

Principal's Report

This term has been a challenging term for staff and students as the cumulative effect of reports, schoolwork, homework and assessment tasks have taken its toll after 10 weeks of consistent effort. It was great to see so many parents attend our parent-teacher-student interviews. Teachers and Leadership have undertaken a number of discussions on the attendance rates for students in these important sessions. We, as a school, believe that all parents and students will benefit from the night and would like to encourage all parents to attend. If you have any thoughts on how these nights could be better attended could you please email me at lopez.carlos.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Planning for 2020

As you may all be aware, the planning for 2020 is well on the way. In terms of goals for 2020 Stawell Secondary College is planning to introduce a new Year Level Coordinator initiative in order to improve the way our students are being managed. This will enable us to focus on the Teaching and Learning aspects of the school. We foresee that these initiatives will improve our student outcomes which will ultimately benefit the opportunities our students can harness as well as improving our communities' levels across many academic and non-academic endeavours.

Year 12 students

Our year 12 students are currently studying hard for their last examinations (which are literally just around the corner). The school break is an important time for students to undertake study in order to prepare for the important aspects of the final assessment period. I have spoken to year 12 students and communicated with them that all teachers want them to do their best and that we are all here to support them. We would like students to be able to look back regardless of the ultimate score and to be able to have no regrets about the amount of work they have put in. We are all very proud of them and want to support them in achieving their best.



FOOTY FINALS FEVER

Wear your favourite footy colours on Friday 20 September (last day of term) and pay a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards the Stawell Secondary College Great Victorian Bike Ride team.

Reminder - Early dismal Friday 20 September 2019

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

20 September	Last day of term 3 students dismissed one hour early.
05 October	Band rehearsal for WAMA performance. Students to arrive at school at 10:50am and finish at 12:30pm.
06 October	WAMA Foundation Open Day– School band performance at Wildlife Art Museum of Australia. Students to arrive 10:30am and finish at 11am.
07 October	First day of term 4 students return to school.
07-11 October	Year 12 VCE Trial Exam week.
09 October	Black Range Fundraiser - Color fun, students to wear old clothes.
15-16 October	Road to Zero Regional in school program
17 October	Budja Budja Medical Van School Visit 9:30am till 3pm.

MND Fundraiser Friday 6 September

Last Friday 6 September the Lonsdale hosted a fundraiser to show support for MND Australia. The Lonsdale students voted to fundraise for MND Australia through the Home Groups early in Term One. The House Captains and Mrs Lang put their minds together to plan ways to raise money to this organisation. We decided to have an Iced Water dunking presentation and raffle off a “Freeze MND” Beanie. Throughout week 8, both staff and students were given stickers to vote for the staff and captains of the school who they would like to see dunked in cold water. Students in Years 7-10 also learnt about Motor Neuron Disease during the Wednesday Home Group lesson. The winning staff with the most votes were: Mr Ian Jordan, Mr Sam Carter and Miss Zoe Jones. Our winning captains were: William Hackwill, Ryan Kell and Melita Squire. Collectively the staff and students raised over \$900 to donate to MND Australia which will go towards research to help find a cure. A massive thank you to all the students and staff who were very generous and donated to this worthy cause. Lonsdale House Captains; Ryan Kell, Maddi Barber, Alice Woltjen, Angus Williams and Mrs Lang.



Year 10 Textiles visit Carey Covers

Wednesday 11 September the Year 10 Textiles class had an excursion to Carey Covers to learn about the opportunities that are available to them in the textiles industry. Students learnt about the technology and different types of jobs that they complete within the area and around the state. A massive thank you to Peter Carey for showing the students around their workshop and meeting their lovely team.

Heidi Lang (Sudholz)

2019 China Trip

Beijing

Feeling excited on the plane, everyone was buzzing with excitement to arrive in China. After taking two planes, we had finally landed in Beijing and were ready for our adventure! Waking up at our hotel we got ready and had breakfast, we were soon on our way to the Forbidden City with our tour guide Jenny. The Forbidden City was extremely long and big, however it had beautiful and historic buildings within it, we were informed about a lot of history and facts that were associated with the Forbidden City.

Our next stop was at the Summer Palace and it had gorgeous architecture too! To get to the Summer Palace we took a pretty canal boat that brought us to see some nice views. The group walked through the 'Long Corridor' that was 728 metres long, it had all different amazing little pictures painted on the roof of it.

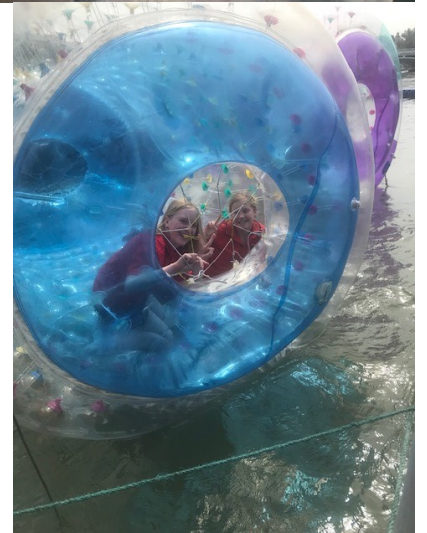
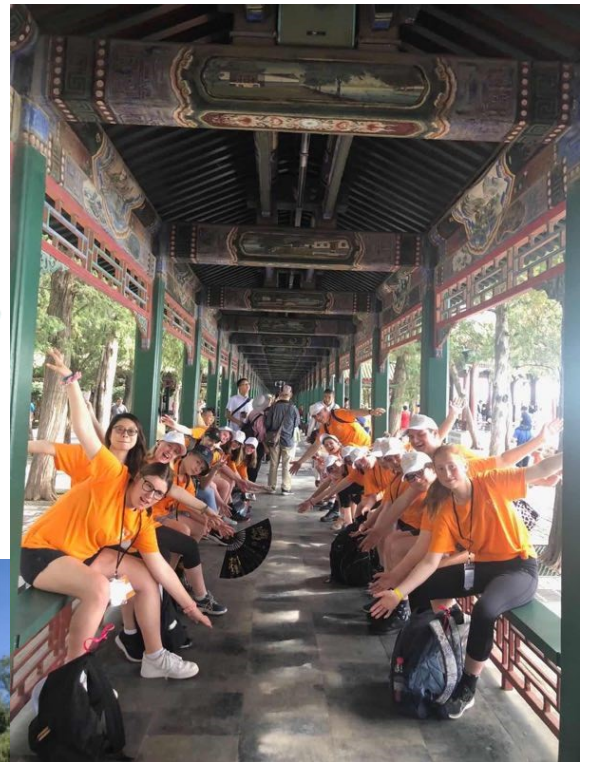
The next day we went to one of the seven wonders of the world, the Great Wall Of China. It had astonishing and breathtaking views of mountains and the wall itself. We enjoyed the challenge of climbing up many stairs and making it to the highest part of the wall. After the challenge we went to Hutong to tour around and whilst we were there, we played a Jianzi (a small amount of metal stacked and then topped with four feathers) game. It was very funny to see everyone experience and learn from the game.

Beijing sightseeing was amazing as well as the food. We indulged ourselves in the authentic Chinese cuisine. Beijing welcomed us with its long history and rich culture which gave us a great start to our China trip.

After Beijing, we took a bullet train to Nanjing, a city that used to be the capital of China in the Song Dynasty. The bullet train was fast with a speed around 300 km per hour. After the train ride we transferred to a nice hotel in Nanjing and ready for our explorations the next day.

By Jane & Madi





2019 China Trip

Nanjing

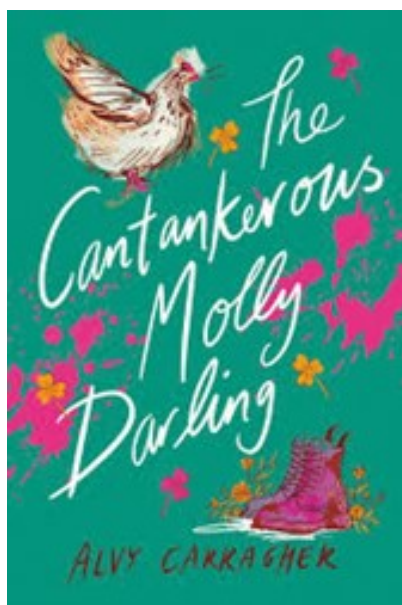
At 9am we all boarded the bus and headed to the Xuang Wu Lake. When we arrived Winston, our tour guide, informed us about the history of the lake. The lake was very big and there were many paddle boats in the design of a duck.

We started walking around the lake and we heard some music playing, we were all curious and we saw some ladies dancing. We all decided to join in and a lady came up to me (Tiahna) and started dancing with me. The ladies all seemed pretty impressed with us. Once the dances finished we continued walking and spotted some inflatable bubbles. Everyone was very excited to go in to them. We all had a laugh and saw many people struggle to stay up. We (Chloe and Tiahna) started doing flips in our bubble, that was fun. After 15 minutes we got out and continued walking around the lake. We saw many different gardens. We kept walking for around an hour, then headed to lunch. Our lunch was very delicious and we had dumplings for our first time eating in the restaurants. After lunch we went to a shopping area where we were able to meet up with Kevin who is a support guy. Everyone was very excited to see him. After that we went to the Confucius Temple and Winston told us the history about Confucius. We then went to tea and all had a great meal. It definitely was a very big day of walking, but overall we really enjoyed the day and learnt many different history facts about Nanjing.

Chloe and Tiahna



Book of the Week



The Cantankerous Molly Darling

By Alvy Carragher

Molly wants life to be as simple as wellies and porridge – Instead, Mum's hiding in the attic; Dad's run away leaving only a PowerPoint to explain; her BFF will stop at nothing to go viral; and the chickens are missing. It's enough to make any girl cantankerous. But she'll fix it all, Easy, right???



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

