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Respect, Excellence, Community

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Academic Progress

Term 1 is rapidly coming to a close, and we're about to hold our Parent-Teacher Interviews. I encourage all parents to make interview appointments through the Portal and to discuss their child's progress with as many of their teachers as possible.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are part of a range of approaches we use to communicate with parents and students about their current academic performance and ways in which this can be improved.

The partnership between home and school is an important one and it is only by working together that the educational opportunities for our student are maximised.

Mobile Phones

As I mentioned in the last edition of Connections, we are currently seeking community views concerning mobile phones. I have received a number of emails from parents regarding our intention of addressing the distractions caused by mobile phones in classrooms and I will be speaking with student leaders to ascertain their views.

It is important that our consultation processes are as extensive as possible, which may mean a delay in developing and implementing our policy; it is important to get our discussions and procedures in place. I will keep you informed about our progress.

The Resilience Project

An important element in being happy, and building and maintaining personal mental health and wellbeing is developing one's resilience - our ability to overcome disappointments, setbacks and adversity and to move forward.

Young people can *learn* to be more resilient as they encounter setbacks - friendship breakdowns, sporting losses, hurtful comments amongst other things - and apply the skills they have developed to help deal with future disappointments. The Project's mission is to teach positive mental health strategies. A number of our staff have already attended meetings run by The Resilience Project. I will be attending a community meeting in St Arnaud early next week to learn more about the Project and their work. The Resilience Project will be coming to Stawell next year and the College will be actively involved in which is a very important community initiative.

For more information, try this link: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

Kevin O'Neil
Principal

Important Dates

28 March	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4.30pm - 8pm
29 March	Pupil Free Day - Parent /Student/Teacher Interviews 10am - 12.30pm
16 April	Term 2 Commences

COMMUNITY

EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

Congratulations to Tom Walker!!!

On Thursday 15 March, Tom attended the presentation ceremony for the Victorian School Sports Awards held in the Member's Dining Room at the MCG. Tom was one of 43 primary and secondary school students recognised for their individual sporting achievements in 2017, receiving a "Sporting Blue Award for Athletics". He joins an illustrious list of Victorian students who have received this award since their inception in 1994. Past award recipients include sporting stars from all fields of sport including Swimming, Athletics, AFL, Basketball and Cricket among others.

Tom was presented with his award by two past recipients who have gone on to compete at the Olympic Games: Brooke Stratton and Jared Tallent OAM.



Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Parent teacher student interviews for all students will be held on Wednesday 28 March from 4.30 – 8 pm and Thursday 29 March from 10 am until 12.30 pm. in the school assembly hall. All students are expected to attend the interviews with their parents/ guardians. The normal school timetable will operate on Wednesday 28 March but there will be no classes on Thursday 29 March due to the interviews. Parents/guardians are able to book their interviews through the online Parent Portal (smtool.stawellsc.vic.edu.au) using the user name and password mailed to families earlier this year. Parents/ Guardians who are unable to access the internet or the Parent Portal may contact the school office staff who will assist in arranging interview times.

Year 10 Students And Lenovo Yoga Laptop Use



Any Year 10 students who have chosen not to lease a new Lenovo Laptop and are instead using their year 7 issued Lenovo Yoga Tablets in class should note the following points:

Whilst the tablets can cope with basic word processing and internet browsing, they are well below current DET specifications and will be unable to run many of the current software applications issued on the DET image.

1. The Lenovo Yoga tablets remain the property of the school and must be returned to the school when the student leaves the school unless the final nominal fee is paid.
2. The Lenovo Yoga tablets are no longer covered by any service warranty since the 3 year warranty has expired. In future, the school will continue to maintain and arrange any repairs to the tablets but the full cost of any repairs to these tablets are now the sole responsibility of the parents to pay.
3. Students who elect to keep using their Lenovo Yoga Tablets in class are not eligible to borrow laptops from the library.
4. Alternatively students can still choose to join the Year 10 Laptop Lease program and can obtain a contract at the school's General Office.

Please Note: Students choosing to join the Year 10 Laptop program must understand that there will be at least 6 weeks delay between order and delivery of the laptops

Term 1 VCE Assessment Dates

Week 8

Friday 23rd

12 Further Maths: SAC 1: Application Task (Core Data) 12A cont.
12 Further Maths: SAC 1: Application Task (Core Data) 12B cont.

Week 9

Monday 26th

12 Further Maths: SAC 1: Application Task (Core Data) 12B final lesson.
12 Global Politics: SAC 1B Essay
11 Chinese: SAC 1 Informal Conversation

Tuesday 27th

11 Maths Methods: SAC 1 Test: Algebra, Linear & Quadratic Relationships

Wednesday 28th

Specialist Maths: SAC Test 1
12 Further Maths: SAC 1: Application Task (Core Data) 12A final lesson.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

22 March	Athletics Carnival - Mr Burnett
28 March	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4.30pm - 8pm
28 March	School Council Meeting 7.30pm Stephen Walker Phone: 0427865031
29 March	Pupil Free Day - Parent /Student/Teacher Interviews 10am - 12.30pm
16 April	First Day of Term 2
16 April	Year 7 Camp - Ms Mackay and Mr Illig
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18 April	Year 7 Camp - Ms Mackay and Mr Illig
20 April	Year 8 Drama Writing Comedy - Miss Tatana
27 April	Senior Golf - Mr Burnett
27 April	2018 Stawell Secondary College Presentation Ball
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9 May	Top Designs - Miss Roberts
11 May	Chinese Incursion Day - Ms Ling



Luna Park

In week 6 both the VCE Physics and Systems classes headed down to Melbourne to visit Luna Park and experience first hand the forces of motion that we have been learning about theoretically. From the Pharaoh's Curse exploring vertical centripetal force, to the roller coaster demonstrating conservation of energy, there were plenty of 'funducational' experiences to be had. Most students managed to get on every single ride at the park to really make the most of the day.

Year 10 Figurative Sculptures:

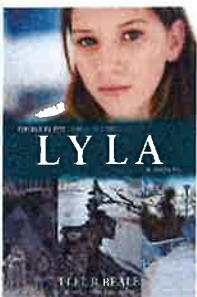
Over the past few weeks, we have been busily making life size models of each other with glad wrap and clear sticky tape in Art. Firstly, we chose a location for our sculpture and a pose that we wanted it to be in. We then worked in small groups to cover one student limb by limb in glad wrap and sticky tape, creating a cast of their body. Each group chose a different material to fill their sculpture with, from tissue paper, to shredded black and white paper and constructed the bodies. The artworks will be on display this week in the school grounds if you would like to see them. (A big thank you to the office staff for allowing us to borrow their shredder!) – Year 10 Art students



Book of the Week

Lyla

Author: Fleur Beale

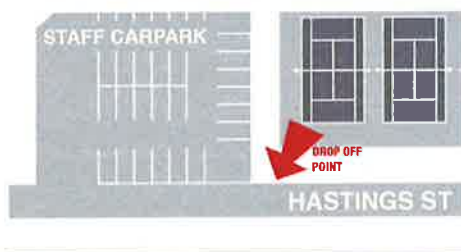


It wasn't just another one. This time the noise and shaking seemed to go on forever, and when it did stop we were in an alien place full of chaos. We looked at each other and maybe my eyes were wide and shocked just like my friends' were. I wiped at the blood on Katie's neck with my finger. 'You okay?'

Lyla has just started her second year of high school when a magnitude 6.3 earthquake shook Christchurch to pieces. Devastation is everywhere. While her police officer mother and trauma nurse father respond to the disaster, Lyla puts on a brave face, opening their home to neighbours and leading the community clean-up. But soon she discovers that it's not only familiar buildings and landscapes that have vanished – it's friends and acquaintances too. As the earth keeps shaking day after day, can Lyla find a way to cope with her new reality?

Student Drop Off Point

A reminder to parents/guardians/carers that if they are dropping students off at school in the Hastings Street area please note the designated "student drop off point" in the diagram below. Students should not be walking through the carpark at any time during or after school times.



Stawell Secondary College Careers
Contact Cindy Bibby 53581700

Employment

Heavy Diesel Apprenticeship

Fulltime - Horsham

School Based Apprenticeship – Ararat

Reece Plumbing - Retail

2 Days per week

Open to year 10 & Year 11 students only

Reminders

Year 10 Work Experience

Last week of term 2: 25-29 June 2018

Compulsory for all Year 10 students

Placements needed to be found and paperwork given to Cindy Bibby by 2nd March, 2018

VCAL - Work placement

Students need to organise their work placement employer asap.

University of Melbourne will be visiting Ballarat

To talk about careers, accommodation while at Uni, Access Melbourne 18th April, 2018

Craigs Royal Hotel

Lydiard St, Ballarat

6-8.30pm

Contact: meet-melb@unimelb.edu.au

Traffic Management & Construction Induction Course

Stawell

26-28 March, 2018

Call Clint on 0438 239 425

Keeper for a Day

Werribee Open Range Zoo

3, 5, 9 & 11 April 2018

\$115 per student

Call 93402788

4 Day Bricklaying Program

FedUni Ballarat

26-29 March 8am-4pm

Call 95563038

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Did you know?

In years 7-10 students miss a minimum of a week every term. That's four weeks of school per year.

Going to school everyday is the single most important part of your teenager's education.

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