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It is my pleasure to be writing this report as Shane Wainwright takes a brief but well-earned three weeks of Long Service Leave.

Recent weeks have been very busy. Unit 3 VCE Students have also had their first exam experience for the year. They all sat the 3 hour General Achievement Test (GAT) on June 11th.

At this time teachers are finalising assessments for Semester 1 and preparing written Reports to students & parents.

Students in Years 10 & 11 have sat formal exams and all students have now completed class exams and assessments. The value of these assessments for students learning is important to realise. Teachers are giving students feedback on these exams and assessments to highlight each student’s progress in their learning and identify where there may be gaps or misconceptions in their learning. In the final 2 weeks of term classes will be focused on ensuring that students finish this Semester with a sound understanding of the knowledge and concepts in each learning area.

SELF EVALUATION

On May 28th & 29th our Leadership Team took part in the first stage of the Review of our current Strategic Plan. The work done on this day will assist us in setting the direction and goals for Drouin Secondary College for the next four years.

STAFFING

I would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to the following staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Ms Megan Bye, Mr James Ryan, Mr Andrew Reading, Ms Chloe Fisher, Mr Mark Venville, Ms Shelby O’Donnell and Ms Lexi Whalebone. Also, Ms Joanna Ronalds will be taking leave for the remainder of the year.

STUDENT SUCCESSES AND ACTIVITIES

In the last three weeks we have enjoyed a showcase of student talent. VCE Performing Arts students have presented work in Theatre Studies, Music and Dance. Expectations of students in these performances are very high. I congratulate you all on committing such challenging work and I look forward to seeing the high standard of work you will produce as you continue working with your teachers to develop your skills in Semester 2.

Lunchtimes have also been exciting. The very first “Great Debate” attracted a huge audience to the Auditorium. The topic was “That students should be able to wear any colour of socks as part of the College Uniform.” On the affirmative side the speakers were: Abbey McNally, Ben Murphy, Mr Irwin and Mr Wainwright. The negative team were: Jye Mason, Sarah Watson, Ms Clapperton & Mr Monk.

All speakers spoke with passion and conviction and in the knowledge that the outcome of the debate would have no influence on the College Uniform Policy. The audience was entertained and the rules of debating were stretched to breaking point. In the end the trophy went to the Affirmative Team with Mr Wainwright securing “Best Speaker”.

Our Student Leaders - Jye Mason, Jessica Monk, Jade Talbot and Sarah Watson have been busy organising the House Music Competition. At lunchtime on Thursday, 12th June the Auditorium was again full to capacity with students supporting performers from each house. There were many entertaining and talented performances. The overall winning house was Paterson.

In the final week of Term some Year 11 students will set off on the Central Australia tour. All Year 10 students will participate in the Work Experience Program. Both experiences are unique and full of opportunities to learn and grow – I hope all students make the most of this.

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

- Fifty students represented the College at the West Gippsland Cross Country Championships in very chilly conditions. Thanks to Mr Marks and the staff who assisted on the day. Please see the results following this report.

- Congratulations to Georgia Fisher who was a member of the Victorian Under 18 Girls AFL Team. She competed in the National Competition in Canberra where Victoria were runners-up to Western Australia. Georgia was one of the “Best on Ground” winners in the Grand Final.

- Well done to Cyrus Monk who won the A Grade Division of the Cycling Tour of Gippsland, on the recent long weekend.

As Term 2 concludes I wish all students and families, teachers and staff a safe and happy holiday.

Deb Gentle (Acting Principal)
Drouin Secondary College students travelled to Neerim South on Tuesday 3rd to compete in the West Gippsland Cross Country. Well done to all those who competed in what were pretty ordinary conditions (wet and cold) for a Cross Country.

All Students competed really well with most gaining places which now entitles them to contest the Gippsland Regional Finals on Thursday 19th June at Lardner Park.

**Team Results for Drouin were:**

1st 12-13 Boys
1st 14 Boys
1st 15 Boys
1st 16 Boys
2nd 2-13 Girls
2nd 14 Girls
1st 15 Girls
1st 16 Girls

**Top 10 Results:**

12-13 Boys: 2nd Harrison Booth, 3rd Christian Robertson-Edgar, 4th Jai Newcombe, 5th Tighe Brown, 7th Ben Higgins, 10th Josh Horsburgh

14 Boys: 1st Harry Phillips, 4th Josh McNally, 10th Brodie Ardley

15 Boys: 2nd Kane Oldham, 3rd Zac Trewin, 5th Todd McConville, 7th Kurtis Ronalds, 8th Michael Boyles

16 Boys: 6th Sean Russell, 7th Julian Wainwright, 8th Tom Portbury, 9th Dale Brown, 10th Clayton Kingi

12-13 Girls: 2nd Alana Rippon, 9th Ali Lieshout

14 Girls: 6th Chelsee Anderson, 7th Shania Orgill, 10th Rani Grenville

15 Girls: 1st Tamika Moore, 6th Darcie Hower, 7th Jess Mills, 10th Gabbie Fawns

16 Girls: 1st Tiana Broadway, 2nd Kym Diston, 3rd Meg Jackson, 4th Tahnæe Blight, 5th Alanah Murphy
Duke of Edinburgh visit Morwell CFA

The Duke of Ed students were lucky enough to have a fabulous day at the Morwell CFA.

They experienced the 42m platform, learnt about life and opportunities as a permanent fire fighter, use of the infra red camera in search and rescue and the important details related to fire restrictions and total fire ban days.

All students showed interest in station life and the various qualifications needed. Women fire fighters are now a big push for the CFA and many of the girls were curious about the possibilities.

Overall a very informative and interesting day. Thank you to the Morwell and Traralgon CFA brigades for their support.

Gita Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Statements will be posted out next week. These statements will show charges that are still owing and for those families on Payment Plans, will allow you to check your balances. If you require a statement showing all charges you have paid please contact the office. Charges were due at the end of Term 1. Should you wish to discuss a payment plan please contact the Business Manager in the General Office to organise an appointment.

FAMILY CREDITS

Parents with credits in their accounts, and who still have outstanding charges, will have their credits allocated to those charges at the beginning of next Term, unless, after checking your statement, you contact the office to discuss this.

EMA Applications: 2nd Semester

EMA applications for the second half of this year close on Thursday 31st July. Parents/Guardians who did not apply in the first half but have a current concession card must have their applications in to the school office by this date. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you applied at the beginning of the year you WILL NOT need to apply again.

VCAA Plain English Speaking Award

On Monday 2nd June, Abbey McNally and Bobbie-Lee Sedgman represented DSC in the first round of the VCAA Plain English Speaking Award. The competition was fierce with participants delivering a prepared speech and responding to the impromptu topic, ‘Let’s Celebrate’. Abbey was awarded runner-up. Congratulations to both girls who did an awesome job!
"And the winner is……”

The auditorium was nearing capacity on Wednesday as staff and students eagerly took their seats for DSC’s Great Sock Debate. The debate, designed to showcase public speaking and debating skills saw Mr Monk team up with Miss Clapperton, Jye Mason and Sarah Watson to argue that DSC’s sock policy should be tightened. Presenting a humorous counter-argument was Mr Wainwright leading his team of Mr Irwin, Abbey McNally and Ben Murphy. Through entertaining suggestions of safety and international comparisons, the negative was victorious with Mr Wainwright taking out best speaker. Miss Gentle and a team of student representatives adjudicated over proceedings, whilst Miss Allan and Bobbie-Lee Sedgman hosted the event. A big thank you to all staff and students involved.

** Please note that the debate had no impact on current uniform policy at DSC. Students are expected to wear the correct coloured socks at all times.
Year 7 SRC Representatives

Natasha Cameron

- I went to Range Bank Primary School (in Cranbourne) for prep and moved to Drouin to go to Drouin Primary from grade 1 to grade 6.
- I play basketball for the Drouin Devils A grade, but I also like to read when I have spare time.
- After high school, I want to go to Melbourne University and study to become a teacher.
- My favourite thing about DSC so far is probably meeting new people and the variety of subjects you get to learn.
- I intend to be a good leader for the Year 7s of DSC by coming up with as many ideas as I can to improve the school.

Colby Wilson 7B

- Primary school went to Drouin South P.S
- Hobbies like playing computer games and basketball
- Career: I would like to be a psychiatrist I think I am good at working things out that are bothering people
- Fav thing so far: Being able to read at school time and P.E
- How I will be a good leader I am not afraid talk in front large crowds and be a leader in a group
- Fav time of school: 3:30 pm

Jake Smith

- Age: 13
- Primary school: Drouin South primary school
- Hobbies: hunting, fishing, footy.
- Things I have liked this year: Wood Tech, Sport and Surf
- I want to become a: Engineer
- Why I wanted to be a leader: To make the school a better for all students and teachers

Renee Davidson

- Primary School: Bunyip Primary School.
- Hobbies: Art, Basketball, Dancing.
- What you would like to do as a career after school: Something creative.
- Favourite thing about DSC so far: The friends that I’ve made.
- How you intend being a good leader: Improve whatever things I can, and be there for people in my year level.
Uniform Reminder
- Shoes not Boots are uniform

As Winter approaches we notice that some students understanding of our uniform requirements becomes a little confused. This is particularly so in the area of footwear. Students are reminded that our Uniform Policy requires students to wear shoes not boots.

On Thursday 12th June, the Year 10 French class headed into town for a cultural experience. We avoided a close brush with a protest at Parliament and made it safely to Aux Batifolles in North Fitzroy.

Here, students interacted with the restaurant staff in French and enjoyed authentic French cuisine in a cozy and welcoming décor and ambiance.

They were served a set menu of escargots for entrée, boeuf bourguignon or poulet chasseur for main and tarte tatin or crêpes suzette for dessert.

A magnifique time was had by all.
8 Hands on Learning had a day at Forest Edge building on teamwork skills and personal challenges. It was a beautiful day in the mountains and the boys really enjoyed trying new activities and working together. The flying fox was the highlight of the day (with Dylan overcoming his fear) and the tyre team challenge saw some excellent leadership and teamwork.

Thanks Hobbo and John for organising a great day out.

Gita Walker
Year 10 Café Cuisine Slice Competition

As part of their class work, the Year 10 Café Cuisine students participate in a Slice Making Competition. This involves them undertaking research into the history of slices in Australia, the main methods of making a slice, and research into popular slice recipes, including those made by their family or friends.

The students then worked either with a partner or individually to find a suitable slice recipe which comes under one of the four main slice categories:

- Best Baked Slice
- Best Non Baked Slice
- Most Decadent Slice
- Most Healthy Slice

Students were then given one period of class time to create their slice masterpiece, and the following day on Thursday 12th June, the judging of the competition took place. Staff and classmates were invited to act as judges and critique the slices on their creativity, aroma, appearance, texture and flavour. Each slice received a total out of 25.

Below is the list of the winners of each category in this year’s competition:

- Best Baked: Marble Cheesecake Slice - made by Olivia Both
- Best Unbaked: Raspberry Cheesecake Slice - made by Annie Hunroopngam
- Most Decadent: Rocky Road Slice - made by Matt Shearn and Aidan Willmott
- Most Healthy: Passionfruit Cheesecake Slice - made by Monique Ryding

Thanks to all the staff who came along to sample our hard work, and to the students in our class who worked so well to make the tasty and delicious slice creations and enjoy the opportunity to show case their work to the wider College community.

Mrs Allen
Year 10 Foods Teacher
This semester in Woorngan, the Year 8s have been learning about different ways of thinking.

Recently, both classes showed their Habits of the Mind Presentation. Each group needed to teach the class a different way of thinking about school and everyday activities.

The Year 8 students worked hard and as a result, their presentations were outstanding. Well done!

Woorngan Semester 1 has been successful and we are looking forward to Semester 2.

Yr 7 students read over three million words between 24th May and 12th June and the following students successfully completed quizzes:

Jade Baker (6), Hannah Bek, Branden Breward, Tighe Brown (2), Tyler Bullen, Neisha Dekker, Cayden Deszcz, Sain Ellison, Charlotte Foenander (3), William Freemantle, Caleb Gibb (2), Jacob Hermansen, Scott Hicks, Katelyn Higgins (2), Casey Hines (8), Josh Horsburgh, Lachlan Howell (3), Bryce Jeffrey Molan (2), Dex Kelly, Casey Kurrle, Abbey Lawless (2), Ethan Lester (3), Austin Mackay (2), Annalise Miall, Emma Milner, Blair Morgan-Morris, Krystal Murray, Maddison Nash, Jacob Nuttall, Tannah O’Brian (2), Riley Perry, Iniana Petrov, Kelsey Powell, Hannah Quigley, Drew Riley, Blake Roberts, Ben Rowley (2), Ryan Simioni, Jake Smith, Mason Stirling, Lachlan Strong (3), Dayna Tampaline (5), Hannah Van Wel, Lily Weston (5).

The target for each semester is to read at least three books and successfully complete quizzes on each.

We look forward to a successful Semester 2 for reading. Students are encouraged to borrow books over the holidays.

Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff
On Monday 2nd June, all of the Year 7s gathered in Moondah to listen to a fantastic presentation by Terry Marks and Rex Solomon, our Koori Engagement Support Officers, on National Sorry Day, which as a nation, we celebrated on Monday 26th May 2014.

Terry and Rex explained the significance of National Sorry Day for all Australians. National Sorry Day is the anniversary of the tabling of the ‘Bringing them home’ Report in Parliament, which told the history of Indigenous children who were taken from their families under forcible removal policies from the 1890s to the 1970s. From the earliest years of European settlement in Australia, there is evidence of Aboriginal children being taken from their families as the authorities believed it was ‘for their own good’. During the first half of the 20th century, it was official policy in most states to remove half or quarter caste Aboriginal children. The practice continued until the early 1970s, and was only fully brought to public attention with the release of the Bringing Them Home report in 1997.

The presentation told us that there are over 500 different Aboriginal languages spoken across Australia and that each group is known by a different name. For example, the indigenous people of Victoria and New South Wales are known as Koori, whereas Queensland, the people are known as the Murri people.

We also learnt that the Gippsland Tribe was the Kurnai / Gunai People who were made up of 5 tribes:

- Brayakouloong
- Bratowwooloong
- Tatungbloong
- Bratuwooloong and
- Krowathunkooloong

Following the presentation, on Wednesday 4th June, we had the opportunity to paint small black and white rocks, in traditional Koorie artwork and motifs, using a series of art symbols supplied by Terry and Rex. These rocks are symbols and tokens of peace and community and we were able to either keep them for ourselves or share them with our family and friends.

We would really like to thank Miss Brie Brooker who organised this presentation on our behalf, Terry and Rex for giving up their time to come to speak to us and share their knowledge and stories, and to our terrific LG teachers who assisted with the painting.

Mrs Rosemary Allen
Year 7 Level Leader
Career News...Drop in to get information on:

- ‘University Experience’ at ACU: Ballarat campus – Tues 1 July; Melbourne campus – Tues 8 July; Info/registration: www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp

- **ACU BREAKS DOWN THE BUDGET** – The recent Federal Budget included changes to higher education funding which will have significant implications for Australian universities. The Australian Catholic University summarised the proposed changes that will affect students:
  
  - **Universities will set their own fees** – from 1 Jan 2016, universities will set their own fees for Australian undergraduate courses.
  
  - **The government will contribute less** – from 1 Jan 2016, students will pay more towards the cost of their degree, and the government will pay less. The Commonwealth contribution will reduce by 20% overall.
  
  - **Extending the demand driven system** – this system has been expanded to provide Commonwealth Supported Places for any undergraduate qualification offered by a university – diplomas, associate degrees. Government funding has also been extended to students studying at registered higher education providers (incl TAFE).
  
  - **Repaying the debt sooner** – The HELP loan will still be available, so students will not have to pay their fees upfront. However, the government has reduced the income threshold so graduates will start making their repayments sooner – when they are earning approx. $50,638.
  
  - For ACU students (if the changes pass in parliament), this means: Current ACU students or those who have accepted a place at ACU and elected to defer that offer on or before 13 May, 2014, will **not be affected as long as they complete their degree by the end of 2020**. Students who accept an offer of enrolment from 14 May 2014 until 1 Jan 2016 will be charged under the **existing arrangements till 31 Dec 2015**. After that, they will be charged under the **new arrangements**. ACU will be consulting with stakeholders over the coming months to determine the appropriate fees for ACU’s courses. Other universities will, no doubt, make statements in due course.

- **NEW WEBSITE FOR MONASH UNIVERSITY – CHECK IT OUT!** Monash has created a new website to help you succeed in the final years of secondary school, and to access vital information in one place. For example, it includes important dates, deadlines, registration for Monash events, VCE tips, study options and information about career paths. See: www.destination.monash.

- **COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP** – This seven-day event is for students in Years 9-12, and gives an opportunity to experience everything connected to computer games and information technology. Learn from experienced industry professionals, talk to like-minded individuals and expand your networks by participating in workshops, tournaments, presentations, and activities. If you are interested in multimedia, designing or playing games, or looking to a career in IT, this is for you. When: Sat 5 – Fri 11 July; Where: Monash Clayton; Info/register: https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/

- **ART DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE (MADA)** – MADA is hosting a range of three-day workshops for Year 11/12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. Students can build folios and attend foundation workshops in architecture, interior architecture, communication design, industrial design and fine art, and experience life at MADA. Industry professionals and academics will run the workshops and guide students through the lessons and activities. When: 1-3 July & 24-26 Sept; Where: MADA, 900 Dandenong RD, Caulfield East; Enquiries: 9903 1517, mada@monash.edu, Information: monash.edu/mada/workshops.

- **INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH ANIMALS?** Various school holiday programs are again on offer. ‘Winter Wonderland’ is the theme this year.
  
  - Healesville Sanctuary - a chance to get close to some of our most endangered alpine animals. The Keeper for a Day program allows you to help keepers and learn about a very rewarding job.
  
  - Vet for a Day at Healesville Sanctuary allows you to see the vets working with real life cases involving the animal collection as well as injured wildlife brought into the hospital.
  
  - Keeper for a Day at Werribee Open Range Zoo- find out what a keeper’s day is really like.
  
Visit to Federation University

On Friday, 6th June, 70 students from DSC travelled on down the highway to the Gippsland campus of Federation University at Churchill.

Our first stop was in the main Lecture Theatre to hear about the recent changes at Federation University. Originally a campus of Monash University, the new University has incorporated Ballarat University and several other regional tertiary institutions to form the new Federation University organisation. It has a special focus on regional students and focuses on prerequisite subjects and ability rather than on ATAR alone.

We then had a guest speaker give a motivational talk about memory, brain types, learning preferences and study skill. Our students were avid listeners and actively participated in a memory activity including how to reproduce a faithful diagram of a cell. Then, after just 10 minutes of coaching 100% of students were able to memorise and recall a list of 20 items in the correct sequential order. Finally the students were introduced to a study and revision system to help them with exam preparation.

We all then broke for a free lunch, supplied by Fed. University. Students enjoyed the meal selections and got a taste of university life.

The last session consisted of a Q & A session with six current Federation University students answering questions written by our students about student life. The grand finale was the grand tour of the campus, and of course, more questions. By the end, most students had their curiosity satisfied with the answers and felt much more confident about a possible future at university.

Thank you to Helen Malone for organising this fantastic opportunity through our Careers Program.

Dukes enjoy insight into Neerim South CFA

The Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh class was treated to life as a Ground Observer when Phil Coombs and Ian brought to the College their Neerim South CFA Ground Observation car and kit.

The task of running in front of the major fires to take reading of the fuel load, humidity and wind was not very appealing to the students, however they certainly had an appreciation for the people who risk their lives. Students took moisture readings of foliage and wind readings. They were also shown the use of the GIS mapping program that helps the CFA track and record data related to fire activity.

A special thank you to Phil Coombs for organising the session.

Gita Walker
Week 10

Sunday 22/06
Camp - Year 11 Central Australia Tour departs

Monday 23/06
Year 10 Work Experience Week
Excursion - Year 9 Pre App - Mill Valley Ranch
Incursion - Responsible Serving of Alcohol - Year 12 - 3:45pm - 7:15pm

Tuesday 24/06
Year 10 Work Experience Week
Camp - Year 11 Central Australia Tour
College Council - 7.30pm
Incursion - The Big READ IN

Wednesday 25/06
Year 10 Work Experience Week
Camp - Year 11 Central Australia Tour
West Gippsland Year 7 & 8 Round Robin – all day
Camp - VCAT Year 12

Thursday 26/06
Year 10 Work Experience Week
Camp - Year 11 Central Australia Tour
West Gippsland Year 7 & 8 boys AFL – all day
Camp - VCAT Year 12
Excursion – High Achievers – Years 8 and 9 – all day

Friday 27/06
Year 10 Work Experience Week
Camp - Year 11 Central Australia Tour
Camp - VCAT Year 12

Term 2 Holidays
Thursday 03/07
Year 11 Central Camp returns to Drouin