Above: The Year 7/8 Basketball team certainly earned points for determination on their recent outing at the Junior Winter Sports, see more on page 15.

Below: The CFA Advance crew this week learnt how to use various types of fire extinguishers on common household fires.
Congratulations to our students and staff for another highly successful and engaging Term at Rushworth P-12 College. Over the term it has been great to see our students actively engaging in not only their learning but the broad range of extra-curricular activities that take place around the College. If we look at the past two weeks alone we have seen:

- The Rushworth Kindergarten and local Primary School students joining our Prep-2 students for a performance at the College by the Flying Bookworm.
- Students participating in the Regional Cross Country, congratulations to Patrick Coughlan and Brooke Austin who both placed 14th and a special congratulations to Mitchell Coughlan who finished in 10th place and progress on to the next round of competition.
- An extremely well supported VCAL Free Dress Project Day that had students from P-12 contribute over $160 towards Breast Cancer Research. Great job to our organisers, Shantelle Ward and Brittany Kouroupakis.
- Thirty five Year 7 and Year 8 students participating in the Winter Sports against other local Secondary Schools.
- Year 10 students joining the ‘world of work’ for a week as part of their Work Experience Program.
- Three members of our staff team participating in the Bastow Institute Leading Numeracy Program to support our students in their numeracy learning and application.
- A large number of families responding to our online 1-to-1 device survey to support us in making an informed decision about the future of Electronic Devices to support student learning at the College, thank you to all those families who took the time to respond to this survey.
- Student Representative Council (SRC) organising a Hot Milo Day to finish the term. What a fantastic way to end the term, congratulations and thank you to our great SRC Team!

**School Review**

We have recently been notified that as a part of the regular review cycle for all Government Schools that we will be undertaking a School Review in Term 1, 2015. You may well be asking, “What does this have to do with me?”

*I am hoping that over the next three terms that you will see that this has a lot to do with you!*

The purpose of the School Review is to examine our performance as a College over the last three years. The first component of this work is a detailed self-assessment that we conduct here at the College. The second stage involves a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Review Team coming in and working with the College Team to examine our data and identify strengths and further areas for development and then stage three is the development of a detailed plan for the future. As a result, over the coming two terms there will be a number of opportunities for parents, students, teachers and community members to engage with the College and provide us with some valuable and considered feedback. This feedback is essential if we are to develop a plan for the future that is supported by our community and encourages the further growth and development of the College and our ability to ensure high quality learning for all students, every day. Please make sure you make the most of the opportunities that are ahead of us to provide us with your thoughts, opinions and feedback.

**Staffing Changes**

Just when we thought all our staffing was in place for Term 3 onwards we have had a late minute change hit the College. On behalf of the College I would like to wish Miss Katherine McIntosh every success as she has tendered her resignation and is now embarking on the next stage of her teaching career at nearby Lockington Consolidated School. The Year 5/6 Classroom teaching role for the remainder of the year will be fulfilled by one of our senior and experienced teachers, Ms Carolyn Fraser. Thank you to Carolyn for her adaptability and preparedness to take
on this new role at short notice. As always, our aim is to ensure high quality teaching and learning experiences for all of our students and we are confident that Ms Fraser will provide this for our Year 5/6 classroom. Parents with any questions are more than welcome to contact me to discuss the matter further.

We are still in the process of filling our Legal Studies/Business Management/Humanities teacher vacancy and should have this completed by the end of this week with a notice home to parents to let them know of the change.

Finally, on behalf of our College Team, have a great school holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back with us on Monday 14th July.

Kind regards, Brad Moyle, Principal

The Flying Bookworm Theatre mad a ‘flying’ stop at Rushworth P-12 College last week. We were happy to share the event with our friends from the Rushworth Kindergarten and St. Mary’s Primary school.
The entertainers had the children involved from the get go, and the Old Hall at the College was alive with screams of delight and laughter.
Several students were encouraged to ‘get in on the act’ - one of those being Jackson Stewart (below).
PREP - YEAR 8 News...

Over the past term, students in the Primary Area have been engaged in lots of different learning activities throughout the P/1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms. Students have been completing work for display in their Student Learning Journals and we thank parents for sending these back in.

Last week, P/1/2 students participated in the Flying Bookworm presentation. From all accounts, all the students all enjoyed themselves!

Students in Grade Prep -6, participated in the Whole School Athletics Sports, with the P-4 students coming over after lunch to participate in the “fun” activities.

Students in Grade Prep-6, have enjoyed the early morning breakfast, provided daily at Breakfast Club. It is great to see students utilising this and coming to class, having had a healthy breakfast!

Over the holidays, students are encouraged to continue to read and explore a range of different texts and ask questions to further their understanding of the main idea, setting and complication within a text. Students should also continue to practice their math’s skills, particularly focusing on remembering their Times Tables facts, addition facts and subtraction facts.

As Term 2 comes to a close all students have had a chance to reflect on their learning. All Year 7 and 8 students participated in end of semester examinations in the past couple of weeks. Congratulation to all the students who put in their best effort over this time.

A number of Year 7 and 8 students have been participating in the interschool winter sports and by all accounts showing us their best team work. Well done.

Congratulation to all students for their efforts in the P-12 Athletics’ Carnival and to those who then went on to represent their school in their fields of excellence.

Over the holidays, students in all classes are encouraged to keep up the good work and continue to extend their learning through active reading of novels or newspapers and exploring the world around them. Term 3 will see many students challenged to expand their understanding of the world around them and build on the learning they have developed already this year. We look forward to seeing you all next term.

Years Prep - 2

It is hard to believe that Term 2 is at an end already, we have had a fantastic term, with all students showing growth in their learning and behaviour within the classroom. Congratulations on an amazing term everyone, have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all ready for another great term after the break.

Ms. Flynn

READING AWARDS

- 50 nights: Kaedyn Emmett, Tiffany Clark, Sera Ratokalau, Navi Ratawake
- 75 nights: Eta Ratokalau
- 125 nights: Jackson Stewart

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Year 3/4

LITERACY/NUMERACY FOCUS:
The 3/4 class have had a successful Term 2! We have looked at and learnt about many different topics throughout this term in our Numeracy, Literacy and Inquiry blocks.

In Numeracy, we have learnt about Number and place value, Shape, Chance, Fractions and decimals and touched on symmetry. Every student has shown their interest in most subjects and have tried very hard!

In our Literacy block, we have improved a lot of our reading and writing skills. Most students are starting to use paragraphs in their writing (which is a big improvement from Term 1!). Every student has built stronger skills surrounding editing – checking for errors and making their writing sound more exciting for the reader! Overall, the Grade 3/4 students have learnt many new and improved skills within both their reading and writing. Great work by all!

Miss McDonald hopes you all have a fun and exciting two week break, and is looking forward to a fresh start in Term 3!

Year 5/6

Well Done to all students in Grade 5/6 who have completed an excellent term of work in Term Two. Over the past two weeks, we have been consolidating our learning from over the term and revising reading and math’s strategies for a range of topics.

Students have enjoyed many learning activities from over the term, including the Braves Basketball Clinic, Mad Scientist Dress Up Day, PBIS Voting Day and the 3-6 and Whole School Athletics Sports. Students have displayed excellent behaviour during these activities and should be proud of the effort displayed in each activity. Students have also enjoyed their weekly cooking lessons in Food Tech and are learning different cooking skills through preparing a range of recipes.

During Term 2, students in Grade 5/6 have been learning about Blogs, using our Class Blog to communicate our learning and share responses to peer’s work. In future learning experiences, students will be focusing on using their individual blogs share work samples with peers and comment on others learning, by following the quality commenting guidelines.

Good Luck to all Grade 5/6 students for Term Three.

Ms. McIntosh

Year 7

Year 7 Maths Focus: The math’s focus for the start of next term remains looking at fractions. Students will be using a range of physical models to help build their number sense around the idea of equivalence. All students are encouraged to make a strong effort to make progress on their speed of recall for their times tables and simple addition and subtraction sums.

Year 7 English Focus: The Year 7s have begun working on figures of speech, learning the difference between similes and metaphors. Next will be onomatopoeia and a taste of poetry. They have also begun their holiday homework, which is a reading log. It is expected that they read 10 minutes a day over the holiday, to maintain their progress this term. Each student has chosen a novel which was of interest to them and they are expected to be well into it, or finished by the end of the holidays!
Year 8

English: The English Award Winner this week was Iqa Sazali for her very impressive talk on aspects of life in Malaysia. Over the holidays, students are to continue to refer to their Individual Learning Plan in particular to ensure they continue to focus on their reading and comprehension skills. In the last few lessons, we have been working on subject and predicate to help with our sentence construction as well as learning to write short paragraphs with a topic sentence to introduce the paragraph. We have also been concentrating on learning a few spelling rules. Also, please note, that I (Stephen Baker) will be the focus group teacher with Miss Klinberg next term so if you have any issues regarding your student please feel free to contact myself or Miss Klinberg.

Congratulations to the year 8 students who overall have achieved very pleasing results with their On Demand reading, have a wonderful safe holiday and we’ll see you back in Term 3.

Mathematics: During this last week of school we have been studying “Statistics”. Students have completed a review of column and line graphs and we have been looking at frequency tables and histograms. The rest of this week will include the calculation of the mean, median and mode of sets of data and some students may even get to calculating the range and interquartile range. The collection and calculation of this data are not necessarily the most important aspects. Students will be exploring how these concepts can be manipulated and which specific measure is best for a range of data sets. Over the holidays, students will have two Maths Mate homework sheets to complete so please ensure you are vigilant with these. We should finish our study of Statistics in the first week back next term and we’ll be moving on to Probability.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing break, Miss McMillan

Support the Canteen and WIN!!

One lucky lunch order recipient will win a Philips Micro Music System Dock for iPod/iPhone for Term 2.
Second prize is a Cook book.

Each time you ORDER your lunch you will receive an entry.
WINNER WILL BE REVEALED EARLY NEXT TERM.

Carolyn Geisler, Canteen Manager

Prep, one, two students learnt the art of how to collage whilst focussing on Australian Flora. The state flora emblem for Victoria is the Pink Heath which are currently now blooming on display in the main hall.
Kitchen Garden update.

Holiday work in the garden will include continuing to clean up, develop the site and the beds. An Orchard pruning day will be held on Thursday 10th July at 10.00am - let Kerrie Raglus know on 0413 351276 if you would like to lend a hand.

THANKS TO Sandy Ashton and Viv Armstrong, community members, for the recent donation of horse manure. It is greatly appreciated.

To get our garden really growing though we are in desperate need of the following:

Straw, Manure (any animal type), donation of a pitchfork, small garden tools.

If you can assist please contact the College and let us know.

Term 3 sees the trialling of TWO ‘Mini Market Morning Tea’s’ - Morning tea, a market stall and other vegetable garden related goodies will be available for sale.

Keep the dates Tuesday 5th August,
Tuesday 2nd September FREE -
we will give you more details in future newsletters.
Come along and support our Garden.

ADVANCE NOTICE TO PARENTS
CHANGE OF DATE TO CURRICULUM DAY

**Please note that due to travel arrangements of our International Presenter, Daniel Gulchak, our Curriculum Day is being moved from Wednesday 27th August to Thursday 28th August. Please note on a calendar at home.
Student Awards / Worthy of Praise

Year P/1/2:  
**Annalise Body:** in recognition of her efforts to improve her behaviour and attitude towards learning  
**Tiffany Clark:** In recognition of her positive attitude to learning.  
**Jack Clarke, Jackson Stewart, Eta Ratokalau, Bradley Bons, and Jayden Bloomfield** all received Bronze Mathletics certificates.  
**Jack Clarke** also received a Sliver certificate for Mathletics.

Year 3/4:  
**Bronte Pearson** and **Zac Price:** both for their effort and determination within the classroom.  
**Matthew Moyle, Kannika Suksanit** and **Tamazin Sacco** also received Bronze awards from Mathletics.

Year 5/6:  
**Sarah Lange Richards:** Well Done on a consistent effort towards your learning in Semester One!  
**Jasmine Werner:** For always working consistently hard throughout all subjects. Keep up the great effort in Semester Two.  
**Julie Habegger:** For always working consistently hard throughout all subjects. Keep up the great effort in Semester Two.

Year 7:  
**Taksin Suksanit:** for trying hard in all his classes  
**Mimi Sazali:** for settling in well and making a great start to her schooling at Rushworth P-12 College  
**Maya Barlow:** for trying hard in all her classes  
**Bethany Lunney:** for her excellent results on her Math’s test  
**Brooke Austin:** for her excellent effort and results at last week’s cross country  
**Patrick Coughlan:** for his excellent effort and results at last week’s cross country  
**Mitchell Coughlan:** for his excellent effort and results at last week’s cross country

Year 8:  
**Matthew Lange-Richards** : Presented in recognition of doing an outstanding job on his Semester One Math’s exam  
**Nikita Schembri:** Presented in recognition of doing an outstanding job on her Semester One Science exam  
**Nur Syafiqah Mohd Sazali:** Presented in recognition of an outstanding oral presentation

Year 9 - 12:  
**Chantelle Bassett** for a perfect attendance at TAFE this semester, well done!  
**Shantelle Ward** and **Brittney Kourapakis** for organizing a great out of uniform day, raising money for Breast Cancer awareness.  
**Kelly Turgoose** and **Jazmyne Weatherhead** for their Silver medal, and **Caine McCarten** for his Bronze at the first heat of the Murray River Culinary Challenge this week. Congratulations!
LIBRARY LEARNINGS

THE CHILDREN’S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS

Visit the below link to view .......... The 2014 Short List


Each Library article leading up to Book Week, will feature a Shortlisted book from each category, so make sure to keep an eye out for each issue!!

Older Readers
Title: The First Third
Author: Will Kostakis
Learn more visit: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17188857-the-first-third

Younger Readers
Title: My Life as a Alphabet
Author: Barry Jonsberg
Learn more visit: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17261404-my-life-as-an-alphabet

Early Childhood
Title: Kissed by the Moon
Author/Illustrator: Alison Lester
Learn more visit: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19320490-kissed-by-the-moon

Picture Book Of the year
Title: Silver Buttons
Author/Illustrator: Bob Graham
Learn more visit: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/16699126-silver-buttons

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books
Title: Yoko’s Diary: The Life of a Young Girl in Hiroshima
Author: Paul Ham
Learn more visit: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18633809-yoko-s-diary

Crichton Award for New Illustrators
Title: The Nerdy Birdy
Author: Danielle Wheeldon
Illustrator: David Snowdon
Learn more visit: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/21857819-the-nerdy-birdy

This being the last Library article for this term, I would like to wish you all a lovely and safe break.

Make sure to keep on reading over the hoils! See you next term - Kerri-Anne :)

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Maths Matters

Statistics and Probability is a topic that is taught in the Mathematics Curriculum.

Throughout their schooling students are asked to recognise and analyse data and draw inferences. They represent, summarise and interpret data. They collect and interpret data. They look at likelihood and work out probabilities using language such as likely, unlikely, possible, and never. They develop an increasing ability to evaluate chance and data concepts. They also build skills to evaluate statistical information.

How can a parent help their child to become more confident in this area? Following are some ideas:

Understanding and managing data:

- **Sort household items.** As your child tidies up toys or clothing, discuss which items should go together and why. Show your child how you organize food items in the fridge – fruit together, vegetables together, drinks in another area. Encourage your child to sort other household items – crayons by colour, cutlery by type or shape, coins by denomination.

- **Talk about the likelihood of events.** Have your child draw pictures of things your family does often, things you do sometimes, and things you never do. Discuss why you never do some things (swim outside in June). Ask your child if it's likely to rain today. Is it likely that a pig will fly through the kitchen window?

- **Make a weather graph.** Have your child draw pictures on a calendar to record each day's weather. At the end of the month, make a picture graph showing how many sunny days, cloudy days, and rainy days there were in that month.

- **Make a food chart.** Create a chart to record the number of apples, oranges, bananas, and other fruit your family eats each day. What was your family's least favourite fruit that month?

*For more ideas keep an eye out for the ‘Maths Matters’ section in each fortnightly newsletter.*

*Margaret Turner. Numeracy Support, Rushworth P-12.*
Careers Central

Shepparton TIS Excursion

Along with Ms. O’Toole and Mr. Barnes we recently took our senior VCE students over to Shepparton to attend the TIS event. TIS is a Tertiary Information Seminar put together by partnering Tertiary organisations to inform Year 12 students of their pathways options upon leaving school.

The seminar explained to options available to Year 12 students, some of the processes involved such as VTAC, SEAS, Scholarships and more.

After the seminar students had the opportunity to talk to course advisers from the various tertiary providers about courses they offer, accommodation, campuses, scholarships and university life in general.

The Rushworth P-12 students were glad we went along, most of them came home armed with loads of information about the wide range of courses available to them and a glimpse of what their future may entail!

Some quotes included;

“It made me want to do more with my life and really try to find a course I love.” “I really enjoyed the TIS day, I thought it was really informative and interesting. It showed me a lot of possible options of universities I could go to. I really, really loved it!” “The TIS excursion was beneficial to those who went. The presentation was very informative and engaging focusing on a range of topics. The people on the stalls for the Uni’s were very helpful and it was a really great afternoon.”

Year 10 Work Experience

As the newsletter goes to press our Year 10 students will be completing their week of experience in the ‘world of work’, reports so far have been extremely positive and the students have certainly been enjoying all aspects of their roles. We look forward to hearing their stories and bringing them to you in the next edition of the newsletter.

Senior School Information Evening

This event is coming up early in Term 3, on Wednesday 30th July, and we encourage ALL parents and students in years 9, 10 and 11 to attend. Prior to this event all students will be provided with a subject selection pack. Students will need to be timely with their applications etc. as we don’t want students missing out on opportunities such as ‘fast tracking’ or TAFE because they are tardy. More information to follow next term.

Hope everyone has a lovely holiday break—find time for study, homework and fun!

Kerrie Raglus, Student Pathways
## July Holidays @ your Library

**Rushworth Library, 33 High St, RUSHWORTH**

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**Board games will be available at all libraries during library hours**

**All storyline and rhyme time sessions at the usual times**

**Reminder - 1st July at Kyabram - "What a Joke Show"**

**Bookings essential**

Children under 10 must have parental supervision

Rushworth Library

For Bookings
Phone: (03) 5481 2873
Online: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library
Email: libraries@campaspe.vic.gov.au

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The Sports Locker

What a term it has been in the Sport/Health/PE/Outdoor Ed domain! We have had everything from Outdoor Ed camps, our own school Athletics carnival, cross country competitions, interschool sports for all of our secondary students and lots of sport and physical activity happening right here at the college!

Junior Winter Sports

Basketball:
The Year 7/8 boys basketball team headed out full of enthusiasm to participate in Day 1 of the Junior Winter Sports Day. Coaches, Mr Hogan and Jeremy Lambden were optimistic the day would be a successful one—and it was, just not on the scoreboard!

Game 1 vs Notre Dame - Rushy 8 to Notre 40. Slow start by our boys put them with a huge task in the second half. With a few changes by super-coach Hogan and a much improved work ethic saw the boys have a much improved second half with a lot better defence and ball movement but the deficit was too great for our boys.

Game 2 vs Wanganui - the boys went down again but showed a great improvement in intensity and game sense as the game went on.

Game 3 vs Shepparton High - This game was the closest of the day with both teams fairly even, Shepparton High having a bit more scoring ability proved to be the difference, but our boys attitude and work ethic throughout this game couldn't be questioned, Coach Hogan made this known after the game by praising the team.

Netball:
On Wednesday 25th July our Year 7 and 8 girls netball teams made their way over to Shepparton to compete in the GMDSSV competition. The girls had been training in the weeks leading up to the competition and this paid off on the day with both teams performing very well, only losing one match each. A very big thank you to our superstar coaches, Miss McDonald and Miss McMillan.

Football:
Unfortunately due to the recent poor weather our boys AFL competition has been postponed until early next term. Our boys are looking forward to their competition and we will bring you their results as soon as we can.

Cross Country
On Wednesday 18th June, three of our qualifying students made the trip over to Broadford to compete in the Hume Region Cross Country event. Brooke Austin, Mitchell Coughlan and Patrick Coughlan all competed extremely well and represented themselves and the college proudly. Mitchell Coughlan performed exceptionally well, qualifying for the state competition being held in July at Bundoora Park. We all wish Mitchell very well with this event, we will bring you all an update in the coming weeks. A huge thank you to Sharyn for taking the kids across on the day!

Wishing everybody a very safe, warm and active break. We look forward to getting back on the court, field, pitch or floor next term!

The Sport/Health/PE/Outdoor Ed Team.
Proudly supporting Rushworth P-12 College

We’re supporting and your community

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

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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Winter Holiday Camp
A Whole Week of Horsey Fun

* Camps for Boys & Girls aged 7-17
* Complete Beginners to Advanced riders welcome
* Fully supervised by our friendly qualified staff
* Great evening programs including our NEW “Camp Oven Cook-Off”
* We have a wide range of gentle horses & ponies to bond with, groom, saddle & ride.
* Many disciplines & aspects of horse riding and ownership covered...

GROOMING & SADDLING - SHOW JUMPING - DRESSAGE BAREBACK - WESTERN PLEASURE - CATTLE WORK NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP - TRAIL & RIVER RIDES MOUNTED GAMES & MINI GYMKHANA & MUCH MORE!!!

WINTER CAMPS 2014:
6th to 12th of July, 2014
26th Sept to 4th Oct 2014

SUMMER CAMPS 2015:
4th-10th Jan, 18th-24th Jan, 9th-15th Apr

Sunday 5.00pm to Saturday 10.00am
$595.00 per child GST inclusive
(Price includes meals, accommodation, activities, horses and instruction.)

BOOK NOW!

Comes along to the Kyabram Bocce Club

PASTA NIGHT
TUESDAY 1st July

eat as much as you like

cost only $16

Meal served from 7p.m.

Reservations MUST be made before the Monday 30th June

Phone Lucy 58522838, Carmel 58532769 or Nancy 58531219

Parents please take note of the recent changes to EMA.
Make sure you take the time to read the attached document.
If you have any queries please contact the College.
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.