AUGUST

10th - 18th National Science Week - Lunchtime science fun!

12th - 15th Year 5/6/7 Melbourne Camp

12th Prep-Year 8 Assembly BER Foyer 9.00am

13th VCAL Dress up Day ‘What I want to be when I grow up!’ Gold coin donation required

16th 2014 Fast track applications open

17th - 23rd - Book Week

19th Prep-Year 8 Assembly BER Foyer 9.00am

Book Week - Dress as your Favourite Character (Prep-6 Students)

19th - 22nd Fast track interviews

21st Primary School Public Speaking 9.15-10.30am

23rd Newsletter home

Above: Sandy Fisher works with a lecturer from the School of Botany during the recent Year 12 Biology excursion. Read more on page 4. Below: Year 9 CFA team members travelled to Gisborne to take part in incident management training. Read more on page 14.
News from the Principal....

Term 3 is always a busy time of the year around the College but this year it just seems to be flying away from us. The recent weeks have seen a flurry of events and activities for students and staff alike with many of these highlighted in this edition of the P-12 Perspective.

In this edition I am going to give you my perspective of our improvement journey and the road that still lies ahead of us. There is no doubt that over the past couple of years we have seen considerable change throughout the College in all areas of our operations. These changes whilst not always initially welcome have resulted in changes to practice and improvements in how we support students in both their learning and social development. These changes have resulted though in a College environment that is far more positive for students and staff and we are now in a position to start the core work that will enable our students, staff and community to be proud of both their individual and collective achievements as a P-12 College. This year we have focused on building the capacity and competency of all staff to ensure that each and every student is not only exposed to quality teaching and learning but engaging with it. Our work in the first half of the year was focused on the development of an instructional teaching model that when consistently implemented by teachers will result in developing and maintaining effective instruction in every classroom. This work has been extended and built upon during Semester 2 with staff now working on the further development of a guaranteed and viable curriculum that focuses on enhancing student learning. This work will place us in a strong position for the future, with students, teachers and parents having access to and knowledge of the core curriculum that will be delivered at all year levels.

The second tier of our work has been around the development of a safe and orderly environment that supports cooperation, collaboration and allows every student to flourish. Work in this tier has produced a student support model that is being consistently implemented across the College and our next level of work here will be around building wellbeing approaches that don’t only support students at risk but provide an avenue for all students to flourish. The College has introduced a Student Wellbeing and Engagement Team comprising Kathryn Bendall (Team Leader), Leanne James (School Nurse) and Hannah Johnson (College Chaplain) who are currently working on the development of a comprehensive social skills program for our P-6 students. A fundamental issue in this area that we continue to address and monitor is that of student attendance. Whilst we have seen significant improvements from the majority of students in 2013 we still have a core group of students who struggle to attend school regularly. I encourage and urge all parents to support us with student attendance and if you are experiencing difficulties in getting your son/daughter to school to contact Kathryn Bendall at the College.

At any stage I am more than happy to speak to parents individually or as a group about our work and where we are headed for the years ahead.

As a College part of our work is around building a cooperative and collaborative College community and as such we want to encourage students, staff, parents and community members to be active members of the College community. This means giving people an opportunity to have a voice and contribute towards the development and implementation of our College for the future. We are just commencing work with students and staff around our Technology (ICT) planning for the future. This is involving a core group of students and staff discussing a range of options for devices in 2014 and associated application of these devices to support students and learning. Our students will be completing a survey over the coming days and these results will be shared with staff and parents in the coming weeks. We will also be giving parents the opportunity to have input in our ICT direction for the future in the coming weeks. Whilst Technology is not a teacher, it is a great tool that is there for our students, staff and community to utilise as part of the learning journey and to support students to gain knowledge and demonstrate their understandings.

Whilst we are talking about the future it was great to see close to 60 students and parents attending the Later Years Information night last week. This was a great opportunity for students and parents to gain an understanding of our Later Years programs for 2014. Students are reminded that their selections for 2014 are now due. Current Year 9 students who are wishing to undertake a VET subject or a VCE Fast Track subject are reminded that they will need a ‘B’ grade average for their Year 9 reports in order to be considered for these subjects, this is a guide an
individuals will be considered on their merit. A huge thank you to our Later Years leaders, Chris Hogan, Frankie O’Toole, Andrew Richardson and Kerrie Raglus for their support of students throughout this decision making time.

Have a great fortnight ahead and stay tuned for more news in our next edition of the P-12 Perspective.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

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**News from the Assistant Principal’s desk**

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

A big thank-you to all those parents/families who have taken the time to complete the parent opinion survey in the last week. Forty families from the College community were randomly selected to complete the survey and return it to the school. The surveys are now sent directly to an external organisation for collation and we will receive the data back early next term. The survey is a method for the college to receive feedback from our families about what is working well and areas that parents/guardians feel that we could improve on.

As an added incentive to return the completed survey by last Friday’s deadline the names of families who returned the survey were placed in the draw for an iTunes voucher. I am pleased to announce that the winner of the voucher is Sarah Laurie. Congratulations Sarah and we’ll be delivering your prize in the near future.

Kathryn Bendall
Acting Assistant Principal, SWEL Leading Teacher

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Next week is National Science Week!

To celebrate, your Science teachers – Mr Daws, Ms Edayath and Miss McMillan will be running short practical science activities in W5 at lunch times on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**.

So come along and have some fun in Science – see what it’s all about.

All ages welcome 😊
On Thursday 1st August, the Year 12 Biology class visited the School of Botany at Melbourne University to complete 3 workshops related to their Unit 4 school assessed coursework. The first was modelling the process of meiosis (making sex cells), the second workshop involved looking at normal and mutant types of the plant Arabidopsis thaliana and, using ratios of characteristics, students were able to identify the genes in the parents and how and why the mutant formed. The last workshop involved the use of Polymerase Chain Reaction, which makes many copies of a particular section of DNA, and Gel Electrophoresis – identifying the size of different segments of DNA.

It was a big day but a great opportunity for students to use state-of-the-art equipment and mix with some other Biology students around the state. Thank you to the girls for making it a stress-free day (other than the train breaking down) and for being positive representatives for the College.

Miss McMillan

Above: Sandy Fisher, Emily Digney and Laura Martin work on making labelled models of the stages of meiosis.
Right: Nicole Rose using a pipette to load the DNA sample into the gel electrophoresis machine.
Below Right: Emily Digney using a pipette to add the required chemicals to perform PCR.
Below: The group examine the different characteristics of plants with a mutant gene compared to plants with normal genes through the microscopes.
On Friday 2nd August a group of 24 students from Years 7-12 travelled to Bendigo after school to watch Mr. Hogan and the Bendigo Braves take on the Albury - Wodonga Bandits.

The students who were selected to attend were students who have high attendance rates, consistently wear their PE uniform to practical classes and participate to their best of their ability in all aspects of the PE program. In addition to this, the Year 12 PE students came along to complete an activity analysis for their upcoming SAC. All of the students who attended had a great night watching the Braves win 98-81 and were a credit to the College.

A HUGE thank you to Miss McIntosh and Mr. Jamieson for coming along and to Mr. Daff for driving the bus. (Photography credits to Blake Rosenberg)
Title: Flora’s War  
Author: Pamela Rushby  
Blurb Summary: It’s 1915 and sixteen year old Australian, Flora Wentworth, is visiting Cairo with her archaeologist father. She watches with growing alarm as first a trickle and then a flood of wounded soldiers are shipped into the city of Gallipoli. Flora’s comfortable life is turned upside down when a hospital visit thrusts her into the realities of World War 1. She is soon transporting injured soldiers and helping out exhausted nurses - managing to fall in love along the way. As Flora battles to save lives and find her own, a tragic misunderstanding changes everything...

Title: The Sky So Heavy  
Author: Claire Zorn  
Blurb Summary: For Fin, it’s just like any other day - racing for the school bus, bluffing his way through class and trying to remain cool in front of the most sophisticated girl in his universe. Only it’s not like any other day because on the other side of the world, nuclear missiles are being detonated. When Fin wakes up the next morning, it’s dark, bitterly cold and snow is falling. There’s no internet, no phone, no TV, no power and no parents. Nothing Fin’s learnt in school could have prepared him for this. With his parents missing and dwindling food and water supplies, Fin and his younger brother Max must find a way to survive... all on their own. When things are at their most desperate, where can you go for help? A haunting novel from a brand new Australian voice.

Title: Zac & Mia  
Author: A.J. Betts  
Blurb Summary: THE LAST PERSON ZAC EXPECTS in the room next door is a girl like Mia, angry and feisty with questionable taste in music. In the real world, he wouldn’t - couldn’t - be friends with her. In hospital different rules apply, and what begins as a knock on the wall, leads to a note - then a friendship neither of them sees coming. You need courage to be in hospital, different courage to be back in the real world. In one of these worlds Zac needs Mia and in the other Mia needs Zac. Or maybe they both need each other, always. Moving, witty, heartbreaking and absolutely beautiful.’ Alice Pung, author of Unpolished Gem and Her Father’s Daughter  
‘Zac and Mia are unforgettable - they put hooks into my heart that are still there. Be warned: if you pick up this book, you won’t want to put it down.’ Fiona Wood, author of Six Impossible Things and Wildlife
Reminder to all Primary students and their families...

Book Week Saturday 17th August to Saturday 24th August, 2013

‘Dress as Your Favourite Book Character’ parade & BBQ

Monday 19th August, 2013
Lunchtime 1.00 to 1.40

All Primary families, by now, should have returned the invitation informing the College if you can attend for catering purposes. If you have not received the invitation and would like to attend, then please call the College no later than Monday 12th August, and ask to speak to Kerri-Anne.

Years 5 & 6 Art Class - Book Week Display

All Primary students, are busy making their astronauts that will be used for a display in the main hall of the College. This is inline with ‘Read Across the Universe’ Book Week theme.

Please do not hesitate to visit the College in ‘Book Week’ to view this great display that they are working on with great enthusiasm.

Until next time, keep on reading!!!!

Kerri - Anne Nurse
Library Manager
There has been lots’ happening in our primary grades over the past 2 weeks. On Monday, our primary grades were entertained by the year 7’s that performed some bully buster plays. All primary classes have also been beginning work in our kitchen garden and it looks as if we have a few green thumbs amongst our classes!

Our Prep/1/2 class and Year 3/4 class have been learning lots about the Aboriginal culture as part of their inquiry unit. Our Prep/1/2 class has been so well behaved that they are lucky enough to be getting a fish as their class reward! Our Year 5/6 class are busily preparing for their upcoming Melbourne camp next week and are very much looking forward to this experience. They have also been learning lots about Asia as part of their inquiry unit this term.

The Year 7s have been busy preparing short plays for their performance ‘Bullying stops with me’ to the primary school on Monday the 5th of August. Four students have competed in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition- Natalie Zonneveold, Kiarrah Lehmann, Melinda Andrews and Diane Rexhep. All students are completing set tasks on their class novels and are choosing their own wider reading novels to enjoy.

The Year 8s have been looking at newspapers, issues and persuasive language techniques in addition to their wider reading. Four students Monique Silva, Zoe McIntosh, Jack Horsley and Janelle Doolan are to be commended for their participation in the Northern Rivers Debating Competition winning their Impromptu Debate.

**Year 7 ‘Bullying stops with me’ Performance.**
The Year 7 class presented a performance exploring different aspects of bullying including physical, verbal, exclusion and cyber bullying. In their plays they have tried to show what these forms of bullying look like at their worst and how we would like relationships at our school to appear.

The message they have tried to convey is that you can stop bullying by speaking up when you see bullying. You could tell a teacher, parent, older student. You could tell the bully to stop! Bullying stops with me!

### Prep—Year 8 Awards

**Prep/1/2:**
- **Navi Ratawake**: for excellent work in reading.
- **Thomas Jones**: for showing leadership skills and maturity.

**Year 3/4:**
- **Bailey Mimmo**: for great leadership skills
- **Jordann Rodgers** – For always trying her best in maths and never giving up. Keep up the great work!

**Year 5/6:**
- **Pheobe Stewart**: For excellent effort with her homework
- **Tanika Harbridge**: For excellent effort with her homework
- **Hayden Cullie**: for excellent times tables knowledge
- **Jack Risstrom**: for excellent times tables knowledge

**Year 7:**
- **Melinda Andrews, Natalie Zonneveold, Diane Rexhep and Kiarrah Lehmann** for their participation in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards.

**Year 8:**
- Congratulations to **Monique Silva, Janelle Doolan, Zoe McIntosh and Jack Horsley** who participated in the Northern Rivers debating competition.

**Ms. Fraser’s Music Awards:**
- **Julie Habegger** – For the completion of an excellent Music poster
- **Josh Rexhep** – For the completion of an excellent Music poster
P-8 Focus this fortnight

P/1/2:

**Literacy** - The next two weeks in literacy will focus on exploring narrative within both reading and writing. As always we are working toward building our word vocabulary and reading skills through small group and independent work. To assist your child in their reading we encourage you to listen to them read and discuss texts on a daily basis.

**Numeracy** - We will be looking at measurement, including capacity, mass and length. We will look at how these skills are important in our day to day life and explore them through hands on activities. We are also excited to have the Maths Roadshow this week and look forward to their hands on activities and showing off our problem solving skills!

**Year 3/4:**

**Literacy** - In our Reading, we will be learning about different strategies to implement with our reading of different texts. Daily 5 activities will form our Reading Group activities. Students will explore different spelling patterns to assist in spelling unknown words. To assist your child in their reading we encourage you to listen to them read and discuss texts on a daily basis.

In our Writing, we will continue to write our narratives using the narrative structure and our posters created in previous writing lessons.

**Numeracy** - In Maths, we will be covering the following topics, in teacher focus groups and maths rotations;
- Recall multiplication facts of two, three, five and ten and related division facts. Select and apply mental strategies to solve division problems
- Investigate number sequences involving multiples of 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
- Revision of Times Tables to assist in multiplication strategies
- Measure, order and compare objects using familiar metric units of length, mass and capacity.

Students will also use Mathletics in structured maths investigation.

**Year 5/6:**

**Literacy** - Students will be away at camp next week and will be visiting a number of interesting places in Melbourne such as Parliament House, the Melbourne Museum, IMAX theatre, Eureka Skydeck, Scienceworks, the Old Melbourne Gaol and many more. Our literacy activities the following week will be based on some of the experiences we had whilst in Melbourne. The use of talking marks will also be revisited.

**Numeracy** - Students will continue practising and recalling their times tables facts. Graphs and data collection will also be a focus. Once back from camp, students will begin a new topic of maths with Mrs Bendall on fractions and decimals, where they will learn to add and subtract decimals and fractions, with and without digital technologies, and use estimation and rounding to check the reasonableness of answers.

**Year 8:**

**Literacy** - Year 8 have now started reading and enjoying the class texts "Holes" and "Z for Zachariah"

Right: The primary students all enjoyed the recent performance ‘Bully-busters’ that the Year 7 students presented.

*BOOK WEEK is coming soon - we are looking forward to the parade, we hope you will join us!*
Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards

On Friday the 26th of July four Year 7 girls, Natalie Zonneveld, Diane Rexhep, Melinda Andrews and Kiarrah Lehmann (pictured right) attended the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards.

The girls had the daunting task of delivering five minute prepared speeches on a topic relating to Legacy. Diane spoke about Princess Diana, Natalie the work of the Royal Children's Hospital, Kiarrah the innovation of Dr Fiona Wood and Melinda the importance of friendship. The girls were then required to write two minute impromptu speeches on the topic of 'The Silent Majority'.

I am so proud of the way the girls presented themselves, delivered their speeches and networked with the officials and fellow competitors. Our students were the very youngest competitors and whilst they did not take home the overall winner’s title they deserve our highest accolades.

At assembly on Monday the 5th of August the girls received book vouchers and certificates from the College in addition to the certificates and badges they were presented with from Legacy.

Northern Rivers Debating Competition

On Thursday the first of August eleven debaters and Ms Nobbs departed early in the morning for a foggy drive to Echuca to participate in the Northern Rivers Debating Competition. Whilst the Juniors were the only successful team in coming away with wins this year for most of our students this was their very first debating experience and the teams were thoroughly prepared and competitive. A big thank you to all the students for committing their time to debating as it is very demanding and difficult. The whole College community are proud of you for representing the College and devoting your time to this academic 'sport'.

Junior Team
First Speaker- Monique Silva
Second Speaker- Janelle Doolan
Third Speaker- Jack Horsley
Speech writer- Zoe McIntosh
Coach - Hailey Lemin

Senior Team
First Speaker- Sara Owens
Second Speaker- Eliza McDonald
Third Speaker- Caitlin Brown
Speech writer- Hailey Lemin

Debating Captain - Caitlin Brown.

Deanne Nobbs
Proud Public Speaking Coach.

Intermediate Team
First Speaker- Ebony Sacco
Second Speaker- Carrigan Horsley
Third Speaker- Blake Rosenberg

Deanne Nobbs
Proud Public Speaking Coach.

At right: Members of the Senior Team, Sara Owens, Eliza McDonald and Caitlin Brown, at the recent Northern Rivers Debating Competition.
Asthma tips for Parents and Carers this Winter

Winter can be a hard time for people with asthma as could weather, coughs, colds and the flu can bring on more symptoms and attacks.

- The common cold is caused by a virus and it is important to try not to cough and sneeze near other people, and to wash hands properly to prevent passing on the infection. The flu is different to the common cold and can be a much more serious viral infection.
- People with asthma are recommended to have an annual influenza vaccination (the flu shot). Preventing the flu protects people with asthma, as those with asthma are often unwell for longer and have a much harder time recovering from the flu.
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well-controlled; this will help them to bounce back quicker from a cough or cold and will help prevent asthma attacks when they are unwell.
- Some medications and herbal remedies that we use for colds and flu can make asthma worse. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about any concerns you may have.
- Antibiotics are not normally prescribed for the common cold, or influenza, as these medications will not help a cold get better. Effective medications may include paracetamol and decongestants; however seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist before purchasing them for your child.
- Suggested remedies for the flu and the common cold are: rest, staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water, staying away from cigarette smoke, using steam inhalation, gargling with salty water for a sore throat and seeking medical advice if concerned at any time.

For more information on the common cold, medications and references used in this article please see the Better Health Channel (State Government of Victoria) - www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and the NPS website - www.nps.org.au.

Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or www.asthma.org.au.

Leanne James
School Nurse Educator

Worthy of Praise

- **Pheobe Stewart** - for being so kind, considerate & thoughtful towards others feelings.
- **Carly Hamilton** for the leadership she displayed representing Ms Nobbs and the subject of Theatre Studies at the VCE Information Night.
- **Hailey Lemin** for the excellent job she did of coaching and supporting the Junior Debating Team at Northern Rivers Debating.
- **All members of the Rushworth P-12 College Debating Teams** and the **Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award Participants** for the excellent way they represented the College.
- **Tait Lee and Jimmi Clarke** for helping to pack up the World of Maths Roadshow stuff without even being asked. Staying after the lunch bell to finish. Excellent work boys!
- **VCAL students** for their efforts & enthusiasm regarding Mock Interviews -Well done all!
VCAL LITERACY 2013

The VCAL Class are studying the impact of plastic bags on our ecosystem in Literacy. As part of this unit students are surveying the local community to assess the public’s attitude to using plastic and reusable bags. You may have seen these surveys at the pharmacy, supermarket, gift shop, bakery and opportunity shop. Once the results are in we will share these results with the local community.

VCAL Mock Interviews

This week we were very fortunate to receive support from Alison Dunstan and Jac Campbell, from the Campaspe Cohuna LLEN, Kevin Livingstone from Rushworth & District Community Bank and Brad Moyle, Principal of the College to assist us with running mock job interviews for all of our VCAL students.

Students were asked to apply for a job vacancy they had seen advertised. This required them to complete an application letter, develop a resume and prepare themselves for an interview.

Each student was interviewed by one of our guest interviewers, provided with feedback and told whether or not they were ‘hired’. This was a valuable, and practical experience for our students. Some even went to a lot of trouble with their presentation, dressing to impress!

We finished the morning with a lovely lunch, providing an opportunity to debrief on the events of the morning, and network with our guests and staff.

We thank our guests for their support and encouragement, and our students for their enthusiasm and efforts.

‘A real-life learning experience’
VTAC Applications NOW open:
VTAC Applications have now opened and I encourage ALL of our Year 12 students to book an appointment with myself to discuss the options available to them for further study at University or TAFE in 2014. Please don’t leave it till the last minute!

Nursing Scholarships (Year 12)
Applications for NURSING scholarships (valued at $10,000 per yr.) are now open and close on 13th September 2013. Eligible courses include; Diploma of Enrolled Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Nursing/Midwifery. Visit the following website for more details;

Thankyou
Thanks to those parents and students who attended our Senior School Information night last week. It is heartening to see the enthusiasm that our students and their parents have for their future pathways at Rushworth. The best outcomes are reached when we all work in partnership together.
Kerrie Raglus, Student Pathways
The Year 9 CFA team continued their training program recently with a trip to the Gisborne CFA training Centre. The students were put through their paces in regard to Incident Management Control. According to their mentor Greg Hutchison they were all able to stay level headed and in control throughout the ‘mock’ disaster.

Upcoming VCAL project...

“What I wanna be, when I grow up”

Out of Uniform Day       Tuesday 13th August

Gold coin donation - money raised donated to McGrath Foundation

BBQ lunch available for Year 7-12 students
Lunchtimes in the Stadium
Students are reminded that on Monday’s at lunchtime Mr. Hogan is holding basketball trainings and Friday is Miss Cray’s turn, with Volleyball. All other lunchtimes can be used for students to train for upcoming competitions as discussed with Miss Cray, Mr. Daff or Mr. Hogan.

PE Uniform
We have a small number of new PE shirts available, which can be purchased from Miss Cray. Once these have been purchased students will need to order and arrange their own shirt through Mister Embroidery in Kyabram.

Junior Primary PE
We have been lucky enough to have two new goals made up for our junior Primary students to use in Sport and PE lessons. The super-fantastic Dean Jamieson has been working hard to produce a basketball and netball goal that each stand just under 2m. These are much appreciated by our younger students who can now shoot hoops just like the big kids! Thanks Dean!

Other Upcoming Events:
⇒ Friday 6th September   GMDSSV Secondary Interschool Athletics
⇒ Wednesday 18th September   Year 7 & 8 Junior Summer Sports

Amanda Cray,
PE Coordinator
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Have your say on KidsTown

Do your kids enjoy spending time at KidsTown? What do your kids enjoy most about KidsTown? How do you think KidsTown can be improved?

To help shape the future of KidsTown please complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SPC_Ardmona_KidsTown

We are getting the SAKG program up & running again for our Primary students and we need YOUR help!!!

- Do you have any straw, manure, seeds, cuttings etc. you would like to donate?
- Do you have time to spare once a fortnight?

Then please contact Kerrie Raglus at the College NOW!!! WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

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Call in and see us at 23 High Street, Rushworth or phone 5856 2122.

Bendigo Bank

If you have anything you would like to have published in our college newsletter please email articles to: rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Dinosaurs Down Under

Saturday August 10th
10.00am -2.30pm

Talks by International Palaeontologists
11am and 1pm

Roaring, moving dinosaur replicas
Real Australian megafauna bones
International and local presenters
Stories about Australian and Patagonian extinct beasts
Prizes and giveaways

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