Last Thursday September 3rd we celebrated National Flag Day. This was particularly significant because we now have three new flagpoles donated by our Parents & Friends standing at the front of the college. Federal Member for McMillan, Mr Russell Broadbent, presented our College Captains with a new Australian flag, which was then flown from the middle flagpole. We hope to see the Indigenous flag and the Victorian flag flying early next term. Students will be aware we are currently running a competition to design a Drouin Secondary College flag. Thank you to the College Choir for leading the National Anthem and the Food Technology students who provided a fine morning tea.

This week all students will receive their mid-semester progress reports. This is the perfect time for students to reflect on their progress and talk about this with parents and teachers.

The perfect opportunity to do this is at the mid-semester Parent/Student/Teacher meetings being held next week on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September.

In our last newsletter we were anticipating the opening of High School Musical. The hard work of the students and teachers certainly showed in the energetic and entertaining performances. If you didn’t get there you missed a great show. Thanks to the Production Team led by Ms Brie Brooker, Ms Jenn Rolls, Ms Casey Kamphuis and Mrs Lynda Lewis. I think everyone who was in the audience would agree the students were fabulous.

Also congratulations to the Year 11 students who attended the formal last Friday. You all contributed to a really enjoyable and special evening, participating positively together and with the teachers who supported the event. Well done.

Our Year 12 VCE students are working hard as they finish their Unit 4 courses. Many are attending exam lectures, after school classes and practice exams during the Term 3 holidays. VCAL students are working to complete their competencies and will finish their courses early next term. Stay focused on your goals and work with each other and your teachers to get there.

As I write this report the SRC and a team of Year 12 VCAL students are preparing for a “litter assembly” with the aim of raising awareness of our school environment and delivering the message that it is the responsibility of everyone in our college community to keep the grounds and buildings litter free.

I wish students and teachers a safe and happy mid-semester break.

**Deb Gentle**  
**Acting Principal**

“Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”  
- Thomas Alva Edison
Parent/Student/Teacher
Conferences Years 7-12

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be occurring at the College at the following times:

Thursday 17th September 4.15 pm – 6.30pm & 6.45pm – 9.00 pm
& Friday 18th September 9.00am – 12.00pm

1. There are two possible ways of booking times to see Teachers:
   • Book electronically via the parent portal on SENTRAL by:
     - Once you are in the Parent Portal click the Parent Teacher Interviews button on the menu across top.
     - Select the teachers, click times suitable for you.
   • Ring our General Office and book your preferred times on Phone: 5625 1002.

2. Visit the Drouin Secondary College website to view a tutorial of how to use Sentral to book interviews for your student/s.
3. Record all interview times when you have made appointment times convenient to you.

4. When you arrive at the College, please ensure your child’s name is marked off the roll in the foyer of the Senior LCC office and collect a map showing locations of teachers.
5. To ensure that all parents and students have the opportunity to meet with teachers as arranged, please limit each interview to the agreed 10 minutes. If you need extra time do not hesitate to make arrangements with the teacher for a later occasion.
6. If you are booking online, availability of staff members will be clearly marked. If a staff member is unavailable during parent/student/teacher interviews you can arrange an alternative time by contacting the general office. The classroom teacher will contact you at their earliest convenience.
7. Bookings will close at 3pm on Thursday 17th September before the session.

Mrs Gita Walker
Pedagogy and Coaching Curriculum Leader

DSC AGRICULTURE

Drouin SC’s Agriculture classes have the opportunity to display four of their layer chickens at the Melbourne Show.

They will be on display the whole time, 19th September - 29th September, and the chickens themselves and their eggs will be judged against other Victorian schools.

The students have put in a huge effort collecting data and making a very professional poster for display.

So if you are going to the show in the holidays, please pop into The Weekly Times Livestock Pavilion and have a look at Drouin’s wonderful chickens!
On Thursday 13th August the Unit 4 Biology class went to the Gene Technology Access Centre. It is a world class education centre that delivers programs in cell and molecular biology.

Our students undertook a full day program called Unravelling the mysteries of chromosomes and inheritance.

It was a fantastic learning experience for the students where they were able to perform experiments and use scientific equipment not available in secondary schools. Young qualified scientists, who themselves are studying and researching, led our students through a series of experiments.

Amongst the activities performed were gel electrophoresis, used to determine whether or not the baby in our fictional case inherited the disease PKU. The program also provided valuable revision of many elements of Unit 3/4 Biology.
Students in the Certificate II in Building and Construction and Year 9 Pre Apprenticeship Program participated in this year’s “Building Careers” Program. Grocon kindly opened their doors again in 2015 and for the first time Probuild invited students to one of their sites at Chadstone, exposing the students to the vast array of careers available within the industry.

The first site was the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC). This extremely technical building was a real eye opener for staff and students. The “animal house” where laboratory testing is carried out on rodents was interesting. The explanation of the strict adherence to building codes and associated medical codes in regards to sterilisation, air sealed rooms for quarantine etc. added a new dimension of thinking to standard building practice.

This year we visited a PROBUILD site in Chadstone where again, students were able to receive first-hand information from industry experts and had access to restricted areas to view complex construction activities such as steel reinforcement in curved multi-level carparks, post tensioning of suspended concrete slabs and application of vermiculite to prevent warping of steel structures in the event of a fire.

Overall, the students gained a lot out of the visits. One student commented that, “the highlight of the day was meeting the project managers and learning about their pathway and career”. Another commented, “I enjoyed learning about the procedure of the development of the project and how the different services work together.”

Jaydyn King, VET Building & Construction Instructor commented, “Each year I attend the Building Careers program and leave in awe of the depth of knowledge, expertise and professionalism of the staff who give up part of their rostered day off to impart their knowledge to our young school students.

The day improves my knowledge of the commercial sector …… All of which can be used in the classroom to invoke discussion about the building industry. Students were able to question the project managers whilst visiting each site and the quality and complexity of the answers left students with plenty of food for thought. It does really enrich the VET Building program.”

Baw Baw & Latrobe LLEN
CARS and STARS is a new program adapted by Drouin Secondary College to support students in reading comprehension. The program is designed to help students to use strategies that will enable them to comprehend reading materials across all subject areas. It gives the students confidence and allows them to grow in their ability to interpret information.

How does it make you feel?
“CARS and STARS makes me feel special because people are taking their time to help me.” – Yr 7 boy
“Makes me feel positive and helps me to understand and participate more in class.” – Yr 8 girl
“That the school cares and is supportive.” – Yr 8 girl
“It makes me feel great because I learn something every lesson I’m here.” – Yr 8 boy
“I feel good knowing I can learn something that everyone else can learn.” – Yr 8 boy

What will it mean for your future?
“In the future CARS and STARS would have helped me learn more in life about confidence and showing that I can do anything.” – Yr 7 boy
“It means it can help me to get a good job and be able to pass school and have success in the future.” – Yr 8 girl
“Makes me more confident to participate in the future.” – Yr 8 girl

What CARS and STARS means to me?
“CARS and STARS is very helpful program because at the start of the year I was far behind in grammar and reading, now I am doing well and I am at the level I am supposed to be at.” – Yr 7 boy
“More opportunity, working at your pace, understanding the work.” – Yr 8 girl
“It has helped me in my English and sometimes in Maths, and other subjects.” – Yr 8 boy

CAREERS NEWS...

If you have a student who is not sure about which career they might pursue in the coming years, there are many resources available to begin searching.


This provides an in-depth look at a range of occupations, and their education and training pathways. It also gives useful information about how to work out what occupations suit best, based on interests and abilities.


These can help students to identify occupations that link with subjects they study at school and the level of education and training these occupations require.

The myfuture website http://myfuture.edu.au/ also has a range of resources to explore.
Year 7 students are to be congratulated for reading over 41 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. The following students have all completed quizzes between 14th July and 30th August:


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
Senior VCAL Camp

On Monday 17th August the intrepid senior VCAL students along with Mrs Daldry, Mr Baxter, Mrs Crampton, Mr Axford and Mr Marks boarded two mini buses and headed for the hills of Rawson and the surrounding countryside, re-visiting the camp many attended at the start of their Drouin SC journey.

On Day 1 we completed some team challenges. Leadership and team work were really put to the test on activities such as the balance board and spider web. During the afternoon we hiked and cleared some bushwalking trails. Some students showed that they could really double as human bulldozers - clearing vegetation most of us thought was too big to touch. It was cold and a bit wet and really muddy. We helped each other through some difficult stretches of track and all felt we had accomplished something at the end.

We made an evening trip to the Vinter Ljusfest in Walhalla, and a couple of students and a staff member had an extra piece of entertainment which involved a close encounter with a deer. The deer preferred running along the road with the bus, rather than the safety of the bush. Fortunately the deer made a good decision and all ended well.

On Day 2 the weather was much improved. The campers experienced the upgraded facilities now on offer at Rawson. We were impressed by the improvements made since these students were in Year 7. There is an improved zip-line and commando course, the new high ropes and a permanent rock-climbing and abseiling wall. New camp staff are very experienced in the use of this facility. Their expertise was appreciated.

Well done to everyone who tested their own limits, took on extra responsibilities, supported one another and coped in the conditions without a grumble. Well done Senior VCAL for fundraising to subsidize this camp, and thankyou staff who gave up their time to attend!
Mobile French-Style Crêpes

A taste of France came to visit us in the form of delicious crêpes from Les Crêpes de Marion. Students flocked to the picturesque stand to get their taste of sweet-smelling crêpes from the flavoursome variety available.

The stall holders, both named Marion and both natives of France, have been travelling around Melbourne for two and a half years with their crêpes. They happily served warm crêpes to the multitudes of students and teachers who came to the stall throughout the day.

By Louise Allen, Isabel Watson, Daisy Drake, Jessica Mills, and Casey Bradbury.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Students Stand Out!

This year’s Duke of Edinburgh students have started the semester with CFA training and do they stand out. In their yellow fire safe overalls they look fantastic working together to roll out hoses, turn on pumps and push water. The group has been looking at the workings of the CFA Tankers and Pumpers from Drouin and Warragul Brigades every Tuesday. The sessions have covered pumping water from hydrant and a stagnant source and radio communications. Class sessions focus on various theory areas.
All Years 11 and 12 students studying a Unit 3 & 4 subject/s in 2015 are required to attend their compulsory practice exam session/s.

The College is committed to this program and staff will assist and supervise examinations in Week 2 of the upcoming school holidays: **WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER & THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.**

The focus of this compulsory Practice Exam Timetable is to expose these students to exam conditions and use this as a learning experience. This is a good opportunity for the students to receive excellent feedback and is a great starting point for your revision schedule.

- Attendance at these exams is compulsory for all students.
- An exam has been scheduled for each Yr12 study taught at DSC.
- All exams will be in Moondah.
- All exams will be supervised under VCAA exam rules by volunteer staff members.
- Only VCAA approved materials and equipment will be permitted to be bought into the exam room.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the exam room early.

If students and/or parents have any questions please contact the Senior School Team at the College on 5625 1002.

**Diane Croft & Heather Daldry**  
10-12 Learning Leaders

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EXTENDED APPLICATION DATE
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card DON’T miss out on this Government Funding CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS PAYMENTS ARE NOW IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE APPLIED.

Please read the following information to understand the use of this payment. Also note, that at the end of each term the CSEF will be allocated to unpaid, attended excursions, sports and camps, unless otherwise arranged.

If you have not applied please do not delay.
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card on the first day of Term 2, 13th April, or the first day of Term 3, 13th July 2015, will still be eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

Eligible families will need to apply to the General Office at Drouin Secondary College with an application and a current concession card BY WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER. These applications will be classed as late applications which means the funds will probably not appear in the family’s school account until Term 4.

Application forms are available at the General Office or on our web site www.drouinsc.vic.edu.au or alternatively the DET website, www.education.vic.gov.au/csef, where more information is available.

An annual payment of $225 for secondary school students will be paid by the end of Term 4 directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student (the primary school amount is $125). The funding cannot be used until it has been credited to the family account.

The CSEF payment CANNOT be used towards voluntary school charges, or towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, etc.

If the student transfers to another Victorian school, the value of any unspent portion of the CSEF will be forwarded to the student’s new school, so that the student has access to the full value of the payment.

If the student leaves the Victorian school system, the CSEF payment will remain with the school and may be used towards the expenses for other family siblings, or school-incurred costs associated with operating camps, sports or excursion activities for students.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Japan Tour 2016

Information Evening For Parents And Students
Date: Wednesday October 7th
Time: 6pm – 6:30pm
Location: Drouin Secondary College, Moondah

As part of our Language studies, students in years 8-12 studying Japanese will be offered the opportunity to travel to Japan in September next year.

The trip to Japan is an excellent opportunity for students of Japanese to use the language in real-life situations and experience Japanese culture first hand.

During their stay, students would have the chance to tour some of Japan’s major cities including Tokyo and Kyoto, while also having the opportunity to experience life as a student, attending school and participating in a homestay with a Japanese family.

Come along to find out more about the Japan tour and ask any questions.

Doppelganger tours will be there to answer any questions and explain the itinerary in detail.
Why Hallora?

- We at Hallora are gearing up for another exciting year of cricket and would love for you to join us for the up coming season!
- Hallora has a fantastic family club atmosphere that host's excellent facilities to benefit all club members. These include our high quality turf wicket, practice nets and playing surface.
- Our Turf wicket is played on by both our under 14's and 16's teams to overall enhance and improve our club cricketers both present and future.
- We focus on providing a fun and enjoyable cricketing environment for our players and have enjoyed great success over recent years both on and off the field.

What do you need to know?

Junior Registration Day
Saturday 26th of September 2015
Hallora Rec Reserve, Main South Rd, Hallora
Training from 10:30 am, registration/information following

The new season is approaching fast!

For more details please call:
Junior Coordinator: Brett Williams (0408 776 765)
President: Mark Phillips (0406 420 280)
Secretary: Wendy Duncan (0422 492 011)

Warragul Little Athletics Centre

Registrations are now open for the 2015/16 season for all children from 5 to 16 years of age.

The 2015/16 Season commences on Saturday, October 10

Registrations will be held on Saturday September 12 at the Geoff Watt Track from 10 - 11am. Also on Saturday September 26 from 10am till 12noon at McDonald's.

To register online from 7/09/2015 go to www.lavic.com.au

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE:
- Full registration - $110
- Second child - $100
- 3+ children - $95 each additional child

The weekly program runs at the Geoff Watt Track Burke St Warragul from 8.45 – 11:30am and is designed to give new athletes plenty of time to learn and compete.

For more information contact Andre on 0414 524 737 or email warragul@lavic.com.au

Wednesday October 21st, 2015
7pm to 9pm
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston
$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

This is a public event. Everyone welcome!

Places can be reserved by emailing rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include Your NAME and No. Tickets required. Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
Enquiries: Ph 0433 616 771

Program description:
During this 2 hour presentation (including time for discussion and questions), Author and Educator Sharon Witt, will provide key skills and strategies our girls need in order to be resilient, strong and capable young women.
The Nyora Football Netball Club is committed to providing a fun, safe, family friendly environment for all members of our community. We will offer the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Australian Rules Football and Netball through positive promotion of team sports, fair play and sportsmanship as well as encouraging family and community involvement.

The Nyora Football Netball Club in the 2015 season fielded three under age netball teams and two under age football teams.

In 2016 season we are looking into the possibility of fielding an extra three new junior football under age teams. At the moment we are seeking expression of interest from players between the ages of 7 to 18 years of age, who would like to play football or netball and join our club in moving forward into the next season.

For more information please call Alison on 56596224

UnitingCare Gippsland

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

- Do you have a spare bedroom?
- Are you able to provide a safe, stable and loving environment to a child?
- Are you willing to attend training & work as part of a team?

UnitingCare Gippsland is seeking foster carers to meet the needs of local children unable to live with their birth families.

For more information please visit www.ucgipps.org.au or Call Megan & Cassandra from the Home Based Care team on (03) 51 447 777
## COLLEGE DATES

### WEEK 10

| Tuesday 15/09 | Year 10 Art Excursion - Melbourne Zoo  
|              | Sport Yr 7/8 Inter Hockey and Table Tennis  
|              | Unit 2 Biology Melbourne Aquarium  
|              | Parents and Friends Meeting @ 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 16/09 | BH Flinders Street  
|                 | VET HPV Training  
|                 | Year 12 Koorie Celebration Dinner |
| Thursday 17/09 | Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
|                 | 4.15pm to 9pm  
|                 | Deb Ball Training (all participants)  
|                 | Jeans for Genes Casual Clothes Day  
|                 | Sport - State Finals Athletics |
| Friday 18/09  | Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
|               | 9am to 12noon  
|               | HPV Camp |
| Saturday 19/09 | HPV Camp |
| Sunday 20/09  | HPV Camp |
| Monday 21/09  | HPV Camp |
| Thursday 24/09 | Deb Ball Training |
| Thursday 01/10 | Deb Ball Training |

### WEEK 1 - TERM 4

| Tuesday 06/10 | Careers Excursion Emergency Services Information Session |
| Wednesday 07/10 | Yr 9 Travel and Tourism Excursion - Phillip Island Nature Park |
| Thursday 08/10 | Year 10 SOSE - Excursion |
| Friday 09/10 | Yr12 VCAL final day of work placement |

### Uniform Shop Open Dates

In addition to the normal Thursdays 10am-6pm and the 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am-12.30pm, the Uniform Shop will also be open on the following days:

#### 2015 – Term 4

- All Saturday mornings from 14th November to 19th December inclusive 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Orientation Days Tuesday 8th December and Friday 11th December 10am - 6pm
- Thursdays 10am - 6pm continue as normal to 17th December - this will be the last Thursday for 2015

#### 2016

- All Saturday mornings from 16th January to 6th February inclusive 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Thursdays as normal 21st January (Book Buying Day) and 28th January 10am - 6pm
- Extra days in January: Friday 22nd, Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th - 10am to 6pm
- Australia Day Tuesday 26th January - closed
- DSC School start date for 2016 – Thursday 28th January 2016
- 30 min fitting sessions will be available for people to book into on all the Saturday mornings listed above. Please call the Uniform Shop for more information.

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

- Thursdays 10am to 6pm
- First Saturday of the Month

### 2015 TERM DATES

- Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
- Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Contact Hours: 8.15am – 4.30pm
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