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Who does better at school?

US taxpayers recently spent $369,636 on a study by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The study titled “American Memory,” found these 3 factors are crucial for success at school.

Students who
1) Do more homework
2) Read more
3) Attend school regularly Tend to do better in school.

We should keep these three simple factors in mind when considering how to do better at school.

Principal’s report

Parents and Friends

Each May our Parents and Friends Committee request submissions from the College for capital items to support different areas of the College. This year the P and F funded $32,000 worth of requests including a second playground, extra seating in canteen undercover area and a range of items for Key Learning Areas. I would like to acknowledge and thank the P and F for this fantastic contribution to the College.

Victorian Excellence Awards

The Careers and Pathways team attended the State Final of the Teacher Excellence awards as finalist (top 3) in their category. The dinner was held at the Crown Palladium and presentations were completed by the Education Minister. Unfortunately, they didn’t win but it was a fantastic recognition of their great work. Well done to Kerrie Wainwright, Helen Malone and Pat Dowty.

35 Year Awards

I attended a 35 year award presentation dinner in Morwell last week. Brian Griffin was recognised for his 35 years of service. Well done Brian.

New College Website

The upgraded DSC website is now online and looks great. I encourage parents to have a look. The address is www.drouinsc.vic.edu.au/. I hope you appreciate the updated site and find the information more useful. A big thank you to Tim Cosstick for the work he has put in to get the new website up and going. The site is a work in progress so if you have any feedback or suggestions please ring or email us with your ideas.

Well Dones

Well done Hayley Wildes who trials for School Sport Victoria’s Australian Football 16 and Under Girls State Team.

The English Faculty organized for students to participate in the Write4Fun Poetry and Short Story Competition. DSC students who are Finalists are Cody Matthews, Jemma Rinehart, Tayla Stephens, Alana Cameron, Jessica Walker, Angie Atkinson, Jessica Richter, Eliza Sainato, Mikaylah-Jordan Matthews, Hayley Knersh, Kate Shearer, Brook Agnoleti, Harrison Tomkins, Alisha Cock, Shelby Bourke, Melissa Theisz, Kate Coleman, Billy Milton, Shannon Thoonen, Chloe Blum, Courtney Pascoe, and Joshua Coghlan. Well done to all students who made the finals.

College Sport

West Gippsland and College Aths Sport

A successful defence of the West Gippsland championship last week. Well done to Mr Marks and all staff involved both in the College Athletics day and in the West Gippsland Athletics day. Both days were very successful with great commitment shown by many of our students. Lawson was victorious in a close battle only hitting the lead in the final few relays. It was the closest result across the 4 houses for a number of years so well done to the members of each house and especially the house captains.

As a College we maintained our strong grip on the West Gippsland Aths Trophy with a great team effort. On a wet and windy day we managed to win all but one pennant. The inclusion of Lowanna into our Division increased the challenge for our athletics and they worked hard to achieve the great result. Well done to all our athletics. Many qualified through to the zone finals in September.
Results for West Gippsland Division Athletics 2011

Grand Aggregate:
- Drouin 2016
- Lowanna 1631
- Warragul 1350
- Trafalgar 947
- Neerim 879

Boys Championship:
- Drouin 1024

Girls Championship:
- Drouin 992

Senior Boys:
- Drouin 331

Senior Girls:
- Drouin 312

Intermediate Boys:
- Lowanna 376

Intermediate Girls:
- Drouin 314

Junior Boys:
- Drouin 338

Junior Girls:
- Drouin 366

RESULTS OF INTER HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS held at Drouin Secondary College 5/5/2011

OVERALL RESULTS OF THE HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

1st LAWSON 1780 points
2nd GORDON 1757 points
3rd PATERSON 1723.5 points
4th DENNIS 1657.5 points

Individual Girls Champions

- SENIOR
  - Amy Vant' Hof
  - Hayley Wildes
  - Emily Webster

- INTERMEDIATE
  - Jake Harrison
  - Hayley Wildes
  - Emily Jackson

- JUNIOR
  - Clayton Kingi
  - Tahnae Blight
  - Abby McNally

BOYS (POINTS) GIRLS (POINTS)

JUNIOR:
1. Clayton Kingi  57  1. Emily Webster  54
2. Liam Malcolm  46  2. Jess Earl  50
3. Julian Wainwright  44  3. Tahnae Blight  50

INTERMEDIATE:
1. Jake Harrison  54  1. Hayley Wildes  58
2. Adam Johnston  49  2. Emily Jackson  52
3. Cyrus Monk  46  3. Abby McNally  50

SENIOR:
1. Jarrod Theisz  60  1. Amy Vant' Hof  60
2. Jamie Hallpike  56  2. Stacey Pearson  57
3. Daniel Jackson  56  3. Georgi Williams  52

SENIOR STATE FINAL GOLF

Our senior reps did a fabulous job in the State finals. Jackson Wade won the handicap division while James Cecil also made the final and also competed well. A great job boys.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well done to Hayley Wildes who has been selected in the SSV Girls State Football team. A great effort where she attended two selection trials and was successfully selected. Georgia Fisher also made it to the last cut which was a good effort for someone who is young enough to try out again next year.

TENNIS

Well done to the Yr 7 girls who were runners up in the Gippsland Region Tennis finals.

VOLLEYBALL

Well done to the Inter Boys Volleyball winners at Gippsland Regional finals. They will complete in the South East Conference finals.

SOFTBALL

The Senior girls softball will also be playing in SE Conference finals.
## Important Dates

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES THAT HAVE PAID THEIR SUBJECT LEVIES SO FAR THIS YEAR. AS THE END OF SEMESTER ONE IS FAST APPROACHING WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS BE PAID. IF YOU HAVE A PAYMENT PLAN IN PLACE THANK YOU- IF YOU NEED TO ORGANISE A PAYMENT PLAN PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT JOSIE OCONNOR, BUSINESS MANAGER. PLEASE NOT THAT ALL PAYMENT PLANS ARE DEALT WITH HIGH CONFIDENTIALITY.

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**Library Book at Home?...**

Parents, could you please assist students in returning books? If there is an overdue library book at home (or in a locker or school bag), please remind your child to return it or reborrow it. Books not returned will be charged to family accounts so that replacement copies can be purchased for others to borrow. Thank you to the majority of students who are great at returning borrowed books.
**Drouin Secondary College Grade 6 Information Day & Evening 2011**

Our Information Day was held on Wednesday 18th May and approximately 170 grade 6 students from our local feeder schools attended on the day, with their grade 6 classmates and teacher. We really enjoyed hosting our visitors. The students also had a great day and this was clear as we watched the grade 6 students catching up with old friends, making new ones and attempting some year 7 classes. Our Primary teaching colleagues were a great support on the day. We could not continue to run such an event without this co-operative effort!

The evening program brought in families, both from locally and further afield, to meet staff and see the College facilities and programs. In the previous week an open afternoon was held for parents of students who attend schools in the Southern Metropolitan area. This afternoon assisted those families who needed to complete paperwork for their region sooner than those who attend primary schools in the Gippsland Region.

The three sessions were all very successful. Thank you to all of our students who supported the day, particularly 7F who were our classroom helpers for the day, and the year 10 buddies who ran sample peer buddy activities for the grade six students. Thank you also to all of the staff who contributed their time and energy to making all three the information sessions a great success Finally, to our Parent community, especially Parents and Friends who once again catered for the evening and the canteen staff an huge thank you and well done as always.

**LEVEL 7 CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL TERM ONE!**

Our year 7 students gathered for an assembly in the final week of term 1 to celebrate their achievements over their first term of Secondary School. Two of our student leaders, Emma Palmer and Georgia McKay led the assembly. Highlights of the term were revisited, including the year 7 camp.

The students said farewell exchange teacher, Brad Gillespie. Brad came on camp and was a fantastic 7G group leader for the three days at Rawson. Brad also taught in many year 7 classes giving students an insight into life in the US and sharing his fantastic knowledge in the humanities.

A.R.C.C. (achievement, respect, commitment community) awards for extra effort in Term 1 were presented to Michael Cook 7a, Matthew Lynn 7b, Jordan Forbes 7c, Emma Lee Winters 7d, Elia Henderson 7e, Kieren Wiadrowski 7f, Tahnae White 7g.

*Heather Daldry - Level 7 Learning Leader*

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**ENGLISH KLD- Commonly misused words: A list**

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<td>add</td>
<td>to perform addition</td>
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<td>adverse</td>
<td>unfortunate; strongly opposed (refers to things, not people)</td>
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YEAR 11 & 12 SEMESTER 1 EXAMS
All students in years 11 and 12 have this week received semester 1 examination timetables. Students have been briefed about VCAA and College expectations during this exam period. All students studying a UNIT 3 subject or TAFE equivalent have been given a “VCE EXAMS NAVIGATOR 2011” booklet. This booklet contains all of the relevant information students need to know about all exams for the entire year.

YEAR 12 - UNIT 3 EXAM PERIOD: TUESDAY 14TH JUNE - THURSDAY 16TH JUNE.
Year 12 midyear exams are only in the studies of Accounting, Psychology, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. However all students will be required to sit the GAT (General Achievement Test) examination.
Students will be required to attend classes Period 4 after the completion of the GAT.
Lunch will be provided for students after the GAT.

YEAR 11 - UNIT 1 EXAM PERIOD: MONDAY 20TH JUNE - FRIDAY 24TH JUNE.
All Year 11 subjects have an exam with the exception of VPD. Year10 & 11 Music Exams will be completed during your allocated class time.
Students need to know exactly when all of their exams are scheduled. If they have a clash (2 exams scheduled at the same time and same day) they need to see Mr Sharpe ASAP.
TAFE and Work Placement will continue to run during exam week.
Full school uniform must be worn to each exam.
Students only attend school when their exams are scheduled. They need to arrive no later than 15 minutes before each exam.
Students are required to sign in at the General Office when they arrive at school.
Students will be allocated a seat in each exam according to their VCE Student number. Student names will not appear on the seating plan, only VCE student numbers. Students can view their VCE student number at the Learning Culture Centre and in the Locker Area (near the year 11 lockers). It has been recommended that student place their VCE student number into their phone.
Students will be required to remain in the examination room for the exam duration. They will not be permitted to leave the exam room early.
Students are not permitted to communicate with any student in the exam room at any time. This means students are not allowed to talk, call out, make gestures, turn around, borrow or share equipment.
Breaches of exam rules will be dealt with by the College Principals.
Class teacher will explain exactly what materials students are permitted to bring into each exam.
Students will be required to place all phones, iPods, MP3 players, electronic devices, wallets, keys, etc. in the tubs provided before they enter the exam room.
All information has been posted onto the College Website.
Further queries can be directed to David Sharpe, Level 11 & 12 Assistant Leader, on 56 251002.

YEAR 10 SEMESTER 1 EXAMS
Year 10 students have formal exams in week 9 of this term. Students have been briefed with respect to the exam procedures and have been provided with an exam timetable.
They have an exam in each subject. During week 9, there will be no regular timetabled classes. Students attend school in full school uniform for to sit exams per the schedule. The remainder of the time, they are expected to be studying so they can perform well in their exam.
For students who need to spend the full week at school (because they cannot easily get to and from school), a study room has been provided.

LEVEL 10 DEBUTANTE BALL 2011
We presently have about 50 pairs of students wishing to participate in this year’s Debutante Ball. The main activity happening at the moment is pairing up students with no partners and we expect to have this resolved by the end of this term ready for training to start in term 3.
A further information letter will be sent home soon.
UniExperience YEAR 11
Thursday 14 July — Friday 15 July 2011

UniExperience gives Year 11 students from Victoria’s rural and border regions the opportunity to come on-campus and experience university life first-hand. The two-day program gives you the chance to stay at our Parkville campus and take part in a range of sessions covering all aspects of tertiary study.

The program features:
- Onsite accommodation and meals at one of the University’s residential colleges.
- Guided campus tours.
- Detailed information on Melbourne’s courses.
- Sessions and workshops covering the transition to university, student support services, accommodation options, scholarships, study skills and exam tips.

Cost
$100.00 (including GST) covers all meals, overnight accommodation and all materials relating to the program.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED COME TO THE CAREERS ROOM AT RECESS OR LUNCH OR VISIT www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexp

Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School - AUDITIONS FOR ENTRY 2012
Music Audition applications are now open for Victoria’s premier school for young dancers and musicians. Up to six years professional training in dance or music, at a government school, integrated with a full academic education years 7 to 12. For detailed information and audition application forms go to our website

NAPLAN 2011
NAPLAN is over for another year. The tests have all been sorted and sent back to the VCAA for marking. A big “Well Done” to all of our Year 7’s and Year 9’s who approached the testing in a very mature and responsible manner. It made the job of administering the tests much easier. A big thank you to the parents of these students for ensuring students came equipped with calculators for the numeracy tests. We had very few students without them on the day. NAPLAN test reports will be provided to parents later in the year.
BIKES & SCOOTERS

Helmets are compulsory

It is compulsory to wear helmets when riding a bike in Victoria. This law applies on roads, bike paths, bike lanes, shared and segregated footways, and other public places such as recreational parks and car parks. Make sure that your child always wears a helmet when riding.

Your child’s helmet should be:

- **Approved** – make sure the helmet carries the Standards Australia mark.
- **The right size and fitted correctly** – the helmet should be comfortable and not too tight or loose. Caps should not be worn under helmets as they ruin the fit – wear a visor over the helmet to protect you from the sun. Choose a helmet that is not too heavy and provides good ventilation.
- **Positioned on the head properly** – the helmet should sit level on the head, covering the forehead with the rim just above the eyebrows. The straps should be correctly adjusted and the buckle securely fastened. The straps should form a ‘V’ shape with the plastic strap guide sitting just under the ear lobe. The buckle should be close up under your chin.
- **Kept in good condition** – if the helmet hits an object or the road, you should replace it. Don’t leave a helmet exposed to direct sunlight when not in use, make sure the foam is not old and crumbling, and clean it according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

ALCOHOL AND YOUR KIDS: A guide for parents and carers.

Parents can't keep an eye on their teenagers all of the time, yet can encourage responsible use of alcohol.

There are many good reasons to encourage your teenager not to drink alcohol before turning 18. Early drinking is related to increased alcohol consumption in adolescence and young adulthood. These drinking patterns are also related to the possibility of damage to the developing brain and development of alcohol-related harms in adulthood.

What do the guidelines recommend?

Children under 15 years of age are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking.

**Not drinking** in this age group - under 15 years - is especially important.

For young people aged 15 to 17 years, the safest option is to delay drinking for as long as possible. The health risks that accumulate over a lifetime from alcohol increase progressively - this means that the more young people drink, the greater the risk.

As a parent, you can positively influence your teenager’s drinking habits, even if they've already started drinking. Here are some useful tips:

- Set a good example in your own consumption of alcohol.
- Talk to your teenager about alcohol laws and the potential consequences for breaking them.
- Reward good behaviour if they show a responsible attitude towards alcohol.

Talk to your teenager about how to deal with peer pressure about alcohol or binge drinking.

New national guidelines for alcohol consumption have been developed by the National Health and Medical Research Council to help you and your children to reduce the risk of harm from alcohol.

The guidelines are based on the most current and best available scientific research and evidence. The risk of accidents, injuries, violence and self-harm are high among drinkers aged under 18. Young people who drink are more prone to risky and antisocial behaviour than older drinkers.

There is no “safe level” of underage drinking. Don’t let your children drink before they turn 18.
NEW YEAR 7 & 8 EXCLUSIVE BREAKFAST CLUB ON THURSDAY MORNINGS!!

Breakfast Club Program continues to run throughout Term 2 and we are very excited to announce the introduction of our new Year Level 7 & 8’s only Breakfast Club Program.

This program takes place in the College Canteen on Thursday mornings from 8.15am, until the first school bell rings. We will continue to run the Breakfast Club Program for all Year Levels on a Tuesday morning, so please come along on either day with your gold coin donation and enjoy a yummy, healthy breakfast with us!

We continue to seek contributions of fruit, so if you know of someone with a very heavy looking fruit tree - please let us know. For further information, donations, support or queries please contact Casey Kamphuis or Chris Brealey in the Student Wellbeing Team.

Parenting Teenagers

This program is free and will be facilitated by Parentzone Gippsland.

The content will be based around the needs and interests of the participants and may include any of the following topics –

- Factors that influence how we parent
- Adopting your parenting style to meet the changing needs of your teenager
- Developmental changes in our children
- Developing a positive relationship with your children
- Understanding causes of children’s behaviour
- Ways to encourage cooperative behaviour
- Strategies to deal with difficult behaviour
- Self Esteem—thems and yours
- And any other issues that are challenging you as a parent.

For further information or to register please contact Parentzone Gippsland – Anglicare Victoria on 5133 9998

In June/July 2011, students aged 14 – 19 years from Europe, the USA and Latin America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family….and your relatives and friends…..will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. http://studentexchange.org.au/