DECEMBER
16th Prep - 8 Assembly
BER Foyer 9.00am
ALL WELCOME
VCE results available
17th College Presentation Night - Shire Hall
7pm
18th College Picnic Day
19th Activities program
Whole School assembly
11.30am
Community Bush Dance, Paddy’s Wombat Bush Band - Sausage Sizzle
12noon  ALL WELCOME
20th Last day of term. Early dismissal 2.30pm

JANUARY
20th School re-opens

23rd Book selling day

27th Australia Day Public Holiday

28th Teaching staff resume

29th Curriculum Day

30th Students commence

Above: Monique Silva looks pleased with locking up fellow class mates Ryan Young and Janelle Doolan in the stocks, on their recent Kryal Castle excursion. Read more on page 5.
Below: Read about the Year 6 Graduation celebration on page 10. Yummy cake!
News from the Principal....

Congratulations and thank you to all of our students, staff and College Community for a wonderful and extremely productive 2013. With so much happening throughout the College it is hard to believe that we are now reaching the end of the school year. On reflection of the previous 12 months it is with all honesty that I can say that we have made considerable inroads to our positive growth and development as a College. Throughout the year our staff and community have witnessed growing levels of student engagement and achievement, increasing levels of community interaction and a growing connection between the College, staff, students and the broader community. Our staff have worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring our College Strategic Plan to life and will continue to do so over the years ahead as we move from strength to strength in developing our College into a community learning hub that is well respected and well supported for the work that students, staff and the community do together to support our young people and local towns. At this time of the year I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our staff team for their work and dedication in making 2013 a success. I would also like to thank our students who continue to inspire us on a daily basis with their growing levels of engagement, achievement and willingness to embrace the new.

Over the past two weeks we have seen many of our celebratory and ritual events take place as we get to recognise and celebrate student and College achievements for the year. These events are not only a form of recognition for students but a part of our story as a College and provide us with many fond memories both now and in the future on which to look back on. Last week gave our College musicians and entertainers an opportunity to take centre stage and showcase their talents and I think we can certainly say that “Rushworth P-12 has Talent!” Students from Years P-10 demonstrated their musical and performing skills either via class performances or small group performances. This was an outstanding night of entertainment that was very well supported by the College and broader community. Thank you to Andrew Richardson, Greg Hutchison and Carolyn Fraser for their invaluable work in bringing their evening together but more importantly for their week in, week out contribution to developing our students musical and entertaining skills.

Another of our yearly rituals and celebrations that students look forward to is the Year 6 Graduation ceremony. On Wednesday evening our Year 6 students joined by over 60 of their family and friends, joined us to celebrate the students completion of their primary schooling. This was another wonderful evening with many happy faces as our students say farewell to their primary years with fond memories as they prepare for the step to Year 7 in 2014. Congratulations to each and every Year 6 student on the successful completion of the first seven years of your formal schooling journey. We look forward to sharing the next 6 years with you and having many more stories to tell at your Year 12 Graduation in 2019. Thank you to Maree Moyle and Christine Williams for their work in putting our celebratory evening together.
This time of the year is well known for being busy for everyone and one of the tasks that teachers have been dedicating themselves to over the past few weeks has been writing student reports. Our 2013 Semester 2 Reports have captured the learning journey and development of our students since July 2013 and really are an important piece of feedback and information for students and parents. Our reports are designed to be informative in terms of defining what students have achieved and are capable of, as well as being supportive by outlining areas where students, parents and the college can work together to ensure each student achieves the next level of their learning. I encourage all parents and students to celebrate what has been achieved over the last six months and to then set some realistic and achievable goals for 2014.

Next week we have a few final school wide events to conclude the year and I would encourage all our readers to take the chance to be involved. Our College Awards Night is being held on Tuesday 17th December and this is a great opportunity for the College and local communities to celebrate the achievements of our students. On Wednesday, students and staff will participate in our Annual College Picnic, being held at the Murchison Pool. Students, don’t forget to return your permission forms ASAP, you wouldn’t want to miss out on this great day. Finally on Thursday 19th December we will be having our College Bush Dance, parents are strongly encouraged to come along and join us from 12:00noon onwards. All students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Friday 20th December after a day of activities, cleaning up and preparing the College for 2014.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, staff, families and readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and school holiday break. Your support and encouragement throughout 2013 has been invaluable and we look forward to an even more impressive and memorable 2014.

Kind regards, Brad Moyle, Principal

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

The last day for Canteen will be **Tuesday 17th December** - **NO lunch orders or sales** after this date.

Thank-you from Gemma and myself, to the school community for their support of the Canteen during 2013.

Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Thankyou very much, Carolyn Geisler, Canteen Manager
Our Teaching Team for 2014

Over the past couple of months we have been busily finalising arrangements for 2014. We still have a couple of positions to finalise over the last few days of the term, being Food Technology, Year 3/4 Classroom Teacher and Mr. Baker’s replacement during Term 1 whilst he is on leave. However I am delighted to advise students and parents of the following teaching arrangements for 2014:

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If parents have any further queries in regards to our teachers allocations for 2014 please do not hesitate in contacting me.

*Brad Moyle, Principal*
Monday 2nd December saw the Year 8 Humanities class (with a couple of lovely Year 7’s) venture down south to sunny Ballarat - specifically Kryal Castle. Once there, they were treated to a lot of medieval fun and torture. They took part in the Crime and Punishment tour of the dungeon. They watched knights battle each other (even got to meet their knights in shining armour) and saw a display of horsemanship.

The day ended with a chance to try their hand at archery – we have some very interesting marksmen and markswomen in our mix with some able to hit circle on the hay bales, some very near misses (even skimming across the top of the bales) and even one who shot his arrow through the small hole made when you stack 4 bales together.

Thank you to the teachers who accompanied the students Mr Daff (Driver), Mr Robertson (Focus Group Teacher) and Miss Gould (Humanities Teacher)

Miss Annette Gould
YEAR 11 SURF CAMP

As has been the highlight of the Year 11 study year for some time now, our intrepid crew of students headed to Torquay with Hoges and Mac for ‘Surf Camp’. After the rigours of their Year 11 studies, exams and Early Commencement of Year 12 this group of hardy students were ready for some new experiences! So, off to Torquay it was—a place to take some risks, strengthen some bonds and just plain have fun before the rigours of studying year 12 kick in in 2014. All the students had a great time, the popular vote for ‘most natural surfer’ went to Travis Bastin. Enjoy the pictorial.
P-12 students have loads of talent...

This year’s Variety Concert started at 6pm on Wednesday the 4th of December. Although the weather throughout the day had been very wet the senior music students with the help of Mr. Dean Jamieson, the school’s maintenance officer, managed to get the Rushworth Shire Hall set up for the concert. We need to thank Andrew from Dillmac for also braving the weather and being the sound engineer for the evening.

The concert started with the Prep/1/2’s singing “A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea”, the Grade 3/4’s singing “We Get The Beat” and “Greased Lightning”, and the Grade 5/6’s singing and dancing to “Shake Your Tail Feather” and “Footloose”. The Primary students performed fantastically and we need to thank the primary teaching staff, Ms. Rachel Partridge, Ms. Katherine McIntosh, Ms. Maree Moyle and Ms. Carolyn Fraser for their efforts.

Next were the instrumental and band pieces. First, the 3/4 Guitar Medley, Jordann Rogers, Matt Moyle, Andrew Robinson and Cody Vanderdonk played four short pieces on acoustic guitar and sounded great.
Second was the Rocket 7/8’s band, Abi Clarke, Lachy Sitters, Jessica Hamilton, Brody Halls, Russell Anderson, Natalie Zonneveld and Emily Crout performing two Kasey Chambers songs, “Pony” and “Not Pretty Enough”. The Blues Seven (8/9’s), Jayson Andrews, Matt Lucreziano, Lachy Sitters, Blake Rosenberg, Saige Gilmartin, Gus Meulenmeesters and Josh Newton, performed a rendition of the ‘Blues’ and “Smoke On The Water”.

The instrumental part of the program wrapped up with The Trio, Jack Horsley on drums, Blake Rosenberg on bass and Saige Gilmartin on guitar, performing “Seven Nation Army”. All players acquitted themselves well. Thanks must go to Mr. Greg Hutchison and Mr. Andrew Richardson who prepared the musicians for their performances.

Thanks to Rachel Partridge & Frankie O’Toole for compering the evening and to Pat Young, who so capably manned the front door and sold raffle tickets.

The evening ended with the ensemble cast singing “Six White Boomers” and “Happy Christmas To You”, and Principal Brad Moyle thanking everyone and drawing the raffle prize winners. The prizes were a guitar and practice amp package and five $20 gift certificates for the Little Music Shop in Shepparton. A great and entertaining evening was had by all and we left to a clear evening with sunshine!

Andrew Richardson
The College will be holding a Christmas Gift stall on Tuesday 17th December from 9.30am til 1.00pm in the College Hall

This is an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for family and friends.

A variety of gifts will be available ranging from 50c to $5.
This week, the air was filled with anticipation for a certain cohort of students at the College—the Year 6 students were ‘ready’ to graduate from Year 6 and move forward to Year 7!! As a college we congratulate them all on reaching this milestone and look forward to seeing them graduate from Year 12 in 2019.

**Year 6 student, Pheobe Stewart** gives us a recount of her evening below;

On the 11\textsuperscript{th} of December the class of grade 6 had their graduation. First we had to get ready. Second we came and picked a seat to sit at then all the grade 6’s had to wait for our name to be called out. Mrs Moyle made a speech about the year with the grade 6’s. Mr Moyle made a speech after Mrs Moyle.

After the speeches we had dinner there was Chicken, salad, lasagne and bread. We had 30 minutes to eat the food, it was yummy. For drinks there was cordial, coffee, tea and soft drink. Everyone loved dinner. And for desert we had ice-cream whilst the adults had Pavlova and cupcakes.

Then the students had to do speeches Chloe, Emily, Pheobe and Hayden they did speeches about students, teachers and camp. We then got presented with certificates everyone got 2 certificates. Then it was over our families, all went home. The end of an era.
Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students on their Graduation.
Primary – Year 8 Happenings...

Prep—Year 8 Awards

Prep – 2: Hannah and Zachary Price: for their improved attitude and persistence to mathematics.
Dana Rodgers: for excellent work on subtraction and addition with regrouping.

Year 3/4: Bailey Mimmo: For a consistent effort towards his learning. Keep up the fantastic effort!
Matthew Caton: For persisting with his learning activities in Literacy. Well Done!
Chevy Talbot: For always working hard in class and helping others. Well Done!
Kannika Suksanit: For always participating in class discussions. Keep up the great work!

Year 5/6: Jamie Cornford: for being a quiet achiever
Dan Newbiggin: for his excellent on demand results
Gabe Schembri: for settling in well at Rushworth P-12 College
Hayden Cullie: for always having a positive attitude towards his work

Year 7: Lochie Meulenmeesters, Paris Lehmann and Molly Risstrom for being good role models in Year 7 transition.
Taksin Suksanit for his excellent writing on his end of Year English examination.

Year 8: Karissa Phelan for her well presented report

Term 4 overview (where did the time go?)

Prep – 2:
Term 4 has been a productive and exciting one for Prep/1/2. We have participated in a CFA day, Kinder Transitions, Prep/1/2 After School BBQ and starred in the College concert. During the College Concert in particular it was fantastic to see students up on stage, having a go and engaging the audience. Many of our students have developed wonderful leadership skills throughout the year and were excellent role models for younger students and our 2014 Preps during transition.

Thank you to Nance Meagher for her weekly reading with students, her time was appreciated for not only the reading audience she provided, but also the positive community presence she brought to the classroom. Thank you to all parents who were supportive this year, especially in their assistance with at home reading, extra curricula activities and regular feedback.

Most importantly, thank you to the 2014 Prep/1/2 Class for an exciting, productive, enthusiastic and rewarding year.

I am so proud of how far our class has come this year. I hope they enter 2014 with the same positive attitude to learning that they have allowed me to be involved with this year.

Year 3/4:
Term 4 has been very exciting for the Grade 3/4 class. We have participated in many exciting activities and learned
about different topics in Inquiry. In Literacy, we have worked on using different reading strategies when reading a range of books and using our inference skills when reading as a class. Students have been working hard on writing different text genres and using a range of nouns, adjectives and verbs within their writing. In Numeracy, we have learned about a range of new mathematical skills and used these within different contexts, such as individually, in small groups and within whole class activities.

Students have enjoyed all specialist subjects and have learnt a range of new skills in PE, Art and Music.

Over the duration of the term, Grade 3/4 students have been to the Old Priory in Beechworth for Grade 3/4 Camp, travelled to Echuca for the CFA SAFE Education Day to learn about Fire Safety, participated in the Year 9 CFA Advance activities at school, participated in Health and PE Week activities, performed in the Annual School Concert singing “Greased Lightning” and “We’ve Got the Beat” and participated in the Grade 3/4 Asia Celebration Day with fellow students and parents. Students enjoyed creating arts and crafts from Asian countries and cooking various dishes from Asia.

Miss McIntosh wishes all students a safe and happy holidays and best of luck for next year!

Merry Christmas!

Year 5/6:

Well what a term it has been in the year 5/6 classroom this term! Students have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum, and have completed some really good work that they should be proud of. They have had many extracurricular activities to enhance their learning, such as the CFA education visit and their attendance at the Rushworth community Remembrance day service. Students also worked hard at their car wash fundraiser, and worked well as a team to wash all the cars that came through that day.

The last few weeks have been particularly busy for our class, as we prepared for our concert performance, which was very entertaining, and as the students joined in lots of fun and interesting year 7 transition activities. The event that our Year 6's were most looking forward to was their graduation dinner last night, which was an enjoyable evening and one which recognised the important step of moving from primary to secondary school. The students had a great time and enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with family and friends. A big thank you to all those that attended and made this night special for our year 6 students!

Finally, I would just like to say that it has been a pleasure to work with this vibrant group of year 5/6 students throughout 2013, and that I wish them all the very best as they move on into their new year levels and classes next year! Thank you to all year 5/6 students for sharing this year with me and I wish you all and your families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy 2014! Maree Moyle

Year 7:

This term Year 7 have completed an anthology of poetry in a range of poetic styles. As a shared reading exercise the whole class read the novel Living with Leanne by Margaret Clarke, exploring the themes of racism, family and responsibility. Students completed character studies, character comparison tables, creative tasks and expository essays as part of this unit. Students concluded their Wider Reading Program having enjoyed the opportunity to read novels that they have selected individually. Overall Year 7 have established strong essay writing skills over the course of the semester.

Year 8:

The students spent their last week of year 8 preparing for and sitting their end of year English exam. The exam tested their knowledge and understanding of units we completed on Media Issues and Visual Texts and the movie “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape“. The students were very diligent in their preparation and most students were able to demonstrate a high level of understanding of all units. Two students achieved an A+ in the three sections of the exam. Well done! After their hard work the students relaxed and enjoyed the excursion to Kryal Castle where they enjoyed learning not only the gruesome aspects of medieval life but developed their skills in archery. Thank you to Miss Gould for organising this excursion.
MARKET DAY BENEFITS

After the success of Market Day at the end of term 3, the Year 7 students have joined with their Focus Group Teacher, Miss Nobbs and the Principal, Mr Moyle to purchase some new equipment for the N block kitchen.

They purchased a fridge, microwave, kettle and toaster for use by all students with their focus group in the N block building. All students have been learning how to share these limited resources and are enjoying their warm milo’s and noodles at recess and lunchtime.

The students want to thank their families, friends, teachers and fellow students for the support they received while they prepared and ran their Market Day stalls.

Miss Annette Gould

"On behalf of the Year 7 class I would like to thank the community of Rushworth for helping us raise the money to buy kitchen equipment. We promise to use it responsibly.

It will be great to use it in winter to make hot drinks and to heat up food.

Thanks especially to Ms Gould for organising the Market Day, Ms Nobbs for providing funds from the Focus Group money and Mr Moyle for providing some of the school funds for our project"

Russell Anderson Year 7.

The Year 7 class make their presentation to Mr. Moyle, as they celebrate having equipment in the N block for their use, as a result of their successful Market Day.

The P-12 College Community wish all our students, families and supporters a wonderful holiday break. We look forward to working with you all again in 2014.
Students at the College and from surrounding schools have been enjoying a very comprehensive transition program at the College this year under the guidance of Deanne Nobbs. This culminated in some special activities on State-wide Transition Day, Tuesday 10th December. Students were keen to share their experiences with our newsletter readers.

On the 10th of December it was state wide transition. The years 5/6 found out what teacher we had, it was Miss McIntosh. In period 1 we got to play some activities. In period 2 we did a get to know you sheet.

We had recess. When we came inside we had mental maths. The best part of the day was when we had smartie maths. We had a sheet that we had to work out how many smarties were in a box and how much it weighed.

In periods 5/6 we had science. For science we had milk, dishwashing liquid, cotton buds and food dye. It made a bit of a mess. After we had cleaned up our mess we played a game of heads down thumbs up. I had a great transition. After we finished our work in period 3/4 we got to eat the smarties that we used. We got to do a ‘wordle’ on our net books but my one didn’t work so I was allowed to play ABC yay!

Tanika Harbridge Grade5-6 Transition

On the 10/12/13 we had our last transition. I was in year 7 for the day. First we had art with Miss. O’Toole we made our own personalized bags I made a bag like this:

We had Art for 2 periods then we had to do a profile about us. Then we had recess, I was hanging out with the Stanhope kids and showed them the primary and secondary areas.

The second session we had English we did an English test about us it was cool. Then we had lunch I met everyone in the class but sometimes I forget their names.

We had a math test with Mr Daws it was easy and I was the first one finished, then we had to do a how many squares are in the picture it was hard. Then we had Miss. Gould. We did humanities, we did a thing that we had to put the names in the right spots.

Then it was the end of the day I went home told mum about everything I did at school. I played with Liam when I got home he was very funny and he is cutie.

by Pheobe Stewart

Transition continues over the page...
Moving on up...transition time at Rushworth P-12

On the 10th of the 12th we had Transition Day. We had it for the whole day instead of just recess or lunch. It was a really good day, we did heaps of different things. In the morning we had art for the two periods. We got to make our own bag designs and put then on the bag to take home.

Second session we had literacy and had to write a 7-8 paragraph bio on ourselves. We had one hour to do it so no one had to rush. We were in the library so the other kids got to see how it all worked. It was good even though we got their late because we had an extended recess due to art going overtime.

Then we went out for lunch, there was a free sausage sizzle. We all got to have a sausage in bread, a drink and then a paddle pop afterwards. Then Beth, Emily, Chloe, Brooke and I went up to the oval. We stayed up there for the rest of lunch hanging out.

Then session 3 we had maths with Mr Daws. We had a pre test so that the teachers could see where we are up to. Then 6th period we had humanities with Mrs Gould. We mostly talked about what things were in the South Pole. All in all it was a good day. I’m looking forward to Year 7 next year.

Isabelle Crute Year 6

In the morning everyone in the primary class apart from 2013’s year 6’s sat in the empty classroom. Mrs Moyle was talking to us about the transition. Mrs Moyle said next year’s 5-6 teacher is Miss McIntosh.

First we went to our classroom we did a human bingo to get to know each other. After that we played a game called two truths, one lie. After that we played silent Woolworth lamb (that’s the only thing we could throw). Then when it was not long to recess we played a game like charades but we had to use our hands. Then the bell went it was recess.

When the bell rang we went to the classroom to line up. Miss McIntosh said we are going to have smarty maths. But first we had quick maths which was easy. To tell you the truth it was pretty easy so I was kind of lost in my thoughts so I was looking at things (it wasn’t all challenging but it was really fun). Then we had smarty maths the really fun part was when we had to draw a smarty packet (I think I did really well). After that we had lunch.

Then the bell went it was period five. We did science the science was going to be a milk experiment. First we poured milk in a plate. After that we put 1 drop 4 different kinds of food dyes. Then we had to get a cotton bud dip it in dishwashing liquid and put in in the plate and all the food dye went to the edge. It was cool. When we were disposing the milk it went everywhere but it was cleaned up though.

Then the pack up bell went and we got ready to go home. Then the dismissal bell went. So everyone went home.

By Sarah Lange-Richards 11/12/13
Library Learnings

On Tuesday 10.12.2013, the Year 7 students for 2014 visited the Library as part of their transition. Students were provided with the following information........

**Loans:**
- 1 x personal read
- 1 x class set novel

**Loan Duration:**
- 2 weeks for personal loans & term loan for class set resource
- if completed prior to this time return
- if not completed within this time renew

**Circulation Desk:**
- Library open = return resource in slot located on Library Circulation desk
- Library closed = return resource in slot located external wall of little hall

**Library Areas:**
- **Reference Area**
  - Junior Fiction, Fiction & Non-Fiction
- **RC1 = Resource Centre 1 (also known as the ‘Fishbowl’)**
  - for small classes & meetings
- **RCC = Resource Centre Classroom**
  - for large classes and projection viewing

**Library Catalogue Computer:**
This is accessible by all Library patrons to view all catalogued resources

**Please note:** When selecting a resource from the shelf and is not one you choose, then please place the resource on the Library trolley for Library staff to re-shelve.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our students and their families a very Happy Christmas and Safe New Year 2014.

Make sure to keep on reading over the Christmas Break :)

Library Manager - Kerri-Anne Nurse
End of Year!

When I was asked to write something for the last newsletter for the year, I thought what can I write about???
Soooo, I gave it some thought and this is what I have come up with......

The year has certainly gone by in a blur! Lots of things happening throughout the year across all levels of Rushworth P-12 College. For me, it started with the organising of the Year 11 & 12 National Youth Week and we again had the services of Glen Manton, founder of White Lion Foundation. Later in the year, Peter Stonehouse from Vic Roads presented to Year 10 Keys Please and Year 11 – Making better choices, and then Term 4, with Amanda Cray, Kerrie Raglus and Michele Hanson, (Community Health) leading the way, we had a week of activities for Health and PE Week. Puberty and Personal Development with Year 5/6 went very well. Plus in between lots of other smaller projects.

In my newsletters, I have covered immunisation, smoking, meningococcal, Asthma, Sunsmart, cybersafety, snake bites, Interschool equestrian plus many other topics. This week I am just going to send a gentle reminder to all the school community to be aware of the NEW LAW regarding Texting and driving! Now, we have all done it at some stage have we not??? Is it really worth the risk of being involved in an accident or getting caught by the Police??

From 25 November 2013:
All drivers face tougher penalties for illegal use of a mobile phone or interacting with other units that have visual displays while driving (e.g.. DVD players or tablet computers) that are not driver’s aids.

The penalties are:
4 demerit points
$433
It is illegal in all Australian states and territories to use a hand-held mobile phone while driving. This includes:
Talking
Texting
Playing games
Taking photos/video
Using any other function on your phone.

Using a hand-held mobile phone is also illegal when your vehicle is stationary but not parked e.g. when you’re stopped at traffic lights.
Drivers who break this law in Victoria face an on-the-spot fine and incur four demerit points.
Learner, P1 and P2 drivers are not permitted to use a hand-held or hands-free mobile phone while driving.
(www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a happy and safe New Year! Be mindful of not over indulging in food and alcohol, be SunSmart and NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING! Look forward to seeing you all in 2014!

Leanne James, School Nurse Educator
8th Girgarre Moosic Muster
Friday - Sunday January 10 – 12, 2014
Girgarre Public Hall and Park

- A top opportunity for young players to learn and jam with leading working musicians
- Over 30 workshops with expert tutors – **FREE!** Guitar, banjo, mandolin, violin, double bass, percussion, music theory, harmony singing, clogging.
- Uke Mania: one and a half days of intensive ukulele skills, new tunes and fun
- All genres including country, folk, bluegrass, pop, gospel – play your heart out or just kick back and enjoy!
- Top bands, two stages, concerts, open mike, community jams, instruments for loan - all **FREE!**
- Separate primary children’s one-day Programme
- Low-cost camping with bonus meals


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**Newsletter 2014**

The College are currently reviewing how we will disseminate our College news for the 2014 school year, and we would like to gauge your response (sadly only a few thus far!) before we make a decision.

**The options we are proposing include;**

- Emailing home the newsletter on a fortnightly basis (NO PRINTING) □
- Printing once per term - A College Highlights mini magazine and posting home. □
- Compiling a once a week - one page flyer of the highlights of the week, emailing home. □

Please tick ✓ the option/s that you prefer and send this slip back to the general office ASAP.

Please feel free to contact Kerrie Raglus at the College if you have any ideas.

Name:___________________________________________________

Email address:___________________________________________________________________×
Activities to wind up on

This year’s Activities Week will take place from Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th December and include a number of events for our students and the community.

On Wednesday students will be attending the School Picnic held at the Murchison Pool. Students will need to ensure that they return their permission form by Friday 13th December and arrive at school promptly at 9am on the day.

On Thursday the students will be heading down to the Waranga hostel, visiting the staff and residents, before returning to school to for a whole school assembly at 11:30. This will be followed by the Rushworth P-12 College Community Bush Dance taking place from 12-3pm. This is our opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the school year and as such, we would love to see all of our families as well as many other community members there. The school will be supplying a sausage sizzle for lunch and “Paddy’s Wombat Bush Band” will be there to supply the entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Friday is the final day of school for 2013, students who attend school this day will be supervised in small group activities, or assist with the school cleanup and preparation for the beginning of 2014. There will be an early dismissal time of 2:30pm on this day.

These three days will be free dress, however students are not permitted to wear singlet's, open toed shoes (appropriate footwear must be worn at all times) or inappropriately decorated garments. I would encourage all the students to come dressed for the activities of the day.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week.

End of Year Activities Timetable

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The staff & students of Rushworth P-12 College invite you to come and celebrate the completion of the 2013 school year with us.

Thursday 19th December
12 - 3pm
FREE
Sausage sizzle

Ian Murphy Memorial Debating Competition

The Public Speaking and Debating team completed what has been a very busy year by competing in the 3rd round of the Rotary International Ian Murphy Memorial Debating Competition on Wednesday evening in Tatura.

Team members this week were Sara Owens, Blake Rosenberg and Hailey Lemin. The topic was “We are automating ourselves out of jobs” and Rushworth had to argue the affirmative. Our opposition team was FCJ College, Benalla.

All speakers performed really well on the night. They should all be praised for their commitment to the College by competing in a competition when (for Hailey & Sara, their school year is over). Blake is also to be commended for his commitment, competing at a Year 11/12 level whilst being in Year 9.

Sadly, we were narrowly defeated by FCJ College, after some terrific arguments, and impromptu responses.

Thank you to Robyn, Nathan & Shannon Lemin, Mica Rosenberg for being a terrific support team to our students on the night.

Debating for 2013 came to a close on Wednesday night at the Ian Murphy Memorial Debate.

Pictured are Sara Owens, Blake Rosenberg & Hailey Lemin with coach, Deanne Nobbs.

Deanne Nobbs
Debating Coach
1st STANHOPE SCOUTS FACES CLOSURE

Stanhope Scout Group requires a new Group Leader and Chairperson immediately; otherwise as of the 1st of February 2014 the Stanhope Scouts will be forced to close.

Stanhope Scouts has a ninety year history of Scouting in Stanhope. 1st Stanhope Scouts currently has 13 Cubs and Scouts aged from 7 - 15 years attending the group on a weekly basis, along with their three leaders. It will be extremely disappointing to have to tell these kids that they can no longer do scouting in Stanhope.

Scouting provides opportunities to engage in many outdoor activities including hiking, camping, water activities and many other adventurous activities. It is a fun youth based organisation which encourages all members to try new things, be part of their community and to be active.

When you are around this sort of enthusiasm you can’t help but want to be involved. We have three community volunteers on our group committee all willing to work hard to continue Stanhope Scouting tradition; we just need someone to lead the group.

We are looking for community minded people who enjoy working, with adults and children, as part of a team in leadership roles.

Previous experience in the scouting movement is preferred but not essential as full training for the role will be required to be undertaken.

A Working with Children’s Card and police check will need to be completed for all volunteers Stanhope Scouts needs help NOW. If you are up for a challenge and think you may be able to help or have any questions please contact Greg Watkins 0418148659.

Tatura Netball Association

2014 Committee
President: Simon Pogue
Vice President: Fiona Boyer
Secretary: Jodi Mutton
Treasurer: Bev Roberts

Selection trials for teams representing Tatura Netball Association in the Shepparton Saturday competition commencing 29 March 2014.

Under 13s DOB 2001-2002
Under 15s DOB 1999-2000
Under 17s DOB 1997-1998
Under 19s DOB 1995-1996
Trials 18th & 20th Feb. 2014
5.00-6.30 Tatura Netball Courts

Friday night Primary School competition
information to follow in 1st Term 2014

Enquiries contact: Fiona Boyer 0439385072
We finished off 2014 with a fantastic excursion to Bendigo to reward the secondary students who consistently wear their PE uniform to practical classes and are eager and willing contributors to Health and PE classes.

The Health/PE teachers selected 18 students who headed down to the Bendigo YMCA stadium to participate in a tumbling/gymnastics session with Palmers Gym and an afternoon of indoor rock-climbing. The students were commended by Mr Palmer for the way that they represented the college and had a great time throughout the day.

Congratulations to all students who have participated in another fantastic year in the Sport and Health/PE departments! We are looking forward to a great year in 2014 with even more opportunities to get involved in a whole range of activities!

Don't forget to get out and stay active over the holidays!

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas with family and friends!

Amanda Cray
Sports Co-ordinator
Head of Health and PE
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January 30th 2014

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Summer Holidays @ your Library
Rushworth Library, 33 High St, RUSHWORTH

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Last day for entries in the Summer Reading Club - finish off those Reading Logs and get them back to your Library TODAY!

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Bookings essential
Children under 10 must have parental supervision

Rushworth Library

For Bookings
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Online: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library
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YMCA Greater Murray  E: eli.geary@ymca.org.au  P:5482 2517  www.greatermurray.ymca.org.au

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7.15 Saturday Night Free Concerts
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- **FREE** Paddlesteamer cruises on PS Adelaide the oldest working wooden hulled paddlesteamer in the world.
- **11am**: Official opening of the new Discovery Centre by Hon. Peter Ryan MLA, Deputy Premier of Victoria.
- **Noon – 3pm**: Live Music – Smoking Gum.
- **4.30pm** – “Thrill of the Whistle”: See the fleet of Paddlesteamers sail past the new Wharf and Discovery Centre.
- **Children’s Activities including:**
  2 – 2.30pm: Riverboat Story time
  3 – 4pm: Scientwists Twisted Science Show
  Old Fashion Games: Free Giveaways
- Come dressed in period costume for the chance to win great prizes.
- Vintage Car and Steam Displays
- Shipwright Demonstrations
- Children’s Farmyard
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