Camps, CAMPS and more CAMPS...  PAGE 4, 5 & 6
We have begun Term 2 in full flight with Year 8 and 9 students beginning with a Melbourne Camp for Year 8 and a tour of Tasmania for Year 9. Thank you to the staff who organised and led these important pastoral activities. Without your hard work and voluntary time our students would not have these opportunities. Also congratulations to the students who participated in the camps; you collaborated well ensuring a very positive and successful experience for all.

The Annual DSC House Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 21st of April and our ANZAC Day Assembly on Friday 22nd. We also held a Professional Learning Day on Tuesday 26th of April with all college staff working together to develop our School Wide Positive Behaviour practices and teachers learning about elements of our Instructional Model.

Also we extend a warm welcome to Ms Susan Rio, she will be teaching in the Food Technology area for Term 2.

**P/T/S MEETINGS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

Many parents took the opportunity to meet with teachers at the end of last term. Teachers appreciate the opportunity to build partnerships with parents to support student learning. To follow up, the latest Progress Reports are now on Sentral, please make time to discuss your child’s progress with them.

**COLLEGE COUNCIL**

The new College Council met in March and elected the following office bearers:

- President: Annemarie McCabe
- Vice President: Debbie Earl
- Treasurer: Keryn Cunningham

Congratulations and thank you for the work ahead which will ensure another productive 12 months. Our meeting on 26th April began with training for Principal selection.

**JIUJIANG SISTER SCHOOL VISIT**

Following our successful trip to Jiujiang in China last year, we are looking forward to hosting students and teachers from Jiujiang in August of this year. This is an exciting opportunity for our school and families to exchange cultural understandings with young people from China. Families who have been involved in hosting students in the past have had very rewarding experiences. If your family is interested in finding out more about hosting a student from Jiujiang please contact Mrs Gita Walker at the college.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing will be happening from May 10th to 13th for all year 7 and year 9 students. Information will be sent to parents shortly, but if you have any queries please contact Mrs Rose Allen at the college.

**YEAR 7 2017 INFORMATION EVENING**

Year 7 2017 Information Evening will be held on Thursday May 5th at 7.00pm. All parents of future students are invited to attend to learn about our programs and the excellent teaching and learning offered at DSC. On Thursday April 28th at 7.00pm we will be holding an information evening for parents and students interested in the Year 7 Accelerated Pathways Program (APP) for 2017.

**DSC Principal Team**

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” Aristotle.

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**NOTICE TO PARENTS USING THE STAFF CAR PARK TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP STUDENTS**

Dear Drivers

In the interests of keeping everyone safe in the car park while picking up and dropping off students, we request you drive slowly and observe general road safety rules eg, indicators, checking mirrors. We have had a few “near misses” and would like to avoid any collisions or injuries. We understand this is a difficult and congested area but please be patient and courteous.
Country Bus Travellers

Notice to all parents and students

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 events, or
- to another person’s home for the purpose of child minding

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 concerns with respect to safety. This year most buses are already running to their capacity so seating is not available.

As a result of these issues, and in accordance with Department of Education and Training and Department of Infrastructure guidelines, no bus passes will be issued for any reason other than to facilitate short term emergency housing.

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 Training as closely as possible, which are created in the best interests of safety for all students.

Maureen Hickman
Transport Coordinator, Drouin Secondary College

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted at the College from 10th to 12th May 2016.

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

The timetable for Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN 2016 is as follows:

- **TUESDAY, 10th MAY** - Language Conventions Test (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) – 45 minutes
- **TUESDAY, 10th MAY** - Writing Test – 40 minutes
- **WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY** - Reading Test – 65 minutes
- **THURSDAY, 12th MAY** - Numeracy Test (calculator) – 40 minutes
- **THURSDAY, 12th MAY** - Numeracy Test (no calculator) – 40 minutes
- **FRIDAY 13th May** - Catch-up tests for any students who may have missed a test in the previous three days

Parents of students in Years 7 and 9 are asked to ensure that students are on time to school in the morning on these dates and are only absent if illness prevents them from attending school. All tests will be conducted in the earlier part of the school day. Further information with regards NAPLAN has been sent home to all Year 7 and Year 9 parents.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact Mrs Rosemary Allen, Curriculum Leader, at Drouin Secondary College by phone: 03 56251002 or via email – allen.rosemary.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Year 8 Melbourne Camp was held in the first week of term 2 and what a blast. The camp was 4 days of learning what Melbourne has to offer, travelling by public transport and lots of walking.

Day one saw 8 teams of 15 students take on the Urban Challenge, navigating their way around Melbourne to find particular sights, explore different cultures and try new foods. Chinatown, the State Library, the Aquarium, Gog and Magog, a Greek Bakery, the European style alleyways and much more were all part of the fun. That evening saw students travel to MSAC for swimming or the magnificent Eureka Skydeck at night. Other highlights of the camp were The Shrine of Remembrance tour, the MCG tour, Galactic Circus in Crown, indoor rock climbing at Hardrock, the Melbourne Zoo and the Queen Victoria Market.

The nights were late and morning early, but everyone was keen to get going each day and see the sights. The free tram zone through Melbourne helped get students to the CBD venues and each student had a Myki card for the more distant locations.

Overall 115 students attended, 9 staff of Mr. Hasley, Mrs Croft, Mrs Forbes, Mr Jeffrey, Mr Hawton, Ms Hubbard, Mr Russell, Mr Axford, Mr Walsh and myself. A huge thank you to the staff for their fantastic effort and passion throughout the camp making sure students were safe and arrived at locations on time. Well done to the students for their excellent behaviour and representing the College so well in public. Everyone returned tired, but really happy for the wonderful experience.

Gita Walker
Year 8 Camp Coordinator
The Year 12 Outdoor Education class set off for 2 days on the Mornington Peninsula with Mrs Walker and Mr Wilson. We had a visit to Flinders rock platforms to see the marine biodiversity and then onto Greens Bush, part of the Mornington Peninsula National Park – a beautiful piece of natural habitat remaining near Main Ridge, with stunning grass trees everywhere. Then on to Gunnamatta to compare the destruction from the Melbourne Water outfall (sewage output into the ocean).

We then moved onto Point Nepean National Park where we walked around the Quarantine Station; fascinating reading about all the ships that came into Port Phillip Bay from the 1850s (many hundreds of people died from very simple but highly contagious diseases). We walked onto the gun battlements, a brisk 5 km round trip walk in the drizzle, but some students even jogged there and back. We then moved to our night’s accommodation in a Portsea Apartment above the dive shop, very comfortable after a day out and about. After a quick shower we sat down for a Marine biologist presentation (highly interesting and informative covering the history and impacts on Port Phillip Bay).

The next morning dawned overcast, but dry and we were ready to sea kayak for 9.00am. We had a fantastic kayak in the calm warm waters past the quarantine station and along the coast of Point Nepean NP. James from Bayplay gave us a very informative talk related to the changes over time of Port Phillip Bay and the impacts from dredging. After lunch in Sorrento we returned to snorkel in the seagrass beds off the Portsea beach and under the Portsea Pier, seeing many fish and even dolphins. We returned to the land, happy from the sea experience and much wiser about the area.

The bus drive home was very quiet with many eyes closed! A great group and a great trip!

_Gita Walker_
_Year 12 Outdoor Education Teacher_
Sunday afternoon, students, staff and parents started the journey to Tasmania. We gripped our tickets and boarded the Spirit of Tasmania. Nerves and excitement were all rolled into one. The cold sea air whipped across our faces as we waited to depart. We stood out watching the rolling waves beat into the side of the ship. The nerves died down and everyone began to tire, all the teachers were eager to get some sleep. Little did they know that not everyone was asleep and enjoying the boat ride. As expected, there was a group of people experiencing the dreaded sea sickness. To the early hours of the morning the teachers were taking turns in looking after the ‘sickies’. The number of ‘sickies’ slowly dwindled and at last everyone was peacefully sleeping.

Sleep clouded our minds as we were piled into the bus. Motion sickness still loomed, despite the ground firm beneath our feet. We started our long drive to Cradle Mountain. We began our hike whining and cold. A group of tired teenagers embarked on the walk around Lake Dove. All of this was made worthwhile once we took in the scenery surrounding us. Everywhere we looked, we were greeted by a breathtaking view. Even the rain couldn’t dull our happiness, nor could the wind. Together we finished the walk, in awe of the nature around us.

We rushed through the wind, flying through the tree tops at Hollybanks Treetop Adventure. Getting a small taste of what it is like to fly. Everyone went on the outstanding tree top adventure. The morning was spent fifty three metres high, the ground nowhere near our feet. Everyone loved the experience of flying across zip lines, high up in the trees. The friendly guides maintained back and forth banter throughout our flight, easing everyone’s nerves. Our time in the tree tops was something we won’t forget, another thing to add to the long list of memories from our Tasmanian camp.

In the daylight we explored the Port Arthur Convict Settlement, learning the ways of their time. We learnt their stories and took a look at where they lived and how they came to live there. In the moonlight we were told the stories of the souls that never left. We crept through grounds, adrenaline pumping through our veins. The smallest noise was greeted by a chorus of screams. In small groups we were told the stories of the dead, the living and the in-between. Tormented souls left to haunt the places misery had once been. We were holding onto each other for dear life by the time the Ghost Tour ended. Everyone was eager to leave the frightening place.

Once we reached Hobart we had the opportunity to go in our own direction. We all got to explore the scenic city of Hobart. Shopping was clearly popular, for when we returned to the bus many extra bags were brought along. We wandered around the city, relaxing after our busy camp. Everyone did something different, whether it was go shopping, to the museum or just sit around in a park. Our day in Hobart was an amazing end to a spectacular camp.

Our journey came to an end as the plane soared through the sky. We were welcomed back by our families with stories to tell and memories we will never forget.

Deanna Roberts Year 9
Do you hold a Concession Card? If you have not already applied for the CSEF read on to make sure you don’t miss out on this Government funding.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR CSEF EACH YEAR.

Those families who have already applied will have had the funding arrive on their school accounts in early March. These credits will have been applied in the first instance to any outstanding camp or excursion charges.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the above.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
IN SCHOOLS

RESTORING THE FOCUS ON STEM

Trobe University plans to introduce STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. As
pressure on academic achievement. Some universities are looking at the need to restructure their admissions practices to promote greater ethical engagement among aspiring students and to reduce pressure on academic achievement.

Students need to be encouraged to study STEM subjects to help secure the nation’s future. Starting this interest at the school level will hopefully help increase the number of students taking up STEM subjects in higher education and in their careers, and help keep Australia competitive internationally in these important fields.

NEW COURSE IN SOUND PRODUCTION AT BOX HILL INSTITUTE

This course is ideal for those who like to record, produce and mix music and live sound, develop interactive cross media sound art, design video games audio and compose and design sound for film, television and theatre. Work placements are guaranteed as part of the course.

Pat Dowty, Jay King & Kerry Wales, Careers Staff

The Federal Government committed an extra $12 million to restore the focus, and increase student uptake of, science technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects in primary and secondary schools in the 2015-2016 budget. This built on the $5 million allocated in the 2014-15 Budget. Restoring the focus on STEM subjects is about ensuring Australia’s young adults are equipped with necessary skills for the economy of the future.

STEM is everywhere: our homes, transport, food, health, jobs and leisure to name a few, are all profoundly shaped by technological innovation.

Four key elements of the program are:

- providing innovative mathematics curriculum resources
- supporting the introduction of computer coding in schools
- an innovative approach to education based on the US ‘Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) model
- summer schools for STEM students to increase the number of girls and disadvantaged students attending.

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YEAR 7 2017 INFORMATION DAY AND EVENINGS

ACCELERATED PATHWAYS PROGRAM (APP) INFORMATION EVENING:
Thursday 28th April, 7pm
Grade 6 students with academic aptitude and a passion for learning are invited to apply.

INFORMATION DAY:
For Grade 6 Students: Thurs 5th May

INFORMATION EVENING:
For Parents of Grade 5 & 6 Students: Thursday 5th May, 7pm.

Parents will be able to tour the College in small groups. You will see our classrooms, facilities and presentations about the college learning programs. You will also have the opportunity to talk with teachers, students and other parents.

Contact: Mrs Ashti Mullen.
Email: mullin.ashti.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
or phone 5625 1002 or visit our website: www.drouinsc.vic.edu.au
Hi everyone, time to get your taste buds awakened for 2016. The second year hospitality students from the West Gippsland Trade Training Alliance including Warragul Regional College, Neerim Secondary College, Marist, & Drouin Secondary College have begun their open night dinners as of Wednesday 20th of April. Students have been planning their menus over the past weeks in preparation for the upcoming dinner services which are an invaluable component of their course. Students will also be catering for the Drouin Rotary Club on the 1st of June, a partnership which has been running for the past four years and will hopefully continue for years to come.

Restaurant Open Night for term two 2016:
- Wednesday 4th May
- Wednesday 18th May
- Wednesday 1st June – booked out for Rotary
- Wednesday 15th June

Bookings are open to the general public and can be made through the DSC web site under the Community tab or by contacting the general office.

Looking forward to providing some great food over 2016.

Bon Appetit

Student Representative Council

The SRC this year consists of 29 eager students who are all willing to improve our College. We are also excited to have the participation of Rebecca Williams, Rob Monk and Corissa Rieschick to communicate with Drouin Secondary staff and teach us how to operate, work efficiently and effectively. Our early meetings were based around discussions of what our aim should be for 2016. We assessed that we would like to further improve our school connectivity; which is an initiative that previous SRC teams have worked on. During the 5th week of term 1 we were all involved in a Stride Leadership training day that we all found valuable and from this we derived our projects that we would like to eventually initiate this year. They are: Talent Show, Working bee and Olympic Games. These will be run throughout different stages of the 2016 year but are all still in the planning stage currently. Also, the SRC have been working hard to organise the Free Dress days for the year. We conducted our first free dress day on the 22nd of March where we were raising funds for the Elliot family whose house unfortunately was involved in a fire. We are proud to have raised $1,129.30 for this young family that is a part of our Drouin Secondary community. We were pleased to have witnessed many people donate more than expected, it proves how far our community is willing to go to help a family in the toughest of times. With the SRC up and running we hope to continue to support our community and foundations throughout the year.

Harvey Langford
Mother's Day Competition

PARMALAT MILK are giving students a chance to win two cinema tickets to take mum out for Mother's Day.

Just buy a large milk at the canteen on Thursday 5th May and you get a ticket in the draw.

Winner will be announced on Friday 6th May.

Year 10 & 11 Students

• GoPro
• Catch up/ Homework/ Study

Monday & Thursday Lunchtime in E3

Yr 7 Reading & Literacy

Yr 7 students read over eight million words between 9th March and 19th April 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. Students need to be supported at home with a routine of regular reading. At this stage of the year, students should have completed a quiz on at least one book and be reading regularly at home.

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
MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC!
Come out for a day on

Sunday 8th of May!
Walk 4km for fun and to help raise money for Breast Cancer Research!

From Sam at Drouin Golf Club
McGlones Rd, Drouin

For more details and to register head to:
www.mothersdayclassic.com.au
OR Register on the day!

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*Child is 18 years or younger, children under 3 years FREE
**Concession includes student card, health care card or senior concession card
I am a Lonely Dictionary

E. Winters

I am a lonely dictionary,
I wasn't like this before.
Before that mean old, nasty internet
Came running through my door.
Now I am not chosen,
Rarely taken off the shelf.
Because the internet stole my lovers,
So I sit here by myself.

I am a lonely dictionary,
My pages do not open.
For the internet stole the spotlight,
Now my spirit is surely broken.
No one cares for me,
And I guess that is okay.
Because the internet stole all my friends,
And now I sit here alone, dreaming
of a better day.

Soon my printed pages will stick,
Especially in Winter.
But that doesn't seem to bother them,
Because the internet is quicker.

So pull me off the shelf
Every now and then,
Because I am still as trusty
As the good old paper and pen.

I am a lonely dictionary
So enemies beware,
The internet is ruining the chances
Of a beautiful love-affair.

Patricia

I'm learning the differences between what I want and what I am.

See, what I want apart from millions of dollars and every dog in the world - I want to be smart, and not your text book "I know a few fancy words, so I look smart" kind of smart. I want to be the kind of girl who loves books and has an IQ miles higher than her peers and has the first 3 years after high school planned out nicely. I want to be subtle and say the right things, not have to validate my hilarity by how it shows in others. I want to be able to paint, dance, write, sing and go to bed some hour before 4am.

I want to be able to not chicken out of bomb outfits because they're bolder than jeans and a hoodie. I don't want to dread my reflection or the sound of my laugh. I don't want to be asking if I'm being annoying. I want to not be apologetic about my own content as a human. I want to be a super nova, but I'm just a dim star that fell out of its place light years ago.

I want to be able to do things right, and accept my flaws, live my life. No matter what size my bra is, or how many Doritos is too many for a woman of my size. I want my worth to belong to me and not others. But I guess that's where the line falls between what I want and what I am, because (obviously) what I want is what I want, and everything I don't want is exactly what I am.

How many 80's movies and cuts of reality will it take me to realise that maybe the John Cusack- holding a boom box outside my window- kind of person doesn't exist, or at least not for me, my faith is so sliced that I've been reduced to think the only ones that can love me are the ones that need some form of sedative before they can.

I have hope, I can't base how much I'm wanted on the attention of boys, girls, teachers, parents, pets, store clerks, crushes and bosses. It comes down to my passion for myself and my belief in how much I deserve to have a go at life despite boys and lattes I can't afford. Because the friends that hold me close and tell me I'm enough, the ones that pull me out of bed and wipe my tears over said boys, are the ones that matter more than broken rules and hiding hickeys, they complete me and I'm okay with that.

So I sit in this bath tub, as my fingers prune and stop questioning whether anyone will ever look at me the way Paula Dean looks at butter, because even though it's love I dearly crave, the pure kind, we all dream of, if I want love then the love has got to come from me. Not cigarette daydreams of junkies and smeared lipstick. Watching 50's movies, Nirvana and the excitement that occurs when 2 minute noodles are 1/2 price is my reality. So you can roll your eyes and throw TVs out windows, go ahead, have fun. I sure as hell I know that I'll be better off, and for the record, 2 minute noodles are the bomb and so is Judy Garland. So what if I sound like a loser? At least I'll know that some of my anticipated daydreams are probably more comforting than the reality of those I envision. I have my innocence and I take comfort in it, if it gives me peace of mind, because I think of all the things I've got that I don't want like pimples and leggings with holes in them, innocence is one thing I don't mind having.

Peace and blessings.

By Eden Hill Year 11
Locks

Come on, come on. I twist the bobby pin around in the lock. Almost there, just one more-

“I taught you how to pick locks, and this is how you’re using the skill?” A voice startles me, causing the bobby pin fall out of my grasp. As well as the lock.

Damn it.

I glance up, praying to God that it’s not her. It can’t be her, please don’t let it be her. Nope, it’s her. Of course it has to be her. After three damn years she has finally decided to grace me with her presence. Of course.

Studying her I see she hasn’t changed much within three years, apart from the few silver hairs now scattered through her brown shoulder length locks. She still has the same laughter lines, though I never understood how someone who never laughs could even get them. And the same cold grey eyes, the ones I could never forget even when I tried.

Ignoring her I turn back and start again on the lock. I almost had it, I was so close. But someone just felt the need to interrupt me.

“There’s no need to act immature,” Karen chastised, “I taught you better than that.”

Maybe if I ignore her long enough she might just disappear. She has a lot of experience disappearing off the face of the earth. She does it quite well, never contacting you again, you become a mere memory, nothing of importance. Or maybe she only acts like that towards me, I wouldn’t know.

“What do you do want your highness?” I mutter under my breath.

“Curb the attitude,” Karen says. She must still have the ears of a bat. Her amazing hearing always got me into all sorts of trouble. I never really learned how to bite my tongue.

“Thank you.”

One last twist of the bobby pin and the door opens.

Finally!

I walk into the office room, switching lights on as I go. Unfortunately, with Karen close behind. Can she not take a hint? She must want something from me, there is no other reason she would be here. She gains nothing from just coming over and saying ‘hello!’

I pay no attention to Karen as I get on with the task that bought me here. I start ruffling through the drawers of the office desk. Making as little noise as I can, I look through the room. This was meant to be the easy part of the plan. Where do teachers hide all the damn essays?

After looking through every drawer I finally find my class’s pile of essays. I quickly grab mine out of my pocket and slip it into the middle of the pile and put them all back in the drawer. Careful to put them exactly as I found them. Mr. Montgomery wouldn’t suspect anything.

The clock above the desk reads 2:23 am. It takes a lot of dedication to break into your high school, as well as your history teacher’s office, all for one essay. I was not going to let one overdue essay sabotage my grades. So naturally this was my plan.

“You’re in danger here,” Karen speaks up, warning me. “You need to come back. It’s in the best interest for you.”

“I have lasted three years by myself, I think I can last a few more,” I spat.

“The situation has escalated, it is worse than we feared. You—”

“I am not coming back. I am not going to play your games anymore,” I hissed. “I am sure you will do just fine without my help.”

I storm out of the room with Karen hot on my heels. I can feel her gaze on my back. She is studying me, determining if it is worth the fight. If I am worth the fight. I slam the door, no longer caring if I get caught. Anything to get me away from this woman.

“When you come to your sense—”

I scoff, obviously I am the one at fault.

“You can find me the way you used to,” Karen finishes. She turns and faces Mr. Montgomery’s office and taps on the window before walking away. “You left the lights on.”

Sighing I grab the bobby pin, here we go again.

A letter to the lost girl

I can see it better now, it’s much closer than it was. Which is a wonder because of how far it’s gotten, it’s dragged the chain to the point where it should have been long rested by now.

I don’t understand though, am I supposed to?

There is no reason for her actions, and no mercy for her soul.

A girl so innocent; something so fragile, dropping dead like rain, breaking blood just like glass.

Nothing cared, nobody noticed; how lost she was and dared to go more. This situation has melted her soul, not her heart. It’s broken her bones and stolen her urge to fight back. This girl will never understand, and for that…where will she go when it all ends?

My advice to this girl was simple, nothing more nothing less. But she didn’t hear a word, she never spoke the truth that she longed to keep inside. Her gut feeling wasn’t enough to get her out of the crime scene… and with that, she will always have a gunshot wound to the heart.

Her heart is never beating anymore. It’s failed as an opportunity to live, and to fight for forgiveness in the grace of God.

By Emily Romea Year 11

By Deanna Roberts Year 9
FIVE WAYS TO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

1. **Get active each day:** Regular physical activity is important for healthy growth and development.
2. **Choose water as a drink:** Water is the best way to quench your thirst without any added sugar.
3. **Eat more fruit and vegies:** Try to include fresh fruit and vegies in meals and as a convenient snack.
4. **Turn off the TV or computer and get active:** Try to break up long periods of time sitting with fun, active games.
5. **Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives:** Try to limit snacks that are high in sugar and saturated fats.

For more info, go to: [http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

Prepared by West Gippsland Healthcare Group – Health Promotion Team 56343500

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**It Pays to Eat Smart**

**SUPERMARKET TOUR:** Thurs 28th April Woolworths Warragul 12.30 pm

This tour explodes the myth that healthy foods are expensive. Prepare to be amazed! This tour takes about an hour.

**BUDGETING WORKSHOP:** Thurs 5th May Warragul Community House 12.30 pm

Learn about the principles of healthy eating and what we should be eating more of. Learn a simple formula that saves the average family over $2,000 a year on their food bill. This session runs 2 – 3 hours.

**CENTSIBLE COOKING:** Thurs 12th May Warragul Community House 12.30 pm

Cook and taste dishes which are cheap, quick and easy to prepare. This session takes about 2 hours and is a hands-on session for the participants with a chance to try dishes.

**PRICE:** $7/$5 concession per person for 3 sessions (to cover cooking ingredients)

RSVP: To book your place call Judy @ Warragul Community House on 56236032 or for more information call Angela Greenall on 5624 3545 or email angela.greenall@wghg.com.au by 20th April

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**Host a French-Speaking Exchange Student this Year!**

Imagine knowing someone who:
- runs around in shorts and t-shirt in the middle of an Australian winter because the temperature is equivalent to summertime in the student’s home country,
- takes a photo of a meal you have prepared to send overseas because it looks so different,
- is amazed that we can travel for hours and still be in the same state of one country.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for volunteer host families for French-speaking students arriving in July 2016 for a term, semester or year. It’s easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!

**Emma from France:** “I am an open-minded person, I like meeting new people but I am a little bit afraid of big dogs. I enjoy playing board games with my brother and running either alone, with friends or with my mother. I hope my host family is welcoming, open-minded and that I feel comfortable with them.”

**Louis from France:** “I’m a very active and open minded person who lives to move and see the world! Although I am Belgian I actually live in France. I enjoy skiing, surfing swimming but especially playing golf. I am very passionate about human rights and hope to work for the UN in the future.”

How does it work?

It’s easy! Simply jump online or contact WEP today to receive a free information pack in the mail.

Sylvia Kelly
World Education Program
For the cost of a local call: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
www.wep.org.au

Add a family member from overseas, share your way of life and most importantly form loving, life-long relationship with your new European family member.
Let’s Play Hockey!

The West Gippsland Hockey Association provides the opportunity for all people to enjoy the game of hockey in a fun & supportive environment. We would love you to join one of our 4 Clubs to play in the winter competition season next year.

There are four clubs under the West Gippsland Hockey Association, below are the details for each of the clubs.

- All games and training are at Bellbird Park, Lampards Rd, Drouin.
- Games are primarily played on Saturday morning for the younger Junior age groups, commencing 8am, and early afternoon for the older Junior ages.

Adults are very welcome to join and play in the senior competition.

No experience is necessary, you are never too old to learn this fabulous and spirited game.

Aztecs Hockey Club
Training Wednesday 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Marg Austen: PH 0438 251 448
Email: austensc1@dodo.com.au

Gulls Hockey Club
Training Wednesday, 4:00 pm – 4.45 pm U8 and U10
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm U12
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm U14 and U16
Natasha Bottom: PH 0400732615
Email: Tashwayne@dodo.com

Drouids Hockey Club
Training Thursday, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm All Junior age groups
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Mens & Womens
Paul Hunt: PH: 5626 8252
Email: cathandpaul@dcsi.net.au

Warriors Hockey Group
Training Monday, 4.30pm -6pm All age groups
Kylie Crawford PH: 0410562013
Email: mkcrawford@aussiebb.com.au

Did you know that in Victoria each year there is a shortfall of more than 300 foster carers? Have you ever considered being a foster carer? All around Victoria, every day, people are opening their hearts and their homes to children and young people who cannot live with their families. You don’t have to be a superhero or a social worker to do it. It’s the little things that you do that make you an amazing foster carer like taking a child to the footy, or having dinner together at the table. By becoming a foster carer you can help change a young life.

Shared Stories Shared Lives foster care training is a compulsory part of becoming a foster carer and we have training at Warragul during April 2016 and more throughout the year.

Be extraordinary be a Foster Carer!
Ph 56 62 6400 or email hbcleo@aus.salvationarmy.org
or look us up on Facebook ‘SalvoCare Fostercare Leongatha’
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### Change to Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The DSC Uniform Shop will be **closing at 5.45pm on Thursdays** from now through to (and including) 15 September 2016.

If you require access to the Uniform Shop between 5.45pm - 6.00pm please contact Heather on 0438 022 811 to make an appointment.

The usual closing time of 6.00pm will resume on 22 September 2016.

### Year 10 Work Experience

**Parents please note:** Students should now be finalising their work experience placement for 20th to 24th June! Any questions please contact Careers.