2013 TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week 9
- Tues 10th – Fri 13th September
- Year 11 Mt Hotham Ski Camp
- Week 10
- Wednesday 18th September
- Junior Summer Sports Day
- Thursday 19th September
- Parent Teacher Interviews - 4pm – 6.30pm
- Friday 20th September
- Last Day Term 3
- Classes will be dismissed at 2.15pm

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SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL
I wrote last fortnight that our newsletter will be going electronic and this will be our second last paper News@McGuire. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please complete the tear off section at the bottom of this page. If you don’t have an email address and would like to continue receiving a paper copy, please contact the general office at the College. Have you visited our new website at http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au/? We will be adding to this site and updating regularly.

**REV Up Your Skills Program**

Today I had the privilege of attending our Year 10 REV up your Skills program student’s beauty salon day at GoTafe. The girls were very professional and offered many services such as manicures, pedicures, wash and blow dry and facials. I was lucky to have a hair treatment and my hair straightened by Shania McEntee and had henna tattooing on my hand by Sabergul Haidari.

Jan Gregory
Principal

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### 2014 McGuire College Debutante Ball

Families of students who have registered interested in participating in the 2014 McGuire College Debutante Ball have recently been sent information packs. A reminder to all those families and students that your application form and commitment payment is due back to the General Office by Friday, 20th September 2013 (last day of Term 3) – **NO LATE APPLICATIONS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

Please note, there are limited places for the 2014 McGuire College Debutante Ball. If you have any queries, please contact either Loretta, Sharon on Lynda at the College on 5858 9800.

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**I would like to receive the school newsletter by email beginning Term 4.**

First Name ____________________________________________________________

Last Name ____________________________________________________________

Email address _________________________________________________________

Eldest child’s name ____________________________________________________

Year Level __________

(Please fill out this form and return it to the general office)
VTAC Applications
The Senior School Team is currently running sessions for our Year 12 students that are preparing their VTAC applications. Please encourage your child/ren to attend these sessions to get assistance with their applications.

VTAC Key Dates
- VTAC (University) Applications open – 5th August 2013 – including Course, SEAS (special consideration) and Scholarship applications
- VTAC Course Applications close – 27th September 2013
- SEAS Applications close – 8th October 2013
- Scholarship Applications close – 18th October 2013

Please note, all Victorian University applications are coordinated/administered by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre and the dates listed above are set by VTAC. There is no flexibility with these dates and no extension given for late applications. For further information, please visit the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au

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Other Training Providers:
- Australian College of Sports Therapy
  - Sunday 8th September 12.00 pm – 3.00 pm
  - Wednesday 11th September 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Year 10 Work Placement Program
Congratulations to our Year 10 students that have recently undertaken work placement. You have represented yourself and the College in an outstanding manner and I know you have all gained a great deal from your time within your host organisation. Take the time now to reflect on what you observed and learnt from your time at your placement.

Interested in Working with Animals?
Enquiries for all sessions: 9285 9406.

Automotive Modern Apprenticeship Program– Vantage Automotive P/L is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers including Audi, Mazda, Mercedes and many more. Applications are being sought from people interested in joining the motor trade. Applicants from all over Australia are encouraged to apply, and if you are selected will be offered full time employment at a dealer close to your home. Positions are already available for 2014. Info/apply: www.vantageautomotive.com. Another suitable organisation is the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC); see www.vacc.com.au and go to Apprenticeships and Training.

An example of why subject selection is so important.......

NURSING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – From time to time, universities change the prerequisites for their courses. La Trobe university has announced that from 2016 (applicable to current Year 10 students) the Bachelor of Nursing and the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery will require a study score of at least 20 in one of Units 3 & 4 biology, chemistry, physics, any maths, psychology, physical education or Health and Human Development (in addition to Units 3 & 4 English (any), currently the only prerequisite).

Year 12 Students
The Senior School Team continues to work closely with all Year 12 student on their pathways beyond Year 12 and with less than 6 weeks of school left for these students, it is VITAL that ALL Year 12’s are considering what next year and beyond will look like for them. Please have the discussions with your child about what they are actively doing in relation to their plans beyond this year, if you have any concerns, please make contact with one of the Senior School Team.

- **APPLYING FOR COURSES** - A reminder that you need to apply for courses through VTAC for 2014 by 27 September ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). The cost of applying up to that date is $27.00. If you apply after this date the charge rises to $91.00. You can apply without paying at the time, but be aware that if you do not pay at all, you will not receive an offer of a place in January 2014. Remember that once you apply, you can change your application. The final time you can change your application is at noon on 23 December.

- **SEAS (Special Access Scheme)** - A reminder that you need to complete your SEAS application for courses through VTAC for 2014 by 8 October. This means that all statements of support and all other supporting document MUST BE at VTAC by this date, NOT posted to VTAC on the date. See: [www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html).

- **SCHOLARSHIPS** – Reminder: All current Year 12 students are advised to apply for Equity and Merit scholarships via VTAC. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students close at 5pm on 18 October 2013. See: [www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html). Also check individual institution websites for other scholarships. There are also **Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships** available to students receiving income support; these are administered by Centrelink. **Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships** are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their indigenous status confirmed.

- **OFFERS** – VTAC has announced that **offer letters will no longer be mailed** to applicants. When offers of places are released on 17 January 2014, applicants will be able to view their offers in their VTAC user account. Offers may also be published by newspapers with the applicant’s permission. NOTE: Verbal offers have no status; if you receive a verbal offer, ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC.

**More Scholarships:**
Every day I am receiving more and more scholarship programs for **Year 12 students** that **ARE NOT** part of the VTAC process. If you fall into any of the following categories, please see immediately to get more information:

- Monash University Various Scholarships
- The University of Melbourne Various Scholarships
- Dafydd Lewis Trust – for eligible male students whose parents combined gross income does not exceed the annual threshold of $73,980

**Careers & Pathways Tip:**
Did you know that in 2013 not one University allocated all of its scholarship funding? Why? Because students often make the decision that they are not eligible, will not “get one” or they think scholarships are just for the “really clever kids”. As a result, students don’t apply. Our advice (and VTAC’s) to all students is **APPLY, APPLY, APPLY**. Students are not in a position to decide if they are eligible or the best person to receive a scholarship, that’s up the Universities. There are a wide variety of scholarships that exist – equity and access, the first person in your family to attend university, gender based, where you live and the list goes on and on….. wouldn’t you love to be the student who gets the scholarship because you were the only one that “bothered” to spend the one hour of your life completing your application??

*Lynda Harcoan, Careers & Pathways Coordinator*
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Care Monkey and Asthma Australia

CareMonkey is a safe and free web app for sharing health care information. Asthma Australia has partnered with CareMonkey in order to contribute to the safety and well-being of people with asthma. Parents can create a profile for their child in CareMonkey which can be shared with trusted carers, including family, friends, teachers and sports coaches.

Vital information such as emergency contacts, health and safety alerts, medications, allergy details, asthma plan and more can be easily shared.

Consider creating a profile for your child with asthma (or other medical condition) and share this with others including the staff at your school or preschool.

Go to caremonkey.com for more information.

Holiday and Festival Asthma Trigger Warning

The upcoming holiday season and festivities planned during Term 4 and throughout the summer holidays may mean that your child is exposed to new triggers for their asthma. It is important for parents and carers, and children themselves, to be aware of changes to their environment and the activities that may impact on their asthma.

Christmas trees, both real and artificial could be triggers for people with asthma. Artificial trees may be quite dusty after being stored away, while both real and artificial trees may harbour mould. It is important to ensure that artificial trees are cleaned appropriately and that care is taken to select real trees that do not produce wind-borne pollen. All tree and other decorations should cleaned and free from dust and mould when used at home.

Scented candles, room deodorisers and air fresheners may also trigger asthma in those susceptible to perfumes, and care should be taken when purchasing these and other scented items at home.

Lastly, the added pressures of the year drawing to a close can cause stress and anxiety for many people, potentially triggering asthma attacks. It is important to consider ways that the whole family can enjoy the holidays and feel safe happy and comfortable.

Happy Holidays from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend these interviews with their children. It is a valuable opportunity to speak with teachers about childrens’ progress.

Please collect your child’s report from his/her Home Group Mentor- located in the OPEN SPACES in E-Wing.

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The Principal Team:
Mrs Jan Gregory, Mr Bill Porter and Mrs Susanne Gill will be available during the sessions to speak to parents and students.

Mr Hassam Al Mugotir and Mr Aqeel Zaydi will be available for families who require an interpreter.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday.

See you back at school on Monday 7th October 2013