PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Term 2 is underway with a smooth and busy start. The term promises to be a busy one with many activities for students to be involved in. The music production of Grease begins rehearsal while the College athletics and cross country are held in the first half of the term. Late in the term we have the year 11 Central Australia camp and year 10 work experience.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

Can I thank parents who took the time to attend the parent teacher interviews held at the end of last term. It is important to work together to support students and the parent teacher interviews are an important opportunity for all to achieve this.

YEAR 8 CAMP

The parents and students finally had an opportunity to collect their belongings from the College Stadium on the last Friday of term 1. Thank you to staff who collected the gear from the Prom and staff who stayed on Friday evening to get the gear back to parents. We have been working with Trekset and our activity providers to obtain some refund of money. It seems likely that we will be able to refund parents a small amount of the camp cost in lieu of the days missed. I will be in touch with parents once a refund amount is known.

CHINA TRIP

The Baw Baw secondary school education exchange to China was a huge success with 9 of our students joining the 2 week exchange. The students enjoyed a full program including some classroom teaching and a home stay in Jujiang. I know from talking to the students on their return that they all had a wonderful time and a fulfilling travelling experience. Again I would like to thank Heather Daldry and Kerrie Wainwright for all their work leading the exchange.

STUDENT UNIFORM

The cold weather is upon us as we move into term 2. There is a temptation for some students to wear non-uniform jackets and hoodies. The current uniform has provision for 4 layers and this should be suitable for our winter conditions. The College has also introduced an alternate fleece top which can be an alternative to the woollen jumper. We believe students have practical and ample choices to stay warm. The new tops can be purchased at the office. I hope parents will support the College by ensuring their students leave home in correct attire. The wearing of correct uniform allows us to readily identify strangers on the grounds and therefore keep our students safer. A copy of the student uniform is in each students study planner.

COLLEGE SPORT

BASEBALL

The year 8 boys baseball team played in the Gippsland final against Wonthaggi. Wonthaggi proved to be the stronger team. Well done to the boys on their efforts.

GOLF

The golf team had great success at Korumburra last week finishing second in the teams event and three individuals, Jackson Wade, Cyrus Monk and James Cecil qualifying through to the next round in Melbourne. Cyrus won the junior boys handicap event while James won the senior boys handicap event. Jackson came
ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY
On Wednesday, April 27th our first day back in term 2 the College held a successful ANZAC Assembly which has become a tradition at the College and recognises our ANZAC history as part of our community core value. I would like to thank Russell Marriot (RSL President) for his attendance and participation. Thank you also to Tristen Walker who did a fine job as our student speaker.

On Anzac day itself the College participated in the ANZAC march and attended the Dawn service. Thank you to Tristen Walker and the College Captains who represented the College in the march.

WELL DONE
Well done this week to Georgia Fisher and Hayley Wildes who are invited to the second stage of the selection trials for School Sport Victoria’s Australian Football 16 and Under Girls State Team. The second trial is on Sunday 8th May at Caulfield Grammar School. Good Luck girls.

Congratulations to Jacob Wells who is achieving some great equestrian results. Last Friday Jacob was reserve champion in the 1.20 metre Stars section.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Tuesday 10th May       NAPLAN
                      Year 12 TISS period 4
Wednesday 11th May    NAPLAN
Thursday 12th May      NAPLAN
                      Interschool Debating 6pm to 9pm
Monday 16th May       Education Week
                      Year 10 Geography Excursion
Tuesday 17th May       Parents and Friends Meeting—7:30pm
Wednesday 18th May    Year 7 Information Day and Evening
                      Finance Committee Meeting—5:00pm
Thursday 19th May      VCE Theatre Studies/Music Performance 6:60pm Audo
Sunday 22nd May /
Monday 23rd May        Year 11 AG Horticulture Camp
Tuesday 24th May       College Council Meeting—7:30pm
Wednesday 25th May    Systems Engineering Excursion
Tuesday 31st May       DSC Cross Country
Monday 6th June        Queens Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 16th June      Parents and Friends Meeting—7:30pm
Breakfast Club Program
Breakfast Club Program continues to run throughout Term 2 & we are soon expanding our program to 2 mornings per week…
Watch this space!
We are continuing to enjoy breakfast every Tuesday morning from 8.15am in the College Canteen.
Come along and start your day with a healthy breakfast for a gold coin donation…
All you can eat for just a dollar!
We are seeking contributions of fruit to add to our menu, so if you have a fruit tree with plenty of, please let us know.
For further information, donations, support or queries please contact Casey Kamphuis or Chris Brealey in the Student Wellbeing Team.

Parents of
Grade 5 & 6 Students
AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ARE INVITED TO
DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE
INFORMATION EVENING
WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2011
7.00 – 9.30 pm
DSC AUDITORIUM
Find out about our College, our Programs and inspect our excellent facilities.
ALTERNATELY you can attend a guided tour of the College on Tuesday 10th May at 2.00pm.
Please confirm your attendance as spaces are limited
For additional information contact
Mrs Heather Daldry
5625 1002
Or visit our website: www.drouin.sc.vic.edu.au
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Valuing Achievement, Respect, Commitment & Community

Equestrian News
Jacob Wells competed at the Inter-school Show Jumping at Ayr Hill on Friday 29/4/11
Jacob took 3 horses on Friday,
Rahn placed 3rd and 4th and was reserve champion in the Stars section which is 1.20m
Bundy placed 3rd and was 4th overall in the Intermediate section which is 1m
Elle placed 5th in the freshmans, it was her first comp
Drouin Secondary College placed 5th overall.

Wii Not Fit to walk 100km for Oxfam
Jo Brauman, Ben Stein, Gita Walker and Karly Edwards from Drouin walked 100km together in 35 hours and 10 minutes to help raise money for Oxfam and help people living in poverty all over the world.
We are just one of 700 teams walking from Wheelers Hill to the Yarra Valley, starting at Jellis Park and finishing in Wesburn Park, as part of the international endurance challenge Oxfam TRAILWALKER.
The walkers would like to thank all the support they got throughout the community and school.
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK, JUNE 27TH – JULY 1ST 2011
Many year 10’s have not yet made any arrangement with an employer to do work experience. If you have made an arrangement without forwarding the details on to the Careers staff, then please do so ASAP. Time is of the essence and there is tight competition for spaces at this late stage. We need to have all arrangements finalised before Friday May 27th. Remember that work experience is compulsory. There are several steps involved in finalising a work experience arrangement with an employer: 1. Make contact with an employer and seek agreement from them to take on a student. 2. Complete all of the necessary paper work (this has taken a minimum of two days in the very fastest of cases).
If your son/daughter has not made any arrangement yet we ask that you discuss these issues with him/her as matter of urgency. Should you need assistance with employer lists etc or wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Pat Dowty at school on 56251002.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE COURSE INFORMATION SERIES 2011
Join our evening seminar series for Year 10-12 students and their families. Take a closer look at the options available at Melbourne for pursuing university study and your dream career. These seminars give you the chance to get detailed information on specific undergraduate courses as well as pathways to employment and further study. You’ll be able to ask questions about subject choices, research opportunities and pathways into graduate study. Hear about the unique Melbourne Experience and ways to enrich your degree through concurrent diplomas, community and leadership development activities and international exchange opportunities. Learn about career prospects after graduation and our impressive graduate outcomes. Discover opportunities to become involved with the University Community while still at school and find out how to apply and specific entry requirements.
For more information about the seminar series come to the careers room at recess or lunch.

Are you a school leaver and interested in a cadetship?
Cadets may be employed into a specific role but should be exposed to operational support functions over the 2 years. Cadets may start in administration but their training could land them a job in any division! Cadets are appointed a workplace mentor who provides their day to day support. Each year Cadets undertake 8 weeks of training in a scheduled 3 to 5 day study blocks to gain their forklift licence, first aid certificate, and to complete additional training and assessment. For more information contact the careers staff at Drouin Secondary College.

The release of the 2011 ACER UMAT Handbook also indicates that applications are now being taken for the UMAT, so it is time to remind all of your interested students that they must enrol as soon as possible:
Cost of UMAT: $200
Registrations open: 1 April 2011
Registrations close: Friday 5pm AEST 3 June 2011
LateRegistrations: Friday 5pm AEST 17 June 2011 (+$65 penalty)
Test date: Wednesday 27 July 2011
Results released: late September
Under no circumstances will enrollments for the 2011 UMAT be taken after 5pm June 17.

Business Traineeship Employment Program
Apprenticeships Group Australia (AGA) has developed a comprehensive business traineeship employment program to offer trainees and host employers. This will provide a structured career path which will allow trainees to commence and complete traineeships at multiple levels over an extended employment period with AGA. AGA believes this program will provide some outstanding training and employment outcomes to both the trainees and the business in which they will work.
If you are interested in a Business Traineeship come to the careers room at recess or lunch.

INTERESTED IN NURSING?
Explore the possibilities at the RCNA Nursing and Health Expo and find out where a career in nursing can take you.
RCNA Nursing and Health Expo
10am to 3pm
Sunday 15 May 2011
Royal Exhibition Building
Nicholson Street, Carlton
As the only expo in Australia to profile all nursing options under the one roof, RCNA’s Nursing and Health Expo provides direct access to leading universities, hospitals and specialty nursing groups. The RCNA Nursing and Health Expo is a must for anyone interested in the nursing profession.
For more information come to the careers room at recess or lunch.
Drouin Secondary College go to China

On the 3rd April 2011 a team of 24 students and 6 staff from 4 different Secondary Colleges within Baw Baw Shire, embarked on the trip of a life time. JiuJiang China is not a well-travelled spot for most people who decide to travel to China however, for the Baw Baw Shire and its schools it became home very quickly.

Upon arrival in JiuJiang the students were shown to their host family’s homes. They share stories and experiences over the next 5 days. The living conditions in China gave our students a somewhat unique experience. The students coped well with these changes some relishing in the difference of a normal Chinese lifestyle.

While in JiuJiang the delegation visited 5 schools all with their own differences. Our first visit was to a primary school Changwang Primary School which had approximately 3,000 students in it, rather small compared to the secondary schools, all of whom wanted us to visit their classroom and teach English. The welcome was overwhelming to say the least. We had a police escort, bunches of beautiful fresh flowers were given to all of the adults, drummers drummed and children sang. We were like celebrities, including the constant request to sign autographs and have photos taken with the students. Of course we had our photos taken for the newspaper and we were on the local TV. For a small Chinese town of 5,000,000 it was not a bad effort for 30 Aussies.

The following schools visited repeated the same warm hospitality; children were so keen to have us teach their class of 60 to 100 students. Any type of English practice they could get their hands on was a bonus to them. They loved to talk to us, take photos of us and with us and they just wanted to know about us. They were so appreciative of the language and all want to visit our beautiful country.

Apart from teaching in Chinese schools the staff and students also visited many beautiful sights in China including; The Yuan Gardens, The Terracotta Warriors, The Great Wall, The Summer Palace, The Forbidden City and the Sacred Way. The rich history was difficult to fathom at times and we were constantly overwhelmed by the fascination the local people had for us.

Overall an experience that will not be forgotten for years to come, for the experiences had and the friendships made were beyond all of our expectations.

Special thanks go to the schools involved for their hard work and endeavour to preserve such a special program that has run within our Shire over the past 12 years.

Kerrie Wainwright & Heather Daldry

Thankyou Enid Ronalds.

For 23 years Enid Ronalds has volunteered her time to help Drouin Secondary College. Enid’s children attended the College and Enid joined parents and friends. She assisted in organising the Deb balls and eventually took over running the Deb balls for over ten years. She was also instrumental in running the second hand bookroom and uniform shop. Enid continued to be involved even after her child had left the school. It is estimated that Enid was Involved in the fundraising of over $400,000 for Drouin Secondary. Enid has chosen to step down from running the book room but we hope to still see her around the college on a regular basis.

On behalf of the Drouin Secondary College community we say “Thankyou Enid Ronalds.”
Winter and Asthma

With the winter months approaching, it is important to be aware of the triggers that can affect your asthma at this time of year.

Sudden changes in temperature

Certain weather situations like very cold temperatures, humidity and dry air can trigger asthma symptoms.

In a school environment, students are exposed to sudden temperature changes many times during the day as they go between heated classroom environments to outdoor activities and lunch breaks.

Wearing a scarf over the mouth and nose is recommended as it can help to warm the air as you breathe in.

Exercise-induced asthma may be exacerbated by breathing in colder air than usual, so ensure that you take your reliever puffer 5-20 minutes prior to exercise, warm up adequately, monitor your symptoms during exercise, and have a blue reliever puffer handy in case of an asthma attack.

Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms can be an asthma trigger for some people, as raindrops can cause grains to be broken down into hundreds of tiny allergen-containing particles – allowing them to penetrate the lungs.

If you experience asthma symptoms during thunderstorms, it is best to stay inside with windows closed, and ensure that you update your asthma action plan with your doctor outlining the management of your day to day asthma, what to do if your symptoms worsen, and the first aid procedure in the event of an asthma attack.

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
Applications for the 2012 National Youth Science Forum are now open!

Students can register to attend one of three 12-day sessions held in Canberra and Perth each January.

Successful applicants will visit leading laboratories and participate in cutting edge science. They will speak to researchers and engineers, and learn about career paths through university and beyond.

All year 11 students with an interest in science, engineering and technology are encouraged to apply online at www.nysf.edu.au/applying

Applications close May 31st 2011

If you have any further questions please ask Mr Di Fabrizio for a Brochure.

ATTENTION YEAR 7 & 9 STUDENTS

NAPLAN TESTING 2011 IS THIS WEEK!
TUESDAY MAY 10 – THURSDAY MAY 12, 2011

DON’T FORGET YOUR CALCULATORS ON THURSDAY MAY 12!!

This year’s NAPLAN testing period for students in Years 7 and 9 is upon us. Our students have recently participated in practice sessions in English and Maths to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN testing process and have been provided with feedback on how they responded to the tests.

Tests commence this Tuesday, and finish on Thursday. Students who have missed any tests will catch them up on Friday May 13. All tests for Year 7 and 9 students are of the same duration.

It is important that ALL students have a calculator for the calculator based numeracy test. Please ensure that your student has one and brings is on THURSDAY.

Mobile phone calculators will NOT be acceptable.

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Becket like in its simplicity and impact, this vibrant and challenging performance has been created by local artists especially for the Be Inspired Festival 2011

Off the Leash performers and musicians come together...to cast a stone into the pond...to hold at the moon.

Performances: 12, 13, 14, 15, 20 & 21 May
Venue: Old Drouin Butter Factory
Bookings: 66 252 138
**GREASE**

**REHEARSAL and PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE FOR TERMS 2 & 3**

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals. If for any reason a student cannot attend the rehearsal, please notify one of the teachers below prior to the date. Thanks

**Jen Rolls:** rolls.jennifer.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Caroline Crawford:** esse.caroline.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Lynda Goldsmith:** goldsmith.lynda.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Casey Kamphuis:**

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**Do you know, love or care for someone experiencing depression?**

Did you know those who love, care for or support people with depression can experience significant stress and are themselves at greater risk of developing mental health problems?

Partners in Depression is a FREE six (6) week group program that aims to address the information and support needs of those who live with or love someone experiencing depression.

The program covers a range of topics including:

- What is depression
- Treatments for depression
- Suicidality and self harm
- How do you best support someone with depression
- Communication strategies

The program is run by health professionals and provides a forum in which to receive information and ask questions about depression and your support role, with others with similar experiences.

Partners in Depression is now available in your local area – register your interest today!

**Register your interest:** Contact Sandra 5136 3500 or email- sluxford@llg.org.au
Become a WEP Host Family

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2011. Our students from Italy, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Japan, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Meet our Students!

Alicia from Belgium: "I want to see what it is like living in this country, learning customs, having a great relationship with a new family."

Francesca from Italy has visited Africa on a volunteer program with her scout group. She has also helped to look after young children.

Laura from Belgium enjoys drama, music and dance and coaches young gymnasts.

Thais from Brazil likes watching TV, playing computers, listening to music, kayaking/canoeing, going to the movies, cooking and camping. She hopes to become a successful architect in the future.

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved.
Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Nikki Medwell
Inbound Exchange Administrator
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!