



# Maffra Secondary College

*More than you imagine*

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School Newsletter: December 2017 Edition

## Principal's Report

Hi everyone,

Here we are with our final newsletter of 2017, and what a great year it has been. This year we launched our continuous reporting model, introduced stronger ways in which teachers plan and collaborate, and put an emphasis on feedback right across the college, not just from the teachers to students, but creating channels for students to give feedback to their teachers.

There have been many curriculum highlights, with strong growth in the Arts evidenced by the broad range of classes, the Peter Pan production, and the recent exhibition. We began exploring different approaches to Year 9 with the new Connect class, and we continued to engage students in real world learning with our industry partners through Broadening Horizons.

The opportunities our students engaged in were endless, from camps, excursions, events, overseas study tours, and many more. We launched our official college Facebook page, and found this is not only a great way to celebrate achievements and connect with our community, but also reflect back on the many things our school has to offer over a calendar year.



We're excited about building on such a solid foundation into next year and beyond, with our new Year Level Teams, student learning portfolios, and greater student input into how they engage in their learning. We trust Head Start next week will give our students an important taste of what's to come in 2018.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students, parents, staff and community members for their support this year, and wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year later this month.

Kind regards,

Adam Hogan,  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### December 2017

**4<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>** Headstart

**12<sup>th</sup>** Year 7 Orientation Day &  
Second Hand Book Sale

**19<sup>th</sup>** Presentation Night

**15<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of Formal Classes

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> NO STUDENTS TO  
ATTEND SCHOOL**

**WISHING ALL A VERY  
SAFE AND HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

### JANUARY 2018

**24<sup>th</sup>** Book Collection Day

**30<sup>th</sup>** First day for Year 7 and VCE  
students

**31<sup>st</sup>** All students return to school

### School Council Meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

### Parents' Club Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

7.00pm in the Staff Room

All Welcome

## Student Leadership

**Kristen Raine**

*Student Leadership Coordinator*



**Gnurad-Gundidj Campus**  
*School for Student Leadership*

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December the Gnurad-Gundidj Leadership Team are holding a Middle Years Disco from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. It will be a \$5 entry fee which includes water, music, glow-sticks, a photo-booth and guess the number of lollies in the lolly-jar.



The 2017 Year 7, 8 & 9's are invited to come and celebrate the fantastic year we have had in the middle school. All money raised will go towards refurbishing the F-Wing toilets in 2018. Remember to save the date and we hope to see you there!

### **Junior Year Disco. Year 7s & 8s.**

*Year 9s are welcome to come if they wish to support the leadership team.*

**When:** Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>

**What time:** 7pm-8:30pm

**Cost:** \$5 entry. Includes water and glow stick. One guess for the lolly jar

**Where:** MSC theatrette

All money raised on the night will go towards refurbishing the F-Wing toilets



## **School for Student Leadership**

Six Year 8 students have been selected to attend the School for Student leadership in Term 2 in 2018. Jasmin Underwood, Ayla Sargeant, Shayla Heard, Josh Caithness, Darren Marks and Lucas Simon will represent Maffra SC at the Snowy River 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 active, confident community members in the future.



## Science News

**Kristen Raine**

*Student Leadership Coordinator*



### **Year 9 Science**

This term in Science, Year 9 students have been visiting the Maffra Wetlands. They have been collecting data on the conductivity, pH, phosphate levels and turbidity of the water as well as the abundance and tolerance levels of macro-invertebrates found at the wetlands. This data is being used to determine the health of the Maffra wetlands. Year 9 students were also fortunate to have a visit from Carmen Lee from the Maffra & Districts Landcare Network to speak to the students about the cultural and ecological importance of wetlands in our local region.





## VCAL News



Dylan Duffy got to try his hand at many different tasks whilst with Wellington Shire Maffra Depot.

Veronica Hudson  
VET/VCAL Coordinator



Mat Harrap has been multi skilling at the CFA workshop in Bairnsdale. He was able to consolidate some automotive knowledge as well as general maintenance in the workshop.



Blair Gray gained some auto electrical knowledge with Mark Stevens at Maffra Auto Electrical



Joel Lipman gained further experience with Bolz Electrical from Briagolong and now has a full time apprenticeship in San Remo- well done Joel.



## Farewell to the VCAL Class of 2017

On the last day of VCAL classes, the students and some of their teaching staff were able to celebrate the achievements and successes through out the year. Below are some pics of the occasion.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL the staff who have taught and supported the VCAL students throughout the journey this year.**





## Projects & CFA

Veronica Hudson  
VET/VCAL Coordinator



Congratulations to ALL the students who completed their Minimum Skills in CFA- Low Structure & Wildfire this year! We encourage you keep attending your local CFA brigade. For projects this year there were many personal successes and students were pleased with the level of challenge that they gave themselves. There was local coverage of one combined project with the Wellington Animal Aid and I would like to thank Cath Macdonald for her input and support of the students and to congratulate the students who completed this complex project (with Mr Gilbert's assistance)!



## VETis News

### 2018 Enrolments

Students undertaking TAFE in 2018 need to obtain a bus travel form that is specific for TAFE travel. These can be obtained from the Admin Office from October 23<sup>rd</sup>. ***They MUST be returned by the start of Head Start- Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.*** As TAFE classes do not run during Head Start, students are NOT required to attend on those 2 Thursdays. A letter outlining the **material, refundable deposit and travel costs** for the various courses will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please note that the refundable deposit **MUST** be paid by the start of Head Start to ensure that your child's place in TAFE is secure.



All student **MUST** obtain a Unique Student Identifier (USI) PRIOR to starting their TAFE courses. This was discussed at a meeting for 2018 students on Thursday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and any students who did not attend that meeting can use the instructions that are on the Portal, under Year Levels→ VET→ links 'How to Create a USI'.

**Students are NOT able to be enrolled UNTIL they have provided the TAFE institute with their USI. I have requested that students give me their USI so that I can forward it on to their respective TAFE, ready to be enrolled for 2018.**

If there are any issues, please email me on [HUDSON.V@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:HUDSON.V@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU)

## Thank You!

### World's Greatest Shave

Thanks to everyone at Maffra Secondary College for your fantastic support for my World's Greatest Shave!

Together we have raised an incredible \$1052 for the Leukaemia Foundation!

This will go towards helping people like my Grandpa with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or another blood disorders. This amount is more than double what I set out to raise, so I am very grateful for your support.

Thanks to the school for donating a hat to me too! I sure needed it.

Thank you for all the support that everyone gave, it is greatly appreciated.



## Volleyball News

**Andrew McIntosh**  
Volleyball Coach



### **Teams off to Nationals Schools Cup**



Maffra Secondary College teams will be heading off to Melbourne during the first week of Headstart to take on the nation's best school volleyball teams in the National Volleyball Schools Cup. We have 3 teams entered for the competition, and Open Boys team, a year 9/10 Girls team and the Year 8 Girls team.

All teams are coached by members of our very successful senior Girls team from last year. Hannah, Kristy and Kaylah are a welcome addition to our coaching stocks, and the 3 girls are looking forward to a week of volleyball after recently finishing their University exams. Because of the disruption to their learning in the first week of Headstart all students are required to take some school work to complete during their stay in Melbourne.

This ends another massive year for volleyball at Maffra Secondary College and I am sure the entire College community wishes the athletes well.

### **Vic School Sports Finals**

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, the Yr 8 girls volleyball team went to Dandenong to participate in the Victorian School Sports Finals. There were two qualifying rounds previous to this competition earlier on in the year, which gave the girls plenty of time to train. The girls played very well all day, working great as a team consistently encouraging and supporting each other, not to mention excellent volleyball. The first round saw the girls have two wins and a close loss which gave us the opportunity to play in the finals. Unfortunately, Eltham was just too strong on the day, beating us in the semi-finals and going on to win the grand final. Overall, the team played fantastic all day and are getting excited about nationals in 2 weeks time. A big thank you to Shae Oakley for coaching the team on the day.

## Host Family Wanted

Next year we will be lucky to once again be hosting a Chinese language assistant at Maffra Secondary College. Xinyue will be helping our Mandarin teacher with her preparation and teaching and giving our students the opportunity to get to know a native speaker of Chinese.

We are looking for a family to host Xinyue for a term and welcome her as a member of the family. The family would be encouraged to exchange ideas and provide exposure to the cultural and social environment of the home and district. Xinyue introduces herself below.

There is an allowance paid to contribute to the costs associated with supporting an extra family member. If you are interested in this opportunity contact Doona Missen at [missen.donna.L1@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:missen.donna.L1@edumail.vic.gov.au).

*My name is Wang Xinyue. I come from Shanghai, China. I am a polite and friendly 24-year-old girl from Shanghai Jiao Tong University. I am studying to be a teacher and I get along really well with kids. My hobbies are traveling, reading and shopping. I also love exercising, including walking, cycling, jogging. I like to keep things clean and tidy. I can cook simple Chinese dishes. I'm really looking forward to my time in Australia and getting to know Australian people and culture.*



## 2018 Book Collection

Books ordered through Campion will be at the school for collection on Wednesday January 24, 2018 from 12.30pm – 5.30pm in the Arts Wing. Cash or Card only, cheques not accepted. If books are not collected on the day, they will be taken back to Campion and alternative arrangements will have to be made.

## Second Hand Book Sales

Second hand books will be available to purchase on Tuesday December 12 from 9am – 12pm in the Middle Years building.



## 2017 CANTEEN ROSTER

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Amy Semmens	Christina Cooper	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	Linda Cam	Julia Miller <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec - 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sandra Dekkers Tamsyn Lenn'e	Fiona Channing Irene Devisser	Kate Mirams Emma Williamson	Jessica Jorcobi	Kerry Flett

I would like to thank each and every one who helped out in the Canteen this year as your help was greatly appreciated. To all who got last minute texts or phone calls to jump in and help THANK YOU.

Hope to see you all in the New Year.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas, stay safe, see you all in 2018.

Please give Tracey a call on 51471790 if you would like to help out. Thank you.

### MAFFRA SECONDARY COLLEGE 2018 DEBUTANTE PRESENTATION BALL

#### PAYMENTS

A Non-refundable payment of \$100

A second payment of **\$120** was due  
by **10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**.

Full payments of **\$210 for boys &  
\$100 for girls** will be due by **8<sup>th</sup>  
December, 2017**.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS AND  
PAYMENTS ON TIME!**

**3rd Annual  
Maffra Christmas  
Festival**

**Friday 15th December  
5.30pm - 9.00pm  
Johnson St, Maffra**

• Food & Drink • Giant Mr & Mrs Claus • Live Magic Show  
• Rides • Animals • Street Performers  
• Music & Heaps, Heaps More

**Late Night Shopping** **DON'T MISS IT!** **Tubby the Robot**

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MCS, Times, COUNTRY ROAD, Andersons, Southern, Dossal, PUND & ASSOCIATES, BEDGOOD'S TRANSPORT, Mr and Mrs Jones, Wynne's

## Summer Pantomime

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### The Wedge

For two weeks this summer  
(Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Jan 20<sup>th</sup>)

you have the chance to work with The  
Australian Shakespeare Company and  
The Wedge on our school holiday  
production of *The Wind in the Willows*.

How cool is that!

We're looking for enthusiastic young  
thespians (or anyone that just likes  
having fun!) between the ages of 7-17  
to join our cast.

Want to know more?

We're holding an information night on  
the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 5.30pm in the  
Hua room at The Wedge

Hope to see you there!



A vibrant green poster for 'THE VALLEY SMASH' cricket match. At the top, a crowd of spectators is shown holding up green signs with numbers. The title 'THE VALLEY SMASH' is prominently displayed in large white letters. Below it, the venue 'TRARALGON RECREATION RESERVE' and date 'FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER' are listed. The central image features two cricket players in green uniforms; one is in a batting stance while the other is bowling. Logos for 'STARS' and 'HURRICANES' are visible. At the bottom, text indicates the match starts at 6.30 PM and provides a website for tickets: [LATROBEVALLEYSMASH.COM.AU](http://latrobevalleysmash.com.au). Various sponsor logos are at the very bottom.

## WGTA SUMMER TEEN GIRLS SOCIAL TENNIS COMP & PIZZA

TIME: Fridays 4.30 to 6.30pm from 10 November, 2017

WHERE: Longford tennis courts (until further notice)

COST: Free

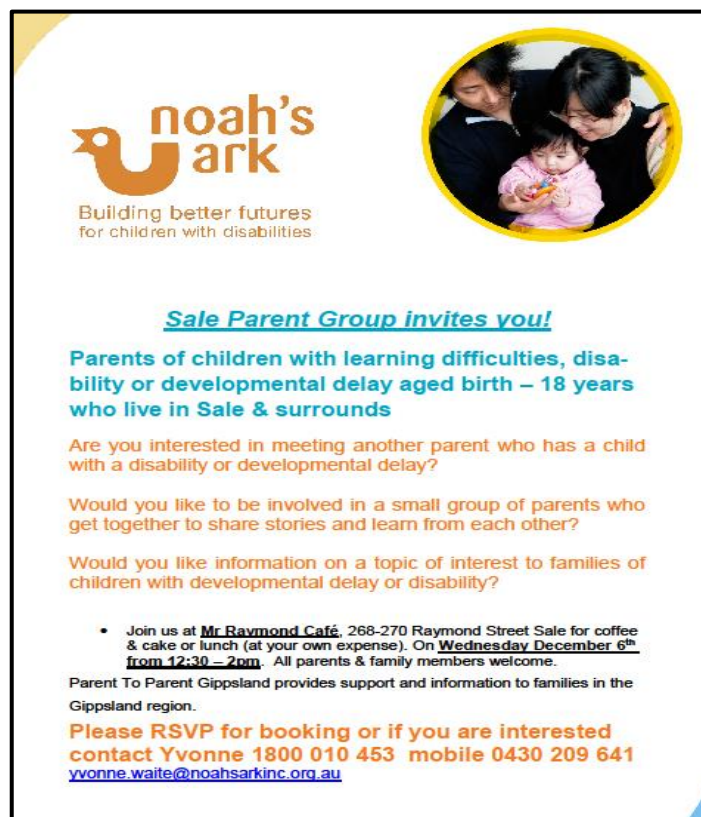
This is a social comp for teen girls interested in playing tennis, a great addition to Saturday Pennant, boost your fitness, meet new friends and learn a new life skill.

Playing two sets of doubles and various tennis related activities depending on numbers

Beginners encouraged (racquets provided if required)

For all information and enquiries please phone

Caz MacLachlan 0417 503320 or  
Kaylene Runciman 0408 528900



A poster for 'noah's ark' featuring a logo with a stylized bird and the text 'Building better futures for children with disabilities'. A circular inset photo shows a family with a young child. The text 'Sale Parent Group invites you!' is followed by details for parents of children with learning difficulties or developmental delays aged 0-18 living in Sale and surrounds. It lists the meeting location as Mr Raymond Café, 268-270 Raymond Street, on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 2pm. Contact information for Yvonne Waite is provided at the bottom.