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# Luke Kennedy

## Inspires Us All!



# Coming up at the College

## March & April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am  P-12 Assembly 9.00am	<b>28</b> Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am  <b>Family/Student/ Teacher Interviews</b> 3.40-7.30pm	<b>29</b> <b>Family/Student/ Teacher Interviews</b> 8.30am-2.30pm  Student Free Day No Classes	<b>30</b> Good Friday Public Holiday
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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>16</b> Student Free Day No Classes	<b>17</b> <b>STUDENTS RETURN</b>  Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am  P-12 Assembly 9.00am	<b>18</b> Breakfast Club 8.30am - 8.50am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>FRIDAY FUN DAY</b> Youth Week Celebrations

School Holidays

**AVAILABLE NOW!**



The 2017 edition of the College Magazine 'Aspirations' is now available to purchase.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the school magazine, please come to the front office to purchase one!

They are a steal at only \$10 a copy!

All 2017 graduates of Rushworth P-12 should grab a copy - lots of pages dedicated to you guys!

Only so many copies are available!!

Get in quick!

# Principal News

## In Pursuit of Excellence

We know that in order for students to learn effectively, they need to feel safe in their environment. As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are working on improving the students' perception of this through developing awareness and a campaign that has us all making a stand against bullying and harassment. Some of our students have already jumped on board and signed their pledge that states that they hold the belief that everyone has the right to attend school every day without experiencing these negative behaviours. I signed my pledge and placed my name among other staff members who have already done the same this week at our assembly on our "It's My School Too" board. We will be available to talk about this to you at our upcoming Family/Student/Teacher interviews next week. Please encourage your child to support this campaign as we take steps together to make a difference.

Family/Student/Teacher interviews are being held on Wednesday evening from 3:40 pm to 7:30 pm and then on the Thursday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. These interviews provide a valuable opportunity to build a relationship between yourself and the teachers that play a valuable role in the development of the children

## Positive Community, Positive Outcomes

2018 is the year of our review and we approach this with enthusiasm as we will gain useful feedback from this process that will help provide us with direction for the next four years. Student and parent/carer forums will provide people with the opportunity to have an input. I will be asking these groups three main questions.

- **What do you think we are doing well?**
- **What do you think we could do better?**
- **What would you like to see us do that we are not already doing?**

Forums will run next week at school at the following days and times.

- Monday 26th March 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8:30 am to 9:00 am **and** 10:00am to 10:30am **and** 11:00am to 11:30am

you care for. I encourage you to come along with your child on this day so that the conversations are shared and known by all. There are no scheduled classes for students on the Thursday as all teachers are involved in the interviews so students should only attend for the interviews themselves with their parents and/or carers.

All Foundation to Year 10 students are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. A note will have gone home seeking permission for your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll which is published. If this note is not returned, your child will still be participating in the challenge and be recognised within the school. However, they will not have their name appear on the public Honour Roll.

These forums will be conversational where you are invited to respond to these questions providing valuable feedback to us. I will also open an online survey that you will be able to access through our website where the same questions will appear.

I encourage and seek your support in participating in this review so you have a voice.

With regards

Leanne Miller



**Currently reading:**

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling

# Library Learnings

New non-fiction resources now available



## The World's Most Daring Stunts

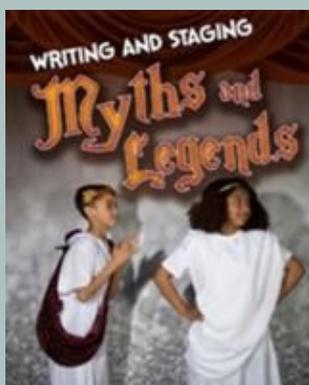
Author: Sean McCollum

Are you ready for a thrill?

Stuntmen and stuntwomen have made careers out of doing what other people would be terrified to do.

Discover some of their most daring deeds.

Would you have what it takes to pull off these insane stunts?



## Writing and Staging Myths and Legends

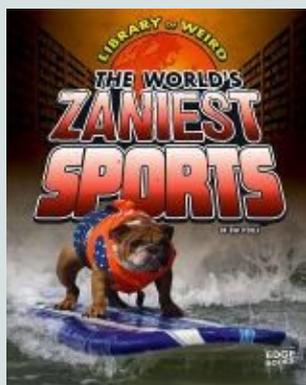
Author: Charlotte Guillian

How can you write an exciting new play based on an old myth or legend?

How can you turn a playscript into an unmissable production?

How can very simple costumes, scenery and props transport the audience into another world?

Read this book to find out the answers to these questions and more.....

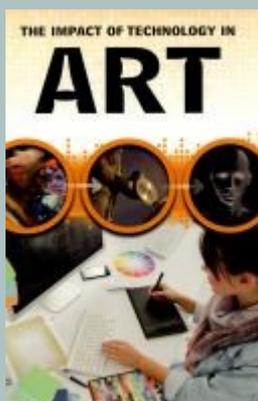


## The World's Zaniest Sports

Author: Tim O'Shei

How would you like to compete in a cheese-rolling race? Want to try your hand in a worm charming competition? Or maybe you'd like to join up with an official Quidditch team.

In *The World's Zaniest Sports*, you can learn about these and many other crazy and wacky competitions from around the world...



## The Impact of Technology in Art

Author: Alex Woolf

- ◆ How have technology and science helped artist through the years?
- ◆ How do today's artists use technology in their work?
- ◆ What role could technology hold for the future of art?

From the invention of the camera obscura through to today's digital paintings, artists have always used technology to aid in the creation and display of their work. This book looks at how the creation of painting, sculpture, photography and more have changed over time. It also looks at how newer art mediums such as film and even computer games have changed our perception of art.

# Reading Focus

As a school we have a school-wide goal "To improve reading outcomes for all students". To support this goal we have a Literacy Coach, Kerrie McMillin, working within our school two days per week. Kerrie worked with our Literacy teachers last year from P-8 and provided whole staff professional learning. This year we are privileged to have Kerrie McMillin working in the Primary area of our school. Kerrie is a literacy coach with lots of experience as a reading specialist. Kerrie focuses on providing professional development for teachers by providing them with the additional support needed to implement various instructional programs and practices.



*Kerrie completing a Running record with Charli*



Just a reminder the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and students from P-10 are excited to be participating. All students who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, a form will need to be signed and returned the school. The form went home last week.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

## Grade 3&4 Indonesian

3/4 have been learning Indonesian. In week 8 we have been learning to ask How are you?

**Apa Kabar? How are you?**

**Baik-Baik saja. Just fine/Well.**

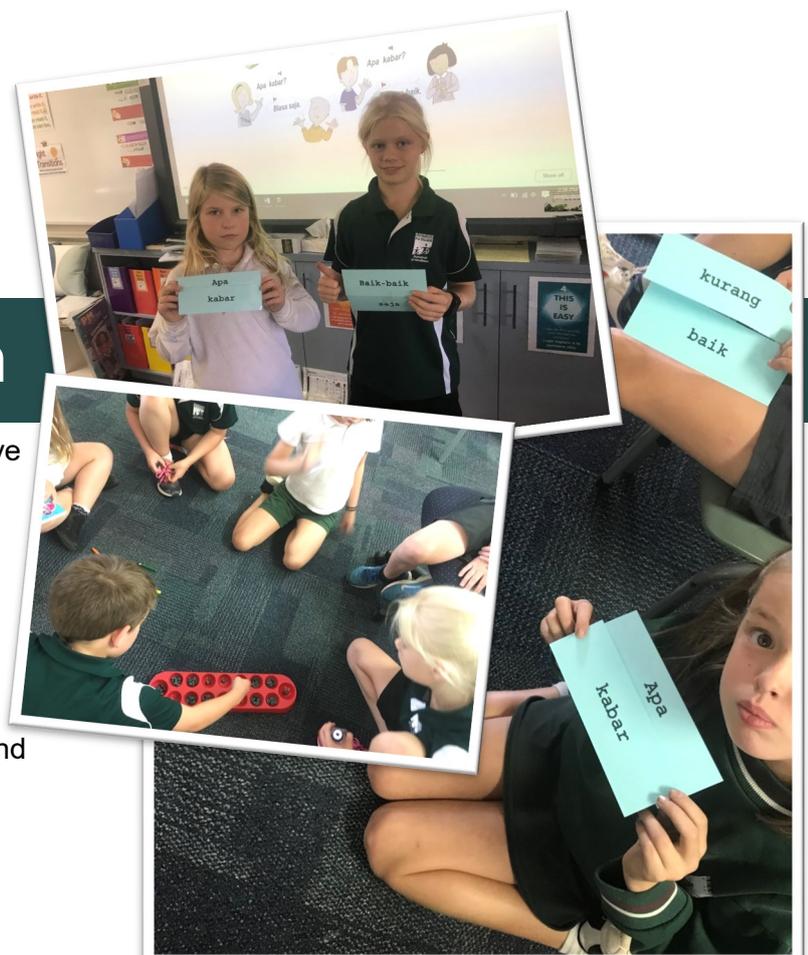
**Biasa saja. Just average/So so**

**Kurang baik. Not good.**

Students have liked asking each other Apa kabar? And also answering the question. Practising at home will help the students to remember the new vocab.

Salam (regards)

*Ibu Henderson*



**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient**

# Luke Kennedy Visit

Our Visit from Luke Kennedy was a great success. Luke spoke with all of the secondary students and the feedback from both students and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. Luke spoke openly and honestly about his life, growing up with a brother that bullied him and how self-destructive his life became, as he tried to live up to the expectations and labels he and others had placed on him. Through conversations and feedback from the students, it is obvious how much they appreciated the raw honesty of his story.

Students have been able to identify how they too wear a mask, how they have changed themselves to fit in and some could relate to his experiences of anxiety and bullying. Most students found Luke's presentation to be extremely interesting and inspirational. Students have even started thinking about how far from their true self they have already become and are now contemplating how they can identify their true self again, remove their masks and be who they are meant to be.

Some students took the opportunity to catch up with Luke after the presentation and asked him some questions. Luke spent time with individuals and groups answering their questions and listening to their stories, worries, thoughts, ideas and hopes. Some of the quotes from students have included: "really inspirational" "stories were insane – definitely not taking drugs" "really brave" "Stories were interesting and inspiring" "he could always think of a way to make a situation better".

It was also great to hear some feedback from parents such as: "Thanks P12 on an awesome choice of public speaker. Both my children came home and talked in length about how inspirational Luke's life story was. Other parents have also commented on their child's positive feedback from the day".

Luke's visit was a fantastic opportunity and experience for all of us here at Rushworth P-12 College and it was a pleasure to not only see the students enjoying Luke's presentation, but also witness their display of respect for him as a guest to our school, for his life story and experiences and him personally.

*Kirsty Turner*  
*Student Welfare*



# Luke Kennedy Visit

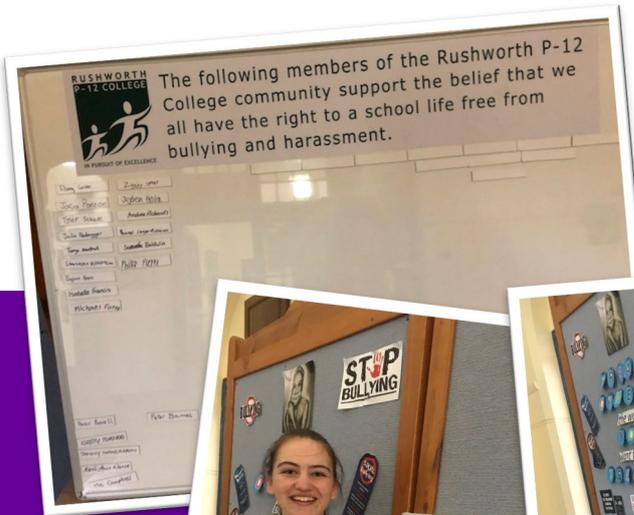
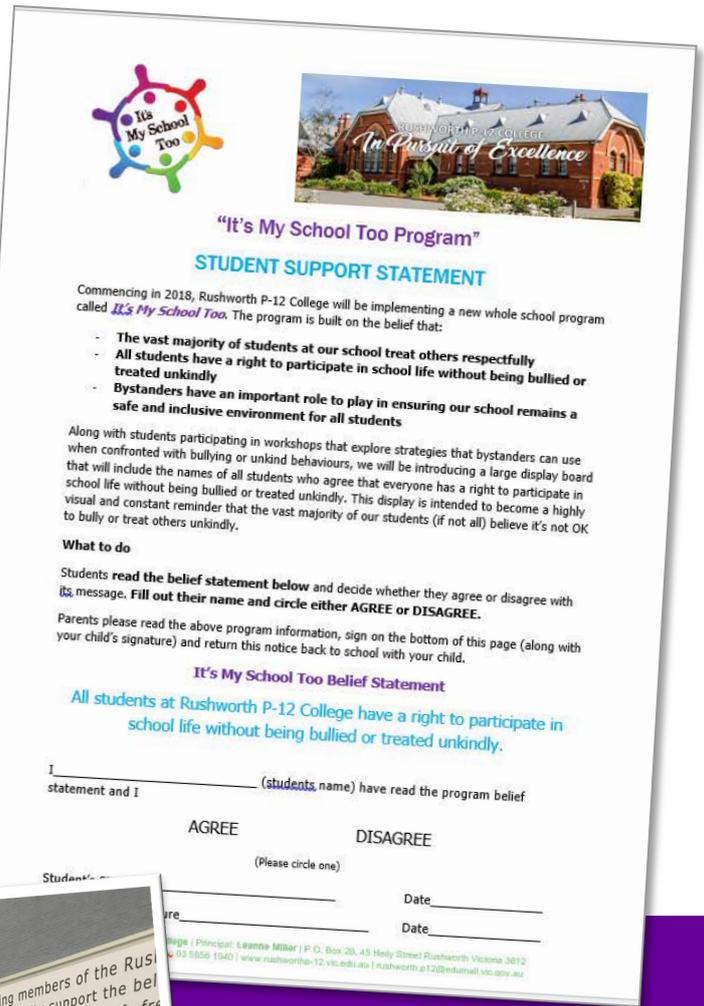


# It's My School Too...

As you are aware we had Jamie Roberts come along to school and present the "It's My School Too" program to all of the students and staff. The form pictured was sent home with each student to be discussed and co-signed with their parents and carers. We ask that each student return their signed form as soon as possible. Please note: If students are in need of a replacement form, they can get one from Kirsty.

We have had some students and staff return their forms already and they have placed their names on the pledge board. We are all looking forward to putting the board on display very soon.

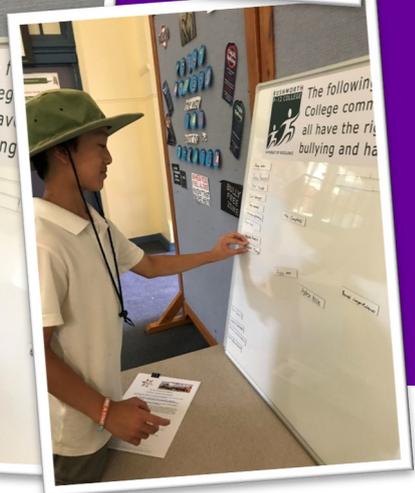
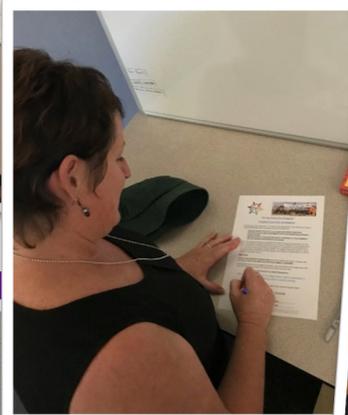
As we have discussed with the students this is a top down/bottom up approach, which means from Ms Miller down and from the student up. The students cannot make the changes on their own and nor can the teachers, therefore, we have to work together.



## "Together we can create Change"



# It's My School Too...

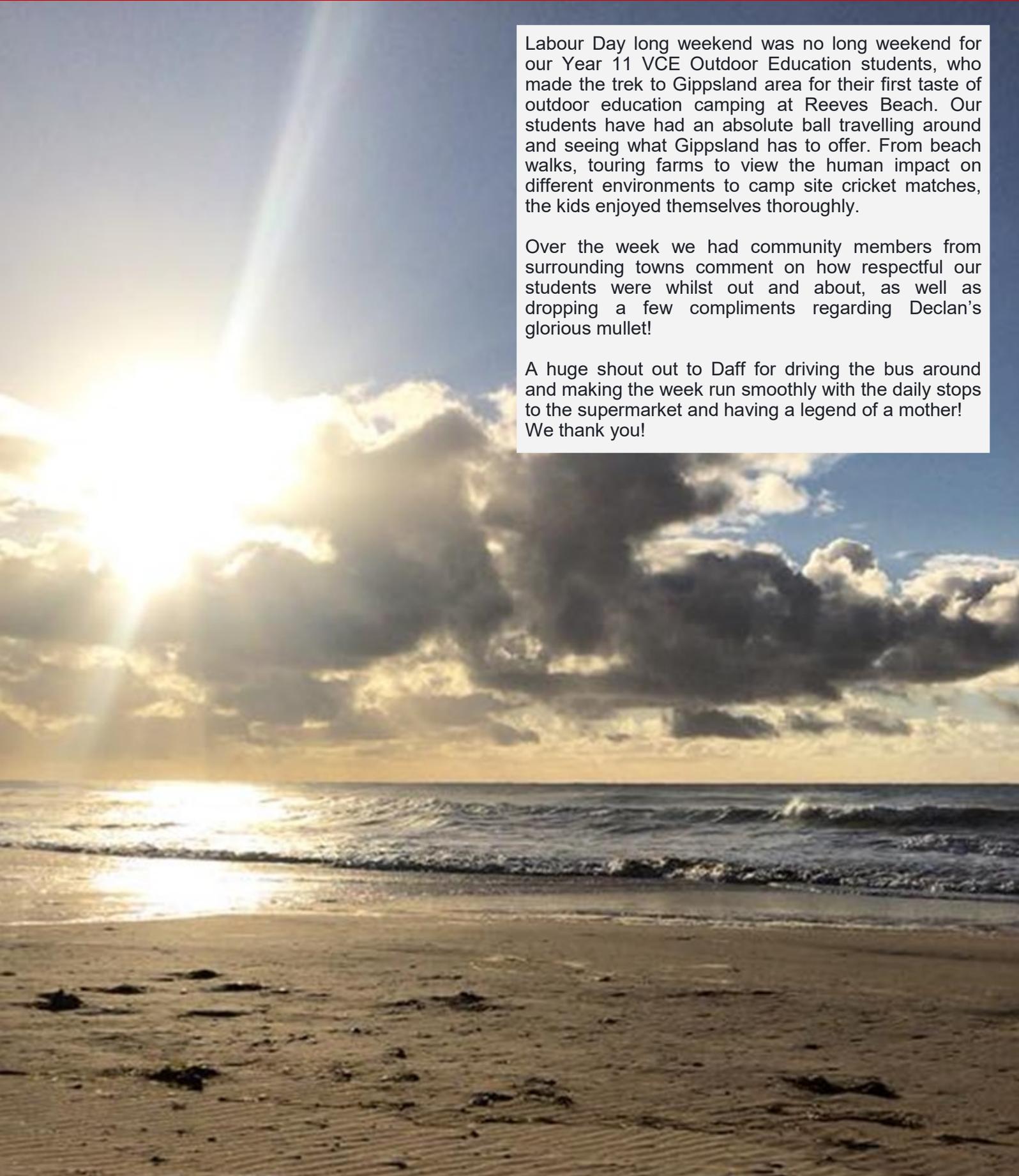


# Reeves Beach Camp

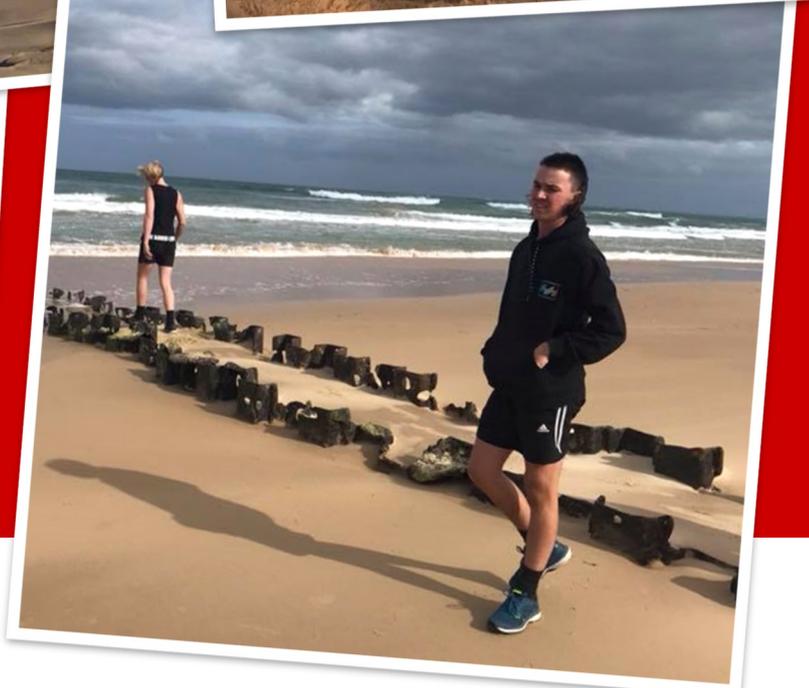
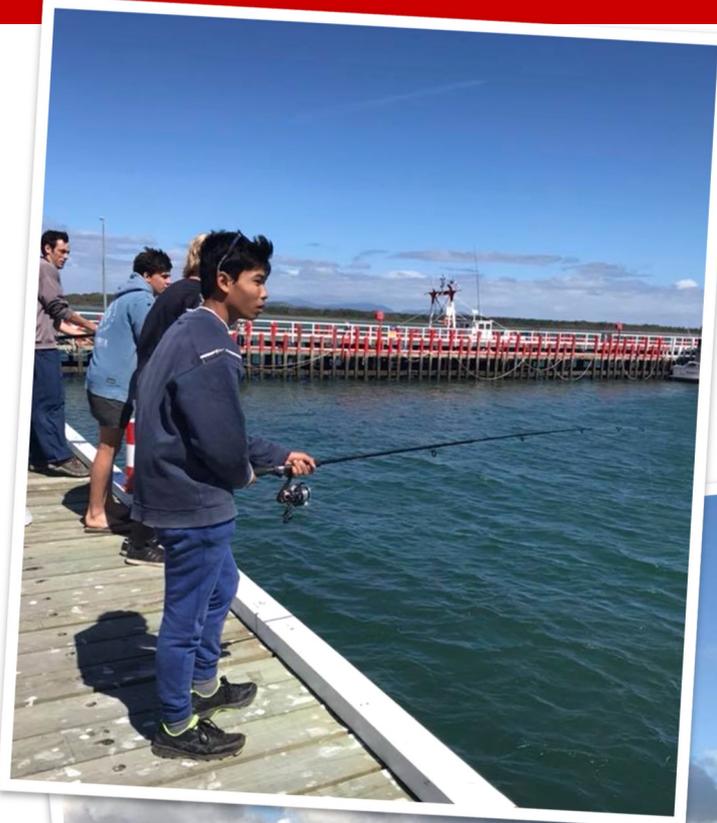
Labour Day long weekend was no long weekend for our Year 11 VCE Outdoor Education students, who made the trek to Gippsland area for their first taste of outdoor education camping at Reeves Beach. Our students have had an absolute ball travelling around and seeing what Gippsland has to offer. From beach walks, touring farms to view the human impact on different environments to camp site cricket matches, the kids enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Over the week we had community members from surrounding towns comment on how respectful our students were whilst out and about, as well as dropping a few compliments regarding Declan's glorious mullet!

A huge shout out to Daff for driving the bus around and making the week run smoothly with the daily stops to the supermarket and having a legend of a mother! We thank you!



# Reeves Beach Camp



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# *Family / Student* TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This Term our Family/Student Teacher interviews will be held on  
**Wednesday 28 March 3.40-7.30pm**

and

**Thursday 29 March 8:30am-2:30pm**

(Thursday is a class free day with students only attending school with families for their interviews)

Family/Student Teacher interviews enables families, teachers and students to get together and talk about what is happening at school and share important, relevant information. Students play an integral role in the interviews as they have to take a greater responsibility for their learning. They can celebrate successes with their families, and work together on their future goals for learning.

## *Bookings*

Bookings can be made online through **XUNO** and are open Now!

<http://xuno.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au>

If any family has lost their log on details or would prefer to book via phone,  
please call the office on: 5856 1230

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P-12 COLLEGE



Supporting Victorian Youth Week  
Presents

# Friday Fun Day

Friday April 20

@Rushworth P-12 College  
All Day Event

Lunch Supplied  
All Activities are Free

Casual Dress

MECHANICAL  
BULL!

INFLATABLE  
GIANT SLIDE!

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SOCCER!

Campaspe Regional  
**LIBRARY**



# School Holiday Program

Free program at Echuca, Kyabram, Rochester, Rushworth and Tongala Libraries

## April School Holidays

Pick up your program at your local library



**FREE ACTIVITIES. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**Online:** [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library)

**Phone:** 5481 2400

**Email:** [libraries@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraries@campaspe.vic.gov.au)

### Rushworth Library April School Holiday Program

Bookings essential on 54812400 or at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library)

#### Wednesday 4th April -2.30pm

Egg & cup craft, wooden eggs and egg cups to decorate, all materials supplied. Ages 4+

#### Thursday 5th April - 10.30am

Robot Zoo, a 90 minute workshop using Lego Technic, participants must invent, build and create Lego replicas of creatures including fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, making a *Robot Zoo!* *Strictly 8+, held at Kyabram Community Learning Centre, Room 5, Lake Road Kyabram.*

#### Wednesday 11th April -2.30pm

Animal Habitats, decorate your terracotta animal and craft a habitat for it to live in. Ages 4+

#### Wednesday 4th April & 11th April – 4pm-5pm

Lego Afternoon. All Ages.

During Library opening hours over the school holidays - Peter Rabbit Library Hunt – Join in the fun and help Peter Rabbit find all the things he has lost in the Library. **Prizes to be won.**

### ROBOT ZOO

### Robot Zoo By the Furals

Age 8 +  
Bookings  
essential

An initiative of Regional Arts Victoria

As science advisors to a movie studio, participants must invent and build a creature for an adventure film. They will use specialist building techniques to create replica animals – making a Robot Zoo!

Strict 8+ age limit please

90 minute workshop



Kyabram Community Learning Centre Room 5	Thursday 5th April	10.30am
Echuca Library	Thursday 5th April	2.30pm

# FREE DENTAL TREATMENT

**Are you... aged between 2-17 years for at least one day of the calendar year, and receiving (or your family, partner, guardian or carer receiving) Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments for at least one day of the calendar year, and eligible for Medicare?**

Then you may be eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) which provides eligible children with benefits for basic dental services, capped at \$1000 over two consecutive calendar years.

**Dr Dorothy Mazur** (Dentist) and **Carolynne Coutts-Smith** (Dental Therapist), of  
 Allan St Dental Rooms  
 88 Allan St, Kyabram  
 Ph: 5852 2553

are currently delivering bulk-billing services through Medicare to provide dental treatment under the CDBS.

If you have had a letter from Medicare this year, or would like to check online to see if you are eligible for this scheme, call us to make an appointment on **5852 2553**.

Don't forget to mention the CDBS when making your appointment and to bring your Medicare card with you – **no upfront payment required**.

We look forward to seeing you. We are currently taking appointments for the school holidays.

Royal Flying Doctor Service

'Look over the farm gate'

All farmers and members of our local communities are invited to attend a

**FREE**

**Family Fun Night**

where you can bring the family along and relax while listening to Special Guest

**Kevin Sheedy**

**on Friday 20th April 2018 at 6.30pm**  
**at Stanhope Football Netball Clubrooms**

*BBQ provided*

**FREE FOR THE KIDS**  
 Family movie on the Big Screen  
 Snow cones and popcorn  
 Giveaways  
*BYO chair and picnic rug!*

lookoverthefarmgate.org.au

90 YEARS Royal Flying Doctor Service

**YACVIC**

**RURAL**

What matters? Youth Forum Echuca

What do you care about?  
**YACVic Rural wants to hear about it.**

Do you want to do something about it?  
 Maybe there's a way.

Becc Brooker, YACVic Rural Policy and Advocacy Officer, will be working with young people across the Southern Mallee to make sure that the issues you care about are amplified and get through to government.

It's an election year in Victoria so it's a great time to make sure your voice is heard!

**Pizza provided!** If you're under 18 please bring your completed consent form from a parent or guardian.

**Register and find consent forms at [bit.ly/2GzTTvU](http://bit.ly/2GzTTvU)**

**28 March 5.30-7.30 pm**  
**Kickham's Mill Restaurant, Bendigo TAFE**  
**Cnr Hare and Darling Streets, Echuca VIC 3544**

# Annual Rushworth Easter Art Show

***Saturday 31 March 2018***

***34 Esmonde Street Rushworth, Vic, 3612***

**Proudly part of the Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival  
Conveniently located at the senior Citizens Clubrooms  
Behind the Campaspe Shire service Centre**

**Open 9.30am**

**Tea & Coffee**

**Devonshire Teas**

**Available All Day**

**Soup Available for Lunch**

**Entry forms are available from Rushworth Community House &  
Kyabram Community and Learning Centre**

**For more information, email [bellnortonpark@gmail.com](mailto:bellnortonpark@gmail.com)  
Or phone Ann Bell - 04 3857 2449**



**What's It like to work in your dream job?  
Uncover career Ideas and options**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 | 4:30 - 7:30PM**

**MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION  
SHEPPARTON SHOWGROUNDS**

**FREE  
EVENT**

[www.careersdayout.com.au](http://www.careersdayout.com.au)

Careers Day Out acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.



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address and we will add you to our mailing list.

Otherwise you can download it  
yourself from our website or  
Facebook page.

Hope you enjoy reading all our  
news in 2018.



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upcoming event or organisation please email the  
details to: [rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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# Play Sport!

## Auskick 2018

Thursday 19th March at 5  
Must register online  
<http://www.aflauskick.com.au>

## Net Set Go

Grade 3/4  
Grade 5/6  
Tuesday 29th March at 5  
Register online  
<http://www.mynetball.com.au>

Any enquiries Amy Francis 0429186273

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!!

### U17 Netball

If you are 15,16 or 17 years old and would like to play netball please call  
Amy 0429186273

Everyone is welcome to play and be a part of a team making some great friends and be involved with a great local club



# TWILIGHT FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE

Friday 23rd March 2018  
5.00pm til dark

At 'The Shed' & Nanneella Rec Reserve

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|----------------|----------------|
| Sausage Sizzle | Cake Stall     |
| Pony Rides     | Jumping Castle |
| Face Painting  | Fairy Floss    |
| Raffles        | Live Music     |

Car Boot Sale \$5 per car  
Contact Shannyn on 0428505773

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## Rushworth P-12 College is a SUNSMART School



ALL staff and students need to wear a hat when outside during Term 1.  
If you need to, you can purchase one from the General Office for \$12.



## Looking for volunteers!!

There are often little jobs we need a hand with. If you are interested, please **contact the College and we can let you know what's required.** ☺