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Year 9 Photography

Year 9 Art students have spent Term 2 exploring photography and the use of editing suites to build technical skills and develop the use of visual language.

Students also presented their work to their peers, gaining experience in exhibiting their work.









LAST DAY TERM 2 28/6/2024

EARLY DISMISSAL - 2:25PM

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF AT STAWELL SECONDARY COLLEGE WE CONGRATULATE OUR STUDENTS ON THEIR HARD WORK THIS SEMSTER AND WISH THEM A SAFE AND RESTFUL BREAK OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Semester 1 Awards











Year Level	Participation	Aspiration	Inclusion	Resilience	Respect
7	Caitlyn Bell	Milla Harrison	Brighty Etherton	Tyler Rowe	Caitlin Seaman
8	Claire Christian	William Evans	Archer Crouch	Shiloh Walls	Soraya Eckert
9	Lacey Bertram	Scott Tulloch	Kayan Barnes	Earl Pestijo	Noah Harvey
10	Archie Rooke	Sienna Santuccione	Clara Thomp- son	Jared Pedro	Chloe Formosa
11	Xzaybia Digney	Tran Hoang	Sarah Dean	Dylan Jansen Van Vuuren	Josh Harvey
12	Lewis Reading	Hollie Walker	Aiden O'Neill	D'artagnan Walls	Henry Hemley

BOOKCLUB

We meet once a fortnight in the library at lunchtime. The table below shows what everyone has been reading. We don't all read the same book, we read whatever we like and then share. It's a great way to get book ideas.

Mrs Prior

NAME	TITLE OF BOOK	SUMMARY	RATING OUT OF 10
Jordan Eckert	Lee child: Killing floor	Ex-military special operation person gets framed for murder and goes on an adventure.	8/10
Aryan Judge	Bloody Daddy	A father who struggles through a hotel to save his son from a drug lord.	6/10
Hannah Raeburn	The Night Man	A detective solving a case that keeps getting bigger.	7/10
Hannah Scott	We could be something	Two characters, both gay. One from the past and one from the present. It's a romance.	10/10
Gwen Elliot	Curse of Saints	A mix of sci-fi and a lot of adventures with wolves.	8/10
Mrs Prior	One by one	Three couples going on a holiday get lost in the woods and they die/disappear one by one.	8/10

Students Driving Cars to School

A reminder for students and parents about students who are driving cars to school. Parents must give signed permission for students to do this and forms are available from the Senior Hub Office. The current school policy is that students are permitted to carry no more than one passenger, who must be a member of their immediate family only. The car must be parked legally and safely outside the school grounds and students must not leave the school grounds in their car from the time of arriving until the end of the school day. This policy is currently being reviewed and families will be notified of any changes in the near future.

If you have any queries about this matter, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Reynolds or Ms Mackay.





Students in Year 7-10 have been working on demonstrating their measurement skills through designing a dream home. Students had the choice of how they would like to present their homes – some chose to use digital technology - Minecraft, Sketch Up and an online design program to create their dream home and others chose to put pencil to grid. It was encouraging to see our students displaying our school values, in particular – participation, aspiration and resilience throughout the Measurement Unit.

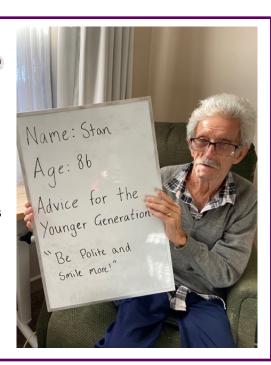


Eventide Home

Advice

Klancy Repper from our Year 12 VM class has decided for her project this year she would speak with residents at Stawell Eventide Home and ask them for

Advice for the younger generation



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



11th August 2024

Year 10 Crime & Punishment

Fingerprints & Forensics

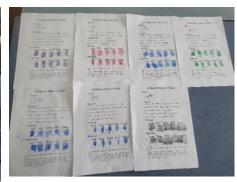
A few weeks ago, the Year 10 Crime & Punishment students teamed up to begin their unit on forensics, crime scene investigation and court procedures.

On Monday, the students investigated handwriting as a form of evidence, discovering that handwriting is not only different from person to person, but that it also can be manipulated and changed.

On Friday the students got to try their hand at fingerprinting, they each got to examine, record, compare and investigate their fingerprints. The students eagerly examined the fingerprints of themselves and their classmates, uncovering that many students had something cool and unique about their fingerprints from scarring to whorls.







Mock Trial

Finishing strong, the crime & punishment class stepped into the role of judge, jury, witness, and defendant to act out their very own mock trial.

Pictured are two of our very competent and classy lawyers – ready to defend and prosecute Gold. E Locks in her case against The Bears family.







Get ready to grab a book and start reading.

The SSC Reading Competition will be running again during Term 3. More information will be put in Connections after the holidays.

Year 10 Food Technology

Both year 10 Food classes have been completing a design brief where they have to design a cake for a 6 year old. They had to research, plan and then create the cake. The cakes from one of the classes were in last weeks newsletter. This is the second class. The students now have to reflect and evaluate their designs. Everyone should be proud of their accomplishments.

Mrs Prior















School Bus Travel

As the end of term quickly approaches we remind families to make sure that they have registered for travel for Term 3.

If you need help during this time, you can email the School Bus Program team on schoolbus@education.vic.gov.au or call on 1800 338 663.



WASM Career's Expo

On Tuesday 25 June, all Year 9 & 12 students attended the Wimmera and Southern Mallee (WASM) Career's Expo held in Longerenong. Students got to experience the vast variety jobs in our area and educational opportunities – TAFE and Universities. Senior students got to speak to universities about courses and welcomed the opportunity to consider studying in other states. There were lots of goodies and freebies which were appreciated by all.







YR 8C HUMANITIES



NEWS



End of Term 2

Business & Economics

In the second term, our Year 8 students delved into the realms of business and economics. Throughout the term, they explored various aspects including diverse business models, the evolving workforce landscape, innovation, and entrepreneurial ventures. Culminating this educational journey, students engaged in a stimulating Shark Tank Pitch activity. During this project, students passionately developed their unique business concepts, meticulously outlining the essential ingredients for success. The students showcased remarkable creativity and enthusiasm as they pitched their ideas to the "Shark" (Miss D), striving to secure investment for their innovative ventures.









Year 9A English

WORD OF THE WEEK WRITING

Students were given a word of the week each week in English class. They then had to place all 12 words into a story, showing that they understood the meaning of the words.

Mrs Prior

I woke up in a very humble fashion and put on my fresh and clean **pantaloons**. I walked past my brothers room and I saw him on his phone at 6:30am, he suffers from **nomophobia**. Then he pulls a **mucophagy**. As I'm going downstairs I see my dad holding a **doodad**, while I'm distracted I tripped over a **philtrum**. I go into the kitchen and my mum says a funny **jargogle** and then I see my **lilliputian** sister. She loves **milquetoast**. Then my mum asks me a question and it went to my brains **hippocampus**. She also has an **eggcorn**. My dad is a big **catawampus**. He roasts my mum about it but he is also a very **behoove** man.

Johnathen

I awoke from my slumber and my phone wasn't by my side. I started stressing because I have nomophobia. Then suddenly my very lilliputian and milquetoast dog waddled in and crawled under my bed. The dog can speak but he always eggcorns. I usually wake up and fall off my bed because it's catawampus. But I didn't, which was odd. Then the dog started saying random words and he had me jargogled. Then he got up on his hind legs, put his paw to his philtrum and committed an act of mucophagy. But I realised it was because of his damaged hippocampus. The dog was very smart and was always and was always using little doodads around the house. I got up and bumped into a little robot vacuum cleaner. I went to the kitchen. The silly dog ran over wearing my mothers pantaloons looking silly. It was his behoove to do the laundry but I can't trust him with anything. Henry

This is a <u>lilliputian</u> story about a dog who got <u>nomophobia</u>. Derk was <u>milquetoast</u>, he had a <u>catawampus</u> torso. He would tell his parents he was popular but they knew that was <u>eggcorn</u>. One school day, during period 2, Derk saw a <u>doodad</u> in someone's <u>pantaloons</u> and <u>jargogled</u> it for a phone. His <u>hippocampus</u> pushed and he had an unstoppable <u>behooving</u>. What to do, what to do? Derk rubbed his fingers on his <u>philtrum</u>. "Ah ha!" he exclaimed, "<u>mucophagy</u>!"



Working



We would like to thank the members of the school community that supported us in completing a College Working Bee on Sunday 16th June. There was a lot of work achieved and we were able to sort through areas which will allow us to store equipment when the building program starts. Having such a wonderful showing allowed us to achieve a lot in a short amount of time. Again thank you for supporting the College.



Marrung - Community Connection

On Friday 21st June, our Marrung students were invited to join Stawell West Primary School for a cultural experience with Uncle Ron Marks and the team from Budja Budja.

Uncle Ron started the session with showing the students Wotjobaluk Country and the timeline of our country's oldest living culture. We looked at different tools that were used and how to use them. Lylah and Kaz tried to sharpen the edge of a rock used like a knife on a chert.

Uncle Ron showed the students how traditional rhythm sticks are used to make a beat for dance and how these are used for telling stories through dance.

We looked at Ochre and how it is used for art and the significance when used in ceremonies and rituals which has been used for over 42,000 years. Kelanee and Charmaine ground some ochre to a fine powder then added water to make a paste for painting the faces of the students.

Then we all went outside to the oval where Uncle Ron demonstrated the use of different boomerangs before the students were given a chance to try this skill. No boomerangs came back to the students but they had fun trying.

Students threw and felt a Marngrook, which is a possum skin football that was used by aboriginal boys to play a game of football. Moyston, Victoria is believed to have been the birthplace of Australian Football in the 1840's.













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MONDAY 22ND JULY 7 PM

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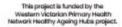
STAWELL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 59-69 Main St Stawell

Please RSVP to 03 5358 8700 or scan QR code



A collection of intergenerational documentaries created by students from St Arnaud and Stawell Secondary Colleges, in partnership with local community members and Northern Grampians Shire Council.

This work explores a variety of local themes in our communities and supports connection across the generations.













The Year 9 Year Level assembly was a busy occasion this week. As well as the three students who received Year Level awards last week; Amelia Martin, A.J. Logan, & Kayan Barnes, a large number of students received awards for their high attendance and XUNO Achievements through the term. The students achieving the highest number of achievements for each of our School Values were Kayan Barnes, Lacey Bertram, Scott Tulloch, Earl Pestijo, & Noah Harvey. In addition to these awards, the primary schools involved in the Grampians Cluster Sports recognised the efforts by the following Year 9 Ambassadors: Archie Hoffmann, Scott Tulloch, Kayan Barnes, Evie Repper, Declan Seaman, Emily Grant, Earl Pestijo, Max Croft, Ador Kongor, Jett Manns, Claire Scott. A special thanks also goes to Johnathen Carr, Isaiah Taylor, and Emily Grant for their assistance in running the assembly.

Chinese Report

Fun Cultural Activity: Year 9 and Year 10 Chinese language students celebrated the Dragon Boat Festival by making 香包 xiāng bāo (fragrant sachets) for good luck and 粽子 zòng zi (sticky rice dumplings) with chocolate fillings!































2025 China Trip Information Night

We are excited to offer a wonderful opportunity: a **2025 trip to China**! Students learning the Chinese language and their parents are invited to join us for the 2025 China Trip Information Night.

When: Monday, July 22nd, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Senior Hub

Complimentary dumplings will be served as snacks!

For any questions, please contact Ms. Ling. We look forward to seeing you there!

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2024

28/6/24—Last Day Term 2—Early dismissal 2:25pm

15/7/24—First Day Term 3

19/7/24—Year 8 Chinese Food Topic Excursion

12/8/24—Staff Professional Development Day—PUPIL FREE

3/9/24-23/9/24-2024 China Trip



This week brings good news with the appointment of a Maths teacher, Peter Rathjen, who will commence with us at the start of Term 3. Peter will replace Marilou Bernardo who is reducing her time due to family commitments. We are also excited to have Jasmine Jagan commence with us at the start of Term 3. Jasmine will join the Student Support team and support individual students in the classroom.



The school building program is very close to becoming reality. Currently, we are awaiting some design clarifications before agreeing to engage an identified contractor. While the final scope of work has diminished from the original design back in 2022, we are confident that we will build a new administration building, redesign the current administration heritage building to student classrooms, relocate the Library to the Assembly Hall with a refurbished Auditorium and refurbish our Art wing. We hope to commence work later this year.

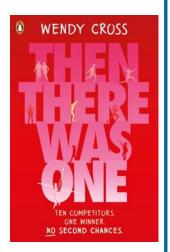


Acknowledgement of Country

Stawell Secondary College is located in the lands of the Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali people and we acknowledge the land which we learn, work and live.

We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community and pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people in our College Community.



Book of the Week

When There Was One Author: Wendy Cross

Let the games begin.

Every inhabitant in the Quadrant knows about The Pinnacle, a reality TV contest set on a remote planet with a five million cash prize. For three desperate entrants, winning would mean the world.

Rich-girl Bex can finally leave her broken family behind.

For politician's son Zane, it's his only opportunity to save his mother.

And it's outcast Raya's last chance at a better life.

But as the competition starts, the contestants are quick to discover that this year's game has unscripted and deadly consequences.

And the only thing they're truly competing for, is survival.