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Participation ,Aspiration, Inclusion ,Resilience ,Respect

School Captains Communications

It has certainly been a busy start to Term 2 and unbelievably we are halfway through the term already. VCE Students have been busy with their final semester 1 assessments, joining study groups and starting applications for scholarships. It really is a very hectic time. VCAL students are working hard to put their projects together and it has been very exciting to hear about plans which include NAIDOC acknowledgment day coming up in Term 3! The Year 10 students have been away on camp this week. We can't wait to hear of their adventures and see lots of photos in our next edition.

As Captains, we had the privilege of MCing at our IDAHOBIT assembly on Tuesday. Our Wellbeing Team did an amazing job putting together a day of activities for the school. We started the day with a video and discussion in homegroup. It was interesting to hear different perspectives from our peers. The assembly included two guest speakers. Ada from Grampians Community Health talked about how many people under 25 identify as a member of the LGBTIQ+ community and about many of the challenges they face. She encouraged us to be supportive allies and friends and to continue to work together to make Stawell a welcoming and inclusive community for all. Our second guest speaker was Tina who shared her story and challenges of being transgender in the 1960s when she did not have the language or support to understand or talk about her feelings. It was sad to hear of the discrimination people faced then but encouraging to hear how the times are changing. She gave a moving speech and even though the hall was full everyone listened very respectfully. During recess we enjoyed rainbow cupcakes, face painting and pledges. At lunchtime students participated in chalk drawing in the front carpark.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this including the VCAL artists, our guest speakers and supporters, and our wellbeing team. Most of all thank you to all students who participated and pledged to end discrimination.

Our Senior netball and football teams are heading off this week and we wish them all the best of luck in their competitions.

Your School Captains,
Ashley, Marcos, Natalie and Grace



NAPLAN 2022

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 9 students who completed the 2022 online NAPLAN tests. Throughout the four day testing period, our students consistently displayed our core values – aspiration, participation, resilience and respect. They all stayed focussed on completing these tests and worked diligently. Once finished they respectfully sat quietly and patiently waited for the others to finish. Well done to all our students. The results should be available to families in late Term 3. We look forward to using our student data to implement strategies to support our students to continue to progress.



Please enjoy our mock pictures of NAPLAN as photos are not permitted during the testing period

RESPECT

EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY

Principal's Report 20 May 2022

- Graduation and Presentation Evening - format for 2022 - review of 2022 format discussed. Mr Hart to discuss with School Council and develop a proposal for End of Year Presentations.
- Facebook – Leadership discussed and supported Facebook as a platform for communication. Ms Phillips to explore settings so that everything posted is view only.
- SSC representative on Central Grampians Local Learning & Employment Network(CGLLEN) Board replacing Amy Weavell to be Murray Mckenzie
- Student, Parents and Staff “Attitude to Schools” Surveys to be distributed soon. Murray Hart to coordinate process with support of Marie McAloon.
- On Friday 13 May, all staff participated in workshops with a focus on “Wellbeing” and “Differentiation”. Some Education Support Staff also developed their knowledge of the Student Management Tool (XUNO) and “eduSafe”. These workshops were part of the continued School Improvement plan the aims at improving classroom teaching and whole school wellbeing. The day was very successful.
- NAPLAN - Our Year 7 and 9 students completed 4 NAPLAN tests over the last two weeks. All students consistently demonstrated our core values and have tried their best. Mrs Williams coordinated the NAPLAN program and expressed her gratitude Catherine Mackay, Christine Powell and Emma Gibson who efficiently administered the tests and to the teachers who have provided support during the testing sessions.
- Year 9 Ambassadors have been busy helping with the local primary schools sports days. They were due to attend 502s Athletics on the 5th May, but this had been postponed until the 19th May. Our ambassadors should be proud of their community support.
- Update on Principal Position: Mr Hart received confirmation from the region that the Substantive Principal position will not be filled until 2023. This process is to be held in Term 4 2022. The Acting Principal position will be re-advertised for semester 2, 2022 as an EOI. In light of this development, Leadership will discuss the options for filling the role of Assistant Principal once the Acting Principal has been announced..
- Mr Hart has registered for the 2-day Principal's conference - May 30 & 31 2022.
- Selected students from Year 7, 8 and 9 recently experienced the “Man Cave” program. The “Man Cave” is a preventative mental health and emotional intelligence organisation for boys and young men. They work with schools to deliver workshops with keynote presentations that explore healthy masculinity, positive mental health, and respectful relationships. The staff and students involved in the program spoke very favourable of their experience. We hope the boys involved reflect their learning in our community.
- As a result of the Government “Positive Start” program, the College will be able to offer free camps throughout 2022. This is a one-off Government initiative to re-engage students in school camps following several years of COVID lockdowns. The Year 10 cohort were on camp this week, exploring the urban and rural life around Melbourne. Year 9 students will be on a similar camp next week. There is also a “Snow Experience” Camp coming up at the end of this term that is open to 7 to 11 students. More details on this opportunity soon.
- Our Wellbeing Team met recently with Tammie Meehan, the Education Director - One Red Tree Resource Centre Inc to update the college on the “Provisional Psychologist School Outreach Program”. The college will be allocated one Provisional Psychologist for two days a week in Semester 2. This will bolster our Wellbeing capability and provide additional support for our wellbeing team.
- Building Program update: The final tender process continues to be delayed as the Architects, Victorian Schools Building Authority and Bowden Building Company continue to negotiate the best outcome for the school re-build. Unfortunately, there is insufficient funding to complete all aspects of the school Master Plan. This will mean various improvements initially proposed will be held over until more government funding is provided to the school. Hopefully, we will have an outcome soon.

Yours in education

Murray Hart (Acting Principal)

Black Range Athletics:

Friday 6th May, Stawell Secondary College sent 60 students to North Park to participate in the Black Range Athletics. A brisk start to the morning lead into an excellent day for running, jumping and throwing. Students participated to the best of their ability, and as a collective the students returned with 20 3rd place ribbons, 6 2nd place ribbons and 19 1st place ribbons with an overall placing of 6th with 1,593 points, which is an excellent achievement. Specific congratulations to the students who placed first in their events and are progressing to the next level on Thursday 6th September.

Owen Summers – Triple Jump

Judd Smith – 800m

Tommy Williams – 800m, 1500m

Austin Tyres – Javelin, Discus, Shot Put

John Jok – Triple Jump

Charles Cathcart – Long Jump, High Jump

Molly Orr – Shot Put

Xander Gragasin – 200m, 100m

Erika Eastick – Shot Put

Caleb Stores – Shot Put

Alana Graveson – Discus, Long Jump

Noah Lyons – Javelin

Vanilla Ika – 100m

Boys 17 years 100m Relay (Xander Gragasin, Noah Lyons, Charles Cathcart & Tommy Williams)

Sports Report 20/5

Black Range Cross Country:

Cross Country this year was held in Murtoa and SSC was lucky enough to send 45 interested students to this competition who qualified from the school cross country the previous Tuesday. All of the students who participated did an excellent job of completing their allocated course. Females of all age groups and males aged 12-15 completed the 3km course and males 16-20 completed the 5km course around the football oval and lake. The following are our placings;

12-13 Girls – 9th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 23rd and 25th.

12-13 Boys – 6th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

14 Girls – 3rd, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

14 Boys – 8th, 25th, 28th and 30th.

15 Girls – 11th, 14th, 15th, 17th and 20th.

15 Boys – 5th, 6th, 23rd, 24th and 26th.

16 Girls – 5th, 6th, 10th and 11th.

16 Boys – 2nd, 4th, 8th and 12th.

17-20 Girls – 6th

17-20 Boys – 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th.



Congratulations to all students on their excellent performances in their sports, and good luck to the following students who have qualified for GWR Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday 30th May. Makala Basset, Tanisha Campbell-Huruglica, Charles Cathcart, Jack Clementon, Sienna Cox, Tayla Field, Ebony Hall, Dacheal Hameka, Zali Harrison, Tayla Hemming, Declan Holloway, Vanilla Ika, Freya Kellas, Tanesha Knight, Noah Lyons, Leon martin, Romy Moloney, Jack Reading, Lewis Reading, Oscar Reading, Sienna Santuccione, Jack Sirre, Judd Smith, Darcy Titcombe, Billy Williams & Tommy Williams.

Construction Induction Card

Date: Tuesday 7th June, 2022
Venue: Stawell Secondary College - Patrick St, Stawell
Duration: 1 Day: 9am – 3.25pm
Room: G3 - Hall
Short Course / Accredited

Course overview

All people wishing to enter a site where construction is being undertaken must complete Construction Induction Training and be issued with a Construction Induction Card. This also includes work experience students wishing to undertake their placement on a construction site.

This course will show participants how to ensure safe, efficient and effective work practices on construction sites. Students will learn the acts, regulations, codes of practice and industry standards which are endorsed by the Victorian WorkSafe Authority.

Any students in Year 9 – 12 interested in this course let me know – school will pay for your enrolment – pending places available

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2022

23/5/22—26/5/22 Year 9 Camp
30/5/22 Greater Western Region Cross Country
14/6/22—17/6/22 Year 10 Work Experience
17/6/22 Year 12 Formal

Chinese Report

HSK 2 Test Melbourne Excursion

Ava and Abbey took the opportunity to extend their language ability by sitting in HSK level 2 test last Saturday at Victorian University. Well done for showing resilience, consistency and passion towards learning Chinese! Abbey will be participating in the Hanyuqiao Chinese competition **this Friday, good luck!**

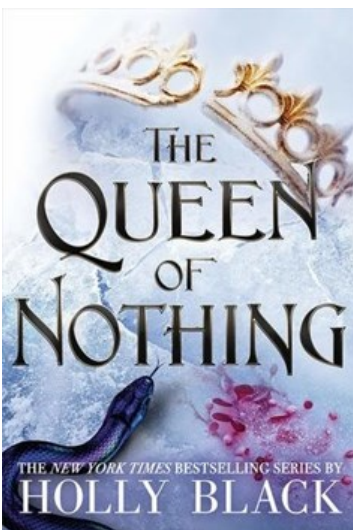


Open Evening Chinese Performance

Many thanks to Mikayla and Alicia who performed a Chinese Long Fan Dance at the start of our Open Evening, it was beautiful and certainly highlights the multi-cultural atmosphere at our school community.

Book of the Week

Queen of Nothing
Author: Holly Black



He will be destruction of the crown and the ruination of the throne. Power is much easier to acquire than it is to hold onto. Jude learned this lesson when she released her control over the wicked king, Cardan, in exchange for immeasurable power.

Now as the exiled mortal Queen of Faerie, Jude is powerless and left reeling from Cardan's betrayal. She bides her time determined to reclaim everything he took from her. Opportunity arrives in the form of her deceptive twin sister, Taryn, whose mortal life is in peril.

Jude must risk venturing back into the treacherous Faerie Court, and confront her lingering feelings for Cardan, if she wishes to save her sister. But Elf-hame is not as she left it. War is brewing. As Jude slips deep within enemy lines she becomes ensnared in the conflict's bloody politics.

And, when a dormant yet powerful curse is unleashed, panic spreads throughout the land, forcing her to choose between her ambition and her humanity...