# MAY

20th - 24th **EDUCATION WEEK**

20th
- Prep - 8 Assembly
- BER Foyer 9.00am
- ALL WELCOME

21st
- Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
- 10.45 - 11.30 am
- ALL WELCOME - GOLD COIN DONATION
- Senior Winter Sports Day (Yrs. 9-12)

23rd
- Responsible Pet Ownership visit for P-6

27th-31st **HUMANITIES WEEK**
- Year 7-12 Revision Week

27th
- Prep-8 Assembly
- BER Foyer 9.00am
- ALL WELCOME

28th
- Year 7,9 Immunisations

29th
- CURRICULUM DAY - Report Writing
- NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

30th
- GMDSSV Cross Country
  (selected students only)

31st
- Newsletter home

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Above: Our intrepid Year 9 students discovered lots about themselves and their environment on the recent Bogong Camp. Read more on page 6.

Below: Some of our Year 11 students participate in wearing the .06 goggles during their recent ‘Making Smarter Choices’ presentation. See page 14 for more.
No one can say life at Rushworth P-12 College is boring. The past few weeks and the upcoming weeks have highlighted the rich array of experiences that we provide our students with. These experiences support and extend the curriculum we offer and encourage our students to connect with community and explore future learning and employment pathways. Some of the highlights have included motivational and inspirational speaker Darren McMahon working with our Year 7-10 students. Our senior students engaging in a Keys Please and Making Smarter Choices sessions, both designed to explore safe travel and driving practices. Our Primary students have thoroughly enjoyed the Mother’s Day Stall and then a visit by players from Essendon Football Club.

**NAPLAN 2013**

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are to be congratulated on their attitude and endeavour throughout their NAPLAN assessments this week. These nationwide assessments provide yet another perspective on student learning and when placed alongside our own teacher judgements provide a balanced picture of student achievement levels. Parents of students in these year levels should expect to receive reports of their child’s achievements in NAPLAN 2013 at the end of Term 3.

**Our Work in 2013**

At Rushworth P-12 College we have a clear vision for our future. Our vision is that by 2017 Rushworth P-12 College will have students, staff, parents and the community working together to provide a dynamic learning community in which everyone can pursue excellence. This environment will be underpinned by respect, belonging and high expectations for all.

This vision is underpinned by our guiding value of Respect and the supporting values of Resilience, Encouragement, Support, Persistence, Excellence, Community and Trust.

It is with great delight that I can say we are making significant steps forward in our endeavours to make this vision a reality and students and staff alike are congratulated on their individual and collective contributions towards this vision. Even with this progress there is still work to do as part of our continuous improvement agenda. As a team our staff are currently working on:

- Developing an instructional model that provides a base line for teacher practise in the College, giving all teachers a clear picture of what an effective lesson will look like. After all, every student deserves to have every opportunity and this only comes about by consistently delivering high quality learning for all students. I hope to be able to share this model with you once it is finalised later this term.

- Consistent processes for peer observations of each other’s practice. As a College we know that aside from the home environment, it is the teacher that has the greatest effect on student learning. As part of our continuous growth and learning staff are involved in regular observation of each other’s practice and the feedback from these observations is utilised to improve our practices.

- Developing an understanding of the new curriculum, AusVELS and how we can accurately report student growth and achievement against 11 levels, ranging from Foundation for our Prep students to Level 10 for our Year 10 students. This is all part of the gradual move to a consistent and nationwide, Australian Curriculum.

**Education Week**

Don’t forget that next week is Education Week and we will have a number of opportunities on Tuesday and Thursday for parents, prospective parents and community members to come in and see the College in action. Check our website regularly for updates and a schedule of events for next week.

Have a fantastic week ahead and don’t forget to recognise those great achievements of your children, they constantly amaze us with what they do and are capable of.

*Kind regards, Brad Moyle, Principal*
Education Week at Rushworth P-12

- CFA crews will be training at school next **Wednesday 22nd** after 10.00 am. Parents, friends and community members are welcome to watch the new recruits learning their skills.

- Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is being held on **Tuesday 21st** in the staffroom at 10.45am until 11.30. Why don’t you pop in, help raise some funds for cancer research and have a tour of the college!

- A Fitness class will be held for all those interested (everyone welcome) in the Stadium, **Tuesday 21st 1.00pm—1.30pm**
- Year 7 Oral presentations will take place on **Tuesday 21st** and **Thursday 23rd**

- Displays of student work will be on display in the Main Hall - **Every day**

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**Check our website for more details early next week.**

**Or follow us on Twitter**

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Worthy of Praise

- **Stephanie Lucreziano, Amber Lunney & Melissa Brown** for assisting with the recent Primary AFL Football Clinic
- For excellent attendance - **Tom Brown, Courtney Davidson, Shantelle Ward & Laura Martin**
- For **all the Grade 3 students** who were sitting NAPLAN tests this week. They have done so well with the NAPLAN preparation and sitting the tests.
- **Jack Risstrom** running in the Regional Cross Country Finals on Friday!
- For photography of school events - **Carrigan Horsley, Blake Rosenberg & Laura Martin**.
- For being great house captains and motivating McNamara to victory - **Carly Hamilton and Ryan West**
- For their great performance at Bogong School Camp - **all the Year 9s who went**.
- **Danyon Stockdale and Jak McMillan** - for doing a fantastic job of assisting with the Long Jump at the Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival
- **Jackson Stewart** - for always having a smile on his face.
- **Brodie Aburrow** for her focus and hard work in Further Maths and Chemistry.
- **Melinda Andrews** for her honesty when finding a lost sum of money.
News from the Assistant Principal....

DEBATING AT MURCHISON PRIMARY SCHOOL

I had the absolute pleasure of attending Murchison Primary School on Wednesday afternoon (15 May) to hear the debates the students there had been preparing with the assistance of Ms Deanne Nobbs and their classroom teacher. In four short weeks these Year 5 and 6 students, under the expert guidance of Deanne, had developed not only their debating skills, but also their public speaking skills and their research skills. I was enthralled to listen to the pros and cons of single sex schools vs co-education schools as possibilities for education in Victoria. The team advocating for co-ed schools won the debate on the day but both sides of the debate presented their arguments clearly and logically and with a lot of thoughtful consideration.

Congratulations to all involved in this activity and especially to Deanne who demonstrated not only her passion for public speaking and debating, but also to providing opportunities for primary students in our feeder schools. I look forward to being invited to other such events in the future.

UNIFORM REMINDER

I would like to remind parents and students alike of what constitutes our Winter Uniform, particularly for girls. Black leggings are NOT permitted - and if your student wears them to school, and lives locally, they will be asked to go home and change into something more appropriate. We hope we can have full parent support with this matter.

I have included with this newsletter article a reminder of what is acceptable uniform.

Students who come to school out of uniform and without an acceptable note will be asked to return home and change into uniform or to wear the uniform provided by the College for the day. If finances are a concern please contact the Assistant Principal to see if some assistance can be arranged.

The only acceptable uniform is the type available from our official supplier, Mr Embroidery, Allan St, Kyabram. Variations in style are not acceptable.

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Hi everyone, my name is Hannah Johnson and I started at Rushworth P-12 at the start of term 2 as a School Chaplain. I work at the school on Mondays and Thursdays. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the students and staff, and being involved in school and classroom activities.

**So what is a Chaplain?**
A Chaplain’s role is to care for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the whole school community (students, staff and families). Chaplains become involved and part of the school community participating in school activities and events.

As a Chaplain I am available to students, staff and families to listen to what is happening in their lives, provide support and assist with referrals when required. This form of support can be once-off or ongoing, and informal (spontaneous conversations) or formal.

Referrals for students can be made by staff, parents or students themselves. Staff can refer parents/families in need of support. Staff and Parents/Guardians can also refer themselves at any time.

After one meeting parental/guardian consent will be gained for students in Primary School. Consent for students in Secondary School will be given by the students themselves. Chaplaincy upholds confidentiality, unless in circumstances where that person or someone else’s safety is compromised.

As you would have read, part of my role is to also provide spiritual support, this does not mean proselytize. I am simply available to explore faith, beliefs and values in a means that is relevant to each individual. This form of conversation only occurs as directed by the other individual.

Please feel free to contact me at the College, via phone or in person. I look forward to meeting you sometime in the near future.

_Hannah Johnson_
_School Chaplain_

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**IMMUNISATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 7/9**

The 2013 School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at Rushworth P-12 College by the Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation Team on:

**Tuesday 28th May 2013**

Administering the following vaccines:

- Second dose HPV for Year 7 students
- Second dose HPV for Year 9 Boys

1. Please ensure your child eats breakfast on Immunisation Day.
2. Vaccines are given in the upper arm Please ensure students wear suitable clothing

A record/reaction sheet will be given to each student on completion of vaccination. Please ask your child for this form

Please feel free to contact the Immunisation Program Co-ordinator on **1300 666 535** with any questions
The Year 9 students headed up to Bogong for their “Extend Mind and Body” leadership camp from Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May and had a fantastic time!

While on the camp the students participated in an overnight bushwalk and a day session at the high ropes as well as a number of other activities. The students were given the opportunity to think more about their impact on the environment and learnt about conservation and sustainability as well as the specific nature of the Alpine environment.

While on the camp, our Year 9’s were given the opportunity to push themselves outside their comfort zone and take on leadership responsibilities. Many of our students worked well to try new things and take risks that they would otherwise have walked away from. The knowledge that the students gained about themselves and each other will be invaluable to their continuing involvement in the Wednesday Community Involvement Program and will form the building blocks for much of what is to come in the CFA and Youth Empowerment Program.

The students are to be commended for the effort that they put in on the camp and the way that they represented the College.

Congratulations guys!!!
Hiking, Map-reading, Heights, No sleep and Teamwork = Bogong Camp!
New Library Resources

View some of our most recent Library purchases that are now on display in the College Library. If they are of interest to you and you would like to share in the love of reading with your child, then prompt your child to visit and loan out the resource!! :) 

**Reading Age 10-14 years:** Raff and the other Pranksters celebrate their nerd-ness with practical jokes-quality stunts on friends and family, like putting toothpaste inside cream biscuits or stretching Glad Wrap over the toilet seat. When their school needs to raise money for a new sports centre the Pranksters swing into action with a plan to prank the entire school. Will it win them bonus prankster points or backfire big time-or even threaten their lives?

Author: Paul Collins

**Reading Age 10-14 years:** Samson has no choice. Either take over as emergency drummer in Harriette Stewart’s band, Harriette and the Spews, or suffer at the hands of his big sister. What’s more, the Waipatiki =West Battle of the bands is only weeks away. But Samson’s life is a mess--his best friend isn’t talking to him, Rose Kilgouris acting too weird, his homework is late, and his mother is freaking out about his new hair. Oh, an he needs to learn how to drum....

Author: Maude Farrugia

New Series reads..........

**My Sister the Vampire  Reading Age 8-12 years:**
My Sister the Vampire. Switched. Book 1
My Sister the Vampire. Fangtastic! Book 2
My Sister the Vampire. Re-vamped! Book 3
My Sister the Vampire. Vampalicious. Book 4 - on order

Visit this website to find out more about this series: http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/507943.Sienna_Mercer

You will read about the author Sienna Mercer and also information relating to the series!

**Tweenie Genie**

Tweenie Genie. Genie in training. Book 1
Tweenie Genie. Genie in charge. Book 3

Visit this website to find out more about this series: http://www.wheelers.co.nz/browse/series/165935-tweenie-genie/

**Series: The Kane Chronicles**

This series was recommended by Lachlan Sitters

**Reading Age 9-15**
The Kane chronicles. The red pyramid. Book 1
The Kane chronicles. The throne of fire. Book 2
The Kane chronicles. The Serpents Shadow. Book 3 - on order

Visit this website to find out more about this series: http://www.kanechronicles.co.uk/site/home.php
Primo Levi - *If this is a man: the truce*

This Non-Fiction novel was recommended by Mr Hutchison

Senior students only: Years 9+

Primo Levi’s account of life as a concentration camp prisoner falls into two parts. *IF THIS IS A MAN* describes his deportation to Poland and the twenty months he spent working in Auschwitz. *THE TRUCE* covers his long journey home to Italy at the end of the war through Russia and Central Europe. Levi never raises his voice, complains or attributes blame. By telling his story quietly, objectively and in plain language he renders both the horror and hope of the situation with absolute clarity. Probing the themes which preoccupy all his writing - work, love, power, the nature of things, what it is to be human - he leaves the reader drained, elated, apprehensive.

**If your child is interested is certain reads and would like to see them on our shelves, then please have them visit with their request.**

We do however, have to take into account if the recommendation is suitable and will cater for our broad audience within the College.

**The ‘Share Board’**

Just for a bit of fun, students and staff have been participating in the ‘Share Board’ which is located in the College Library on the Circulation desk. Below are a couple of samples of what we have been sharing with each other....

Until next time, keep on reading!!!!

*Library Manager - Kerri-Anne Nurse*
Primary – Year 8 Happenings...

There has been lots happening in the P - 8 classes during the past two weeks. The Year 8’s have been working on public speaking and this week the students have begun presenting their Oral Presentation to the class. They had a free choice of topic and generally chose something/someone they had an interest in. So far we have had presentations on Dave Hughes, the Philippines, Boston Celtics, Dressage, Dragon Ball Z, Gregory Blaxland, Yabbies, Apple Computer, Bolt Action Rifles and Kevin Durant. The Year 7’s and 8’s also enjoyed listening to motivational speaker Darren McMahon.

There has also been lots happening in the Primary area, with a visit from the Flying Bookworm being a highlight for our P -2 class. Our 3-6’s participated in the interschool sports in Shepparton last week with their athletic performance and behaviour on the day being fantastic (story below). Our P-6 classes were also lucky enough to have some players from Essendon Football Club come and run a football clinic on Monday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students.

On Friday 10th May, Grades 3 to 6 students travelled to Shepparton to participate in the Interschool Athletics. The day started bright and early, with students ready and eager to participate in all events and to practice all the sports they had been training for at school.

Students were separated into their respective age groups and sent off with a leader to stay with for the duration of the events. All students participated and tried their hardest on the day and the teachers were very impressed with the manners and respect showed by the students towards their fellow peers, teachers and students from other schools. We made the usual stop at McDonald’s on the way home and the students were very grateful for this!

Well done to all students for a fantastic overall effort of the day.
Prep—Year 8 Awards

Prep/1/2: Jack Clarke (Prep) for his improved attitude and behaviour.

Year 3/4: Cody Vanderdonk. For showing great participation and respect at the Interschool Athletics Sports on Friday. Well Done!

Year 5/6: Brandon Gaertner-Sullivan. For his excellent behaviour and attitude towards his work last week.

Year 7: Russell Anderson. Diligence with his NAPLAN preparation.
Paris Lehmann. Outstanding Persuasive Writing

Year 8: Ike Jones: For putting in a lot of effort in all his classes last week and doing an excellent Oral presentation in English.

P-8 Literacy and Numeracy Foci for the next 2 weeks

P/1/2: Literacy: Rhyming will be a big focus in the P-2 class in literacy sessions during the next 2 weeks. We will also be working on our knowledge of the alphabet and the associated sounds, as well as continuing to work on our spelling words.

Numeracy: Place value will be our focus during these 2 weeks with the preps working on understanding numbers to 30, the grade 1’s working on numbers to 100, and the grade 2’s working on numbers over 100.

Year 3/4: Literacy: Students will have their weekly Spelling Words that relate to words that they need practice in spelling and will complete a range of activities to help consolidate their knowledge of these words. We will also be learning about how to write narratives and will continue to work on our handwriting skills.

Numeracy: Our focus this week for maths has been on preparing students for the NAPLAN testing. We will also be working on number and place value, subtraction strategies, as well as the revision of 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 5/6: Literacy: Reading comprehension will be a big focus in the 5/6 classroom over the next 2 weeks. Students will also be beginning a reading project that requires them to read and understand a variety of different texts.

Numeracy: We will be working on number patterns and developing mapping skills over the next 2 weeks. We will also be working on financial mathematics and how to understand and keep a running balance.

Year 7: Literacy: This week’s classes will be taken up by NAPLAN and next week we will resume text studies on Hatchet and So Much to Tell You. Students will be completing in depth character studies and analytical/expository essay writing based on the challenges and growth of the central characters in the novel.

Year 8: Literacy: Starting this week the year 8’s in English will be looking at persuasive language and moving into persuasive essay writing skills.

Numeracy: The year 8’s will be doing fractions this week with areas of focus being equivalent fractions, adding, subtracting and then moving onto multiplying and dividing early next week. We will then move onto decimals and then percentages.

A friendly reminder: Maths Mate that needs to be completed every Friday!

For a pictorial of our recent Primary Interschool Athletics events, please go to page 13.
Humanities Week will be celebrated from 27-31 May and students will have the opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the world around them in their classes with several Year 8 students taking part in the Australian History Competition which they will sit here at Rushworth P -12 College.

Here is what has been happening in just two year levels.

Recently in Year 7 Humanities the students were challenged to create a ‘shadoof’ as part of their study into Ancient Egypt. A ‘shadoof’ is a water carry device which is designed to life water up the embankment from the river. The student eagerly used scrap timber from the woodworking room, recycled containers from home and string, pipe cleaners and netting to form their devices.

In the mean time the Year 8 students have been creating a number of visual representations of the Medieval Period in Europe. There was a wonderful assortment of PowerPoint presentations and models. Some students completed detailed booklets on their chosen topics such as the ‘Life of a Knight’ whilst other students took some time to create their own castles, develop models of medieval weapons (such as bow, crossbow, swords and working catapult ) or develop posters for the wall or used Barbie dolls to model a Knights armour.
We look forward to more creative works from a small group of Year 8's currently studying the Italian Renaissance period.

Annette Gould, Humanities

Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival
Rushworth P-12 College were fortunate to be able to take our Year 10 students to Rochester Secondary College to participate in an “Upload Your Future” day, focussing on career pathways in the ICT industry.

Students heard from David Joss, CEO of Community Telco Australia, who not only told the students how far the world of ICT had come in a short amount of time, but also the opportunities that were going to be available for employment in the not too distant future.

Students took part in 4 hands on workshops throughout the day looking at the different facets of ICT and how it plays such a big role in our everyday lives. I think the most popular workshop was possibly the Robotics workshop run by engineers from Latrobe University.

Students then reassembled to hear from a panel of experts on what their ‘pathway’ into ICT had been, and where they plan on going. Each pathway was varied with learning on the job through a traineeship, going to TAFE or Uni all played a part.

Feedback from the students was that they enjoyed the day, learnt a bit, enjoyed the show bags and vouchers that were up for grabs.

Thanks to Rochester Secondary College for welcoming us to their school, their solar challenge team did a wonderful job with catering a lovely morning tea and BBQ lunch. Thanks also to the Campaspe Cohuna LLEN for sourcing the funding and preparing the program for the students. It certainly was a worthwhile experience.
The college were very happy to welcome a small team of AFL club, Essendon, players to the college on Monday. The group ran a football clinic for our Primary students in the stadium and then answered questions from the students. Students certainly took to all the activities with a good sense of enthusiasm and fun.

Students and staff were then able to have their photos taken with the players, or get their jumpers signed.

Fortunately, this coincided with the SRC “Footy Colours” out of uniform day, so there were a few Essendon jumpers to be signed. Money raised from the out of uniform day was being donated to the Salvation Army, Red Shield Appeal.
Rushworth P-12 College were very fortunate to be able to host an audience of young students for the recent performance of the Flying Bookworm Theatre.

We welcomed guests from Colbinabbin & Rushworth Kindergartens, St Mary’s Primary School, Colbinabbin Primary School.

All those assembled thoroughly enjoyed the performance and there were many willing volunteers to join in the activities.

We hope our guests will join us for further activities in the future.
On Thursday the 2nd of May the Yr. 11 and 12 students pushed back the blanket and struggled out of their nice warm bed to be at the school by 7.30am... why you ask? To get the 2013 THE AGE VCE and Careers Expo!!! Miss O’Toole and Ms Gould were up bright and early too, to meet the students at the front of the College before embarking on the monstrous adventure to.. you guessed it... Murchison! To pick up Mr Richardson and a few locals who appreciated the extra sleep in.

Our trip to Melbourne was very relaxing, with most students just resting before the onslaught of VCE, career and skills seminars and 190 exhibitors including Australia’s top tertiary institutions, VCAL and careers resources and information and international exchange programs!

The bus driver parked the bus and we gathered to go over the days plan. Collect as much information as you can, speak to as many people as you can, visit as many exhibits as you can, and most importantly...DON’T FORGET THE FREE PENS!!!

The student’s eyes lit up as they walked into the Caulfield Racecourse where the Expo was being held, it was enormous! How on earth were we going to navigate three floors of this! Fortunately, Mr Richardson distributed some maps of the venue with a list of where each exhibit was being held, as well as a list of what seminars were on at what time.

Students grabbed their maps and took off with tickets in hand – was it a race to get to the seminar first, or a race to get the most free jelly beans? No one will ever know...

Frankie O’Toole
VCE Coordinator
KEYS PLEASE YEAR 10:

On Thursday 9th May, all Year 10 students attended a Keys Please presentation delivered by Mr. Peter Stonehouse. Keys Please is a 90 minute presentation which offers some information and practical ideas for parents and young people on how to use the learning to drive period and 120 hours of practice to help learners become safer drivers. Keys Please has been developed by Vic Roads, in partnership with the Victoria Police, Transport Accident Commission, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Road Safe Community Road Safety Councils across Victoria. (www.vicroads.vic.gov.au).

The Keys Please sessions have been held annually at Rushworth P-12 College for the past 11 years. This program gives valuable insight into the new rules and regulations regarding the Learner Driver.

MAKING SMARTER CHOICES YEAR 11:

Thursday May 9th saw students from Year 11 attend a presentation from Mr Peter Stonehouse, TAC presenter and driving instructor on MAKING SAFER CHOICES! This is the first time Mr Stonehouse has presented this and the object of the presentation was to get the students to think about the choices they make, not only in their everyday lives but particularly in relation to hopping in a car, or driving a car if they have been effected by alcohol.

Also present were two Police Officer’s from Kyabram Police Station who gave the students an account of what may happen if you get caught driving under the influence of alcohol, what the penalties are and how this may impact on your everyday life.

Each year, about 100 people are killed on our roads in crashes that have speed as a major contributing factor. The TAC’s goal is to make speeding as socially unacceptable as drink driving, and through this type of program, the aim is to make students aware of the choices they make and how it can affect them and their families.

Leanne James, School Nurse Educator
Healesville Sanctuary – Keeper for a Day

Do you want to help save endangered animals?

Come and work as a keeper at Healesville Sanctuary next school holidays and get up close to some of our most precious and endangered Australian animals. Be the first to go behind the scenes and meet our amazing keepers looking after threatened species including Tasmanian Devils and Mountain Pygmy Possums.

Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the sanctuary for the day, helping out our keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs!

You will go behind-the-scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a threatened species keeper, which could include:

- Food preparation
- Animal enrichment
- Health checks
- Animal contact

Meet Melbourne University

Take a closer look at the study options available at Melbourne at a regional centre near you.

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You must register to attend Meet Melbourne sessions. To register and for venue details, go to: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/mm2013

Another healthy reason to regional

Bendigo is now home to some of Victoria’s newest and best health education facilities - as part of a $75.9 million dollar investment.

The Rural Health School building is the $17.6 million base for the school’s health and human services teaching and research at Bendigo. Activities there will also extend into our Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton campuses.

Vice-Chancellor Professor John Dewar said the launch was a symbolic step forward and a signal of renewed intensity for the University in Bendigo.

‘We already know that students who train in rural and regional facilities like La Trobe’s Rural Health School are far more likely to remain in practice in a rural location. In fact up to 80 per cent of regionally-trained health professionals tend to practice outside capital cities,’ Professor Dewar said.

‘So right here in Bendigo a whole range of health professions - nursing, midwifery, dentistry, oral health, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, speech pathology, paramedics, social work and public health – will come together to build strong inter-professional practices,’

Kerrie Raglus, Student Pathways
House Athletics

Tuesday 23rd April saw our students head over to the Rushworth Golf Club to participate in the annual inter-house Athletics Carnival and what a fantastic day it turned out to be!

Students participated in a range of traditional Athletic events as well as a number of new events including the ‘Minute to Win It’ style challenges, the inaugural ‘Rushy Fashions on the Field’ fashion parade, a whole house ‘Tug-of-War’ competition and a ‘Harlem Shake’ off.

All of the students who attended seemed to enjoy the day and it was fantastic to see so many students participating and supporting their house mates.

At the end of the day McNamara held on to a very tight lead, finishing up with 6,527 just 178 points ahead of Brocklebank on 6,349.

Our age group champions were as follows:

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A huge congratulations and thanks to all of the students and staff who got involved on the day.

(Go to page 22, 23 for a pictorial of the day)

Primary Cross Country

Wednesday 1st May saw the Grade 5 and 6 students head over to Shepparton to participate in the Interschool Cross Country event held at Princess Park. All students who attended participated to some extent with all of our students representing the college proudly. An extra congratulations to Jack Risstrom who qualified for the upcoming division event held again in Shepparton on Friday 17th May. We wish Jack all the best and look forward to hearing the result!
**Primary Athletics**

Our Primary students headed over to McEwan Reserve in Shepparton on Friday 10th May to compete in the Division Athletics. By all reports the students competed well and represented the college proudly. Congratulations to **Sarah Lange-Richards** and **Bethany Lunney** who will be progressing on to the Region Athletics held on 14th October and a **HUGE** thank-you to Mr. Deledio, Miss McIntosh, Mrs. Williams as well as Jak McMillan and Danyon Stockdale for their hard work on the day!

**New PE Uniform**

We finally took delivery of our new PE uniform shirts and have begun distributing these to students. If your child placed an order last term and has paid for their shirt then please ensure that they have collected their shirt from Miss Cray.

All other students are still able to purchase a shirt for the reduced cost of $25 thanks to the Bendigo Bank continuing their support into this term.

It will be expected that by the beginning of Term 3, all secondary students studying PE will have the new shirt. A new order form is available from the front office and has been attached to the newsletter for your convenience.

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**Other Upcoming Events:**

⇒ Tuesday 21st May  
GMDSSV Senior Winter Sports (Years 9-12)

⇒ Thursday 30th May  
GMDSSV Interschool Cross Country (Secondary)

⇒ Tuesday 18th June  
GMDSSV Junior Winter Sports (Years 7-8)

*Amanda Cray, PE Coordinator*
Athletics Carnival pictorial.....
Looks like a great day was had by all involved...

Question is who won the relay against staff??
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