DECEMBER

4th  Xmas Gift stall for Primary students
     11.00 - 1.30pm

7th  College Council & sub-committees 7pm

8th  State-wide Transition Day

9th  Year 5/6 T2o Blast Tournament
     Year 5/6 Graduation Dinner

14th Year 12 results released

15th Bush clean up activity with RAGE
     Presentation Night
     Shire Hall 7pm

16th College Picnic Day

17th Newsletter home

18th Last day of school
     2.30pm dismissal

Above: Caltex All Rounder Alex Gelsi with College Council President — Cass Alexander. Read all about the Year 12 Graduation Dinner on pages 4 & 5 of this edition.

Below: The Primary students had a great time at the Interharmony Festival recently, which was supported by the Songroom program — read about that on pages 14, 15.
News from the Principal....

Appointment of Acting Principal for Term 1

It gives me great pleasure to inform our College Community that Ms Leanne Miller has been appointed as Acting Principal of Rushworth P-12 College for Term 1, 2016. Leanne is joining us from Crusoe College, Bendigo, where she has been Assistant Principal now for a number of years. Leanne brings with her experience, training and qualifications at both Primary and Secondary level, as well as experience in school improvement work. I have no doubt that Leanne will provide the College Community with an exemplary level of leadership as she leads and supports our students, staff and broader community in the fulfilment of our Strategic Plan.

Leanne will be paying us a visit next week with the opportunity to meet students and staff and to commence the handover process for a successful start to 2016.

College Student Leaders 2016

It gives me great pleasure to formally announce and recognise our College Student Leaders for 2106.

Congratulations to our College Captains for 2016, Taylah Bons and Liana Coyle.

Congratulations to our College Vice Captains for 2016, Tanner Stokes and Matt Lucreziano.

I have no doubt that our four student leaders will be inspiring leaders for our students as they work together with our staff to further improve our College. If you see our student leaders, please congratulate these young leaders on their willingness to make a contribution beyond the classroom and to act as role models and leaders for our College Community.

Year 12 Graduation

It was an absolute pleasure to attend our recent Year 12 Graduation and present a speech to our graduating class of 2015. There is no doubt that our class of 2015 is an inspiring group of young adults who are both learners and leaders, and this was showcased through the recognition of the outstanding Year 12 achievements of 2015. Graduates of 2015, you will always be a part of the Rushworth P-12 College family. On behalf of our College Community, congratulations. I wish you a lifetime filled with happiness, good health, success and dreams that come true. Remember, you are capable of great things and each of you can and will achieve those things that you hold near and dear.

We know that our graduating class each year really look forward to their Graduation Evening.

College Values : Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient
Following feedback from our event this year and previous years, College Council will be making some changes for 2016 that will enable us to build on the links with our local Rushworth community and host this event locally in 2016. Stay tuned for more information in 2016.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

Members of the Year 12 Graduating Class of 2015—who had a fabulous time at their Graduation Dinner recently. See more on pages 4 & 5.

Rushworth P-12 College is a SUNSMART School

ALL staff and students need to wear a hat when outside during Term 4.

If you need to you can purchase one from the General Office for $12.
I would like to thank family, friends, staff, college captains and the graduating class of 2015 for participating in such a wonderfully memorable Graduation night.

A special thanks to our special guests for attending, Cass Alexander, the Rushworth P-12 College Council President, Blake Rosenberg, college photographer and Syd Sprague, Bruce Raglus & Mavis Raglus of the Rushworth and District Lions’ Club. We would also like to thank past teachers Suzanne Trease and Helen Truran for attending the celebrations.

The night was a magnificent statement of student achievement and endeavour, with a multitude of awards being presented to the graduating class. Students were also given the opportunity to assembled on stage and offer their thanks and appreciations to the staff who helped them through their final year at Rushworth P-12 College.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those students who have used the last two years to define and mould the best possible version of themselves, who have strived to complete personal bests and who have taken every opportunity offered to them to grow and develop in to an amazing young person who is driven, independent and responsible.

School work is something to complete but life is something you experience.

To the class of 2015, I wish you every success in your future!

Frankie O’Toole
VCE/VCAL Coordinator

**Award recipients are as follows:**

### TECHNOLOGY AWARD
- The Rushworth P-12 College Technology Award is presented to a student who demonstrates outstanding skill and dedication in the area of Technology.

- **Brandon May**

### ENGLISH
- The Rushworth P-12 College English Award is presented to the most outstanding VCE English student in the graduating class.

- **Kristie Crute**

### HEALTH & PE
- The Rushworth P-12 College Health & Physical Education Award is presented to the most outstanding VCE student in the graduating class.

- **Caleb Stokes**

### HUMANITIES
- The Rushworth P-12 College Humanities Award is presented to the most outstanding VCE Humanities student in the graduating class.

- **Caleb Stokes**

### MATHEMATICS
- The Rushworth P-12 College Mathematics Award is presented to the most outstanding VCE student in the graduating class.

- **Caleb Stokes**

### SCIENCE
- The Michael Sandford Memorial Science Award is presented to the most outstanding VCE science student in the graduating class. This student must complete at least two Unit 3 and 4 Science subjects. This award is given in memory of Michael Sandford, a dedicated science teacher who worked with the students of this college until his untimely death in 1996.

- **Kristie Crute**
COMMUNITY AWARDS

Caltex All Rounder - This award sponsored by Caltex is presented to a Year 12 student chosen for excellence and all round involvement in: sport, academic achievement, college activities and who has also demonstrated high standards in their personal conduct. 

Alex Gelsi

Rushworth & District Lion’s Club Citizenship Award - The Rushworth & District Lions Club Citizenship Award is presented to the Year 12 student who is considered to be the outstanding citizen of this year level.

Grace McDonald

Campaspe Cohuna LLEN – VCAL Excellence Award for the highest achiever/s in VCAL

Shantelle Ward
Year 11 – Metro Experience Camp

The 23rd of November saw our Year 11 students gathering bright and early to embark on an adventure which would see them grow as a team and stretch their comfort zones.

The trip to Melbourne was rather uneventful other than a fellow traveller attempting to assist Carrigan with putting her luggage in an overhead compartment only to drop it on Carrigan’s head. Obviously after sitting on a train for 2 hours no one wants to sit anymore so we strolled to Melbourne Discovery which was only “A few more blocks away” where we fluttered our eyelids sweetly at reception while explaining that some people forgot their towel and if we could borrow a couple we’d be very appreciative and dumped our bags ready to set off on our first adventure.

We arrived at Flinders St station well before schedule but decided that it would be prudent to catch an earlier train to Splatball than required. Just as well really since Taylah, Hayley and Matt mistimed how long it would take to get something to eat resulting in one train being missed and Mr Barnes, bringing up the rear of the group, when asked what train to catch, pointed at the one that just closed its doors and said “that one”. This however allowed the first person on the trip to step out of their comfort zone. Who knew that Tanner was so scared of Train Horns!

We arrived at Splatball early, where the staff accommodated us, giving an entertaining safety briefing and a run down of the rules. The games ran well with everyone joining in and certain students developing a man crush for our fantastic referee Brian. Back to Discovery to get cleaned up before heading off to Lentil As Anything to stretch our culinary experiences. Yes it’s just a few blocks further (I’m starting to think these guys really do like walking).

After an eventful night Tuesday morning saw us head off to Queen Victoria Market for breakfast and to gather supplies for a Picnic in the park. Lunch saw us sit down in Treasury Gardens to a spread of fruits, breads, cheese, ham and dip while Liana tried to pat the ducks and the more energetic played kick to kick. After lunch we had another leisurely stroll to Circus Oz where Pip and Jez showed us some potions for building human pyramids and some basic Trapeze moves. Back to Melbourne Central but obviously we hadn’t done enough walking because Hayley and Miss Carr needed to go on a casual-speed run with the Nike runners club. As we waited for them to return Bianca chose a movie for us to watch.

Wednesday saw us off to Harbour Town for some shopping before collecting our bags to get the train home. Taking a leaf out of Hayley and Miss Carr’s book instead of walking we thought we’d give this running a go. This had nothing to do with being late for the train at all, just yet another attempt to get Blake out of his comfort zone. The train ended up being cancelled so we needed to get a later one.
anyway. Not content with this Carrigan and Matt decided to get a bottle of water from the platform vending machine just as the train departed. Bottle of water $2.50, the look on Carrigan and Matts face as the train pulled out with the rest of the group, all their luggage and their tickets, priceless.

All was fine in the end though as the conductor sorted out their tickets and the managed to get the next train along with some free frozen yoghurt.

All in all it was a great trip with all students stepping up to support each other and face their individual concerns and fears.

Peter Barnes
**PBIS Positive Behaviours**

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

**Week 9 (1 December):**

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**Carols by Candlelight**

Sunday 20 December, 6.30pm
Queens Gardens, Shepparton

Presented by Greater Shepparton City Council

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**PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER**

**RUSHWORTH SHIRE HALL 7.00PM**

*All Welcome*
Over the last nine months the Rushworth P-12 College Community has rolled out a Positive Behaviour Interventions & Supports (PBIS) System that is showing great results by:

- Increasing school safety and climate
- Increasing academic achievement & social competence
- Decreasing behaviour disruptions & teacher / administrative time
- Decreasing Office Discipline Referrals & Suspensions

Our PBIS School Improvement Team meets fortnightly and under the leadership and guidance of Mr Jamie Daff, the team plans future developments as well as examining our fortnightly and monthly student behaviour data. This behaviour data is then used by the team to develop supports for students who are finding it difficult to meet and demonstrate the College expectations of Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Resilient.

All of our Tier 2 supports rely on your support as parents, so you will always be informed if your son or daughter is going to commence one of these supports. Our Tier 2 supports include:

**Check In, Check Out**

The Check in, Check Out (CICO) Program is a research based, evidence driven, school-wide, check-in, check-out prevention program for students who are starting to engage in problem behaviour. The goal of the CICO Program is to prevent students who are acting out from escalation and provide them with more frequent feedback on their behaviour to prevent future problem behaviour.

**Attention Prevention**

Attention Prevention is another research based and evidenced driven approach and a Tier 2 Strategy at Rushworth P-12 College. The aim of our program is to reduce the attention that students who bully others receive. Our students are all taught to respond to bullying using a 3 step response of Stop, Walk and Talk. In addition, we equip our students with the skills to move from Bystanders to Upstanders by Being a Buddy, Interrupting, Speaking Out and Telling Someone.

**Social Skills Program**

Our Social Skills program is a series of lessons over a period of time, where a small group of identified students will work with a dedicated staff member. These lessons will cover topics such as; following instructions, making an apology, giving & accepting compliments, asking for help and staying on task. Our Social Skills program will be delivered twice each week in two one hour sessions.

*Brad Moyle, Principal.*

*November 2015.*

“Positive Community, Positive Outcomes”
CFA Graduation Evening

On the evening of the 26th of November was the Year 9 CFA celebration event. There was roughly 50 people in attendance including: the students, volunteers, parents, friends and future school captains.

The graduating class of 2015 gave a brief speech about their 22 week experience of CFA training. Hosted by Mr. Andrew Warfe other people contributed to the evening including: Cass Alexander and Brian Wright. We would like also mention and thank Brian as this was his last year as coordinator of the school CFA program and his 10 years of contributions to the program has been incredible.

The parents were all pleased to see how much care and admiration the volunteers showed their kids during the program and beamed with pride for their accomplishments throughout the 22 weeks.

Cass is going to step up as the new coordinator of the schools CFA program and we wish him the best of luck with the successes and challenges that he will no doubt face. At the end of the night all the students were presented with their wildfire firefighter certificate. Great Job crews!
What a great year it has been for the College Library. I would like to take the opportunity to wish all students and their families a warm and safe Christmas and New Year 2016!!

The highlights for the College Library this year have been:

◊ Primary students Book Week art display - ‘Books Light Up Our World’
◊ Whole school Book Week parade - Mr Men and Little Miss book characters
◊ Book Week Activities with the primary students
◊ A wonderful donation of novels from our former student, Meredith Heily and her friends

I would like to share a passage from Meredith:

“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”.

The College Library has purchased many new wonderful titles this year and with Meredith’s generous donation also, the library shelves are brimming!!

I have big ideas for the College Library in 2016 and will share these with you next year so make sure to visit the College Newsletter in 2016!

Remember to ‘Keep on Reading' over the holidays -

*Kerri-Anne Nurse, Library Manager*
LEAP into Business, Design, Engineering, Health, Law, Sciences!

On Friday the 20th of November our Year 7 and 8 students attended a LEAP Higher event at Latrobe University in Bendigo along with several other schools from Bendigo, Castlemaine and Pyramid Hill. Students eagerly watched a fabulous performance by the Gibber Production Company which detailed the importance and ease of going to University.

Students were entertained and inspired by the fast moving and very relevant performance.

We were then treated to a presentation by Engineering and Design, lecturers from Latrobe. Students were treated by the lecturers as adults and our year 7 and 8s responded admirably, demonstrating exemplary behaviour.

On the way home we took a break at Lake Weeroona to eat lunch and play a little cricket. A great day was had by teachers and students alike!

Any students or parent/carers who would like more information can visit the LEAP program online at https://www.leap.vic.edu.au/

Heather Carroll
“Happy as a kid in a sandpit!”

Is there such a quote?

We think our friends at Stanhope Primary School think so...

Recently the P-12 College offered it’s support to the sandpit building project at Stanhope Primary School by ‘lending’ our maintenance person Dean Jamieson, to oversee and manage the task of completing the project, along with a support base of students who assisted throughout the project—mostly former Stanhope Primary school students themselves.

At left are Daniel West & Jorge Maxwell with Dean.

REWARD OFFERED

The pictured hair straightener was a very special gift given to one of our Year 12 students for their 18th birthday this year.

Sadly, this hair straightener was left in the girls stadium toilets on Friday 23 October and has since ‘disappeared’ - SOMEBODY would know something about it’s whereabouts and the owner would appreciate you coming forward and giving that information. A reward will be offered for it’s return.

If you know something please contact Belinda on 0400654106
**PREP - YEAR 8 News...**

**Prep - Year 2**

Congratulations to our weekly award winners **Jayden Bloomfield** for being a positive class member and **Annalise Boyd** for being a resilient student, keep up the great work!!

We have been revisiting what we have learnt in 2015 in both Literacy and Numeracy over the past week and will continue for the next week. A big congratulations to all students in our class for working hard on improving their reading over the past semester! You have all done an excellent job!! 😊

We are wrapping up our Fantastic Fairy Tales topic with our puppet plays, and moving onto our fun Christmas activities over the next week or two.

We will also be visiting the Rushworth Kinder next Thursday, to join them for some Christmas cheer, which will be a lot of fun!

On Sunday the 13th of December all of our primary students will be involved in the Community Christmas Carols in the Lions Park from 5:30, so bring your singing voice and join in the cheer! 😊

*Ms. McDonald*

**Year 3/4**

Well done to our most recent award winners!

Class awards: **Tom Jones**—for his supportive and helpful approach to our Song Room practice sessions. **Hannah Price** for her fantastic attitude during our Song Room Performance.

PBIS Awards went to **Jay-Leigh Meguyer** and **Bronte Pearson** for displaying the 3R’s of Rushworth P-12 College.

**Hannah Price** also received a certificate for reading 150 nights, well done Hannah.

Last week we headed to Shepparton for the Interharmony Festival as part of our work with the Song Room, the students enjoyed watching the other schools perform before taking the stage themselves to perform “Click you Sticks” with students from Tatura and Bourchier Street Primary Schools. The day finished with performances by the Goulburn Valley Grammar Stage Band and The Seduaphones.

Please remind your child to read every night and record their reading in their reading diary and bring their reader to school every day.

**Learning Foci:**

In Literacy, we have been learning using sentence clauses and different types of language used in different texts, we will continue this focus next week.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about fraction and working with mixed numbers and improper fractions. Next week we will be reviewing what we have learnt in Numeracy this year, with working with money and telling time to be a particular focus.

Our Inquiry focus for the next five weeks is Recycling and learning about what can be recycled and what it produced from the things that we recycle.

*Miss Megan Flynn*
Rushworth Community Carols

Rushworth Lion’s Park, Rushworth

Sunday December 13th from 5:30 pm.

Everyone welcome!

Bring your picnic and a chair and enjoy this community event! The College primary students will be performing items at this community event.

The Primary students enjoyed the Interharmony Festival in Shepparton recently.
WANTED: Clothing for Dress-Ups

If you have any items of clothing, shoes or hats which would be suitable for Early Primary Years dress-ups, the Primary classes would appreciate your donations. Suitable items include shirts, tops, dresses, un-used character costumes, hats, scarves, jackets, wigs, accessories and shoes which can be worn by younger students. These will assist in imaginative play, drama and oral language work. Fancy items as well as everyday and work wear will be welcomed. Sizes can vary, and include a mixture of adult and children’s wear.

A clothes-stand with a rail and a mirror on a stand that are no longer needed would also be welcomed.

Please drop donation items in to the school office at any time before the end of the school year. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Jan Braham – Primary Years Teacher, 2016

Special Delivery

Students who will be in Years Prep, One, Two and Three in 2016, please watch your mailbox carefully early next year. You can expect a special delivery before school starts!

Kids Yoga at the Mud Hut, Moora

Are you aged between 6 and 14 years and interested in finding out more about Yoga? The Mud Hut in Moora will be running a kids yoga program again in 2016, on every second Wednesday, beginning on February 10.

Depending on sufficient numbers, there will be two separate classes, one for 6 to 9 year olds, and the other for 10 to 14 year olds, so why not come along and have a go? You never know what you could achieve!

To enrol or for more information please contact Loretta On 5856 7220 or 0407 690 765

College Values : Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 867.
Rushworth & District Community Bank helps students to achieve their dreams.

Students from Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Stanhope, Murchison and Girgarre will be able to get a head start on their studies, with Rushworth & District Community Bank® Branch announcing the opening of their tertiary scholarship program for the 2016 year.

The scholarship, which opens in December, will support one local student with study costs in their first year of higher education.

Rushworth & District Community Bank® Branch Chairman Jeff Perry said helping young people gain access to tertiary education was one way our branch was bigger than a bank.

“Our young people are our future and we believe they need the best support possible to achieve their dreams,” Jeff said.

“The high cost associated with tertiary study can have a significant impact on a young person’s ability to further their education and some may not get the chance to go to university without financial help.

“Our Community Bank® Branch is happy to help ease some of that pressure and hopefully one day these students will return and share their new skills with the Rushworth and surrounding community.”

Successful Rushworth & District Community Bank® Scholarship applicants will initially receive funding for one year.

Applications are invited from eligible students, starting their studies in 2016, from 1 December 2015. Applications close on 25 January 2016 and will be assessed in early February 2016.

The Rushworth & District Community Bank® Scholarship is part of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship Program, with numerous Community Bank® branches and other partners taking part across Australia.

For further information please contact Rushworth & District Community Bank® Branch on 03 5856 2123 or visit www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships.
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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.

Bendigo Bank

Don’t forget…. you can keep in touch with the College regularly via the following Social Media sources.

If you would like us to promote your upcoming event or organisation please email the details to: rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

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CANTEEN REMINDER

The College Canteen closes for the year on Tuesday 15th December.

NO MORE SERVICE THIS YEAR.
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2015

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E: warangamedical@vgh.health

Dr. Joe Swiss
MBBCh, ACM, MSIM
Dr. Adel Asaid OAM
MBBCh, AMC, FRACGP

Opening Hours:
9am – 5pm
Monday – Friday
Pathology Clinic
9am -11.30am Wednesdays
Psychologist Judy Mann Every second Wednesday

“Achieving a healthy community is our mission”

✓ Free childhood immunisations at a time that suits you

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