Mr S Wainwright
Principal’s Report

The weather is beginning to warm up and the Year 12 students can see the end of 13 years of education in sight. Yes, it’s the end of Term 3. The third term can often be a long and hard term through the middle of winter but this term has been punctuated with some beautiful days and some great College activities. The College has successfully completed our School Production, a range of sports, won a Maths Games Day and attended many excursions. As I write this our French students are about to depart on an 8 day international trip to New Caledonia.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the evening of Thursday, September 19th and the morning of Friday September 20th. Bookings can be made online using eworkspace or contact the General Office. The final Progress Reports for Term 3 are also on eworkspace for students and parents. You will notice one difference to these Progress Reports which is an interview column. The column can be filled with one of two entries – “Interview welcome” and “Interview required”. We encourage all parents to come to interviews to discuss their child’s progress and where “interview required” it is very important for parents to attend to discuss progress and possible supports.

SPORT RESULTS

GIPPSLAND ATHLETICS

The College had a strong team of competitors and helpers attend the All Gippsland Athletics at Moe last week on Wednesday. We have some great results and congratulations to all of our competitors. A big thank you to the VET Sport and Recreation students for their great work on the day organising and marshalling. Some of the great results are listed below with eight students qualifying for the School Sport Victoria State Athletics next term.

Medallists, Gippsland Region Athletics

(Students who finished first in any event, and first or second in the 1500m will progress to the all high finals)

Harrison Phillips – 1st - 12 to 13 YO boys 1500m & 800m
Luke O’Brien – 2nd 17 YO boys javelin
Tiana Broadway – 1st 15 YO girls 1500m & 800m, 2nd 400m
Jess Earl – 2nd 15 YO girls high jump, 2nd shot put, 2nd hurdles,
Codey Orgill – 1st 17YO boys 1500m, 2nd 800m
Jessica Mills – 2nd 14YO girls high jump
Dane Johns – 2nd 15 YO boys long jump, 1st Triple Jump
Cole Cook – 3rd 16 YO boys 100m
Sean Russell – 3rd 15 YO boys 100m
Joshua Lewis – 2nd 12 to 13 YO boys 1500m & 400m
Tanika Moore – 2nd 12 to 13 YO girls 800m
Alana Rippon – 1st 12 to 13 YO girls 800m
Kane Oldham-Barr – 2nd 14 YO boys 200m
Sean Russell – 1st 15YO boys 400m
Justin Sempel – 3rd 18 to 20 YO boys 400m
Ben Bowering – 1st AWD Shot Put & 100m (Progression TBC)
2nd 15 YO boys 4x 100m
3rd 12 to 13 YO boys 4 x 100m

BASKETBALL

A number of our junior, intermediate and senior basketball teams competed at Newborough last Thursday and as always we had a mixture of results but all students played well and enjoyed the day. Well done to our Intermediate Boys Basketball team who have won all four games on the day.

CUP DAY MONDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Monday of the Melbourne Cup weekend which is November 4th will see the College conduct a special program for the day. We are informing parents early because the College understands that many families take the opportunity to have some family and holiday time before the Christmas rush. The special program will be similar to previous years and consist of three 100 minute sessions for students at each year level. Year 7 to 9 students will complete activities which include sport, swimming, computer activities and a movie. Year 10 and 11 students complete study hall sessions to help them complete work and study for their exams. Year 12 students will already be completing their VCE exams.

Parents who elect not to send their students on the day should follow normal absence procedures by providing parent permission via a phone call. If you have any questions or queries regarding the special program feel free to contact the College for clarification.
## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop will only take any **second hand books** that are the **new uniform** as students are no longer wearing the old uniform. Any second hand books you would like to sell need to have your bank details with them so Buxwear can directly credit your account for the sale of them. The Uniform Shop has the appropriate form to complete, just see Tina.

The Uniform Shop will have extended trading hours in Term 4 which we will advise you of shortly. Also don’t forget they that the Uniform Shop is open on the first Saturday of the month from 9-12pm, as well as every Thursday 10-6pm.

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## VCE HOLIDAY CLASSES 2013

### 1st WEEK OF HOLIDAYS (23/9 - 27/9):

- **CT – PDT** Mon 23/9 & Tues 24/9 9.00am – 3.30pm Open Workshop
- **PC – SYSTEMS** Mon 23/9 & Tues 24/9 7.00am – 3.00pm Open Workshop
- **CT – VIS COMM** Mon 23/9 & Tues 24/9 9.00am – 3.30pm Open Studio
- **WS – BIOLOGY** Mon 23/9 9.00am – 12.00pm
- **RW – ENGLISH** Tues 24/9 10.00am – 1.00pm
- **SL – ENGLISH** Fri 27/9 10.00am – 1.00pm
- **EG – History** Fri 27/9 2.00pm - 4.30pm

### 2nd WEEK OF HOLIDAYS (30/9 - 4/10):

- **CT – PDT** Mon 30/9 & Tues 1/10 9.00am – 3.30pm Open Workshop
- **CT – VIS COMM** Mon 30/9 & Tues 1/10 9.00am – 3.30pm Open Studio
- **SC – FURTHER MATHS** Mon 30/9 2.00 – 3.30pm
- **HR – ENGLISH** Mon 30/9 11.00am – 2.00pm
- **CB - LIT** Wed 2/10 2.00pm - 3.30pm
- **PRACTICE EXAMS** Thurs 3/10 & Fri 4/10 9.00am – 5.45pm

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## Emergency First Aid

September 5th and 6th students in Year 9 had the opportunity to receive First Aid Training from St. John Instructors. The topics covered on the day were: legal responsibility, patient management, CPR and applying slings and bandages. Students had to complete the CPR and a short test to achieve a pass in emergency First Aid.
It was a good night for a Formal on Friday 6th September. Everyone looked wonderful, the girls dolled-up and the boys clean and tidy (for once!). The highlights of the evening kicked off with a wonderful first course of roast meat and vegetables, followed by the choice between scrumptious sticky date pudding and lovely lemon pudding in their own respective sauces and cream. Laughs were had and awards were given out. Bailey Forbes received “The Stud” award, Sarah Watson received “Best Accessory”, “Most Likely to be Famous” went to Cyrus Monk who looked absolutely overjoyed to receive his award while Abbey McNally and Nathan Guy received the coveted “Most Likely to Get Married” award. The “Cutest Couple” award went to both Luke McCormick and Annabelle Clarke, who were swiftly cuffed together and whisked back to their table. “Best Dressed Male” went to the suave Jack Baylis and “Best Dressed Female” went to the gorgeous Chloe Bourke, while in a landslide victory Nicholas Bagnall won “Formal King” and Aleasha Mihokovic won “Formal Queen” for the night, the two beginning the first official dance which happened to be quite the crowd favourite in ‘Nutbush City Limits’. The rest of the night flew by in a flurry of dancing and socialising, photos were taken, selfies were frowned upon, and all in all we as the students had an absolutely wonderful night and would very much like to thank everyone involved in making the night happen!

Harrison Tomkins 11C
On Monday 19th August 2013, Booked Out presented a workshop hosted by Oliver Phommavanh, the author of Thai-Riffic, the Year 7 novel. The aim was to provide students with this opportunity in order to enhance their knowledge and understanding of their Term 3 text study. Students were given the chance to interact with the author, and part-time comedian, on stage, Oliver also spent time in the Library giving the students another opportunity to interact, where he happily signed many of the students’ novels. During four one hour long sessions each class had the opportunity to listen to Oliver and to get up on the stage with him to participate in his act. One of the most memorable experiences was seeing students being chased around the stage with a green Power Puff Girl!

This invaluable experience allowed the students to engage with the novel on a deeper level as they learnt about the inspiration for the characters – drawn from people in Oliver’s everyday life, including his child and adult selves. Additionally, he took them through his journey from a child who wanted to be a dinosaur, to an adolescent who loved collecting toys and making up stories, to an adult who brought these loves together as a teacher/author/comedian. Time was set aside at the end of each session for the students to ask questions of him about anything they wanted. Questions ranged from, “How do you become a writer?” right through to, “Where did you get your high-tops?” Students and teachers alike had a great day.

The College would like to take this opportunity to recognise the assistance of the Baw Baw Shire in providing such an opportunity for our students, in particular Tyson Dennis who assisted on the day, and Carolyn Ferguson for her help in organising the day.

It has been a positive step forward for the College in establishing a student led Environmental Committee in 2013.

This committee is the driving force behind the College’s Litter Campaign along with other environmental initiatives within the college. In 2013 the committee aims to begin establishing its own vegetable garden and begin to promote awareness within our student body on the effects of litter on our environment.

Let’s wish our committee all the best in their endeavours for 2013.
Monday 26th of August the Year Ten students of Drouin Secondary College were lucky enough to have Andy from Keys Please, associated with Vic Roads come and talk about driving safely on the roads. He spoke about the vital steps when it comes to driving and that there are no shortcuts. Andy also said that the most important thing when it comes to passing your driving test is “experience, experience, experience” and how to remain calm when learning to drive with parents in the car. There is no need for a domestic disturbance while someone is supposed to be concentrating on their surroundings. He also spoke about how important it is to get the learning hours in as the most casualties on the roads are due to P platers and in-fact that learners are the safest drivers because they are concentrating more on what they are doing.

Amy Pugh 10D

Mission to the Orbiting Space Laboratory

Earlier this term the students from the Year 10 elective, Science For Scientists, went on an excursion to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre. The full day experience taught the students many of the aspects involved in life at a science laboratory in space. What effects does it have on the human body, how do scientists cope living in microgravity, what do the scientists do in space? The students got to ‘dress up’ like astronauts. They had to perform physiological tests on themselves to measure fitness and strength. They took on particular roles and were given many problem solving tasks and had to complete a short scientific research task. It was a fun day and a very stimulating way to learn about an amazing application of science and human endeavour.

Roger Matheson
MATHEMATICS RESOURCES

To ensure each student reaches their mathematical potential, a variety of mathematical resources are required.

To simplify and support instruction, all students require the same type of mathematical resources, though the resources vary depending on year level.

Students undertaking the following courses require a Casio fx-82 AU-plus II and OLM Mathomat:

- Year 7-9 Maths
- Year 10 Standard Maths

The scientific calculator should be kept, and will be required by students studying VCE Science subjects and students completing any VCAL Mathematics units.

Students undertaking the following courses require the Casio Classpad 440:

- Year 10 Advanced Maths
- Year 10/11 General B Mathematics or Math Methods or General A Mathematics
- Year 12 Further Maths or Math Methods or Specialist Maths.

Prices: Casio Classpad 330 CP400 - $215, Casio fx-82 AU-plus II is $25, OLM Mathomat is $15

To support our students, Drouin Secondary College purchases these items in bulk to ensure a low cost which includes delivery.

This year the school has arranged for direct purchase through the company website that we purchase the calculators from. To order your calculator just go to the link below and place your order. The school will then be given the list of orders and calculators for distribution in the new school year in February 2014.

If you have any questions about mathematical resources, please contact Mr Don Hill, Maths Coordinator, at the College on (03) 5625 1002 or via email at: hill.don.w@edumail.vic.gov.au

To purchase mathematical resources through the College for the 2014 academic year,

For delivery in February

ORDER and PAY ONLINE by 21st December

WEBSITE LINK - visit the website below and type in the code to order.

www.abacuscalculators.com.au

Enter the code: DROUIN

Accelerated READER

Over five million words were read by Year 7 students between 17th August – 11th September and 130 quizzes were successfully completed.

A special mention goes to Georgia Henderson who has read 1,659,386 words and also to Brianna Hope who has read 1,170,480 words, both since February.

The 130 quiz takers were:


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
On Monday, 2nd September Ms Campbell took eight eager and nervous Year 7 students to the yearly Maths Games Day at Wesley College in Elsternwick.

Maths Games Day is a Statewide Competition that involves students working in a new setting for solving maths problems. Students in teams of 4 from 20 government and independent schools across Victoria partake in novel and challenging problem solving and maths games tasks. It encourages students to be creative with their skills and use thinking process that encompass a range of cognitive, affective and metacognitive knowledge, skills and behaviours which are essential for effective functioning in society both within and beyond school. The study of thinking enables students to acquire strategies related to inquiry, processing information, reasoning, problem solving, evaluation and reflection.

Both of the teams finished relatively close together: Team 1 (Rachel Cook, Rachel King, Harry Phillips and Riley Thoonen) finished 20th and Team 2 (James Harris, Alicia Heywood, Lochlin Clarke and Alana Rippon) finished 26th out of the 40 teams that competed. The challenges they completed included rebus puzzles, tangram puzzles, problem solving and relay problem solving.

The winners for this year’s Statewide Games Day were the runners up from the competition in 2012 Camberwell Grammar, closely followed by Box Hill Secondary College and Methodist Ladies College.

The eight students that represented Drouin Secondary College worked extremely well together and were positive all day. Considering we had no rehearsal time and many of them hadn’t worked with each other before their team work was exceptional and a real credit to them. They were fantastic and had such a fun day, all leaving with big smiles on their faces and a different view and attitude towards mathematics.

Congratulations to all team members:
Rachel Cook
James Harris
Rachel King
Harry Phillips
Alicia Heywood
Lochlin Clarke
Riley Thoonen
Alana Rippon
**Unit 4 Biology**

Unit 4 Biology students have experienced the excitement of applying biological theory to real-life situations in two workshops run by GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre), based at University High School in Melbourne.

In August, we travelled to GTAC to unravel the mysteries of chromosomes & inheritance by exploring a DNA mutation that results in the genetic disease, Phenylketonuria (PKU). We performed a variety of techniques including a Guthrie test (used to test all babies for PKU at 2-3 days of age), a DNA digest and gel electrophoresis (cutting DNA into fragments and sorting it to investigate inheritance) and used the results to construct and analyse a pedigree.

In September, five GTAC staff came to DSC to assist us to explore DNA homology, where DNA sequences from different organisms are compared to determine their degree of relatedness. Using this information we could construct phylogenetic trees to present our findings. We also looked at model skulls of recent hominids to explore the trends in the evolution of humans.

We worked with young scientists, many of whom are studying for their PhDs in a wide range of scientific fields.

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**AN INCIDENT OF HEAD LICE HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE COLLEGE**

We recommend that you check your child/children and if head lice are found you should immediately seek treatment and notify the school.

Further information, on identification and treatment lotions can be obtained from the Baw Baw Municipal Offices, Civic Place, Warragul.

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**Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people?**

Anglicare Victoria is looking for couples or single people who have experience with parenting and can provide a safe and secure home for children aged 5 – 15 years needing care for weekends, short term and long term.

Our next Foster Carer training is being held on:

**Saturdays 5th & 19th October and 2nd November 2013**

10am – 4pm

65 Church Street, Morwell

Bookings are essential. For further information and to receive an information package please contact Anna Jones on 5136 9189 or email anna.jones@anglicarevic.org.au
EMA – Semester 2, 2013

Please note that the EMA payment for Semester 2 has been processed. If you opted to have this payment put in your school account it will have been allocated against outstanding essential charges.

FAMILY CREDITS

Families with credits in their accounts, and who still have outstanding charges, will have their credits allocated to those charges at the beginning of Term 4. If you do not wish to have your credits used in this way please contact the office staff.

OUTSTANDING 2013 FEES & CHARGES

Please note that all outstanding 2013 fees and charges need to be finalised this term, unless a payment plan has been arranged with the Business Manager, Josie O’Connor. You may contact her during business hours to make these arrangements. Family statements will be sent out next week. If you require a balance before this please contact the General Office.

2014 CAMP DEPOSITS:

Just a reminder that if your child will be attending non-curricular camps/activities the college policy states that unless fees and charges have been paid the student will be unable to attend this activity. If you have organised a payment plan with the Business Manager the camp will be covered. If you wish to make a payment plan please contact the Business Manager to arrange this. People already on a payment plan may wish to also increase the amount being paid to cover all costs as the camps can substantially increase the amount owed to the college.

COLLEGE PHONE SYSTEM ISSUES:

Please be aware that at present we are having some technical issues with our phones which is affecting the amount of time that you have to leave a voice message and also people calling in not being able to hear us. This is being looked into and hopefully will be resolved shortly. If you need to leave a message and the message isn’t fully recorded, please contact the General Office and we will hand write a message to give to the appropriate person. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

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