PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The term has got off to a flying start and we have been very pleased with the calm and settled approach of our students in all levels. Term one is always a busy term with many extracurricular activities on offer. This term is even more hectic because it is only nine weeks in length. We have also conducted three camps, a swimming carnival and a number of cricket matches. Details of some of these are later in my report.

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The College Council elections concluded last week and the following parents and staff were elected. We had the same number of nominations as we had positions in each category so no formal community election was required.

Parent representatives
Mrs Debbie Earl
Mrs Rose Allen
Mrs Jan Methven
Mrs Lyn Craig

Staff representatives
Mr Paul Mathews

The representatives have been elected for a 2 year term and I thank them for making this commitment to the life of the College.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD – SPORTS VICTORIA

On Wednesday March 7th, Andrew Marks received an award from Sports Victoria as one of 4 outstanding teachers. The award is well deserved recognition for not only his many years of work as Drouin’s Sport Coordinator but also service to all Gippsland school sport. Andrew was presented the award at a presentation ceremony held at the member’s area of the MCG. Well done Andrew.

LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Last week the College conducted its Leadership presentation ceremony where we recognised our student leaders across the College. We wish each leader luck and every success in their leadership role. I was particularly pleased with the number of senior students putting their hand up to have a role on College Council and its Subcommittees, having greater student voice on these College wide groups is very positive. The College Council student representatives are Lukas Willig and Jess Bourke

FICIFOLIA FESTIVAL AND COLLEGE CAMPS

Drouin Secondary College were again well represented at the Ficifolia parade and I would like to thank all staff, student leaders and students who took the time to represent the College and the community at the parade. A special thanks to Ms Jenn Rolls for her organisation leading up to and on the day. The College has already conducted a year 12 camp and a year 8H boys’ camp. Both camps were highly successful and the feedback from students positive. The year 12 camp was in Melbourne focused on students’ future pathway options while the year 8H camp focused on team building. Currently, we have our year 7s out on their camp in Rawson. Although the weather has been cool this week the early reports from camp are the kids are having a great time.
COLLEGE NUMBERS 2012
The College completed its student census on February 29th and confirmed an enrolment of 940 students. This makes us a similar size to 2011 and allows us to finalise our planning for 2012. Within the 940 students we had a year 7 enrolment of 172 students from 24 different primary schools.

COLLEGE WEBSITE AND MOODLE
I encourage all parents especially those seeking information about the College activities or student progress access both the College website and our Moodle website. The College has administrative information updated on the College website. On the right hand side under student links there is a link to Moodle. Moodle contains student information about the units they are completing and work due. Parents need your child’s password to access Moodle. I encourage all parents to access Moodle regularly to support your child’s learning. The college website’s address is www.drouinsc.vic.edu.au.

CONGRATULATIONS
- Congratulations to Chloe Bourke who has been selected for the Under 17 Country State Representative Hockey Team. Chloe will play in Malaysia during the July school holidays. This is an outstanding achievement and the College wishes Chloe well in what will be a challenging competition.
- Congratulations to members of the Drouin Junior Pennant Golf Team who won the Grand Final: Steven Mallon, Cyrus Monk and James Cecil. Congratulations also goes to Jackson Wade who played for Garfield in the final.
- Many of our Drouin Secondary College students have been selected and played in representative cricket teams this season they include: Jesse Craig U13, James Williams and Lachie Pratt U14 Country week, Cole Cook and Cy Monk U15 Country week and Brett Williams, Kurtis Harper and Jayden Bibby U18GCL. Georgia Fisher U15 State Team, Beth Serong and Georgia Fisher U16 Gippsland Team who won the Grandfinal at the State Championships.
- Well done and good luck to Georgi Williams (one our College Captains) who will be shaving her hair for “Shave for a cure”. This will take place on March 15th at lunch with Georgi and a number of others shaving their head. I encourage all of our community to support Georgi and her team.

COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND WEST GIPPSLAND CARNIVAL
1. WEST GIPPSLAND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2012
DROUIN has won the Championship this year! This is only the second time we have won since 2002, so what a great effort from all our swimmers who swam well and had an enjoyable day despite the cool weather and howling winds.

RESULTS
Junior Girls: Drouin 1st
Intermediate Girls: Drouin 1st
Senior Girls: Drouin 2nd
Junior Boys: Drouin 1st
Intermediate Boys: Drouin 1st
Senior Boys: Drouin 1st

RECORDS SET ON THE DAY:
Julian Wainwright: 200 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle
Aleisha Maas: 200 Freestyle.

WINNERS ON THE DAY
Julian Wainwright: 12-15: 200 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 14yrs 50 Butterfly, 50 Backstroke and 50 Freestyle
Aleisha Maas: 12-15: 200 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle and Individual Medley
Dale Lewis: Individual Medley
Brad Williams: 15yrs Butterfly
Jemma Rinehart: 17yrs Butterfly
Olivia Brown: 17yrs Breaststroke  
Jack Baylis: 16yrs Backstroke  
Abbey Kingi: 17yrs Backstroke  
Will Edmonds: 17yrs Backstroke  
Callum Methven: 18yrs Backstroke

Junior Boys Medley Relay  
Intermediate Girls Medley Relay  
12-13 Girls Relay  
16yrs Boys Relay  
16yrs Girls Relay  
17yrs Boys Relay  
17yrs Girls Relay

These students, along with all those who gained second places in A events, have all qualified to represent West Gippsland in the Gippsland Finals in Sale on the 15th March. We wish them luck. Results can be viewed on the SSV website: https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au

2 COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

OVERALL HOUSE POINTS
1. PATERSON 1001 2. LAWSON 899 3. GORDON 881 4. DENNIS 877

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

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PATERSON have taken out the swimming sports by over 100 points from Lawson this year. Well done to all who contributed. Congratulations must go to the house captains (Harry Hearn, Kylie DiCarlo, Jacinta Bombaci and Jarryd Bain) who organised their swimmers so well.

The students who attended enjoyed a great day in conditions that started off a little cool but ended in sunshine. Races were contested with competitors keen to do their best for their respective houses. Congratulations go to the students who set new College records.

Records:
M 14/U 50 Butterfly A: Julian Wainwright  
M 21/U 50 Freestyle A: Callum Methven  
F 21/U 50 Freestyle A: Tori Hamilton  
M 21/U 50 Backstroke A: Will Edmonds

It was pleasing to see the parents who were able to attend and show their support, even if for only part of the day. A big thank you to all the students who supported their houses, participating so enthusiastically in all aspects of the day.
DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

We value: Achievement, Respect, Commitment, Community

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The program, “A Road Safe Hypothetical”, will be conducted in conjunction with Warragul Police. Police Victoria have developed this program to raise awareness in young adults of the huge impact road trauma can have on their lives and that of their families and the community.

We feel it is an opportune time to offer this as many of our senior students are moving towards getting their licence, the car and the freedom of movement this offers.

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**VERBAL COMBAT**

On Monday 16th April students will be viewing a performance called Verbal Combat exploring the motivation for and the effects of cyber bullying.

“Cyber bullying seems to be under cover and anonymous.

WHO’s responsible.

WHAT drives bullies to send that nasty message, post that hurtful comment or embarrassing photo on Facebook or MySpace?

WHY are some people more likely to be a target and why is it hard for victims to be assertive or resilient?

WHERE can they go if or when they are being bullied?

HOW can we stop it happening?

This cleverly crafted narrative allows students to examine these questions AND their own behaviour’

Attendance is compulsory for students in Years 7-10 as part of our student wellbeing program.
PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Drouin Secondary College will be conducting Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews on Thursday, 29th March from 4pm to 9pm and Friday, 30th March from 9am to 12pm. During the interview sessions the College does provide a crêche for young children to be looked after while you are meeting with teachers.

You will receive your child/s Term 1 progress report and an information sheet with all the details of the evening in the mail. If you do not receive these before the interviews, please contact the college.

There are 3 possible ways of booking times to see Teachers:

- Ring our General Office and book your preferred times on Phone: 56251002
- Book directly with your subject Teachers
- Book electronically by:
  - Logging on to our Website www.drouinsc.vic.edu.au or logging onto Moodle (http://student.drouinsc.vic.edu.au). You will need to use your student’s username and password to connect.
  - On the school website click on the e-workspace link on the left or in Moodle click on the Daily Bulletin from home link.
  - Once you are in e-workspace click the P/T Interviews button on the menu across top.
  - Select date and click times suitable for you.

The College has a priority “To improve learning outcomes for all students in Years 7-12”. This priority will not be achieved unless teachers, students and parents are working together. One way you can support the College in fulfilling this priority and more importantly support your child is to make sure you attend the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.

VCE STUDENTS

It is expected that all VCE students will make appointments to have interviews with their teachers on the Thursday evening. This interview time is critical to obtain individual feedback, discuss problem areas and strategies for improvement. Students will also get the opportunity to discuss issues of concern.

If you have queries please feel free to contact the College on 56251002.

PRACTICE GAT

WHEN: FRIDAY 30TH MARCH (Last day of Term 1)
TIME: 9.00AM – 12.15PM
WHERE: COLLEGE STADIUM
ARRIVE: NO LATER THAN 8.45AM

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Casual clothes can be worn. Covered footwear must be worn.

Students need to allow enough time to arrive at school without feeling rushed or hurried. Assemble outside the Stadium no later than 8.45am and await instructions.

Students MUST stay for the duration of the exam; this is the best way to prepare effectively for the real GAT.

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**VET BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION**

After many days of delay due to rain Vet Building & Construction have been able to start renewing the chairs and grandstand on the side of the oval.

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**Yr 10 Science: Mission to Mars**

Science for Scientists had an amazing excursion to Mars last week. They went to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre in Melbourne to participate in their program ‘Mission to Mars’. Students got to role play both sides of a space mission. Students travelling to Mars were assigned specialist roles like Geologists, Chemists, Engineers & Biologists. There was also the team at Mission Control who were reading data and information on computers. They were also talking directly to the crew who were exploring the surface of Mars.

Both teams were problem solving as well as taking samples and information for future analysis.

This excursion is an inspirational look at what Science can hold in the future and your children can potentially be part of that.

Roger Matheson
Science For Scientists Educator

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**SURFF’s Up**

SURFF’s up at Drouin Secondary College. SURFF (Silent Uninterrupted Reading for Fun) is aimed at improving students’ literacy and thus increasing students’ capabilities in all subjects. It also provides an opportunity to keep up to date with reading required for subjects.

The SURFF program takes place after recess with Years 8 and 9 classes reading on Mondays for 45 minutes and Years 7, 10, 11 and 12 classes reading on Wednesdays for 45 minutes.

Students are required to bring reading material, choosing from the following: fiction (novels, short stories); biographies; and/or class texts eg. SOSE class text, Legal Studies class text, Science class text. VCE students may also choose to bring reading material from newspapers that is relevant to their studies.

Assessment will take place during SURFF – this will be forwarded to the English teachers to include in students’ reports.

Please support your child(ren) by encouraging them to be prepared for reading and to have a positive attitude towards SURFF. Organisation for the school day can be made easier by having a copy of your child’s timetable on the fridge, ready to check for bag packing the night before. Ensuring a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast will also help concentration in all subjects for the day, including SURFF.

―Once you learn to read, you will be free forever.” – Abraham Lincoln

―There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates’ loot on Treasure Island.” – Walt Disney

―Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.” – Joseph Addison

―The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go” – Dr Seuss

―Reading is like a key – it opens doors for you.”

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**TRADING HAS STARTED**

Year 12 VCAL students are currently participating in the ASX Share market Games. This is a hands-on, interactive and fun experience which allows the students to start with a hypothetical $50,000 to invest and create their own share portfolio. All buying and selling of shares are done on ASX-listed companies using real market prices in real share market conditions.

With the market opening last week we have already seen some great success.

Jayden Bibby ranked 14th Nationally out of 6643 and 4th in the State of 1733

Sarah Burns 50th in the State

Dylan Boxshall 72nd in the State

Paula Stone 73rd in the State.
ART COMPETITION

Paint the town blue is a SAAIF sponsored initiative intended to generate greater community awareness and a clearer understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD’s). It is about promoting acceptance of all people, from all walks of life, particularly those who have been diagnosed with ASD. Autism highlights the fact that all people are different and we, as a community, should embrace people for who they are – focusing on their strengths and abilities and fostering social inclusion. With this in mind, SAAIF is conducting a Gippsland wide art competition that will be open to all primary and secondary students in the region. Students will be asked to contribute a painting or drawing in a medium of their choosing that represents one of the following themes;

For secondary students; Dare to be different, bold & blue...
The artwork must represent something about the artist that they believe is “different” from other people – some type of quirky personality trait, habit or form of expression that is unique to them and that they are willing to acknowledge and embrace. What is it that makes them stand out from the crowd? How do they “dare to be different”?
The artwork must use blue as the main colour in accordance with blue being the worldwide-recognised colour for autism awareness and be no larger than A3 size.

Date: 29th March
Hand into General Office or see Miss Goldsmith.

The Year 11 V.C.A.L. Personal Development students would like you to.....

Help our school win $350-$1000 of sports gear!
The Premiers Active Families Challenge is on again, and our school has the chance to win up to $1000 of sports gear and sports clinics with high profile sporting personalities. All you have to do is get active and have fun with your family!
Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 19 March – 30 April. The more students who register from our school, the more chances we have to win.
Just by registering you and your family will receive special offers, including:

- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 20 free YMCA passes
- One free child pass to National Sport Museum
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium.
- Plus go in the draw to win Rebel Vouchers and iPads!

Anyone can register, so get your friends and family to take the Challenge too.
Get more active more often, spend quality time together and have fun. It’s free, it’s easy, and there are plenty of chances to win!
Register online at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school’s name when you register.
Success, Success, Success

On the 7th Feb 2012 I was privileged to attend the GippsTAFE Industry Awards for 2011. These award were given to students who excelled within a particular industry. It was great to see so many ex. Drouin Secondary College students receiving awards. It was also my pleasure to see one of our current VCAL students receive an award. Lara Wood of 11F received an award for her work within the field of Animal Studies. Laura is completing a School Based Apprenticeship while studying. This is what they said about her at the awards night.

“Laura has an energetic disposition and showed great zeal for her studies. She approaches her workplace and learning environment with this same vitality and has a great ability to communicate effectively. Her workplace has given excellent reviews and her class work is of a high standard, with good attention to detail. Laura also shows wonderful leadership skills and has clear direction and commitment to the tasks that she undertakes. We’re sure Laura will go far with her studies and in the industry.”

Well done Laura this is certainly worth putting on your resume’. Mrs. Kerrie Wainwright

Spiney Stick insects for sale

$5.00 each

Stick insects make terrific pets. They are low maintenance and very cheap to keep. Fact sheets and care instructions are available with every purchase.

For enquiries and/or sales please contact Julie Weller in the science department.

English Faculty Tips:

This may be the best-known spelling rule:

i before e, except after c
or when sounded like "ay"
as in neighbour and weigh

Here are some words that follow the rule:

IE words: believe, field, relief
CEI words: ceiling, deceit, receive
EI words: freight, reign, sleigh

Some exceptions: either, foreign, height, leisure, protein, weird

“CIEN words” are another exception to the rule.

These include ancient, efficient, and science.
Please NOTE:
All students who have been accepted into a VET course for 2012 need to have paid fees or will be withdrawn from their course.
If you are absent from VET for any reason you must ring the TAFE and ring the school.

**Work Experience**

A reminder to all year 9 students that work experience dates for next year are **June 21st – 25th** (final week of term 2). Well done to all those who have organised their work experience already.

Any students who haven’t organised a placement, or returned their yellow forms to the Careers Office THESE FORMS ARE NOW LATE. Get yourself into the Careers office ASAP.

**HOW WILL YOU CHOOSE A CAREER?**

Will you do what your parent does?
Will you do what your parent wants you to do?
Will you do what your friend does?
Will you do what ‘falls into your lap’?
Will you choose something without really checking out what it involves?
Will you choose something that you think will make you lots of money?
Or, perhaps, you will try to put off thinking about it at all.

None of the above methods is necessarily the wisest. You may be different from your parents. You are probably different from your friend. You need to find out what suits you because it is your life and you will hopefully be fulfilled and happy in your career.

**University News:**

**SO YOU WANT TO BE A VET?** The University of Melbourne is the only university in Victoria to offer a veterinarian qualification. The university is holding an **Open Day** at the **Veterinary Hospital** to which all are invited. Attend lectures, pet demonstration, tours and get course advice. **When:** 10am-3pm, Sun 25 March; **Where:** 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; **See:** www.vet.unimelb.edu.au.

**FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES** - Many design courses at university and TAFE require applicants to present a **folio of their work as part of the application process** for their courses. They want to find out about your ability and creativity. If you think you could use some assistance with your folio you might want to consider RMIT short courses. Some of these are held in the evening and some in school holidays, covering things like AutoCAD - QuickStart, drawing techniques, folio preparation in fashion drawing, in textile design, in graphic design, in interior decoration and in visual/fine art. There is also a career discovery course in **building design**. For more information: www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au, or phone 9925 8111.

**DO YOU WANT TO STUDY A MONASH UNIVERSITY MEDICINE OR HEALTH SCIENCE DEGREE?** If so, you may need to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of the application process. The test is required for **Monash University medicine**, pharmacy, pharmacy/commerce and physiotherapy degrees. Selection for medicine uses the UMAT result, an interview andATAR. **Pharmacy** uses the UMAT and the ATAR. Selection for physiotherapy uses the UMAT result, an interview (some applicants only) and the ATAR. Some interstate universities also require the UMAT.

The UMAT us being held on Wednesday **25 July, 2012**. Applicants for the test will need to register online from a date yet to be announced. The test is administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).

The UMAT is a multiple choice test. There are practice tests available for purchase online; courses are also available that may assist you in preparing for the test.

Complied by: M. Walker
Year 9 Team

The year nine team has made a positive start to the school year. Our main focus has been keeping students focussed and working productively. Most are responding positively.

One question we are regularly asked is does my son or daughter have homework? The answer is almost always "yes". Homework can comprise a variety of activities from finishing class work, reading, completing set work, research or most importantly revising class work.

The year nine camp is rapidly approaching. Excitement is mounting. Many of our students are about to fly for the first time. Some are maybe going to get sea sick for the first time on the Spirit of Tasmania. The camp is a great opportunity for teachers and students to relate in an out of school environment.

Progress reports will be delivered soon and parent teacher night follows on the 29th. We look forward to meeting you and discussing your son or daughters learning.

Brian Griffin

Year 10 Team

2012 starts with a focus on preparation for Work Experience, where students need to find and organise a placement. In Learning Group, goals for the semester have been set and students are constructing a snap shot of themselves using the pathways software. Each group has chosen their student leaders who will be organising a Year 10 assembly towards the end of term.

The other big event for the year is the Deb Ball and planning for this is in motion. Any parents who wish to assist with the ball should contact Rose Allen at the College.

Brilliant Attitude

An energetic presentation by Bob Allbright was enjoyed by the Year 10s on Valentine’s Day.

The day focused on how attitude influences outcomes with students listening and engaging with the learning by chocolate and other activities throughout the day.

The final activity of recognising and breaking through your fears was quite powerful and very noisy.

David Axford
INTRODUCING DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE’S 2012
STUDENT SUPPORT TEAMS...!

STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM -
Is something worrying you? Whether it’s an issue you’re having at school or at home that’s making you feel sad, worried, concerned, lost, angry, confused or overwhelmed – come and see a member of our Student Wellbeing Team... A problem shared is a problem halved...!

Introducing....
Anne Wilson – Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri (Student Wellbeing Leader)
Casey Kamphuis – Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri (Student Wellbeing Officer)
David Hobbs (Hobbo) – Mon, Wed, Fri (Student Wellbeing Chaplain)
Chris Brealey – Tue, Wed (Student Wellbeing Educational Consultant)
Emma Sears – Thu, Fri (Student Wellbeing College Nurse)
Terry Marks – Tue, Wed (Koori Engagement Support Officer)

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (PSD) -
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS INTEGRATION/STUDENT SUPPORT/DISABILITY & IMPAIRMENT)
Has your child been assessed to have a physical or intellectual disability? Does your child have special needs which require the assistance of a classroom aid? Please meet our very helpful student PSD team... Limitations only go so far...!

Introducing....
Lynda Goldsmith – (Program for Students with Disabilities Leader)
Carol Kilner (PSD Assistant/Classroom Aide)
Ann Shiels (Classroom Aide)
Luana Crampton (Classroom Aide)
Natasha Eden (Classroom Aide)
Don Sinclair (Classroom Aide)
Leigh Simpson (Classroom Aide)
Sylvanna Kiss (Classroom Aide)

CAREERS & PATHWAYS TEAM -
Are you looking for career advice? Do you want to discuss tertiary or vocational options available to you? Considering VCAL/VET courses and want to know what they involve? Need a little help with your resume? Meet our friendly Careers Team... Choose a job you love and you’ll never have to work a day in your life...!

Introducing....
Kerrie Wainwright – Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri (Career & Pathways/VET/VCAL Leader)
Pat Dowty – Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri (Career & Pathways Advisor)
Helen Malone – Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu (Career & Pathways Advisor)
Why sit on a Bench, or worse miss out on a game. We are in need of Players, come to a club where you are guaranteed a game!

Drouin & District Netball Association
2012 Winter Season
Netball Registration Days
*VNA Insurance to be paid on either of the following days*
Saturday March 17th @ 10am - 12pm
or
Wednesday March 21st @ 4pm - 5.30pm
Drouin Netball Courts, Drouin Recreation Reserve

Age Groups include:
Combined DDNA & WDNA – 18&Under and Open
Modified born on or after 01.01.2001 - $30.00
Senior born on or before 31.12.1994 - $58.00
Cash, Cheque or Eftpos

New Players, Teams and Umpires Welcome
Netball Season starts 29th April

For more information contact
Donna 56233357 or Karen 56232729

WEP Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for a Lifetime!

Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2012/13 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering **$3000 scholarships** towards year-long programs to Italy and French-speaking Belgium commencing in January 2013.

Find out more!
Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au), Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days, Visit WEP: Mon – Fri between 9am – 5pm or Call 9598 4733.