

# Intermediate Girls Netball

Exciting news from the Intermediate Girls Netball team! On 24th May, our talented girls participated in a thrilling competition, showcasing their skills and teamwork in an impressive display.

The girls' undefeated streak leading up to the finals was a clear reflection of their hard work and dedication to the sport. Despite a close final match where they narrowly lost by one goal, their resilience and sportsmanship truly shone through, earning them admiration from all in attendance.

A standout feature of the day was the exceptional teamwork demonstrated by our girls. Their ability to work together seamlessly and share the ball selflessly highlighted their unity and collaboration on the court.

We are incredibly proud of our Intermediate Girls Netball team for their outstanding performance in this recent competition. Let's continue to show our support and encouragement for these talented individuals as they continue to excel in future matches.

Stay tuned for more updates and exciting news from our Intermediate Girls Netball team. Congratulations to all the players on a job well done! 🏆🌸🏐



## Breakfast Club Help Needed

### **Stawell Secondary College is helping to support students with a healthy start.**

At our recent School Council meeting several members enquired as to the Breakfast Club and the possibility of breakfast being available every school morning. Currently the Wellbeing team organise and prepare the breakfast and it is not possible for the team to offer Breakfast Club every day. Council discussed the possibility of volunteers supporting the program and are now seeking any persons who could help. The Breakfast Club runs from 8.15am to 9.00am with minimal preparation and clean up. Anyone who would be interested in helping can contact the College on 5358 1700.



### Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 students will be on work experience the last week of Term 2: 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June - this is compulsory for all students

### Hospitality Course

All Year 11 VM students will be in a 2 day hospitality course next week

Monday 3rd June  
Espresso Coffee  
Room G1 – Hall

Tuesday 4th June  
RSA  
Food Handling  
Back in your normal room A2

Normal school day times - 9am - 3.25pm

Year 12 VM students will have the choice to participate in this course – limited spots available

### Construction Induction Course

Free to interested students - 1 Day course

For students interested in gaining a certificate so they can work on a construction site - if interested in a future trade - e.g. plumbing, carpentry, electrical etc

School will pay for your enrolment but students will be given priority if in Year 10-12 and require this certificate for work experience

See Cindy if interested or message me on xuno.

Construction Induction Card (White card) Details  
Monday 17th June 2024  
9am-3.25pm  
Stawell Secondary College - Room G3 - Hall



### Earning while Learning

Congratulations Jacob Varley - Year 11

Jacob is currently undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship in Parks & Gardens with Northern Grampians Shire Stawell. Congratulations Jacob on your two days per week employment with a large organisation.

## Student Attitude to School Survey

### **Stawell Secondary College values student feedback to support the development of the College.**

Over the past week students have completed the Student Attitude to School Survey. This is an important survey that provides the opportunity for students to provide feedback on their learning, engagement, behaviour, safety, and opportunity within the school setting. This feedback is vital in our College, identifying areas that we are doing well and areas that need improving. Further feedback will be available from the staff survey and parent survey which the Department will provide in the coming months.

## Marrung excursion exploring Native ingredients and plants with Cat Clarke

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 our First Nations students visited Dalki Garringa Native nursery in Wail to learn about native plants and to explore what plants they could add to the school native garden. They even picked out a few bush tucker plants that they would like to grow and cook with. After touring the nursery, Cat Clarke provided a lovely morning tea of damper and wattle seed scones, with a choice of bush dukkha, quandong jam, muntrie jam and golden syrup to top it off. There was even some green ant and river mint tea to try.

We then went to Chef Cat Clarke's private restaurant in Dimboola to explore her garden, pick ingredients to make lemon myrtle chicken wraps with wilted warragal greens, baked spuds with sour cream and bush dukkha and muntrie and river mint pancakes. The students had fun mixing and cooking before enjoying the lovely meal.

Their day was very successful, and all students had a great day with full bellies.



## Annual Report

### **Reflecting on the year that has been.**

Every year government schools across Victoria are required to provide an Annual Report to their school community. The Annual Report provides an opportunity to share the school's achievements and progress with the school community. The Annual Report is prepared in 2 parts:

- The performance summary, which details the school's performance from the past year and trends over time. This is compiled by the department and is downloadable via the performance summary tab of the Annual Report in SPOT
- The 'About our school' commentary, which is prepared by the Principal and outlines the achievements of the school in the previous year.

Our Annual Report has been ratified at our May School Council meeting and endorsed by the Department and is provided to every family in this mail out.



# Black Range Athletics

The Black Range Track and Field event attracted a wide range of schools in the area, demonstrating the keen interest and talent in track and field sports among students.

Throughout the event, athletes from Stawell Secondary College delivered exceptional performances, securing impressive wins and setting new records. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they excelled in their events, leaving a lasting impression on the competition.

Sportsmanship and a competitive spirit were evident among all participants, creating an energetic and vibrant atmosphere on the track and in the field. The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to showcase their skills and abilities.

Overall, the Black Range Track and Field event was a success, with athletes from various schools displaying their talents and pushing themselves to new heights. The event celebrated athleticism and highlighted the dedication and passion of all those involved in the world of track and field.



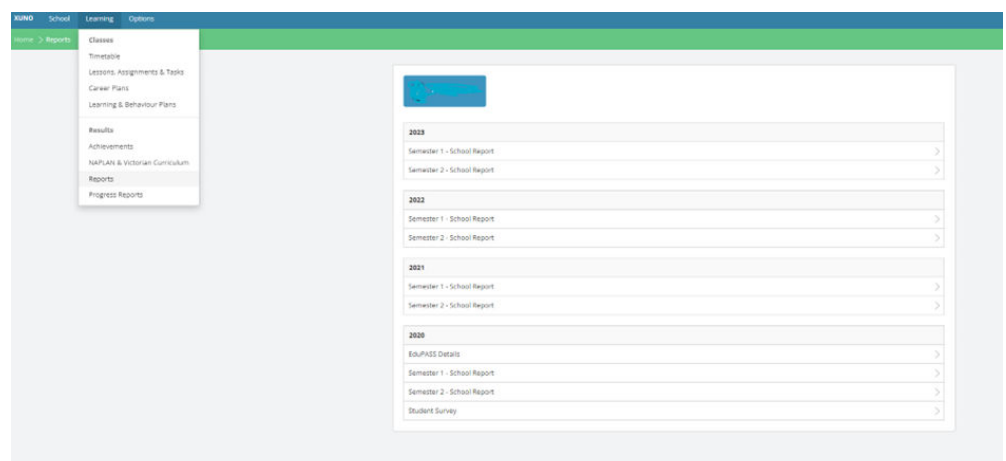
## SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Semester 1 Summative Reports will be uploaded to your child's XUNO portal on **28 June**. Your child can view all written feedback on their learning unit throughout the semester via their XUNO portal. This allows them to action any suggested areas for improvement throughout the semester.

To access your child's Semester Reports: Log into XUNO family or via the XUNO app

Click on Learning – Reports.

Should you prefer a printed PDF report to be sent home, please contact the Front Office.



# Year 11 Camp

21 VCE and VM Students took the opportunity to explore what Melbourne has to offer on this three day camp. A visit to William Angliss Institute began the adventure. The Institute offers courses in tourism, hospitality, food and business management so our students got to see the hotel suites, kitchens, restaurants, aeroplane interiors and classrooms where all of the brilliant work happens.



Our next stop was Melbourne University, our two tour groups had the opportunity to investigate the facilities and faculties at this beautiful city campus. Some students learnt some new things about elephants' trunks in the veterinary faculty exhibit. The afternoon's Amazing Race around Melbourne saw the competitive spirit come out.



Ms Ling's recommendation for dinner at The Crane in Little Bourke Street was a good one. We all ate very well. Funny though, for people who couldn't eat another bite when we left the restaurant, we all somehow made room for ice cream or bubble tea.

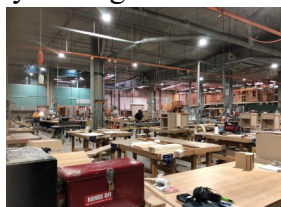
Thursday morning provided the opportunity for a visit to Monash University or Holmesglen TAFE. Xzaybia and Ms Mackay were very impressed by what is on offer in the building trades at Holmesglen and got to see the World Skills Competition semifinals.



Mr. Reynolds and the VCE cohort visited Monash University and saw what was on offer there. The students particularly enjoyed the Moot Courtroom and the wide variety of eating establishments.

The afternoon provided free time for the students in the CBD, and a chance to spend some pocket money before we went to the AFL match between the Bulldogs and Sydney Swans. This was clearly a highlight for some of our students and certainly for Izzy our ES staff member who is a keen Swans supporter. (They won!)

On Friday morning we had a tour of the Vic Market and time to spend what was left of our pocket money before boarding the bus and heading home. A big thank you to Mr Reynolds for organising the camp and driving and PARKING the bus in Melbourne. And also a big thanks to Ms Mackay and Izzy who came on camp, and Ms Mackay's navigation of Melbourne was to perfection.



# University Open Days 2024

That time of year has rolled around again where the universities are prepping for their 2024 open days. Please see the list of university dates below and go to their respective websites for more information.



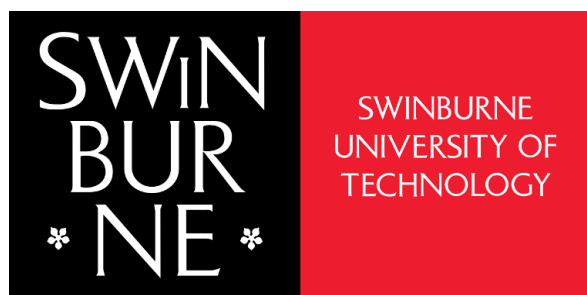
Warrnambool—4th August 2024  
Geelong—18th August 2024  
Burwood—25th August 2024



Melbourne— 4th August 2024  
Mildura— 14th August 2024  
Bendigo— 25th August 2024



25th August 2024



28th July 2024



18th August 2024



*Longerenong College*

11th August 2024





In recognition to RECONCILIATION WEEK the Marrung students have been making posters, a school wide reconciliation tree in the library for all to use and enjoy a book or a yarn.

Reading stories and learning about the stolen generation and what it means to them and their own family, extended families, and community members.



### Disability Inclusion

#### **Stawell Secondary College is forward planning to best support students.**

Disability Inclusion is a new approach for students with physical, learning, and behavioural disability in our school. This program is a government initiative that provides extra support for students with disability in all Victorian Government schools. Disability Inclusion introduces a tiered funding model for students with disability with additional funding for schools to help students with disability take part in their education on the same basis as their peers. Currently our school is being briefed on the program and preparing for our launch in 2025.



## Music Trip

On Wednesday, 22 May we hosted a visit from the music students and teachers of St Joseph's College Geelong. Our Band students were able to participate in a workshop where they learnt parts for 1 piece and then participate in two concerts. Our Year 7s, 8s and 9s very much enjoyed the first concert and the second was presented to students from Stawell 502 Primary School and the cohort of Discovery Day students from our rural schools. Congratulations to Hannah Scott, Claire Scott, Scott Tulloch and Will Evans for representing our school very well in this context.





# MS Fundraiser Day 2024

The Student Leadership Team decided to hold a fundraiser for MS. MS (Multiple Sclerosis) is a disease of the brain and the spinal cord, where the immune system attacks the protective sheath (myelin) that covers the neurons and causes communication problems. There are treatments to slow the progression of the disease but there is no cure.

We had orange wristbands made that said "Navigating MS Together 2024" and we sold these for \$2.00 each. Students were able to wear coloured clothes (with a touch of either orange or red) on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May and we had a BBQ lunch too.

A big thank you to the following Student Leadership Team members for helping on the day: Hollie Walker, Kayla Membrey, D'Art Walls, Lewis Reading, Jason Arreza, Brighty Etherton, Amahli Sheen, Addi Hutchins, Gwen Elliot, Kayan Barnes and Sienna Santuccione. We had extra students help us out too including: Riley Walker, Ashton Mellor, Deacon Bowen, Blair Sheen, Hamish Morrissey and Henry Rooke.



We have raised a total of \$540 to go towards MS. Well done to everyone involved. Thank you to the school for supporting the cause.

Mrs Prior & the Student Leadership Team



We are lucky to have some of our VM students completing work around the College and demonstrating wonderful skills.

Lincoln and Sonny have used their skills to weld and concrete a hand rail leading into our Systems department. They have done a wonderful job.

They are currently concreting the steps leading into the Systems space to make it safer.

Well done Sonny and Lincoln

## Cross Country



Following a very successful House Cross-Country this year, with a slightly different course than previous years, approximately 30 students qualified to compete at the Black Range Cross-Country in Murtoa. From that event, 11 students were able to attend the Greater Western Region event in Warrnambool. Despite the undulated course and difficult conditions, Jack Reading and Billy Williams successfully qualified, with their personal best times, to compete once again at the State Championships next term.

We wish both these boys the best of luck.





# Chinese Report

*We are thrilled to congratulate Chloe and Clara on their remarkable success in the 'Hanyuqiao' Chinese Speech and Cultural Performance Competition. Despite facing challenges during the Cultural Performance component, they handled these obstacles with professionalism and resilience, completing their performances admirably. We are incredibly impressed by their passion of learning another language, and they have made us very proud. Below is the bilingual article written by Clara.*

5月17日, Ling老师带我和付音乐去墨尔本参加了汉语桥比赛。比赛很激烈, 一共有24位来自维多利亚的选手, 比赛有三个环节: 笔试、演讲和才艺表演。我很紧张, 在跳舞的时候不小心掉了扇子, 最后我得了第五名, 付音乐得了第三名。虽然我们没有机会去悉尼参加下一轮的比赛, 但是我们都享受这个学习过程! 我们想明年再参加比赛! 加油! 第二天, 我们吃了好吃的中国菜, 有饺子、小笼包、生煎包、和馄饨, 太美味了! 我们都快撑死了! - 谭珂然

On May 17, Ms Ling took Chloe and me to Melbourne to participate in the Chinese Bridge Competition. The competition was intense, featuring 24 contestants from across Victoria. It consisted of three parts: a written test, a speech, and a talent show. I was very nervous and accidentally dropped my fan while dancing. In the end, I won fifth place, and Chloe secured third place. Although we didn't advance to the next round in Sydney, we both thoroughly enjoyed this learning journey. We are eager to compete again next year! Jia you! The next day, we enjoyed a feast of delicious Chinese food, including dumplings, soup dumplings, pan-fried dumplings, and wonton soup. Everything was incredibly tasty! We were so full after the meal (Ms. Ling explained that it is a Chinese custom to ensure everyone has plenty to eat). – Clara



## Pen-pal Program

Year 8: Our Chinese buddies have finally replied to us! The students are very excited to read their letters.

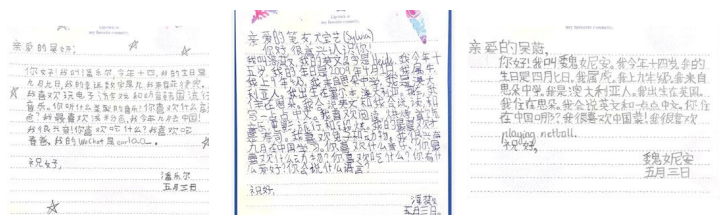
## Chinese Culture Activity

The "Fitness Dragon," also known as the Ribbon Dragon, consists of a dragon head, a dragon body, and a dragon tail. The dragon body is typically made of 3-10 meters of silk fabric. Unlike the traditional dance dragon, the "Fitness Dragon" has a shorter dragon head, which is tied with a rope and can be easily managed while dancing with the leash. It is a trendy new fitness activity loved by Chinese people, typically practiced in parks and open spaces within their apartment complexes.

Any students who would like to try out 健身龙 (Fitness Dragon) lunch time, please come to C3 to borrow the equipment.



Year 9: Our students introduced themselves regarding their name, age, school, where they live and languages they can speak. The following work are from Earl, Heidi and Leonie.



Year 11: Our students are actively participating in an ongoing exchange with our friends in Shanghai. In connection with their VCE studies, we have discussed our families and schools, allowing us to understand not only the language but also Chinese family culture and the education system. We have sent letters and audio files to our Chinese friends and are eagerly awaiting video introductions about their schools.

## **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2024**

6/6/24—7/6/24—Year 12 Future's Camp

7/6/24—Year 7 Humanities & Chinese joint excursion

10/6/24—King's Birthday Public Holiday

14/6/24—PUPIL FREE DAY—Staff Professional Development

18/6/24—The GAT



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.



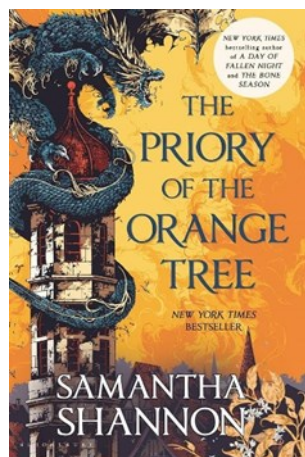
### **Stawell Secondary College Working Bee**

Note to all parents that on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024, SSC will be holding a 'Working Bee' program and would love any/all help from volunteers.

If you have your own bag trolley or gloves you could bring on the day that would be much appreciated.

This program will operate from 10:00am to 2:00pm, please contact the school front office if you are interested in assisting.

Thank You!



### **Book of the Week**

The Priory Of The Orange Tree

Author: Samantha Shannon

A world divided.

A queendom without an heir.

An ancient enemy awakens.

The House of Berethnet has ruled Inys for a thousand years. Still unwed, Queen Sabran the Ninth must conceive a daughter to protect her realm from destruction – but assassins are getting closer to her door.

Ead Duryan is an outsider at court. Though she has risen to the position of lady-in-waiting, she is loyal to a hidden society of mages. Ead keeps a watchful eye on Sabran, secretly protecting her with forbidden magic.

Across the dark sea, Tanè has trained all her life to be a dragonrider, but is forced to make a choice that could see her life unravel.

Meanwhile, the divided East and West refuse to parley, and forces of chaos are rising from their sleep.