DECEMBER

1-15th Year 7-10 ‘Start-up’ program
2nd PE Rewards Excursion - Go Jump! Shepparton
4th College Variety Concert - Shire Hall, Rushworth 6.30 – 8.00pm
5th “Let’s Read” Rushworth launch, P-12 College Library 10.00 - 11.00am
8th College Council & sub-committees 7pm
9th State-wide transition day
10th LEAP Hospital Experience Excursion for Year 9
11th School Friendly Business Breakfast, Moto Finish Café 7.15am
12th Reports sent home
16th College Presentation Night, Shire Hall 7pm
17th College Picnic Day
19th Last day of school 2.30pm dismissal.

The 2014 College Captains, Caitlin, Sara & Courtney confidently complete their final duties for the year at the Graduation Dinner. Read all about the winners and grinners on page 4/5 & 6.

Below: Year 10 Art student, Liana Coyle has been working on a large piece of Art at her house - see what Liana and the other students have been up to on pages 14-15.
News from the Principal....

One of the highlights every year in my role of Principal is the Graduation Ceremony for our Graduating Class and I must say 2014 has been no different. On Friday 21st November I had the honour and privilege to address our Class of 2014 and wish them every success for the future.

There is no denying the rich wealth of personality and vibrancy that is contained within this group of fine young people graduating in 2014. Our Graduating Class of 2014 includes:

- Kaylee Andrews
- Chantelle Bassett
- Travis Bastin
- Caitlin Brown
- Courtney Davidson
- Robert Donders
- Gerry Doolan
- Chloe Fisher
- Hailey Lemin
- Nick Lineham
- Eliza McDonald
- Sara Owens
- Jack Valent
- Jayden Ward

Our graduates have shown us that they can set goals, overcome challenges, inspire and encourage others. We are proud of our graduates and their ability to make the most of every situation they have been confronted with, their ability to adapt to new and changing environments, their success in graduating and the impact we believe they will have on making our world of the future a better place.

We are in good hands as our Graduates of 2014 step forth and undertake the roles of learners, citizens and leaders of the future. Our work with you and your own dogged determination has ensured that you simply don’t have a map to follow for the future but instead have the leadership and restlessness to harness the changes that will come for the betterment of yourselves as individuals and the broader communities in which you will live and work.

I have every confidence in you, your parents do, our staff do – step forward from 2014 and do yourselves proud as you embark upon different journeys – some to fulfil your dreams, some to continue learning and some to decide where to next. We look forward to watching your reputations grow and achievements flourish as you head off into the world beyond Rushworth P-12 College.

Don’t forget us at the College, come back and visit, share your successes, join our Graduates Gallery and Alumni to share your successes, trials and tribulations.

Most of all on behalf of our College students, staff and families I would like to wish you every success for which ever pathway you choose beyond the school gates.

Our Deepest Sympathy

On behalf of the College I extend our deepest sympathy to Jacki, Caitlin, Sam, Will and the extended Brown family on the recent loss of their husband and father, Neil. Our thoughts with you during this difficult time.
School Review

Over the past month the College has been involved in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s (DEECD) school review process. This has involved two external reviewers looking at our practices and how we can continue to build on the work we are currently doing. Thank you to those parents, community members and staff who have been involved in the process and it has been great to receive feedback on the work of the College. We look forward to receiving the formal Review report in the coming month and sharing this with the College community when it becomes available.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

College Council President....

I would like to provide feedback to our College Community from discussions at our November College Council meeting.

The dates in November have been confirmed for the remaining site visits by our Priority Review Team: these are Friday 21st, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th & Friday 28th November. This process will provide a unique opportunity to receive assessment and feedback on all the intensive work the College community has contributed so far.

It is an exciting prospect for staff, students and families to work together to raise expectations across the College. It is hard work, but it’s also great to share the rewards of growing self-esteem and achievement at each milestone across the College. The continuing journey of improvement helps us to not only appreciate the strengths in each other, but also to support and encourage each other to strive. January 2015 will see the roll-out of PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention & Support) to take us further in this direction.

Concerning the viability of the Canteen, I would like to thank those families who replied to our survey. With your feedback in mind and after considering a number of options, College Council has decided that the Canteen will continue next year, but with a revised delivery model. Our existing facilities will be upgraded over the December-January period in line with the Shire of Campaspe Food Handling and Occupational Health & Safety requirements, and be ready for the new school year.

Thumbs Up!

- To our Year 9 students who attended the CFA Training Day at Wangaratta
  and were wonderful College ambassadors.
- To our Year 7-8 Volleyball Team who made it to Regional finals.
- To our students who participated in the Lion’s Junior Public Speaking.
- To VCAL Co-coordinator Jamie Daff and his team whose solid work around the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum Units in Senior Literacy & Numeracy has been judged as ‘EXEMPLAR’ by an independent panel for Quality Assurance assessments.

Mica Rosenberg, College Council President

College Values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Support, Persistence, Encouragement, Community, Trust.
Graduation Dinner a celebration of student successes.

The College held its annual Year 12 Graduation Dinner last Friday 21 November at the All Season’s in Bendigo. This event is seen as one of the highlights of the school year, looked forward to by students, staff and families as we come together to celebrate the successes our Year 12 cohort.

This year was no exception as all our graduates excitedly arrived at the venue looking resplendent in their best formal wear, ready to celebrate the efforts they had put into their schooling for the past 13 years.

Principal, Brad Moyle welcomed all those assembled, and after a delicious main course, we got down to the business of presenting Domain awards. These awards are presented to the students who are the most outstanding in the class. In 2014 the following awards were presented:

**Technology Award** – went to Caitlin Brown for her efforts in Design Technology, Textiles. Caitlin produced a replica 1800’s style dress. Congratulations to Caitlin!

**Humanities Award** – went to Sara Owens for excellence in Business Management. Sara has worked diligently throughout the year to receive excellent results. Congratulations to Sara!

**Mathematics Award** was presented to Caitlin Brown. Caitlin proved that hard work and effort brings great results. Congratulations again Caitlin!

**English Award** was also presented to Caitlin Brown. Caitlin has shown that hard work, dedication and a goal to strive for brings positive results. Congratulations again Caitlin!

**Science Award – The Michael Sandford Memorial Science award** was presented to Hailey Lemin. Hailey achieved excellent results in two Unit 3 & 4 subjects, Psychology & Biology, whilst also undertaking a VET certificate in Allied Health that saw her miss classes regularly during the school year. Well done Hailey!

The Community awards were presented next. Rushworth & District Lion’s club have sponsored the Lion’s Citizenship awards for many years and we appreciate their support in this area. Lion’s members Harry & Carolyn Ashton were in attendance to present the award for 2014. This year saw for the first time, a tie, between two students – Caitlin Brown & Sara Owens. Both girls have been very active in the college community, their own communities and in various sporting endeavours. Both were very worthy recipients and Harry & Carolyn presented them with framed certificates and some beautiful books.

Mica Rosenberg, College council president then presented the Caltex All Rounder award to a very worthy recipient in Caitlin Brown. Mica was able to reiterate that Caitlin’s determination, effort and hard work had certainly paid off for her this year. Congratulations to Caitlin!

The next set of award to be presented by our VCE & VCAL coordinators, Frankie Hodson and Jamie Daff, were the College’s own Excellence Awards. These are given in recognition for several areas of performance – Academic, Leadership, Community Involvement, College Promotion, School Competition, and awarded at three levels, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

**Gold** winners were Caitlin Brown & Sara Owens

**Silver** winner was Hailey Lemin

**Bronze** recipients were Jayden Ward, Eliza McDonald and Travis Bastin.

Congratulations to those students on their successes throughout 2014.
The evening continued with dessert and some of the students presenting their own conferred awards to their fellow classmates and presentations/speeches to staff – a bit of fun and humour was injected into the room at this point of the proceedings.

Principal Brad Moyle then took command of the stage to present all of the graduating students with their completion certificates from the College. A toast to wish them every success in the future was then given by all assembled and the evening drew to a close.

The College would like to congratulate all the graduates, we wish them well in their future endeavours. We hope they come back and visit and keep us updated on their future pursuits.

They now sit back and await their exam results and subsequent University or TAFE offers if they completed VCE, or begin looking for employment, consider study at TAFE or hunt for an apprenticeship if they were a VCAL student. We will inform the college community of their initial destinations in early 2015.
Winners are definitely grinners – students celebrated their successes at the recent Year 12 Graduation Dinner.

Caitlin Brown, Sara Owens were two students who ‘scooped the pool’ of Awards.
Rushworth P-12 College VET students achieve in CCLLEN VET Awards.

Campaspe Cohuna LLEN have held the VET awards for the past 5 years, showcasing and promoting excellence in Vocational Education in schools throughout the region. The showcase finals night was held at the Moama Bowling Club on 21 November and Rushworth P-12 College were very well represented!

We were very fortunate to have 6 senior students selected as finalists in their categories. Each student had completed a rigorous application process, interview rounds and final judging by a panel of industry experts. The finalists for Rushworth were:

- Daniel Newton – VET Plumbing
- Jak McMillan – VET Electrotechnology
- Sam Brown – VET Engineering
- Jazmyne Weatherhead – VET Hospitality
- Hailey Lemin, Caitlin Brown – VET Allied Health

After all the finalists were presented with their certificates a winner was announced in each category, and Rushworth were very proud to witness Hailey Lemin crowned as winner of the Allied Health category, and Dan Newton awarded the winner in the Plumbing category. The college are very proud of their achievements.

As most of our finalists were first year VET students, we are secretly hoping we can encourage them to renominate and gain further success at the awards in 2015, perhaps even bringing home a VET student of the year award! Either way the college is very proud of all their achievements in their chosen Vocational training area.

Winners: Dan Newton (above) won the Plumbing Category.
Hailey Lemin (right) won the Allied Health Category.

CONGRATULATION TO ALL FINALISTS & WINNERS
Years Prep - 2

Literacy Foci

Literacy this week includes learning nouns, verbs, adjectives, and using punctuation in our writing.

Next week we will be learning about creating texts using writing and pictures.

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 Foci

This week our numeracy focus for Preps has been comparing and ordering the duration of events using the everyday language of time. Grade One students have been learning to ask simple questions to gather data. Grade Two’s have been collecting and classifying data. They have also discussed the benefits of using tally marks when collecting data.

Next week’s focus will include, for Preps learning to compare and order small collections of objects. Grade One students will be working on ordering and counting small amounts of money. Grade Two students are learning to count small collections of money and creating amounts of money in different ways.

Year 3/4

Students in the Grade 3/4 classroom are getting quite restless as they can see the end of the year coming! They have been busy practising their songs for the concert (and I am sure all of the parents know the songs by now too!).

For the next couple of weeks we will be completing our celebrations unit in inquiry, which students are currently enjoying.

In literacy, we will be looking at different text types, expression and language. We will also be having a recap on what we have learnt throughout the year, within our literacy blocks.

For numeracy, we will be focussing on data and representation, before moving into revision and recapping on what we have learnt throughout 2014.

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**
To understand the difference between main and subordinate clauses and that a complex sentence involves at least one subordinate clause. Knowing that the function of complex sentences is to make connections between ideas, such as: to provide a reason (for example 'He jumped up because the bell rang.'); to state a purpose (for example 'She raced home in order to confront her brother.'); to express a condition (for example 'It will break if you push it.'); to make a concession (for example 'She went to work even though she was not feeling well.'); to link two ideas in terms of various time relations (for example 'Nero fiddled while Rome burned. ')

**Numeracy Foci**
Data representation and interpretation. Describe and interpret different data sets in context. Using and comparing data representations for different data sets to help decision making.

**Inquiry**
Our inquiry focus is TV and Movie Stars

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**Year 8**

**Mathematics**
In Maths for the next two weeks of Early Commencement, this year’s Year 8’s will be beginning Year 9 and focussing on Probability. The students will gain an understanding of what the term ‘probability’ means and the types of problems they will need to solve throughout this unit. The students will also learn how to carry out basic probability problems.

**English**
The Year 8 On Demand results have come through and they are extremely pleasing, with the class collectively having a score just in excess of Year 8 level and improving just on the full one point the department aims for.

There are only one or two students to sit the test. There have been consistently high results all year from Danica, Matthew Lange-Richards, Jorge, Leah, Paris and Russell while there has been fantastic improvement from Eqa, Nikita and Kiarrah.

Congratulations to all those students on their great efforts in English and to the rest of the class who all tried their best which is all anyone could ask for. Also, a special thanks to the many parents in the class who took an active interest in their child’s schooling, their improvement can be attributed largely to your invaluable contribution.

Welcome to our new student Remy and we wish him all the best, I am sure he will be an asset to the class and school over time.

Stephen Baker.

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**READING AWARDS**

**MATHLETICS**

Harry Werner
Bronze certificate.
VCAL students make good reading buddies

Monday morning saw our new students for next year visit the prep/one/two class for the morning. The VCAL students came in to do some buddy reading with our new and current students. It is fantastic to see students from right across the school working together. Thank you to the VCAL students, Mrs Hudson and Miss McMillian for organising such a fantastic morning.

The rest of the morning gave our new students a chance to get to know their new classmates and get a glimpse into school life at Rushworth P-12.

Below is a recount from one of the VCAL students:

On Monday the 24th of November we arrived with the books chosen by the 2015 Prep, One, Two and Three students. We introduced ourselves to the whole class and gave everyone their name tags. Brittney organised us all into groups of 5. The Primary students read their chosen books to us or we read the books to them, then we all sat in circle and asked how many brothers and sisters we had as a way to get to know everyone. The future Prep, One, Two and Three students were good readers and they enjoyed the session. They were good listeners, respectful and they worked well together.
LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to parents and students, that there is an abundance of lost property here at the College.

If you have lost any items, please come to the front office and enquire ASAP.

If you would like to purchase, for a very reasonable price, any unclaimed property, also please come and speak to Pat or Christine.

ALL unclaimed material will be donated to the Op Shop on the 19th December 2014.

For future reference could you please name all articles of clothing. It is much easier to find the rightful owner and would save the families a considerable amount of money.

Rushworth P–12 College is a SUNSMART School

ALL staff and students need to wear a hat when outside during Term 4.
Student Awards / Worthy of Praise

Year P/1/2: Harry Werner, Eta Ratokalau, Tamikah Clark and Navi Ratawake, for their positive approach and attitude towards all learning tasks.

Year 3/4: Andrew Robinson & Dana Rodgers, both for their positive behaviour in class! Keep it up!


Year 7:

Year 8: Abi Clarke, Kiarrah Lehmann, Nikita Schembri - for helping me in the Library: Kerri-Anne

Year 9 -12: Kody Diegan and Jack Horsley - For assisting the Rushworth Kinder with end of year IT

Adam Weatherhead, Sam Brown, Dylan Kromek, Blake Rosenberg, Tom Brown, Gus Meulenmeesters, Matt Lucreziano, Tanner Stokes for helping to unload wood for the DT room from the boot of Ms McMillan’s car.

Tom Brown - for his care and thoughtfulness, assisting a staff member.

Alex Gelsi, Andrew Gelsi, & Kelly Turgoose for the fabulous job they did hosting the Year 12 Graduation Dinner.

Community: Rushworth Lions Club members Harry & Carolyn Ashton - for attending the Year 12 Graduation dinner

Cass Alexander & Lyn Rumble - for making themselves available to assist in the review process.

Waranga News - for their support in promoting the College to the wider community.

Rushworth Bowls Club— for teaching our Year 7 & 10 students how to play lawn bowls.
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 50 cents

also steamed dim sims with soy sauce: 80c each are available any day.

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

thank-you to the school community for their support for 2014 and happy holidays.

the last day for canteen service is

friday 12th december

carolyn & mandy, caine & veerawun
Prep/1/2 Art: are learning about the famous Australian artist Ken Done and how to draw and paint the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House using basic shapes and bright colours.

3/4 Art: are travelling the world with their Art Passports, learning about different countries’ cultures, famous buildings and artworks. This week they are in Italy!

5/6 Art: have just finished creating their ‘Figures in Motion’ sculptures. The finished products were amazing, filled with life and action!

YR 7 Art: were focused on the ‘Mexican Day of the Dead’ festival and designing and painting their own face paint design.

YR 8 Art: have been outside learning how to draw gum trees and capture the landscape using a variety of techniques.

YR 9 Art: have just finished their Logotype and Product Placement unit which analysed the used of the colour, line and shape in the design of successful logos.

YR 10 Art: are working on a variety of projects directed at developing their own unique artistic style.

Frankie Hodson
Art Department

Pictured below are Year 7 student s Mimi & Chloe bringing their “Mexican Day of the Dead’ design to fruition.

The Year 8’s have been outside capturing the beauty of the landscape around us as Eqa’s drawing shows.
The outstanding art pictured is by the following artists. Clockwise:
- Year 9 Logotype & Product placement exploration.
- Year 10 student Dylan Kromek has been developing his graffiti art by completing a mural in the breezeway.
- Year 3/4 student Jay-Leigh Meguyer in Italy with her Venetian mask.
- Year 5/6 Figures in Motion are certainly moving!
- P/1/2 student Baylee Bons impression of Ken Done—Harbour Bridge.
Maths Matters

Maths for the Holidays - Part 1

Maths on the Go
In this busy world, we spend a lot of time moving from place to place in our cars, on buses and trains, and on foot. Use your traveling time as an opportunity to learn about maths. Look around as you travel from place to place, and help your child find numbers on buildings, buses, taxis, and houses that they can add and subtract while on the road. Not only will your child be learning and practising maths skills, but the time you spend travelling will go by more quickly as well.

License Plate Special
What you’ll need:
- License plates, paper, pencil, and ruler
1. Copy down a licence plate number as you are traveling in your car, walking around the neighbourhood, or sitting on a park bench watching cars go by. Read the licence plate as a number (excluding the letters). For example, if the licence were 663M218, the number would be six hundred and sixty three thousand two hundred and eighteen.
2. Find other licence plates and read their numbers. Is the number less than, greater than, or equal to yours?
3. Estimate the difference between your number and another licence plate. Is it 10, 100, 1,000, or 10,000? Record the names of the states of many different licence plates as you see them. From which state do you see the most? Which has the fewest? Prepare a chart or graph to show your findings.

Ease on Down the Road
What to do:
1. A litre of petrol can cost $1.49. What does it cost for litres? 10 litres? 15 litres? 20 litres? What is an easy way to figure this out? How can you estimate the cost by rounding the cost per litre?
The speed limit is 100 kilometres per hour. How far will you go in 1 hour? Two hours? Three hours? How long will it take to go 500 kilometres? Use a calculator to check your answers.

For more numeracy hints keep an eye out for the ‘Maths Matters’ section in the next newsletter.

Margaret Turner. Numeracy Support, Rushworth P-12.
Library Learnings

Now Available in the College Library!!!

Junior Fiction

Title: Go to Sleep Jessie! Author: Libby Gleeson
Illustrator: Freya Blackwood
Blurb: If only Jessie would LIE DOWN. If only she would go to SLEEP. But NOTHING will settle her...
Except maybe a little SISTERLY know-how.

Title: Mix it Up Author/Illustrator: Herve’ Tullet
Blurb: Use your hand to mix up the colours. It’s like magic. Smudge, rub, shake and have fun! An exuberant invitation to play.

Irresistible’ The wall Street Journal

Title: My Father the Great Pirate
Author: David Cali Illustrator: Maurizio A.C. Quarello
Blurb: When I was a child, my father went away. He came home only once a year, in the summer for two weeks. He smelled of the sea, my father. That’s because he was A GREAT PIRATE.

Title: One Night
Author: Penny Matthews Illustrator: Stephen Michael King
Blurb: On the first Christmas Eve, so the story goes, the animals were given a very special gift to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Ever since, at midnight on Christmas Eve, they remember.
The Sports Locker

Sports Report

During the last fortnight the Year 7 and 10 PE classes have been lucky enough to spend their PE lessons at the Rushworth Lawn Bowls Club. The fantastic club members took our students through the basics of playing the game and through lots of trial and error the students quickly picked up a knack for the game with a number of our students showing quite impressive natural ability!

On behalf of the PE classes I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the members who gave up their time to teach the students and encourage some heated competition between them as well!

PE Reward Excursion

On Tuesday the 2nd December 20 students from Years 7-10 will attend the PE reward excursion, this excursion is a chance for us to acknowledge and thank those students in these classes who regularly turn up for PE classes in their sport uniform and participate in all activities to the best of their ability. This semester the students will be heading to Shepparton to attend a session at Go Jump, we will bring you photos and stories in the next edition!

The greatest wealth is health. ~ Virgil

Amanda Cray
Sports Coordinator
YOU’RE INVITED

Come along and help
Rushworth P-12 College celebrate
‘PBIS Kick Off’ in 2015

Thursday 29th of January, 2015
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9am -10am

Find out all the news on
Positive Behaviour Interventions & Supports
plus meet our new school mascot ‘RUSH the Wallaby’

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SAVE THE DATE -
College Presentation Night
Tuesday 16th December,
Rushworth Shire Hall, 7pm

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP
A WHOLE WEEK OF HORSEY FUN

Activities May Include:
- Grooming & Saddling
- Trail Riding & River Rides
- Flat Work & Dressage Instruction
- Show Jumping, Cottage Work
- Cross Country Jumping Course
- Western Pleasure & Natural Horsemanship
- Mounted Games & Mini Gymkhana
- Archery, Mini Golf & Pool Games
- Campfire Night, Big Screen Movies, Disco, Red Faces AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

Sunday 5.00pm to Saturday 10.00am
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