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Above: The College were very proud to attend the Rushworth RSL Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday. See more of what took place on page 4-5.

Below: Our girls volleyball team who recently played in the Regional Final in Albury. Read about how they competed on page 17.
News from the Principal....

Student Leadership: College Captains for 2015 announced

After a rigorous and detailed selection process I am delighted to announce to our College Community the details of our 2015 College Captains.

Congratulations to our 2015 College Captain, Alex Gelsi. Alex has impressed us with his mature and positive outlook on his schooling and the College and in 2015 will be completing his VCE studies at the College.

In 2015 Alex will be supported by three Vice Captains, congratulations to Kelly Turgoose, Andrew Gelsi and Brittany Kouroupakis. All three vice captains impressed the selection team with their enthusiasm for the College, ideas to make a difference and their capacity to lead and support other students. In 2015 Brittany will be completing her VCAL studies and Kelly and Andrew will be completing VCE studies with us.

I look forward to working with our student leadership team over the next twelve months to ensure that we continue to grow and develop as a College, and look forward to their positive contributions to College life.

Early Commencement Program

This past week has seen our senior Year 11 students commence their Unit 3 VCE and VCAL subjects as a lead up to 2015. The Early Commencement Program gives our students a great head start on their studies for 2015 and also gives them valuable time over the summer break to revise, review and prepare for the year ahead. Congratulations to all of our Year 11 students who have stepped up and commenced their Year 12 studies this week.

Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum: VCAL Success

Over the past two years our staff team have been working together to develop and document our Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum. In 2013/14 part of this work has been the review and enhancement of our VCAL program. Feedback from students has strongly indicated that our 2014 program has been more engaging, more challenging and better equipped them for the world of life and work that is ahead of our students. Now, on top of this extremely positive student feedback, we have also received extremely positive news from the Regional Quality Assurance Team who have reviewed our curriculum and rated our Senior VCAL Numeracy and Senior VCAL Literacy Units as Exemplars. This is great recognition of the work our VCAL Team have been doing and I would like to congratulate Team Leader, Jamie Daff and fellow teachers, Chris Hogan, Stephen Baker and Andrew Richardson on this success.

Community Engagement

A key component of our school improvement work has been on establishing, developing and maintaining greater community links and if the past week is any indication of our work, we are well on the right track to ensuring that the College and our students are an integral part of the Community and involved within the Community. Thank you to our students and staff who have been wonderful ambassadors of the College and the broader Rushworth community over the past week as they have been involved in the Rushworth Remembrance Day Service, Rushworth P-12 College SAKG Mini Market Day and the Rushworth Open Garden Day this past weekend.
Building Staff Skills – Supporting each other to develop as teachers and learners

A key component in our improvement journey over the last three years has been the development of our staff team and the individual skills, competencies and capacities of our staff team. This development comes about through the regular and ongoing professional learning of our staff as a team, as individuals and in small groups, with each step of professional learning designed to extend and support staff to be better teachers and learners. Over the course of 2014 this has involved our staff sharing their own expertise and running professional learning sessions for other staff, with topics covering Maths, Literacy, Using Technology, Teach Like a Champion strategies and hands-on activities to promote and develop science and physical education. As a leader, it is great to see our team working together to build and support each other. Our success in this area is evident in staff feedback and engagement in the sessions but is now also externally validated by our 2014 Staff Survey: Professional Learning results. These results place Rushworth P-12 College in a very strong position with six out of seven variables being above the state average. This is great news for our College and only points towards the future successes we will see in student achievement, engagement and connectedness that will grow from a staff working together and supporting one another to be stronger, more capable and better equipped teachers and learners.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

Newsflash !!!
Extended time to return 2015 Booklists to the College General Office.

ALL Booklists are to be returned to the College no later than Friday 21st November, 2015.
Remembrance Day  
Lest we forget.

On one of Australia’s most important days, Remembrance Day it was wonderful to see the community come together to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom in our Country.

Both schools St. Mary’s and Rushworth P-12 College were well represented at the Rushworth RSL ceremony. The College’s Year 12 new leadership team all spoke very well, Kelly Turgoose, Andrew and Alex Gelsi and Brittney Kouroupakis did the ‘diggers,’ the college and themselves all proud.

It was particularly pleasing to see that Andrew had memorised much of his poem. Importantly, the feed-back from community and teachers in attendance was very pleasing and encouraging.

The hospitality provided by the morning tea in the staff-room at the college was also well supported and much appreciated.

Stephen Baker.

Below is a copy of the poem that Brittney penned for the occasion.

Hope

Millions died in WW1 and a hundred years have passed,

But they certainly did not die in vain- because hope dies last,

WW2 came and millions more sadly lost their lives,

Grandparents, children, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives,

It’s been over 75 years since WW2 has now passed,

Millions didn’t die in vain here either- because hope dies last,

There have been many other wars that have raged over the years,

It has resulted in death, injury, misery and- sadly millions of tears,

Sometimes it appears that mankind will just never ever learn,

When peace is what we need and for what the whole world yearns,

However, do not despair my friends for the dye has not been cast,

And remember that in spite of the wars –hope always dies last.

Brittney Kouroupakis
College Values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Support, Persistence, Encouragement, Community, Trust.
SAKG “Mini Market Morning Tea”

The College held it’s second Mini Market Morning Tea on Wednesday 12th November. Once again parents and community members graced us with their presence and all those who cam along enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea of scones with jam and cream, freshly ground coffee of your liking or an apple cinnamon muffin.

Guests also bought produce off the well – stocked stall of fresh produce, preserves and jams and lots of Christmas themed craft for decorations or gifts.

We were fortunate to raise over $400 for the ongoing development of our Kitchen Garden space—so thanks to everyone for their support of these events.

We hope to bring you more of these event in 2015 - so don’t despair if you missed out, we will be back!!
Our Kinder friends enjoy a Science Discovery session with us.

The Prep/One/Two class has been very busy with more Kinder Transition activities happening over the last two weeks.

Firstly, the Rushworth Kindergarten children joined us for a science discovery session on the 5th of November. The P-1-2 students joined the Kinder and our five/six helpers-Sarah, Jasmine, and Tanika, Lily K and Lillian G children to make:

- A cold pack
- Magic milk
- Bending water/picking up paper with static electricity
- Oobleck

Miss McMillan also demonstrated the Mentos and coke experiment and volcano lava.

On Monday the 10th of November our new students for next year joined us for the morning. The Prep/One/Two students have been fantastic role models welcoming the new students into the College and our classroom. Our visitors joined us for, assembly, Literacy and Numeracy. The transition program continues with visits every second Monday for the rest of term.
PREP - YEAR 8 News...

**Years Prep - 2**

Literacy this week includes learning to retell texts and key events through performance and illustrations, and oral language. Creating events and characters using key events and characters from texts.

Next week we will be learning about creating texts to explore, record and report ideas and events, using appropriate text structures, grammar, word choice and spelling. Targeting writing to suit familiar and unfamiliar audiences and purposes.

For the next few weeks the Prep students will be revising the letters we have already learnt, as well as introducing some common sound blends.

**Numeracy:**

This week our numeracy focus for preps has been answering yes/no questions to collect information. Grade one students have been learning to identify the outcomes of events involving chance and describe them using “will happen” “won’t happen” or “might happen”. Grade two’s have been working identifying activities and events that involve chance. Describe outcomes using “likely” “unlikely” or “impossible”.

Next week’s focus will include, for preps learning to model addition and sharing. Grade one students are working on representing and solving simple addition and subtraction problems, using a range of strategies. Grade two students are learning to recognise and represent multiplication as repeated addition, using groups and arrays.

**Year 3/4**

The Year 3’s & 4’s have just completed their solar system unit! They all enjoyed learning about the solar system, with everyone painting and putting together our 3D solar system at the start of this week, it was a very interesting topic. We are now focussing on celebrations in our inquiry block.

For the next two weeks in Literacy we will be continuing to look at punctuation and the use of it. Students have slowly been improving within their writing, and understanding how it helps us to comprehend what we are reading. We will also focus on different text types and how they vary in language choices, depending on their purpose.

In Numeracy, we will be looking at symmetrical patterns, pictures and shapes. We will then be moving onto fractions and decimals. Each week we also focus on multiplication, division, addition and subtraction problems and strategies.

**Please don’t forget to remind your child to read each night, and don’t forget to log this in their reading log!**
Year 5/6

Literacy Foci

Experiment with text structures and language features and their effects in creating literary texts, for example, using imagery, sentence variation, metaphor and word choice.

Numeracy Foci

Location. Use a grid reference system to describe locations. Describe routes using landmarks and directional language.

Inquiry

Our inquiry focus is TV and Movie Stars

Year 8

Maths Focus

For the next two weeks the Year 8 maths focus will be on consolidating their knowledge of both Measurement & Algebra, in preparation for the upcoming exams. The Year 8s will also be completing their On Demand Maths assessment in Week 7.

English Focus

The Year 8 students are finishing off their magazine due next week. Congratulations to several students who have contributed far more than their share or for those who have been assisting others. Students have also been working on improving their grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as comprehension pieces to assist with their On Demand Testing which will be conducted next week.

Hopefully, with all their hard work, students achieve the results that they deserve.

READING AWARDS

Sienna Ratila - 50 nights,
Eta Ratokalau - 175 nights

The primary classes all enjoyed the visit on Wednesday from our own CFA Advance crew who took them through some Fire safety awareness sessions and a ‘play’ at firefighting.
The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised.

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by email or letter sent home with your child and SMS message with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.
- There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.
On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days**, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

**What can parents do?**

- Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website [www.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au](http://www.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au) and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency plans.

- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season and Bushfire Survival Planning, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667

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**UNIFORM FOR SALE**

3 Polo shirts (12) 1 woollen jumper (12) 2 spray jackets (XL)
2 hats 1 woollen skirt (8) 1 summer dress (12)
2 Green Shorts (10)

**Interested?** Then call Chloe on 0458 436 776 to make an offer on the above items.

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**Rushworth P–12 College is a SUNSMART School**

**ALL staff and students need to wear a hat when outside during Term 4.**

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**SAVE THE DATE - College Presentation Night**

Tuesday 16th December, Rushworth Shire Hall. 7pm
**Student Awards / Worthy of Praise**

**Year P/1/2:** Kaedyn Emmett for being a helpful, welcoming member of our class during the Transition program.

Bradley Bons for making such a fantastic effort with his writing.

Ziggy Zonta and Tiffany Clark for showing responsibility and consideration during the Science session with the Kinder children.

**Year 3/4:** Congratulations to our weekly award winners Samuel Jackson and Myah Zonta for trying their best in class!

**Year 5/6:** Sarah Lange-Richards / Gabe Schembri / Lillian Gelsi / Luke Weatherhead - Presented in recognition of effort in displaying College Values

Lillian Gelsi / Tanika Harbridge / Lily Kenney / Sarah Lange-Richards / Jasmine Werner – Presented in recognition of exceptional effort in displaying College Values when assisting with Prep Transition.

**Year 7:** Jack Werner - for doing what is morally correct in front of his peers!

**Year 8:** The Year 8 Volleyball team - for their persistence and perseverance at the recent Regional Volleyball finals. Coach Barnes is proud!

**Year 9 - 12:** Samuel Jackson & Lachie Sitters - Mr Hogan would like to thank both boys for helping him pick up rubbish and take pride in the College grounds without being asked.

Jack Horsley & Ebony Sacco for their excellent presentation at the recent Rushworth Community Bank AGM.

Grace McDonald & Taylah Bons for supporting the Mini Market Morning tea and showcasing their barista skills.

The YEP team - Emily, Karissa, Shanae, Jess, Taylor for their outstanding efforts on Wednesday in supporting the Mini Market Morning Tea - nothing was a problem!

Hayley McIntosh & Gabby Finnegan for their initiative and continued dedication to the Sunken Garden ‘beautification’ project.

**Community:**

The Rushworth RSL sub branch - for involving us in the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Kathy Barlow, Kellyann Clarke, Kellie Booth, Rachel Roberts & Rachael Schembri for going along and supporting their children at the Regional Volleyball Finals in Wodonga last Thursday.

Annette Morris, Robyn Ford for their support of the recent Mini Market Morning tea.
**Canteen Lunch Menu Term 4**

Support your school canteen - upcoming specials!

**THESE ARE THE ONLY OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH FOR TERM 4.**

**RECESS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS USUAL.**

**MONDAY**

Chicken Schnitzel Wrap or Chicken Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap with lettuce and mayo.

FULL: $4.00  
HALF: $2.00

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY**

**Salad Sandwich, Wrap or Roll:** Choose one or all salads

**SALAD CHOICES:** lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot, capsicum, pineapple

**SANDWICH:** $3.00  
**WRAP:** $3.50  
**ROLL:** $4.00

ADD:  Egg or Cheese for an extra 50 cents

ADD:  Chicken or Ham for an extra $1.00

**FRIDAY**

**Oriental Noodle Salad**

SMALL: $3.00 - 50c extra for chicken  
LARGE: $4.50 - $1.00 extra for chicken

WHEN ordered with lunch, ANY drink is reduced by **50cents**

Also Steamed Dim Sims with soy sauce: 80c each are available **ANY DAY.**

**SPECIALS for Friday 21st and 28th November**

BBQ Sausages in bread only $2.00 with choice of drink at 50c less.

Also a reminder that this menu is all that is available for lunch.

Recess stays the same.
 Maths Matters

Don’t forget to put a game or two on your Christmas shopping list.

The following is a list of games that can be used to develop mathematical concepts and thinking skills.

SIMON: (sequencing, following multi-step directions, visual and auditory memory)

BATTLESHIP: (spatial orientation, visualization, visual memory)

CRIBBAGE: (number relationships, patterns, visual clusters)

QUARTO: (spatial orientation/space organization, patterns, classification)

CONCENTRATION: (visualization, pattern recognition, visual memory)

CHINESE CHECKERS: (patterns, spatial orientation/space organization)

CHECKERS: (sequencing, patterns, spatial orientation/space organization)

OTHELLO: (pattern recognition, spatial orientation, visual clustering, focus on more than one aspect, variable or concept at a time)

CONNECT FOUR: (pattern recognition, spatial orientation, visual clustering, and geometrical patterns)

MANKALAH: (sequencing, counting, estimation, visual clustering)

KRYPTO: (number sense, basic arithmetical facts)

MASTERMIND: (sequencing, logical deduction, pattern recognition)

CARD GAMES: (visual clustering, pattern recognition, number facts)

STRATEGO: (spatial orientation, logical deduction, graphing)

CHESS: (strategy)

MONOPOLY/JR. MONOPOLY: (estimation, money, strategy)

CANDYLAND: (counting)

CHUTES & LADDERS: (counting)

SORRY: (counting)

TANGRAMS: (geometric concepts, patterns)

PUZZLES: (geometric concepts, patterns, attributes)

These games can be highly motivational. As mathematics learning tools, games should be used purposefully. Initially, all games should be parent directed. The involvement of the parent is essential for success and progress.

Margaret Turner. Numeracy Support, Rushworth P-12.
SCHOOL NURSE CORNER

IMMUNISATION!

THREE BIG CHANGES TO THE VACCINE PROGRAM:

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

- The Shire of Campaspe immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school either via phone 5856 1230 or in person by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Shire of Campaspe.

- In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

- The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child early next year.

You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to: immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Leanne James
School Nurse Educator
**Library Learnings**

**Title:** Kaleidoscope  
**Edited by Alisa Krasnostein and Julia Rios**  
**Recommended for Years 9+**  
Diverse science fiction and fantasy stories. Twenty original stories tell of scary futures, magical adventures, and the joys and heartbreaks of teenage.

**Title:** Sandy Feet  
**Author:** Nikki Buick  
**Recommended for Years 7+**  
“A road trip of healing and discovery, and I highly recommend you take” - Michael Gerard Bauer

**Title:** State of Grace  
**Author:** Hilary Badger  
**Recommended for Years 9+**  
Blurb: Nothing and no-one exits beyond the garden where Wren and the others live but that’s okay - they have everything they could possibly need right there, in paradise. The trees are laden with fruit and the water in the lagoon is as clear as crystal. Wren’s world is utopia.

If only Wren could stop the strange visions she’s started having: flashes of another world, where there are people she doesn’t know - couldn’t possibly know - but who somehow feel familiar. And what does Blaze, the most beautiful and mysterious of creations, know about what’s going on in Wren’s head? When she uncovers the lies that are propping up everything she has ever believed in, Wren must choose: remain in blissful ignorance or face the ugly truth?

**Title:** Pandora Jones. Admission. Book 1  
**Author:** Barry Jonsberg  
**Recommended for Years 9+**  
“Barry Jonsberg has a talent for dropping his characters into a pressure cooker and snapping the lid shut” - Scott Gardner

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Regional Volleyball—success in many ways.

On the 6\textsuperscript{th} of November Rushworth Year 8 Girls Volleyball team continued a long tradition of representing the Goulburn Murray school sports division at the Hume regional finals in Wodonga.

Having had to have come back from one set down in four of the six matches they won to make it to this level of competition, the girls once again managed to worry their coach in each match they played, cementing their place as the “Come Back Queens”.

The day started off with a match against Wodonga Huon, a very large school with a team that consisted of several players with club Volleyball experience. Unfortunately they were too strong and we were not able to take advantage of their one identifiable weakness. The girls however, in an excellent display of resilience bounced back to beat Yea (after loosing the first set of course).

With Wodonga dominating the day it came down to Rushworth and Corryong to fight it out for the runners up pennant. In normal fashion the girls lost the first set and won the second. The third set was looking dire with Corryong taking a 13-6 lead until our girls pulled back seven points to even it. With Corryong eventually winning the total points for the match ended up being 51-50, demonstrating just how close it was.

Although this time we didn’t manage to get through to the state finals the girls effort, never say die attitude and the fantastic support from parents has, once again, left me feeling very proud to be part of this program.

\textit{Peter Barnes, Volleyball Coach}
If you have anything you would like to have published in our College newsletter please email articles to: rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

Learn to Swim
School Holiday Program

Monday 5th to Friday 9th January 2015
Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre (EWMAC) Kyabram, Stanshope and Colbinabbin

Monday 12th to Friday 16th January 2015
Lockington, Rochester, Tongala and Rushworth

Cost: $67.50
Age: 4 years and above
The Program: 30 minute sessions each day for 5 days
All instructors are Austswim qualified

Contact Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre
Phone 5480 2994

Community Dementia AWARENESS Forum to be held in Rushworth 27th November, 2014

GV Health Waranga District Nursing Service/Community Health is partnering with Alzheimer’s Australia to deliver a Free Dementia awareness information session for the community at the Waranga Memorial Hospital Dayroom, from 9am – 1pm.

Guest speaker Carolyne Taplin, from Alzheimer’s Australia, will cover topics including:

Introduction to Dementia and Services
Helping reduce your risk of Dementia
Incontinence in Dementia - Louise Scott
Dementia: from Diagnosis to Support – A Rural Case Study presented by Sadie Vale.

Community members are invited to attend, and asked to RSVP to Jacqui Wallace
Ph 5851 8021 for catering purposes. Morning tea will be provided.
Book in early as places may be limited. (Open to all ages).

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