The DSC Instrumental Music Concert was held in the Auditorium on Wednesday, 29th May. Students from all year levels performed as soloists and in ensembles including Concert Band, Drum Crew, Choir, Guitar Ensemble and Rock Bands. Some soloists were in Level 1, and were performing in front of an audience for the first time. MCs for the evening were College Music Captain, Nathan McConville and College Choir Captain, Jade Talbot.

Highlights of the evening included a performance of “Dani California” by Tom Campbell, Matt Flower and Matt Henry, who are currently completing VCE Music, and a performance by Jess Monk of “Somewhere that’s Green” from the College Production, Little Shop of Horrors. Brandon Taylor performed an excerpt from the Bucket Busking that he plays at markets.

Thank you to Instrumental Music Staff Damon Jay, Adie Perry, James Ryan and Jo Ronalds for your hard work helping students to prepare for the concert. Thank you also to Tim Cosstick for coordinating sound and lighting.

Congratulations to all students who performed on the night. Well done!
Mr S Wainwright
Principal’s Report

It has been another busy couple of weeks with our Year 12s completing the GAT and our Years 10 and 11 students completing a formal exam week. The Year 10s are now participating in work experience, giving them a taste of the “real world”. Meanwhile our Year 11 students are off on the annual Central Australia tour. We hope they have a wonderful twelve days exploring some of the best locations Australia has to offer.

Our staff are currently working on reports and giving test and exam feedback to students. When reading this newsletter you should have received your child’s end of semester report. Please take the time to go through these with your child. Celebrate the successes and plan to improve the weaknesses.

I hope all our College community have a positive midyear break and prepare for a successful Semester 2.

Important Policies

The Education Policy Committee (EPC) is a College Council subcommittee responsible for the review of College policies. Each College policy is reviewed every four years (some OHS and Financial policies yearly). The EPC review approximately a third of the policies each year.

The EPC is currently beginning a review on our Equal Opportunity and Anti-Harassment policy. This process began earlier in the year and the first decision has been to split this policy into two new policies, Bullying Prevention Policy and an Equal Opportunity Policy. Given the importance of these policies we will be seeking feedback on initial drafts of these policies. It is the plan of College Council to publish these draft policies for feedback both on the College website and in the next College newsletter.

Cyber Bullying

In the May newsletter we included information regarding “Cyberia”, a play our students in Years 7 to 10 attended about cyber bullying. Since that time Year 7 students have completed curriculum work on cyber bullying. It is evident that students’ understanding of the risks of social media are limited. I thought we should provide some information for parents related to this issue. We as a school continue to learn in this area with two staff about to complete in-service training on cyber bullying with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

In this age of technology many of our students have access to computers and mobile phones. The increase in teenage use of social networking, for example Facebook, is enormous. The ability to be “connected” has many benefits but responsible use is paramount. Unfortunately, with this networking we have seen a large increase in issues especially in the areas of inappropriate use and cyber bullying. The College and parents need to be proactive in ensuring our children are not involved in these negative activities. Parents and students should understand that any cyber bullying on the web affecting students at our school will be dealt with by the College regardless of the time the message was posted or sent.

We hope parents take a proactive approach also to your child’s use of social networking and technology in general. I have attached some information re Cyber bullying for parents.

Cyber bullying involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour by an individual or group that is intended to harm others.

It can be committed using the Internet, digital, gaming and/or mobile technologies. This kind of bullying can cause great distress and impact on a child’s self-esteem and confidence. Victims don’t feel safe, because they can be bullied in their own homes.

Cyber-bullying activities may include:

• Posting defamatory messages on social networking sites;
• Spreading rumours online;
• Excluding a young person from an online group;
• Sending unwanted messages, either by text, instant messaging or email.

Cyber Statistics

• A quarter of Australian children report they have been cyber bullied.
• Cyber bullying is more prevalent in older children with 31% of 14-17 year olds reporting that they have been cyber bullied compared to 21% of 10-13 year olds (Microsoft/Galaxy Research, 2008).
• 22% of parents of children aged 4-18 admit they have no control over their children’s online activities.
• Although most parents (78%) claim to control their children’s computer use, only one-in-three has Internet filtering in place.
• 760,000 teenagers are allowed to have computers in their bedrooms.
• Just four-in-ten parents are restricting Internet use to shared family areas with 42% saying they never check the history of websites their kids have been visiting.

How to protect your children

1. Get involved with technology
2. Communicate with your children
3. Use family safety software
4. Report cyber-bullying to the school and your ISP
5. Visit the website for CyberSafety - www.cybersmart.gov.au
Drouin Secondary College students travelled to Neerim South on Tuesday 4th June to compete in the West Gippsland Cross Country. Well done to all those who competed in what were excellent conditions for a Cross Country.

All students competed strongly with most gaining places which now entitles them to contest the Gippsland Regional Finals on Thursday 20th June at Lardner Park (results in the next newsletter).

Team Results for Drouin were: 1st 12-13 Boys, 2nd 14 Boys, 1st 15 Boys 1st 16 Boys, 1st 12-13 Girls, 2nd 14 Girls, and 1st 15 Girls

**Top 10 Results:**

**12-13 Boys:** 1st Harry Phillips, 8th Josh Lewis, 9th Liam Blight

**14 Boys:** 2nd Kane Oldham, 5th Todd McConville, 8th Kurtis Ronalds, 10th Zac Trewin

**15 Boys:** 2nd Sean Russell, 3rd Kieran Wladrowski, 5th Julian Wainwright, 6th Clayton Kingi, 7th James Williams, 8th Dane Johns, 9th Dale Brown

**16 Boys:** 2nd Dylan Cann, 3rd Cole Cook, 5th James Portbury, 7th Michael Modaffari

**12-13 Girls:** 5th Taylah Marsh-Irwin, 6th Jessica Murphy, 8th Chelsee Anderson

**14 Girls:** 6th Katrina Guy, 8th Darcie Hower

**15 Girls:** 1st Tiana Broadway, 2nd Tahnae Blight, 3rd Meg Jackson, 4th Jess Monk, 5th Alanah Murphy, 6th Kym Diston, 7th Andrea Poulter

**16 Girls:** 4th Selina Morley, 5th Loryn Sykes, 6th Lisa Graham

**THANK YOU AND WELL DONE**

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

Congratulations to:

- the team of debaters who have now represented the College in three debates. We wish them luck in their next debates against Warragul Secondary College;
- approximately 30 students who sat the NSW University Science competition last week. We look forward to seeing the positive results;
- Abbey McNally and Bobby-Lee Sedgman for their participation in the VCAA Plain Speaking Award. Abbey achieved 1st place and will now compete in the Semi-Finals in Melbourne;
- Cyrus Monk who achieved 1st place in the Gippsland Road Race Cycling Championships;
- the Year 10 students who attended the Model United Nations Conference at Monash University, having researched and represented a variety of countries; and
- The Year 10 girls who were invited to attend the Inspiring Young Women’s Conference.
Parents we need your help to eliminate red crosses

You might have noticed something new and exciting popping up on Moodle courses everywhere.

The Progress Bar is a self-management tool for students. It visually shows what activities and resources a student is supposed to interact with in a course.

It is colour coded so students can quickly see what they have and have not completed. The teacher selects which activities and resources are to be included on the Progress Bar, what constitutes completion of each, and when they should be completed or viewed.

The simple colour coding of each trackable event provides an instant view of where the student is in the course. The block also has options to use ticks and crosses to cater for colour-blind students. The blocks have different colours namely:

- Green = completed
- Red = overdue
- Blue = in the near future

When you hover the mouse over the block you get extra information on the tracked item such as the due date and a hyperlink to the activity page.

If your child has a red cross on their progress bar they have work overdue! This will lead to the dreaded “Task Not Submitted” on Progress Reports.

Students need to eliminate Red Crosses. When your child is working in Moodle at home ask them to show you each course and you can see at a glance if they are up to date.

Any red crosses need to be eliminated.

The Drouin Secondary College ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ Production Team is presenting you with an evening of local fashion, musical performances and delicious food.

All profits will go directly to the Production program — supporting the Arts in our school.

Where: Drouin Secondary College Gymnasium, Main South Rd, Drouin

When: 7:30 pm, Thursday 1st August, 2013

Price: $10

Tickets are available for purchase from the conference room at selected lunchtimes from the beginning of next term – Cash Only.

All queries please contact Ms Briani Brooker or Miss Krysten Andrews on 5625 1002.
What a fabulous end to the Duke’s program, a camp to Mt Baw Baw and mountain bike riding at Lysterfield Park. The students from the Duke of Edinburgh class set out on their final journey from Sunday 2nd June to Tuesday 4th June to Mt St Gwinear for a walk to the village of Mt Baw Baw. The walk was after heavy rains and the tracks were very soggy and running creeks in parts. The students walked well as a team even though the conditions were very cold and testing. It was lovely to arrive at a warm lodge with a huge drying room for all the wet clothes. The open lounge of the “Everest” Lodge was a great place to sit and reflect on the semester of achievements.

The next morning dawned thick with fog, but again sunshine above. We walked back along part of the Alpine Trail with some beautiful views from Mt. St Gwinear. That night we camped out in a caravan park, sharing tales of the walk and future aspirations. For the final day we travelled down to Lysterfield Park for some awesome downhill bike riding, with bikes from Trailmix. The group was split in two and the girls headed off with me around the lake to the Commonwealth Games circuit testing their downhill skills, while the boys rode the perimeter testing their endurance and downhill skills.

A special thank you to Jo Brauman and Tristin Walker (the walking crew), and Neil Walker and Kane Walker (bike riding crew) for their assistance on the camp. Thank you for providing the students with another unique outdoor experience.

Dukes do it again at Baw Baw!

Schoolkids Bonus

If school expenses are weighing you down, the Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it is simple: there’s no need to collect receipts and you don’t claim it through your tax. If you’re eligible it will be paid straight into your bank account twice each year so you have the money when you need it most. Each year you will receive up to:

- $410 a year for each primary school student ($205 paid in January and $205 paid in July)
- $820 a year for each secondary school student ($410 paid in January and $410 paid in July).

Important news!

The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus for 2013 will be paid by Centrelink from 4th to 17th July. If you haven’t received your payment by 18th July, but think you’re eligible, please contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit as a lump sum the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid after your Family Tax Benefit claim is assessed.
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With practical workshops on topics such as inclusive learning, successful school transitions, financial planning, employment, positive partnerships, nutrition, bio-medicine, supporting teens and tweens, and more...this is an event with something for everyone, an event not to be missed!

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**To register visit saaif.org.au or call 1800 778 008**

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Year 7 Reading & Literacy

Congratulations go to the following students for successfully completing quizzes on their reading between 25th May and 14th June.

7A – Allan Bailey, Zack Baguley, Kasey Broadway (2), Kassidy Dalziel (3), Chloe Hopkins, Tayla Horwood, Jessica Murphy, Kayla Rose, Kiam Rose (2), Lachlan Taylor (2)

7B – Charlotte Bensted (2), Darcy Boskell, Lachlin Clarke, Gabrielle Crampton, Amy Rolls (2), Ashley Siekman (2), Chloe Werner

7C – Megan Carew, Alyssa Fritzlaff, Brianna Hope (4), Jared Mills (2), Chelsea Morgan

7D – Jackson Blackledge, Lennard Edwards-Hayes (2), Jacqueline Glasscock, Jayden Glover (2), Georgia Henderson (2), Regan Hodge (2), Madason Hvala (2), Casey Newey (2), Bevan Olsen (2), Aaron Rickards, Madison Ruppell, Lachlan Shaw (4), Eboni Simonic, Hayden Smith (2), Elizabeth Warriner

7E – Ebony Bartlett, Samuel Booth, Madison Burrows, Lauren Cheetham, Ben George, Eliza Humphrey, Rachel Kin, Jarrod Pearson, Harrison Phillips, Bailey Quaife (3), Brodie Stokes, Isabel Watson (2), Courtney Wingrove

7F - Tayla Bould, Heather Braithwaite, Nicholas Cunningham, Ben Fenn, Aaron Marsh, Taryn Shipway, Tasha Young

7G – Chelsea Anderson, Stephen Aschenbrenner, Bridie Farrar, Cameron Newitt, Glenn Nicklen, Kiana Reid, Hannah Smithers

7H – Mary Barnett, Alexandra Braithwaite, Riley Earl (2), Drew McLean, Mikayla Phillips, Israelah Reid, Jessica Russell (2), Courtney Watson (2)

7I – Daisy Drake, Rani Grenville, Megan Hobgin, Jake Peacock, Kyanne Roper, Riley Szulc

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. Please note that students who work with Mr Gary Donoghue for Literacy Support do not participate in the Accelerated Reader Program as they complete different activities on their reading.

The target for each semester is to read at least three books in the Accelerated Reader Program and successfully complete quizzes on each.

Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff

Traditional Japanese Bento lunch box

Students of Japanese recently had the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Japanese Bento lunch box.

The lunch consisted of Japanese-style fried chicken, teriyaki hamburger, sesame carrots, blood orange and rice topped with a pickled plum.
Thursday 27/06  Year 7 + 8 Boys-AFL Football
Friday 28/06  Year 7 Science Incursion
            Final Day Term 2 – 2.30pm finish.

TERM 2 HOLIDAYS
Thursday 04/07  Year 11 Central Camp returns
Term 3 2013 Commences Monday 15th July

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| Tuesday | 16/07 | Parents & Friends 7.30pm
          |       | Koori Court excursion – selected students – all day |
| Wednesday | 17/07 | Finance Committee 5.00pm |
| Thursday | 18/07 | National Tree Planting Day – Environment Committee – Lunch & P4 |

WEEK 2

| Tuesday | 23/07 | College Council 7.30pm
        |       | Bob Hillman Lecture – all Year 12 VCE students
        |       | Gippsland - Junior Girls and Intermediate Boys AFL Football |
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| Thursday | 18/07 | State Cross Country Championships |
| Thursday | 25/07 | Romeo & Juliet Perform P3 all Year 10
        |       | Macbeth Performance P4 all Year 11 VCE English |
| Friday  | 26/07 | National Tree Planting Day – Environment Committee – all day |
| Saturday | 27/07 | Victorian State School Spectacular |

WEEK 3

| Friday  | 02/08 | Year 12 Study Skills seminar - 9.00am – 12.00pm – CT |

Public Speaking

On Monday 17th June, Abbey McNally and Bobbie-Lee Sedgman represented Drouin Secondary College in the annual VCAA Plain Speaking Competition. The girls performed exceedingly well and their efforts were commended by the judges.

Abbey’s prepared speech powerfully motivated us to consider our role in eradicating discrimination and bullying by illustrating the choices made by society in the past and our ability to shape our future as individuals and global citizens. This, combined with an impromptu response earned Abbey a ticket through to the next round to be held at the VCAA headquarters in July.

Congratulations to both Abbey and Bobbie-Lee for their efforts and initiative and thanks to Amy Rosewarne for her support and attendance on the day.