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Above: Six of our Year 9 students joined other Regional schools at Goulburn Murray Water this week, read more about their visit on page 6.

Below: The panoramic views Wilson’s Promontory offered to our Year 12 Outdoor Education students on their hiking camp. Read all about it on pages 4, 5.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Parents please be aware of the upcoming Curriculum Day on Tuesday 21st April 2015. Students will not be required at school on this date. Please mark your calendar NOW!
News from the Principal....

Congratulations to our College Community on what has been a very quick and very successful Term 1. As always, it has been a busy time at the College with many events and activities taking place that support and extend the learning that occurs in our classrooms.

Last week parents, teachers and students had the opportunity to meet together to discuss the learning progress of students. It was great to see many of our families in attendance and taking the opportunity to receive detailed and informative feedback on the learning and future needs of their children. The information from Parent Teacher Interviews will be further supplemented this week with Interim Reports and P-6 Student Learning Journals all being sent home or mailed out this week. As always, teachers are available to meet with parents at any stage during the term and parents are encouraged to contact individual teachers to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. Congratulations to our students on some amazing achievements during Term 1.

PBIS

In addition to having some rave reviews from our College Community, our work on PBIS hit the international stage at the 15th International APBS Conference in Boston where it was included in a presentation titled “Down Under: Overcoming PBIS Challenges in the Land of Oz”. It’s great to see the work of Rushworth P-12 College and Jackson School being showcased on the international stage and this is a reflection of the steps we are taking to build our College to be recognised as a high performing school. We know if we can get our environment and climate right then our students and staff will shine. Some huge steps have been made in the right direction and we sincerely thank our parents and broader College community for their ongoing support in this area.

Here’s what some of our students, staff and parents have had to say:

“I have found that my focus is more consistently on what students are doing positively in the classroom, and rewarding positive behaviour sets a fantastic tone for the lesson. I especially enjoy reinforcing the senior students, as they are our role models and are consistently doing the right thing, and now they are getting the recognition for it. My favourite part of PBIS so far, is hearing the names being called out on Friday – I am happy to say that my competitive nature takes over and I am pretty stoked when my name is called out alongside the students! But who’s counting... right?”

Frankie O’Toole

“Creates a better and friendlier environment to work in. Plus the cards are cool, if you’re good enough to get one that is. Prizes are awesome.”

Crystal Kerr Year 10

“The 3R’s – I liked the role plays at the start of the year. I like it when the teachers give us tickets.”

Zac Price Year 4

“I believe that PBIS system is a great idea in helping children understand how their actions reflect on others.”

Jessica Burge (Bailey Burge)

Our PBIS Team met this week for their first data meeting which has utilised all available behavioural data for February and March to precisely define any areas of difficulty and to then work on strategies for solving these behavioural challenges at the individual and group levels. Congratulations to our students who have been consistently demonstrating our expectations of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient. Every Friday it is a privilege to conduct the PBIS draw and recognise and reinforce the positive behaviours we are seeing from so many students.

Strategic Plan Development

Over the past few weeks we have conducted a range of forums for staff, students, parents and the community to assist us in developing a strategic plan for the next four years that will...
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 7:**

Luke Weatherhead
Imojen Giffening
Mac Miller
Julie Habegger
Brandon May

**Week 8:**

Taksin Suksanit
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Jackson Stewart
Tanya Marshall
Chelsea Robinson

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

Term 2

The commencement of Term 2 is going to bring several staffing changes for us. These changes have come about as a result of Mr Greg Hutchison and Mr Andrew Richardson taking Long Service Leave. Mrs Margaret Turner will be continuing her absence on long term sick leave and we certainly wish her all the best in her health recovery. Finally, Mrs Maree Moyle will be leaving the Rushworth team as she has been successful in obtaining a Principalship at Highlands Primary School. As 3 out of the 4 notifications have come within the last 7 days we are still in the process of recruiting staff and families will be notified as soon as this task is completed of who the new teachers will be.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may want to spend some time over the coming weeks preparing for the upcoming NAPLAN assessments. These are national assessments in Literacy and Numeracy that take place every year for students in these select year levels. The following address [http://www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) has information, practice exams and extra activities.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families and readers a safe and relaxing school holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back with us on Monday 13th April.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal
Year 12 Outdoor Adventures...

Wilsons Promontory Hike

After an early start on a Public Holiday and six hours of driving, we all arrived at Wilsons Promontory National Park. The students chose a suitable campsite close to the beach at Tidal River. Once set up, a walk on the beach with the boys fishing for anything that would bite their soft plastics was our afternoon activity. This was followed by a walk up to a vantage point to look out at Tidal River.

Tuesday morning there was a buzz in the air as students readied themselves for hiking. Some were nervous, some over packed and some were still in a daze after repeated attempts of wombats trying to enter the tents all night. Once on the trial towards Windy Saddle and eventually Sealers Cove for the nights camping, everyone was happy and hiking well.

Four minutes later tragedy struck with Kelly Turgoose tripping over a rock the size of a smartie and cutting up her knee. First aid administered, including some choice words from Kelly and back to the track we went. Highlights of the day included, caving and seeing an underground waterfall, Kelly falling over three more times with first aid needed on the same knee, possums, Alex Gelsi and Jack catching 30 fish each (don’t worry they were only the size of a fish finger) and chaff.

Wednesday was met with anger and hostility but hiking still had to take place. Lunch at Refuge Cove and the views of the beautiful blue water made up for the hills and blisters that everyone was dealing with. A great shot of the group was taken around from Sealers Cove and the smiles were genuine.

We reached Little Waterloo Bay for our night’s campsite and the whitest sand we had seen yet. The beach was enjoyed by all with some Frisbee and football to finish off the day.

With the last day looming so were the clouds but the rain managed to hold off and the group was triumphant all reaching the bus at the top of a sizeable hill under their own steam and carrying their own packs. A great trip had by all. The pictures tell it better than words ever could.

Mr Andrew Warfe
College Values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient
At least that’s what some of our Year 9 students discovered after spending a day with Goulburn Murray Water on Tuesday.

After learning about the various departments, from Customer Service, Engineering, Finance and more, they learnt that GMW is a whole lot more than irrigation.

The highlight of the day (apart from the food) was the practical exercise in ‘tower building’. Armed with paper, icy pole sticks and sticky tape they had to design and build a tower that would hold a tank of water. The groups then had to present to the others their concepts and undergo the final test.

All in all our students, Wade, Jorge, Nikita, Abi, Leah and Kiarrah had a great time and learnt a lot more than they had previously assumed, after visiting Goulburn Murray Water.

The College would like to thank both GMW and the Campaspe Cohuna LLEN for supporting the students in our regions to access FREE excursions.
Recently our Year 11 and 12 Geographers visited the Barmah Forest on the Murray River for a fieldwork investigation of river processes and conflict over water use. Our first stop was the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre in Nathalia. There, students heard from local historian Tim Mannion about how the use of the Barmah Forest and Murray River has changed over time. The students were interested to hear about the considerable negative effects on the local community of the declaration on the Barmah Forest National Park and how the traditional land uses of forestry and agriculture have not been replaced by hordes of willing tourists from Melbourne willing to spend lots of money locally.

Next stop was the Barmah Forest itself, where students enjoyed a cruise along the Murray and gained insight as to how the river is controlled by a network of regulators and how land managers are working to try and revive wetland health. There are plenty of challenges ahead!

After a bite to eat we explored the forest a little more deeply. Investigating a wetland that is dry and dusty during the summer rather than wet and lush can be a little confusing! The bumpy roads, lack of interpretative signage and information, and long lists telling people what they are not allowed to do in the park gave the students plenty to discuss about how public land and cultural heritage is increasingly managed in Victoria.

Spotting the acclaimed Barmah brumbies was an enjoyable way to wrap up our valuable day in Barmah.

*Steve Daws, Geography*
PREP - YEAR 6 News...

**Years Prep - 2**

**WOW! Term One has flown!**
The Prep-2 classroom has had a brilliant start to the year! We have learnt lots in Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry. Our Inquiry units have allowed us to investigate Communities and Farms. We were excited to welcome a guest speaker into our classroom to talk to us about his daily farming duties. We built a lot of confidence around the water within our swimming lessons and lots of fun at our swimming carnival!!

Today we joined other local schools for an AFL clinic at Stanhope oval, everyone who went had a really fun day! I think after a busy Term we are all ready for a break. Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter and can't wait to see the smiling faces in Term two, for another busy term!

*Miss Belinda McDonald*

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**Year 5/6**

**School holiday reading for Kids of all ages**

Encouraging your kids to pick up a few good books during the holidays is a great way to keep their hard-earned reading skills from slipping.

**Choosing good holiday reading books for your child**

It may be stating the obvious, but the best books you can buy or borrow for your kids during the holidays are the ones that your child will actually read.

Find out how many words they like to see on the page for it still to be fun to read, check out the last book they enjoyed, ask them what topics interest them – and don’t be afraid to expand their horizons.

Award winners for Grade 5/6 are:

PBIS – Lillian Gelsi & Hansueli Habegger - For displaying the 3 R’s Of Rushworth P-12 College

Kannika Suksanit -For making an exceptional effort to read on a regular basis at home.

Tamazin Sacco – For being a positive and caring role model.

Happy Easter to All, Carolyn Fraser
**Year 3/4**

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

Well done to Tiffany Clark and Tom Jones for receiving our PBIS awards, for demonstrating the 3R’s of Rushworth P-12. Our class awards went to Hannah Price for her positive approach to all learning tasks and Charlie Marshall for his positive efforts during class.

A very big congratulations to those students who have been reading every night, the following students have received awards for Reading for 25 nights: Mac Miller, Dana Rogers, Jay-Leigh Meguyer, Jackson Stewart and Bronte Pearson.

Bronze Mathletics awards go to: Toni Wright x2 and Jay-Leigh Meguyer.

The students have also responded well to Mathletics this year, students can access Mathletics from home, if they have access to the internet.

Please support your child to continue to read over the break.

Congratulations on a great term, have a fantastic holiday break.

*Miss Megan Flynn*

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**A Farmer came to class..**

Last week we went to the Prep, one and two classroom. It was Miss Flynn’s father, his name is Mr Flynn. He told us about the farm. They had horses, sheep, and chickens. We talked at the end. Mr Flynn is really nice.

By Dana Rodgers.

Last week Mr Flynn came to the school and taught all of the children and the teachers about farming. I learnt about milking cows.

By Tiffany Clark.

Last week on Monday Mr Flynn came into the Prep, 1,2 room and the Grade 3-4 came into the room too. He talked to us all about farming and vehicles. We asked him about what farming is and what vehicles you use them and how you use them.

By Bronte Pearson.

Last week Miss Flynn’s dad came on Monday the 16/3/2015/. He came in to talk to us about land use and to talk about what land could be used for, and how you can use it. He taught me and others about what animals can be on a farms like cows, horses, Miss Flynn’s dad talked about his dairy and how early he had to get up when he was a little bit younger. That is what I learnt.

By Jay-Leigh Meguyer.
Community...

Who is that behind the Captain Koala mask?

A new recruit to the Murchison CFA Juniors Brigade has made a name for himself already. Volunteer trainers say that he willingly undertakes any job he’s given and does a great job. Recently, during the Murchison Tomato Festa, he was asked to take part in a CFA Community Awareness promotion. Kids (and their mums) thought he was fantastic!

In the second photo he can be seen dancing. Groovy moves!

And who is he? Patrick Coughlan of course!

Jess Hamilton, Kody Diegan, Abi Clarke, Nikita Schembri, Paris Lehmann, Dan Newbiggin and Russell Anderson all took part in a 2 day Youth Leadership workshop run by the Foundation for Young Australians.

The team have developed a range of ideas they would like to put into action during the coming year, here at the College and in their communities. Watch this space for news.
Library Learnings

A very big **THANKYOU** goes out to a past student of Rushworth P-12 College, Meredith Heily & her friends.

Meredith attended Rushworth State School, followed by Rushworth High School completing Year 12.

Meredith has just completed a Master’s degree (an M.Ed, measuring the effectiveness of a simulation education program for final year medical students).

The College has been very fortunate in receiving a bundle of fantastic books catering for our Primary student ages from Meredith and her friends.

Meredith shares with us how she came to making this very generous donation………

“Since undertaking this research degree, which included some compulsory course work with school teachers, I have gained an increased appreciation for the importance of literacy in the life and development of growing children to adulthood. I decided that my party should include a contribution to early childhood literacy.

Given that I grew up in Rushworth, it was an easy decision to make that I should make my contribution to Rushworth P-12.

The party will be in February 2015. I am planning for around 100 people, so hope to get at least 50+ books”.

Meredith and friends certainly got the 50+ books!!!!

**Wow, over 150 books donated to the College!!!**

Until next time, Keep on Reading! Kerri-Anne Nurse.

“The library in Rushworth High School was one of my favourite places to be and still holds fond memories for me. If just one child comes to you and says – “that was a good book- do you have any others?” I will be happy”.

*Meredith Heily*

A big **THANK YOU** also goes out to our students who have assisted with preparing the books for cataloguing.

Left to right: Julie Habegger, Sarah Lange-Richards, Holly Sharples, Tanya Marshall and Imogen Giffening.
# Campaspe Regional Library

## Easter Holidays @ Your Library

### Bookings Required for all Sessions

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**Campaspe Regional Library**

- Echuca - 310 Hare Street, ECHUCA phone (03) 5481 2400
- Kyabram - Lake Road, KYABRAM phone (03) 5481 2867
- Rochester – Mackay Street, ROCHESTER phone (03) 5481 2866
- Rushworth – High Street, RUSHWORTH phone (03) 5481 2873
- Tongala – Mangan Street, TONGALA phone (03) 5481 2821


**P.T.O.**

Bookings are essential for all sessions, (except storytimes) Bookings available online.


Children under 10 must have parental supervision

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The Sports Locker

Intermediate and Senior Summer Sports
We had a number of teams compete in the GMDSSV Intermediate Summer Sports this year with some fantastic results!
Our Senior Cricket team were the first to head off with the boys taking on a number of Shepparton schools and playing well as a team as well as having a great day out.
A week later our Intermediate Girls Volleyball team as well as three Intermediate Tennis teams had their chance with our Volleyballers taking out top spot and our Intermediate Girls coming second in the A division competition.

Congratulations to all students involved!!

Active April
Active April is coming to Rushworth again! Next term all students will receive an Active April card to earn physical activity points. We will hold a draw at the end of the month with some great sports equipment up for grabs! If you are interested in earning even more rewards and getting your friends and family involved, go to www.activeapril.vic.gov.au to sign up and see what sort of prizes and rewards the official competition has up for grabs!! You can sign up now and start earning rewards during the holidays.

Stadium Works
During the holidays our Stadium will be receiving a much needed face lift with the courts being cleaned and resealed. This will mean that next term students will not be permitted to enter with any shoes with black soles. We would encourage all senior students to ensure that they have their full sports uniform for sport and PE days, including non-marking sports footwear. Primary students should wear non-marking sports footwear on their PE days (full PE uniform is optional for these students).

Holidays!
From all of us in the Sports Department we wish you a safe and relaxing holiday period with lots of time to be active with friends and family!

“To keep the body in good health is a duty… otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.” ~ Buddha

Amanda Cray
Sports Coordinator
The Shire of Campaspe
NATIONAL youth WEEK
FESTIVAL
all activities are free!

Sumo Suits & Velcro Wall
Free Buses available from other towns!
Graffiti Art Workshop
Live Performances by Ash Dinsdale, Emily Begley, Georgina Bish & Heidi Moncreiff
Games & Activities all day

Proudly brought to you by:

Saturday 18 April 2015 | 11:00am - 4:00pm
Hopwood Gardens, Echuca (Cnr. High Street & Hopwood Place)

Buses leaving from Rushworth, Lockington, Rochester, Kyabram, and Gunbower.
BUS SEATS MUST BE BOOKED!
Book a seat by texting 0417 382 314 or emailing k.williamson@campaspe.vic.gov.au
Tuesday March 31, 2015  
10am-12 noon

Murchison Primary School Basketball Court

Cost $2

Open to primary school and secondary school aged children

Players of All Abilities welcome

Clinic Coach – John Lewis (JL)

Bookings required - bookings and information Murchison Neighbourhood House 5826 2373

Kyabram Lawn Easter Tennis Tournament

Saturday 4th April Round Robin Doubles

Sunday 5th April Round Robin Singles

Monday 6th April Round Robin Mixed

Events: A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, 14 and Under, 12 and Under

More Information: Contact Chris George 0438523938
Rushworth Football Netball Club

Rushworth P-12 College Newsletter

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Rushworth Football Netball Club

Starts Thursday 16th April 2015 at 5:15 pm at the Rushworth Sports Oval

For children from prep to grade 6
All welcome new and past players
Any enquires to
Amy Francis
0429186273
Must register and pay online
www.aflauskick.com.au

Rushworth Football Netball Club

Kid's Yoga at the Mud Hut

Children can benefit greatly from practicing yoga. Whether it is strength and flexibility, improved concentration, managing stress, or simply having fun in a non-competitive and safe environment, yoga has something to offer everyone, no matter what age you are!

Kids yoga will be running again in term 2 and will be open to all primary school aged children

Classes begin on Wednesday April 22 for six weeks, finishing on May 27
Time: 4:15pm to 5:15pm
Cost: $60 Family discount available

For more information or to register, please call Sue Barlow on 0438 523 415

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We're supporting you and your community

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

At the Bendigo it starts with U.