**2014 TERM 1 CALENDAR**

Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 1 Calendar dates

http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

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**HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE?**

Closing Date: 28th February 2014
(Late claims cannot be processed)

**How to Apply:**
Please contact the General Office to apply for the E.M.A.
Please bring your Health Care/Pension Card and it must be valid as at 28th January 2014.

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**SUNSMART**

Students are reminded that they must wear a broad brimmed hat at all times when outside at recess and lunchtime during Term 1 and Term 4.
Thank you to the vast majority of students who ‘do the right thing’ are sensible and ‘Sunsmart’ by wearing their hat at all times when outdoors.

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**Educational Tour of Italy 2014**

Our next Educational Tour of Italy is scheduled to take place in late June and July this year (for approximately 3 weeks, incorporating Term 2 school holidays). This will allow the Year 12 students to sit for their GAT and complete Semester 1.

The tour, which for many represents a once in a life time opportunity, will offer students an exciting opportunity to visit Italy and experience first-hand the Italian language and culture.

Plans at this stage are tentative and bookings will be made if there is sufficient interest; we need at least 10 students to participate for the trip to eventuate.

Students in Years 9-12 studying Italian 2014, or who studied Italian up to & including Year 9 in previous years will be eligible to participate in the trip.

A letter with more information and the proposed itinerary will be sent home shortly.
Champions Results:

Placings

13yr female champion
Bethany Duke - Swan

13yr male champion
Nicholas Runicman-Forster - Crane

14yr female champion
Elizabeth Smith - Heron

14yr male champion
Daniel Dalry - Teal

15yr female champion
Megan Emerson - Swan

15yr male champion
Mehdi Khademi - Teal

16yr female champion
Rachel Claney - Heron

16yr male champion
Peter O’keeffe - Teal

17yr female champion
Crystal Reardon - Teal

17yr male champion
Shaun Davis - Teal

20yr female champion
Naomi Fitzpatrick - Teal

20yr male champion
Brodie Scott - Crane
Jovan Kudric - Teal

House Totals
Teal 492
Heron 343
Crane 334
Swan 287
Principal Report

The swimming sports last Monday was a fun day for everyone. The Year 12s joined in dressing up and enjoyed themselves. Teal was successful on the day but in fact everyone who competed was successful just for participating and contributing to the College. It was inspirational to see one Year 12 student jump into the water and swim alongside a younger student who was struggling to make the distance. With her encouragement he completed the swim. This action reflects the culture at McGuire College.

Professor Loretta Giorcelli visited our College last week and spent time in classrooms observing and presented at staff professional learning on Tuesday after school. Loretta will continue to work with the teachers around inclusive education which means catering for our individual students.

On Monday, Year 11 and 12 students participated in a seminar run by Elevate Education. The students learnt about time management, study habits, the importance of sleep and having a balanced life in Year 12. They were also given valuable information on the importance of practice exams. Ayrton our presenter then spoke to the staff after school and also held a parent information session in the evening. Thank you to all those parents who came to support their students. We will have the Elevate Education group back a bit later in the year to once again inspire the students.

We are fortunate to have six of our Year 9 students attending the Alpine School of Leadership (Dinner Plain campus) this term. The students are: Darcy Andersen, Tyson Kendall, Emma Mullen, Taylor Parker, Tiahne Ward and Kaleb Waldron. We are very proud of them for being selected for this opportunity and look forward to hearing of their experiences.

Next week we begin our review process where we have two reviewers who come into our school and talk to students, Teachers, support staff and parents. If you would like to be part of a focus group please contact the office so we can set up a time for you. It would probably take 30-45 minutes.

Yesterday we had school photos. If your child was away there is a catch up day next Friday 28th February.

Jan Gregory
Principal

McGuire College representatives at the Sorry Day breakfast February 13th.
Welcome Back…
Welcome back to all our students – both old and new….I look forward to continuing to work with you on developing your career pathways throughout the year. For those families new the school, this page is designed to keep you and your child/ren updated with what happening in the world of further education and employment options. It is mainly Senior School focused, but if you have a child/ren in the Junior School, it is never too early to start planning, thinking and talking about pathways.

The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2014 will be held from 8th – 11th May 2014 at the Caulfield Racecourse. This is Australia’s biggest careers and education event and is for students of ALL AGES. It is a great way for students and families to get all the information you need in one spot and talk to further education and training providers. For more information visit www.vceandcareers.com.au or contact 9596 8881 or see me at school.

VCE Exam Preparation and Revision Lectures
We receive lots and lots of brochures every day from different providers for a range of VCE Exam Preparation and Revision Lectures. Most of these lectures are held in Melbourne with some being held on weeknights and some on weekends. All students that have attended these lectures have found them extremely worthwhile. I encourage all students to pick up a brochure and have a look at what is on offer.

Monash University Seminars
Monash University will commence their information seminars on 4th March 2014. Unfortunately most of the seminars are held on a weeknight evening, however if you are interested in attending, we can contact the particular faculty and have the information from the seminar sent through to me. There is a poster in the Senior School Centre with all the dates for the seminars, or alternatively visit www.monash.edu/seminars . Please see me for more information.

Lattitude & Word Education Program (WEP) Australia offer student exchange programs for secondary school students. WEP and Lattitude are both running a number of information sessions for students and families and we will try and organize information sessions here at school if we have enough interested from students. If you are interested, please see me ASAP. For more information on the program visit www.wep.org.au and www.lattitude.org.au

Careers & Pathways Tip:
In the words of the great Tommy Hafey who spoke to our Year 12 students last week – “If it’s meant to be, it’s up to me.”

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McGuire Music News

The music department has been a busy scene.

SENIOR BAND has commenced and is rehearsing weekly at lunchtimes on Thursday - week one - and Friday in week two.

CHOIR meets on Tuesday at lunchtime in F2.

SENIOR STUDENTS make sure you come along to sign up for instrumental lessons in F2.

NEW STUDENTS are welcome to join - either learning an instrument or singing!

IF YOU HAVE A SCHOOL INSTRUMENT FROM 2013 and are not doing Instrumental Music this year please RETURN THE INSTRUMENT so another student can use it!!

BAND INSTRUMENT AUDIT
Currently the school Band instruments are being audited and repaired. There will be many instruments available for hire and to learn so come along to the Music Room any lunchtime or recess to have a blow! and choose an instrument.

Enrolments will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

YEAR SEVEN STUDENTS
Have completed the Selmer Music Test with fantastic results. The most pleasing aspect was that every student did their best! Well done, Year sevens!

Year sevens are being shown the range of instruments you can learn at McGuire College and are encouraged to sign up.

The list of instruments includes flute, clarinet, saxophone - alto and tenor, trumpet, trombone, keyboard, percussion including drum kit, vocals (singing) and possibly guitar.

Further information will be sent home to Year 7 families and families are also welcome to contact Ms Ryan at the college.

I am currently available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Friday of week 2.

Thankyou
Gabrielle Ryan
‘Taking Care of Me’ is a sexual health program for year 9 students each year in first term. The program is run through a partnership with Victoria Police, GV Health, Uniting Care Cutting Edge, and the Secondary School Nursing Program and runs in all Government schools locally for year 9 Students. Student study sexual health, and through education sessions with professionals in the area are given information and things to think about for their own health. Students should also receive an information letter to take home explaining this program and when it will run.

The program has six, 10 minute rotations, they being:

- **Sex and the Law** - ran by Victoria Police discussing consent, assault, sexting etc
- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases** – ran by GV Health Sexual Health Nurses discussing the different types of STIs and how they may be passed on.
- **Healthy Relationships** – ran by Cutting Edge Uniting Care discussing different types of relationships and being respectful.
- **Condoms** – Ran by the Secondary School Nursing Program discussing how to use condoms correctly and some of the mistakes people make.
- **Contraception** – ran by the Secondary School Nursing Program discussing different types of contraception
- **The influence of Porn** - ran by the Secondary School Nursing Program discussing how young people accessing pornography has influenced their sexual health and how to stay respectful in a relationship.

We are aware that young people turn to their parents when it comes to matters of sexual health, and as such we are conducting a Parent Night before the program so parents will be aware what their students will be learning at school.

**Parent Night:**
When: Thursday 27th of February
When: Shepparton High School Personalised Learning Centre, 7pm

*Mark Metcalf*
Adolescent Health Nurse

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**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE 2014**

**EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
**IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME**

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to ‘reignite your passion for your country’, whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories. Attached is a notice for your newsletter in a PDF format. We would appreciate if you could please download this for your newsletter, noticeboard or website.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

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