Respect, Excellence, Community

Community
A learning community is made up of people – new teachers to join our school have introduced themselves on the next page. Each one brings valuable skills and experiences to enhance the learning already progressing at the College. I know that you will make all of our new staff welcome as you meet them at school or around the district in the near future. (Next week more of our new staff will be introduced). It is also important to note that many students have joined this school – year 7 have begun their learning journey in the year 7 hub. May I also remind parents that the Hastings Street car park is not a drive-through drop-off point and that convenient drop-off zones are available in Hastings Street to avoid drive-through. Students have also joined the school in years 7 to 12 and we sincerely welcome everyone to our school learning community: new and returning alike. The home group teacher and the house leaders or assistant house leaders are excellent contacts for enquiries. Murray Hart is the assistant principal responsible for years 7-9 and Aaron Dalziel is the assistant principal responsible for years 10 – 12.

Excellence
The school leaders recognized and identified in this issue of Connections help to carry forward the work of excellence. I hope their year is successful and personally rewarding. School council president Stephen Walker presented and personally congratulated each of the new leaders. I know that there was a badge delivery error and I apologise to the affected students and will soon have additional, correct badges available.

Respect
The creation of the year 7 hub and improvements to the senior learning environment prevented the continuation of the year 10 lockers in their previous location. I am working with year 10Ss and our school council to promptly resolve this temporary situation and I hope soon to see our College captains officially open a designated year 10 zone.

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All of our values were brought together when Julia Clugston, Riley Hackwill and Elissa Jess spoke to our school assembly of their exchange in Germany 2016-17.
NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO SSC

I am Joanne a new teacher joining Stawell Secondary College, teaching Food Technology and Humanities. I have relocated to Stawell from Geelong and looking forward to my future endeavours, both in the school and the community in this region. I am looking forward to trekking in the Grampians and testing my water skiing ability on the lakes in the region.

Joanne Hammond.

Hi SCC, my name’s Mr Barnett and I’m really excited to be joining the Stawell community! I grew up in our nations (arguably) great capital, and moved to Sydney where I finished school to study. I have degrees in Electrical Engineering and in Computer Science so it's no surprise that I love maths, science and programming. When I'm not working I spend most of my time running, climbing and competing in a little sport called Orienteering. If you share any of my passions, or you just want to have a chat, come and find me in the yard!

Andrew Barnett.

I have come to Stawell Secondary to fill a 6 month contract while Anthony Taylor is on leave. I previously worked at Beaufort Secondary College and Lake Bolac P-12 College. At Lake Bolac College I was Campus Manager of the Secondary School, with that role I was in charge of the daily running of the secondary school. I taught Maths, Technology, Advance and Outdoor Ed. Working in such a small town gave me opportunities to become involved in the community. I am currently involved with the Lake Bolac CFA as training officer and I incorporated this into my Advance classes so the students had the opportunity to complete CFA minimal skills.

I am looking forward to working with all of the staff and students at Stawell Secondary College and meeting the wider school community.

Jamie Ferguson.

My name is He. I am the new Chinese Teacher in Stawell! I come from China, and I have been in Australia over 5 years. I am so happy to move into Stawell, and teach children Chinese here.

He He.

Hi everyone!
I’m a teacher from down in Melbourne, but I went to school in the ‘Ararat of New South Wales’ – Mudgee. I’m teaching Global Politics, Legal Studies, Year 7 Humanities and Year 8 English. I’m very excited to be teaching at Stawell Secondary College. I’m also a keen gardener – if anyone has any tips, tricks or cuttings that grow particularly well around here, get in touch! (especially succulents).

Vincent Paul.

Year 7 Uniform Pack...

In 2017 every year 7 government school student who was a recipient of CSEF in 2016 automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools’ Relief. If your child was a CSEF recipient in 2016 you can apply for a CSEF year 7 Uniform Pack by contacting Stawell Secondary College and completing the order form.

You can call the General Office for more info on 53581700.
# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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2017 School Captains. Tyra, Jack, Seth & Tash.

Yr 9 Student Ambassadors

Black Range House Captains & Vice Captains

Lonsdale House Captains & Vice Captains

Mackenzie House Captains & Vice Captains

2017 School Bus Captains
The Book of the Week is: "If Blood Should Stain the Wattle" by Jackie French.

It's 1972 and the catchcry is 'It's time'.

As political ideals drift from disaster to the dismissal, it's also time for Jed Kelly to choose between past love, Nicholas, the local Labor member, and Sam from the Halfway to Eternity commune. It's time too for Matilda Thompson to face her ghosts and the life that took a young girl from the slums of Grinder's Alley to being the formidable matriarch of Gibber's Creek.

During this period of extraordinary social change and idealism, modern Australia would be born. And although the nation would dream of a better world, it would continue to struggle with opposing ideas of exactly what that better world might be.

Jackie French, author of the bestselling "To Love a Sunburnt Country", has woven her own experience of that period into an unforgettable story of a small rural community and a nation swept into the social and political tumult of the early 1970s. A time that would bear witness to some of the most controversial events in Australian history; and for Matilda, a time that would see her vision made real, without blood spilled upon the wattle.

INTERNET BANKING

Thank you to the many families who are now making regular payments to the school via internet banking.

If you made your first payment through Netbank on 4 February could you please call Marie McAloon on 5358 1700 as soon as possible.

If you would like to commence paying for your Essential Materials fee, Excursions & Camps and Laptop lease through this convenient method please do not hesitate to contact us.

Breakie club is Back!!
Every Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings from 8am to 8.45am down in the Yr. 7 Hub Kitchen.

The office staff require either a note or a phone call if you wish your child to leave the school grounds during school hours. They can not leave without one of these!

CSEF APPLICATIONS
A CSEF flyer has been issued in today's newsletter for important Financial Assistance Information to parents. These forms need to be back by 24 February 2017.

Instrumental Music – now taking enrolments!
Students interested in being part of the Instrumental Music Program this year should collect a green enrolment form from the office. You will be added to the timetable as soon as your form is returned.