### MAY

**7th**  
Newsletter home

**12-14th**  
NAPLAN

**13-15th**  
Year 11 Outdoor Environmental Studies, Feathertop Camp

**15th**  
Year 9 & selected VCE students travel to Dookie for an Ag/Hort Excursion 7.30am

**17th-23rd**  
EDUCATION WEEK

**18th**  
College Council & sub-committees 7pm

**19th-22nd**  
Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp

**21st**  
Newsletter home

**22nd**  
Motivational speaker for Year 11/12 students 2.00pm

Senior Winter sports Basketball (boys)

**26th**  
Senior Winter sports Netball (girls)

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Above: Take a look at what Kannika & Geordie have been up to in the kitchen inside.

Below: Who said Athletics were ALL about sport? One of the many highlights of Tuesday’s event was the Fashion Parade. Read more on pages 4-7.
News from the Principal....

College Athletics Sports

Congratulations to Brocklebank (Yellow) on winning the 2015 P-12 Athletics Championships conducted this past Tuesday. Whilst Brocklebank made it over the line in first position at the end of the day it was wonderful to see the oval a flood of purple and yellow as all students from P-12 competed for their respective teams, Brocklebank and McNamara. The weather may have been inclement, overcast and at times drizzly but all of our students put their best foot forward and contributed on the day. A special thank you is extended to Amanda Cray for her outstanding organisation of the event and her adaptability in catering for the last minute changes due to the weather. A big thank you is extended to our Senior VCAL students who provided a BBQ lunch for students and staff on the day.

All Staff are Learners

Our success as a College hinges on the ability of all our College members being learners, not just our students. As we move through the year, at times you will notice that your child’s teacher may not be in attendance. On some occasions this absence is due to illness and on others it is due to staff extending their professional learning and further developing their skills. Some examples over the past few weeks have included:

- Primary Staff visiting other schools to share ideas about quality literacy and numeracy teaching.
- VCAL teachers attending a seminar to understand the requirements for writing and delivering quality VCAL units and curriculum. Did you know that in 2014 our teachers had their VCAL Literacy and Numeracy Units deemed as Exemplary by an independent quality assurance panel?
- First Aide Training – this is an ongoing and necessary part of our work, we all know students have accidents and injuries.

Our aim in delivering professional learning for our staff is to ensure we are giving our students the best opportunity for success by delivering research based, best practice teaching, learning and engagement opportunities at the College.

Upcoming Camps

Over the next few weeks we have a number of students and teachers heading off on camp. Next week our Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental Studies students are heading up to Mt. Feathertop for a three day hike and will be accompanied by Jamie Daff and Belinda McDonald. The following week our Year 5/6 students are heading to Melbourne for an Urban Camp and will be accompanied by Amanda Cray, Peter Bovell & Peter Barnes.

Open Day – Thursday 28th May

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Every Day Counts

Many students have their educational progress severely interrupted by absences, which are sometimes unnecessary. To reach their potential at school, students need to attend regularly. Parents - you have a critical role to play in protecting your own child’s future. Absences can be minimised by arranging dental and medical appointments after school or during the holidays — you need to book ahead, why not book now for school holidays later in the year. Shopping, helping at home, and visiting relatives may all seem important at the time — but not as important as your child’s education. Trivial reasons for absence are not sufficient to discharge parents’ legal responsibilities. We (parents and the school) need to work together to help students to understand the importance of being at school whenever possible. Should you require support in getting your child to school please contact me immediately. We all can work together to make a difference to your child’s future.

Kind regards, Brad Moyle, Principal

College Values : Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient
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 3:

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APRIL Monthly Winners:

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Active April

We had another fantastically successful Active April in 2015 with lots of activity around the school and many students filling up their active April cards with stamps. At the end of the month five lucky students were drawn out to win a prize but a huge congratulations should go to all of the students who participated! Keep up the physical activity everyone!

Volleyball Hume Finals

On Tuesday 5th May our Intermediate Volleyball team headed up to Wodonga to compete in the Hume Region finals after taking out our local comp in March. The girls played fantastically all day beating Yarrawonga and Mansfield before losing by just two points in the final set against Wodonga. A huge congratulations to the girls and their coach, Mr Barnes, and a massive thank-you to Ms Bradley who stepped in to take the girls up to Wodonga on the day of the competition!!

Athletics Carnival

Well, it wouldn’t be an Athletics Carnival without a bit of wild weather but 2015 proved to be a little bit extreme!!

On Tuesday 5th May the students headed over to the Old Primary School oval to keep the Brocklebank vs McNamara rivalry alive and boy did they deliver. Student participation, enthusiasm and competitiveness was definitely set to high with javelins, discus’ and shots flying, not to mention the students themselves as they flew around the track, jumped into the sand pits and leapt over the high jump pole!!

Mother Nature was on us from the start of the day and just before lunch the wind and rain forced us back to school for our fashion parade and tug-of-war followed by a yummy sausage sizzle lunch provided by members of the VCAL class and finishing the day with relays in the stadium.

With all of the difficulties that we faced the students were fantastic in the way they adapted to the changing conditions and at the end of it all Brocklebank came out on top, beating McNamara by just over 1,200 points.

A massive congratulations and a very heartfelt thanks to all students and staff for their determination and enthusiasm.

The day finished with a PBIS draw with students taking home sporting equipment, and the presentation of age group Champions as follows:

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Above: Students got involved in many athletic events. Below: The Athletics Age Champions
Above Middle: Jack Risstrom in mid-flight on the long jump.
Above: Elise Jones over the high jump.
Right: Tysen Cottrell makes the javelin soar.

Top (L-R) Ike Jones & Jac Barrett give it their best on the high jump.
Above: The senior boys compete in a track event.

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The weather may have driven us inside -  
**BUT** it didn't stop us having **FUN!!**
Who needs TV Reality cooking shows? WE DON'T!

Students have been cooking up a storm...

Food Technology classes have been cooking a storm in the last fortnight! The Grade 5/6 class were busy making Corn and Zucchini Fritters with a Chive Yoghurt. The students demonstrated safe use of the oven throughout the lesson and are looking forward to their class next week in the school garden!

Year 11 Food Technology were busy whisking up egg whites to learn all about the physical and chemical changes to eggs as a result of a mechanical force. Gabby & Taylah pictured at right with their egg whites.

Year 10 produced a deluxe designer hamburger that contributes to their current assignment on Food Styling and Photography. The students produced and assembled hamburgers with caramelised onion incorporating a range of colours from various vegetables into their burger.
Upcoming practicals include:
- Year 7 Pizza,
- Year 8 Designer Pasta Meal
- Year 9 Gourmet ANZAC Biscuits!

(We can’t wait to see more photos).
Ms Taylor
Food Technology

PLEASE: A reminder for students to bring a suitable container for any practical classes.

More... Meet the NEW staff....

The Rushworth P-12 College community has welcomed me with open arms and warm hearts. My name is Mr. Andrew Warfe and I have been a part of this community since 2012 in a limited capacity. I completed many days as a casual relief teacher before accepting some short contracts for teachers who were away and finally at the start of this year have been teaching English to the Year 7’s and Health and Physical Education to Years 7, 8 and 10. I look forward to the challenge ahead and hope to leave your children with happiness and knowledge.

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LIBRARY LEARNINGS
THE CHILDREN’S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS

2015 Shortlisted Books

Each Library article leading up to Book Week, will feature a Shortlisted book from categories: Older Readers, Younger Readers, Early childhood and Picture Book of the Year.

So make sure to keep an eye out for each issue!!

Older Readers - Years 9+
Title: The Protected
Author: Claire Zorn

Blurb: Hannah’s world is in pieces and she doesn’t need the school counsellor to tell her she has deep-seated psychological issues. With a seriously depressed mum an injured dad and a dead sister, who wouldn’t have problems?

Hannah should feel terrible but for the first time in ages, she feels a glimmer of hope and isn’t afraid anymore. Is it because the elusive Josh is taking an interest in her? Or does it run deeper than that?

In a family torn by grief and guilt, one girl’s struggle to come to terms with years of torment shows just how long old wounds can take to heal.

‘The Protected captures the volatility of adolescence, the fragility of family, and the importance of a good friend.’ AJ Betts

Younger Readers - Mid to Upper Primary
Title: The Simple Things
Author: Bill Condon

Blurb: Stephen has never met his great aunt Lola, and he doesn’t want to. She sends him money twice a year and he always writes back, but Lola is almost eighty - what will they have to talk about?

When Stephen’s family arrives at her house, he discovers she’s not only really, really old but also grumpy and scary. He wants to turn around and go home, but mum says they have to stay until Lola’s birthday - three weeks away.

With help from Lola’s neighbour, Norm, and his granddaughter, Allie, Stephen learns about the simple things in life - like fishing and cricket and climbing trees. But then there’s an emergency, and a secret is revealed, and Stephen begins to wonder whether Lola has become more than just his aunt - could she be a friend?

‘A delightfully warm and moving story about family, friendship, getting old and growing up.’ - Junior Bookseller & Publisher

Early Childhood
Title: Pig the Pug
Author/Illustrator: Aaron Blabey

Blurb: Pig was a Pug
And I’m sorry to say,
He was greedy and selfish
In most every way...

An hilarious book about learning to share from much-loved, award-winning Aaron Blabey.
Picture Book of the Year

Title: The Duck and the Darklings
Author: Glenda Millard
Illustrator: Stephen Michael King

Blurb: Grandpapa’s eyes shine when he remembers the beauty of the world, long-ago. Peterboy wants to find something wonderful to bring the light to Grandpapa’s eyes and keep it there. What he finds is a duck, wounded and broken and Grandpapa mends her from top to tail; quack, waddle and wing!

The Duck and the Darklings is a triumphant story, for children and adults, about the coming of hope in dark days, the warmth of friendship and the splendour of a new dawn.

These books are currently available to borrow from the Library.
Remember to keep on reading!

Until Next time,
Kerri-Anne Nurse
Library Manager

Leaders helping Leaders

Recently, two of our Rushworth P-12 Student Leadership group – Andrew Gelsi and Jack McMillan visited Murchison Primary School to speak to their Grade 5 and 6 leaders.
Jack and Andrew discussed their roles as Sports Captain and Vice-Captain and what it means to be a leader at our school.
The students at Murchison PS were very eager to learn from the boys and had lots of questions about their reactions to getting the role, the pressure they experience to do the right thing, how they feel about being a leader, etc.
We would like to thank the staff and students at Murchison Primary School for inviting us on such a significant day and wish them all the best in their journey to becoming great leaders.

Stacey McMillan

Jak and Andrew with the Murchison Primary Captains.

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On the 24th of April the Year 12 Chemistry class combined with students from St Augustine’s College and Kyabram P-12 College to undertake a practical assessment at the Victorian Space Science Education Centre at Strathmore. Students got to use a number of powerful analytical techniques used in commercial laboratories to determine Aspirin content in Aspro Clear, Alcohol content in suspect drinks and the levels of Magnesium and Calcium in water supplies.

As well as getting hands on experience with equipment used in many industrial and research laboratories, students had the chance to discuss potential future pathways with the presenters who are still undertaking post graduate studies in fields associated with chemistry.

The trip down was a powerful opportunity for our students to begin forming strong networks with other students in the local area allowing them to discuss concepts and ideas to gain a better understanding of the material covered in Year 12 Chemistry.

I’d like to thank the Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network for providing a bus to the schools so that we could undertake this valuable learning experience.

Peter Barnes
**PREP - YEAR 6 News...**

**Years Prep - 2**

Congratulations to our weekly award winners!

Bradley Bons & Jack Clarke both received Bronze Mathletics certificates, well done boys!

Bailey Burge received our PBIS star of the week, Great work Bailey!

Haylee Marshall received our classroom award for trying her best in all areas! Fantastic job to all of you! Keep it up! 😊

We have had a bit of fun with shapes, place value, skip counting and money. We have just moved into chance and will be continuing to strengthen our number knowledge.

In Literacy we have been building our understanding about texts, practising our letter names and sounds; as well as concentrating on our handwriting.

We have also been looking at different text structures and focussing on content in given paragraphs, within our writing.

Students are getting a bit tired from working so hard over the last couple of weeks – Keep up the hard work Prep/One/Twos! It has been great to see the increase of nightly reading happening at home. Thank you to all parents for supporting and assisting with this.

I am still after parent volunteers to assist with reading from 8:30-9:00 each morning. If you’re interested and free please pop in any morning 😊

*Miss Belinda McDonald*

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**Year 3/4**

The three-four class have had a very busy two weeks, with lots of learning and sporting events happening.

Well done to Zac Price, Tom Jones and Dana Rodgers for receiving our PBIS awards, for demonstrating the 3R’s of Rushworth P-12. Our class awards went to Jackson Stewart for his helpful approach to learning, Dana Rodgers and Tom Jones for their positive contributions in class.

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. The students are also bringing home Numeracy tasks to help consolidate the skills learnt in class.

In Literacy, we have been learning about how language is used to communicate and developing our understanding of the features of narrative stories. In the next few weeks we will be looking at how characters and events are presented in text and authors purpose, we will also look at how opinions and facts are presented and discussed.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about the chance and identifying events where the chance of one event will not be affected by the other. Next week we will be looking at multiplication and using efficient strategies for multiplication and division.

Our Inquiry focus for the next five weeks of this term is Indigenous history, 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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**Year 5/6**

Matthew Caton – For being organised and reading on a regular basis.

Lillian Gelsi – PBIS - For displaying the 3 R’s of Rushworth P-12 College
WANTED
READING VOLUNTEERS!!

The College is seeking support from Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, or passionate Community Members who love listening to kids read.

Our Primary classrooms will be open each morning from 8.30am til 9.00am

If you are interested in assisting please contact Stacey McMillan on 58561230.

(A volunteer Working With Children Check may be required - but we can help you apply for that too).

NO COST INVOLVED.

Psychology Fun...

On Wednesday 25th March the Year 10, 11 and 12 Psychology students visited the “Mind: Beyond the Labyrinth” exhibition at the Melbourne Museum and the Epworth Sleep Centre.

The Year 10 and 11 students have been learning about the Visual Perception System including the parts of the eye, the way we interpret visual stimuli and visual illusions.

The Year 12 students have been focusing on the structure of the brain, states of consciousness and sleep.

The photos are of Psychology students Taylor & Janelle in Year 10 dissecting the eye, whilst right, Year 12 student Grace works on dissecting a brain, to learn more about its structure.

Stacey McMillan
Psychology
Careers Central

Melbourne University - Focus Days

Considering studying a Melbourne University in the future? Think about going along to one of their upcoming Focus days. They may help you get the answers you seek on your future pathway.

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Career Interviews begin for Year 12’s

Next week begins the Career interview process for Year 12’s. ALL Year 12’s are expected to book a career interview with myself during the week.

All other Year levels from 9 - 11 will follow in subsequent weeks.

Parents are most welcome to be a part of this process and if you need to make an after school appointment, I am happy to accommodate that. Please contact me at the College.

During the interviews I will also be introducing our students to our new careers website. We will bring parents more information about this new resource in our next newsletter.

Year 10 Work Experience

The process has begun in earnest in searching for placements for our Year 10 cohort. This week we began looking at OH&S, and the issues we need to be aware of in the workplace. Next week we will be working on identifying Workplace hazards, and communicating with employers.

Kerrie Raglus, Student Pathways

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Don’t forget!!! The Premier’s Reading challenge is on again this year.

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 or please see Ms Bradley for more details.

Literacy hints to help your child read at home.

Rereading: Rereading is a very important habit for readers to develop. Students need to reread when:

- They come to an unfamiliar word and need to gather more information before they make an informed prediction.
- They make a prediction: They need to confirm that the word they insert makes sense in the context of the story, is grammatically correct and looks right.

If your child does not reread on these occasions, allow them a few seconds to initiate the process of rereading; and if they still fail to do so, please provide a reminder.

For older students, keep a dictionary handy to look up unfamiliar words, so as to ensure that what they are reading, makes sense. This will help your child to become more familiar with words, build their vocabulary and in turn, their confidence in reading.

Keep an eye out in upcoming Newsletters for more handy tips to help you assist your child with their Literacy skills.

Sue Bradley
Literacy Coordinator
Your Shire is just a Click away!

Youth Media Team

We Want YOU!

Council is developing a website where young people like you can get info on local services, get involved in their communities, have fun, and connect with each other.

We’re looking for young people who want to be part of the Youth Media Team and help bring the interests and skills of young people to the community.

What does the Media Team do?

In short, anything and everything to do with making sure that Click Campaspe is fresh and relevant!

- website design
- judging competitions
- coming up with promotions
- movie and music reviews
- leadership & decision making

Build skills
Have fun
Get involved

If you’re 12-25 and want to join the Media Team, contact Kasey Williamson at the Shire of Campaspe
m. 0417 382 314 or e. k.williamson@campaspe.vic.gov.au
http://facebook.com/clickcampaspe

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Berry Street Post Separation Co-Operative Parenting Program

3 Hour Seminar to help separated parents have healthy and strong relationships with their children.

Seminar includes:

- Ways of communicating with the other parent
- Impact of separation and conflict on children
- Setting goals for future parenting

Once participants complete the Intake Process they are registered to attend the seminar.

To register or for more information please contact: Berry Street, Post Separation Services. **Phone 5822 8100**

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