Principal's Report

It's been great to see a glimpse of spring weather over the past couple of weeks, with students able to enjoy themselves out in the yard soaking up the sunshine and many playing the ever-popular '4 square' ball game.

Our third progress report for the year was released a couple of weeks ago, and I hope many families have used this an opportunity to reflect on their student's behaviours that impact their learning at school. We use this information internally for a range of purposes as well, to identify students and classes which are tracking well, and those which may need some additional support. If you haven't yet accessed your progress report, you can do so via your Compass login.

Last week we hosted the Broadening Horizon's cluster group, which is a team of principals and teachers from 11 schools, together with industry representatives. We showcased our science inquiry program, with students sharing their experiences – a section of the day which was very well received by other schools. The purpose of this work is to continue to explore how we engage students through an inquiry approach, coupled with some choice and autonomy over their learning.

We were also fortunate to have a visit from delegates of Chinese sister school – The Changshu Experimental Middle School. The teacher and students engaged in several lessons, from an Australian cooking experience, tour of our school, and support some of our Year 8 students in their Chinese class. This strong international relationship we have with our Chinese sister school enhances our students’ learning.

As Term 3 draws to a close we look towards parent-teacher conferences. Knowing that family engagement in a child’s learning makes a significant difference to their achievement, I look forward to seeing many parents and carers at the two sessions available in the last week of term. With progress progress reports and these interviews, it’s our aim to communicate with families at least every five weeks so we can together support your child.

Finally, our Year 12 students have almost completed their coursework for 2016, and look towards revision for three weeks in Term 4 before exams commence. I can’t stress enough to our students the importance of using this time well, and completing as many practice exams as possible. I wish our students all the best in the last stages of their schooling.

Adam Hogan, Acting Principal

Upcoming Events

September 2016
6th Year 7 Immunisations
6th Year 9 Mental Health Day
7th Booking for Interviews OPEN
14th-16th Unit 3-4 Practice Exams
15th Gippsland Athletics
15th Deb Meeting 6.30pm
15th Parent Teacher Interviews
4pm – 6.30pm
16th No Classes – Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews
10am – 2.30pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

October 2016
3rd First Day of Term 4
10th-15th Art Show
11th Year 7 Resilience Day
12th - 14th Year 8 Camp

School Council Meeting
Tuesday 13th September
Parents’ Club Meeting
No October Meeting
Tuesday 11th November
A Snap Shot from an A.P.

During my short time as the Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning, I have enjoyed the many challenges and been thoroughly impressed by the number of opportunities our students receive to develop themselves as lifelong learners and contributors to our great community. This is just a snapshot of those opportunities from the past few weeks:

Broadening Horizons forum- on Friday Maffra SC held a forum for Gippsland schools involved in Broadening Horizons projects. The Manager of Beacon (partner organisation) had flown over from Tasmania for the forum and WIN news filmed some of the forum and interviewed our Principal, Adam Hogan and other key stakeholders. The day also showcased what some of our students had been doing, with their presentation receiving very positive feedback from other schools. Thank-you to our Science Leader Kylie Lambert, for organising the day, and also to our partners from Department of Health and Human Services and Southern Rural Water for contributing.

NAPLAN online trial- Students from form 7A and 9A were involved in a trial for NAPLAN online testing. With plans for NAPLAN to be adaptive to students ability level and completed online in 2017 across Victoria, this trial is an important part of ensuring that the testing platform functions correctly and the software can handle mass usage. Thank-you to the students, teachers and ICT staff for contributing to this important trial. The ACER assessor was very complimentary about the behaviour of our students and the ICT infrastructure at this school.

Visit from our Sister School in China- It was fantastic to catch up with Sunny from our sister school in China last week. She was visiting with her daughter Judy and a friend who is studying Medicine. Sunny was instrumental in developing our relationship between our two schools and was a very gracious host during my China visit in 2012. Some of our students had the pleasure of practising their Mandarin and learning about how different schooling is in China compared to Australia. Students at our sister school start school at 7:30am, finishing at 5:30pm and only get 15 minutes for lunch.

Year 7 Live Reporting- this semester, year 7 teachers are trialing live reporting for their students. For each unit, a Common Assessment Task (CAT) will be completed and feedback given using COMPASS. This timely feedback can be accessed on COMPASS by clicking on the Learning Tasks tab on your child’s dashboard. Learning Tasks have been set up for each subject and can be checked on a regular basis. This feedback should then be used to help students improve their future learning.

Sustainability committee meeting- it has been great to be involved in a meeting of staff and students passionate about improving the environment by tackling the issue of rubbish in our school. A multi-prong approach has been strategized to address this ongoing issue. More information about these strategies will be forthcoming in the coming weeks and months.

Wheelchair Basketball- We welcomed Jason from Disability Sport and Recreation who took our VCAL students and Year 9 students through a session of Wheelchair Basketball. Jason was passionate about promoting acceptance and so spent his lunchbreak giving the Year 12 students the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball.
Parent Teacher Interviews - Research has shown that two of the biggest influences on student’s learning outcomes are parental attitude towards learning and giving effective feedback. I implore ALL parents to take an active interest in their children’s learning. A key part of this is to attend the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on Thursday 15th September or Friday 16th September. This is to find out not only how your child is progressing, but more importantly, what they need to do next to continue their progress. To ensure that students are taking responsibility for their own learning, it is imperative that they also attend and contribute to these conversations.

Regards, Nathan Wallace

Year 10 Matters

WORK EXPERIENCE
Students have been working hard in 10C2 to prepare themselves for work experience which will be held during the last week of this term 12th – 16th September. Students have produced resumes, covering letters, safe@work certificates, researched career choices and fine-tuned the art of making phone calls to enquire about the possibility of gaining work experience at various local businesses.

DRIVING LESSONS
All year 10 students who have their learners permit are eligible to participate in driving lessons which will commence in term 4. Students will be driving with a fully qualified instructor, in groups of 3, learning in a manual car. All students have received a letter outlining the program and payment of $30 for 6 lessons is required at the front office by Friday 9th September. We are very grateful to the Bendigo Bank (both the Heyfield and Maffra District Community Bank Branches) for their generous sponsorship of the Driver Ed Program.

YR 10 PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCURSION
50 year 10 students travelled to Melbourne last Friday to participate in activities not readily accessible in the local area – trampolining, ice-skating and rock climbing. We then watched the Bulldogs / Collingwood game which was a very even match to the very end. The students enjoyed the day and were a credit to Maffra Secondary College. Thank you to Mr Hudson and Mr Williams who accompanied the students on the day.
Senior School

Year 12 Camp: Camp for the 2017 Year 12s will be held on the 23rd to the 25th of November, this is prior to our school headstart program. All 2017 Year 12 VCE students are required to attend the Melbourne Camp. Students received a note regarding camp in the beginning of August. A considerable amount of research and organization has gone into the re-structure of this camp to ensure that it is beneficial to all of our students.

The purpose of the camp is to prepare the students for the demands and expectations of Year 12 and for them to experience life as a university student. The camp involves a range of sessions that focus on:
- Careers and Pathways
- Student leadership and self-leadership
- Self-awareness and management
- Preparing for Year 12 - Administration, Study, Self
- Team Building
- Cohort bonding
- As well as specific subject based activities

A deposit of $80 was due on the 8th of August 2016. Further deposits are the 9th of September ($80), 7th of October ($90) and 4th of November ($80). If you have any queries regarding this trip can you please contact Belinda Marshall at Maffra SC (51471790) or via email on marshall.belinda.k@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Revision sessions
A number of outside providers organize a variety of revision sessions. These programs generally offer intense revision and consolidation of examinable materials. Each subject lecture offers students detailed and comprehensive coverage of examinable materials as well as significantly more examination hints, tricks and instructions than that offered by any other program provider.

Access Education Revision Lectures
As part of our partnership with Access Education we receive a number of free tickets. This enables us to provide our students with a discounted price, all of these revision lectures are held at Federation University, Churchill Campus. Students are able to sign up for the Access Education revision lectures in the VCE Study Centre. These are the only school organized revision sessions.

Term 3 Holidays
The term 3 holidays are fast approaching, for our Year 12 students it is vital that they use these as a study period. We are now just under 8 weeks away from the English exams. Students need to be reviewing their summary notes, making flash cards, completing practice exams and seeking feedback from their teachers.

A number of teachers have organized study sessions for their classes. A timetable of these sessions will be available via Compass and the portal by next week.

Health and Physical Education

Sexual Health
All classes in Year 7 to 10 have begun their Sexual Health Unit. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your child/s teacher via email or on 51471790.
**VCAL News**

**Structured Workplace Learning Placements**

_During Term 3, several VCAL students have chosen to explore alternate career experiences than the one they have completed TAFE studies in, or initially considered when they began VCAL. Some of these students are featured below!!_

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**Caleb** is undertaking one day per week in IT at MSC. He is completing reimaging of school netbooks as well as software and hardware repairs and maintenance. A little bit different to Automotive where previous placements have been!

**Undertaking placement at Glassford Kindergarten** is still inspiring Myah to continue studying in the Childcare Industry. Myah has found that being prepared for anything and everything is necessary and that using her initiative has helped her achieve a very successful placement.

**Victorian Livestock Exchange**- based at the Sale Cattle Yards- has provided Melissa with a different side to her Agricultural studies. This week she used technology to identify and record tagged cattle post purchase.

**My name is Courtney, I am in year 12 VCAL for projects this term I made soup for a fundraiser. I raised $124. The money I raised is for the Salvation Army and it is going towards the homeless people so they can buy food. I’m taking a Soup Challenge to raise money for the Salvos so they can support Aussies struggling to make ends meet. After paying for accommodation costs, the average Salvation Army client has less than $17 a day to live on to pay for food, medical, transport, bills and school costs. Why soup? Soup is the unsung hero for people doing it tough. It’s easy to make, it’s nutritious, it’s cheap, and it can be stretched to last for days. I would like to thank all the staff as well as anybody else who sponsored me in my challenge without your support I could not have raised so much money, so thanks again.**

Courtney Burton

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**Fin** is currently placed at Sole Space Studios in Heyfield and is being supervised by Bec Sweeney. Fin has been able to perform manual tasks in the ‘finishing off’ phase of transportable studio construction. A lot of IT/ Internet work is also required in this industry and another business- Wellness Project.

**SWL placements continue in Term 4 up until the beginning of Head Start. Students should be preparing their paperwork NOW for next term.**
Science

SCIENCE/BIOLOGY (Kristen Raine)
On Thursday 11th August, the Year 12 Biology students had a number of researchers from GTAC (the Gene Technology Access Centre in Melbourne) visit their class to help them investigate human evolution. Students examined half-scale model skulls of four extinct hominin species, and the modern human, chimp, and gorilla. They collected data and compared anatomical features of the skulls to make inferences about trends in the evolution of morphology, locomotion, diet, and cognitive capacity of hominins.

Science Exam Preparation and Hints for students studying a Year 12 Science subject.

As Term 3 comes to a close, students studying a Year 12 Science subject (Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and/or Psychology) need to start thinking about preparing for the exam to ensure they achieve success. Science exams are 2 ½ hours and cover all topics from Units 3 and 4.

To help students with their exam preparation, here are some hints:

**Hint No. 1: Revision and repetition are key elements to examination success!**
The more times you revise your work, the more knowledge you will retain, the better your understanding of concepts and the more effectively you will be able to apply and extend your knowledge in the exams. Students should start their exam preparations sooner rather than later – and at least 7 weeks before the first exam!

**Hint No. 2: Keep learned knowledge alive.**
Spend short periods of time reviewing materials on a regular basis. This is much more time efficient than re-learning materials “from scratch” before the exams. Stick ideas, concepts, terminology around your room or study area so you are constantly looking at it and revising it!

**Hint No. 3: The more past exam papers that you work through, the better your exam marks.**
Students are encouraged to practice, practice and practice exam-style questions starting a few weeks before the exam. It is recommended that students aim to work through at least 15 exam papers per subject if they are aiming for the higher scores.

**Year 12 Science EXAM FOLDERS** are now available to students studying a Science subject. These allow students to have access to a large number and variety of practice exams.

Students need to pay a $20 deposit per Science subject at the office and will be issued with a receipt. They then need to take the receipt to the Maths/Science staffroom and exchange it for an exam folder. After the exam period, students need to return their exam folder to the Maths/Science staffroom (with all contents, unmarked) to get their receipt back. They then take the receipt to the main office to for their $20 refunded.

Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers if they have any questions, want feedback on their exam responses or need assistance with exam preparation and/or exam strategies.
BROADENING HORIZONS & THE MAFFRA SCIENCE EXPO 2016

This year’s Maffra Science Expo was again a successful event with an afternoon and evening session on Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} August, 2016 celebrating science. The Year 8 students should be very proud of themselves. They were involved in a 6 week mentoring program whilst undertaking a science investigation of their choice. They worked hard in groups to design, conduct and communicate their results. Projects were varied and included:

- surveys of local mosquito populations to see if there are Ross River virus carrying species in Maffra
- testing wild dog and fox blood for heartworm
- ethics testing in youth
- effect of pH on carp colours
- the fat content of burgers and many more.

There were over 40 different projects on display at the Maffra Memorial Hall. The Expo was opened by school Principal Mr Hogan and a representative from Southern Rural Water, Mike Budahazy. Mike, an engineer from Southern Rural Water, was one of the mentors this year during the program. He spoke to the students about the increasing need to have STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) skills in the workforce and how the Year 8 students are well placed in this program to further develop these skills.

This year we were fortunate enough to have Year 9 student mentors involved in the 6 week program. A special thanks to Emily Saddington, Briella Hadden, Ben Caithness, Alex Kuizenga, Marlow Fraser, Vic Higgins and Craig Hellings for coaching the Year 8 students. Their impact was extremely positive and we hope to continue using our Year 9 students as mentors into the future.

The afternoon session at the Expo was attended by primary school students from the district, parents, community members and mentors. There was a fantastic attendance in the evening with many parents and family members getting involved in the assessment of their child’s work.

We were lucky enough to have some excellent senior science students volunteer their time to perform experiments with dry ice, use microscopes to investigate macroinvertebrates and perform chemistry experiments. A special thanks to Jack Onley, Jacob Grant, Louise Allan, Kaylah Fink, Ebony Bailey and Michael Airey.

This year’s expo also included a MAGNIFICENT SCIENCE SHOW by two outstanding performers, Mr Trevor Raine and Mr Josh Saliba (both teachers at MSC). Mr Raine and Mr Saliba demonstrated how to make rods sing, how to make a Pringle container “POP” with hydrogen gas and how to juggle fire with your bare hands. Thanks to Mr Raine and Mr Saliba for their entertaining and engaging performance. We look forward to seeing them on the road with their “SCIENCE SHOW” in the near future.

All students who participated at the Expo will receive a ribbon at an upcoming assembly, with those in the top 16 projects getting honourable mention ribbons. The finalists can be seen in the table below:

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Congratulations to all Year 8 students for all their hard work and dedication on this project. Thanks also to the staff, mentors and community members who supported the students on their scientific adventures. Special thanks to our Broadening Horizons project partners the Department of Health and Human Services, Southern Rural Water and Wellington Shire Council. Thanks to Cath Macdonald and Ann Sargood for supporting the students and staff by arranging materials and equipment, risk assessments and extra advice during the project. Thanks to Velta Fellows for the excellent photography at the Expo.
Mr Josh Saliba preparing to “blow up” the Pringles container with a balloon of hydrogen.

Chelsea Smith and Alyssia Stephens with their awards.

**Middle Years**

**Disco**

The Middle Years Leadership Team are organising a Disco for all students in Middle Years (7-8) to attend on Thursday September 8th. The Disco will be held in the school Theatrette from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Students can come dressed as their favourite character to be eligible for prizes on the night! There will be a photo booth with a dress up box and drinks will be available. Students please eat before coming to the Disco as there is no eating allowed in the Theatrette. If any parents are able to help supervise the Disco for any length of time please let Ms Hayward know as soon as possible.

Thank you on behalf of
Middle Years Leadership Team

**Transaction Day**

To coincide with National Science Week and the Broadening Horizons Expo, 2017 year 7s attended a transition day designed to allow them to experience laboratory science and to see the possibilities of Secondary College Science. In the laboratory the students investigated chemistry by making slime and milk swirls. They used teamwork and strategic thinking in a variety of games in the gym. Finally they attended the Year 8 Science Expo, viewing the completed projects of the year 8 students being able to see the variety of science topics that can be investigated.
Sport

Maffra Secondary College Senior Girls Champion Volleyball team

After another successful campaign at the Three day State schools Cup our senior Girls “Open Honours” team would like to acknowledge the help and support they have gotten along the way.
Mr Young- Awesome Head coach- for all his grumpiness he is really a nice guy.
Parents – for all the time and money spent pursuing the volleyball dream.
Mr Hogan and Maffra Secondary College staff for allowing the Volleyball program to flourish and for allowing the use of staff time and facilities.
Sponsors- Donalda Motors Maffra for the magnificent Warm up tops.

Interschool Gymkhana By Carley Einsiedel

On Wednesday the 24th of August 14 students went to Bairnsdale for the Interschool Gymkhana to represent Maffra Secondary College. It was a lovely sunny day with lots of fun and ribbons. Maffra team number 2 made an outstanding effort by coming 2nd overall. A big congrats to Lydia and Melissa Ryan, Talia Newman and Katrina Morgan for being a part of that team. Well done to everyone who competed and came along.

Wellington District Basketball

The school was represented at district level in Senior, Intermediate, Year 8 and Year 7 Boys and Year 7 and 8 girls. The senior tournament was held at Traralgon on July 15 and the junior one on August 11. Our teams were competitive against the other government schools and played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The Year 8 girls narrowly missed out on the final by percentage. Thanks to our referees Adele Rees and Emerson Connolly.
Intermediate Girls State Badminton
Congratulation to Amy Dunn, Josie Elliott, Shirley McLean and Carley Einsiedel for progressing to the State Finals on Tuesday 9th Aug. The girls played Balwyn High School, MacRobertson Girls School and Braybrook College in a very tough draw. Their opposition was very strong in each of these games but the girls played with great spirit, determination and sportsmanship. Despite being beaten in each of their games, the girls enjoyed the day. Well done girls to make it through to State.

VCE Girls Hockey State Finals
The Senior Girls Hockey Team competed in the State Championships in Footscray on Thursday 18th August. After a 5.30am start the students arrived ready to play. In the first game against Balwyn, the score didn’t represent how well the girls played. Jamo Elliott had many saves as goalie. She was well supported by fullbacks Josie Elliott and Taylah Allman who handled the pressure. Unfortunately Ruby Peel was hit in the head with a ball deflected off an opposition player’s stick and she had to sit out the remainder of games. Tanisha Sedman also had a solid game as a half back.
Maffra lost to Frankston in the second game but they were a very strong team who dominated constantly attacking. Josie Elliott played well in her first game as goalie and Lucy Capurso had a brilliant game at left half back continually running to intercept the ball.
Maffra dominated the last game and were unlucky to lose 2 -1. Adelle O’Doherty was able to clear the ball through the forward line on many occasions to open up the game. The confidence of the forwards Kim Smethurst, Abbey Tucker, Millie Handley, Bessie Capurso and Emma Hellings continued to grow throughout the game and they worked together well to take the ball into the attacking circle. Maffra scored in the first half when Adelle successfully converted a penalty stroke.

Well done girls. You displayed determination and sportsmanship on the field throughout the day. Thanks to the girls who came into the team when there was a clash with other excursions.
Thank you to Mr Cox-Livingston for driving the bus and Jo O’Doherty for managing and coaching the girls on the day.

Wellington Athletics
50 students travelled to the Newborough athletics track on Friday 19th August for the Wellington Round of athletics. The students were absolutely fantastic on the day competing in fine spirit and displaying great sportsmanship. We were very lucky with the weather as the program finished just as the rain hit the track. The next round is the Gippsland athletics on Thursday 15th September with approximately 30 students progressing.
**Alpine School**

**School for Student Leadership**

Six Year 9 students will be heading off to Dinner Plain in Term 4 to be involved in a unique residential education experience that is the School for Student Leadership. Craig Hellings, Sam Dwyer, Jake Giles, Cassidy Stevens, Stephanie Britton and Lucy Capurso will represent Maffra SC at the Alpine School campus and will be involved in a variety of activities that focus on leadership, team building, personal development and outdoor expeditions.

We wish these students the very best as they embark on this new and exciting experience, and hope that it helps them develop into future leaders of our community.

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**First Aid**

**School immunisation reminder**

**Tuesday 6th September**

The third and final round of immunisations for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 6th September for year 7 students.

**Students at risk of anaphylaxis:** Maffra Secondary College is committed to providing a safe and supportive school environment that takes into account the needs and wellbeing of all students in its care, including those diagnosed at risk of Anaphylaxis. DEECD policy and Ministerial Order 706 requires that the school must be provided with a current ASCIA Action plan together with an Adrenaline Auto Injector (Epi Pen) and any other medications that are required. These are kept at the school for any student diagnosed at risk of Anaphylaxis.

Parents / guardians are also asked to advise school staff of any changes or alterations to the students’ emergency contact details.

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**Music**

**OPERA SCHOLARS WORKSHOP**

On Friday 19th of August, four students from Maffra Secondary College, Amy Veale Y (Yr 10), Abbey Tucker (Yr 10), Ali Street (Yr 7) and Emily Cooper (Yr 7), participated in workshops run by Opera Scholars Australia. The students were mixed with other students from across the region to create a mass choir of approximately 50 singers. The aim of the day was to workshop two songs that had been chosen for the group, “Sunday” and “Va Pensiero”.

The day started with students being grouped into their preferred vocal range and working through a series of warm ups to prepare their voices for the day ahead. After a quick break for morning tea, the choir was formed and the two songs were sung in order for participants to get a feel for the works. Students were then divided into two groups and worked on the two songs alongside some of the Opera Scholars that had come along for the day.

Just before lunch, the group came together to see the progress they had made. Lunch gave the students an opportunity to network with students from other schools and to talk with the scholars that they were working with. The rest of the afternoon was dedicated to listening to some of the scholars perform and to finish the finer details of the two pieces that had been workshopped during the day. Overall, the day was a great success and the students got much out of the day.
Buses

2017 Bus Applications – It is important to have your bus forms in as soon as possible. If you need another form please ask your child to see me or the front office. Thank you to the many who have put in their forms already.

Parents Club

Parents Club are holding a cake stall on 16th September. If you are interested in helping in the caravan or donating baked goods please contact Marisa Huts on 0419 095 380.

Attendance

Thank you to those who are using the SMS number to notify us of absences. Please save this to your phone contacts if you haven't done so already. The number is: 0419 345857. A reason for every time your child is away is required by the Department of Education.
Bali 2016

June 20-28th a group of twenty students, five adults and two teachers travelled to Bali to experience Balinese life and culture and to practise their Indonesian language.

The program was varied and combined both leisure and educational activities. Highlights for the students were Waterbom Park, the fruit juices, talking to students, fried rice, shopping in the markets and how friendly everyone was. This is a biennial event and staff are already thinking about plans for the 2018 trip.

Dairy Assistance Funding

In 2016 the Victorian Government implemented a response package to assist dairy farming families. This included assistance for primary and secondary students attending schools (government and non-government schools) where one or both parents:

- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment

The Dairy Assistance CSEF payment will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016. Parents can apply for the dairy assistance funding by completing an application form and lodging it with their child’s schools by 18 November 2016. The school will allocate the payment directly to benefit the eligible student. Application forms available at the Office.

Maffra Secondary College

2017 Debutante Presentation Ball.

Compulsory meeting on Thursday 15th September. 2016.

For all Debutantes, their partners and parents.

Maffra Secondary College Library at 6.30pm.
young people’s mental health - Parent/carer/general public session

Parents, carers and community members are invited to come along and hear Bryan Jeffrey explore what mental health is in a format that is both easy to understand and demystifying. Bryan Jeffrey is the director of MOAT: Mental Health Services, a Registered Psychiatric Nurse and has been employed in a range of senior clinical positions in Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CMHS) and Adult Mental Health both in Scotland and in Melbourne. Throughout his career Bryan saw gaps in mental health literacy, and people who were hungry for knowledge, and decided to focus the attention of MOAT Mental Health Services on meeting these needs. Bryan’s passion is mental health training and this is the second year that the Wellington Shire Youth Council have hosted him in Wellington to share his knowledge with Year 9 students across the Shire. This public session was popular last year so we encourage you to book your place.

Date: Tuesday 6 September
Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Hua Room, Sale Entertainment Centre
Cost: FREE
RSVP: not essential but welcomed by 31 August 2016
cwadmin@wellington.vic.gov.au

MAFFRA CARERS' GROUP

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from February to November - providing information & support for people in various caring roles

If you know someone who could benefit from the support friendship & information our group provides - please feel free to extend a welcome to come along to our meeting

As always, the nature of caring allows for the fact that we can’t always be in a certain place at a certain time but we hope to see you there!

Meets at the Maffra Hospital 48 Kent Street in the Community Meeting Room – please bring a plate to share
Meetings provide information and support for people in various caring roles
Contact people – Pam S 51455417 & Thelma C 5145 1387
1pm – 3pm on
19 Sept, 17 Oct & 21 Nov
All welcome

ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?
Get your team together for the CGHS Bike Relay Event

Enjoy the scenic ride return from Sale to beautiful Lakes Entrance through East Gippsland. For the first time this year the ride offers both a road and a rail trail option to cater for everybody.

Date: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th November 2016

Cost:
- Adult $50.00 - single day
- Adult $65.00 - two days
- Children $10.00 - two days
- Family (good for six) two days
- Dinner Adult RSL $25.00
- Dinner child $15.00

Book your own accommodation at Lakes Entrance

Registations and further information available on the Central Gippsland Health Service website.

http://simonkell.wixsite.com/cohs-bike-ride

Raising funds for Central Gippsland Health Service
Maffra Volleyball runs a social volleyball competition every Wednesday night from 6.15pm till 9pm of each school term. We play all matches in the Maffra Secondary College Gymnasium, which is in Alfred Street Maffra.

Our competition caters for all ability levels, as we have two divisions. Division 1 is for experienced players who want a hard hit out. Division 2 is played on a lower net and is perfect for beginners, juniors or the older players. The committee makes up the teams with an aim to making all balanced and competitive teams.

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 Female players and Thursdays for our Male players.

Our new season starts next term with a “Come and Try” night on Wednesday 5th of October. Current and new players are invited to come and learn the basics of volleyball. The teams will be put together that night and the season will start on Wednesday 12th of October. The season runs until March in 2017. No play over school holidays.

For more information contact Anthony Young at Maffra Secondary College or ring Andrew on 0447262621.
## School Canteen Volunteers

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All volunteers please help as much as possible as it is hard to operate with 2 windows open for the Students as they only have a short time to get food before the bell. Even if it’s only for recess or lunchtime for those who are not on the roster. All help is much appreciated. Thank you. Tracey
Dairy Assistance – Application Form

Maffra Secondary College

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname: ____________________________________________
First name: _________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Town/suburb: _____________________________ State: _______ Postcode: ____
Contact phone number: ________________________________

NOTE – the dairy assistance payment is only available to families who own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm.

Student details

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You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ____________________________ Date __/__/ }

DAIRY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 in government and non-government schools where one or both parents:

• own an operating dairy farm
• are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
• hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
• work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.
Please NOTE:

Please supply evidence when returning your application form as the school is unable to process the application without supporting documentation.

Evidence may include:

- a dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- lease documentation
- share farming contract
- agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- a letter from an employer
- a statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in cases where other forms of evidence are not available).
- confirmation from a kindergarten that a younger sibling has been approved for the dairy Kindergarten Fee Subsidy on the basis of being an eligible dairy farming family (as above)

The Dairy Assistance Application Form must be lodged at the school by **18 November 2016** along with evidence as required.

**PAYMENT AMOUNT**

This one-off payment of $375 per student is only available in 2016 and will be paid to the school for the eligible student.

Families who were eligible for the means tested CSEF payment are also eligible to receive the Dairy Assistance payment. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF drought assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF dairy assistance funding.

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**Government & Non-Government schools:**

1. Parents/legal guardians and independent students are required to complete a Dairy Assistance application form and lodge the form at the school. Application forms are to be retained by the school.

2. The school is then required to complete and email the endorsed spreadsheet to csef@edumail.vic.gov.au by 2 December 2016. The spreadsheet template can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

3. DET will make a bulk payment into the school’s bank account by the end of term 4, 2016.

4. The school will be required to allocate the funding directly to benefit the eligible student. The school should communicate with their school community about how the funding will be allocated.