Principal Report

The Student Voice group held their meeting at Latrobe University on Monday 16th June. Latrobe University provided the bus and all students received vouchers to buy their lunch. The focus of the meeting was on student aspirations and we were fortunate to have two university students talk about their pathway and their university experience. A highlight was visiting the Hospital Simulation Centre where the students study nursing.

Every Wednesday we have a significant number of students attend GoTafe to do VET (Vocational Education and Training). This week the Hospitality students were involved in a cooking competition, The Murray River Culinary Challenge, where they had to cook a three course meal within a timeframe and so under considerable pressure. A bit like Masterchef! The four students did very well and earned the following: Gulsoom Ahmadi and Soraya Safdari both earned Bronze certificates, Jerimiah Murnane earned a Silver certificate and Elly Drum earned a Gold certificate. Elly won the overall competition and she and Jerimiah have been invited to represent McGuire College in the Regional Murray River Culinary Challenge. Congratulations to all these students and a special congratulations to Elly.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent teacher interviews yesterday afternoon. People who did not attend will receive the reports in the mail. As mentioned in the last two newsletters there are no comments on the reports this time as we transition to a new system which will coincide with SPA and you will receive six reports a year.

Have an enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 14th of July for the start of Term 3.

Jan Gregory
Principal
12 Melbourne Discovery Camp

On Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} June, thirty six of our Year 12 students headed off to Melbourne for our annual three day discovery camp.

Over the two and a half days, students will visit La Trobe University, Victoria University, Collingwood Football Club, the Victorian Institute of Sport and The RACV Club to gain a valuable insight and information on pathways and careers into a wide range of areas.

Students will also see the musical ‘Wicked’ during their time in Melbourne and take a guided tour of the city streets of Melbourne learning lots of history along the way.
OUTDOOR EDUCATION – YEAR 10

On the 12th and 13th of June, the Year 10 Outdoor Ed class went on a bushwalking camp. We travelled to Kooyoora State Park to take part in a 2 day hike/camp out. We arrived at the Melville Cave camp grounds where we met Alicia, who was assisting on our trip, then left to walk around the East walking circuit, which wasn’t very difficult. There were signs along the path that showed what trees could be found in the area and also a little bit of information about them. We followed this track for a while until we made it to long rock, then turned left off the track and walked through the bush which was really fun. We walked along a road for a while and when we made it to the base of the mountain it began to rain which really gave me no motivation to keep on going but I had no choice. We walked around the base trying to find the safest route up to the top and whilst looking we stopped at the White Swan Mine which was really cool. The old mine was used in the 2nd world war, where they took quartz out of the earth to use on radios. The walk up the mountain was the hardest part of the trip, because with it still raining it made the easiest things to climb hard because it was all slippery. When we finally made it to the top we were all amazed at the view and we took a minute to just look before we put up our tents and had dinner before heading off to bed because we were all exhausted from the walk to the top.

In the morning we packed out stuff and before we started our journey back down Mr Nicholls told us that we would be navigating back down the mountain. It was challenging at the start to get a sense of direction but it didn’t take us long to go back down and walk back to the bus, but before going home we had a look at the Melville caves which was great. We went through the worm hole and the squeeze test which wasn’t very hard.

I really enjoyed this trip and would happily go on a camp like this one some other time.

By Nick Mileto- Year 10 Outdoor Ed.
McGuire College and Shepparton High School will again hold our annual VTAC Parent Briefing Session and Pathways Evening on **Wednesday 13th August 2014 from 6.00pm – 8.30pm** in the E Wing building at the front of McGuire College.

As in previous years, the aim of the evening is to provide students and families with greater access and information to pathways and options available to them post secondary school. Leading further education and employment providers will be present to speak with students and families one on one, as well as past students from both schools talking about their experiences since leaving school. The following providers have confirmed their attendance to date:

- Charles Sturt University
- La Trobe University
- Australian Defence Force
- GOTAFE
- Australian Catholic University
- Victorian Transport Association
- The Apprenticeship Factory
- CVGT
- VTAC
- Centrelink
- Partners in Training

We are also hoping to have representatives of the following organisations attend:

- Swinburne University
- Deakin University
- Victoria Police Force
- Federation University (formally University of Ballarat)
- Victoria University

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), the authority responsible for administering the process for students applying to University and some TAFE Institutions (including scholarships and special consideration applications) will present on the process of applying. Centrelink will also present on the current entitlements for students and families in relation to further study and employment.

Please don’t miss this valuable opportunity to have first-hand access to these organisations and information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5858 9813 or email harcoan.lynda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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