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Above: Students enjoyed looking at the inspiration last years’ TOP VCE Art and Design students provided at the TOP ARTS EXHIBITION.

Below: Students participate in the Positive Visioning activity as part of our National Youth Week activities.
News from the Principal....

It gives me great pleasure to welcome students and staff back to the College for the commencement of Term 2. Term 2 historically, is always a busy term as students deepen their knowledge and understanding of the work and learning being undertaken. Often this is supported with excursions, events and assessments. 2015 is going to be no different and in fact we have already been off to a flying start with our VCE Agriculture & Horticulture excursion, Year 10-12 Art Excursion and VCE Studio Arts Camp, not to mention a day focusing on physical and mental health as our Year 7-12 students celebrated National Youth Week last Friday.

A special welcome is extended to our new students, Daniel (Year 7) and Bill (Year 8). We trust that you have had an amazing start to your time with us and remind all families that we are here to support you and your child in their learning journey as they venture through and beyond our College. Whilst making special welcomes, I also wish to welcome our new staff for Term 2:

- Miss Joscelynne Strachan-Hatton – teaching Year 8 Form Group, Year 8 Humanities, Year 11 English and P-8 Studies of Asia;
- Mr Daniel Mongan – teaching Year 7 Science, Year 8 Maths and Science and Year 9 Maths;
- Mrs Jan Braham – teaching and supporting students with their literacy acquisition and development;
- Mr Andrew Warfe – teaching Year 7 Maths, Year 8 -10 Health and Physical Education.

PBIS Work – Update and news

Our PBIS Team continue to work away at developing, refining and enhancing our PBIS system. Term 1 saw teachers handing out over 1000 reinforcement “Rush” tickets to students observed demonstrating our expectations of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient. Our team has been collecting data on student behaviours and using this information to plan and implement supports for individual students. We have also conducted a Self-Assessment with staff that indicates a 28% implementation rate for PBIS Tier 1, which is fantastic given we are only 12 weeks into our year one implementation of the program.

This term the team will be working with staff to provide professional learning around some Tier 2 support strategies for individual students and have already commenced the roll out of our Check In / Check Out strategy to support students.

Don’t forget PBIS is all about us catching our students doing the right thing and then reinforcing students to encourage them to demonstrate our expectations on a regular basis. Feel free to drop in and see our PBIS system in action as each classroom has the same expectations, behaviour management strategies and guides/supports for students.

Curriculum Day – All staff are leaders

On Tuesday 21st April, all staff participated in a professional learning day based on building the leadership capacity of all of our staff. The day was facilitated by John and Ruth Sloan and provided staff with an opportunity to understand where our school is placed in terms of school improvement, the different leadership styles that we all can use and how each staff member can and will need to play a leadership role in our future if we are to continue the great work we have commenced. It was fantastic to see the staff team working together, understanding our challenges and strengths and exploring how individuals as well as teams of staff can and will make a difference over the coming years.
Improving communication – launch of Facebook

Getting communication right is a challenge for any organisation and we are no different. We are continually working on how we can provide our parents, students and community with clearer and more timely communication and have been listening to your feedback and comments. As a result we are pleased to announce the launch of our Facebook page.

The Rushworth P-12 College Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/rushworthp12](http://www.facebook.com/rushworthp12) and will be another tool in our communication efforts.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

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**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 1:**

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Top Arts, Top Designs, Top Excursion

On Thursday the 16th of April, the 2015 Art Club, YR 10, YR 11/12 Food Technology, Product Design and Technology and Studio Arts class went on a fantastic excursion to Melbourne to visit the Top Design/ Top Arts Exhibitions held at the Melbourne Museum and the National Gallery of Victoria Australia. Our aim was to show students the fantastic work created by VCE Students around Victoria and inspire our own students to create amazing work themselves.

Feedback from students on the day:

What was inspirational about the Top Arts Exhibition?
“The fact that there was a large range of artworks completed by VCE Students to such a high quality.” Shanae YR 10
“The Bike, it was just and everyday thing but it was turned into a projector.” Kody YR 10
“Seeing what people who are only a few year older than me can do, really makes me wonder what I can achieve.” Zoe YR 10
“The thing I found Inspirational about the Top Arts was looking at folios you see what others are capable of and achieved.” Karissa YR 10

What was your favourite thing for the day?
“How all the work is amazing for people who are still in school and passionate about Art.” Jess YR 10
“The best thing was the gaming museum and moving pictures in ACMI (Australian Centre of the Moving Image).” Oliver YR 10
“The graffiti lane and the film bike.” Tommy YR 10

Thank you to all the students for coming on our fantastic excursion. I would also like to thank Anne Trickey for supporting our excursion through a grant of $200 to go toward the travel costs form the LLEN. A special big thank you to Miss Klinberg and Miss Taylor for helping to organise this amazing day!
The first week of Term 2 saw the YR 12 Studio Arts class off on an overnight Art Camp to visit the abundance of art Melbourne has on offer. This camp also linked with the student’s learning outcomes and their need to visit a variety of art spaces as part of their studies. We started out with a visit to the Top Designs and Top Arts exhibitions with the other students who came along for a day excursion. These exhibitions gave students the ability to see the high quality of work being produced by Victorian students completing their VCE Art and Technology studies. We strolled over the road from Federation Square at the end of the day to visit Hosier Lane, one of Melbourne’s world famous alleys decorated from head to toe with an amazing array of street art. At this point in the day we said goodbye to the others as they made their way back to Rushworth on the bus and made our way to our accommodation in the CBD before going out for dinner and some exciting night photography and painting!

Students were asked to complete a series of exciting art tasks including a photography scavenger hunt and creating a series of watercolour painting of the Melbourne city at night. The next day was just as full on starting with a 9am appointment to view the Top Arts folios. This was highly beneficial for students to gauge what level they are working at and give them some pointers on how to improve their already fantastic work. We moved on to the National Gallery of Victoria International were we viewed work from the ancient times to post modernism. Students took this opportunity to inspect and assess the layout of a Public Gallery in terms of: space, lighting, temperature controls, jobs, advertising, purpose, and audience. We moved on to an Artist’s Run Space gallery call ‘Sticky Institute’. This layout was entirely different with a small space cluttered with a multitude of ‘Zines’ on display. Zines are small cheaply reproduced magazines. In the afternoon we visited the Victoria Market to get our shopping and culture fix, and after mastering the tram system, we stopped into Mrs Hodson’s favourite commercial gallery called ‘Outre’, which sells a variety of original and reproduced artwork in current and contemporary styles. Our day had finally come to an end as we made our way back to the accommodation to pick up our bags and make our way to Southern Cross train station to catch our train to Murchison East at 6.30pm.

What a great two days! We had a fantastic time and I would like to thank the students who attended for their outstanding company and brilliant enthusiasm! I look forward to seeing their immersion into art inspires their art production in the classroom!

Frankie O’Toole
Art Department
Introducing…. Our New staff

"Hi! My name is Ms. Strachan-Hatton and I have recently graduated from my arts and teaching degree. I am teaching Studies of Asia, Humanities and English for Term 2 at Rushworth. I am very excited to be teaching at a small and community focused school and I look forward to having memorable learning experiences with the students here at Rushworth. When I am not teaching you’ll find me reading a book, cooking, sewing or spending time with my pets (three rabbits and one dog). I also enjoy watching TV shows and Anime (Japanese animation)."

I am happy to be working at Rushworth P-12 College this term in the Literacy Intervention and Support role. My work will support students to improve achievement in reading and viewing, writing and spelling. I will work closely with teachers and school leaders to support students to build skills and confidence in these areas.

It is great to be living in the Goulburn Valley after moving from Adelaide. I grew up in Numurkah and remember visiting the beautiful Whroo forest with my grandmother as a child to collect grasses for her basket weaving and to look at the wildflowers.

I hope to meet some of the families this term and look forward to working with the college staff and students.

Jan Braham

Students taking part in our recent ANZAC ceremony.
What teachers get up to on Curriculum days.

At our recent staff training day all of the College staff spent a day working on how to be a leader, as everyone has the capacity to be one. One of the interesting sessions we worked on was our vision for the College in the future. Take a look at us learning—after all it is ongoing!
Years Prep - 2

Welcome back to Term Two Everyone! All the batteries are recharged for another exciting Term. We will be learning about The ANZAC ’s, Indigenous culture, and Healthy Eating in Inquiry this Term. We also have a few other events to look forward to such as School Athletics.

Over the past week in Math’s we have looked at Numbers, Place value and Subtraction. We are currently looking at 2D Shapes and their properties. Within out Literacy block we have been focussing on Reading for meaning. As well as building our vocabulary. We are also looking at the structure of writing Recount texts, Punctuation and content of our Writing.

REMEMBER: Can we please have ALL items of clothing named. The P-4 storage room has an abundance of left jumpers. If you are a parent of a forgetful student who may not be coming home with some items of clothing please remind students to check the bag room (or feel free to come in and check with them). Thank-you.

Nightly Reading: Please remind your child to read every night. You can help your child by asking questions about their book, remind them to sound out unknown words, look at the pictures.

Miss Belinda McDonald

Year 5/6

The Grade 5/6 Awards for last week are:

Myah Spence – Presented in recognition of exceptional effort to read for 50 nights

Tamazin Sacco - Presented in recognition of exceptional effort to read for 50 nights

Lily Kenney – Presented in recognition of exceptional effort to display the 3 R’s of our College

Carolyn Fraser

Pictured at right; Jordann Rodgers wears a very BIG smile at the honour of being able to bring along to school her grandfathers service hat and medals to show to the rest of the class as part of our studies around the ANZAC tradition.
Year 3/4

The three-four class have had a great start to the term, well done everyone.

It has been great to see more students coming to class each day with their readers and spelling words. It is fantastic to see a few students starting to reach 50 nights of reading, great work!

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

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about different types of writing, focusing on narrative and persuasive writing and the language used in those types of writing. We will be continuing with this focus over the next few weeks.

In our Numeracy lessons we have been working on developing our automatic response to one digit plus/subtract one digit questions and developing different strategies to help with addition and subtraction. We have also looked at 3D shapes and describing their features.

Next week we are looking a counting money and calculating change. The students should also be bring home some Numeracy home, either addition or multiplication based, please encourage your child to complete their homework and return it each Friday.

Miss Megan Flynn

The whole college was involved in a service to commemorate ANZAC day last Friday.

Above: Sarah Lange-Richards delivers a reading

Left: Pride of place at the flagpole were two beautiful wreaths, one made by our 5/6 class. Well done class!
LITERACY NEWS

The Premier’s Reading challenge is on again this year, and we are encouraging our students to get involved.

*Parents;*
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge encourages all children to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can.

*Students;*
Take the Challenge. Read great books that you choose from the booklists. Then log in to record what you’ve read and vote for your favourite.

To register for the challenge go to [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc) or please see Ms Bradley for more details.

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The Sports Locker

*Students participating actively..*
Our students have all been very busy since returning to school, being ‘active’ for the Premier’s Active April Challenge. We look forward to sharing our results with you in the next newsletter, some great prizes are up for grabs to those that have been REALLY active!

**Coming up..**

- **P-12 Athletics Day** - Tuesday 5th May - Everybody welcome!
- Intermediate Volleyball - Regional Finals - Tuesday 5th May - Good luck girls!

*Amanda Cray*
*Sports Coordinator*

There are still a few days of April left - it's not too late to get active! See Ms Cray or Mr Warfe for more details, or more stamps on your cards.
Each year, organisations around the country acknowledge the contributions of young people by providing celebrations and events that focus on the support of our youth. At Rushworth P-12, we participated in National Youth Week by organizing guest presenters and activities aimed at promoting physical and mental health in our students from years 7-12.

The theme for National Youth Week was ‘It starts with us’. We interpreted this as building the capacity for young people to make positive change in the world as a core moral purpose of how we educate at Rushworth. To prepare young people for making a difference and being the start of this change, it is important that they are mentally and physical fit for the challenge and that they are aware of the resources and strategies available to support them with this journey. National Youth Week celebration day was our way of contributing to this.

Speakers from The Shire of Campaspe, Headspace, and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services spoke to the students about the various ways that we can stay positive and connected with our friends and community, while also supporting others who may be going through a hard time. Students became more aware of the support that is in our community and how to get help, ensuring that they feel acknowledged and know where to turn in times of need.

Students also moved through a range of activities in groups, including yoga, meditation, tai chi and team sports, connecting healthy body and healthy mind. Some students also participated in a positive visioning activity, which took a creative approach to visualising their goals and their best possible self, while others wrote on a ‘Praise a peer’ poster and articulated their hopes on wishing flags. A full stomach also doesn’t hurt, so we provided breakfast and a sausage sizzle at lunch to keep energy levels up.

We would like to thank Jacqui Wallace from Goulburn Valley Health for her support and assistance with the organization and running of the day.

Peter Bovell
Assistant Principal.

Activities included Meditation, Yoga and creating some Japanese Wishing flags... The Sausage sizzle at lunch was warmly welcomed as well.
Kids 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

Aussie Hoops – Learn to Play Basketball

8 Week Programme For Children Ages 6-10

When: Thursdays 5.00-5.45 pm
Commences April 30th
registration and first session on this night.

Where: Tatura Basketball Stadium

Cost: $70 Initial Registration, includes Aussie Hoops pack

For more details please contact Lisa Cullum on 0428242889