Farewell to the Class of 2014
GOOD LUCK TO OUR HPV AND WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

We have two big trips coming up this weekend. Firstly 20 students and four staff are off to Thailand for our inaugural WEP trip where students will do four weeks of travel including community work at an orphanage and at an elephant reserve. I am sure it will be a great experience for all our students as they become true global citizens.

Secondly, our HPV teams are off to the 24 hour race at Maryborough this week. We wish Mr Jayden King and his three teams all the best for the competition.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2015

The College has completed the process of electing our College Captains for 2015. I am pleased to announce our Captains for 2015 are:

- Melissa Griffin
- Emily Webster
- Lachie Crampton
- James Williams

The College would like to congratulate the elected Captains and we are sure that we have a great student leadership team to lead us next year. The 2015 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 VCE Units 3 and 4 exams this week. The students, parents and staff will have celebrated the efforts of the class of 2014 at our Valedictory Dinner on the evening of Wednesday, 19th November by the time you receive this DSCN. I am sure as always the dinner will be a wonderful night and many Year 12 students will have receive 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 that they are aiming for.

YEAR 10 AND 11 EXAMS

Currently, our Year 10 and 11s are completing exams and I wish all students the best of luck in this final assessment period.

YEAR 11 INTO 12 HEADSTART

The Year 10 and 11s 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 2015 the opportunity to get ahead in their studies. It is important all our Year 10s and 11s have 100% attendance for this program. The Head Start Program will be conducted from Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December.

YEAR 7 TO 9 FINISH

The Years 7 to 9 students are now moving into their final four weeks of the school year. This is an important time of the semester as staff finalise many assessments including class time 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 working.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA STATE ATHLETICS RESULTS

Six students took part in the SSV State Athletics on Friday, 17th October. All students performed really well in beautiful conditions with all producing excellent results.

- **Ben Bowering** - 3rd 200m AWD, 4th 100m AWD, 4th Shot Put AWD
- **Tiana Broadway** - 4th Open Steeple Chase
- **Harry Phillips** - 4th 1500m
- **Dane Johns** - 6th Hurdles, 6th 200m, 7th Triple Jump, 7th Long Jump
- **Anthony Hayes** - 7th Triple Jump
- **Codey Orgill** - 8th 1500m

2015 SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCEMENT DATES

I have listed the start dates for 2015 below.

**Wednesday, 28th January**
- Pupil Free Day
- All Teachers Resume

**Thursday, 29th January**
- Pupil Free Day

**Friday, 30th January**
- Students Resume

Shane Wainwright
Principal
On 22nd November, a group of 24 students and staff will fly out to Thailand to take part in the journey of a lifetime. We are visiting a community in which the students will work at a school that operates from a local orphanage. The students will play games with orphans, teach them in English and Maths and help them with homework. Students will also help with a building project at the school. The students will be staying at the orphanage for one night, to see just how these orphans live on a day-to-day basis.

As a second part of this program our students will care for wildlife in Thailand. They will help with a project at a local elephant and gibbon refuge; here they will help in the daily care of the animals with feeding, washing and minor repairs to the enclosures.

The students participating in this program are developing skills in fundraising, teamwork, leadership and self-confidence. They have been given leadership roles and have already planned lessons they will teach while overseas. On 3rd November students practised these skills at the Drouin Primary School, where they played games and activities with the Prep and Grade 1 students. In the afternoon the students completed community projects around their own school.

All students attending the trip were encouraged to fundraise the funds to attend the program. This was undertaken outside school hours, independent of the College. Many thanks to all of those who helped our students, including the Drouin and District Community Bank who gave a generous donation.

The students are gaining an understanding of what it means to give and support those in need. They will gain a better understanding of what community actually means and have a firsthand look at how lucky we are to live in a country like Australia.

We feel fortunate already!
Presentation Ball 2014 - The Secret Garden

The Secret Garden - Drouin Secondary College Presentation Ball 2014 – Presented by the Drouin Secondary College Parents & Friends Association

2014 has had many highlights so far at Drouin Secondary College. But none can be as spectacular and glamorous as the Presentation Ball held in the Lyn Kelly Stadium on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th October.

“Welcome to our Secret Garden” announced the official program, and what an amazing garden was revealed to all of our guests. It was wonderful to see so many of our school girls and school boys present themselves in all their finery as amazing young men and women. It was hard to recognise many of the girls as the many hours of meticulous preparation transformed them.

It was hard to believe the shambolic rabble that began their dance training in June this year were the same graceful couples that appeared before us on the dance floor. Yet there they were, firstly on Friday night and then, amazingly again on Saturday night.

The time, effort and plain hard work put into the evening by so many of our extended community was incredibly generous. It was extremely warming to see the number of people who put up their hand to make this an amazing night. A credit to all involved raising much needed and appreciated funds to benefit all students.

The pride on the faces of friends and family was confirmation of the success of the night and resulted in a cascade of photographs being taken. It was a night to remember, but the secret is out; the young adults of the class of 2014 have arrived.
State Cycling Champion

Cyrus Monk achieved first place in the recent State Finals of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships. The race was a criterium around the streets of central Bendigo. Fifteen riders started the race but after some early attacks and crashes only four riders were left in the lead group for the final sprint. Cy led out the sprint and held on to win by more than a bike length.

Back to Back State Champion - Eliza Humphrey

On the 18th and 19th October, Eliza competed in the State Titles for the Australian Bowhunters Association (ABA) at the Bairnsdale Archery Club. With a total of 80 targets shot, Eliza came first in the A Grade Junior Girls Bowhunter Unlimited Class and is the current state champion! Eliza will compete in the National Championships early next year.
Japanese Obento Excursion

On Wednesday 22nd October, ten Year 8 students were lucky enough to attend the Japanese Obento excursion at Moorabbin.

Although we hadn’t learnt a lot of what the instructors were saying, the other students from other schools were happy to explain what was going on. We got split into groups with students from other schools and participated in races and designing our own Obento box. Did you know that some Japanese parents get up at 5am to make their children’s lunch?

Overall, we had a great day and learnt lots of new words in Japanese and things about Obento boxes.

By Alex & Heather Braithwaite, Yr 8

NEWS FROM THE CANTEEN

The Canteen will be closed on the following date:
12 December – Beach Day

The Canteen will operate on all other days.

During Activity Week, 15 – 18 December, all lunches will need to be ordered.

Price Increases

Due to suppliers’ increases, we will need to increase the cost of some food in the Canteen. Where possible, we have not increased prices.

We will absorb the current increases until Term 1 2015.

A copy of the new prices are available on the Drouin Secondary website.

Thank you
Japanese Cultural Excursion

On the excursion we went to Melbourne to do a few different things associated with Japan. First of all, once we got there we went to a calligraphy class. This was really fun. The instructor, who was Japanese, taught us about the purpose and technique of calligraphy. The final piece of work was the word 'Fireworks' or Hanabi in Japanese. We then went to a Japanese restaurant and enjoyed a delicious lunch. We had Miso soup for entree and had a chicken and rice dish for the main. These were both delicious! We then went to the Daiso shop where everything costs $2.80. There were a lot of weird and cool things ranging from Japanese lollies to shoes. Everyone had a great time.

Blake Johns, Yr 9
The end of October saw the 8 Hands on Learning Boys set off on their last camp as a team. The bike riding trip was over four days from Traralgon to Maffra along the Great Southern Rail Trail and then two days mountain biking at Blores Hill near Lake Glenmaggie.

The first day was a real challenge with gale force winds to contend with, but the boys rode really strongly and reached Toongabbie easily. The camp site on the Toongabbie oval was a real treat – just like a private Great Victorian Bike Ride with lush green grass to sleep on! Blores Hill produced a new dimension of challenges and skills required, however the boys took it in their stride and really excelled in their efforts and determination.

Students developed further as a team and really enjoyed each other’s company and further consolidated their camping and trangia cooking skills. Overall, a very successful camp, lots of laughs together and lots of skills learnt. Special thank you to the Nayook team of Mark Cook and Sam, Hobbo, Tristin Walker, Phil Jeffrey and Thomas Richter (Year 9 leader).

Gita Walker (8 Hands on Learning Coordinator)
8HOL Parent-Student Dinner

The 8 HOL program is coming to a close and there is much to celebrate. The boys have had a fabulous year and have slowly developed into a team. There have been many moments of frustration, laughter, tears and sweat, but over time each student has grown just a bit more through their learning. On Wednesday 12th November the students and their parents had a meal in the College restaurant together to celebrate the boys achievements. Each student gave a reflective speech in front of a large captive audience. Well done boys for your efforts, your commitment to the program, your community spirit and your personal achievements. A special thank you to Kevin Thorpe for all his help preparing the food for the dinner.

Gita Walker
8 Hands on Learning Coordinator

What a wonderful community we have...

The students embarking on the Thailand Tour are sure to have heavier packs to carry after a kind donation from the Jasmine Girls quilting group in Warragul. Leader of the group, Rosie Cummings contacted me early this year to ask if the group was prepared to carry over quilt covers for the orphanage we are visiting in Singburi. As a group we are thrilled to be able to deliver 30 beautiful handmade quilts and pillow cases to the children. A photo of the smiles on the children’s faces is all the group hopes for when we return. Thank you “Jasmine Girls” for your kindness, I’m sure it will make many children smile.

Gita Walker (Thailand Tour Coordinator)
Recently the Year 11 Agriculture class attended a two day excursion to Dromana. They were lucky enough to learn about vineyards, wine making, nursery plants and milking goats. There was also a cheese tasting and a visit to the largest strawberry grower in the southern hemisphere where students picked their own punnet of strawberries. We are extremely lucky to have access to these wonderful experiences so close to home!

We also received an excellent result at the Melbourne Show with our chickens coming second in the Hy-Line Brown Commercial Layers – Team Presentation and a third with our eggs.
The Class of 2014

The year started off with a camp in Melbourne to experience Uni life.

Some highlights of the camp included getting lost in Melbourne, Sonya and the Queen Vic Market.

Upon leaving Melbourne, the Year 12s began the year keen, motivated and enthusiastic.

From here, both students and teachers began preparing for their first Year 12 SAC and for those students studying Arts or Technology subjects, the year-long SAT.

From here on in, the assessments didn’t stop. There were after-school English SACS, Music and Drama performances, pracs and heaps of extra-curricular activities in which to be involved.

Year 12 is about having fun, enjoying the moment and jumping on for the ride. You get a whole room for yourselves, equipped with fridge and microwave, designed as a peaceful sanctuary to ‘study’ in.

Thursday, 24th October was the final day of classes for the Year 12s. After 13 years of hard work, they finally saw the light at the end of the tunnel. All of the blood, sweat and tears was worth it!

All Year 12 students worked hard to plan and organise one of the best Celebration Days we have seen. Students came dressed up in costumes and played pranks around the school before a celebration breakfast in the Cafeteria and a whole school final assembly.

Congratulations to the class of 2014!
Bronze Camp is an annual event held by SLS Lakes Entrance. The week long camp consists of fitness, fun and learning to become a Surf Lifesaver!

7th - 13th December
PLACES ARE LIMITED

CONTACT: STEVEN - 0415 422 774

REGISTER ONLINE: www.SurfLifeSavingLakesEntrance.org.au
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