The term is now well underway and we approach our last Progress Report period in the next two weeks. Our Year 12s are finishing classes this week and beginning the all-important exam period whilst ten Year 11 students will begin the steps involved in seeking the roles of College Captains in 2014. The Curriculum and Pathways teams are working hard to set up for 2014 to ensure we maximise student choice. All in all, as you would expect, there is much going on at DSC.

YEAR 12 2013

The last day of formal classes for Year 12 VCE students is Friday, 25th October. A breakfast, farewell assembly and morning tea are planned to celebrate their last classes. The work continues then for both Year 12s and their teachers as they prepare for their final exams, the first written exam commencing with English on Wednesday, 30th October. We wish all our Year 12 students the best in these important assessments. I look forward to sharing their successes at the end of the year.

TEACHER CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, 20th October the Victorian Education Department celebrated and acknowledged staff at the Victorian Education Service Awards. We were fortunate to have Mr Bruce Bowering recognised for his 45 years of service to education and Mr David Hayes recognised for 40 years of service to education.

Bruce is a long serving Mathematics teacher at the College who is well known for his teaching of, what many believe to be the most difficult subject, Year 12 Specialist Maths. On behalf of the College community, I would like to thank Bruce and acknowledge his contribution to the Maths education of thousands of students over many years. If you are wondering, Bruce will be back for year number 46 in 2014.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge David Hayes who is the Team Leader at Blackwood Centre for Adolescent Development. “Hayesy” and his team have helped many at-risk students from Drouin Secondary College in his 20 years at Blackwood. Prior to this, Hayesy inspired students in many Drouin Secondary College Maths classes.

Well done both David and Bruce.

PRESENTATION BALL

I had the privilege of being in the official party for the 2013 Presentation Balls last weekend. The decoration of the stadium was superb with the theme of “Alice in Wonderland.” The debs and their partner did a marvellous job and the atmosphere of both nights was excellent. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Sim Seri and her team for the set up and conducting of these highly successful evenings.

SPORT RESULTS: STATE ATHLETICS FINALS

A record number of nine students took part in the SSV Track & Field Championships on Tuesday, 22nd October. A trip to Melbourne on a grey day did not affect the spirits or the performance of the team who came away as one of our most successful in terms of overall results. All students performed extremely well in cool and wet conditions with all producing excellent results. The results were as follows:

- **Harry Phillips** 2nd 800m, 3rd 1500m
- **Ben Bowering** 2nd 100m AWD, 4th Shot Put AWD
- **Dane Johns** 3rd Triple Jump
- **Sean Russell** 3rd 400m
- **Tiana Broadway** 4th 800m, 6th 1500m
- **Alana Rippon** 5th 800m
- **Jess Mills** 6th High Jump
- **Kane Oldham** 7th 100m
- **Codey Orgill** 9th 1500m

Well done to all the students and thanks to Mr Marks and Mr Bowering for taking the students to the event.
2014 SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCEMENT DATES

I have listed the start dates for 2014 below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, 28th January</td>
<td>Pupil Free Day</td>
<td>All Teachers Resume</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday, 29th January</td>
<td>Pupil Free Day</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, 30th January</td>
<td></td>
<td>Students Resume</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CUP DAY MONDAY ARRANGEMENTS

A final reminder to students and parents that normal classes will not run on Monday, 4th November. The College will conduct a special program for students wishing to attend school. The special program will be similar to previous years and consist of three 100 minutes sessions for students at each year level. Years 7 to 9 students will complete activities which include sport, swimming, computer activities and a movie. Year 10 and 11 students will complete study hall sessions to help them complete work and study for their exams. Year 12 students will already be undertaking 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, e-mail or SMS on 0428 292 618. (This can be done in advance if you wish.) For any questions or queries regarding the special program please contact the College.

Thank You and Well Done

- **Lions Youth of the Year** – Well done to Abbey McNally and Jessica Monk who finished first and second respectively at the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. Abbey will now progress to the next round which is the Gippsland Zone level.

- **Music concerts** – Well done to the talented music students who have participated in music concerts over the past two weeks. Both performances were outstanding.

- **Health and PE week** – Thank you to all students who participated in Health and PE week. Thank you to all PE and Health staff who ran a wide range of activities last week.

New Caledonia Tour

On 18th September, 11 French students (Stephanie Glasscock, Tom McLean, Jess Monk, Sharna Murphy, Libby Rogers, Nick Roberts, Matt Shearn, Josh Taylor, Kristen Taylor, Julian Wainwright, Kim Warner) accompanied by Ms Longden and Ms Fanning took an eight day educational tour to New Caledonia to broaden their horizons as French speakers.

The trip enabled the students to immerse themselves in French language and culture. Activities included a visit to Phare Amedee where spectacular traditional cuisine and entertainment was provided, visits to the market, aquarium, Cultural Centre and Zoo, French lessons, practice in ordering food and requesting items in French and participation in typical tourist attractions such as the Chou Chou train.

Students loved New Caledonia because of the French cuisine including buffet breakfasts and numerous types of pastries and cheeses and baguettes, the friendly locals of the island that gave us the opportunity to develop our French communication skills, the weather, the beaches, the swimming and snorkelling, the colonial-style architecture, the convenience of the city’s attractions being at walking distance enabling us to observe the lovely surroundings of the islands and most of all, the company of one another in a totally French experience.
COURSE SELECTION AND BOOKLISTS 2014

The course selection process is underway to determine which units will run based on student selection. Students’ courses will not be finalised until later in the term. A possible date for distribution of VCE and VCAL students’ courses and booklists is Friday, 8th November. A possible date for distribution of Year 8, 9 and 10 students’ courses and booklists is Thursday, 28th November.

The Uniform Shop will take second-hand books; however please retain the texts until after Semester 2 exams and set tasks are completed.

VCE students are advised to purchase their English and/or Literature novels in advance to allow time to read the texts during the holidays. If purchasing new texts, a “VCE Early English” booklist from Landmark will be available on the college website at the same time as students’ courses are distributed. The due date for the “VCE Early English” booklist is 14th November. Please note that the following texts are new to Drouin Secondary College and therefore cannot be bought from the Uniform Shop.

It is recommended that they be purchased using the “VCE Early English” booklist.

**VCE English Units 1 & 2**
- Macbeth – No Fear Shakespeare series

**VCE English Units 3 & 4**
- No Sugar
- Stasiland

**VCE Literature Units 3 & 4**
- Pygmalion
- All the Pretty Horses

YEAR 9 JAPANESE STUDENTS

Year 9 Japanese students went to Melbourne to experience some cultural Japanese activities!

九年生 は Melbourne に 行きました。

日本語 かつどう を しました。

First up, the students attended a calligraphy class, where they learnt to paint the Japanese Kanji for ‘firework’.

九年生 は しょうどう を しました。

Next, the students went to a Japanese restaurant, where they ate an Obento Box Lunch!

九年生 は レストラン に 行きました。

九年生 は おべんと を 食べました。

At the restaurant, the students were given the opportunity to use some set phrases they had learnt during class:

おいしそう (It looks delicious!)
おいしかった (It was delicious!)
ごしそうさま (Thank you for the food!)
おなかがいっぱい (I am full!)

Finally, the students went shopping at a Japanese store filled with a variety of goodies!

九年生 で 日本語をみせは かいもの を しました

By Shannon Thoonen, Yr 9
Year 9 Coastal Tourism: Phillip Island Fieldtrip

What a day, busy, moving all the time, but outside learning, seeing and experiencing – that’s what Geography is all about. In Coastal Tourism we went to Phillip Island to see how the Phillip Island Nature Park balances the needs of the environment with the demands of tourism. We left school at 9 am and spent the day visiting Punchbowl (part of the Bass Coast walk), Cape Woolamai Mutton Bird Rookery, Churchill Island’s historic farm, the Koala Conservation Centre, Seal Rocks and the famous Penguin Parade to see the Little Penguins return home. During each site we took in the geographic factors, observed population density, flora and fauna significance and the management of each location. Field sketches were challenging at first, but became easier. The 2 ½ hour Ranger talk was a great background into how a multi-million dollar resource is managed, quite an eye opener for the students. Overall a fantastic day of learning in the real world.

Mrs Walker
A successful Straightalk event was held at the Drouin Golf and Country Club, Drouin on Wednesday, 11th September. Drouin Secondary College students from 8 Hands on Learning and 9 Pre Apprenticeship Program attended a lunch hosted by Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network.

Straightalk, supported and funded by Equipsuper, is part of the Inspiring Young People initiative where experienced gentlemen from the local area come to share information and knowledge about their careers and pathways with Year 8 boys.

The event was well received by all participants. The guest speaker, Travis Demsey, former member of the band “The Living End”, shared his experiences growing up in and around Warragul and following his dreams. Travis struggled in school but found his talent and passion for the drums and decided to dedicate his time and energies to developing his craft.

One student wrote that the event was great because “I learnt a lot from listening to everyone’s story and it gave me a different perspective on how I might go about getting a job and finishing school” whilst others reflected, “I enjoyed getting to know what people do around the community” and “the best part was hearing of Travis ‘adventures travelling the world doing a job that he loved and now coming back to support the community as a Youth Worker.”

Experienced guests were also impressed with the event, commenting, “Straightalk is a great opportunity to help young people find a pathway to follow or at least get them thinking about it,” and “the interaction with students was fantastic and I enjoyed the opportunities to listen to the young men.”

Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, Partnership Broker, Prue Hill said, “The Straightalk lunch is a fantastic way for students to meet and interact with great role models from their local community. Interaction with adults from diverse roles in society really does have the ability to inspire these students to explore their work options in a new way.”

Geoff Brooks from Equipsuper stated, “We are proud to continue to support the Inspiring Young People as the events are a great way for us to put back into the community and to help develop our young people.”

A special thank you to Prue Hill for all the organisation of the event.

Gita Walker
8 HOL Coordinator
8 Hands On Learning Get Out and Do Their “Bit”

The 8 Hands On Learning boys have had two tree planting days on a farm in Outtrim. The boys have really made a difference to the eroded gully on the farm and contributed to the 6,000 trees being planted this year. The activity has been a great experience, with many of the boys expressing how much they enjoyed giving back to the environment and making a difference. The tree planting is important in re-vegetating areas to reduce erosion and to encourage native birds back into the area.

8 Hol Plants Close to 2,000 Trees in Outtrim

8 Hol Leos at the Lion’s Garden Expo

A team of 8HOL boys went to the Lion’s Garden Expo at Lardner Park over the weekend to help fundraise for the Drouin Lion’s Club. The boys were selling raffle tickets, directing traffic, carrying plants to cars, supervising stage areas and a range of other tasks. The boys have been meeting regularly to finalise their commitment to the weekend. As a group they raised over $400 for the Lion’s Garden Expo raffle. Well done boys for your contribution to the community.

8Hol Starts Their Study of Multicultural Melbourne

The 8HOL boys program is busy collecting field data and first hand experiences about Melbourne’s multicultural groups. They are visiting important European architectural sites of Melbourne CBD (St. Paul’s Cathedral, The Shrine) and the Chinese influence through the Chinese Museum and Chinatown. Other areas visited are the Greek, Italian and Turkish influence in Sydney Road, Brunswick and the Middle Eastern influence in Dandenong. A great opportunity to understand and appreciate our many cultures that make up “Marvelous Melbourne”.

8 Hol Plants Close to 2,000 Trees in Outtrim

The 8 Hands On Learning boys have had two tree planting days on a farm in Outtrim. The boys have really made a difference to the eroded gully on the farm and contributed to the 6,000 trees being planted this year. The activity has been a great experience, with many of the boys expressing how much they enjoyed giving back to the environment and making a difference. The tree planting is important in re-vegetating areas to reduce erosion and to encourage native birds back into the area.

8 Hol Leos at the Lion’s Garden Expo

A team of 8HOL boys went to the Lion’s Garden Expo at Lardner Park over the weekend to help fundraise for the Drouin Lion’s Club. The boys were selling raffle tickets, directing traffic, carrying plants to cars, supervising stage areas and a range of other tasks. The boys have been meeting regularly to finalise their commitment to the weekend. As a group they raised over $400 for the Lion’s Garden Expo raffle. Well done boys for your contribution to the community.

8Hol Starts Their Study of Multicultural Melbourne

The 8HOL boys program is busy collecting field data and first hand experiences about Melbourne’s multicultural groups. They are visiting important European architectural sites of Melbourne CBD (St. Paul’s Cathedral, The Shrine) and the Chinese influence through the Chinese Museum and Chinatown. Other areas visited are the Greek, Italian and Turkish influence in Sydney Road, Brunswick and the Middle Eastern influence in Dandenong. A great opportunity to understand and appreciate our many cultures that make up “Marvelous Melbourne”.

DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE - E-NEWS
On Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October, the HPV competitors, teachers and families headed down to Casey Fields in Cranbourne, for Round 4 of the Victorian HPV series.

Saturday was the set up and some practice runs, the Yr 7 team found this particularly helpful as they haven’t had a lot of time in the bikes yet. We also had a chance for a night practice, testing out our lights and how well we can ride in the dark!

Sunday was race day; we raced from 9am til 3pm in very cold, wet and windy conditions. A difficult part of the track was a long uphill stint facing a headwind! Despite the less than serene conditions, all teams performed well and spirits were high throughout the day.

CAT IN THE HAT (Yr 7 team) came 8th in their category; THE LORAX was 6th in the Middle Secondary category and; HORTON was 6th in the Open Secondary Category.

Team Drivers:
CAT IN THE HAT: Kasey Broadway, Anthony Forrest, Georgia Henderson, Tayla Horwood, Aaron Marsh, Jared Mills, Alana Rippon, Christian Roberston-Edgar
THE LORAX: Natasha Blackwell, Tiana Broadway, Branton Fry, Toni Kurdle, Jessica Mills, Selina Morley, James Portbury, Zac Trewin
HORTON: Tom Barr, Nathan Booth, Cambell Jolly, Cyrus Monk, Shaun Olsen, Ben Perry, Julian Wainwright

Thanks go to Mr King for organizing DSC’s participation in the HPV event; and all the wonderful parents and other teachers who came down to support us over the weekend. We are now looking forward to Maryborough at the end of November.
14th - 18th October was HEALTH & PE WEEK!

To highlight healthy lifestyles the Health & PE staff ran some extra activities during lunchtimes over this week. Staff also got in on the healthy behaviours by tracking their steps using pedometers for the week. Lots of staff were really surprised to see the differences. Staff and students alike enjoyed apples to start the day. Thank you to our local grower, Fankhausers, your apples are delicious.

The internet is an incredible tool. It offers the chance to become part of an enormous virtual community connected by mutual interest rather than geography. The internet can provide young and old users benefits, including:

- independent learning and research skills and
- improved communication skills, through experience with learning technologies to access and create resources, and communicate with others.

Children access the internet for entertainment, research, school assignments and to communicate. In doing so they can also, often unknowingly, place themselves in risky situations.

This includes by:

- giving out personal details about themselves to people or organisations they don’t know
- posting unsuitable information online
- agreeing to meet people they’ve only ever met online, without speaking to a parent or carer
- using provocative pseudonyms
- sharing passwords
- posting public profiles about themselves
- unsafe browsing or searching
- opening messages from people they don’t know
- responding to unpleasant or suggestive messages
- using online games or virtual worlds for people over 18 only
- accessing inappropriate or illegal material.

Not all internet users will experience problems. However, ensuring children understand these risks and have the knowledge to be cybersafe is important when accessing the internet at home, at school and in public places.
On Wednesday 16th October, the students from the elective Science for Scientists spent the day at the education facility in Melbourne called GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre). Our program focused on microbiology. The students were given a scenario to solve where they had to correctly identify the source and type of bacteria that had hospitalized a number of people. The students learnt microbiologic techniques and used state of the art equipment to carry out their experiments to identify the unknown bacteria species. The program was highly engaging and was an enjoyable and valuable learning experience. Without prompting, the students happily told me, “That was cool, I really enjoyed what we did.”

Learning Science really is fun!
Roger Matheson

Over three million words were read by Year 7 students between 12th September – 15th October and 75 quizzes were successfully completed.

A special mention goes to Alyssa Fritzlaff who has read 1,318,145 words, Riley Thoonen who has read 1,154,112 words and Amy Rolls who has read 1,055,835 words, all since February.

The 75 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
White satin, lace and heels, purple bow ties and twinkling toes
The Drouin Secondary College 2013 Presentation Ball went
off without a hitch on both Friday and Saturday nights, with
debutantes and their partners, family and close friends all in
attendance.
With the bright lights shining and lipstick reapplied for the
thousandth time, all the debs walked down the stairs to show
off their fancy hair, dresses and most importantly, their partners.
Praying they didn’t trip in front of the whole world, the girls
marched their way to the official party, where they nervously
presented themselves to society. After turning around and making
their way back behind the curtains, the fun started. Strutting their
stuff on the dance floor, the girls started off with ‘Arms of an
Angel’, and then all the other dances continued on from that.
The partner dances were the highlight of the night, with smiles
abroad and dance moves to kill.
The charming boys of the night took the stage with ‘Cotton Eyed
Jo’ to finish the formal dances of the evening, having everyone
laughing and clapping along. The boys escorted the ladies off the
stage to their families and friends, where congratulations were
given and bottles of water sculled due to the heat!
The music started and girls and boys with their friends took to the
d-floor with songs from the Top 40 and songs from the 80s, which
most students still loved.
The night was overall a memorable evening, which no one will
ever forget.
All of the Year 10 students who participated in the Deb would like
to sincerely thank Sim Seri, because without her organisation, the
Deb would not have happened, Ms Brauman for coordinating
things at the school end, and finally the Parents and Friends
Association for making the night happen.

By Toni Kurrle, Sam Cumming and Chelsea McKane, Yr 10
On 15th October, nine students went on an excursion to HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point. It was a day of hands-on and we all were pumped for our action packed day.

Over our fantastic time, we got to go to the VERY organised dorms where the recruits stayed, a state of the art gym, a fire fighting area ready for action, and then we had a very lovely lunch provided to us by the chefs in the Navy. After lunch we got to see the Boatswain facility where we dry fired guns, shot laser guns and then onto the Engineers’ facility and then to the Medical Centre.

At the end we were de-briefed in the cinema complex before taking our bus trip back to school. All in all it was a brilliant day where we learnt loads and also got some career ideas. Thanks Cerberus.

Jye Mason, Yr 11

Drouin SC has a fantastic class of Year 9 Agriculture students this year. Not only have they gained a large amount of knowledge on how to successfully care for some young calves, but have also learned about different aspects of the dairy industry, careers and it’s important to local communities.

They are an artistic group too, as can be seen from the photos! Each group had to complete a 3D Model or sculpture with information on a different part of the dairy industry including raising calves and identification and breeding. We even had one group with a moving rotary platform - cows and all!!!! They also learnt about letter writing and writing a scientific report as part of the project.

This all culminated with a competition in which 200 other schools participated. The group called R.A.D. (Rach Wouters, Aimee Wright & Dale Brown) achieved third place overall, which was an outstanding achievement.
From the start of 2014 all students should be wearing the complete new uniform.

Details of the school uniform are outlined in the College Handbook, available on the DSC website, and in the Parent Information section of the DSC website.

The Physical Education uniform includes the “Buxwear” or “Knights” brand DSC tops & navy blue shorts. Please note that students must change into sports shoes for PE.

Assistance with cost:
Lay-by is available at the Uniform Shop. Uniform can be put aside and paid off gradually. This is flexible to suit your needs. Parents who have a current payment plan, or who would like to start a payment plan, can apply to the DSC Business Manager for a Uniform Credit Note. This can then be used at the Uniform Shop to assist with purchases.

The College also offers financial assistance to families in need. Please contact Anne Wilson (Student Wellbeing Leader).

Fittings for uniform:
Fittings are available on Saturday mornings at 15 minutes intervals per student.

It is important to have been fitted for uniform before January 2014, so we can have the uniform packed and ready for collection. Lay-by is a great option.

DSC Uniform Shop

Normal Trading Hours for 2013
Thursday – 10.00am – 6.00pm
First Saturday in the month – 9.30am – 12.30pm

Additional Trading Hours from 02/11/2013 to 19/12/2013
Saturday 9.30am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 10/12
– Year 7 Orientation Day
- 9.00am – 7.00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL TRADING HOURS 2014
January, 2014
Thursday 23th 9.30am – 4.30pm
(Also Landmark Booklist collection day: 10am-3pm)
Friday 24th 9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday 25th 9.30am – 1.30pm
Tuesday 28th 9.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 29th 9.30am – 4.30pm
Thursday 30th 10.00am – 6.00pm (Students return to school)

Normal Trading Hours for 2014
Thursday 10.00am – 6.00pm
First Saturday in the month – 9.30am – 12.30pm

Second-hand uniform & books can also be sold & purchased at the Uniform Shop. Items may be left at the Uniform Store or at the General Office.

Please note only current uniform items can be accepted.
The DSC Uniform Shop is located towards the back of the College on the roundabout in front of the Auditorium.

Uniform information is available at www.drouinssc.edu.au
Or please ring Tina on: 0427 592 201.
The following students have shown outstanding behaviour in one of 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 Caf voucher. Students can earn unlimited ARCC awards with a Caf voucher being drawn from each year level on a weekly basis. Congratulations to the following students who have won a $5 ARRC Caf voucher during Term 3.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year 10</th>
<th>Year 11</th>
<th>Year 12</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Casey Mallon</td>
<td>Courtney Pascoe</td>
<td>Sharalyn Smith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gavin Sempel</td>
<td>Kate Paterson</td>
<td>Brittney Patterson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cole Cook</td>
<td>Hailey Robb</td>
<td>Bronte Anderson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nick Wheeler</td>
<td>Abbey McNally</td>
<td>Steven Mallon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sean Blackwell</td>
<td>Jack Wouters</td>
<td>Sam Romari</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nathan Ogden</td>
<td>Cartwright</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brooke Pickering</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toni Kurrle</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TERM 3 ARCC AWARDS**

It is like the joy of Christmas morning
Almost delicate like an old antique
Whispering of wind I’m just ignoring
My deep love for you is making me weak
So addictive like an illicit drug
Your features shine like the bright sun above
I try to resist but I need a hug
It’s almost like I try to avoid love
I am scared of lust or simply lack trust
With every tick of time comes more doubt
Like a young child who avoids their crust
The dread is like a devouring drought
The fear of love is like the fear of death
One minute it’s there then you’re without breath

*By Brittany Donnelly Yr 10*