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Respect, Excellence, Community

Reports and Feedback

Students will receive their reports today for the first semester. This feedback by teachers is an important part of improvement in learning. Teachers provide feedback on aspects of attitude, work ethic and effort displayed by students. Receiving and taking on this feedback is an important part in developing learners to understand ways in which they can improve their performance in class and ultimately in life. Regardless of where students are at, staff at Stawell Secondary college expect improvement in learning in order to develop individuals to become knowledgeable about different areas at school and improve access to future opportunities.

Senior Students Using Their Break Effectively

These school holidays are particularly important to our senior students. This is a great opportunity to catch up on work that they need to undertake in order to ensure they are prepared for the term ahead. In particular, Year 12 students are asked to ensure they are understanding their work, they are up to date with preparation with assessments and they schedule their time effectively. As a Year 12 teacher I was always very conscious of the workload ahead for these students. A way of managing this workload is through preparation and scheduling. I suggest to all Year 12 student that they develop a holiday schedule which contains a day by day plan that concentrates on time slots for revision and study. It is also important to schedule breaks; these are an important part of coping with pressure and ensure the brain has time to process and absorb the information undertaken through study. It is also important to schedule exercise and outdoors activities which are essential for the effectiveness of the brain.

Student Free Day Monday July 15

Student free day Monday 15 July (First Monday of Term 3) will see staff taking on trauma training in order to skill up our teachers on the issues faced when dealing with students who have undergone trauma in their life.

Aggressive Behaviour

As advised by the Department of Education, and after discussion with School Council, a number of signs will be visible in our office to deal with aggressive behaviour. Whilst this does not happen regularly, it is my duty to inform all members of the community that aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated at our school. I would ask anyone with any difficult or frustrating issues concerning Stawell Secondary College to communicate with me directly in order to resolve these in a calm, civil and supportive manner.

Carlos Lopez
Principal
Stawell Secondary College

HAVE A SAFE BREAK

**We'll see you back on
Tuesday 16 July**

School Holidays

School holidays are all about resetting and taking time to get out and have some fun, we have a simple guide to try and complete over the holidays.

make something **MONDAY**

Spend the day baking, crafting or creating something new!

TUESDAY *try something new*

Can be anything, try a food you've never had before!

Wander **WEDNESDAY**

Take the dog for a walk, go explore the Grampians!

THURSDAY *be thoughtful*

Do something nice for the community, volunteer or help a friend!

Fun **FRIDAY**

Go to a dance class, hang out with friends, make plans and have fun!

ON AVERAGE AUSTRALIANS

ONLY TAKE

**3,500-
5,000**

STEPS PER DAY³

**YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR
HEALTH BY TAKING**

10,000

STEPS PER DAY¹

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

26 June	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
28 June	End of Term 2 @ 2:30pm
15 July	Student Free Day
16 July	Start of Term 3
24 July	School Council Meeting @ 7pm

Information Night for Homestay Hosts

Thanks to the families who have offered to host our Chinese short-stay students who will be arriving in Stawell on 5 August, Week 4 of Term 3. We would like to have a short meeting in Week 2 on Wednesday 24 July, for all of the homestay families. The purpose of the meeting is to answer any questions you may have, hand out the homestay itinerary and give you some information about your homestay student.

The meeting will be held in Room L3 in the Year 7 Hub, commencing at 7:00pm.

It would be appreciated if you could attend this meeting. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact our school business manager Marie McAloon or myself.

2019 Great Victorian Bike Ride Team

Stawell Secondary College is very excited to announce that once again they have entered a team of cyclists into the 2019 Great Victorian Bike Ride. This year sees the largest team ever with 16 riders and 3 adults participating. The students range from years 7 to 10 and have been named Team Super Stawell.

The Ride is from Friday 22 November – Sunday 1 December 2019. The Ride will commence in Robe, South Australia and travel through Millicent, Mount Gambier, Portland, Port Fairy, Peterborough, Beech Forest, Deans Marsh and finish in Torquay.

The RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride is a fun, friendly and challenging bike and camping adventure that will see the students and staff cycle over 652 kms in 10 days.

As the largest, fully supported bicycle event in the world, there is no better way for students to see Victoria and learn about themselves and their peers. The sense of achievement from completing the ride can lead to improved confidence, resilience and personal growth.

The cost for the ride is \$859 per student. The aim of the school and the riders is to raise \$659 per pupil to ease the financial burden on families. Some fundraising events being planned is a Chocolate Drive, a Bike Raffle with an \$800 bike donated by a local sponsor, a school social and a school formal. The Riders will be seeking support from the local community over the coming months.

To assist our riders to commence training the school is seeking road bikes to either borrow or purchase as not all students have a bike. If you are able to help us out please contact either Murray Hart or Marie McAloon at Stawell Secondary College on 5358 1700.

Year 11 & 12 Home Group 9.05-9.17am

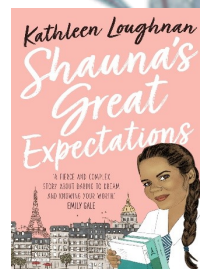
We have introduced an attendance marked home group for all year 11 and 12 VCE and VCAL students. Year 11 students are meeting in the library, and Year 12 students will be meeting in the Year 12 Centre. By utilising this 12 minutes each morning, students gain one full period per week of study or other educational activity. As there is a roll marked for this home group, their home group attendance will affect their overall attendance, which is required to be above 85% to pass VCE and VCAL. This has been communicated clearly to all students over the past three weeks at assemblies, during home groups and via the portal. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Casey Gray & Sue Macaffer
VCE & VCAL Coordinators

Book of the Week

Shauna's Great Expectations
Author: Kathleen Loughnan

Shauna is in her final year at an elite private school and has great expectations. She holds an indigenous scholarship and is determined to be the first member of her family to go to university, no matter what. The year is off to an excellent start, and she and her friends are dreaming big about life after school and a trip to Paris. But suddenly she's faced with a choice that threatens to throw all her plans into disarray. As pressure builds from every corner of her world, Shauna wonders what she'll have to sacrifice to keep hold of her dreams...Can she fulfil her own promise and still keep her promises to others?



REPORTS

Reports will be sent today with the students. Year 10 reports will be posted due to work experience.

Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers have now ended, please make sure you drop in any stickers you have been collecting to the front office as soon as possible.

Year 7 AFL + Netball - 19 June 2019

Year 7 Netball Team A

We played Marian College first, we gave it our all but sadly got beaten 16-2. We won the 2nd game against our own school. We lost against St Bridgids A but won against St Bridgids B. We also won against Ararat College. We all enjoyed the day and had lots of fun but while we were playing St Bridgids, Georgie sadly got tripped over and her hand was stood on. She came off for the rest of the quarter and went back on into centre for the rest of the game. Thanks you to Tabitha Bibby for coaching us and Phoebe Bretherton for umpiring us on the day.

By Georgie and Larni

Year 7 Netball Team B

To start of the day we played St Bridgids A team were we sadly lost by 33 goals. The next game we played was against our on school we lost by 5 goals. After that we played against Marian and got smashed. Right after we played Horsham College, we tried our hardest but still lost. On our last game we played St Bridgids B Team for the first half we were in the lead but annoyingly we lost that match too. We had loads of fun, thanks for all the teachers and helpers that got us down there.

By Tanesha and Sophie

Year 7 Football

Our day got off to a bad start when we only had 10 players turn up. We played Horsham College first and they were kind enough to lend us 6 players so we played 16 a side. Rohan Humphries kicked our first goal which was an answer to about 7 of theirs. In the second game we played Marian College and they gave us 7 of their finest players so that we had 17 each. Needless to say we did not win either game but we did enjoy the competition and as one wise young man said "it is still better than being at school."

Best Player Medal was awarded to Owen Summers



School Updates



On the 13 June you could smell something wonderful cooking in our Food Technology rooms. Joanne Hammond's Year 9 class was making a sticky date pudding with caramel sauce.

It was all hands on deck making sure the method was followed to result in some delicious puddings.

The class has made some incredible recipes already, a favourite mentioned by most students was the Kangaroo Burger, they were all so surprised at the taste and wanted to thank Joanne Hammond for opening them up to such culinary experiences.

They can't wait until their next practical class and look forward to growing their skills in the kitchen.

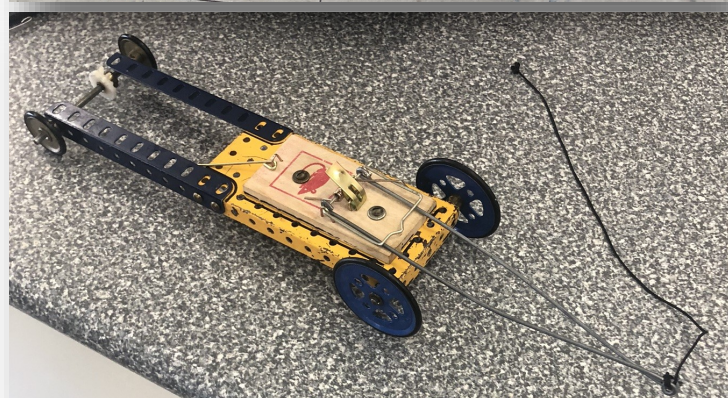


School Updates



In Science, Year 8's have been working on creating mousetrap cars and rollerball towers. We had the choice to create a car that could be powered by only the force of a mousetrap, or a rollerball project where you would create a tower of sorts, and drop a marble from it. The marble had to take about 20 seconds to drop down 70cms. Most mousetrap cars were created using items like Lego, cardboard, wood and metal. Some of the mousetrap cars were slower than the others, but happened to go a lot further than them, and some of the cars went faster than others but didn't go very far. As for the roller ball project, towers were created using lots of different obstacles which would slow down the marbles descent. They used items like nails, hoses, bottles and lots of cardboard to create these towers.

Laura Cooper



School Updates

This semester in Art we have been exploring many different art forms and materials.

The students have created some wonderful artworks and they are being displayed at various locations around the school.

Sam Chatfield has explored pyrography to complete his portrait of 'Bellamy'. 7D have designed and sculpted 3D figures using wax to explore community.



Rewards Excursion Semester 1

On Friday 22 June, 26 students participated on this semesters "Rewards Excursion". Participants were nominated by staff for showing excellence, respect and community, the three school values. Students attending received a minimum of 5 nominations from their teachers, had maintained at least 90% attendance across the year and were seen to be examples of role model students for others to follow. A similar excursion will be conducted at the end of the year.

Excitement was fairly high at the Go-karting with the students taking bets on who would crash out first (Madi Taylor after less than 3 metres prompting the instructor to explain the function of the steering wheel!) Things started out slowly with everyone being polite and cautious but things soon got a bit more willing and eventually resulted in Lachie Dalkin "nudging" Tobie Ripper into the wall. The five minute break whilst two instructors with crowbars tried to extract the go-kart from underneath the barrier was enough of a sign that the students should tone it down a bit.

Next it was onto the skating rink where Mr Burnett showed everyone up with his elite skating skills. The students enjoyed laughing at everyone falling over, in particular Eliza Troeth, Chloe Moloney, Jonah O'Shannessy and Grace Hopwood who all somehow managed to do the splits (or a version of it) whilst attempting to stand up. The black and blue bruising on Eliza's knee's suggested that skating was perhaps not her strongest skill.

Students also participated in Laser Tag and Mini-Golf throughout the day. Special mention to Laura Cooper, Millie Chester and Marissa Kelsey who (with the help of Mrs Radovic) managed to collect 917 tickets from the arcade games.

All too soon it was time to head back to Stawell but at least we had the awesome bus dancing and singing from Sam Kelleher, Gemma Senior and Madi Taylor to entertain us along the way!



COME & TRY

'Stick It' is for boys and girls with disabilities of all ages and skill levels. It is an adapted form of lacrosse that is easy to learn and fun to play. Throughout the program you will learn the basics of lacrosse: catching, throwing, and scooping, and how to use them in a 'Stick It' game.

All abilities are welcome and NO equipment is needed.

Register now at lacrossevictoria.com.au

More information: development.officer@lacrossevictoria.com.au

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Dates: Monday, 8 July - Friday, 12 July

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre
49/51 Houston Street

Cost: Free for Members or \$5 per session for casual

Gear: No equipment needed!



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No tech experience required.

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Learn how to **FIND, MAKE, EDIT + SHARE** your story

- brainstorm story ideas
- build a narrative
- reflect on a personal story
- use mobile phones + cameras

**STAWELL- Workshop 1: Tuesday 2 July + Wednesday 3 July
10am-4.30pm.**

Venue: Gallery Space, Pleasant Creek Historical Precinct,
Western Hwy, Stawell

BYO device (tablet or mobile phone) + water bottle
Lunch and afternoon tea provided.

**ST ARNAUD - Workshop 2 : Thursday 4 July + Friday 5 July
10am-4.30pm.**

Venue: St Arnaud Secondary College,
Smith Street, St Arnaud

BYO device (tablet or mobile phone) + water bottle
Lunch and afternoon tea provided.

Facilitated by digitalstorytellers.com.au

Limited places!

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call **Tina Baker** Community Development Officer 0428 852 859



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and Human
Services



**VOICE
TREATY
TRUTH** 07 - 14
JULY 2019

Let's work together for a shared future.

When: 12 July 2019

Time: 11am

Where: Stawell Neighbourhood House



11am Acknowledgement of Country, Smoking Ceremony and Dancers



Film - Mabo
Boomerang and Rock Art Painting
Displays from Local Aboriginal Artists
Displays from Schools and Community Groups
Face Painting



12:30 Lunch and Activities

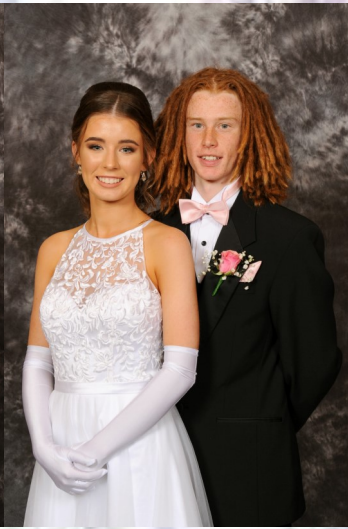


**Community
News**

Stawell Secondary College Presentation Ball 2019



Mekayla Finlayson
& Ryan Kell



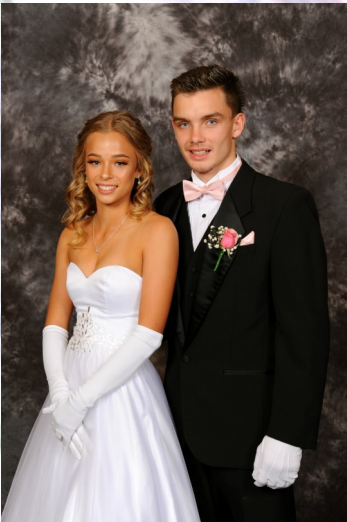
Neve O'Shannessy
& Bourke Nicholls



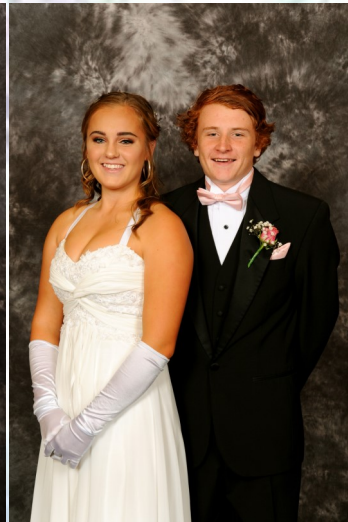
Tahlia Barnett
& Keenan Vincent



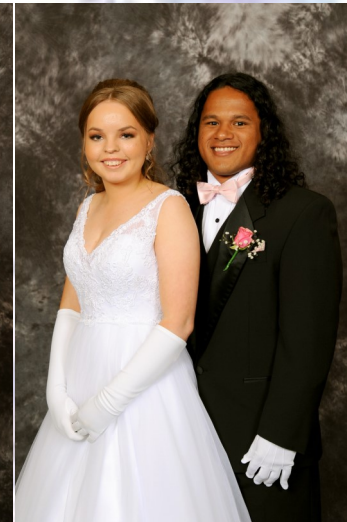
Georgia Walker
& Dre Nelson



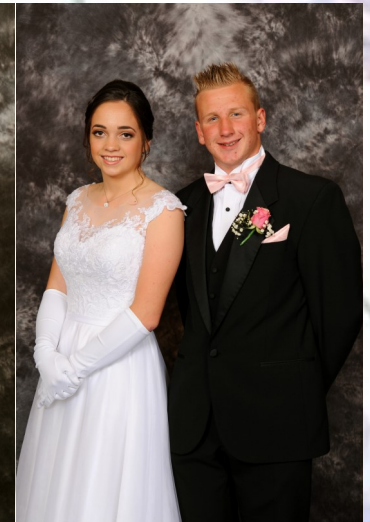
Olivia Barber
& Sam Chatfield



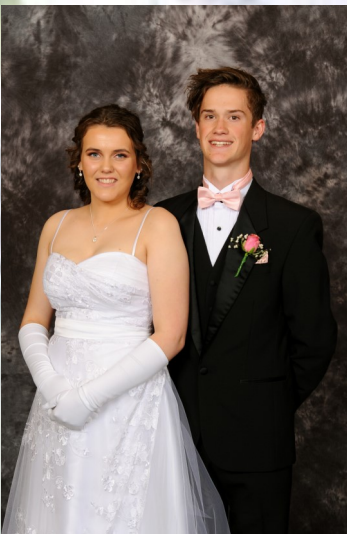
Crystal Summers
& Joseph Martin



Leilanie Pridan
& Rody Ika



Madeline Jardine
& Ben Davis



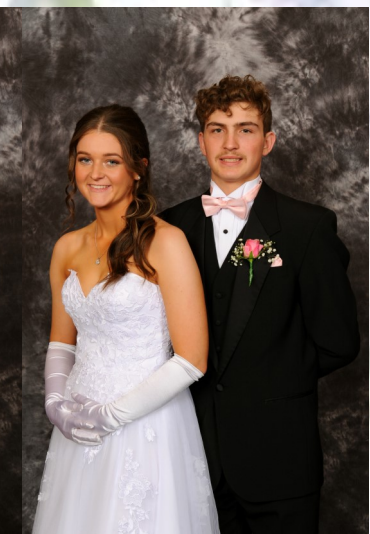
Sadie Tangey
& Declan Fry



Sophie Bibby
& Zach Jenkinson



Madison Holm
& Riley Ika



Zoe McGregor
& James Anderson

Stawell Secondary College Presentation Ball



Back Row: Riley Ika & Madison Holm, Zach Jenkinson & Sophie Bibby, Joseph Martin & Crystal Summers, Declan Fry & Sadie Tangey.
Second Row: Tahlia Barnett & Keenan Vincent, Olivia Barber & Sam Chatfield, Zoe McGregor & James Anderson,
Georgia Walker & Dre Nelson, Sheila & Neil Thornton - Dance Instructors.
Front Row: Ben Davis & Madeline Jardine, Rody Ika & Leilanie Pridan, Flower Girl – Alicia Martin & Page Boy – Austin Tyers,
Mekayla Finlayson & Ryan Kell, Neve O'Shannessy & Bourke Nicholls.

Creations
BY ANDREW & MISSY

On Saturday 11 May 2019, 12 beautiful couples participated in the Stawell Secondary College Presentation Ball. It was an amazing night, everyone looked absolutely gorgeous. We would like to thank Neil and Sheila Thornton for teaching us the dances, even though there were some difficult dances, we seemed to pull it off so thank you for your support. Lastly, a massive thank you to the Deb committee for making our special night possible.

By Madison Holm and Mekayla Finlayson.

Congratulations to our participants in Stawell Secondary College's 2019 Presentation Ball. Thank you, to all who helped this night continue to be a huge success for our college we are always overwhelmed by the support of our local community for these events.