**JUNE**

3rd  Prep - Year 8 Assembly  
Foyer BER  
ALL WELCOME

3rd - 7th  Year 7 - 9  
Exam/Test Week

5th - 7th  Year 10 & 11  
Exams

10th  QUEENS BIRTHDAY –  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

12th  GAT Exam for all VCE  
Enrolled students, Shire  
Hall 10.00am -1.30pm  
NO VCE/VCAL Classes

14th  Newsletter home

17th  Prep - Year 8 Assembly  
Foyer BER  
ALL WELCOME  
College Council 7.30pm  
Sub Committees 7.00pm

17th - 21st  Secondary Early  
commencement  
Program - Semester II commences

18th  Junior Winter Sports  
Day (Year 7/8)

Above: Our Primary students enjoyed the basketball clinics run by Bendigo Braves players, Jazz & Ivan. We are grateful of their support and look forward to them coming back soon. Read more on page 8.

Right: Chloe Fisher celebrates her recent **WIN** in the Regional Cross Country run with Riley Wooster - her personal mascot!

Chloe will compete again in the Zone competition soon.

The College are very proud of her success.
As we approach the midway point of the 2013 school year I have been reflecting upon our work to date in 2013 and how we are working to develop the skills and attributes of today’s learner, a group of students who are growing up in a time of increased communication, collaboration and challenge.

Our role as a school continues to grow and develop as we cater for the changing and developing needs of our students, their families, the local and global communities.

So what are the skills and attributes we strive to develop in our students and your children:

- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Initiative and entrepreneurialism
- Curiosity and imagination
- Hope and optimism
- Self-regulation
- Vision
- Empathy and global stewardship
- Resilience and grit
- Agility and adaptability
- Collaboration

This is a lengthy and challenging list and one that we encourage parents to support us with as we endeavour to build a bright future for each and every student that passes through our doors. In order to do this effectively, I would like our readers feedback on two key questions:

1. What items from the list above are we making strong progress on as a College from a parent/community member or student perspective?
2. How can we support you as a parent or student to develop these skills?

Please take the time out of your busy scheduled to provide me with some feedback. Your response can be emailed to me at moyle.bradley.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or dropped off at the College office.

Assessment Week

This past week has seen our students in Years 7-12 busily preparing and revising for assessment week, commencing June 3rd. Assessment week is a week where all students will get the opportunity to showcase their subject and content knowledge through a range of assessments, tests and exams. The results will be available for students and parents in the upcoming reports.

All students are encouraged to apply themselves to their studies and to make the most of the opportunities available to learn, have support with their learning and to build a future that provides them with many options when they leave the College at the completion of Year 12.
Year 7 Information Night

Next Monday, 3rd June we will be conducting a Year 7, 2014 Information Evening for all existing and prospective Year 7 students and families for 2014. The evening is a great opportunity for students and parents to learn more about our College, the programs available for students in Years 7-12 and the exciting scholarship opportunities that are available to support student learning. The evening will commence in the Hall at 7:00pm, please enter via the front door of the College.

We do ask that you RSVP to this invitation if you are going to attend our Information Evening, please contact the College on 5856 1230 to confirm your attendance.

Kind regards, Brad Moyle, Principal

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Worthy of Praise

- **Luke Zonneveld, Hayden Petersen, Chloe Fisher** for their very good attendance at school recently.
- **Jack Risstrom** for his performance in the Primary Interschool Cross Country
- **Amber Lunney, Stephanie Lucreziano & Nikki Harvey** for the great job they did with organising the 'muffin day' last week.
- **Russell Anderson** in Year 7 for the fabulous job he is doing helping Taksin Suksanit settle in to Rushworth P-12 College.
- **Chloe Fisher** for her winning performance in the Secondary Interschool Cross Country.
- **Tom Jones** for being a great team-mate in PE classes this week.
- **The Year 7** class for having almost everyone in PE uniform during practical classes.
- **The Volleyball team** for training so hard each Friday lunchtime.
- **Tanner Stokes & Blake Rosenberg** for their mature attitude to film making whilst compiling their footage for a competition entry.

Good Luck with your entry boys!
News from the Assistant Principal....

This week I would like to highlight the following upcoming opportunity for parents to participate in.

‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop
How you can think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family?

How can you create a fulfilling life with choices, purpose, friendship and happiness? If you want to take the lead in achieving these goals for your child (0-18) and family, then this workshop is for you!

Build on the strengths and skills you already have as a parent to better identify, plan and achieve your goals.

Our presenters are parents or siblings of a person with a disability so they do understand issues from a family perspective.

Details for ‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop in Bendigo

Date: Thursday 20th June 2013
Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm
Venue: The Lotus Conference Room, McIvor Motor Inn
45 McIvor Road, Bendigo 3550

Cost: $20 per person – members* $40 per person – non-members
Morning tea & light lunch included

Check out the flyer here: [link]

Places are limited so be quick to book at: [link] or phone the office on 9818 2000.

Until next time,
Kathryn Bendall, Acting Assistant Principal/Student Welfare

Support your local school

Woolworths Earn & Learn is on once again and Rushworth P-12 College have registered!
Starting Monday 8th April and ending Sunday 9th June.
Please collect the stickers from the check out after you do your shopping and drop them in the box at the Front office of the College.
We look forward to your support........
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Test/Exam Week at Rushworth P-12 College**

At Rushworth P-12 all **Year 10 & 11 students** will sit examinations for their Year 10 & Year 11 VCE subjects. Our teachers will set exams that model the Year 12 exam format while reflecting the content and skills of the units of work. This is valuable practice for students, as a consistent exam procedure creates a familiar space for students and may alleviate future exam nerves.

The 2013 examinations will be conducted from;

**Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th June**

All exams will be held at the Rushworth P-12 College according to the timetable below.

All students are required to attend school as normal for the whole week. Students will be allocated time for study and breaks between exams. Each exam will be run under full exam conditions according to VCAA guidelines.

*If for any reason a student is unable to attend an examination, they must contact the school as soon as possible. In case of illness they must present a doctor’s certificate.*

**2013 Exam Timetable is on the following page, students should make themselves familiar with this prior to sitting their exams.**

Students from Year 7 - 9 will be completing tests & exams throughout the week 3rd – 7th of June in normal class time.

Yours Sincerely,

*Chris Hogan & Frankie O’Toole*

*9-12 Leading Teacher & VCE Coordinator*

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**Year 10 Science..**

Our Year 10 scientists have recently been learning about evolution. To get a real feel for the time evolution takes, the class constructed a timeline history of the earth. It’s a long history, stretching more than the length of the basketball courts! For those of you wondering, humans appear for the first time in the last five centimetres of this timeline.
First off, I would like to send out a BIG ‘THANK YOU’ to Lesley Lineham (Nick Lineham’s grandmother) for donating some great reads for the College Library. They will be enjoyed by all!!

Read Across the Universe

The Library is featuring a display leading up to ‘Book Week’ that takes place from Saturday 17th - Saturday 24th August, 2013. All students are welcome to visit the Library to loan out any of the resources that are on display and are encouraged to take their choice home to share with you! We have old and new resources on display that cater for all ages. Below are some of resources that are available.....

Last but not least, I mentioned in the last College Newsletter (Issue 7), that The ‘Share’ Board has become very popular in the Library by staff and students! Below are the most recent ‘Share’ Board contributions.......
The General Achievement Test (GAT) is fast approaching.

Who: Any student completing a VCE or VET Unit 3&4 subject is expected to sit the GAT.
When: Wednesday 12th June 2013
Where: Rushworth Town Hall
Time: 10.00am – 1.15pm
Dress: Warm casual

I have held two information sessions at the college for students who will be sitting the GAT to discuss the purpose of the GAT, layout and expectations. Each student was given a pamphlet which includes all the relevant information, materials they need to bring and the VCAA website where you can download past GAT question and answer booklets.


Students who live in town are encouraged to come to the Town Hall 20 minutes before the start of the GAT and may go home at the end.

If you are unsure if your child needs to sit the GAT or would like further information on the GAT please contact me at the college.

A reminder that **NO MOBILE PHONES** or ELECTRONIC DEVICES are permitted IN THE TOWN HALL when the GAT is being held.

*Frankie O’Toole, VCE Coordinator*
The Primary year levels have been busy with lots of different activities over the past 2 weeks. Our Year 3's and 5's were busy with their NAPLAN testing and are to be congratulated for the way in which they went about completing these tests! Our primary grades were also lucky enough to have a visit from 2 members of the Bendigo Braves basketball team, Ivan and Jazz (and of course, Mr Hogan as well!!), who ran a basketball clinic with the students. All grades thoroughly enjoyed this experience and have already been asking if and when it will be happening again.

Last Thursday the P-6's had a visit from Stacey and Hank the dog who worked with our students on responsible pet ownership. The students were taught about the responsibilities of owning a cat and a dog, how to recognise a happy, angry and scared dog, and also how to approach and pat a friendly dog (with the owners permission). The students were very interested in this program and especially enjoyed having Hank at our school.

**Prep—Year 8 Awards**

**Year 3/4:** Geordie Aburrow - For having a positive attitude throughout the NAPLAN tests. Well Done!
Chevy Talbot – For being a great leader and role model when showing our new student Kannika around our school. Well Done!

**Year 5/6:** Jack Risstrom - For excellent expression when reading aloud
Isabelle Crute - For fantastic story writing

**Year 7:** Dianne Rexhep - Excellent concentration during NAPLAN Testing.
Taksin Suksanit: Settling so well into Rushworth and learning English skills.

**Year 8:** Bradley Kromek - For working well in Humanities and English to get caught up on his work.
Tommy Coyle: For working well in all his classes and keeping up to date with all his assessment tasks.
Literacy and Numeracy Foci for the next two weeks

P/1/2:
Literacy: Focusing on sounding out and comprehension on reading. Increasing students word vocabulary and knowledge through literacy groups. Considering our reading and writing skills to create our own story books.
Numeracy: Consolidating number knowledge up to 100 with patterns of 2, 5, and 10’s. Looking at place value in relation to addition. Introduction to estimation and chance

Year 3/4:
Literacy: For the next two weeks, we will be concentrating on narratives in our writing as well as completing activities relating to our Weekly Spelling Words. We will also be completing a number of mini lessons on various literacy topics. Students will need to use their Weekly Spelling Words as practice every night, in their Yellow Take Home Spelling Books. We will also be continuing to focus on our handwriting in preparation for Pen License in Term Three.
Numeracy: Our focus for the next two weeks will continue with subtraction and number revision as well as beginning our learning about measurement and area. We will begin to have Times Tables challenges, which will test our knowledge of times tables from 1x to 12x.

Year 5/6:
Literacy: The Year 5/6’s will be working on developing their critical literacy skills and will be analysing the persuasive language and strategies that advertisers use in a range of different contexts. They will also continue to work on their paragraphing skills. In our reading sessions, students will be working on developing fluency, and the use of expression when reading aloud.
Numeracy: The Year 5/6’s will be working on developing their financial mathematical skills by learning how to read and interpret bank statements and how to keep a running balance. They will also be working on describing translations, reflections and rotations of two-dimensional shapes and identifying line and rotational symmetry.

Year 7:
Literacy: With Naplan out of the way Year 7s have been working hard on their Text Response Unit on the novels Hatchet and So Much To Tell You. We are down to the final few chapters and have completed a range of tasks including a synopsis, short answer responses, informative writing, reflective pieces and creative work. Next will be our formal text response essays in preparation for next week’s end of semester tests.
Numeracy: In Mathematics students have been taking on the role of teacher, instructing the class on different aspects of measurement such as perimeter.

Year 8:
Literacy: This week in Year 8 English we have been focusing on our persuasive writing skills and will be beginning our persuasive essay writing in class. This persuasive essay will form their assessment task for this unit.
Numeracy: In Year 8 Maths this week we are doing revision for our Fractions, Decimals and Percentages test on Tuesday 4th June. It’s very important that everyone is at school this week for their revision sessions for all their subjects. Next week we will be playing Maths games on the computers, completing our Term 2 On Demand tests and beginning our study of Statistics and Probability.
Young Worker Toolkit

Funded by the Commonwealth Government, this website is pertinent to those young workers currently employed, as well as students about to leave school, and their parents. Topics covered include starting work, pay, tax, safety at work, work related problems, job dismissal, and where to get further information. Please feel free to contact me at the College for further information, or check out the website link.


Year 11 students – an opportunity to ‘experience’ University

Ever wondered what it would be like to study at the University of Melbourne? As a regional student you are eligible to stay at the Parkville campus and take part in a range of sessions covering everything you need to know about going to Melbourne Uni. Eat like a Uni student, sleep like a Uni student and sit in lecture theatres like a Uni student.

What a FANTASTIC way to find out if the Uni of Melbourne is a fit for you! Dates 11 & 12 July.

Costs are involved ($100), and a little research on your behalf. Do not miss out (registrations close soon) as it is very popular. Grab a like-minded friend and find out all you need to know at Uni Experience. Enjoy!! If you would like a flyer—pop into Careers Central and ask Kerrie.

Melbourne Writers Festival

The Melbourne writers festival is happening from 26th –29th August. With this in mind they are currently running a competition ‘Write across Victoria’ for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who dream of becoming published. It’s relatively easy - you just need to start writing with one of the story starters and you could see your story printed in Voiceworks magazine and published online. OVER $3,000 in CASH and PRIZES to be won.

If you are interested in entering—pop into to see Kerrie for a flyer with the story starters and details or check out the website mwf.com.au

Entries close at 5pm on Friday 5th July.

Year 10 Work Experience update

The Year 10 students have been doing some great work whilst preparing for their upcoming Work Experience Week on the 24th –28th June. They are to be commended on their maturity, eagerness and ability to be flexible.

The next stage is for students to meet with their prospective employer and complete the required Work Experience Arrangement Form, and to enquire about the requirements necessary for their upcoming position.

Ideally this all needs to be completed by Tuesday 11th June 2013. Students are aware of what is required at this stage, but if you would like to confirm where your child is completing their placement, or what requirements are currently outstanding, please contact me at the College.

New resources in this week:

Across the desk this week has come new guides for University of Melbourne, Monash, Australian College of the Arts (Collarts) and University of Newcastle. Information regarding Australian apprenticeship centres and various exam preparation seminars. Also a DVD from Lattitude Volunteering — a GAP year program. Pop in and take a look soon!

Kerrie Raglus, Student Pathways
Sports Report - Cross Country season is upon us!

Congratulations to all of the students who attended the Goulburn Murray Division Cross Country on Thursday 30th May. It was a difficult day in terms of the weather but our students ran hard and competed well. We had a number of students place within the top 20 and many more in the top 45 which was fantastic to see. A special congratulations to Chloe Fisher who won her 17-20 year old female section and will now be competing for the College at the Hume event on Wednesday 19th June in Broadford. Good Luck Chloe!

Competitors included;
Year 7
Russell Anderson, Melinda Andrews, Abigail Clarke, Jimmi Clarke, Kiarrah Lehmann, Matt Lange Richards
Year 8
Sam Horgan, Jac Barrett, Tommy Coyle, Kody Diegan, Ryan Young, Jack Horsley, Leah Vanderdonk
Year 11
Chloe Fisher, Jayden Smith
Year 12
Sandy Fisher

New PE Uniform

A reminder that sports uniform shirts can still be ordered through the school for the reduced cost of $25 until the end of the term. The school will be placing one last order in the final week of Term 2 and after this, shirts will need to be purchased directly through Mister Embroidery in Kyabram. Order forms can be returned to the office or Miss Cray and payment must be made before collection.

Please note: Make sure you label the PE shirts with your child's name. We have already had a few of these new shirts left behind after PE classes.

Lunchtime training continues...

Students have been busily training for the interschool sports in both Basketball and Volleyball at lunchtimes in the Stadium. A reminder that all students are welcome to attend these sessions. Basketball training takes place on Mondays, Volleyball on Fridays. Sports footwear is recommended.

Other Upcoming Events:

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

Amanda Cray, PE Coordinator

Thanks to the Bendigo Braves for coming to our school to conduct clinics through Education Week.
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If you have anything you would like to have published in our college newsletter please email articles to:
rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

Casual Positions available

Requirements -

- Need to be 15 Years or older
- Need to be reliable
- Have a friendly manner
- Love doing dishes!

If this sounds like you, please call into the Bakery and speak to Nicki.

ECHUCA MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

presents...

Annie

Friday, 14th June, 7:30pm
Saturday, 15th June, 2pm, 7:30pm
Sunday, 16th June, 2pm
Thursday, 20th June, 7:30pm
Friday, 21st June, 7:30pm
Saturday, 22nd June, 2pm, 7:30pm

Tickets are available from Echuca Paramount Arts Centre

Adults - $36
Concession - $31
U/16 - $26
Group, 15 or more $31

Parents: Don't forget to read the attached timetable regarding Year 10 & 11 Exams next week.
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