

Next year we will implement a new student management system that will see the introduction of Year Level Coordinators at year's 7 to 12. These changes will support the introduction of new initiatives in teaching and learning for 2020 which will see an improvement in our student academic performance. There will also be a number of changes to the bell times for 2020. Currently Home group takes approximately 17 minutes of prime learning time first thing in the morning.

In an effort to reduce this time and put it into classroom teaching and learning we are proposing that bell times change, we would like to offer the following table as a chance to consult with parents thoughts on the proposed times:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Period</b>
8:55 am - 9.00 am	Warning bell
9.00 am – 9:05 am	Homegroup
9:05 am - 9:55 am	Period 1
9:55 am – 10:45 am	Period 2
10:45 am – 11:10 am	Recess
11:10 am – 11:15am	Warning Bell
11:15 am - 12:05	Period 3
12:05 am – 12:55 pm	Period 4
12:55 pm – 1:40 pm	Lunch
1:40 pm - 1:45 pm	Warning bell
1:45 pm – 2:35 pm	Period 5
2:35 pm – 3:25 pm	Period 6

Note that these times have not been approved by school council and are still in the consultation phase, please feel free to give me feedback by emailing me on [lopez.carlos.c@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:lopez.carlos.c@edumail.vic.gov.au)

#### VET CLUSTER TRANSPORT

The uptake for VET courses in the new West Wimmera Cluster has been very high. Currently there are 35 students who have taken the opportunity to diversify their educational opportunities by joining a diverse set of subjects. An issue of transport has arisen. As a school, we had assumed that the minister would support the use of a current V/Line service (which, to the best of our knowledge, currently travels from Ararat to Horsham empty) to be made available for our students on Wednesdays to facilitate our access to the Horsham network. The response by the minister has been negative and this service has not been made available, as a school we will support our students in their transport. However, this will come at a cost to the school and funds may need to be diverted from other programs to support this worthwhile initiative.

We have drafted a letter by parents to be sent to the minister to register our concerns with this decision and an apparent lack of support for this very popular program. These letters will be available from the front office. Please ask our administration staff for a copy and we will post these for you after you have signed these. I believe our voices need to be heard as there is a lot of talk about the support for rural students supports that may not always be followed by actions.

Carlos Lopez, Principal

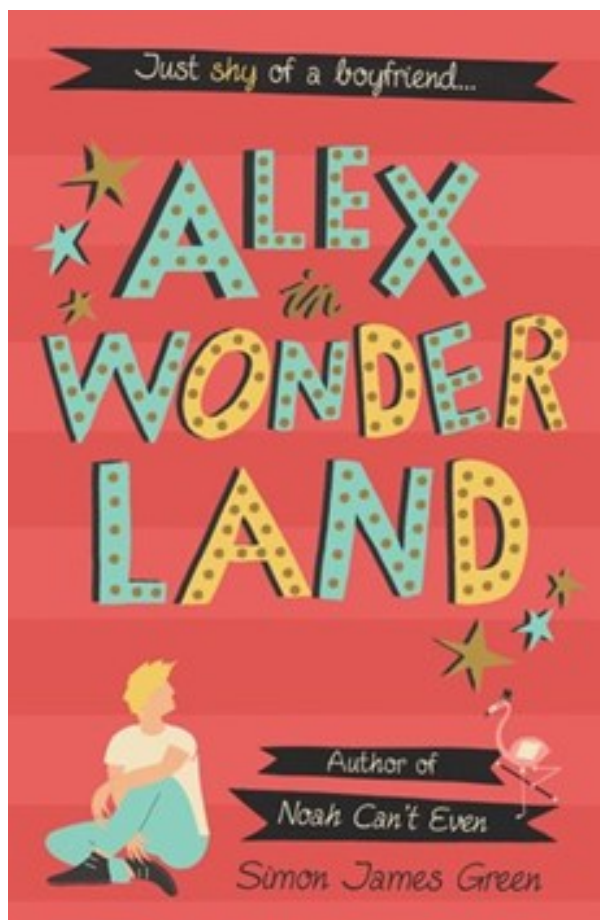
## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

22-23 October	Year 12 School Sleepover
24 October	Melbourne Street Art Tour 8am - 6:30pm
26 October	Stawell Show Band Performance 10:30am - 11:30am
30 October	School Council 7pm
06 November	Mackenzie Carnival 9:30am - 3pm
06 November	Cricket Victoria Helpers 9am - 3pm

## Book of the Week

Alex in Wonderland

Author: Simon James Green



In the town of Newsands, painfully shy Alex is abandoned by his two best friends for the summer. But he unexpectedly lands a part time job at Wonderland, a rundown amusement arcade on the seafront, where he gets to know the teenage misfits who work there. Alex starts to come out of his shell, and even starts to develop feelings for co-worker Ben who, as Alex's bad luck would have it, has a girlfriend. Then as debtors close in on Wonderland and mysterious, threatening notes start to appear, the teens take it on themselves to save their declining employer. But, like everything in Wonderland, nothing is quite what it seems....

### Year 12 Jackets 2020 – Extended Deadline!

In preparation for Year 12, the Year 11 students have recently voted for their preferred Year 12 jacket design. A letter was sent home with students at the end of Term 3. The jackets will cost \$110 and this needs to be paid to the front office by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Sample sizes are in the library to try on. Please contact Casey Gray (VCE Coordinator) with any questions.



Stawell Secondary College is requesting donations of second-hand uniforms in neat and tidy condition. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

### Year 12 and Year 11 VCAL end of year key dates and information

VCAL classes will continue to run longer than VCE classes, as most VCAL students are not doing VCE exams (or are only doing one) and need time to finish their course and project work.

Please note the following:

**Year 12 VCAL** classes continue as normal and finish on **Friday 1st November**. Year 12 VCAL students can submit work for assessment the following week up until **Thursday 7th Nov**. They may also attend school on the Tuesdays and Wednesdays to do private study and gain assistance from their teachers. Each Year 12 VCAL student will need to ask all of their teachers to sign a completion document and then Cindy Bibby will do an eligibility for certificate check, before a student can officially leave school.

**Year 11 VCAL** classes will continue as normal and finish on **Friday 22nd November**. Year 11 VCAL students must submit work for 2019 assessment before **Thursday 7th November** and any outcomes completed after that will contribute to their 2020 credits. Year 11 VCAL students are then required to attend Year 12 Head start from **Monday 25th November** and their final day of school for the year is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

From Sue Macaffer

VCAL Coordinator

### **Skene Street School Cooking**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, I went to Skene Street School to deliver a cooking lesson to the Primary School students. This was a part of our studies for Personal Development Skills (VCAL). I chose to show the students how to make playdough. Throughout the activity, the students took rein of making the playdough and I only intervened when they were having difficulty; misinterpreting the instructions, mixing the dough and assisting with the dye. The students seemed to really enjoy the activity as they asked for the recipe! This experience helped build my confidence and improved my leadership and communication skills.

By Lachlan Cox



## Skene Street School Cooking

I'm a year 12 student at Stawell Secondary College. For our Personal Development Skills class we were given an assignment to plan and organise a activity to teach the students at the Skene Street Specialist School. The purpose for this assignment was to work with diverse students. For my project I decided on doing a cooking class with the junior students. We were to bake vanilla cookies. I was quite nervous as I had never taught a class.

On the 20th of September I went to the school and was greeted by Denika Dunn and prepared for the students in the kitchen. The students all came in with little smiles on their faces and introduced themselves to me. They were very talkative and full of energy. The teachers helped me keep the class under control and each student took turns with each step of the baking; from measuring to mixing the ingredients. We rolled the dough into balls and put them on a cooking tray. We then added some choc chips and smarties on top and put it in the oven. The cookie dough was a bit soft and think it needed more dry ingredients because when it went in the oven the dough spread out into one big cookie. I was worried that it wasn't going to bake properly but I took it out and cut into cookies. Once they cooled down we all tried them. They tasted pretty good and the students said they liked them as well. I didn't have enough time to get feedback from each student but I think they enjoyed it because they seemed happy with the finished product. The students then went on their way to another class. I enjoyed teaching a cooking class the kids, they were well mannered and it was good for my communication skills.

By Chloe Judd





# Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert was a great success with all students representing themselves very successfully. We had performances from first-time players along with those from our more experienced students. The program include music from as long ago as 1700 and as recent as Cold Play and Fall Out Boy, with a Beatles feature in the first half. Congratulations go to all involved on a great night.

Best Regards  
Amanda







Stawell Secondary College Arts and Technology Faculty is calling for textile donations such as fabric and buttons.

All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Michelle Oelschlaegel

Stawell Hospital Auxiliary  
**Garden Day**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Cost: \$20.00 pp

Includes a light picnic lunch *(collect on registration)*

10am registration and map collection at

**Stawell Neighbourhood House**

**42 Sloane Street**



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