **Sun 30 Aug – ACU** (Ballarat); **Federation** (Ballarat & Gippsland)

VTAC
Year 12 students who wish to apply for tertiary courses for 2016 will be able to do so through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website from 3rd August, 2015. Applications will be open for several weeks after that, with opportunities to change applications occurring for some time. See: www.vtac.edu.au.
The Big Read In...

The Big Read In provided many avid readers the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities based on favourite titles and authors. Centered in the Drouin Secondary Library on 24th June, students made bookmarks and posters on their favourite authors and books, visited YA reading and authors’ websites, browsed books, talked about books and read books.

From The Nurse

Thank you for the warm welcome to Drouin Secondary College. As the Secondary School Nurse I would like to briefly introduce myself to those of you I have not met. My name is Laura and I am located in the Wellbeing Office area. There are many services that are linked to the School Nurse’s role. Keep an eye out for health related information in the newsletter, on the notice boards and in class if you are a student.

Despite the cold, we still benefit from going outside for some exercise and enjoying the great outdoors. I have added some winter health information below.

It is an important time of the year to take care of yourself by focusing on things that help you relax— even if it is only a few minutes a day- purposefully focus on your wellbeing. Find the time to breathe, stop and calm your mind. I hope you will feel better for it!

Enjoy.

Kind Regards,

Laura Van Stijn
Secondary School Nurse

Free Vitamin D

As the temperatures drop at this time of year, so to does the UV level - now is the time to think about your sun exposure and vitamin D levels over winter. Vitamin D plays an important role in maintaining healthy bones, muscles and teeth.

When UV levels are 3 and above, sun protection is required because that is when the sun can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. However in Victoria average UV levels from May to August are low (1 or 2) so sun protection isn’t needed unless you are in alpine areas or near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or water.

To get enough vitamin D during the winter months, it is recommended that faces, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) are exposed to the sun for two to three hours over the week. People with naturally very dark skin may need three to six times these exposure times. So over the winter months, for healthy bone development, put sun hats and sunscreen away.

The SunSmart UV Alert can be found in the weather section of your daily newspaper or alternatively on the web - www.sunsmart.com.au/ultraviolet_radiation/sunsmart_uv_alert
State Cross Country
Drouin School Bus Network: Country Bus Travel

Country buses (this does not include in-town bus services) are provided as a free service to eligible students for the sole purpose of providing transport between home and school. While transport to and from other locations may have been allowed in the past, this situation has become unmanageable and unsafe. The rules governing School Buses are clear in this regard.

Transport such as
- to the home of another student
- to after school employment
- to sporting and other social event
- to another person’s home for the purpose of child minding

These are all regarded as private in nature and therefore the responsibility of the parents and students concerned. Casual travel in the past has caused overcrowding on some buses which creates serious safety concerns. It is also difficult to monitor the safe travel of all passengers when they are not formally enrolled or using the bus as enrolled.

As a result of these issues, and in accord with DEECD and PTV guidelines, no ad-hoc bus use will be permitted for any reason other than to facilitate short term emergency housing.

We will be introducing laminated bus passes from term 1, 2015. These will detail student name, enrolled route and stop. Students will only be able to travel according to the conditions of pass and will not be allowed to travel without one.

PLEASE NOTE: No bus pass will be issued for any other purpose.

We deeply regret the inconvenience this may cause but we need to follow the guidelines set out by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development closely as possible, which are created in the best interests of safety for all students.

Kind regards
Maureen Hickman
Transport Coordinator

Help Shape the EDUCATION STATE

Education influences every corner of our society and is the key to ensuring our state remains one of the world’s best places to live in the decades ahead.

We want to hear your ideas on how we can make Victoria the Education State.

It’s vital that those in the system – parents of children in kindergarten and school, students, teachers and educators and the principals who lead them – have a say in what we need to do to become the Education State.

Join in the Education State consultation today: www.educationstate.education.vic.gov.au

The consultation closes on 31 July 2015.

2015 Parent Opinion Survey

DSC Parents, if you have received a 2015 Parent Opinion Survey via the mail, please fill in and return to school (front office) by Monday 3rd August 2015.

Your responses are an important part of College feedback to assist us in our future planning which will benefit all students now and into the future.

Every survey that is returned to the office will go into a draw to win a Fitbit Charge HR.

Thank you for your support of Drouin Secondary College.
### WEEK 3

| Tuesday  | 28/07      | Year 8 Access Fed Uni - 100 students only  
|          |            | Year 9 Job Skills Expo Lardner Park & Yr 12 VCAL student helpers |
| Wednesday| 29/07      | Year 8 & 9 Course Selection Assembly for 2016  
|          |            | BH Morwell Fire Station  
|          |            | College Council Dinner Meeting  
|          |            | 6.30pm |
| Thursday | 30/07      | Senior Girls Gippsland Netball |
| Friday   | 31/07      | Professional Learning Day  
|          |            | **Student Free Day** |

### WEEK 4

| Sunday   | 02/08      | Year 12 OED Snow camp  
|          |            | - Omeo/Bright |
| Monday   | 03/08      | Parent Opinion Survey due back  
|          |            | - selected parents |
| Tuesday  | 04/08      | Year 11 OED Ski Trip |
| Wednesday| 05/08      | Year 11 OED Ski Trip  
|          |            | Year 7 / 8 Gippsland Badminton  
|          |            | BH Southern Cross |
| Thursday | 06/08      | Year 11 OED Ski Trip  
|          |            | Year 10 A taste of Agriculture  
|          |            | Year 9 Pre App Baw Baw Skill Centre  
|          |            | Year 7 West Gippsland Music and Drama  
|          |            | Eisteddfod  
|          |            | Course Selection Information Night |
| Friday   | 07/08      | Year 11 OED Ski Trip  
|          |            | Year 9 LOTE Melbourne Excursion |

### WEEK 5

| Tuesday  | 11/08      | Year 9, 10 & 12 Koorie students - AIME  
|          |            | Days Federation Uni  
|          |            | Year 12 VCE Success Strategies Incursion |
| Wednesday| 12/08      | Course Selection Interviews  
| Thursday | 13/08      | Crepe Day  
|          |            | Unit 4 Biology - Chromosome & Inheritance Excursion  
|          |            | Deb Ball dance training  
|          |            | Course Selection Interviews |
| Friday   | 14/08      | Year 10 ODE Cross Country Skiing |

### WEEK 6

| Monday   | 17/08      | Gippsland Senior Basketball  
|          |            | Course Selection Interviews  
|          |            | VCAL Senior Camp |
| Tuesday  | 18/08      | Parents & Friends Meeting  
|          |            | Course Selection Interviews  
|          |            | VCAL Senior Camp |
| Thursday | 20/08      | Production rehearsal  
|          |            | Production High School Musical 7.30pm  
|          |            | Deb Ball dance training |
| Friday   | 21/08      | Production High School Musical 7.30pm  
| Saturday | 22/08      | Production High School Musical  
|          |            | 1.30pm & 7.30pm |

### 2015 TERM DATES

**Term 3:** 13 July to 18 September  
**Term 4:** 5 October to 18 December