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The Year 7 students certainly tried a variety of activities whilst on camp last week, see more on page 4.

The Year 11 VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies class also had a great week on camp at Reeves Beach in Gippsland. Read about it on page 6.
News from the Principal....

School Improvement
One of the hallmarks of a good school and school system is the capacity for the school or system to continually improve and develop. As a part of the Department of Education and Training system, Rushworth P-12 College is fortunate to have a number of internal and external processes to support us in our quest and journey of continual improvement. A journey we have been on since mid-2011 and continue to take as we work to provide the best opportunities for each and every student.

Late last year the College undertook a Priority Review which provided us with an opportunity to look at our practices and performance over the last three years and to identify strengths and areas for improvement. This internal self-evaluation was undertaken and then supported with external validation and expertise via two School Reviewers’, Mike Rowland and Pam Toose. Mike recently presented his findings to our staff team and College Council and these will be released to our broader College community in coming weeks once the final review report has been approved by the Department. The findings though are fairly clear in that we are a work in progress and still have some continuous work in front of us to ensure we are giving each and every student the best possible opportunities. Our Assistant Principal, Peter Bovell, and I are working with a Regional Design Team to plan the next steps of our improvement journey.

As a part of our improvement journey I would like to invite interested parents to come along to a forum we will be running on Tuesday 10th March. This forum will provide parents and community members with a voice into the future of the College and the work we set out to achieve between 2015 and 2018. Stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved in these exciting next steps for our College.

During the next twelve months our staff team will be working closely with external consultants to assist us in implementing the changes and improvements coming from the School Review and the work of the Design Team. Ruth and John Sloan, consultants with National Curriculum Services and RJS Consulting, have been employed to assist us in 2015. Both Ruth and John are experienced Australian and International educators, principals and teachers, During the past five years John and Ruth have been assisting schools around Australia to improve their educational environments so that students and teacher work in an orderly and high functioning educational environment.

John and Ruth will be working closely with me, the staff, students, College Council and the community to assist us to become the very best school we can be so that your children achieve at their best, aspire to, and dream of, future successes. If parents wish to make personal contact with John he can be contacted by email at john.sloan50@gmail.com

PBIS
It has been wonderful to see the very positive impact the introduction of School Wide Positive Behaviours Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is having around the College. After the first few days of teaching students how to demonstrate our key expectations of be responsible, be respectful and be resilient it has been great to see teachers recognising the positive and outstanding achievements and behaviours of most of our students. We would love to hear the views of some parents on the implementation of PBIS in 2015, so do feel free to contact me with your feedback.

Our PBIS Team spent time last week training in Tier 2 approaches and will introduce these to our staff team over the coming term. This will give us further strategies and skills to support our students to demonstrate our expectations but to also better support those students who need additional support or guidance.
Expectations

Thank you to the vast majority of our families and students who actively support our expectations each and every day. For others, we have a few reminders about what is expected and this includes:

- Ensuring you arrive to school each day with full College Uniform. This is not just an expectation of our leaders but of our entire school community and it has been great to see in-excess of 95% of our students in full College uniform each day.
- All students remain at the College throughout the school day, unless they have a lunch pass. A Lunch Pass is available ONLY to those students who live in town and go home for lunch. Abuse of this privilege may result in loss of the lunch pass.
- Make every day count, attendance is vitally important. 2014 saw our best attendance figures yet but they are still some way off the state average. My challenge to students and families is to smash our previous record to better or equal the state average. Be here each day and make your learning count.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

PBIS Positive Behaviours

The following students have been recognised for displaying one or all of the College’s 3 expectations, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient during the week.

Week 4:

Jay-Leigh Meguyer
Oliver Rathjen
Cody Kemp
Brittany Kouroupakis
Sienna Ratila

Rushworth P-12 College is a SUNSMART School
ALL staff and students need to wear a hat when outside during Term 1.
On the 16th February the Year 7’s went on camp with Mr. Warfe and Ms. Cray. Dean, an employee at PGL was our host, he showed us all around the Campaspe Downs area. I was in a cabin with Grace. I really enjoyed getting to know all those in the cabin.

Our first activity was the ‘Leap of Faith’. Originally, myself and some of the other Year students expected the ‘Leap of Faith’ to be something to do with water. The ‘Leap of Faith’ is actually a long pole which people climb up and jump off (with a harness!). It was not as scary from ground level, but with a plan view I was frightened. Fortunately Steve (our instructor) was there to support us.

After the ‘Leap of Faith’ we went yabbying with Steve. Steve taught us about frog calls and ecology in the water. Each student got a card and had to make a call of the frog, that was on the card. I was with Holly and Tanya. I got a massive surprise when I put my fingers down a yabby hole!

At 6.00pm all of us went to the dining hall - once we finished dinner we had wide games (also known as ‘Catch the Flag and Dodgeball’). There wasn't much cheating which was very good! Although everyone was really impressed how I had magically kept the tag to myself when pulled—which even surprised me!

I woke up to the sound of someone moving around in the cabin — it was only Grace! At 8.00am everyone went to the dining hall for breakfast. I had toast, cereal, watermelon and juice - I felt unwell after such a large breakfast.

We then had canoeing. It was embarrassing when Holly and I fell out of our canoe. Then we had raft building. Steve helped our group build the raft - I thought it was funny when our raft fell apart in the water.

On the 3rd day we had flying fox in the morning. Holly, Tanya, Imojen and I went on the 4 individual flying foxes. Lots of the Year 7’s did poses and other tricks. I couldn’t stop laughing when I kept crashing at the end of the line.

Then we did a quick bit of archery. I was terrible at it! After archery we had lunch and left for Rushworth. I went in Ms Cray’s car with Imojen, Tanya and Holly. I was glad and sad to be back in Rushworth on a very gloomy day.

Sarah Lange – Richards.

The Scrapheap Challenge

On the last night of camp after dinner we played ‘Scrapheap Challenge’. We separated into two groups. The first thing that we did was go around the Camp to find different objects. We found an egg, a piece of string, 2 sheets of newspaper, 3 straws, a sanitary napkin bag, 2 water balloons (although we only got one by accident), a black bin bag and two paper cups. We had to make a cushion thing around the egg to protect it, using only the things we had found and a whole heap of sticky tape.

We dropped the eggs from a 15 metre high rock wall. ‘Eggie’ - my teams and ‘Leroy’ the other teams egg went head to head to see who would survive the ‘drop of death’.

‘Eggie’ went first, he jumped off the ledge, wrapped in his protective clothes. He jumped and landed like a rock—everyone knew what had happened! Next was Leroy—he jumped and landed with a bounce. Both teams ran to collect their eggs. We carefully unwrapped them—‘Eggie’ had shattered yolk everywhere. “Leroy” survived - he was the first egg in history to survive the drop! He was cherished! He slept in a private container with fluff.

The next day on the journey home - ‘Leroy’ died—he fell off his seat and shattered. He was now with his friend ‘Eggie’. It was a sad few days, we lost two brave eggs, one died before he was unwrapped, the other died in a bus accident. We miss them daily….

NOT! They were just eggs! ‘Leroy’ was replaced by a rock. Awful parents - replacing a child - so despicable.

Holly Sharples
On the 16th February the Year 7 class went on camp to Camp PGL in Kyneton. Holly, Imojen and I went in Ms. Cray’s car and everyone else went on the bus with Mr. Warfe. When we got there we all went into our room, I was with Imojen. Then we all went to meet Dean.

We did the ‘Leap of Faith’ with a person called Steve. Everyone had a go. You would climb up a pole - it was about 10 m high and the jump—lucky for us we had a harness.

The next activity was Water Ecology, Steve gave the group some cards and they had to collect insects, look at them and put them back.

For tea we had spaghetti. After tea we played two games ‘Capture the flag’ and ‘Dodgeball’. We played ‘capture the flag 8 times, and ‘dodgeball’ twice. Then we all went to bed - that was the first day of camp.

On the second day we all went on the low ropes. We all got put in groups of three. We then played a game –Steve filled a cup up and we had to not spill any? Sarah won, then Imojen and myself did.

Next we went to the ‘Giant Swing’ - you were put in a harness at a metal pole and the class would pull you up about 18m high. You would drop down and go back and forth, back and forth until you stopped—if you were lucky you got two goes.

Next we went to the lake and we started canoeing—I was with Imojen - we practiced going forward and going back, turning left and right. We played two games called ‘everyone in’ and ‘zombies and humans’

The next activity at the lake was to make a raft, we were split into groups of five—I was with Holly, Imojen, Sarah and Grace. We made a raft, we put it in the water and two of the barrels came off! So it became a horse and cart—and Holly was the horse.

Then it was time for tea, we had pizza. After tea we formed two teams and went to find a lot of things. We then had to make a ‘drop an egg protector’. My teams egg did not make it, but the other teams did. It was a sad end to the day.

The next day we packed up all our clothes. We walked up the hill, put on a harness and had a go on the flying fox. I had about 6 or 7 goes, it was so much fun! We then did Archery and played a game called ‘Holidays’.

Tanya Marshall
Last week, February 16th - 20th the Year 11 Outdoor Education class went on their first camp for the year.

For this camp they travelled to Reeves Beach, which is located on the Ninety Mile Beach in Gippsland. During the week the Year 11 group were introduced to different environment types and spent time learning about the pine harvesting industry in the area.

The different environments they visited were Agnes Falls, Port Albert, Port Welshpool, Port Franklin, Mc Loughlins Beach and Woodside Beach. During the week many fish were caught and released just as Tom Brown.

Jamie Daff

Outdoor Environmental Studies

Students experienced a wide range of outdoor activities that believe it or not are related to learning outcomes of their VCE subject.
The Art Easel

Congratulations to all the **Year 1/2 Art students** who worked hard and completed their **College Values Poster** based on our PBIS expectations of “Respect”, “Responsible” and “Resilient”.

The winners for most creative, colourful and complete posters are:

Year 1 – Jayden Bloomfield
Year 2 – Annalise Boyd
Creative Award – Ziggy Spence

Congratulations to all the **Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Art students** who worked hard and completed their **Art Folio Front Covers**

The winners for most creative, colourful and complete covers are:

**Year 3/4 Art Folio Front Cover Winners:**
Year 3 – Harry Werner
Year 4 – Mac Miller
People’s Choice Award – Tom Jones, Zac Price, Bronte Pearson and Hannah Price

**Year 5/6 Art Folio Front Cover Winners:**
Year 5 – Kannika Suksanit
Year 6 – Jazmyne Werner
Creative Award – Cody Vanderdonk
People’s Choice Award – Cody Vanderdonk, Luke Weatherhead and Geordie Aburrow

College Values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Support, Persistence, Encouragement, Community, Trust.
**PREP - YEAR 8 News...**

**Years Prep - 2**

Congratulations to our award winners last week. They were Jack Clarke and Bradley Bons for their outstanding effort in Mathematics, along with Sienna Ratila for our PBIS award! Keep up the great work all of you. 😊

In Literacy over the next couple of weeks Preps will be focussing on letters and sounds of V, R, H & J. They will also be moving onto their next M100W word group. They will also be looking at text structure and organisation, for example directionality. Prep’s will also focus on how language is used differently at home and school.

Grade 1’s & 2’s will be continuing to explore plot, character and setting. We will be discussing how plots develop. We will be using the terms Beginning/Orientation, Problem/Complication, Solved/Resolution. Then we will move onto recognising and knowing how to use morphemes in word families, for example ‘play’ in ‘played’ and ‘playing’.

In Numeracy over the next couple of weeks we are exploring the connection between addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at measurement – ordering shapes and objects to size.

Preps will be establishing an understanding of the language and processes of counting by naming numbers in sequences (initially to and from 20); before moving onto measurement. They will make comparisons to decide which is longer, heavier or holds more.

Next week we will be beginning a new inquiry unit “On the Farm”. Where we will investigate and explore Farm animals and practices. 😊

Ms McDonald

**HELP required - We would love to take the students to visit a local farm to see what they have been learning in real life. Can you help with any suggestions of local farmers? If so, please contact Ms McDonald or Kerrie Raglus at the College on 58561230.**

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**Year 5/6**

Award winners in Years 5/6 the past fortnight have included;

**Jordann Rodgers** - For displaying the 3R’s of Rushworth P-12

**Molly Miller** - For making an exceptional start at Rushworth P-12 College

We are all looking forward to participating in the swimming carnival this week.

We are also very excited to be having our first cooking class for the year with Ms Taylor this week - we will report on our adventures next newsletter.

College Values : RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Support, Persistence, Encouragement, Community, Trust.
The three-four class have had a busy few weeks with reading groups well underway as well as numeracy groups being formed and working well.

Well done to **Jackson Stewart** for receiving our PBIS awards, for demonstrating the 3R’s of Rushworth P-12. **Tiffany Clark** received our class award for her positive approach to all learning tasks.

All students should now be bringing home a book to read and recording their reading in their reading diary, the students also have spelling words to learn each week. Please encourage your child to read each night and practice their spelling words, as these are tested each week.

**Learning Foci:**

In Literacy, we have been learning about the audience and purpose of imaginative, informative and persuasive writing and having a go at writing each type of text. In the next few weeks we will continue to look at different text types and explore word contractions and the use of apostrophes in word contractions.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about fractions, grade 3 students have been looking at halves, quarters, thirds and eighths and modelling these fractions. Grade 4 students have been looking at counting by halves and thirds and locating fractions on a number line. Next week we will be looking at interpreting and describing simple maps and using legend and scales to interpret maps.

Our Inquiry focus for the first five weeks of this term is Volunteers and the Community, if any members of the school community would like to share their experiences on this topic, please contact me at the College.

**Miss Megan Flynn**

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**School Banking the Bendigo way**

Bendigo Bank’s Rushworth & District Community Bank® Branch is pleased to announce the school banking service is now starting again for 2015 at the Rushworth P-12 College, Rushworth St Mary’s, Murchison Primary School and Colbinabbin Primary School.

Participants in the program will use a Bendigo PiggySaver Bank Account and moneybox to learn about the process, and the benefits of saving.

With no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees, no penalties and no deposit restrictions a Piggy Bank Passbook Account makes saving easy.

Applications will be available at the school office from the 18/02/2015 if you would like your child to be involved in our program.

It is anticipated that the school banking days will be held on a weekly basis on Wednesdays starting from the 25/02/2015, enabling your child to make regular deposits into their account. Please note, the school-banking program provides a deposit service only, however, withdrawals can be made at any Bendigo bank branch.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the Rushworth & District Community Bank® branch on (03)58562122.

We look forward to introducing your child to the benefits of regular savings.

Yours sincerely

**Kevin Livingston**

Branch Manager

Rushworth & District Community Bank®
Year 10 Work Experience

Just a reminder to Year 10 students and their parents that they will ALL be expected to participate in a week of Work Experience - the last week of Term 2 - the 22nd - 26th June 2015. NOW is the time to start thinking about where you might like to work during that week. Students will spend time during class in early Term 2 preparing for the week, but I encourage you all to start thinking about it now – some places students like to work are popular and their spaces fill very quickly.

Apprentice Hairdresser wanted!

Julie’s Hair Studio in Kyabram are looking to employ a young person interested in a career in Hairdressing, and be willing to commit to an apprenticeship. Does this sound like you? Call into Julies Hair Studio, Shop 1, 250 Allan St, Kyabram ASAP - with your resume and friendly disposition.

** Students who want to apply can seek support from me to complete a resume and prepare for a ‘drop in’. Make an appointment with me to get started.

Kerrie Raglus
Student Pathways
Canteen Lunch Order Menu Term 1

NO HOT FOOD FOR LUNCH
Please use lunch bag to order.
Please include name of child, grade, order required, total price and amount enclosed

Monday to Friday

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Salad Choices: lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot, capsicum, pineapple, onion
- Salad in a tub: $4.00
- Sandwich: $3.00
- Roll: $4.00
- Add: egg or cheese: extra 50 cents
- Add: Chicken or Ham: extra $1.00

Sandwiches
Choose Wholemeal or White Bread
Roll or Wrap - add 50c
- Vegemite: $1.50
- Cheese: $2.00
- Chicken: $2.50
- Ham: $2.50
- Ham & Cheese: $2.80
- Egg Lettuce & mayo: $2.00

Drinks
- Water 350ml: $1.50
- Rush 500ml: $3.00
- Break 250ml: $2.00
- Oaks 600ml: $3.00

SNACKS
- Red Rock Deli: $1.20
- Honey Soy Chicken
- Plain Salt
- Grainwaves: $1.00
- Sweet Chilli
- Sour Cream & Chives
- Ovaltines: $1.00

Drinks
- Nippy’s: $2.50
- Chocolate

Primary school lunch orders to be delivered to Canteen at 9.30am
Secondary student please put your lunch order in box outside library before 9.30am

** Recess Term 1 - Hot Food Available **

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** Primary students can now buy Paddle pops ($1.20) & Mini Calippo’s ($1.00) at recess time **
**The Sports Locker**

*Swimming Carnival held today!!*

Our Prep - Year 12 Swimming Carnival was held today Thursday 26th February. We will bring you a round up of results, age champions, action shots...and **MOST** importantly... **THE WINNING HOUSE**... will it be Brocklebank or McNamara???

Watch this space to find out!!

Amanda Cray  
*Health & PE Department*

Perhaps you can consider joining one of the upcoming sports competitions in our area....

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**IMMUNISATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10**

The 2015 School based Immunisation Program will be offered at the college by the Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation Team on

**17 March 2015**

- First Dose HPV for students in Year 7
- Chickenpox for students in Year 7
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping cough for Year 7, 8, 9 & 10

Forms were sent home this week and need to be returned to the General office by Monday March 2nd.

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**Parking at the College**

A reminder to staff and parents that parking at the front of the College, is deemed a permit zone, and that only those employed at the College may park there.

Parent drop off and pick up should be conducted up near the Cemetery gates.

**As residents also share this space we all need to be mindful of where we park - check whether you are parking in front of gates before alighting from the car.**
Murchison Primary School

If you are interested in playing this season or wanting more information, please contact
Kirsten: 0419205176 or Michelle: 0408138197
By Wednesday 4th March.

Commencement Date: April 18th
FIFA 11 a side
☐ Under 12
Mini Roos
☐ Under 10
☐ Under 8
☐ Under 7
☐ Under 6

We will also be looking for team coaches and team managers for each team.

Tatura Basketball Autumn Competition

Tatura Basketball Autumn Competition will commence March 2nd.

This competition is open to ages 8-16 (must still be 16 on 30th June 2014).

Registration Night: 5.30-7.30pm
Monday February 9th, upstairs at Tatura Stadium.

Registration and Payment must be made on this night.

For further information please contact
Lisa Cullum, President, at taba@viberts.com.au or on 0428242889.

Can past players please return any playing singlets they may have on registration night!

SGR GIANTS
junior footy club
Stanhope Girgarre Rushworth & district

Under 12 & Under 14
REGISTRATION & TRAINING
Thursday 26th February
5 – 6pm
Stanhope Football Ground

Please bring footy boots/runners for 1st training session & a drink. Meet our coaches
Leigh Hall (U12s) ph 0458522468
Murray Yates (U14s) 0400078854 & be welcomed to our family friendly club.
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VCE/VCAL Information Evening

THIS Wednesday 4th March 6pm – 7pm

ALL VCE/VCAL students & parents are to attend.

We are aiming for the evening to be informative, engaging and we will provide some light refreshments.

Hope to see you all there!

Any enquiries? Please call Frankie O’Toole at the College to discuss them.