“More Than You Imagine”

In 2016 we are concentrating on:

- Challenging Learning
- Establishing a Growth Mindset
- Literacy, with a focus on writing

**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Hi everyone,

As we embark on our last week of Term 1 next week, we reflect back on the achievements we’ve made in what is a relatively short school term. As I’ve mentioned previously the variety of camps and excursions our students have engaged in has made for a really positive start to the year. We’ve formulated a strong and passionate student leadership team (who met as a group today), and I look forward to working with them across the year to achieve some of their aims. Hands on Learning has been introduced formally in the college and with the foundations now laid we look forward to seeing students engaging in some great outdoor learning projects this year. We’ve built a new website and opened up our Compass Parent Portal, with the aim of making it easier for parents to engage with their child’s learning and progress. We’ve won numerous sports awards, and of particular note Year 12 student Bec Ingram received a ‘Schools Blue Award’ - the highest sports honor available, presented this week at the MCG. Certainly a great start to the year!

Just this week we’ve sworn in our new school council for 2016 – I’d like to welcome Fiona Gardiner to the team, and congratulate Hans Simon on his reelection as school council president. We do still have a parent position available for anyone interested, please contact the office for more details.

Many of our Year 10 students embark on work experience next week, and I encourage them to make the most of this opportunity. To our year 10s, the experience is all about learning, whether you discover your passion, or decide a particular career is not for you, you’ll be all the more informed as you look forward to your senior schooling. We have had many students in the past pick up ongoing part time/casual work as a result of their work experience, so make the most of this opportunity.

I’d also like to wish Sue Clancy and our students and families all the best on our first international study tour to China. Students will be immersed in a very different culture, travelling from Beijing to Nanjing and Shanghai, and spending three days visiting our sister school in Changshu. We look forward to hearing from them about their experiences when they return next term.

**Compass Parent Portal**

After much ‘behind the scenes’ work, we were pleased to be able to open our Compass Parent Portal this week. All parents should have received a letter including a unique family login and password. As time goes on we’ll provide more and more information about the benefits of this portal, but for now I encourage you to log in and have a look at the various pages and tabs. In particular, you’ll be able to see your child’s progress reports, attendance, classes and teachers. If you have any feedback regarding the portal, feel free to email us at maffra.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

As the first term draws to a close I’d like to take the opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable Easter break. I hope to see many of you at Parent/Student/Teacher conferences next Wednesday and Thursday before we break, and thank you for your support in Term 1 this year.
Middle Years (Year 7 & 8) Sub-School Report

CLASS CAPTAINS
As mentioned in the previous newsletter report, this year the Middle Years Sub-School will be introducing Class Captains in Year 7 & 8. These leaders have been elected by their peers and will meet throughout the year to organise programs like lunchtime activities and other things that students want.

The Year 8 Class Captains for 2016 are:

Jenna Ross
8A

Zyrone Andrews
8B

Marnie Davis
8C

Charlie Page
8D

Charlotte Keifer
8D

Lucy-Belle Macreadie
8E

Tabitha Brooks
8E

Year 7 Class Captains are being finalised and will be announced in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all students who nominated for class captaincy. It is great to see so many students putting their hand up for leadership opportunities and offering to help improve our sub-school!

RECOGNITION OF EFFORTS

These students and many others who are demonstrating our College Values of Respect, Learning, Community and Environment consistently will receive recognition of their efforts through one or more of our achievement acknowledgement initiatives. These include:

- Posi-slips for positive behaviour.
- Written acknowledgement in student diaries.
- Community post-cards mailed home.
- Canteen Vouchers awarded at year level assemblies from Posi-slip draw.
- Individual Excellence Award certificates awarded at year level assemblies.
- Invitation to End of Term Celebration Lunch based on progress report scores and teacher nominations.
- Numerous awards and scholarships presented at the end of year Presentation Night.

PARENT/ TEACHER/ STUDENT INTERVIEWS

It is great to see lots of parents have already enrolled to meet with teachers on Wednesday 23rd March and Thursday 24th March. As I mentioned at the Year 7 BBQ/ Information Night, one of the ‘Tips to Support Your Child in Secondary School’ was to have open communication with their teachers. This is a great opportunity to show your child that you value their education, you are there to support them and you want to provide every opportunity for them to succeed. With students at secondary school taking on more responsibility for their learning, they are also expected to be involved in the conversation about their learning. I implore you to support us in emphasising the importance of education for your child by attending either the evening or day time sessions to discuss how your child can move forward with their learning. Bookings close on Wednesday 23rd March.

We want our students and parents to display a Growth Mindset towards their learning. We can learn. We can be successful. We can achieve our goals.
Year 7 Science

Congratulations to the Year 7 students for gaining their Bunsen burner licenses! This is a rite of passage for our budding scientists and after some trepidation lighting matches and getting to know the Bunsen burners they have done a great job in gaining their licenses.

Now they can safely use the Bunsen burner for all their science investigations in the future. If you have missed out on getting your license – don’t despair! Testing will occur for the rest of the Year 7s next term.
Year 8 Science:

Students of 8B and 8E have been investigating the circulatory system including the parts of the heart. Students complemented the theory they have been learning by completing a heart dissection. Students conducted themselves in an appropriate manner and completed a corresponding report.

Year 11 Biology

Students in Year 11 Biology have dived straight into the new Unit 1 course and have been busy conducting experiments related to the course content. Below is some pictures of Kelsey, Tanika, Sammi and Jarrod investigating surface area: volume and the concepts of osmosis (movement of molecules).
You’re invited

To the

Launch of the Trailblazers Rail Trail Project

Date: Friday, 22nd April
BBQ Lunch: 1.30pm
Launch: 2.00-2.45pm

Location: Briagolong Branch Line turn-off, on the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail near Fulton Rd
Contact: heber.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please come along to help us celebrate this partnership between the Maffra and Districts Landcare Network, the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Committee, and students and staff at Maffra Secondary College, which has aimed to highlight the historical uniqueness and biodiversity of our local rail trail, and increase the usage and amenity of the trail. Together, we have produced historical signage, planted and propagated native trees, and constructed bench seats and distance markers. Our achievements will be celebrated through the attendance of our State MP Tim Bull and Wellington Shire Mayor Darren McCubbin, who has kindly agreed to MC the launch. The launch will also include a free barbecue lunch and a performance by local musician Garry Rose.
VCE Cricket

Written By Scott Lovas

On Thursday the 3\textsuperscript{rd} of March 2016 the Maffra VCE boy’s cricket team set off to Traralgon to play off in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} round of school cricket. The boys were rearing ready to go by 8:30am with Ms Hodge and Wayne Robinson (our guest umpire) boarding the bus we were on our way. We spoke about the rules and who we were playing and we were kind of nervous about how we would go. As we hit Traralgon we got off the bus and put our whites on as skipper Andrew McKenzie went and won the toss and elected to field, facing a strong Nagle College we opened up the bowling with Shaymus Jones and Michael Johnstone which was the game plan until after 5 overs they were 0-76. We really had to get a break through as a change of bowling from both ends brought on Brayden Sargent and Scott Lovas, the change saw the runs slow down but both opening batsmen brought up they’re 50 at 12 overs with no wickets down and Nagle college on 122. We had to seriously mix it up so medium paceman Tom Austin and our captain quick Andrew McKenzie had a “crack” literally, with Andrew dislocating his finger. After getting his finger straightened up, Andrew followed up with a breakthrough straight away leaving them at 1-129. Tom Austin followed up with a break of his own. Wickets then fell regularly, with both Tom and Andrew picking up 3 wickets each this saw the opposition finish on 6-178 off their 20 overs.

Now our time to bat, we opened with Tom Austin and Jordy Rodda. Tom and Jordy started well with a quick fire 15 run partnership before Jordy Rodda started the avalanche. We lost wickets casually as no one really got going with the bat with our highest score 14 to Tom Austin. We were dismissed for a cheap 79 off 13 overs. Sure we didn’t win against a really good Nagle College, but that then fired us up for our next game against Mary Mackillop.

Vice-captain had a toss of the coin and lost which then saw us bowl again. This time we went a bit differently opening with Tom Austin and Jarrod Lovas. Both openers setting the tone that we’re here to play with Tom 1 wicket and Jarrod 2. We then changed the bowling which saw Scott Lovas and Joe Caldow come into the attack with Joe 0-28 off 2 overs Scott claimed 2 wickets at the other end of his 4 overs. Andrew McKenzie and Michael Johnston came on to have a bowl to finish the innings, with Andrew getting the key wicket removing the middle stump of Mc Gavin, who scored an admirable 97 as they finished their overs 6-138.

We went out to have a bat with positive attitudes to win as we opened up with Tom Austin and Cooper Bailey we got rattled early being 3-38 off 8 overs and needing a run rate lift someone had to stand up and batsmen number 5 Scott Lovas did that steadying the ship with others around him we were in reach for victory needing 40 off 4 overs and scotty bringing up his 50 Scotty went BANG, BANG, BANG piling on 27 more. Combined with runs from Brayden Sargent and Shaymus Jones, Scott finished the game by hitting a 4 to win. Well batted to Scott who strongly supported his team with a superb knock of 77 not out.

Well done to the Maffra boys who won 1-2 games we were happy with the day. A big thanks to Ms Hodge and Robbo for coming down and supporting the team.

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Welcome to the final ‘Career News’ for Term 1!!

Well done to all the Year 10 students doing 10C2 who have arranged their work experience for next week. Students will be working in a range of industries, both locally and in Melbourne! There is another opportunity for any Year 10 student not attending Darwin camp to do work experience in the final week of Term 2. For those Year 10s doing 10C2 in second semester, you will also have a week allocated at the end of Term 3. Work experience is a valuable opportunity to get some hands on experience and talk to people working in industries you might be considering for a future career.

We would like to wish our class of 2015 all the best, as many of them are going through transition into tertiary courses. For some of our alumni, they are not only starting at university but they are also moving away from home and experiencing a new kind of independence outside of their childhood community. It’s been lovely to have so many students popping in to let us know how they are going, and to ask questions about their transition.

**OPEN DAYS** – Open Days are held at universities and TAFE institutes each year, giving the public the opportunity to see the facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and attend information sessions. They are generally held on Sundays later in the year, but dates are provided here so that you can put them in your diary now.

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Careers Exploration on the School Holidays?? There are plenty of things happening...

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY?** La Trobe holds ‘Experience La Trobe’ days in the school holiday breaks. These are a chance to see **facilities**, find out about **courses and careers**, and talk to **staff and student ambassadors** about La Trobe. You will be able to attend **tutorials and lectures**; why not attend with friends or family? **When:** Melbourne campus (Bundoora) 31 March; Bendigo campus 1 April; **See:** [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience) for information/bookings.
CAREERS continued:

DO YOU WANT A JOB WORKING WITH ANIMALS?
A great way to find out more is by attending Healesville Sanctuary’s ‘Keeper for the Day’ or ‘Vet for a Day’ program OR Werribee Open Range Zoo’s ‘Keeper for a Day’ program. These programs are suitable for students in Years 7 – 12. When:

Healesville Keeper for a Day: 9.30am-3.30pm, March 29 & 30, April 5 & 6; Cost: $115
Healesville Vet for a Day: 9.30am-3.30pm, March 30 & 31 and April 6 & 7; Cost: $129
Werribee Open Range Zoo Keeper for a Day: 9.30am-3.30pm, March 29 & 31 and April 6 & 8; Cost: $115.
Information/Booking: 1300 966 784; See also: www.zoo.org.au/education/careers

INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE OR ANIMALS? You should attend the Werribee Open Day. This is run by the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences. Find out about the B. Agricultural and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine programs, attend course information sessions, explore other careers in science, veterinary nursing and equine studies, tour the facilities and go to food stalls to support Melbourne students. When: 10am-3pm, Sat 19 March; Where: 250 Princes Highway, Werribee; Information: bit.ly/Werribee-open-day-2016.

CHECK OUT STUDYING SCIENCE AT RMIT – Deciding where to study after finishing school is a challenge...One way to find out more is to visit the university that interests you and see the facilities. RMIT is offering such an opportunity in the school holidays. Go behind the scenes on a tour of the facilities. Students and parents are invited to visit RMIT’s state-of-the-art learning laboratories and to find out about how RMIT degrees provide the knowledge and skills to tackle real-world problems and advance the way we live. Programs cover biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. When: 11am-2pm, 30 March; Where: Building 3, Level 1, Applied Sciences Reception, RMIT City; Cost: Free; Booking and information: www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/

Students will then go to the new aeroplane interior demonstration area and be given a taster of what a career as a flight attendant could be. After a catered lunch, students will get the chance to jump into the world of Event Management with a table theming activity held in the Angliss Restaurant. When: 9.30am-2.30pm, Thurs 31 March; Where: 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; Who: Students in Years 9-11; Cost: $120 (including lunch). REGISTER HERE! Enquiries: Marketing@angliss.edu.au

DO YOU WANT TO CHECK OUT WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE IN THE CITY?
William Angliss is a provider of courses in hospitality, food, tourism and events. William Angliss is giving school students the chance to delve into the world of Tourism & Travel and Events in the school holidays. Tourism, Travel and Events – a hands-on introduction to the travel and tourism industry via an on-site amazing race-style activity. Students will then go to the new aeroplane interior demonstration area and be given a taster of what a career as a flight attendant could be. After a catered lunch, students will get the chance to jump into the world of Event Management with a table theming activity held in the Angliss Restaurant. When: 9.30am-2.30pm, Thurs 31 March; Where: 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; Who: Students in Years 9-11; Cost: $120 (including lunch). REGISTER HERE! Enquiries: Marketing@angliss.edu.au

* REMINDER  Buses are not running on THURSDAY Mar 24 due to parent teacher interviews. There will be NO TAFE classes on that day.
You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, When. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rotary Youth Exchange Program 2017

The Rotary Club of Maffra would like to invite expressions of interest (EOI) and applications for our Youth Exchange Program for 2017. Applications will include a cover letter and a copy of most recent school report please.

For further information, go to

www.maffrarotary.org.au and follow the links;
www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au or email “Youth Director” rotaryclubmaffra@gmail.com

Requests for further information- please supply phone number and we will contact you to discuss any queries you may have.

Please lodge EOI online

Expressions of Interest must be received by close of business 21 March 2016.

MAFFRA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 704 MAFFRA 3860
maffravolleyball@gmail.com
maffravolleyball.com

Maffra Volleyball runs a social volleyball competition every Wednesday night from 7pm till 9pm of each school term. We play all matches in the Maffra Secondary College Gymnasium, which is in Alfred Street Maffra.

Our social competition caters for all ability levels. We make up teams with mixed abilities so each team has a blend of new and experienced players to help our beginners out.

If you are an experienced volleyball player in search of a more advanced hit out we run training nights on Mondays and Wednesdays for our Male players. Our new season starts next term with a “Come and Try” night on Wednesday 13th of April.

The cost for the “come and Try” night is a gold coin donation. The next season will run for 9 weeks, costing roughly $50 for the season.

For more information contact Anthony Young at Maffra Secondary College or ring Andrew on 0447262621.
**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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**Canteen Roster Term 1 – 2**

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"High levels of student learning is central to everything we do"
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*HIGH LEVELS OF STUDENT LEARNING IS CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO*

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#### APRIL Week 1

| Wed 13th       | **Surf n Turf - Coastal**            |
| Thurs 14th     | **2017 Year 7 Information Evening 7.00pm**  |
|                | Middle Years Building                 |
| Fri 15th       | **Interschool Summer Sport**          |
|                | Tennis - Volleyball - Baseball        |

#### APRIL Week 2

| Mon 18th       | **Interschool Summer Sport - Golf**   |
| Wed 20th       | **MSC Athletics Carnival**            |
| Fri 22nd       | **Rail Trial - Trailblazers launch 1.30pm**  |

### 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.