Hi everyone,

Last week I had the great pleasure of attending the Year 7 camp for a night, and getting to know some of our new Year 7 students. The students were fantastic across the 3 days, and showed their resilience (the theme of the camp) in the sweltering heat, with all three days over 30 degrees followed by very hot nights. It was great to hear students talking of the many new friendships made. We’ll continue to work with our Year 7 students on building their resilience, as we believe this is a key element of being successful in many avenues of life.

This week we’ve seen our Year 9s off to Wilson’s Promontory and reports back thus far indicating students have had a thoroughly enjoyable time, while experiencing the great outdoors.

**New Website and Compass Parent Portal**

Over the past few months we’ve been working busily in the background to develop a new school website, which goes live early next week. It will have greater compatibility with a range of devices and has a new, modern look to showcase the great things our school has to offer. Tied in with the website launch, is the launch of the Compass parent portal. Compass is a computer system we’ve been using internally as a school for two years now – it manages student timetables, reports, camps and excursions and much more. With the parent portal function, parents will be able to log in and access a range of information about their child, including attendance, learning data, progress and semester reports, booking of parent teacher interviews and the ability to email teachers directly.

Within the next fortnight all parents should receive an introductory letter outlining the benefits of accessing Compass. Parents will also receive their unique family login and password to allow access to their account. Families with more than one student will have one single login. Parents should note that students have their own login and password (which is the same as the details they use for all school computer systems), but this provides a different level of information to parents who will be able to see a range of different features.

To support our community with this new technology, we will be holding two information sessions in the coming weeks, with specific dates and times outlined in the introductory letter.

Adam Hogan

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**Dates to Remember**

**TERM 1**

**March Week 7**
- Wellington Swimming Carnival Tues 8th
- Yr. 10 School Photos Wed 9th
- Yr. 10 Bush Biomes Tarra Bulga Thur 10th

**March Week 8**
- Labour Day Holiday Mar 14th
- Yr. 11 & 12 OES Cape Paterson Wed 16th - Fri 18th

**March Week 9**
- Year 7 Immunisation Mar 21st
- School Photos: Whole School Mar 22nd
- Parent Teacher Interviews

**Important Dates**
- Mar 24th 25th Parent Teacher Interviews Mar 24th – Student Free Day Last Day Term 1 MSC Debutante Ball

**Next Newsletter**
- March 18th

**Next Meeting:**
- School Council March 15th
- Parents Club March 8th
HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS AGE CHAMPIONS

This year we saw many students display growth mindsets as they challenged themselves to be their best at the House Swimming Sports. The day was enjoyed by all and I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated and showed fantastic ‘House Spirit’ throughout the day. The following students were awarded Age Champion Medals for their outstanding effort in a range of events throughout the day.

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All students who attended the sports have received a point for their House. Over the course of the year students will be able to compete in a range of subject, year and sub-school based activities and receive points for their House with the ultimate goal being winning the House Cup!
Maffra SC Volleyball Intra Tournament

Maffra SC will be holding its first intra school tournament for the year. Players from year 7 and 8 are invited to attend, simply sign up during a Monday afterschool training session or with Mr Young. The teams will be arranged by Mr Young. They will consist of 4-5 players across genders and age. The details are:

**Time:** Monday 7th March 3:30-4:45  
**Place:** Maffra SC Gym  
**Clothing:** Wear what you are comfortable playing sport in, remember your runners.  
**Matches:** Four players on court. 20 minute games, first to 31 points.  
**Sign-Up:** Sign up will be at all training sessions or go to Mr Young’s desk in Middle Years  
No cost involved, all participants will receive a prize.

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**Worlds Greatest Shave!**

Hi,  
I AM GETTING MY HEAD SHAVED ON FRIDAY 11TH MARCH 2016 AT MAFFRA SECONDARY COLLEGE. I AM DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP FAMILIES WHO ARE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF BLOOD CANCERS, AND TO SUPPORT RESEARCH TO FIND A CURE. PLEASE HELP ME REACH MY GOAL OF $1500 BY DONATING YOUR SPARE CHANGE.  

THANK YOU!

Lucas Simon Yr.7
HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AVAILABLE FOR WHEN I FINISH SCHOOL? School students who do their research usually find it easier to make critical career/course decisions than those who do not. What research is recommended?

Go to the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website at www.vtac.edu.au and do a Course Search (eg find where a particular course is taught, what is this years’ ATAR, what are the prerequisite VCE subjects?)

Go on-line and search for courses on institution websites

Read brochures/pamphlets about courses available in the Careers Room

Go to career events such as Career Expos; eg VCE Careers Expo 2016 at Caulfield Racecourse. Attending the VCE and CAREERS EXPO 2016 is a great chance to collect information from a huge range of providers at the one location. Exhibitors include: VCE resource providers, universities and TAFE and training colleges. In addition, there will be seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses.  See Ms Burgess if you would like to apply for FREE ENTRY to this event.

Go to institution Open Days (usually on Sundays in August) – dates later

Go to events such as ‘Inside Monash’ (previously called ‘At Monash’) – details later in this newsletter, and ‘Focus on Melbourne’ (University) – details later

Attend school holiday programs run by some universities and other organisations (eg the Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary)

Search the Job Guide at www.jobguide.education.gov.au; this site also offers links to other useful careers websites (eg Job Outlook). Find out what a particular job involves, and what is the likely rate of employment upon graduation

Attend events run during the year which focus on particular careers (eg sports related careers, dietetics, psychology careers seminars have been held in the past) – details in this newsletter as they come to hand

Talk to people who work in careers which interests you; What do they like about their careers? Are there disadvantages? How did they qualify?

See Ms Burgess or Ms Healey if you need assistance in researching courses or careers that might suit you.
Meet Melbourne in Sale
Tuesday 22 March 2016

Information session for prospective students and their families

The University of Melbourne will be visiting Sale to give students, teachers and parents in the area the chance to talk to our friendly staff and find out more about:

- Courses and career outcomes, including the Melbourne degrees and graduate pathways
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma or going on exchange
- Housing options, scholarships and student services
- Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme, which offers guaranteed entry to eligible students from rural and regional areas, and those with a disadvantaged financial background
- Information for indigenous students

EVENT DETAILS

When: Tuesday 22 March 2016
5pm – 8:30pm
Where: Hua Family Room
Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Centre
Sale

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email: jworthen@unimelb.edu.au
futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au
facebook.com/melbuni
twitter.com/Unimelb
youtube.com/unimelb

REGISTER ONLINE

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meet-sale

“HIGH LEVELS OF STUDENT LEARNING IS CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO”
I would like to congratulate the 41 students who attended the VCAL camps over the last 2 weeks. All students surprised themselves with their teamwork and leadership skills as well their determination to give every activity their best effort. Again, the favourite activity was rafting the Snowy River and in the second camp when it was 38C, we found a reason for a dip in the river. The camp’s focus was on personal development and the various activities gave the students ample opportunity in utilising communication to consolidate their teamwork skills and improve their resilience in overcoming challenges. The student’s attitude and behaviour was a credit to themselves, their families, our school and the wider community. We hope that all of the participants will continue to utilise their newly developed strategies in overcoming challenges during this year and beyond and that the memories of the camp will stay with them forever! Thank you to the staff who attended the camp: Ms Clancy, Mr Bruce Draper, Mr Montague & Mrs Mally Hunt.
I have been reminding some students that **ALL tasks** that are set in VCAL classes need to be completed to the required standard in order for them to be credited towards the student’s certificate. This includes TAFE as well as subjects covered at school.

**Structured Workplace Learning** is the subject that needs to be completed PRIOR to students undertaking WORK PLACEMENT in Term 2. Whilst MSC has a database of employers that have supported our students in the past, with such a large cohort of students to place, parents and friends can often assist in sourcing potential employers who might allow students to gain industry experience with them. **STUDENTS NEED TO BE ORGANISING PLACEMENT NOW READY FOR THE START OF TERM 2.**
PLEASE NOTE!!
Due to a power outage scheduled for **Thursday 10th March** from 8.30am – 3.30pm all VETiS classes held @ Fulham Campus have been cancelled.

Teachers will notify students in class this Thursday (March 3rd). Students are not expected to attend school, HOWEVER VCE students are encouraged to attend their MSC classes on that day.

Chaz is machining a piston with a comparison below of his product with the copy.

Courtney & Emma were learning how to make Garlic paste– and how to remove the smell from your hands– steel soap apparently!!

If a student is unable to attend TAFE due to illness, it is a requirement that the school is given that information prior to the TAFE bus departing (8.50am) by contacting the front office and leaving a message.

* Buses are not running on TURSDAY Mar 24 due to parent teacher interviews so there will be NO TAFE classes on that day.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent please use the SMS number to send a text as early as possible on or prior to the day with a reason, or call the school on 51471790. The Education Department requires a reason for all absences.

Students should attend school regularly to ensure they have the best possible educational outcomes.

**SMS number for text messages 0419345857 Please save in your phones as Maffra SC SMS**
Year 7 Camp fun
Licola Wilderness Camp
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Animal Aid - Ride for the Animals 2016**

Commencing at Animal Aid’s Gippsland shelter and cycling to beautiful Bairnsdale, the 2016 ‘Ride for the Animals’ Charity Bike Ride will take you through some wonderful scenery, challenge your stamina and provide an experience that is unforgettable.

This is a recreational ride that offers the opportunity to be part of the third annual cycling event and raise much needed funds for Animal Aid’s three shelters. Choose between five fantastic cycling challenges:

- 95km individual ride
- 30km individual ride
- 95km team ride
- 30km team ride
- 95km relay team ride - team of 3 people ride approximately 30km each.

Rally your cycling mates and register now for a truly great day! To find out more and to register, please visit the event website: [http://2016ridefortheanimals.gofundraise.com.au/](http://2016ridefortheanimals.gofundraise.com.au/)

**Event Details**

Date: Sunday 20 March 2016 Time: 8.00am - 3.00pm
Where: 111 Hopkins Road Fulham
Enquiries: Megan Pritchard (03) 8756 1335 or mpritchard@animalaid.org.au

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**Maffra Junior Football Club**

**Registration/Training night**

**Wednesday 9th March, 5pm at MJFC Morison St Main Oval**

Players from all age groups welcome to attend and register for the 2016 season.

Registration is done online this year through the MJFC website. We will have instructions on how to register and people to help there on the night.

Any enquiries, please contact President Robert Rowley on 0407 953 573

*Keep up to date with MJFC by logging onto the MJFC team app.*

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**Foster Care Week - Wellington Shire Council**

*Be a part of their lives. Let them be part of yours.*

Foster Care urgently needed in the Gippsland area.

*Can I become a Foster Carer?*

- Do you love children?
- Have you got spare room in your home?
- Are you available during the week and at weekends?
- Do you want to share your home with more of the community?
- Do you have the time and passion to care for a child?

*Yes!*

Foster a Child – Nurture a Future

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*HIGH LEVELS OF STUDENT LEARNING IS CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO*
Can you assist in the canteen?

Our canteen operates at recess and lunchtime. We offer a healthy selection of food in accordance with the Victorian Canteen Association. If you can volunteer your time, just one day a month, we would be most grateful. Our canteen cannot operate efficiently without the assistance of our canteen volunteers.

If you are able to help out please phone the School on 51471790 and ask for Tracey in the Canteen. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to assist on your rostered day can you please arrange a replacement from the list or swap with someone for that day. Alternatively please give Tracey at least a days notice to find a replacement.

The Canteen is open between 8-15am and 9am for lunch orders and student purchases before school.

Canteen

Volunteers are required to be at the canteen between 10am until 2:15pm. One volunteer per shift will be required to assist with the counting of the day’s takings so they are required to stay until 2.30pm. If you are available to fill in the days where HELPERS NEEDED either for recess or lunch (1 hour) please phone Tracey on 0407 869 454

If you are new to the canteen please read the protocols and the duties that are required in the canteen. For example: PLEASE WEAR CLOSED IN SHOES. We ask that you refrain from using mobile phones whilst on duty due to OH&S requirements.

If you are unsure of anything please ask.

Thank you for your time helping in the canteen.

Tracey

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### SCHOOL COUNCIL

If you have any queries or issues you would like Council to discuss, please email the school council president Hans Simon at hanskim@netspace.net.au or speak to the following parent representatives: Sue Poynton, Meg Capurso, Sonya Hanratty, Leanne Gallatly, Helen Lacey, Rosemary Murphy and Angie Collins.