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New Buildings Update:

Our new buildings are currently in their initial stages of construction. Much of the temporary fencing has been installed and preparations are being made for the first stage of construction. The buildings are planned to be finished by the start of Term 1 2020, soon after these buildings are finished students will move into these buildings and the demolition of the old Science, Maths & Food Technology buildings will begin. We are looking forward to the spaces that will be created to enhance the opportunities for our teaching and learning in the future.

Report Writing Day:

The student free day on Friday 14 June will be devoted to report writing. These reports offer an opportunity for students to receive feedback on the work undertaken this semester. Students should read these reports and ensure they take on the feedback aimed to improving their performance in school.

Carlos Lopez
Principal
Stawell Secondary College

College Supports Ex-student Greta Duke's – "Bravehearts 777 Marathon"



Stawell Secondary College has thrown their support behind 2008 graduate, Greta Duke, who will tackle the gruelling "Braveheart's 777 Marathon".

Held between 1 - 7 July 2019 a maximum of 30 runners, including Greta, will each tackle 7 Marathons, over 7 states, in 7 days. In addition to this already incredible feat, each runner will commit to raising a minimum of \$10,000 for the Bravehearts Charity, Bravehearts is the only Australian charity specifically dedicated to preventing the crime of child sexual assault. Bravehearts' Vision is to make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child. Bravehearts' services include counselling and support services, preventive education, child protection training, research, advocacy, lobbying for legislative reform. Stawell Secondary College students will wear casual dress on 13 June with a "white" theme to resemble the white balloon symbol of the Braveheart charity. Students will make a gold coin donation on the day.

The school community is invited to donate via Greta fundraising page: <https://sna.etapestry.com/fundraiser/Bravehearts/777national2019/individual.do?participationRef=1225.0.1374414689>



Construction Update:

On Thursday 16 May, the Parliamentary Secretary for Schools, Mr Tim Richardson MP, visited Stawell Secondary College to officially recognise the commencement of the new building works with the "turning of the first sod" with Year 7 students, Jade Oates and Declan Holloway. Mr Richardson, student representatives, staff and members of School Council, toured the school grounds with the architects and builders prior to the official speeches and sod turning ceremony. Students have already noticed fencing has been erected and dismantling work has already commenced in the vicinity of the new building site.



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

13 June	Casual Dress Fundraiser for Braveheart's -Gold Coin Donation on the day
13 June	Intermediate Netball
14 June	Correction Day– Student Free Day
14 June	Senior Basketball
19 June	Year 7 Netball & AFL
19 June	School Winter Concert
26 June	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
28 June	End of Term 2 @ 2:30pm

Winter is now here!

With Winter officially here, it is important that we have our students in the correct uniform. We have Elise, Chloe and Eliza wearing our school jacket. These can be purchased from Mensland Stawell for \$69.95.

Students are not permitted to wear any other type of jacket during the school day.



Nude Food Fridays

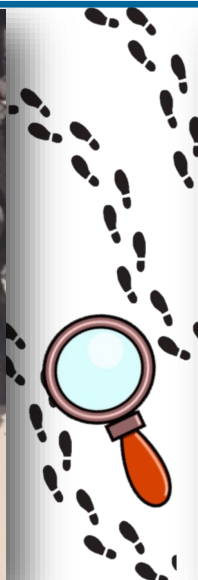
We are so lucky to have a conscientious group of students who want to lower the waste impact within the school. Students have implemented the first step of introducing "Nude Food Friday". This entails students bringing their food in reusable containers, rather than single use plastic. The group will implement some further behaviour changes within the school towards the end of term and as we head into Semester 2.



Guess the Staff!

Below we have 2 members of the Staff at Stawell Secondary College.

Take your guess as to who you think they are..... You'll find then answer on the last page of connections.



Year 10 Volunteering

Over the past 5 weeks we have had 14 students out in different organisations volunteering their time to give back to the community.

As their volunteering comes to an end, we were lucky to get pictures of them in action. We will continue our volunteering into next term with a different group of year 10 students.

If you are part of an organisation and would like 2-3 year 10 volunteers every Wednesday from 12.15-1pm, please contact Heidi Lang at the school on 5358 1700.



Guess the Staff Answers

- 1: Mr Carlos Lopez
- 2: Mr Nicholas Oliver



AFLW News:

Senior Girls Monday 27 May

SSC lady of the day Madi Churchill

Very positive day filled with fun laughter and sportsmanship. It was truly amazing to see our students display our school value of Community. A big thank you to our coaches who gave the girls guidance to come away from the day in second place. Rody Ika, Angus Williams and Lachlan Holm.



Intermediate Girls Tuesday 28 May

SSC Lady of the day – Sharni Grace

A fun filled day that was not dampened by the weather. The girls worked hard and improved their skills as the day went on. Despite the wet conditions, spirits were very high and lots of encouragement towards each other. A thank you to Crystal Summers and Tahlia Saxby-Barnett for coaching.



'Hanyu Qiao' Chinese Competition

During the last weekend of May, after many hours of hard work and missed lunch times, Miss Ling and myself travelled to Melbourne to participate in the 2019 'China Bridge (Hanyu Qiao)' competition. Students from Victoria and Tasmania came together at Melbourne Grammar School to present their view on the topic "Learning Chinese, creating a better future". The competition took place in two parts, the first in a two and a half minute speech entirely in Chinese, and secondly in a talent round where students demonstrated not only their Chinese language skills but other skills including music, dancing, traditional painting and martial arts. After 25 well written speeches and 25 well performed pieces, the judges finally made their decision, I had placed third. Hanyu Qiao was a great opportunity for people with a passion of Chinese to group together with some of the best Chinese language students in the two states, and to meet people who also enjoy learning Chinese. A big thank you to Miss Ling for helping me prepare for the competition. After such a success this year, next year we will go and work even harder to do better!

上周五，Ling 老师跟我一起去墨尔本参加了2019年‘汉语桥中文比赛’。比赛分为两个部分，第一个部分是演讲，第二个部分是才艺表演。第一个部分演讲比赛的主题是‘携手汉语筑梦未来’。第二个部分有各种各样的才艺表演，有的学生唱歌，有的学生画国画，还有的学生表演武术。表演结束以后，评委们选出了八个鼓励奖，还有一个一等奖，一个二等奖和一个三等奖。我获得了三等奖。

我觉得参加汉语桥是一种很好的体验，我很喜欢参加。所以，我们要更努力准备明年的汉语桥，争取取得更好的成绩。非常感谢Ling老师对我的帮助！



Homestay Request from Monday 5 August to Sunday 11 August in Term 3

Stawell Secondary College will be hosting nineteen Short Stay Study students from Yancheng Middle School and Ganyu Senior High School, Jiangsu Province, China, as a part of our Sister School Exchange Program.

The students will be arriving in Stawell on Monday 5 August and depart on Sunday 11 August. We are looking for families who may be interested in hosting a student during their time in Stawell.

Our visitors will be students from Year 7 to Year 10 who will need a friendly environment, care and understanding, as they are travelling far from home. This visit is also a wonderful opportunity for our students, who are currently studying Chinese language, to have the opportunity to learn more about the Chinese culture as well as sharing their knowledge of the "Aussie" way of life. It will be specifically beneficial for the students who are involved with the Sister School Exchange Program to China or Victorian Young Leaders to China program later this year.

If you would like to welcome a student into your home and host a student, please return the information slip (which has handed out to the students who have expressed interest) to school, or contact Mrs. Mcaloon or Ms Ling directly on 5358 1700.

