This month began with the exciting news that our College has been granted $4.5 million dollars to upgrade our buildings. This is a five-year project which will substantially improve the learning environment for DSC students into the future. The first year will involve completing a thorough research and planning process. We are on track with the maintenance upgrade of the Materials Technology and Visual Arts wings. While repairs to stumping and roofing are not easy to see, students will start to notice repainting and repairs in rooms as well as a new façade on the pool.

PROGRESS REPORTS
The latest Progress Reports will be posted on Sentral later this week, please make time to discuss your child’s progress with them. As we are moving towards the end of the semester students will now be focused on making the most of their learning time and completing learning tasks to the best of their ability.

Year 7 and Year 9 students have now completed the annual NAPLAN tests. Congratulations to students for their cooperative approach and for trying to complete the tests to the best of their ability.

VCE Units 3 & 4 students will soon sit the General Achievement Test (GAT). This is an important test as it is an indicator of student ability and a safety net for students completing Year 12.

GREAT SPORTS!
We enjoyed a fabulous day on Thursday 21st of April with Lawson’s return to the winners’ circle having taken out the House Athletics Championship for 2016. The day was all about participation with all of the events being contested with competitors keen to do their best.

While conditions were favourable, only one record fell with the Lawson U/13 boys digging deep to break the relay record. Congratulations on a great effort.

The addition of a few ‘extra’ events such as Chess and Dodge Ball were very popular. Well done to those who helped organise these events.

Congratulations to all the students and staff for a successful day. Thank you for your enthusiasm, participation and support of your houses.

Approximately 100 students took part in the West Gippsland Athletics on Tuesday 3rd May. This year with the inclusion of Marist Sion College and Choir Christian School the competition was very competitive. All students performed really well on what turned out to be the windiest day we have ever had for the Athletics. Many records were broken or set on the day, one by a Drouin student. Congratulations to Tasha Mitchell who created a record in the 14yrs hurdle event.

MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC
We are very proud of our Year 11 VCAL students, who organised a very successful fundraiser. I was particularly impressed with the number of people who walked and ran on this very wet Sunday morning. Thanks to all members of the community who supported the event as sponsors or participants. Including registrations, approximately $6500 was raised to support breast cancer research.

BUILDING FUND
Parents may be aware that in following Education Department policy we no longer include the voluntary $60.00 Building Fund donation on family accounts. I’d like to encourage you to consider donating to our Building Fund which assists us to keep our facilities in good order for our students. Contact our office to make a donation and remember any donation is tax deductible.

DSC Principal Team
“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” Aristotle.
Family statements will be sent out in the next few weeks. Due to excessive postage costs and lengthy delivery times of Australia Post, the College will now be emailing statements to families who have provided email addresses. Please advise the College office of any email address changes in readiness for this mail-out. There is also an environmental benefit sending statements in this manner. Statements to families without email addresses will be sent by mail. Feedback on emailing statements would be appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: All fees are now due and payable, if you need to organise a payment plan please contact Josie O’Connor (Business Manager) at your earliest convenience.

Camps must be paid by due dates and College fees up to date, or payment plan in place as per the College non curriculum camps/excursions and activities policy. (see website for details)

CENTRAL TOUR: Last payment was due 20th May 2016
JAPAN TOUR: Last payment due 1st June 2016

Host Families Needed

We have an exciting opportunity for Drouin Secondary College students.

DSC has a sister school in Jiujiang China and we have a delegation of students arriving in late June.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for Host Families for these students for up to two weeks. We want the Chinese students to experience life in Gippsland and they will attend various excursions and school based activities.

If you would like to host a student or would like more information, contact Jo Brauman at the College on 5625 1002, or alternatively on email brauman.joanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Year 8 Camp was in Melbourne at the start of term 2. There were lots of activities for us to do like, a Scavenger Hunt, Eureka Sky Deck, MCG, the Zoo, the Queen Vic Market, Rock-climbing, Swimming, Galactic Circus, Museum, shopping in Melbourne Central, The Shrine of Remembrance and The Myer Music Bowl. When doing the activities we were split into two groups, group A and group B, then in those groups there were even smaller groups. Miss Walker’s group won the scavenger hunt from group A and Mr. Russell’s group won from group B, Jeffers group stopped at the most Seven Elevens in half an hour of being in Melbourne, they had already stopped at least 4 times.

Not many people liked the food; the first night was a stew thing with chicken in it, the second night was spicy pork and the third night was pasta.

The beds were a bit uncomfortable, but after walking so much I don’t think it really mattered. The things we did were fun and most people enjoyed them, personally I think it was a good camp. Melbourne can be scary, but the teachers made us feel safe.

By Rhiannon Marriott 8E

Never thought you could pack so much into four days. Beginning with the amazing race on arrival to Melbourne followed by a visit to MSAC that included swimming in the wave pool, plunging down the water slide and navigating the inflatable obstacle course that kept Walshie and Jeffers on their toes well more like on their backsides. Then back to the YHA for a much needed rest up and a good night’s sleep although interrupted by the teacher’s excitement from the day’s activities we managed a small amount of sleep.

Tuesday morning, we awoke to continental style breakfast that fueled us for the day ahead. My favorite part of the camp being a visit to the sports museum and the good old MCG where we had the opportunity to look around the clubrooms, go out onto the ground and even sit up at the media desk we also got a chance to ask the tour guide some trivial questions including Charles intelligent question of How much does the MCG weigh about 12 tone? The tour guide was quick to answer him that it might be quite impossible to weigh the actual MCG but I can assure you Charles it’s a lot more than 12 tone and we quickly moved on to some more relevant questions.

That night we visited the Eureka Sky Deck and had our chance to walk to the edge and I’m sure that had everyone’s adrenalin pumping. As the teachers found it very hard to settle that night too.

Wednesday and we were off to the zoo after the visit to the zoo we went bowling and to Galactic Circus, the teachers had obviously paid a lot of attention to the animals at the zoo that day and couldn’t contain their excitement once again the bowling game that was over taken by Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Horton was entertaining to say the least I certainly wouldn’t be asking any of them to join a bowling team in the near future maybe they should stick to the outdoor game of lawn bowls.

Finally, the last day of camp arrived after not much sleep the student’s patience was running thin with the teachers as they were the main cause of the sleepless nights, we headed to the Queen Victoria Market and enjoyed the diverse shopping experience. Finally, back on the bus and homeward bound back to the country air of Gippsland we were all very exhausted and all looking forward to coming back to school for a much needed rest.

All in all, a fantastic well organized camp special thanks to Mrs. Walker and Mr. Hasley and staff I’m sure the memories will last forever.

Lleyton Dunne
“Wow weeeeee” it has been a busy term for the 8HOL team. To begin the term, the team took a moment to pause and celebrate our achievements so far with a BBQ that brought together families, staff and program supporters. We’ve dug deep ‘physically’ to develop our fitness and self-defence skills through sessions delivered by MMA trainer to the stars Kael Coster. We’ve then dug deep ‘literally’ with shovels to fill garden beds behind the canteen that we plan to sow and harvest delicious vegetables. Out on the road we’ve enjoyed exploring the Drouin and Warragul Community gardens, the amazing facilities at Blackwood and a teambuilding session of tenpin bowling.

8HOL Rules!

At the end of a hard afternoon of work in the garden.

Hard at push ups with Kael.

Dan & Linchon cooking the snags at the Family Celebration.

Team photo taken during our visit to Blackwood.
The Year 9 Travel and Tourism class spent the day and night researching and exploring the different Phillip Island Nature Park attractions during a field trip recently. Students were collecting data on the management of animals and interaction of tourists at the parks. They visited the Koala Conservation Centre, Churchill Island, Seal Rocks Centre and the Penguin Parade. The new Antarctic Journey Centre at Seal Rocks was a highlight with many interactive areas. A Ranger talk, discussing how Tourism is balanced with the needs of the Environment was very informative and the students really enjoyed seeing the penguins in their nesting boxes out in Summerlands. The announcement of a $48 million dollar grant from the government to the park allowed students to realise how important this resource is to the Victorian economy. The night was topped off with a visit to the Pino’s an Italian restaurant in Cowes for pizza. A long day, but fantastic students and lots of interesting information and laughs.

Gita Walker
Year 9 Travel and Tourism teacher
Year 12 VCAL Nayook Camp

On the first week back of Term 2 our year 12 VCAL class got an opportunity to visit Nayook’s Outdoor Education camp at Rubicon. The Year 12 VCAL classes also had the opportunity to organise our own camp and activities that we did in order to meet our learning outcomes. Throughout the time at camp our VCAL class learned a new set of very important skills and roles, including teamwork and leadership.

Our first day, we were introduced to Sam and Bruce, two instructors from Rubicon who split us up into two groups and led us to our activities. Our first challenge was working as a team to get into groups of four and do an orienteering course around the camp.

On our second day we went to the Britannia caves. On our arrival we traversed to the cave entrance and began descending into the caves, we used teamwork to get through parts of the cave. After we finished the caves, Troy got unstuck, we made our way back to the Rubicon camp to begin the Canopy Quest. The Canopy Quest required more teamwork and leadership, teamwork to get through certain obstacles such as the tug of love.

Written by VCAL Group 1
PREPARING FOR MID SEMESTER EXAMS?

Here are some hints to help you on your way to achieving the best you can in exams

Preparing for the exam...

• Attempt lots of practice questions from your text books. Check the contents page of your book often there are sections which review groups of chapters.
• Complete practice exams, for Year 10 & Unit 1 exams see your class teacher. Unit 3 subjects can be downloaded from the VCAA website.
• Prepare a study timetable and try to stick to it. Remember in the last couple of weeks of term there is often a lot of assessment.

Find out the following information:
• VCE Student Number
• Time, date and place of the exam
• Length of exam - essay, short answer, multiple choice
• Materials that you are permitted to use for the exam
• Rules for the exam – need to bring student ID card, can bring in your water bottle??
• Topics the exam will cover

Leading up to the exams...

• Try to get a good night sleep – develop a good routine.
• Eat healthy
• Exercise
• Take breaks in your study; remember that study should be efficient and quality rather than quantity.
• Write down a list of all of the topics that will be covered in the exam and rate them in order of the ones you feel most confident with etc. Structure your revision to cover your weaker areas first.

Exam Room Hints...

1. You have ten minutes before the commencement of reading time. This gives you some time to calm down and get yourself into the right mental attitude for some efficient writing.
2. Make sure you have the correct exam paper.
3. Read the instructions carefully.
4. Read through the whole paper quickly in about 2-3 minutes. This will give you an overview of the exam. Go back and read the question again carefully.
5. Don’t spend time thinking about questions you are confident you can answer. Instead think about key words in the question, especially ones that tell you what to do like outline, prove, state, summarise etc.
6. With complex questions consider any key pieces of information. Think about what you know about the topic from details given. Don’t become anxious if the wording seems strange and unfamiliar. The material being examined must come from your topics in one way or another. Put the main ideas in the back of your mind while you are doing other questions.
7. With questions containing an either/or section, make a decision about one of them and forget the other options.
8. If you feel panic creeping in, stop immediately and take some deep breaths. Think about some related areas to the topic that you know really well and then re-read the question.
9. Don’t waste your time ruling up pages.
10. Name and label all answers clearly.
11. Write clearly with a pen and not in pencil.
12. Start with a question that you feel you know quite well – it may not be the first one on the paper. This will get you off to a flying start and give you confidence.
13. Block out the other people in the exam room – don’t worry about how they may be going, you have enough to do looking after yourself.
14. Make sure you read each question carefully. A brilliant answer to the wrong question gets no marks.
15. During an exam you may be writing an answer for one question, when you think something important about another question. Write a quick note on your question paper or spare paper to remind you later of information that came to mind. If you do not note them straight away, then you can forget them just as easily.
16. If you have to remember certain facts or formulae in order to answer specific exam questions, it may be helpful to note them on your question paper as soon as possible. By doing this you can concentrate on tackling the questions without worrying about recalling the required facts when you need them.
17. You are not permitted to leave the exam room before time is up. If you finish early, use any spare time to improve your answers. Read through your answers to see if you can think of better words or phrases. Check that decimal points are in the right place. Are all the diagrams and graphs properly labelled? Are all the answers numbered correctly?
18. Don’t panic if you run out of time. Give an outline of the way in which you would answer the question if there was more time.

‘Success is a journey, not a destination’
YEARS 10 & 11 EXAMS

- Exams for our Year 10 & 11 students are just around the corner from 24TH to 27TH May.
- Exams for all Year 10, VCE Unit 1 & 2 and VCAL Numeracy students
- Year 10 and VCE students do not attend normal classes, and may sign in and out of the College.
- VCAL students attend normal classes – the numeracy exam will take place during class time.
- Supervised private study is available. Students must work in this supervised space if they remain at school when not in an exam.
- Students must be in full school uniform.
- Students completing early access to Year 10 will attend their normal classes except for their exams.
- Students completing early access to Year 12 should attend their Year 12 classes
- Students completing VET should attend their VET course

- Students must see Mrs. Tyrrell at the senior LCC to make adjustments to their exam timetable if they are doing Unit 3-4, VET or have an exam clash – this is now URGENT
- Students should leave mobile phones and other electronic devices at home. They may be lodged at the LCC.
- Students should be at the exam room in time to have their belongings checked before they enter. Remember - this takes time with up to 100 students in a room!
- Students should check what they bring into the exam with their teacher and the VCAA website rules for this subject at Unit 3-4 level.
- One reason for doing exams is for students to become accustomed to the experience. We use VCAA guidelines so that students learn about the expectations for the future. Exam marks also count toward results.
- The exam timetable can be accessed through Sentra.

Twilight Chess Tournament

On Tuesday 28th April, the chess club attended a training tournament evening at Warragul Regional College. The students received a ranking at the start of the tournament and played a game against a student with a similar ranking. Some of the games proved to be a true contest of their strategic skills and patience. There were many celebratory cheers as the king was finally secured and a few puzzled faces, as opponents realised their king was in jeopardy and they had to defend to the bitter end.

During the evening a Victorian Chess Champion, Bruce Bowering offered some advice on game strategy and helped the players with their closing games. Motivated by these new ideas, the players returned to their boards and practiced the strategies and many good battles were fought.

The students involved in this training tournament were:
- Matthew Gade (Chess Captain)
- Joel Nelson (Chess Captain)
- Cam Janssen
- Shontelle Malloy
- Reece Green
- Austin Green
- Dylan Griffiths

There are many interschool tournaments on our calendar with the first one being on the 24th May. Warragul Regional College is hosting the first round of the Gippsland Chess Championships. If you would like to be involved in any of the upcoming tournaments or wish to improve your chess game or just want to have some fun with your friends, comes to Chess Club every Thursday lunch.
With shoelaces tight and hearts racing, DSC’s House Athletics began with races, a record breaking crowd and fierce competitors. Leaving the other houses in the dust and defeating Paterson’s reign, Lawson now sits on their new found golden yellow throne.

Observing the swarm of students and staff, everyone could see competitors and spectators revelling in the day cheering for their teammates. Paterson’s Daisy Drake, from Year 10 confirmed this by stating that she likes “watching people enjoy themselves.” Year 8 student Sky Davis from Lawson stated she “likes to watch the events”.

Harrison Phillips from Year 10, with impressive competition, won the under 16yrs 1500m and said afterward, “I was thinking that I wasn’t going to win, but I gave it my all”.

Despite the good weather and a dry track, only one record was broken on the day: congratulations to Lawson U/13 yr boys who broke their relay record.

A great new innovation to the day was the running of a few ‘extra’ events. Well done to those who helped organise the Chess games and the Dodge Ball competitions both of which drew huge crowds of participants.

A big thank-you to all the students and staff who supported their houses and participated in all aspects of the day.

By Kayla Woodlock, Charlotte Foenander And Andrew Marks

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Experiencedays for more information about can attend free events and engage in workshops (Fitzroy) Tues 5 July. Register at: www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience.

Campus Tues 28 June; Melbourne campus

When: Bendigo campus – 6 July; Melbourne campus 7 July. See: www.latrobe.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_scholarship. La Trobe has been ranked 58 in the world in the latest 2016 Times Higher Education 150 Under 50 ranking of the world’s young universities. This is a jump of 17 places in 2015 when it ranked 75th which in turn was up 25 from a 100 ranking in 2014.

Elite Athlete Bonus Entry Scheme – La Trobe is one of only three Victorian universities that offer bonus aggregate points (to the ATAR) for elite athletes. It is available to domestic undergraduate applicants:

- who are classified as an elite athlete
- whose sporting commitments have impacted on their previous studies
- who apply for admission to La Trobe via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Under the scheme eligible students receive five bonus aggregate points towards their entry score for admission (see: www.latrobe.edu.au/sport/elite-athlete).

NOTE: Other universities offering a similar athletics scheme are ACU (see: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_and_performer_program) and Melbourne. (Melbourne also has an Artistic Performers Entry Scheme; see: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers).

World-first blood test for Parkinson’s disease – La Trobe researchers have developed a diagnostic blood test which could change the lives of people with Parkinson’s. Currently no clinical biomarker test exists and the only means of diagnosis is a neurological examination. By the time patients have symptoms, large numbers of brain cells are destroyed. The new test will enable doctors to detect abnormal metabolism of blood cells and allow earlier treatment.

Exploring occupational therapy as a career – You are invited to an information and demonstration evening to hear from Occupational Therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and oncology. These evenings have proved to be a great opportunity for students/parents to hear from OTI’s working in their specialised domains, observe demonstrations, and have questions answered. When: 5.00pm Registration, 5.30-8.00pm Presentation and Questions; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4 Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Apply: ASAP, but by 24 June to keely.zenner@austin.org.au (successful students will receive a confirmation email – maximum of two attendees per reservation).

Aviation for women conference
Moorabbin Flying Services in conjunction with the Australian Women Pilots Association are holding a conference aimed at encouraging teenage girls to take the first step in pursuing a career in the aviation industry. With a predicted shortage of skilled employees, this is a wonderful opportunity to share your enthusiasm and passion with young women in the industry. Women Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers, Aviation Fire Fighters and Cabin Crew will be in attendance. When: 10am-3.30pm, Sat 4 June; Where: Ground Theory Centre, 55 Grange Rd, Cheltenham; Bookings (essential): 9580 8822 or markl@fms.com.au.

Swinburne News –
- The Graduate Destination Survey ranks Swinburne graduate full-time employment rates ahead of most Victorian universities in the areas of science, communications, psychology and engineering. Swinburne employment outcomes are strong across the board, as revealed when compared with other institutions by the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching.
- Did you know? Swinburne’s specialist industry scholarships, Bachelor of Information Technology and the new Bachelor of Accounting and Information Systems, offer students a tax-free scholarship worth around $40,000, work placements and often, a job!
- Over 250 students accepted places in Swinburne’s new professional degrees in 2016. These offer students a 12-month paid work placement worth $30,000, and a head start towards their career. Read more.
- Final-year product design engineering students collaborate with an industry partner. Combining their skills in mechanical engineering and industrial design, students research and design a market-ready product that responds directly to a social or environmental need. Read more.
- Browse Swinburne graduate destinations; Discover where a Swinburne qualification is taking our graduates.
- Creative Industries Forum; Hear from graduates of Swinburne’s vocational design courses; register now.

Interested in the fashion industry?
A speaker at a recent professional development program for career practitioners at Box Hill Institute pointed out that the industry is looking more closely at the impact it has on the environment. More garments use organic cotton, recyclable synthetics, materials offering more durability and which require less washing, and re-using materials, and more man-made fabrics. Fashion designers are looking more closely at the environment when making fabrics. Fashion designers are looking more closely at the environment when making fabrics. More garments use organic cotton, recyclable synthetics, materials offering more durability and which require less washing, and re-using materials, and more man-made fabrics. Fashion designers are looking more closely at the environment when making fabrics.
VET Hospitality Report

WOW… look out come the end of the year if this is the standard set in term two. The second year VET Hospitality students prepared a beautifully balanced menu for their customers with the salmon confit a definite hit and the roast tomato & capsicum soup having many requests for the recipe. The lamb back-strap from Ben & Bec at Longwarry was a sure hit for the mains however the goats’ cheese pasta with asparagus, Spanish onion and sugar snaps held its own.

It was great to see many new faces willing to patronise our training restaurant while welcoming back quite a few regulars who are obviously back in the swing of Food 4 Thought open nights. If you have not yet had the chance I encourage you to get a table together and sample the fantastic food on offer.

2016 Restaurant Open Night:
• June 1st – Rotary Booked
• June 15th
• July 20th
• August 3rd
• August 17th
• August 31st
• September 14th
• October 12th
• October 26th

To book visit the Food 4 Thought page on the DSC website http://student.drouinsc.vic.edu.au/wordpress/food-4-thought/ or call the office on 5625 1002

Bon Appetit

Year 10 Work Experience Reminder

Work Experience week is fast approaching, (the final week of this term – June 20th – 24th). Remember that it is compulsory for all year 10’s. There are still students who have not returned their arrangement forms. They were due back 3 weeks ago, so if you haven’t returned yours yet then please do so as a matter of urgency. If any student is struggling to find a placement please come to the Careers Centre at school for assistance ASAP.

Well done to those students who have organised their placement and we hope they are looking forward to the week. It is a fantastic way for students to taste the real life out of school as well as an opportunity to test their ideas about what they want to do when they leave school. Many students receive offers of casual employment and some even apprenticeships as a result of their performance during work experience week.

Careers advisors Kerry Wales, Jay King and Pat Dowty are on hand every recess and lunchtime to assist students. We can also be contacted by phone on 5625 1002.
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
On Tuesday 3rd May, 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D all headed off on a bus to the Dandenong Market with their Moondah teachers for a day of fun, multiculturalism and great food experiences.

On Friday 6th May, 7E, 7F and 7G had their turn at the Market and they were accompanied by their Moondah teachers.

This term in Moondah our focus topic is “Are We Really That Different?”. We have looked what is culture and have focussed on the areas of food, religion and language and the visit to the Market was as an introduction to multiculturalism and the opportunity to see it in action on our doorstep in Dandenong.

Whilst at the Market, our students took part in a self-guided tour task which involved them investigating the fresh Fruit and Vegetable section, the Produce Hall, the Food Court and the Bazaar section, and collecting fieldwork data as they travelled around. They were able to make purchases from the many stalls and many came home with an array of foods, snacks, hats and toys. A particular focus was getting students to try some foods from different cultures, which most students really enjoyed.

Thanks to all the teachers and staff who came along on the two days to help make a fun and interesting excursion for all of Year 7.

Mrs Mullen
Year 7 Level Leader
They wanted to leave.
But she had to stay.
At least until her companion was at bay
As white as bone and grey unknown.
Until the seas dark and horrors grasp
Hold the night throne.
Drowning while counting the stars
Endless as the grains of sand.
Reign the Immortality that cursed her
with black thirst.
Howling through the crashing waves
The sea of ink
As one wolf pack.
But as she watched them
Hazed in a daze
It was all silent.
In a wander, violence and oblivion
All she could think of is
What the moonlight would sound like?
Sinking,
Thinking
In the silk dress that was meant to burn.
Now in a dark cold churn.
The girl with gold hair
And without air.
We may be nothing
Yet we are everything

By Charlotte Foenander Year 9

The Earth was a giant globe of colour; it was a beauty that was starkly contrasted by the barren landscape of the moon. The astronaut knew he could stare at the Earth for unending hours, if he only had the chance. It was a sight few men ever had the fortune to see – but it would be his last.

Others may have had a sense of longing as they gazed, but that of the astronaut was tenfold. It was funny how his perspective of the planet had changed, now that he could not return to it.

He glanced around at the craters of the moon. While it was desolate, puckered with holes and pits, the moon did have a light to it; pity, then, it was ruined by the debris of the crash. The ship his crew had piloted to the moon lay wasted, spread across the surface of the grey rock. Segments of the wreckage had found their final resting places in craters, on ridges, and were spread far. In another time, the astronaut may have been disgusted by the way the metal and electronics disrupted the peace of the moon’s surface, but now he cared not for the moon.

He sniffed. Even the air was stale, empty. Lonely.

The astronaut’s gaze returned to the striking scene of the Earth. He wondered what the moonlight smelt like from down there, from his home. He could only wonder if his wife and children would ever relish that smell. The astronaut would never smell the moonlight again.

Only the cold, empty air of the moon itself.

By Shannon Thoonen Year 12

Who killed the scamp?

Preying on a suspicious rat, above a giant phallic spout
Only wearing a thin black hat, to make sure widows don’t pout.
Everyone throws their potions, as days go by without a care
Though they like to use their lotions, their cats are still unaware.
Right you are that David is dead, he died underneath a cow
You should have seen his writhing head, but it’s too late for that now.

Ironically idolizing Iblis’s igloo infant
Sadistically sewing such savage snake sewers so stagnant.

Hold on to your aching face, it’ll fall off in three hours’ time
As long as you keep up your pace, you’ll probably feel sublime.
Run away you failing donkey, I hope you fall off a ramp
Don’t look at me all wonky, you were the one who killed the scamp!

By Bradley Bolch Year 10
The White Wolf

Prologue

In the small town of Ordon there is a yearly tradition. For one day only, no work is done, for everyone is celebrating a successful spring harvest. The people get together in the middle of town to exchange stories, be them real or fake. The kids and the adults love this day for they love to hear stories. They would volunteer people - be it themselves or others, to tell them a story.

As the sun started to set, the fat elderly mayor got up to the centre and called to the crowd.

“Who do you wish to speak next?”

He looked over the hundred odd people, waiting for someone to speak up but there was silence, until a girl held up her hand and spoke in a shy voice.

“What about Nox?”

The crowd erupted in whispers, for Nox was one of the best storytellers that lived in the town, but he did not tell stories very often. Nox at that moment was standing at the back, wrapped in an old rugged cloak and without a word he started to move in slow deliberate steps.

When he finally reached the centre he had the audience gripped with anticipation. He dramatically removed the hood that concealed his scarred face and his iconic black hair with contrasting streaks of white through it. He looked upon the people with a smile creeping upon his face and called out with a voice like a growl.

“So you wish to hear a story?”

Just like that the audience was hooked and he couldn’t help but let out a small chuckle.

“This story is different than the others I have told because it is special to me, but I have no doubt you will dismiss this tale; however, it must be told.”

Nox let out a sigh as he seemed to prepare himself.

To be continued…

By Ethan Carter Year 10

Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock

Concentrate
Tick, Tock, Tick
Time’s running out
Tock, Tick
You can’t stop it
Tock
Time’s up, retry?

By Cameron Lee Year 12

Close

He drew her close, one hand gently lay in the dip of her waist, like his hand was moulded by the angels to fit perfectly to this spot. His other hand on her upper arm, steadying her, lest she slipped on the ice beneath their feet. She glanced up at the boy standing in front of her, snowflakes caught in the thick lashes bordering her deep brown eyes.

Her cheeks were flushed, her lips red. She was truly beautiful. The boy slowly lifted his hand from her arm and brought it up to carefully brush a strand of her long, dark brown hair behind her ear, his hand rested on her cheek, she let out a breath, visible in the cool air. As he leaned in, both of their eyes flickered shut just before their lips met for the very last time.

Ellie woke with a start. Her breathing ragged, a cold sweat covered her skin, shivers convulsing through her body. She could hear her heartbeat in her ears, thundering like a raging storm. She was used to this by now, these dreams had wreaked havoc on her sleep patterns for a little over 6 months. She was beginning to learn how to wake herself up before the blinding lights filled her vision, before the looming shadow came near - before the accident. A chill ran down Ellie’s spine, leaving her shivering in its wake. She shakily released her breath, slowly, trying to get her breathing under control. She raised her hand to her face, rubbing her eyes. She pulled herself up into a sitting position. She reached over to her nightstand, reaching for her phone. Her eyes paused at the photo frame sitting on the nightstand. In the photo there was a younger version of her, eyes bright, smile wide and carefree; standing with a boy, longer brown hair, swept over his forehead, bright blue eyes focused on the girl. His arm around her shoulder. God, how she missed him. She tore her eyes away from the boy’s face, focusing them instead on the photo frame sitting on the nightstand. In the photo there was a younger version of her, eyes bright, smile wide and carefree; standing with a boy, longer brown hair, swept over his forehead, bright blue eyes focused on the girl. His arm around her shoulder. God, how she missed him. She tore her eyes away from the boy’s face, focusing them instead on the phone in her hand. It was 7:46am, she may as well get up and get ready for school. She swung her legs out, her bare feet touching the cold, wooden floor. She stretched out her legs, silently judging the pale scars that left her long tanned legs looking damaged and unsightly. Another constant reminder of that winter night, just over 6 months ago. As if the hollow in her heart wasn’t enough of a reminder.

By Madison Ruppell Year 10
HEAD LICE ALERT

We recommend that you check your child/children and if head lice are found you should immediately seek treatment and notify the school. Further information on identification and treatment lotions can be obtained from Baw Baw Municipal Offices, 33 Young Street, Drouin Or the Shire website http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Resident-Information/Public-Health-Services/Headlice

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Drouin Secondary College NEEDS you!

Volunteers are needed to work one on one with students. Help students improve their skills in reading and math. All you need is time and a current working with children check. 1 or 2 hours per week can make a huge difference.

Please contact Kerrie Wainwright on 5625 1002 or by email: wainwright.kerrie.kw@edumail.vic.gov.au
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### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS (REGULAR HOURS)

- Thursdays 10am to 5.45pm
- First Saturday of Month

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