Principal Report

Student free day for professional learning - Tuesday 20th May
On Tuesday 20th May our College staff will join the other three Greater Shepparton Secondary schools in a professional learning day for all staff. As such, students will NOT be required on this day.

The day will focus on staff exploring practical strategies for getting the most out of their everyday classroom practice. Using the latest research on learning they will investigate a wide variety of strategies for fostering student engagement, improving feedback and reducing correction. It will feature strategies for teaching students to take a more active and engaged approach to their studies. These include:

- Techniques for fostering student independence and responsible classroom behaviour
- Classroom-tested engagement games and learning activities from across the curriculum
- Correction tools that ensure students act on teacher feedback in a timely and effective manner

Differentiation strategies to ensure students of all abilities are supported and challenged by the curriculum

Once again we appreciate the support of students and parents / guardians on such days when students are not required at school. These days are important in improving teacher practice as well as sharing with our colleagues in other schools.

Fete
The fete was very successful with each home group organising a stall. There were lots of activities and fun things to do. Congratulations to all the home groups for participating. Some of the highlights were the yabby races, henna, coin toss and lots more.
House fire
We were all very sad to learn that one of our families recently lost their home in a fire. We will be organising a fund raiser to assist this family.

Alpine School
On Friday I had lunch with some of the students who attended the Alpine School. These students shared their highlights and challenges and lots of funny things that happened while they were away for most of last term. Most importantly they spoke about the activities that built their leadership skills. Susan Kerwin has been their support teacher.

St Georges Rd Multicultural Festival
Yesterday I attended the festival in St Georges Rd. It was a mixture of many cultures and lots of different food to eat. Mrs Jagdish Mahinder-Singh organised our students to do henna and hair braiding. People were lined up for both of these experiences. Well done to the girls who participated

Jan Gregory
Principal

Transition visits
On April 30th a group of junior students visited Wilmot Road Primary School to talk to the Grade 4-6 students about the differences between primary and secondary school.
They represented McGuire College brilliantly and should be congratulated for their public speaking skills. I would like to thank: Gage Churchill, Nywelo Chol, Daniel Daldy, and Zahra Albayati for their involvement in the presentation.

Susan Kerwin
Last week, several Year 10 and 11 students were lucky enough to be able to converse with Australian of the Year, Adam Goodes at McGuire College. Adam is an AFL legend, champion player with the Sydney Swans, 2 time Brownlow medalist and now has “Australian of the Year” to add to his profile. The experience, which was made possible through “Skype”, was organized for our REV students as part of their “Community Day” learning. Adam’s campaigning against racism is well known. Through his Australian of the Year role he is also hoping to raise awareness of violence against women and to fight for changes to the Constitution to include Indigenous Australians.

The students planned the questions they wanted to ask Adam and were each able to ask their question personally. The questions were from a variety of topics, including asking Adam how he copes with racism, who he sees as his hero, what were difficult periods in his life and how he coped with them, the challenges in his journey to become an elite sportsperson, what he hopes to achieve through his new role and many others. All those present for the skype were impressed with the frankness, honesty and openness of Adam’s answers. Teachers present were equally impressed with the quality of the McGuire students’ questions, their politeness in talking to Adam, their interest in his answers and attentive listening. We were very proud of our students.

The students have unanimously agreed that our skype with Adam Goodes was very enjoyable and also taught them valuable lessons. He urged them to stay strong against people who try to put you down, to believe in yourself and to stand up for what you believe in. Our experience with Adam Goodes has confirmed for us that he is truly a worthy winner of “Australian of the Year”.

Clare Canty
CAREERS DAY OUT – THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2014

This Year’s Careers Day Out Expo is fast approaching and will be held at the McIntosh Centre, Shepparton Showgrounds on Thursday 22nd May, 2014 from 9.15 am – 11.45 am.

The Expo is the largest education, training and employment event in Northern Victoria and provides students and families with the opportunity to talk to a large number of further education providers, employment agencies and people employed in lots of different careers including the Defence Force Officers, Emergency Services Officers, Doctors, Nurses, Lawyers, Youth and Community Workers, Farmers, Event Workers, Council Officers, Game and Internet Developers, Tertiary students and Lecturers, Hairdressers and Beauticians, Designers and Artist and lots more.

The day time Expo is for Year 10 students only, however this year will see the introduction of evening sessions for students and families outside of Year 10.

If you wish to attend the morning session with your child, please contact me at the College.

For students and families wishing to attend the sessions in the evening the details are below as well as in the flyer attached to this News@McGuire.

General Public Sessions:
5.15pm – 5.45pm – Centrelink Information Session
Parents, students and job seekers are invited to attend an informative session on all issues related to Centrelink and further education. This will be followed by a Q&A session and attendees will be invited to discuss individual requirements with staff after the session.

6.00pm – 6.30pm – Employer/Job Seekers/Parent Information Session
A range of local employers discussing important issues affecting job seekers, secondary school students seeking employment and parents wanting further information regarding employment and career opportunities in the Goulburn Valley region. The agenda also includes discussion on major industry and a Q&A session. For further information, please contact me on 5858 9800 or email harcoan.lynda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thanks – Lynda Harcoan
PANEL & WORKSHOP SESSIONS

School Sessions - Session 1 & 2
Resume Support Workshop – available 9.00am to 7.00pm
Bring your resume along to Careers Day Out and discuss with trained staff ideas on how to improve your resume to land your next job!

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