HPV 24 HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

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The term remains a busy one with many students in the senior years completing exams while staff continue with current Years 7 – 9 classes and Head Start classes, as well as begin planning for 2014.

HOSPITALITY PROJECT
The College has received funding from the West Gippsland Trade Training Alliance to renovate and expanded our Home Economics and Hospitality area. This new centre, when completed, will see us with one domestic and two commercial kitchens as well as a new restaurant/classroom space. The project is scheduled to be completed in late March and Drouin shall be the main provider of VET Hospitality in West Gippsland.

TEACHER CELEBRATIONS
I would like to recognise the Life Membership Award presented to Mr Andrew Marks at the Annual General Meeting of School Sport Victoria in November. A fabulous and well deserved honour - well done Marksie.

HPV - MARYBOROUGH
I managed to attend the Maryborough HPV on the weekend and watch as our three teams rode for 24 hours. I would like to congratulate the students participating for their great efforts both in terms of the riding and how they conducted themselves as College representatives. There is a full report later in the news. I would like to acknowledge the large number of parents who travelled to support and help on the weekend. I would also like to thank Mr King, Mrs Walker, Mr Sharpe and Ms Longden for their contribution both leading up to and at the event.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2013
The College has completed the process of electing our College Captains for 2014. I am pleased to announce the Captains for 2014 are:

- Abbey McNally
- Matilda Simpson-Brewer
- Cyrus Monk
- Harrison Tomkins

The College would like to congratulate the elected Captains and we are sure that we have a great student team to lead us next year. The 2014 College Captains have already represented the College in their new roles at Remembrance Day in Drouin and will help host the upcoming Presentation Evening and have a role in the Grade 6 Orientation program.

YEAR 12 EXAMS AND VALEDICTORY DINNER
Our Year 12 students completed their Unit 3 and 4 exams last week. The students, parents and staff celebrated the efforts of the class of 2013 at our Valedictory Dinner on the evening of Wednesday, 20th November. The dinner was a wonderful night and many Year 12 students received well deserved awards and scholarships. We look forward to seeing the results when they are published in December and hope our students obtain the marks to access the courses or employment for which they are aiming.

YEAR 11 INTO 12 HEAD START
The Years 10 and 11 students will return as Year 11 and 12 students in the Head Start program. The Head Start program will give all our senior VCE and VCAL students of 2014 the opportunity to get ahead in their studies. It is important all our Years 10 and 11 students have 100% attendance for this program. The Head Start program will be conducted from Monday, 2nd December to Friday, 6th December.

YEAR 7 TO 9 FINISH
The Years 7 to 9 students are now moving into their final three weeks of the school year. This is an important time of the semester as staff finalise many assessments including class time activities, tests and exams. It is a time when students need to remain focused. Parents should be seeing increased home study and revision. The end is near so keep studying.

WELL DONE
Thank you to the Senior Team for their great organisation of the Valedictory Dinner.

Congratulations to the following for their excellent sporting results.

- Victorian Schools Cycling Championship - State Finals – 4th U19: Cyrus Monk
- Geoff Watt Memorial Half Marathon - Baw Baw Shire – 1st U18: Cody Orgill
Recently Jacob Wells won his second Junior Victorian State Title for Show jumping, following on from his 2012 title riding PB Poets Corner. He also holds the current SA state title which he won earlier in the year (18 & Under).

Jacob has also had much success in the open classes winning the Tatura Mini Prix (1.30m) and Grand Valley Bronze series.

He had his first start in a Grand Prix at Tatura having 1 rail down in the first round at 1.40-1.45m.

PB Poets Corner was also awarded the Best Performed Retired Racehorse for 2013.

Jacob is a current member of the Victorian Junior Young Rider State Show Jumping Squad.

He currently rides up to six horses a day.

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YEAR 8 & 9 CAMP PROGRAMS 2014

In 2014, Year 8 students are either going to Melbourne or to Wilson’s Promontory and Year 9s to Tasmania.

Permission and medical forms were distributed September 16th. A number of students are yet to return these forms. Please ensure that your son/daughter collects new copies of the forms if they have been misplaced. All forms must be returned ASAP.

The payment schedules are as follows:

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Please direct any queries to the following staff:

Yr 9 Tasmania Camp: Mrs Ashti Mullen
Yr 8 Wilson’s Prom Camp: Mrs Gita Walker
Yr 8 Melbourne Camp: Mrs Kerry Wales
On Thursday 21st November, 20 students left for the RACV Energy Breakthrough 24 Hour Endurance race, held at Maryborough. Mrs Walker and Mr King led the convoy, escorted by parents and other helpers, including Tristin Walker (former school captain).

With the three trailers all packed up (including the three bikes, helmets, tool kits, warm up bikes, tents, marques and spares for everything) they set off. Thursday was spent in transit and setting up the campsite for the following three days of business! Later that night, Ms Longden joined the crew and settled in for the days ahead.

Friday morning we were all up and about practising our speeches for the presentations. First up were ‘The Cat in the Hat’ our junior crew, made up of Matilda Simpson-Brewer (Team Manager), Anthony Forrest (7), Jared Mills (7), Christian Robertson-Edgar (7), Aaron Marsh (7), Kasey Broadway (7), Jess Mills (8), Lateisha Edwards (7) and Alana Rippon (7). They all spoke clearly and showed an excellent knowledge, achieving 11th place for their display and presentation – a highlight included Jared and Christian dressing up at ‘Thing 1 and Thing 2’ in honor of Dr Seuss. “The Cat in the Hat” is our newest bike to the DSC family and was kindly donated by the Drouin Lions Club.

Following this, ‘The Lorax’ made up of the intermediate members of Branton Fry (9), Ben Perry (10) , Ben Wright (11) , Toni Kurrle (10), Thiana Broadway (9), Tash Blackwell (9), Selina Morley (10) and last minute recruit Josh Major (8) also presented – WINNING their display and presentation by impressing the judges with their knowledge, commitment and team work both through the year and as shown in the photos and mural they presented.

Concurrently, the senior boys (Open division) also presented a few members short – the boys who presented were Zac Trewin (8), Julian Wainwright (9) and Cyrus Monk (11) – they were joined later that night by Tom Barr (11), Cambell Jolly (11) and D.S.C. V.E.T student Jayden Manintveld (11) when Mr Sharpe drove them up after exams. Again, the judges were impressed with the boys’ technical knowledge and passion for riding the H.P.V.s., with the team achieving fourth place for their display and presentation.

That afternoon, all three bikes passed a rigorous scrutineering process by the RACV officials, eventually passing with flying colours. That night, we set up our Pit Tents and had a quick practice around the track to get the feel of it. That afternoon, we were also joined by former D.S.C. teacher Mr Stein; and on Saturday morning by Mr Wainwright. Finally, all the teams were complete and looking great in their matching T-shirts.

By Saturday at 12 noon, the track had been walked and run by the students, figuring the best ways to avoid crashing –
and by the speedsters in the group, the fastest line around the track. At 1:30pm the starters flag flew. First in the bikes were Christian (Cat in the Hat), Branton (Lorax) and Cyrus (Horton), and the race was on. Everyone was eager to put their mark on the race and get some good distance covered. During the night, all students struggled with the horrible wake up hours (such as 1:30am or 3:45am!) and the stiff muscles that come from an endurance event. Luckily Raelene Fry, assisted by Simone Trewin, catered to all of our nutritional needs and kept us energized throughout the event. By the morning, all three bikes remained relatively unscathed – many thanks to the fathers, Simon Trewin, Scott Fry and Ben Kurrle who helped keep our pit stops to a quick change over during the night and to Donna Marsh to massage some sore legs.

By 1:30 pm, the race was over, Jayden, Selina and Jess doing the honors around for the final lap. Results are as follows:

Horton (Open Division) came 7th in their division and 9th overall with a total of 594 laps, 772.2 kms covered and the fastest lap by Cyrus of 1.53 mins.

Lorax (B1) came 8th in their division and 52nd overall with a total of 441 laps, 573.3 kms covered and the fastest lap by Ben P of 2.08 mins.

Cat in the Hat (B2) came 13th in their division and 67th overall with a total of 407 laps, 529.1 kms covered and the fastest laps by Christian of 2.33 mins and Anthony of 2.34 mins.

Well done to all. For many it was your first race - or at least your first 24 hour race!

Overall it was a VERY successful weekend and each member of this D.S.C. H.P.V. team ought to feel very proud to have represented our college in such a way. We certainly are proud of you! Many thanks must go to the teachers, parents, friends and sponsors who have helped us be so successful this year.

We look forward to support from the wider school community at the fundraising sausage sizzle to be held at Home Hardware in Drouin, 9am-2pm, Saturday, 14th December.

A big thank you to our HPV sponsors:
Drouin Lions Club, Drouin Signs & Digital Imaging, Drouin Cycles, Drouin Concrete Pipes, The Meat Safe – Longwarry, Roger Manson Panels, Warragul Fuel Injection & Diesel Service P/L, Home Hardware – Drouin, Speedy Locksmiths, Warragul Hire & Drive, Milners Auto Trim
Students in 8/9 Drama this semester were lucky enough to participate in the Xpressions Drama Festival at the West Gippsland Arts Centre last month.

Students began the process in the classroom, using newspaper articles to develop a performance. Students attended a workshop in August at the Arts Centre in Warragul where they worked with professional actors and technicians to learn what they needed to know to come back in October and perform.

Two students had the opportunity to Stage Manager, and four students learnt sound and lighting for the performances. Family and teachers attended the performance night where two other schools also performed.

Special thanks to Warragul Cinema Centre for donating tickets and free popcorn vouchers to help promote our Sun Smart policy. Raffle tickets are being handed out to all students wearing hats and at the end of the Week 10 winners are drawn.
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Dear Parents,

At the end of 2013, all portable computers that connect to the college network will once again be re-imaged.

Years 10 and 11 students need to return their Netbooks to the IT Centre as soon as they no longer need them, i.e. after their last exam (or earlier if they don’t need them for exam revision). Netbooks returned to the IT Centre before 26th November will be returned for Head Start. They will need to complete the Bootcamp #3 course before the end of February in order to keep the Netbook unlocked.

Students in Years 7 – 9 need to return their Netbooks to the IT Centre once they no longer need them for classes. Netbooks returned by Thursday, 12th December will be available for pickup at the IT Centre on the 18th and 19th December provided the annual Netbook Fee of $70 has been paid at the Office and the appropriate Bootcamp course has been successfully completed (class time will be given in the week commencing 2nd December). Otherwise, Netbook pickup will be 28th and 29th January 2014.

All students not returning to Drouin Secondary College next year must return the Netbook, charger and case by Thursday 12th December or they will be charged the full replacement cost of $589.

Students need to organise to back up the data they wish to keep before handing Netbooks in to be reimaged as computers will be completely wiped in the reimaging process. If assistance is needed with this, please contact the Computer Centre before handing back the Netbook.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me or the IT Staff,

Teresa Fanning
fanning.teresa.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
From 2013, the Victorian Government restructured EMA, which continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses for their child up until the age of 16.

Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with further increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points. Please note that the school no longer automatically receives the portion which Drouin Secondary College previously used to cover the Curriculum & Material Levy.

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2014 are paid on a pro rata basis.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received, (last in 2012) by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents.

EMA payment option

On the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2014, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 28 January 2014 (Instalment One) and 14 July 2014 (Instalment Two).

DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE:

Our practice in the past has been for parents to use their first EMA instalment as a credit at the beginning of the year against various charges. However, due to the school portion being eliminated in 2014 we are unable to offer this service. We would encourage the EMA to be signed over to the school to cover your child’s Curriculum & Materials Fee (2014 Curriculum Fee - $210.00) and software.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

If financial assistance with your fees & charges is required please make an appointment to discuss a payment plan with our Business Manager, Josie O’Connor, before the end
Messi

The Year 12 VCAL classes have been studying Minority Reports in the Community and in Australia. This study was designed to help students become more critically aware of a number of minorities such as people with disabilities, people of different ages, races or ethnic minorities.

One of our very own students, better known as Messi, told of his amazing journey of life as a refugee coming to Australia. The story was heartfelt and had a huge impact on our Drouin Secondary College community. Further to his presentation, we visited an Afghani restaurant in Dandenong to extend our appreciation and understanding of another culture.

Messi has successfully completed his VCAL competencies and attained a full time apprenticeship as a Tiler.
From the start of 2014 all students should be wearing the complete new uniform.

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 23rd 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
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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.drouinsc.edu.au
Or please ring Uniform Shop Manager: Tina Van t’Hoff on: 0427 592 201.
On a sunny Friday early in November the boys from the 8HOL Program ventured down to Carrum Downs to the CFA training grounds. The boys were treated to a morning of action running through exercises of search and rescue, fire extinguisher use and 5 man fog attack to a burning house simulation. The boys really enjoyed the day and found the sessions we have been having at the College with the Drouin CFA very valuable. A special thank you to the CFA volunteers who attended and supported the activities, also Ebony Axford, Daniel Carew, Tristin Walker and Hobbo. A great experience for all involved.
9 students took part in the SSV State Athletics Tuesday 22nd October. All students performed really well in cool and wet conditions with all producing excellent results.

- Tiana Broadway: 5th 1500m, 4th 800m
- Ben Bowering: 2nd 100m
- Dane Johns: 3rd Triple Jump
- Harry Phillips: 3rd 1500m and 2nd 800m
- Codey Orgill: 7th 1500m
- Kane Oldham: 7th 100m
- Alana Rippon: 6th 800m
- Sean Russell: 3rd 400m
- Jess Mills: 6th High Jump
What a week, we had rain, rain and more rain, but it didn’t dampen the spirits of the boys. The challenge was a 75km ride on the Great Victorian Rail Trail from Mansfield to Alexandra over two days, Mountain biking in the Rubicon Valley and surrounds for the next two days, finishing with a day at Lysterfield Park MTB track.

We had amazing support from the staff of Nayook, All-terrain Cycles in Mansfield and the DSC staff of Hobbo, Brian Griffin, Ebony Axford and Tristin Walker. The boys really showed immense persistence and resilience to complete the first two days; many had never ridden distances like this. The weather was kind for the first 24 hours and we even saw some sunshine. However from Tuesday lunchtime the clouds came in and the drizzle was relentless. The boys still rode on, never complaining and still asking what the next activity would be.

The mountain biking was in the rain on slippery tracks and downhill, but the boys again showed their commitment and attempted all the challenges put forward. I have never seen a group of students and staff so covered in mud and yet having such a good time. We washed in the creek, in the rain and kept going. It was a wonderful sense of fulfillment to see the boys growing in confidence and skills on their bikes, working together as a team and communicating intentions and ideas.

Unfortunately we were forced to cancel our last day at Lysterfield as it was closed due to the wet conditions, but we will be ready to take on the challenge before the end of the year.

Well done boys, I have thoroughly enjoyed the journey and watching you grow as individuals. A special thank you to all the supporting staff, who give so much of their time and passion to the program, without you we could not have achieved nearly as much – a great result.
Accelerated Reader

Over five million words were read by Year 7 students between 16th October – 15th November and 165 quizzes were successfully completed.

A special mention goes to Ben Fenner and Alicia Heywood who both read over 400,000 words during the last month.

The 165 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