Above: The Year 3/4 students were trying out their new resources this week in their classroom, see more on page 9.

Below: Jasmine Werner and Molly Miller enjoyed Year 5/6 Food Technology this week - Anzac biscuits - Yummy! See more pics on page 8.
News from the Principal....

Building College Community

One of our tasks as a College is to build a positive and vibrant sense of community within the school and the last few weeks has provided us with plenty of opportunities to build community, spirit, communication and celebration.

Our staff team have worked enthusiastically and hard to provide a number of events of the last few weeks that bring our College Community together. These events may have formed information and sharing evenings such as our P-6 Information and BBQ Night or our recent VCE/VCAL Information Evening. These two events provided an ideal opportunity for parents to learn a little bit more about what happens at school and for our parents an opportunity to meet staff and build that tri-level partnership between student, parent and teacher that is absolutely vital if we are to ensure we are providing every student with the opportunity to be their best.

The College has also hosted a number of student community events including our fantastic P-12 Swimming Sports, where our students were wonderful ambassadors for the College and did themselves proud in every respect as they demonstrated that they can all be respectful, responsible and resilient. The swimming sports are a great opportunity to celebrate individuals swimming skills but equally importantly a significant whole school event that brings our school community together for a day of fun and celebration.

As a College we should be extremely proud of our students as they participated in school’s Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 27th February. Not only did our students clean up the College yard but they went out into our local Rushworth community and cleaned up our local environment. It has been great to hear the many positive stories of just how well our students worked together and represented the College as community leaders. Well done!

PBIS – Positive Community, Positive Outcomes

What a fantastic start to the year! Over 1000 “Rush Tickets” in February alone have been handed out to students for demonstrating the expectations of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient.

One of our main reasons for adopting PBIS at the College has been to use it as a tool in our development of a positive College culture and climate. Our PBIS system now gives us a process for recognising the great things that most of our students do on a daily basis. For those students who are unaware of what our expectations are or how they can show them, our PBIS system gives teachers the tools to teach these skills to students. As a College, no student is left out, each student has been taught how they can demonstrate the skills linked to our expectations in each of the six areas identified, an example of this includes staff explicitly teaching students how to listen carefully and work co-operatively as part of being Respectful in our Learning Areas.

PBIS at Rushworth P-12 College is all about supporting students by giving them the best possible opportunities to succeed and shine. When students are seen demonstrating our expectations of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient they are recognised by staff and the behaviour is reinforced as staff thank students for demonstrating the expectation and state the skill they have seen in action, for example “Thank you Ben for being responsible in the yard by following directions and routines.” In addition to this consistent recognition of positive behaviours, PBIS has also allowed us to develop a whole school response and strategy to those unwanted behaviours that we sometimes see from students.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews are being held this **Wednesday 18th March from 2.00pm—til 7.00pm**.

Appointments can be booked using the online booking system available on the College website: [www.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au](http://www.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au)

These interviews are a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child’s progress thus far in 2015. We look forward to you all attending.
**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 5:**
- Gabe Schembri
- Julie Habegger
- Patrick Coughlin
- Will Brown
- Iqa Sazali

**Week 6:**
- Dan Newbiggin
- Bronte Pearson
- Hollie Jackson
- Tiffany Clark
- Peter Cullie

**MONTHLY DRAW – FEBRUARY:**
- Charlie Marshall
- Jay-Leigh
- Tom Brown
- Kyra Van Der Elst
- Jordann Rodgers

College Values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient
It was a warm and sunny Thursday when the students, staff and family members of Rushworth P-12 College met at the Rushworth Pool for the annual swimming carnival, and what a great day it was!!

From traditional freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke races to giant thong relays, egg and spoon races, cork scrambles, bombing competitions, piggy back races, face painting and a fashion parade, FUN was the word of the day!

All of the students had a great day and the participation, teamwork and support on display was fantastic with lots of cheering and plenty of senior students assisting the younger students both in and out of the pool. Students were acknowledged by their house captains with canteen vouchers distributed for team spirit and teachers acknowledged students who displayed the school values by being ‘Respectful’, ‘Resilient’ and ‘Responsible’ with Rush tickets and five students were drawn out at the end of the day to win a piece of sporting equipment.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and parents who came along to support the students, the day could not have been such an amazing success without you all!

After all of the points were tallied up **Brocklebank** took out the day with 2,626 points, **McNamara** not far behind on 2,492 points.

*Amanda Cray*  
*Health & PE Coordinator*
AGE CHAMPIONS

Prep/1/2: Jayden Bloomfield and Chelsea Robinson

Grade 3/4: Tom Jones and Dana Rogers

11 year old: Andrew Robinson and Tamazin Sacco

12 year old: Luke Weatherhead and Imojen Giffening

13 year old: Gabe Schembri and Sarah Lange-Richards

14 year old: Will Brown, Mitchel Coughlan and Maya Barlow

15 year old: Matt Lange-Richards and Nikita Schembri

16 year old: Kody Diegan, Oliver Rathjen and Chrissy Kerr

17 year old: Tanner Stokes and Grace McDonald

20 year old: Danyon Stockdale and Kelly Turgoose

College Values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient
VCAL/VCE Information night

A massive thank you to all who attended the VCAL/VCE information night on Wednesday the 4th of March. We had over 50 student and parents attend along with 20 staff and guest speakers. What a fantastic turn out! It’s great to see students, parents and staff all dedicated to getting the best out the 2015 senior group and being prepared to put in to achieve personal bests this year!

Some feedback from the students around the night:

**What did you think was the most helpful aspect of the night?**

“Having the guest speakers because we can certainly relate to them. It was good hearing their study techniques and how they coped with the stress of VCE lot.”

“All of it in general, it made me think about what I needed to do to get my motivation back. Really it gave me a kick in the butt.”

“The apprentice talking about how he got the job.”

“Having teachers explain each part of VCE – the expectations and study time tables.”

**How did the night motivate you?**

“To reach out to my parents/ other people more when I need or want support.”

“When Adele said she didn’t know what she wanted to do so she got a high score to decide later.”

“Really thinking about my career and what I want to do when I finish school and make sure I tried my best when I could.”

“It motivated me to take initiative!”

I will send out a feedback form for parents this week. I hope to get some genuine feedback about how to make this evening more useful and informative.

Thank you again for supporting your child’s education by giving up your valuable time to attend.

Frankie O’Toole

VCE/VCAL Coordinator
P-6 Information Night and BBQ

A big thank you to all involved and all who attended!

On Wednesday 25th February the P-6 parents and families were invited to attend an Information Evening and BBQ at Rushworth P-12 College. The purpose of the evening was for parents to meet their children’s teachers and to give students the opportunity to show-off the work they’d been doing in class over the first 5 weeks.

It was fantastic to see so many people in attendance. Thank you to everyone who came along. A big thank you must also go to the teachers and staff involved in making the evening a success.

If you have any suggestions that might help us make events like this more convenient and enjoyable for families, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the College. Any feedback is most welcome.

Stacey McMillan

(Acting P-8 Leader)
**Years Prep - 2**

Congratulations to our weekly award winners! Bailey Burge for his hard work in Mathematics & Haylee Marshall was our PBIS award winner for demonstrating the 3 R’s!

In Literacy over the next couple of weeks across the three grades we will be focussing on text structure (at various levels). We will be including Nouns, Proper Nouns, concepts about print, and punctuation. We also remain focussed on our M100W words (which are sent home in homework journals) – please remember to read these with your child. A huge thank-you to parents for supporting your child with their nightly reading. Students are highly enthusiastic, which is great to see.

In Numeracy we will be looking at Patterns and Algebra. We remain focussed on counting (and skip counting) to 50/100/500. We do have Mathletics up and running now, so if you have internet access at home please ask your child for their username and password for maths practice at home.

I would also like to thank Deborah Ratila for her support with reading each week. It is such a huge help to have another set of ears in the classroom of a morning. Thank-You - it is greatly appreciated.

*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.

**Year 5/6**

The Year 5/6 students enjoyed making Anzac biscuits in the Kitchen this week. Luckily for the staff there were a few taste samples left over - very YUMMY!!!
Year 3/4

The Year 3 – 4 class have had a busy few weeks with the introduction to XO’s for Year 4 students, everyone was very excited to start using this new type of technology in all areas of our learning.

Well done to Jason Clarke and Jay-Leigh Meguyer for receiving our PBIS awards, for demonstrating the 3R’s of Rushworth P-12. Our class awards went to Toni Wright for her positive contributions in class and Bronte Pearson in recognition of her efforts during class this week.

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 use of quotation marks and how language is used to describe setting in texts. In the next few weeks we will continue to look at how authors present different settings in text and make stories exciting using characters and plot development.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about the relationship between addition and subtraction, including writing number sentences. Next week we will be looking at meaningful ways to collect and represent data.

Our Inquiry focus for the next five weeks of this term is Land Use, 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

The Year 3/4s certainly look like they are concentrating very hard, working on their XO computers.
**Careers Central**

**A Day at Melbourne**

The University of Melbourne are holding an event for Year 10-12 students and their families on Friday 10th April 2015. You are invited to go along and explore their Parkville campus, find out about the range of study options they offer. If you would like more information regarding the day, please pop into the Careers office, or register online with the University of Melbourne: [futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/a-day-at-melbourne](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/a-day-at-melbourne)

**It's never too early to start looking at options !!!**

**Experience Latrobe events**

Latrobe University are pleased to be offering these VERY popular days again in 2015. The first is due to kick off on Thursday 9th April. Call in and grab a flyer if you want more information.

Upcoming dates are:

- **Melbourne**
  - Thursday 9 April
  - Thursday 9 July

- **Bendigo**
  - Friday 10 April
  - Wednesday 8 July

- **Albury-Wodonga**
  - Friday 19 June

- **Shepparton**
  - Thursday 2 July

- **Mildura**
  - Friday 3 July

*Kerrie Raglus*

*Student Pathways*

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**Go Overseas**

Host an Exchange Student with WEP

Applications are now open for WEP student exchange programs commencing from July 2015 onwards.

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LIBRARY LEARNINGS

TITLE: Lost in the Jungle of Doom. Book 1
AUTHOR: Tracy Turner

Blurb: Deep in the dark depths of the Amazon Jungle, danger lurks around every corner. The sole survivor of a freak plane crash, your only chance of survival is to make your way through the jungle of safety... Or die trying.

Do you have the knowledge and skill to escape the jaws of a ferocious jaguar, sneak past sleeping but deadly snakes, or learn which fruits will keep you alive and which are poisonous? With choices on every page... Can you get out alive?
Suitable for Ages 8+

TITLE: Henderson’s Boys. The Escape. Book 1
AUTHOR: Robert Muchamore

BLURB: Summer, 1940. Hitler’s army is advancing towards Paris, and millions of French civilians are on the run.
Amidst the chaos, two British children are being hunted by German agents.
British spy Charles Henderson tries to reach them first, but he can only do it with the help of a twelve-year-old French orphan.
The British secret service is about to discover that kids working undercover will help to win the war. For official purposes, these children do not exist.

Suitable for Ages 13+

For students who LOVE the AMULET series we NOW have BOOK 6 AVAILABLE!!!

Pop in to put your name on the reserve list so you do not miss out on this great graphic novel :) 

Title: Amulet. Escape from Lucien. Book 6
Author: Kazu Kibuishi
Blurb: A WORTHY MISSION... OR A TRAP?

Navin and his classmates journey to Lucien, a city ravaged by war and plagued by mysterious creatures, where they search for a beacon essential to their fight against the Elf King. Meanwhile, Emily heads back into the Void with Max, one of the Elf King’s loyal followers, where she learns his darkest secrets. The stakes for both Emily and Navin, are higher than ever.
Learn to Swim
School Holiday Program

Tuesday 7th April to Saturday 11th April 2015
Venue: Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre
Cost: $57.50
Age: 4 years and above
The Program: 30 minute sessions each day for 5 days
Closing date for enrolments: Wednesday 25th March 2015
All instructors are Austawim qualified
Contact Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre on 6480 2994 to enrol.

School Immunisations
The Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation team presented an information session to students recently.
The information presented covered:
• How immunisations work
• Immunisation Day - what to expect on the day
• Common reactions to immunisations
• Disease information on
  + Chicken Pox
  + Human Papillomavirus-HPV
  + Boostrix—Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Please feel free to contact the Immunisation coordinator on 1300 666 535 with any queries/questions that may arise from this session. Further information can be obtained from:
www.immunehero.health.vic.gov.au
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