PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

After an especially sunny Easter break we are into our eleven week term 2. It is important all students get off to a positive start and continue to attend all classes and put maximum effort into each subject. One of the keys to student success is attendance and all our historical data both locally and across Victoria demonstrates a high correlation between attendance and academic success. It is disturbing to see our student’s attendance rates slip in 2011 and in term 1 2012. Prior to 2011 we had improved our attendance rates to be far better than the state average. In 2011 our attendance rates were not as good and only at the state average. If we want our children to be successful will need them to attend. It is also important that students catch up with their teachers if they are absent. Parents can check whether their student has work due by checking moodle or contacting teachers.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS.

Thank you to all parents who took the time to attend mid-semester interviews. It is an important opportunity to support the learning of our children. If you could not make it to the interviews or missed a teacher, feel free to communicate with staff through the general office, through email or by checking units on moodle.

FINLAND STUDY TOUR

I have been fortunate to be selected as part of a study tour to Finland in week 2 and 3 of this term. I will be completing a study tour with 20 other secondary and primary school principals. The Finland education system is the top performing education precinct in the world and hopefully we can learn from visiting a range of schools to analyse why they are so successful.

During these two school weeks Mr Rob Monk will act as Principal and Mrs Di Croft will work in his place as Acting AP.

ALL GIPPSLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On March 15th we took our largest team to a Gippsland Swimming carnival. The competition takes a big step up with both government and catholic schools representing Latrobe and East Gippsland. Our students acquitted themselves well and battled hard in many events. Overall we managed 149 points which placed us in 9th placed overall.

Better results on the day.

- Julian Wainwright – Silver 50m 14years Butterfly, Silver 12-15 100m freestyle, Bronze 14year 50m Backstroke and 4th 14 years 50 m Freestyle.
- Alisha Maas – 4th 12-15years 200m Freestyle and 4th 12-15 years Individual Medley
- Jess Mills – 4th 13 years 50m Backstroke
- Boys 17 year old freestyle relay – Bronze
- Girls 15year freestyle relay – 4th

YEAR 7 CAMP

The year 7 cohort completed a successful camp at Rawson in the term 1. The students attended camp for three days and the overwhelming feedback from staff was how great the students were this year. Thank you to Ray York and his team for organising and running the camp.

Deb Ball 2012

Reminder Deb Ball expression of interest forms are now overdue. Please return these forms ASAP to Mrs Allen (Yr 10 Level Leader)

Deb Ball Dates:
- Friday 19th & Saturday 20th October
YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 CAMPS

Both the year 8 and year 9 levels had camp late in term 1. I can report the camps were highly successful. The year 8 students travelled to the Summit camp at Trafalgar as the Prom was not available. This is an adventure style camp and 110 year 8s attended. The feedback from students was very positive and they faced many team challenges. The giant swing seemed to be a popular challenge. Thank you to Liz Godwin and the team of staff who led the camp.

The year 9s went off on their traditional Tasmania trip with a flight one way and the overnight boat the other 100 students made up two bus groups who travelled in opposite directions and covering much of the west coast this year. Port Arthur and the Chocolate factory seem to remain firm favourites.

HPV

The HPV team competed in their first event in Wonthaggi at the end of term 1. The College has entered two teams and both performed very well in their divisions and represented the College extremely well. Out of the 90 teams entered our year 10 team finished 38th and 2nd in their class doing 426 laps (553.8kms). This is an outstanding result and the best result we have had at Wonthaggi. Our year 9 team finished 56th overall and 6th in their class with 369 laps (479.7 kms). We also received an honourable mention in design and construction. Thank you to Mr Ben Stein and his team of staff and parents who supervised on the weekend.

THANK YOUS AND WELL DONES

If members of our community know of excellent performances of students around our community please send the college this information so it can be acknowledge in the College newsletter.

Congratulations to the HPV teams and their fantastic effort at Wonthaggi. The team members were: Will Watson, Lachie Crampton, Ben Perry, Shaun Olsen, Jess Monk, Katelyn Parker, Toni Kurle, Tom Barr, Cy Monk, Cambell Jolly, Ben Wright, Katie Fenner, Matilda Simpson, Emily Webster, Mitch Kelly and Georgia Fisher.

Also congratulations to the Senior Boys Volleyball who came 1st, Year 8 Boys Tennis, Year 7 Girls Tennis and Senior Boys Tennis who all came 2nd. Well done.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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Train Code of Conduct:

Drouin Secondary College students who travel on the train should represent the College in a positive manner to members of the public who share the train with them.

Our Values of Community, Respect, Achievement and Community extend to how we act on the way to and home from school.

- Train captains will report breaches of the code of conduct to staff at DSC.
- **Students who misbehave will face consequences like:**
  - Parents Informed
  - Detentions
  - Removal from Train for a period of time
  - Suspension
  - Parent Interview or expulsion especially if the student is not from DSC’s direct feeder area.

**What to do if something goes wrong:**

1. Report it to the train captain or conductor.
2. Don’t get into heated arguments with other passengers.

Tell a member of DSC teacher staff if something has gone wrong.

**Your Train Captains.**

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Jessica Benedick  Brendan Sealey  Ryan Wahl  Emma Saunders
At a briefing of participating students this week, they were asked what they expect to learn through their tour experience. This question will be on the agenda for future briefings.

Students have been given an information letter to take home to parents. It contained the following information:

- Reminder of tour dates
- A Revised Detailed Itinerary
- What to bring
- Baggage requirements
- Payment schedule
- Information regarding Uluru
- What students must do to maintain their eligibility for the tour

Regular student briefings will continue and more detailed information will be provided as the tour approaches.

Any questions about the tour should be directed to Mrs Diane Croft, Tour Leader & Level Leader.

“SHAPE YOUR DESTINY”

MOTIVATIONAL SEMINAR @ DARREN PEREIRA

for all Year 11 students

When: Monday 7th May
Where: Drouin Secondary College Auditorium
Time: 9.00am – 12.00 noon (Periods 1, 2 & the first part of Period 3)

What to bring: Pen

All students are able to wear casual clothes to this seminar, ensure that suitable footwear is worn (no thongs).

Darren is a highly regarded motivational speaker, having previously worked with Drouin Secondary College VCE students. The seminar is designed to assist students to focus on individual talents and abilities, set goals, plans of action, develop strategies and motivation plus the confidence to achieve personal objectives this year and beyond.

Normal timetabled classes will not be running during this time.

Attendance at this motivational seminar is compulsory.
The following students are making excellent progress so far in Semester 1. They have progress scores of over 85 indicating they are displaying excellent Effort, Behaviour, Organization and Academic Progress.

**Year 7**
- Darcie HOWER
- Jemyma LIESHOUT
- Ashlee SYKES
- Tara BAGNALL
- Danielle SAMPSON
- Olivia SMETANA
- Bryce HOWELL
- Hayley KORTHOLT
- Holly BARTON
- Lachlan BINSTED
- Bowen DE RITER
- Brooke DORLING
- Imogen FISHER
- Chloe FITZGERALD
- Courtney FREEMAN
- Rebecca GRANDE
- Brayden HUNT
- Jessica JOLLEY
- Shaedyn RENTON
- Brittany SMITH
- Katlin WRIGHT
- Nicholas DE BOER
- Rachel ARLDT
- Julian WAINWRIGHT
- Matthew LYNN
- Alannah MURPHY
- Shae AARTS
- William BUNKER
- Joel MCLEAN
- Kristen TAYLOR
- Zack BUCKINGHAM
- Megan JACKSON
- Emma-Lee WINTERS
- Elise BARRATT
- Tahnae BLIGHT
- Lisa GRAHAM
- Katrina GUY
- Ella HENDERSON
- Peter MASCADRI
- Taylah ROBERTS
- Jacob WELLS
- Natasha BLACKWELL
- Tiana BROADWAY
- Dane JOHNS
- Samuel RIPON
- Shannon THOONEN
- Kieran WIADROWSKI

**Year 9**
- Lily BURGESS
- Gerard CHAPLIN
- Brittany DONNELLY
- Blake EDWARDS
- Thomas MCLEAN
- Emma JURATOWITCH
- Jessica MONK
- Jade TALBOT
- Jayla BLEW
- Lachlan CRAMPTON
- Tamara LOUGHRIDGE
- Brooke PICKERING
- Siobhan SALT
- Kimbenley WARNER
- Matthew DE BOER
- Melissa GRIFFIN
- Molly POWER
- Loryn SYKES
- Sean BLACKWELL
- Tahlia BOW
- Matthew HENRY
- Benjamin PERRY
- Molly SEMPEL
- Toni KURRLE
- Shama MURPHY
- Montana O’DONOGHUE-KENT
- Amy PUGH
- Matthew KURSTEIN
- Alice KEENAN
- Cyrus MONK
- Rachael PARKER
- Christine WALSH
- Maddison ANDREWS
- Taylah BOTT
- Stephanie CAMERON
- Katherine HAZELTHORN
- Katherine HOWARD
- Jye MASON
- Teaghan CUTTING
- Jessica FENNER
- Nathan GUY
- Jarrad LOCK
- Matilda SIMPSON BREWER
- Luke MCCORMICK
- Brittany EDWARDS
- Jessica PASCOE
- Maddison VANTHOF

**Year 11**
- Thomas CAMPBELL
- Grace HENDERSON
- Breanna RALSTON
- Kate BRADFORD
- Alana CAMERON
- Glenn CARVOSSO
- Patrick ROBINSON
- William EDMONDS
- Sharyn SMEETANA
- Dylan MCKAY
- Kaylan RIGGIO
- Chloe HICKEY
- Meg ROBINSON
- Madeleine COOK
- Destiny DALZIEL
- Jessica DE HAAN
- Jessie GALLIE
- Samuel HIRIART
- Nicholas DE BOER
- Tori HAMILTON
- Alexandria HANKIN
- Yandy LIANG
- Cameron PRICE
- Emma SAUNDERS
- Jackson WADE
- Nicole MILNER
- Paige PICKERING
- Tori HAMILTON
- Alexandria HANKIN
- Kira HARDY
- Alyce HATFIELD
- Emily MORRIS
- Brendan SEALEY
- Matthew STEWART
- Tristin WALKER
- Jessica BOURKE
- Taylor DAVIES
- Chloé EVANS
- Brittany GAPES
- Maxine HOWARD
- Brodey LEGGETT
- Rebecca PORTER
- Brett WILLIAMS
- Georgi WILLIAMS
- Janoska LAZAR
- Tia STEEL
- Lewis linkenfield
- Keely MULCAHY
- Lincoln JONES
- Kahlil BRENNER
- Malachi HARRISON
- Jaden MCGREGOR
Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In week 5 of this term all Year 7 and 9 classes will be sitting the NAPLAN test. Students at DSC in Years 7 and 9 will sit a practice NAPLAN writing test under test conditions in their English classes over the next coming weeks and receive feedback on their progress. This writing test will be a persuasive writing task and students will be assessed on:

- Audience
- Text Structure
- Ideas
- Vocabulary
- Cohesion
- Paragraphing
- Writing Criteria
- Sentence Structure
- Punctuation
- Spelling

It would be very helpful if you actively encourage and discuss with your child the importance of taking this test seriously and completing it to the best of their ability. The data from these tests is used at DSC to guide our curriculum planning and can provide valuable information about individual student’s personal learning needs (eg. students can be identified to do early access subjects) Also, the data will provide English teachers with an indication of your child’s abilities in English.

The preparation for NAPLAN testing will be an invaluable learning experience for your child and help them to become familiar with the format, structure and conditions of the NAPLAN test.

Thank You
Kind Regards
The English Faculty

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ICAS UNSW English and Science Competition 2012.

Drouin Secondary College students have an opportunity to compete in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) later this year.

EAA is a leading international educational assessment organisation specialising in large-scale measurement and assessment programs in Australia and 20 countries globally. EAA has been involved in educational measurement in Australia since 1967 and is the largest independent provider of school competitions and assessments in the region.

The ICAS available this year are for students in Years 7 to 10. ICAS are designed to assess students’ academic ability. The 2012 Science Competition will be conducted at Drouin Secondary College on Wednesday the 6th of June, and the English Competition on Tuesday the 31st of July. Your child will be withdrawn from their normal class for a period of one hour in order to participate. Participation is voluntary and the cost is $7.70 for each test.

‘The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools provide extensive independent evaluations of students’ skills, knowledge and understandings in the core learning areas. These skills and understandings are important indicators of success in school and beyond,’ said Dr Sofia Kesidou, General Manager - Assessment and Research at EAA.

To participate in the ICAS your child can collect a permission and payment form from the front office. Alternatively please contact Christine Backman for English and/or Anthony Di Fabrizio for Science at Drouin Secondary College (03) 5625 1002 for more information.

General information about ICAS is available from the Customer Service Team at EAA on telephone number 61 2 8344 1010, facsimile 61 2 8344 1030, email info@eaa.unsw.edu.au or by visiting the EAA website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

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**IT’S NAPLAN TESTING TIME**  
**MAY 15 – 17, 2012 (Week 5, Term 2)**  
**GET YOUR CALCULATORS READY!!**

**What is NAPLAN?**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

**Why do students do NAPLAN tests?**

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not students are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

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

**What will be tested, and how?**

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

**How are NAPLAN test results used?**

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website.

**What's happening at Drouin SC for 2012?**

This year’s NAPLAN testing period for students in Years 7 and 9 is rapidly approaching with the tests being administered in the **FIFTH** week of Term 2. In order to assist our students in their preparation for the tests, practice sessions will be held prior to the official testing period with students being given specific feedback. The object of the practice sessions is to familiarise the students with the NAPLAN process and to ensure they understand what is expected of them. 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. Mobile phone calculators will NOT be acceptable.**

**Official testing will occur as follows:**

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Students who miss a test will make it up on a subsequent day. More information regarding NAPLAN will be provided as the term progresses. If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN tests you can access the official website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) or contact the school.
JOINT BAW BAW SHIRE EDUCATION EXCHANGE with
JIUJIANG, CHINA  2012/13

Background
The Baw Baw Shire holds a friendship city relationship with the City of Jiujiang in the Jiangxi Province of China.
Since the development of the relationship, the Secondary Colleges in the region have sought to establish educational ties with the educational institutions of Jiujiang.
In April 2000, an education delegation led by the Principal of Marist Sion College, Mr Christopher Holt and Assistant Principal, Mrs Joan Pilgrim and consisting of representatives of Marist Sion College, Drouin Secondary College and Warragul Regional College, visited Jiujiang and formalized relationships with the schools. All the Colleges participating in the tour program have Sister School links with schools in Jiujiang.
Chairo have established a relationship with No. 5 Foreign Language School, Warragul Regional College is linked with No. 2 Middle School, St. Paul’s Grammar and Marist Sion College are sister schools with No. 1 Middle School, and Drouin Secondary College with No. 3 Middle School.

Jiujiang
Jiujiang is located in the southern part of China and is situated on the Yangtze River.
There are 6,562 different types of schools in the Province, with 944,000 students in Jiujiang only. There are:-
- 7 Post Secondary Institutions (7,113 students)
- 8 Secondary Schools (10,718 students)
- 369 Middle School (259,000 students)
- 5,593 Primary School (523,000 students)
- 505 Kindergartens (61,000 students)
The education industry if one of the major employers in the City with 59,165 staff employed, which 48,126 are teachers.

Parents: stay keen on teen vaccines
Australia’s first ever “Immunisation Week” held from 23 – 29 April 2012 is a great time for parents to consider the vaccination needs of their children, particularly adolescent children.
Victoria currently achieves 92 per cent coverage for free vaccines given to babies and children compared to an estimated 75 per cent for adolescents.
“While Victorian parents are very vigilant about immunisation for babies and young children, we need to ensure that they are aware of the crucial vaccinations available for free in the teen years,” explained Victoria’s Chief Health Officer, Dr Rosemary Lester.
“Young people are still vulnerable to disease while they mature into adulthood and immunising against preventable disease is just as important for adolescents as it is for babies and younger children - for their health and the health of those around them,” she said.
Dr Lester said parents of adolescents should:
find out what free immunisations your child is eligible for and when and how online at http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/secondary-school-immunisation.htm
keep an eye out in school bags and school newsletters for information about your teen’s school vaccination sessions, if they are in Year 7 and Year 10
promptly complete and return consent forms for vaccinations offered at school.
“Even though they’re big kids now they still need their parents to take care of their immunisation needs and protect them against preventable diseases such as diphtheria and tetanus,” Dr Lester said.
If you think your teen may need a vaccine contact your immunisation provider.
Being a part of the 2012/13 China Exchange  
(Please be advised that the initial information is approximates and estimates only).

There are two ways you can be a part of the China Exchange 2012/13.

You can assist us by billeting a Chinese student in your home while they are here will us.

The Chinese delegation will be here around August.  
There will be 30 people visiting our district.  
When billeting a Chinese student you need to provide somewhere comfortable for them to sleep however a separate room of their own is not necessary.  
Generally boys billet boys and girls billet girls.  
The Chinese students spend their time at school during the day or on a trip organised by the school.  
The Chinese students will spend time with their host family doing normal family things throughout the week. i.e. basketball training, family functions etc.  
On the weekend they will also complete the normal weekend activities such as going to the football, netball etc. However, some families do take the students to somewhere special within the local area.

You can be a part of the Tour to China in 2013.

This includes going to China for approximately two weeks.  
The China tour 2013 will take place in the last week of term 1 and the first week of the March/April school holidays.  
The China tour 2013 will cost between $2,600 and $3,300. The price includes international and domestic airfares. All domestic travel, accommodation, taxes/fees, VISA fee and most meals.  
Further costs will include:  
Passport, Travel insurance, Spending money, Immunisations  
The Australian students usually stay with their host family for around 5 -7 days. They then tour for the remainder of their time in China.  
It is anticipated that a group of 25 students from the participating schools will form the tour, together with at least one supervising teacher from each school. Drouin Secondary College is the official tour organising school.  
At this stage there is quota of how many students may attend this, and this number varies from year to year.  
The trip will provide a great opportunity to the students in that they will be able to view students of their own age studying in a different environment. The ability to interact and learn from their Chinese counterparts will enable life-time friendship to be developed and help students gain an understanding or appreciation of the workings of China.  
If you require any additional information, please contact Mrs Wainwright or Mrs. Daldry at  
Drouin Secondary College 56 251 002 or  
email: wainwright.kerrie.kw@edumail.vic.gov.au  
daldry.heather.hd@edumail.vic.gov.au  
Mrs Kerrie Wainwright and Mrs Heather Daldry  
Drouin Secondary College China Tour Liaison Teachers

Sounds of silence best for students:  
Studying for an exam or trying to memorise directions? Switch off the radio and put away your iPod.  
Background music – a staple of students cramming for exams the world over – interferes with concentration, research shows.  
Students who listened to their tunes while trying to memorise a list of letters fared worse than those who worked in silence.  
Even songs from their favourite bands proved more of a hindrance than a help.  
Researchers asked 25 students to memorise lists of consonants. Some were shown the letters while sitting in silence, others while listening to music by their favourite bands or by groups they had a strong aversion to.  
Listening to music – including tunes that they liked – hampered their recall, the journal Applied Cognitive Psychology reports.  
Daily Mail
Need some help with homework after school? Have a computer with internet access? We can help.

Your local library provides you with FREE access to Your Tutor, a service which provides one-on-one online help for a range of subjects.

The service is available for students from Years 4 to 12 and is available from 4pm – 8pm weeknights during school terms.

Subjects covered:

- English skills and concepts
- Essay and report feedback, including history and humanities writing
- Maths
- Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Assignment and project research
- Study skills
- Economics
- Business Studies
- Commerce

All tutors are qualified educators and police checked.

To access Your Tutor, grab your Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation Library Card and go to http://www.cclc.vic.gov.au. Once there, click on the “Get help from a tutor” link on the left of screen and follow the prompts.

If you are not a library member, drop into your local library with a parent or guardian and join. Its FREE!

Your library card also gives you access to a range of online sites that will help you learn a new language, read newspapers, download free music and much more. Check out the Info page at www.cclc.vic.gov.au/databases.

Bayles Biggest Morning Tea Market

Sunday 29th April 2012

8am – 1pm At the Bayles Hall,

Kooweerup Longwarry road, Bayles.

**There will be a variety of stalls, new products and Bric a brac.**

Morning and afternoon tea. Sausage sizzle. face painting/tattoo’s Jumping castle

Come along and grab yourself a bargain, have a fun day out while helping the Cancer Council

Any enquires or to book a stall please call

Etelka on 0412 487 990

Local Football – Are you getting a run?

Yarragon Under 16’s are looking for one or two more players. Training Tues & Thurs at 5.30pm. Games are Sat. at 9.30am Contact the coach - Roger Matheson at Drouin Secondary College. (Level 1 AFL Coaching Cert.)
PARENTS OF LAPTOP CLASS STUDENTS
Please be advised of change in insurance procedures with First Tech (Winthrop) whom you have purchased your Child’s laptop (not netbook) from.
For information on this please go to their website at www.first-tech.com.au.

FAMILY PORTRAITS
Parents and Friends have rescheduled the family portraits fundraiser. This will be held on the 26th May. Please see attached flyer with application form. $15.00 comes directly to the Parents and Friends association which in turn goes to many fantastic facilities around the college. Your support will be much appreciated and you get a lovely family portrait also. Forms are also available at the General Office.