

## Principal Article

### *Teaching and learning*

Our teachers are key to ensuring students achieve their full potential. Currently a number of school improvement teams are working to ensure we provide the best possible education to our community by reaching out to students and asking them about their experiences at our school. The School improvement teams have focused on three main areas, namely; student management, collaborative practices in teaching and learning and promotion of wellbeing and engagement. Feedback from students will be used to plan how we frame these three areas for the 2020 school year.

### *NAPLAN RESULTS*

NAPLAN results have now been released. It is important for parents to understand that this is not to be treated as a comprehensive and reliable assessment of an individual's achievement in any particular area. These tests aim to gauge the performance of our educational system by Education Departments and Government organisations across Australia. NAPLAN is one assessment which can be used as feedback for students on how their performance and students and parents need to understand that this test can have a lot of variability as it is a test performed over a number of days and its results should be considered within this context. The reliability on NAPLAN is made more valid as averages from a greater sample size is measured for the purposes of school wide or system wide performance.

### *VET 2020*

As we move into the planning for 2020, as indicated in my last article, we will move to a Wednesday VET offering through the West Wimmera Cluster. This will enable our students to access a greater number of subjects. There have been some concerns with regards to the Paint and Panel program not continuing for 2020. I would like to inform all parents that this has been unavoidable as Kangan Institute of Victoria is no longer auspicings this course. I would like to inform all parents that we are looking at opportunities for 2021 so we can run a financially viable and robust Paint and Panel program.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

05 September	Digital information Festival Grain Innovation Excursion Horsham 11:30-3pm
10 September	Year 8 Boys Basketball Ararat 09:00-3:20 pm
10 September	Stawell Gold mine visit 12:30– 3:20
10 September	Northern Grampians Shire Leadership Program 8:30-3:10pm
11 September	Year 11 OES Excursion Depart Stawell Station 6:30am Return 9:10pm
11 September	Year 10 Textiles Carey Covers Excursion 9:30-10:40am
12 September	Sister School China Visit Depart 05:00am Busloop and return 25 September 3pm School.
12 September	Road Smart in-Car Off-Road Session 09:15am till 1pm

### **VCAL PDS Project Report**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August the Year 11 VCAL class went to big hill to clean up the litter in the Big Hill quarry. We used a range of tools to help us clean up and took care to abide by all of the safety requirements needed. A big thank you to Mrs Macaffer for looking after us and getting us to and from there safely.



### **Building Works well under way**

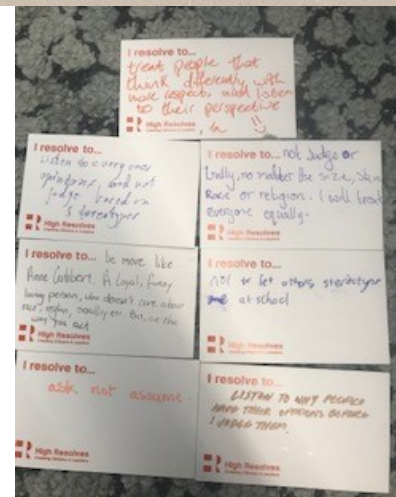
The new Food Tech/Science Wing reached its first major construction phase last week with the pouring of the concrete slab. Battling the wet weather, the constructions workers were able to pour the second half of the slab on Friday. This week has seen the first construction phase of the steel frame. Most of the ground works supporting the new building including a new Fire Hydrant system, redirection of the sewage works and the relocation of the underground electrical system are well under way. The students and staff have endured a few months of muddy surrounds, barriers, additional noise and even an emergency evacuation following a damaged gas main but all have worked in together and are looking forward with excitement as our new Food Tech/Science wing takes shape.

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# China Pre Departure Camp



# STAWELL LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM



## 3D paper flower craft

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

@ 2.30pm

(Cost: \$2)



Storytime on Thursday 26th September @10.30am (Free)

Library Closed—AFL GF Public Holiday



## Paper Mosaic Place Mats

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

@ 2.30pm

(Cost: \$2)



Storytime on Thursday 3rd October @10.30am (Free)

Storytime on Friday 4th October @ 10.30am (Free)



@ the Stawell Library

on Friday 4th October

10.30am

FREE!

Suitable for ages 4years +

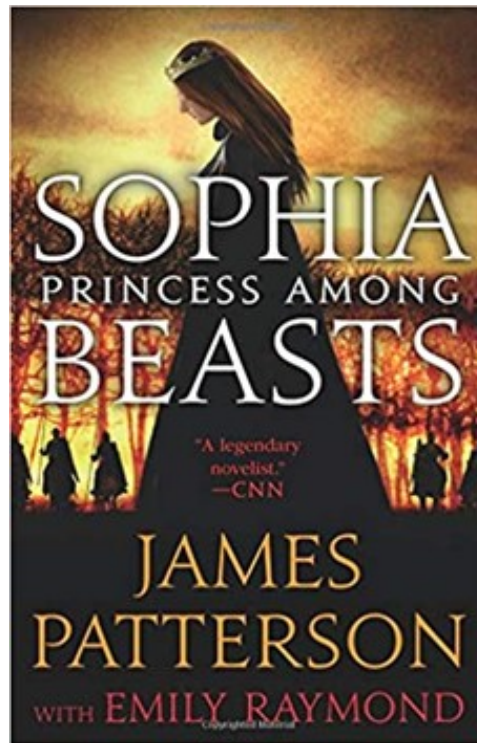
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## Book of the Week

Sophia Princess Among Beasts  
Author: James Patterson



A princess who has lost her mother and father finds herself in a terrifying world that urgently needs a queen.

Sophia is smart, beautiful, accomplished, a beloved princess devoted to the people and to reading books. The kingdom is hers, until a series of tragedies ends with her imprisonment in a nightmarish realm populated by the awful beasts she read about as a child.

The beasts are real. And so is the great army marching on her castle. The people look to Sophia for protection. They will all perish unless she can unlock an ancient secret as profound as life and death itself.



Want to try Yoga?

Come along to FREE CLASSES!

### LUNCHTIME YOGA

No experience necessary!

ALL STUDENTS and STAFF welcome ☺

TUESDAY lunchtimes starting 23/07/19

Time: 1.05pm (sharp) - 1.35pm in the HALL



## VYLC Pre Camp Day

### Day 1:

At 5:30am on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, seven students, Ms Ling and Mr. Dalziel met at the bus loop for our three-hour bus drive to Melbourne. When we arrived, we went to one of the University of Melbourne buildings where we met Ms Jones, who was in Melbourne since Friday for the teachers' meeting. Then we went upstairs and got our nametags. First, we had an introduction to all the people and a welcoming ceremony. Then we went to our first activity, which was "Cultural Intelligence: China", where we learnt what to do and not to do in Chinese culture. Then we had lunch, we had Hokkien noodles with chicken and veggies. After lunch, we went to our next activity, called "Identity & Purpose". After that, we checked into our hotel and then went for a walk around Melbourne. We went to shops like Myer, David Jones, EB Games and JB-HI-Fi. We browsed the shops until dinner, which started at 7pm. We had dinner at the hotel restaurant called Wokks, where we had a buffet that had vegetarian spring rolls, chicken wings, peppered beef and rice. Then we went to our hotel rooms, watched TV, played games and went to sleep because tomorrow, we had a HSK test (Chinese test).

### Day 2:

The next morning we went down to Wokks for our buffet breaky, which included eggs, bacon, tomatoes, hash brown, toast, croissants, bagels and cereal. Then we got our luggage and went back to the building that we were in the other day and we got ready for the HSK test. After we did the test, we had morning tea. We then did another activity where we had to design a poster on a specific topic. My group did our poster on schools in China. Then we had lunch, we had rice with chicken and veggies. We went back into the workroom and had to plan a project, which we would do in China and then present on it after we get back. We then went outside to Uni square and did a bunch of activities like a massive multiplayer thumb war, a big game of rock, paper, scissors and an activity where we had to choose one of the code of conduct rules and act it out to another school. Then we went back inside and had a briefing and evaluation before we went home. We left Melbourne and got back to school at 7.30pm. Overall, this pre-departure camp was awesome, we made lots of friends and now we can't wait to go to China.

By Marcos Allen.

