Paterson wins Swimming Sports!

Year 8 Hands on Learning Camp
As always, Term 1 2014 has got off to a flying start with many activities being conducted for our students. In general we are pleased with the positive start, including the calm and settled approach of our students in all levels. The first round of Progress Reports have been completed and posted to parents. I encourage all parents to have a chat with their children with regard to attendance, task submission and overall progress. Encourage students to share with you their units on Moodle where you will be able to see what tasks are due.

The move to Sentral means parents can log in (you should have received a parent log in, if not contact the College) and obtain up to date information including attendance and late to class. We understand navigating a new software system can be challenging and are happy to help parents and answer any questions.

The College and its students have already been involved in many curricular and extracurricular activities. We have participated in the Ficifolia Festival and have conducted a Celebration Assembly. We completed a Year 12 camp and an 8H camp. Our students have competed in a HPV competition, inter-school cricket and two swimming sports (details to follow). Currently, our Year 7s are on camp at Rawson (the weather has been kind so far). The Years 8 and 9 students will have camp in the last couple of weeks of Term. I thank all College staff for the time they put into conducting these camps and other activities.

**A GOOD NEWS STORY**

I was pleased and proud to read the following article in this week’s Gazette relating to our students on the train.

**Warragul and Drouin Gazette, March 4, 2014**

Bouquets for students

I would like to comment on an experience my friend and I had on a train trip to Melbourne where we shared the carriage with students from Drouin Secondary College. They were all extremely well behaved and two of the young ladies, who were in Year 10, chatted with us and compared how different school is today from when we were students in the “60s and “70s. Drouin Secondary College should be proud of these young men and women, for us it was affirmation that there are more good young people in our community than we sometimes think.

Lynne Hestdal
Seaview

We encourage all students to always be positive members of our community and it is a credit to those students who can deliver. Well done.

**COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2014**

I again encourage all parents to consider themselves or encourage other parents to put their hand up for this important parent role at the College. We still need further nominations. All great schools have a committed and strong council with full parent representation. Please contact Mr Shane Wainwright or Ms Josie O’Connor for further information if you are interested in these positions.

I currently have two parent nominations and require three more nominations from parents at the College. I am happy to talk to any parent interested and explain the role in more detail.

Below is the Notice of Election and call for Nominations. If you are interested in being nominated please contact Mrs Josie O’Connor as soon as possible.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATION**

An election is to be conducted for members of the Drouin Secondary College Council.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the College General Office and I have extended the closing date until 4.00 p.m. on the **Wednesday March 12th, 2014**.

The ballot, if required, will close at 4.00 p.m. on **13th day of March, 2014**.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations will be posted at the College. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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Mr S Wainwright  
Principal
NEW SMS MESSAGING PHONE NO: 0447 100 250

As you may be aware, the College has implemented a new administration and student management system called Sentral. A component of this program relates to SMS messaging. The new mobile number for sending/receiving messages is 0447 100 250. The previous mobile number is no longer in use.

Should your student have an unapproved absence Period 1, you will receive an SMS from the new mobile number. It would be appreciated if you could send a reply SMS promptly to update the student attendance.

Messages may also be sent to the college on this number to advise of future/past absences.

VCE Theatre Studies Excursion to see A Midsummer Night’s Dream

On Friday 21st February, students in Years 11 and 12 Theatre Studies went to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne to see William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream performed by the Australian Shakespeare Company. The performance, as part of the Shakespeare Under the Stars programme, was outside in the gardens. Students and teachers sat on picnic rugs and ate their prepared picnic dinners before the show started at 8pm. By interval, all were rugged up tight to avoid the cool breeze that came when the sun went down. Students would like to thank Ms Martino who provided them with hot chocolate and marshmallows during interval.

Students of Years 11 and 12 Theatre Studies are required to attend a professional theatre production in order to observe, and further their understanding of the various aspects of a theatre performance. From these performances students analyse the portrayal of the characters and story in order to gain a better understanding of how to produce their own theatre works. This is a major assessment of their course.

This performance of A Midsummer Night’s Dream was a shining example of professional theatre and a spectacular display of talent, including acting, acrobatics, and lighting. The endless supply of pop culture references ensured the young audience could more easily relate to the story and also provided many a laugh.
OVERALL HOUSE POINTS
1. PATERSON 1104
2. DENNIS 912
3. GORDON 810
4. LAWSON 782

PATERSON have taken out the swimming sports by nearly 200 points this year, with Dennis finishing second. Well done to all who contributed.

Congratulations must go to the House Captains - Ashleigh Wyatt, James Williams, Emily Webster and Cambell Jolly, who organised their swimmers so well.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

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The students who attended enjoyed a great day in sunny conditions. Races were contested with competitors keen to do their best for their respective houses. The novelty races at the end of the day were huge successes with students having heaps of fun. The rafts built by the students during the day were all successfully launched and raced with Gordon coming away winners of the inaugural raft racing event. Congratulations also go to the students who set new College records.

RECORDS:

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It was pleasing to see the parents who were able to attend and show their support, even if for only part of the day. A big thank you to all the students who supported their houses, participating so enthusiastically in all aspects of the day.

Andrew Marks
Sport Education Co-ordinator
Drouin has finished 2nd this year behind Lowanna one place better than last year. Well done to our students who competed in very pleasant conditions.

Congratulations must also go to Julian Wainwright who set two new records on the day: 50 Butterfly and 100 Butterfly

OTHER WINNERS ON THE DAY

Julian Wainwright: 200m Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 400 Freestyle
Maddie Shaw: 100 Breaststroke
Daisy Hastings: 50 Backstroke
Aleisha Maas: 100 Backstroke
13yrs Girls Relay
13yrs Boys Relay
16yrs Boys Medley Relay

Those who have also qualified to swim in the Gippsland finals by gaining 2nd placings:
Lachlan Maas, Jess Mills, Cy Monk, Bailey Quaife, Mia Varrauso, Lachlan Pratt, Lachlan Crampton and Thomas Richter

Along with the following relay teams:
Boys 14 Medley Relay
Boys 16 Medley Relay
Boys 16 Freestyle Relay
Boys Senior Relay.

All these students and members of the teams have qualified to represent West Gippsland in the Gippsland finals in Sale on the 12th March. We wish all these swimmers luck at this carnival.
90+ PROGRESS SCORES

YEAR 7
Alannah Anderson
Liam Anstis
Alannah Balcombe
Natalie Davies
Carly Bonar
Hannah Bruce
Taylor Busse
Natasha Cameron
Molly Campbell
Anita Chapman
Georgia Clayton
Renée Davidson
Taylah Ward
Emily Waddell
Hannah Van Wel
Jordan Treneman
Taylah Thomas
Jessica Taylor
Russell Talbot
Jeremy Stewart
Ryan Simioni
Maddison Shaw
Deanna Roberts
Kate Rinehart
Drew Riley
Hannah Rieschieck
Spencer Phillips
Madison Ferguson
Cayden Deszcz
Caleb Dumergue
Scott Hicks
Casey Hines
Joshua Horsburgh
Lachlan Howell
Ryan Jones
Toby Kawecki
Casey Kurrle
Jessica Lee
Ali Lieshout
Lachlan Maas
Alisha Major
Kasey Major
Alysha Mcdougal
Annalise Miall
William Michie
Emma Milner
Sophie Modaffari
Ebony Mudge
Tyson Murray
Krystal Murray
Maddison Nash
Sarah Peters
Indiana Petrov
Spencer Phillips
Hannah Rieschieck
Drew Riley
Kate Rinehart
Deanna Roberts
Maddison Shaw
Ryan Simioni
Jeremy Stewart
Russell Talbot
Jessica Taylor
Taylah Thomas
Jordan Treneman
Natalie Van Wel
Emily Waddell
Taylah Ward
Lily Weston
Bailey Willcocks

YEAR 8
Ollivia Allan
Chelsie Anderson
Stephen Aschenbrenner
Ebony Bartlett
Stephen Beachell
Jackson Blackledge
Liam Blight
Samuel Booth
Darcy Boskell
Heather Braithwaite
Alexandra Braithwaite
Kasey Broadway
Madison Burrows
Lauren Cheetham
Lochlin Clarke
Rachel Cook
Gabriella Crampton
Kassidy Dalziel
Chelsea De Riter
Daisy Drake
Bridie Farrar
Mikayla Fernandez
Benjamin George
Jacqueline Glasscock
Rani Grenville
Darian Gyan
Georgia Henderson
Alicia Heywood
Regan Hodge
Eliza Humphrey
Karlly Jans
Rachel King
Corey Leggett
Hannah Lynn
Cheyenne Mason
Joshua Mcnally
Jared Mills
Chelsea Morgan
Jessica Nalty
Maverick O’Donoghue-Kent
Sarah Olsen
Harrison Phillips
Mikayla Phillips
Isabelah Reid
Kiana Reid
Mia Riggio
Alana Rippon
Peter Robbins
Sarah Salan
Jake Sikorski
Ebony Simonic
Hayden Smith
Hannah Smithers
Taylor Stephens
Brodie Stokes
Ryan Taylor
Riley Thoone
Mitchell Van’t hoof
Chloe Werner
Samanta Wernert
Blake Wilkinson
Renae Woods

YEAR 9
Louise Allen
Tara Bagnall
Holly Barton
Brody Blackwell
Casey Bradbury
Sally Campbell
Nigel Clutterbuck
Shannen Cole
Jesse Craig
Daniel De Boer
Brooke Doling
Gabrielle Fawns
Imogen Fisher
Chloe Fitzgerald
Tahlia Gregg
Daisy Hastings
Chloe Henderson-Carbery
Joel Hermence
Bryce Howell
Darcie Hower
Madeline Kent
Hayley Kortholt
Jemyma Lieshout
Scott Loughridge
Tiffany Maas
Keely Mahony
Todd Mcconville
Shannon Mellings
Maya Naprelac
Ruby Pratt
Dylan Pryor
Candise Quigley
Emily Romea
Teagan Ross
Isabelle Russell
Danielle Sampson
Charlie Sempel
Jemima Shearer
Nathan Steel
Ashlee Sykes
Bethany Urban
Shaylah Ward
Cameron White
Kyle Wilkinson
Katin Wright

YEAR 10
Elise Barratt
Adam Barton
Clare Benfell
Maddison Blackledge
Tahnee Blight
Tina Broadway
Daniel Charles
Caiden Clayton
Michael Cook
Olivia Cross
Bailey Dalton-Ingham
Kym Diston
Lisa Graham
Ananya Prasad
Hunroopang
Megan Jackson
Dane Johns
Harvey Langford
Madelyn Larsen
Naomi Levingston
Will Luke
Matthew Lynn
Peter Mascadri
Alannah Murphy
William Peterson
Emily Pleiter-Starvaggi
Rex Roldan
Samuel Stewart
Kristen Taylor
Shannon Thoone
Mia Varrasso
Molly Wilson
Emma-Lee Winters
Rachael Wouters

YEAR 11
Ashleigh Atkins
Emma Batchelor
Tahlia Bow
Jaimee Brown
Cole Cook
Brittany Donnelly
Edward Edmonds
Geoffrey Grumley
Shania Hill
Emma Juratowitch
Daniel Kortholt
Toni Kurrle
Tamara Loughridge
Casey Mallon
Chelsea Mckane
Selina Meehan
Sharna Murphy
Montana O’Donoghue-Kent

YEAR 12
Maddison Andrews
Nicholas Bagnall
Chloe Bourke
Catherine Boyd
Molly Boyles
Stephanie Cameron
Kysha Charleton
Annabelle Clark
Teaghan Cutting
Jessica Fenner
Nathan Guy
Katherine Howard
Karla-Lee Hudgell
Aleasha Innella
Hayley Knirsch
Gabrielle Licitra
Laurie Marriott
Lauren Mascadri
Jye Mason
Abbey McNally
Cyrus Monk
Erin O’Brien
Cody Orgill
Courtney Pascoe
Emma Phillips
Liam Robinson
Bobbie-Lee Sedgman
Tiffany Treble
Christine Walsh
Sarah Watson
Hayley Wildes
Jasmine Wright

Jordyn Presley
Amy Pugh
Molly Sampel
Rhys Serong
Lorayn Sykes
Jade Talbot
Lauren Tremanen
Jessica Walker
Jianing Wang
Kimberley Warner
Emily Webster
Meagan Williams
On Tuesday, 11th February we acknowledged the success of student achievement in Commitment & Respect, Community and Attendance for Semester 2 of 2013. The 2013 Achievement awards were presented at the Presentation Evening in December. The whole college and many parents were gathered in the Lyn Kelly Stadium, beginning the assembly with the National Anthem beautifully led by Jade Talbot followed by a Welcome To Country from Mrs Terry Marks.

2014 College Captains Matilda Simpson-Brewer, Abbey McNally, Cyrus Monk and Harrison Tomkins led the Assembly beginning with the presentation of the 2013 Commitment & Respect Awards. These were presented to the top 10% of students in each year level as measured by their Progress Scores. Community Awards were presented to students who have served as excellent role models of the Drouin Secondary College community. More than 200 students were presented with a certificate and a DSC Values pen.

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping students be successful in their studies. The College recognised and rewarded 165 students who had an attendance record in 2013 of over 98%.

These students received a certificate and a “slushie” voucher for the College canteen.

Sport Coordinator, Mr Andrew Marks, announced the Sports Awards for 2013. Students who had excelled in team and individual sports were presented with a certificate and a DSC Values lanyard. Students were at Year 12: Cy Monk, Tom Barr and Abbey McNally; Year 11: Jess Earl, Georgia Fisher and Brad Williams; Year 10: Julian Wainwright and Tiana Broadway; Year 9: Tom Blakey and Jess Mills and at Year 8: Harry Phillips, Josh McNally and Alana Rippon.

We were also treated to a fine music performance from Gemma Phillips and Bonnie Hughes who played the Jamaican Rumba on the flute and clarinet.

DSC Principal, Mr Shane Wainwright, spoke about the importance of students being involved and committed to both learning and the wider community. He encouraged students to make the most of the many opportunities available for students to continually improve at DSC.
What a fantastic week of camp for the 8 Hands on Learning boys

We settled in well on the Monday with many finding packing a backpack a challenge in itself. We then walked a few kilometres to the bush camp, where we divided into two groups to pitch tents and have dinner. The boys remembered their tent pitching sessions from school and managed easily. Dinner was scrumptious, being pasta bolognese cooked by the boys in pairs, with fruit salad for dessert.

The next morning we were up by 7am and eating breakfast of cereal, bread, banana bread and juice or milo before the 18km walk from the Ada Tree to Starlings Gap. Again the boys pushed themselves and achieved the goal. Many really enjoyed the historical significance of the logging area, especially the Ada Tree and Federal Mill. The leeches were a bit friendly, but not too crazy. We returned to Nayook to cook a wonderful fresh vegetable hokkien noodle dish. All the boys cut up their own food and cooked on the trangias. And dessert was sticky date pudding and cream!

Day 3 was a bit more challenging, as we needed to pack up tents, backpacks and move camp to Coopers Creek for the rafting leg of our journey. We had been blessed with wonderful weather, but Coopers decided we needed a shower and we had a wet set up. The boys were issued their rafting gear and after pumping up the boats they set off upstream to learn how to steer the sports rafts in pairs - quite amusing at times. That night they showed their true resilience as they cooked in the rain; a delicious vegetarian tomato pasta, again with fresh vegetables - everyone ate well. Self-saucing puddings were a very popular dessert. Everyone was in bed early as the skies opened up.

Thursday thankfully dawned sunny and warm and we set off in buses to Thomson River Bridge to take the journey back by raft to Coopers Creek. It was a testing day as the river level was quite low and we bottomed out frequently. The boys showed amazing improvement in their skills and negotiated the rapids with great skill. The walk around Horseshoe Bend was physically testing as the water level was very low due to the Chinese Tunnel. It was a very long 800 m carrying the rafts, but again persistence was the name of the game. We pulled in to Coopers tired, but elated with the success. We cleaned up the rafting gear and set off to camp in the bush in the dark. It was wonderful to see how confident the boys now were at pitching tents and making their beds. There were no complaints when they all went to bed at 9.30pm!

Friday dawned damp and cool, but we were on a roll and the team worked well to get everyone packed up, breakfast done and walking back down to Nayook by 8.30am. We cleaned trangias, unpacked, returned gear and generally left everything as we found it - a great realisation as to how much effort goes into planning and resourcing these trips. The morning was topped off with a High ropes opportunity, with many choosing to do the leap of faith. Then a lovely BBQ, a debrief about the week and we were on our way back to Drouin.

The boys learnt many new skills over the week and a realisation that teamwork is actually a conscious effort at times. They can feel proud of themselves and what they achieved. We will be following up many of the concepts and topics back at school in class. A very special thank-you to Mr. Marks, Hobbbo, Jo Brauman and Tristin Walker for their time and unending efforts on the camp, and of course the Nayook staff.

Gita Walker
Careers News... Drop in to get information on:

- **“TSFX Masterclass”** tutoring programs for Year 11 & Year 12 subjects and also Mastering VCE

- **Are you interested in Nanotechnology?** La Trobe is now offering two double degrees
  Bachelor of Science (Hons) / Master of Nanotechnology
  Bachelor of Nanotechnology / Bachelor of Science
  Please call into Careers to pick up the information.

- **Year 10s** – you should be starting to think about your Work Experience placement. Please fill out your yellow expression of interest form and hand it into Careers so that we can start trying to place you.

- **VCAL/VET students:** if you had handed in your green work placement form before 13th February you can collect your copy from Ms Taylor in either Careers or the Library.

- **Interested in Information Technology?** Why not check out information from Evocca College. There are courses for Interactive Gaming, IT (Information Technology), Media Technologies and Website Development.

- **Looking at studying Medicine?** You will need to take the UMAT “Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test” on June 30th June 2014 and The National Institute of Education have a UMAT preparation program. For dates etc. on a simulation UMAT go to www.umataustralia.com.au

Helping students who wish to enter the medical profession

When it comes to a career as a doctor, midwife, dentist or nurse the decision to study for this is obviously a big commitment both for students and their families.

At Gap Medics we offer students (aged 16 and over) the opportunity to see what the world of medicine is really like. Through our facilities they travel to Tanzania, The Czech Republic or Thailand to shadow experienced doctors and healthcare professionals.

Not only does this experience help students to make the right decision about their future career, but it is also a useful addition later on for their applications to medical school.

Our hospital work experience is ideal for those students who are interested in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery.

In terms of the practicalities, students are met at the airport by one of our specialist staff team members and are looked after by an extensive staff team throughout their stay.

If you have any students who are interested in a career in medicine, please ask them to take a look at www.gapmedics.com.au. Alternatively they can call us on 0044 191 230 8080 or email us at info@gapmedics.com and we’ll send a brochure in the post.

Regards

Samantha Bennett
Student Placement Team Leader

Lions Club Youth of the Year Zone Final

On Monday, 24th February, Abbey McNally of Yr 12 competed in the Lions Club Youth of the Year Zone Final. The second round of competition saw Abbey victorious, taking home the evening’s best public speaker and overall Zone winner.

Abbey will now proceed onto the Regional Final in the coming weeks. A big thank you to Miss Lonni Allan for her assistance and best wishes to Abbey for the next round.

Joanne Maxwell
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 have successfully completed quizzes between the 14th February and 28th February:


Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff

Drouin Secondary was lucky enough to have a four-legged visitor recently – Whilloby the Guide Dog.

Whilloby’s visit was thanks to Pam, his owner, who came to speak to our Year 11 VCAL students.

Pam’s visit on Thursday, 20th February highlighted the challenges she has faced in her life and the new ways she has learnt to communicate with others. Whilloby’s playful antics entertained the crowd and our understanding of vision impairment has been greatly enhanced.

A big thank you to Pam, Whilloby and Guide Dogs Victoria for making this possible.
Host Families Needed
In June 2014 -
Experience another culture, make new friends, improve your language studies at home

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to ‘reignite your passion for your country’, whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

"Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We’re doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She’s helped us remember how to have fun when we’re working and take time out for adventures." Sharon, Host Mum

"Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop…" Grace, Host Sister

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator