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We have made a very busy and positive start to Semester 2 including; the Celebration Assembly, Staff PD day, NADOC Day, Course Selection Evening and interviews, authors, performers, rappers, inspirational speakers, camps and sporting events ……. and a heck of a lot of rain!

Students and teachers are now well into Unit 2 classes and learning activities. The first Progress Report for the semester will be available this week. This will give students and parents an opportunity to discuss learning progress and to identify areas students can focus on to continue improving. Students will also have an opportunity to discuss their reports with their Learning Group teacher.

The Student Attitudes to School Survey has given us some good information about what students are thinking and feeling about being a student at DSC. It is encouraging to see the overall improvement in this data, however there are some areas of concern. The Learning Culture Teams are conducting student focus groups to gain student feedback on the survey results. The ideas coming from these focus groups are very helpful to the Leadership Team and the Student Representative Council in their work supporting students and their learning.

The College also completes a random survey of Parents every year. It is always a challenge to have as many surveys as possible returned so we have a good sample of parent opinion. Thank you very much to all parents who completed and returned the survey this year. The names of children who return their family’s survey went into a prize draw. This year Kesha Flower won the draw and is now wearing her new ‘Fitbit’.

This is a very exciting week for the College. High School The Musical will open on Thursday evening and run for 4 performances this weekend in the DSC Auditorium. The dedicated Production Team and students have worked hard to create what I’m sure will be a thoroughly entertaining show. ‘Chookas’ to all!!!

We also have the Human Powered Vehicle Team competing in Bendigo this weekend. They will be supported by Ben Stein and a very hardworking team of parents. Best wish for a successful race.

**Deb Gentle**

**Acting Principal**

“Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

- Thomas Alva Edison

**NEWSFLASH: NAPLAN Results 2015**

One of the measures we use to gauge successful teaching and learning is the growth in learning of students from when they begin at DSC in year 7 to when they complete NAPLAN in year 9.

When we compare the learning growth of our year 9 students to the State average we are ahead in all areas.

Right is a graph showing the growth in raw scores for all secondary schools in Victoria and Drouin Secondary College.

This is a result to celebrate for our students, their teachers also for the families who support our students and value their learning progress.
Year 9 Visit to Baw Baw Skills Centre

On Thursday 6th August, 25 Year 9 students went to Baw Baw Skills Centre to tour the facilities and to participate in what the centre has to offer.
Troy Bolton is the star of East High’s basketball team and everyone is counting on him to lead the Wildcats to victory in the championship game. Gabriella Montez has just moved to East High and is hoping to fly under the radar and lead a somewhat ‘normal’ existence without everyone knowing she’s a mathematics genius. When they both audition for the school musical, the students at East High are completely thrown off balance and Sharpay and Ryan Evans will do anything to fix the problem to make sure Troy and Gabriella “Stick to the Status Quo”.

High School Musical stars Lachie Crampton and Shannon Mellings and plays for four shows only, Thursday 20th – Saturday 22nd August. The cast have had many, many lunchtime and afterschool rehearsals. Students from Years 7 – 12 have taken on board “We’re all in this together”, capturing the spirit of the characters and the light-hearted fun of the show. When staff at Drouin Secondary College discovered that basketball was a big part of the college’s production, “High School Musical”, they were eager to show the cast the perfect moves so they could “Get Cha Head in the Game”.

Tickets for performances from 20th – 22nd August can be purchased at: http://trybooking.com/hpVf.

**Facts You May Not Know**

1. In the original High School Musical Movie, the lead character, Troy, had to practise basketball for three hours each day.
2. "High School Musical" was the name of the film during production; however they thought they would be able think of a better name by post-production – they didn’t!
3. The school’s mascot was originally going to be a leopard, but was changed to a wildcat.
Thank you!

To the local businesses supporting DSC’s 2015 musical production.
And we also managed to squeeze in a tour of the facilities at Gippsland Power where we received a motivating talk from Gippsland Power Coach and Collingwood Premiership player Leigh Brown.

As Leos we ran a BBQ at Coles Warragul on a Saturday morning to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital.

We’ve hit the road thanks to the help of our Drouin CFA friends and the YFC to experience the life of a firefighter at Morwell Fire Brigade.

The boys in 8H have had a massive few weeks, how about this:

Etihad Stadium

We have been riding the rails to Melbourne to explore the city as a sport and recreation hub and having an absolute ball.
Year 7 Reading & Literacy

Yr 7 students read over six million words between 18th June and 13th July, with many Year 7 students improving their reading habits. The following students successfully completed quizzes:


A special mention goes to Taliah Brooker who has read over three million words, to Tanner Hay and Jeffrey Williams who have read over two million words and to Alexander MacDonald, Amber Roberts and Chloe Kirkman who have read over one million words since the beginning of the year.

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

Progress can be tracked at https://auhosted1.renlearn.com.au/1458054 using the student’s username and password for Moodle.

Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff
This week, the Unit 4 Biology class were privileged to have the team from GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre) visit DSC and run a brilliant program called ‘From Hominoids to Hominins’. This section of biology looks at fossils of early ancestral forms of humans and their evolutionary trends.

It was a fantastic learning experience for the students which included examining scale model skulls of four extinct hominins, and the modern human, chimp, and gorilla. They learnt about trends in the evolution of body structure, locomotion, diet, and brain capacity of hominins by examining and comparing anatomical and dental structures.

Roger Matheson
Unit 3 & 4 Biology Teacher
Winter Activities Camp

With Nayook providing some of the gear and expertise, the Unit 2 Outdoor & Environmental Studies group enjoyed a few challenging days learning alpine travel skills on the Baw Baw Plateau. The camp was based at Rawson and the group travelled up the mountain each day on the bus driven by Sam. Rainy weather ensured camping at Rawson was very muddy but the shelter and wood stove provided a welcome cooking and meeting area.

Snowshoeing at Mt St Gwinear in falling snow was a good introduction to the icy conditions and the walk back down the mountain highlighted the beauty of snow gums. Downhill skiing at the Mt Baw Baw resort gave us the opportunity to try the lifts and skiing on groomed slopes and the final day of cross-country skiing proved how challenging it is to descend on the skinny skis but easy enough to climb to the top of Baw Baw.
On Thursday August 13th, we were lucky enough to have exciting visitors come to school. Les Crêpes de Marion. A mobile French-style crêperie, came to make crêpes for us!

They were here all day – students who had French classes went during class time to meet them, watch them make crêpes, order in French and, obviously, eat their crêpes!

They also made crêpes during recess and lunch for the rest of the school community!

The crêpes were delicious and the home made chocolate and caramel sauce and homemade raspberry jam were to die for!
**Job Skills Expo**

All Year 9 students attended the Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park. The aim was to expose them to the variety of pathways/jobs and careers which are available to them. Students spoke with representatives from universities, TAFEs and other training providers. Many students asked questions and collected information that they are now using to help choose a pathway in Year 10 and beyond.

Thanks to the Baw Bow LLEN who co-ordinate and run the show every year.

**Discover Federation University**

One hundred Year 8 students spent a day at Federation University at Churchill. They had a taste of what life at a university could be like. Students worked in teams through a number of challenges across different areas of the university. Activities were supported by current Federation student ambassadors. Challenges included:

- A guided scavenger hunt around the campus with current university students to experience our great facilities
- Faculty-based activities drawn from Nursing, Business and Journalism

**Work Experience for Year 10 students in 2016**

Current Year 9 students received information this week about Work Experience next year. Each student was provided with an information sheet to take home. A copy is in Moodle- Careers- Work Experience- Work Experience 2016. As almost 200 students will be seeking placement in this week, we encourage students to find a placement as soon as possible. Once this has occurred, collect an Arrangement form from Careers to complete.

**Unique Student Identifier (USI)**

From January 2015, the Unique Student Identifier (USI) is needed for every student undertaking nationally recognised training. Year 9 students have been given information about how to obtain a USI number. We advise all Year 9 students to generate a USI number whether they plan to study a VET course in 2016 or not. Students have been provided with instructions to follow. Once a USI number has been generated, please bring a copy to Careers to add to our records.

Instructions are in Moodle- Careers- USI
Changes to DSC 1:1 Program for Student Notebooks

As you may be aware government funding for the 1:1 Program for student netbooks ran out three years ago. The College has been covering over half of the cost of this program but unfortunately we are no longer able to do this. The College will continue to contribute one third of the cost of student computers over their years with us and will continue to provide software and ICT support.

The changes to the program are outlined below:

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Optional Laptop Offer

As in 2015, there will be the option of upgrading from the Standard Netbook provided by the College to one of our approved optional laptops. This offer is open to all students at DSC but is of particular interest to students requiring a more powerful computer – such as students undertaking IT, Graphics and Media studies. Students who purchase the optional laptop have a choice of a larger screen or a touch screen.

Students who buy the approved optional laptop outright do not pay the annual $80 netbook charge.

To order the optional laptop go to the school website www.drouinsc.vic.edu.au go to the Parent Information tab, then Computers, then 1:1 Netbook Program and follow the instructions.

The optional laptops will be delivered to students as soon as they come in and have been set up.

The College will continue to provide software and ICT support to all students.

If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Teresa Fanning, the Curriculum Leader for ICT or for financial enquiries please contact Josie O’Connor, Business Manager.
On Friday, 7th August, our Year 9 Japanese class took a wonderful trip to Melbourne to participate in Japanese cultural activities. We started off our adventure by doing a group calligraphy class where we learned and drew the kanji for ‘Fireworks’. After a little mess and a lot of fun, we wandered down to a traditional Japanese restaurant.

We had many options of food to have at the restaurant such as ramen, udon and a traditional bento box. We could have many side dish options such as chicken katsu. It was all very delicious and everyone had a ball and even if not everyone liked the food, we all gave it a try.

Our last stop was to Daiso and there were quite a lot of odd objects to find such as chair socks and dog nappies. Everything in the store was $2.80 which meant we had a lot of things to buy. And the best thing I bought was an amazing back scratcher. :D

**Alex Braithwaite**

The excursion into the city was really fun. The culture that we got to experience will be with us forever, the people we met were so nice, I enjoyed running around Daiso and eating amazing Japanese food. I wish that I could go back and do it again. The moment I remember the most was trying the Ramen. It was really nice and I would eat it again anytime. I would recommend the calligraphy excursion for everyone.

**Brandon Bickle**
What a busy week of netball the girls of DSC had on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th June. Many wonderful netball stars got to show their talents, a real credit to all their weekend netball coaches and the PE staff at DSC too.

On Monday 15th, the Senior team, Intermediate A and Intermediate B teams went out to compete. The Senior team won three games and drew the other, they will go through to the next round. A great team effort with a special mention to the defenders.

The intermediate A had two wins but also two losses; the standout player for the day was Ruby Pratt. The intermediate B team played so well, they won their first game and then had two draws, unfortunately missing out on the pennant on percentage.

On Wednesday 17th, the Year 7A, Year 7B, Year 8A and Year 8B teams headed out to Warragul for their matches. The 7A team played three awesome games and won all three. Their talk, pressure down the court and attitude really showed how mature they are. No single player could be given best on, so Hayley B, Piper, Holly, Nat, Hayley H, Ange, Georgia, Kiarna and Rach are all champs. The 7B team were also winners on the day, pushing out to a strong lead over Lowana in their first half, then finishing the game off in style with a 20-13 victory. Well done to a very vocal and energetic team!

The Year 8A team had the most games on the day, with some very tired girls by the end. They won two games but unfortunately they also lost two. Best on were Taylah Thomas, Ali Leishout and Soph Modaffari. Special mention to Jess who came on as shooter after a long absence. After a long wait, the 8B team finally got to stretch their legs, and stretch indeed coming up against a very tall Lowana team. They played well and rotated through many MANY changes, but came up short in the scoreboard. Well done to Brooke Pearson and Katie Higgins – as well as Madi Ferguson for playing hard throughout.

At the next level, the Senior team won two of their three games and performed really well. The 7A team unfortunately lost all 3 of their games but had a really fun day. Some standout performances include Ella H, Holly A and Nat D. Well done girls.
Important Bus Pass Information
NO AD-HOC BUS PASSES

Country buses (this does not include in-town bus services) are provided as a free service to eligible students for the sole purpose of providing transport between home and school. While transport to and from other locations may have been allowed in the past, this situation has become unmanageable and unsafe. The rules governing School Buses are clear in this regard.

Transport such as
• to the home of another student
• to after school employment
• to sporting and other social event
• to another person’s home for the purpose of child minding

These are regarded as private in nature and therefore the responsibility of the parents and students concerned.

Casual travel in the past has caused overcrowding on some buses which creates serious safety concerns. It is also difficult to monitor the safe travel of all passengers when they are not formally enrolled or using the bus as enrolled.

As a result of these issues, and in accord with DET and PTV guidelines, no ad-hoc bus use will be permitted for any reason other than to facilitate short term emergency housing.

We will be introducing laminated bus passes from term 1, 2015. These will detail student name, enrolled route and stop. Students will only be able to travel according to the conditions of pass and will not be allowed to travel without one.

PLEASE NOTE: No bus pass will be issued for any other purpose.

We deeply regret the inconvenience this may cause but we need to follow the guidelines set out by the Department of Education and Training closely as possible, which are created in the best interests of safety for all students.

Kind regards
Maureen Hickman
Transport Coordinator

2015 Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all the families who returned their Parent Opinion Survey. Your responses are an important part of College feedback to assist us in our future planning which will benefit all students now and into the future.

Congratulations to Kesha Flower and family for being the winners of the Fitbit Charge HR.
Looking for someone to do your makeup for a special event?

**Emily Marie**

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The Family Care Sisters facility at Croydon, offers wholistic care to all women (aged 20+ -70 yrs) who are in need of a peaceful environment, ‘time out’, support or nurturing. Our residential program operates each week, Monday-Friday (Feb.-mid-Dec). A daily group session is held on topics such as ‘relaxation’, ‘well-being’, ‘self-awareness’, ‘boundaries’, etc. Cost: $150 (which can be paid in instalments).

For further information or to book in: contact us on Ph. 9723 6797.

Email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com
# COLLEGE DATES

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| Wednesday | 19/08 | 8H Richmond Excursion  
Financial Committee Meeting @ 5pm                           |
| Thursday  | 20/08 | Deb Ball Dance Training  
Production High School Musical @ 7.30 pm  
Production Rehearsal                                      |
| Friday    | 21/08 | Bendigo HPV Grandprix  
Production High School Musical @ 7.30 pm                         |
| Saturday  | 22/08 | Bendigo HPV Grandprix  
Production High School Musical @ 1.30 pm  
Production High School Musical @ 7.30 pm                         |
| Sunday    | 23/08 | Bendigo HPV Grandprix                                                |

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| Tuesday  | 25/08 | 8H Information Night  
College Council @ 7.30pm  
Year 11 History - Vietnam Vet Museum                               |
| Thursday | 27/08 | Deb Ball Dance Training  
PISA Testing - Selected Students                                      |
| Friday   | 28/08 | Chess Tournament - Pakenham  
BH Local Excursion  
Karobran Local Excursion                                          |

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| Tuesday  | 01/09 | Year 9/10 Koorie Students AIME Day  
@ Fed Uni                                                          |
| Wednesday| 02/09 | Year 12 Ag Versteden Farm Visits  
Karobran WGHG Incursion  
West Gippsland Athletics                                          |
| Thursday  | 03/09 | Deb Ball Dance Training                                            |
| Friday    | 04/09 | Year 11 Formal                                                    |

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Year 11 VCE Fed Uni - Uniopoly Incursion                               |
| Wednesday| 09/09 | Deb Ball Dance Training - Girls Only  
Year 12 Unit 4 Outcome 2  
SAC - Life of Galileo                                                   |
| Thursday | 10/09 | Chess Tournament DSC                                                |
| Friday   | 11/09 | 12AH DEPI - Melbourne  
VET/VCE Dance Semester 2  
Performance Evening                                                   |

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| Tuesday  | 15/09 | Unit 2 Biology Melbourne Aquarium  
Parents and Friends Meeting @ 7.30pm                                  |
| Wednesday| 16/09 | Deb Ball Dance Training - Boys Only  
8H Flinders Street                                                     |
| Thursday | 17/09 | Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
4.15pm to 9pm                                                          |
| Friday   | 18/09 | Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
9am to 12noon                                                          |

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## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
- Thursdays 10am to 6pm
- First Saturday of the Month
- Saturday 5th September 9.30am to 12.30pm

## 2015 TERM DATES
- Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
- Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Contact Hrs: 8.15am – 4.30pm
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