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a new high

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I write this report as our Year 8 and 9 students are leaving on their camps. Our Year 8s travel to “The Summit” for an adventure camp while our Year 9s are off to Tasmania for the traditional Tasmania interstate trip. I am sure both groups will have a wonderful time and hopefully learn some new skills along the way.

**COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The College Council elections concluded this week and the following parents and staff were elected:

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

Unfortunately we still need two more parent representatives to make up the six parents required on council. If anyone is interested in helping us have full representation on College Council please contact Josie O’Connor at the main office.

**GIPPSLAND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2013**

Going down to Sale, 21 Drouin Secondary College students competed against some of the best swimmers from across all of Gippsland. Drouin finished a very creditable 7th overall in the championships, consisting of 21 participating schools. It was impressive to see all our competitors work hard to achieve some good results. Often we had teams or individuals finish 4th, 5th or 6th which, when against all of Gippsland, is an excellent result. We also had some medal winners:

- Congratulations go to Julian Wainwright who won five individual medals on the day:
  - 1st 50 Butterfly
  - 2nd 200 Freestyle
  - 2nd 100 Freestyle
  - 2nd 50 Backstroke
  - 2nd 400 Freestyle

- Good luck to Jules who will now go onto the State Finals on the 27th in his 50m Butterfly.

- Our 16yr Girls Relay also achieved a Bronze medal. Congratulations to the relay team: Courtney Bartlett, Aleisha Maas, Emily Webster and Brooke Whiteside.

Again well done to all.

**LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY**

The College conducts its Leadership Presentation Ceremony next week to recognise our student leaders across the college. We wish all leaders every success in their leadership roles. I am particularly pleased with the number of senior students putting their hands 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 Tara Earl and Glenn Carvosso.

**THANK YOU AND WELL DONE**

If members of our college community know of excellent performances of students in our district please send us this information so I can acknowledge this in the College E-news.

- Well done to the staff involved in Shave for a Cure. Ms Rolls and Mr Stuckey shaved their hair while Mr Thorpe is now a bright pink. I was especially impressed with Molly Winters of Year 8 and Kate Shearer of Year 10 who also took the challenge to be brave and shave. I also thank all those who contributed money to this worthy cause.

- Congratulations to members of the Drouin U16 cricket team who won the WDCA Premiership on the weekend beating Yarragon-Western Park. The team included DSC students: Cyrus Monk, Cambell Jolly, Tom Barr, Zac Harrison, Daniel Keem, Jakob Simpson, Brad Williams and Julian Wainwright. Georgia Fisher represented the runners up as well.

**YR 11 VCAL –Guest Speaker; Pam and her Guide Dog Whilloby**

On 4th March, a guest speaker was brought in to talk to the Year 11 VCAL student. Her name was Pam and she is legally blind. She also brought along her guide dog, Whilloby. Here are a few thoughts from some of the VCAL students.

- Pam was telling us how she still travels round the world even with her guide dog. The dog gets its own seat on the plane free of charge. I thought that was awesome. She is vision impaired and she has to find other ways of communicating. Pam can’t see other people’s hand gestures and body language, so she has learnt how to understand it without even being able to see them.”
  Luke O’Brien

- “Personally I think I would not be able to deal with being blind as it would frustrate me but Pam manages to stay so positive and think about all the good things she can still do and accomplish in her life.”
  Tom Burrell

- “Pam needs to be able to use good communication to her advantage to help her know where she is, and what she needs to do. She also has to communicate with her guide dog properly so it knows exactly what to do, and not get confused. Pam was a very interesting lady and it was good to listen to what she had to say.”
  Cassie Harrison
Welcome to the new look Senior School

First of all I would like to introduce myself as Mr Wilson, the new Assistant Principal. As part of my role at Drouin Secondary College I have responsibility for managing the senior school. I am looking forward to the journey ahead and in particular getting to know the students, staff and parents.

There was much to rejoice about when the results for the Class of 2012 were published and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them for their successes. Along with many high scores, a good number of “personal bests” were achieved. Special congratulations go to our Dux, Lucas Willig who received a remarkable ATAR score of 99.05. I was particularly thrilled that the school had a 100% pass rate. I would also like to acknowledge last year’s team of teachers for the fine endeavours in supporting this cohort of students. I believe that this year’s students have the capacity to match or better last year’s results. Our dedicated and talented teaching and support staff are justifiably proud of all that DSC has to offer and the well-rounded, well-educated, considerate and community-minded young people who constitute our past and present student body.

This year has started with a wealth of change which has seen the senior school expand to include Year 10 students. This means that the senior school team now supports over 400 students. The team of Leaders and their roles are outlined below;

Mrs Dianne Croft  
Yr 10-12 Level Leader

Mr Anthony DiFabrizio  
Yr 10-12 Level Leader

Mr David Sharpe  
Yr 12 Level Assistant

Ms Jo Brauman  
Yr 11 Level Assistant

Ms Lauren Clapperton  
Yr 10 Level Assistant

Our college captains have made a good start to the year, speaking at our first presentation assembly:

Harry Hearn  

Nick Derrick  

Kylie Di Carlo  

Madeline Bailey

I draw your attention to the forthcoming parent contact information events, which will take place in the last week of term. I would encourage the attendance of parents so that student progress can be discussed with subject teachers who will be able to offer advice on how students can improve upon their attainment.

All the best for the year ahead.

Mr Michael Wilson  
Assistant Principal
Our last camp! We were off to Melbourne for a couple of days to learn about university. What is it like? Is it like high school? What requirements do I need to get into my course? All these questions and many more were answered as we travelled from uni to uni to explore all of the different options.

On the first day we went to RMIT University where we were given a presentation about RMIT, the courses they offer and many general questions that are important. After lunch the group split up and about 15 of us went to La Trobe University and the rest went to Vic Uni. I was in the group that went to La Trobe. After listening to a presentation, we had a tour around the campus looking at things like accommodation, the library, a TV studio and many more facilities. We then travelled back to Melbourne Uni to listen to a guest speaker “Sonya the Door Bitch” (yes, this is her comedy routine name!) who talked to us about alcohol and the effects it has on young people. It was quite insightful and very interesting. After that we went for a walk down Lygon Street; most of us buying ice creams. We then travelled back to Melbourne Uni to sleep the night.

After a late night we were all up bright and early in the morning to take the train to Monash University, Caulfield campus. Their presentation was a bit more fun as we had a quick quiz at the end of it, which my team won! We had a wander around the campus before we had lunch then headed back into the seminar room where we had an informative question and answer session with three students that currently study at Monash (Clayton)

After this we were on the train back to Drouin. Most of us were very tired and just wanted to get home. Overall we had an awesome time!

Leigh Diston

ARCC AWARDS FOR TERM 1
The following students have shown outstanding behaviour in the school values of Achievement, Respect, Commitment and Community. By demonstrating one of the school values all students have the opportunity to go into the draw to win a Cafe voucher. Students can earn unlimited ARCC awards with a cafe voucher being drawn from each year level on a weekly basis.

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Yr 12’s Last Camp
The annual Luna Park Physics excursion, an Australian Institute of Physics program, was held on Wednesday, 6 March. Over 600 Year 11 and 12 Physics students from schools all over Victoria were there to experience “first-hand” Newton’s Laws.

All of our students got involved in discovering the finer points of circular motion on Pharaoh’s Curse and the Carousel. They then studied conservation of momentum and collisions up close and personal on the dodgem cars.

A particular highlight was the aerobatic display put on by one of the member of the RAAF Roulettes over St Kilda beach to demonstrate some of the concepts of “G’s” on pilots in vertical loops and tight banked turns.

All students’ enthusiasm was only tempered slightly when presented with a 30 page problem solving worksheet based on the physics principles of each ride and event.

The students all represented our school with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.
On Monday 4th March, the first half of our Year 7 Level, Learning Groups - 7A to 7E, 110 students, set off by bus at 7.30am, with their LG teachers to begin their three day experience at Rawson Village.

They were joined by Mrs Walker, Ms Longden, Bonnie Axford, Teigan Scown, Casey Kamphius, Ms Gentle and five Year 12 VCAL students – Jake Murphy, Brooke Thomson, Erin Tuohey, Todd Hicks and Joel Webb – who gave up their time to help out on camp. We were so lucky to have them join us. All of them did an outstanding job!

Similarly, on Wednesday 6th March, the second half of our Year 7 LG classes - 7F to 7I, 85 students, left the College with their LG teachers to begin their three day experience at Rawson Village.

These students were joined by Ms Gentle, Emma Sears, Jess Sutton, Tristin Walker, Mrs Williams, Mrs Godwin, Mr Wainwright and four Year 12 VCAL students - Ben McCarty, Jake Harrison, Callen Batchelor and Rowan Drake. Thanks to these staff and students as well, who worked tirelessly with our Year 7 students.

Day One, arriving at Rawson Village, students and staff were briefed by Jason, the Camp Director, about the activities and camp rules. Then it was time to begin the fun! All students and staff spent the first day participating in a range of outdoor activities designed to challenge them to step outside their comfort zone as individuals and to encourage them to develop teamwork as a group. These included high ropes course, abseiling, climbing tower, commando/initiatives course, archery, swimming, flying fox, ball games, trangia cooking and navigation.
On the first night, staff and students were treated to a home cooked dinner. With their LG teachers, they then reflected on their achievements during the day’s activities. This included discussing how they coped with challenging activities, how well their group had worked together and the new friends they had made that day. Students played some indoor games before heading off to bed.

Day Two began early with a hot breakfast. Students, in their LG groups, headed off on a variety of activities with trained instructors and College staff. These included two bushwalks, a canoeing session on the Thomson River, a visit to the historic township of Walhalla, a tour of the Long Tunnel Gold Mine and a visit to the Walhalla Lolly Shop. Walhalla is significant for its rich history and geographical location and is a focus of study in the Year 7 Moondah course. It was a worthwhile opportunity for our students to actually walk the streets and visit the sights of this lovely township, and then to bring these experiences back to the classroom to be used in further study and investigation.

Most students and staff were exhausted by the time they returned to Rawson Village late in the afternoon. They appreciated a hot shower and dinner. Over the course of the day, students had bushwalked approximately 11 kilometres, in some fairly rough and steep conditions! It was really pleasing to see students successfully complete the day’s challenging activities, especially the bushwalk from Thompson River to Rawson Village at the end of a very busy day, having fun in the process. That evening, our students reflected on the highs and lows of the day. An award was given to a student from each LG group who displayed courage, team work perseverance and persistence over the previous two days. These students were awarded a microfibre towel which was donated by Warragul Aussie Disposals.

Our LG award winners were – 7A – James Harris, 7B – Cameron Webb, 7C – Blake Wilkinson, 7D – Ethan Hunt, 7E – Keily Leishman, 7F – Hayden Prout, 7G – Dylan Richards, 7H – Kye McLean, 7I – Emily Robb.

On the last day of camp, students and staff participated in onsite activities at Rawson Village. After a lunch of fish and chips and packing their bags they headed home. Hopefully they made new friends, developed a better relationship with their LG teacher and other College staff and challenged themselves on a range of outdoor activities.

Mrs Rose Allen
Year 7 Level Leader
This year at Drouin Secondary College, Year 12 VCAL students are getting to know the Year 7s by running a program where we play certain games and help in their classes. This will happen about four or five times each term for the year.

Last year during Head Start we participated in a Peer Support Training day. This was run by the Stride Foundation and has really helped us with our Year 7 LG classes. During our Peer Support Training we learnt some ‘getting to know you’ activities in which we all participated and everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves. These activities helped the students feel more comfortable around their peers. We learnt tips on nobody feeling left out and to keep it all fun and simple.

By running these classes it helps us as VCAL students tick off our competencies for the year to enable us to pass Year 12. It also gives us skills in handling and being in charge of large groups. The activities will help the Year 7 students get to know each other easily and hopefully feel less shy. On a Monday LG class, groups of senior VCAL students go into different Year 7 classes and run activities with them. Each lesson will be planned during our Senior Literacy class so that we are fully prepared and excited to help out our Year 7s. The whole aim of what we are doing is to try and build the Year 7s with confidence and hopefully help them make new friends in the years to come.

Yolanda & Emma

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Parents of Grade 5 & 6 Students and interested community members are invited to

DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE
INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 1st May 2013
7 – 9.30pm
Where: DSC Auditorium

Find out about our College, our Programs and inspect our excellent facilities.

Please direct any inquiries to:

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Year 12s Inspire Year 7s

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Yolanda & Emma
Two classes of Year 8 and 9 Photography students branched out and completed a temporary installation on Monday, 4th March. The students created approximately 1000 butterflies using a technique known as the cyanotype.

Cyanotypes are one of the earliest forms of recording images without using a camera. Chemicals are applied to paper or other materials, objects are placed on top and then the whole lot is exposed to sun light for between 20 and 30 minutes. The paper is then rinsed and placed in a tea bath for toning.

Guerilla Art installations are works designed to be brief (much like the life of a butterfly). Some people will notice the works and others will pass right by without a second thought. Artists such as Tasha Lewis are creating Guerilla Art every day inspiring the many people who experience them, provoking thought about our world and environment.

The students made connections through historical techniques and modern formats for presentation of artworks. Creating their own cyanotype butterflies and cutting each out individually and finally coming together to create a massive formation of the butterflies on a wall in the school bus loop was the task for the classes. The resulting work was an eye catching installation of which the students were very proud.

Keep an eye out for future installations around the school.

PAYMENT OF COLLEGE FEES/ CAMPS ETC

We wish to advise all families that they will be receiving Financial Statements from the College before the end of this term and that all fees and charges are due to be paid before the end of Term 1.

If you have made a payment plan with the Business Manager Josie O’connor you are not required to pay all your account by the end of Term 1.

If you have agreed on a payment plan and have not adhered to the agreement you will be taken off the payment plan list at the end of April 2013 and will no longer be classified as having an approved plan with the College.

Thank you to all the families that have paid their accounts in full. If you require a payment plan to be put in place to help you financially, please do not hesitate to contact Josie O’Connor at the College.

EMA (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)

If you have applied for and are eligible for EMA in 2013 and have signed it over to the College we will be allocating this amount when it arrives at the school. Please note that this amount will be allocated towards Curriculum and Material Charges outstanding in the first instance. If you have any enquiries please contact Christine Deppeler in the General Office.

The statements that are sent out this term will not show the EMA allocation. This will happen by the end of Term 1.
As a feature of Cultural Diversity Week at school, the Canteen will be celebrating with a special menu when we return in Term 2.

Menu items and prices will be on eWorkSpace each afternoon for the next day’s menu as we travel the world.

Menu items that will be available include:
- Pork Rolls
- Savory Mollete
- Samosas
- Croissants
- Scones, Jam And Cream
- Meat Pies
- Lasagne
- Tandoori Sticks
- Nachos
- Fried Rice
- Gelato

Each day a different menu item will celebrate a different region of the world.

See you for a menu with a difference!

Canteen Staff

Cultural Diversity Week - Term 2

YR 7 READING & LITERACY - UPDATE

At this stage of the year, students should all have selected books at their level and be reading them regularly at home. Students also read regularly in SURFF and English.

The target for Semester 1 is to read at least three books and successfully complete quizzes on each.

The following students successfully completed quizzes between 5 March and 19 March:

Accelerated Reader Progress Reports are available on-line and can be viewed by parents at home at the following site: https://auhosted1.renlearn.com.au/1458054. To log in, use the same username and password as is used for netbooks and Moodle. Then select View Reports, followed by selecting Pupil Record Report which will provide a Reading Practice Report in PDF format.

Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff

WHAT IS WEP?

WEP Australia, a not-for-profit student exchange organisation based in Melbourne, is offering over 100 academic short and long-term programs to over 20 countries around the world. This year we are also awarding 22 scholarships to motivated students, wishing to live and study in Argentina or China in 2014.

Wep student exchange - memories and skills for life!

Became a WEP exchange student to live and study overseas for a summer, semester or even a year! Imagine yourself enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving in the USA, exploring local treasures in picturesque Europe, participating in a tea ceremony class in Japan or drinking traditional mate in Argentina. With over 20 countries to choose from and many other experiences to be lived, don’t let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by!

Scholarships & Early Bird Specials

This year WEP is awarding 22 scholarships to motivated students, wishing to live and study in Argentina or China in 2014. Early Bird discounts for programs starting in Jan-Mar ’14 are also available for the following destinations: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand and the USA.

Find Out More! Request a Free Info Pack!

Find out everything you need to know about your opportunity to experience life as an overseas teenager. Choose from over 20 countries and make new friends from around the world. Speak to WEP staff and get in touch with returned WEP students to help you make this important decision.

Visit: www.wep.org.au
Call: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
This year, for the first time, Drouin Secondary College is running Certificate III Sport and Recreation. With an enrolment of 21 students from Drouin SC, Warragul Regional and Marist, the course has been well received by local students, who previously would have travelled to Churchill to complete this course. The program runs over two years, and, like many other VETiS programs, the class runs all day each Wednesday. Students who satisfactorily complete the course will gain the industry recognised Certificate III in Sport and Recreation and also have a completed a scored VCE subject which contributes to their ATAR (for tertiary entrance).

Part of the learning this term has included practical experiences, coaching athletics at Drouin South Primary School each Wednesday afternoon. This week the Sport and Recreation students assisted with the Drouin South Primary School House Sports. They will now coach the Drouin South Primary School team for the next level of competition. The collaboration between Drouin SC and Drouin South Primary has been really positive with great feedback from the primary school, while the Sport and Recreation students have been able to reap the reward of a realistic and practical experience.

Heather Daldry
VET Sport & Recreation teacher.

DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE
VETiS SPORT & RECREATION 2013

Dylan Cann & Josh Seri encourage Drouin South Prep students.

Sport & Recreation student Jamie Graham pins a ribbon on for a Drouin South participant.

WINTER + FOOTBALL = CATANI FOOTBALL CLUB

- NO FEES for any junior player includes Under 18’s, 15.5’s or 13’s
- Club Uniforms provided (jumpers, socks and shorts if required)
- Female players welcome
- All players guaranteed playing time
- Professional Trainers
- Saturdays only (under 11’s able to play under 13’s with parental consent)
- Qualified coaching staff (current and ex club players)
- Social Club - Thursday night dinners, Netball from under 13’s to A grade
- Insurance for all players
- Transport to games and training if necessary

TRAININGS THURSDAY NIGHTS
5:30PM CATANI REC RESERVE

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President
- Tony McFarlane - 0418 393 818
Secretary
- Brian Edwards - 0423 326 245
Junior Coordinator
- Rod Marshall - 0411 295 211

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