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GWR Track & Field

On Thursday 10 October, 2024, students from Stawell Secondary College showcased their athletic prowess at the Greater Western Regional Track & Field Competition held in Ballarat. The event brought together talented athletes from across the region, and our students certainly made their mark.

Austin Tyres dominated the discus event, clinching an impressive **1st place**, which secures his spot in the upcoming State Track and Field Championships in Melbourne on 21 October. His hard work and dedication have truly paid off!

Xyrus Gragasin also had a remarkable day, finishing **1st in long jump**, **2nd in triple jump**, and **2nd in 100m**, while placing **4th in the 200m**. His versatility and speed are commendable, and he will be a strong contender in the state competition.

Cooper McDougall demonstrated his skills by finishing **2nd in both the triple and long jump**, as well as securing **5th place in the 100m**. His consistent performance reflects his commitment to the sport. Tanisha Campbell-Huruglica excelled in the jumps as well, achieving **1st place in long jump** and **3rd in triple jump**. Her achievements highlight her talent and determination to excel in athletics.

With three of the four students qualifying for the State competition, Stawell Secondary College is proud of their achievements and wishes them the best of luck as they prepare for the next level of competition in Melbourne. Go, Stawell!



Stawell Secondary College's child safety and wellbeing policies and practices can be found on our school website: www.stawellsc.vic.edu.au. We welcome comments and feedback on these from our school community at any time. Feedback can be made to Murray Hart on 5358 1700.

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CLASS OF 2024



Stawell Secondary College 2024 Year 12 Graduation Dinner

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024
6:30PM

STAWELL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
\$60 PER TICKET

AVAILABLE TO GRADUATING YEAR 12
STUDENTS AND TWO GUESTS

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE
GENERAL OFFICE

junior volunteer development program

The Junior Volunteer Development Program provides safe, enjoyable and challenging activities for youth aged 11 to 15 years of age.



Teamwork
Community
Commitment
Responsibility
Respect
Confidence

| Fun | Friendship | Firefighting skills |

Contact your local fire brigades:

Stawell CFA Junior Coordinator: Amber Holloway 0437 715 541



WUPERTBUNGDILAR



(HORSHAM)

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative
Community Group LAECG
Self-Determination in Education

Invites you and your family.

To come & have Roast chicken Dinner & find out
what's been happening in Education in the
Wimmera and Victoria

Activities for children/youth

Many thanks to LAECG/VAEAI in partnership
with Aboriginal Education Centre (Fed Uni) are
giving away a \$500 ETPOS card.

For one lucky family that attends and completes
a quick survey on the iPad provided (completely
anonymous).

Date: Friday 18th October 2024

5.00pm-7.00pm

Venue: Federation University Baillies St

Please RSVP for Catering

Phone or txt 0413315192



HOMELESSNESS FUNDRAISER DAY

On the last day of Term 3 the Student Leadership Team ran a homelessness fundraiser day. We asked students to wear pyjamas and/or funky socks with donation of a gold coin. We cooked a BBQ for lunch and also asked students to donate non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products or new toys. It was decided we would donate all of the money and items to "The Cottage" in Stawell. The Cottage provides emergency relief assistance to those in need in Stawell and the region, including immediate basic needs in times of financial crisis whilst maintaining the dignity of those who seek help. The sport house that donated the most non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products would get gold in our house values Olympics.

The day was a huge success. We raised \$420 and donated 330 items. Lonsdale donated 138 items, Mackenzie 96 and Black Ranges 74. A big thanks to the following students from the Student Leadership Team for doing jobs on the day: D'Art, Lewis, Kayla, Hollie, Shayla, Will, Addi, Edward, Jason and Amahli. We would also like to thank the following people for volunteering to help out too: Sean Wheeler, Lisa Blight, Lana Harrison, Cole Fraser and Jordan Eckert. A shout out to these people as well, as days like this would not be possible without their continuous assistance: Mrs McAloon, David Hunter, Ian Jordan, the team in the Front Office and Mr. Hart.

Mrs Prior



2024 China Trip

Our 2024 China trip was an incredible success, filled with countless highlights and cherished memories. The experience inspired our students in many ways—broadening their perspectives as global citizens, fostering personal growth, and enhancing their leadership skills. They returned home with a deeper understanding of diverse cultures and ways of life, becoming more resilient, open-minded, and inspiring individuals. We are extremely proud of the achievements of all 30 participating students, who exemplified our school values throughout the trip and made the journey smooth and enjoyable.

A huge thank you to Mr. Greenhalgh, Mr. Bao, and Abbey for joining us and supporting the China trip. Our deepest appreciation goes to everyone who contributed in countless ways, and to all the parents for their support and trust.

For more photos and stories, please follow our College Facebook page! Ms. Ling





Chinese Report

2024 State-wide Reading Competition Preliminary level (School) Award:

Year 7 Distinction Award

Zahli MELLOR

Year 7 High Distinction Award

Milla HARRISON, Brighty ETHERTON and Akuang KONGOR

Year 8 Credit Award

Charlie DUNN, Liam SIMPKIN, Henry MCLEAN, Kaleb CARLSEN, Archie ROSS, Thomas ROSS, Harper MILLER and Tyler JANTZEN

Year 8 Distinction Award

Scarlette RIMON, Grace ORAM, Lexi GOODEN, Ryder DAVIDSON, Ruby NICHOLSON, Zeke JAMIESON, Caleb PERRY, Noah JOHNSTON, Matilda BOWEN and Soraya ECKERT

Year 8 High Distinction Award

Shayla MADIN, Alex SIMPKIN, Olivia HUNTER, Rrez CAMPBELL-HURUGLICA, Satria TILEY, Eva HURLEY, Shiloh WALLS, Claire CHRISTIAN and William EVANS

Year 9 Credit Award

Archie HOFFMANN, Aryan JUDGE, Ador KONGOR and Max CROFT

Year 9 Distinction Award

Brody JOHNSON, Kayan BARNES and Leonie WILLIAMS

Year 9 High Distinction Award

Earl PESTIJO, Heidi KANE and Noah HARVEY

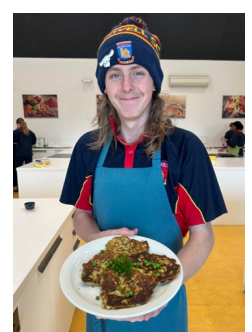
Among all the award recipients, we would like to extend a special congratulations to Brighty ETHERTON, Akuang KONGOR, Shayla MADIN, Alex SIMPKIN, Earl PESTIJO, Heidi KANE, and Noah HARVEY for achieving outstanding results in the State-wide Competition, competing against over 150 contestants from 30 schools across the state!

Food Technology Year 10 - Independent Living

Year 10 Food Technology—Independent Living students have just finished the assessment task related to 'Hosting a Dinner Party'

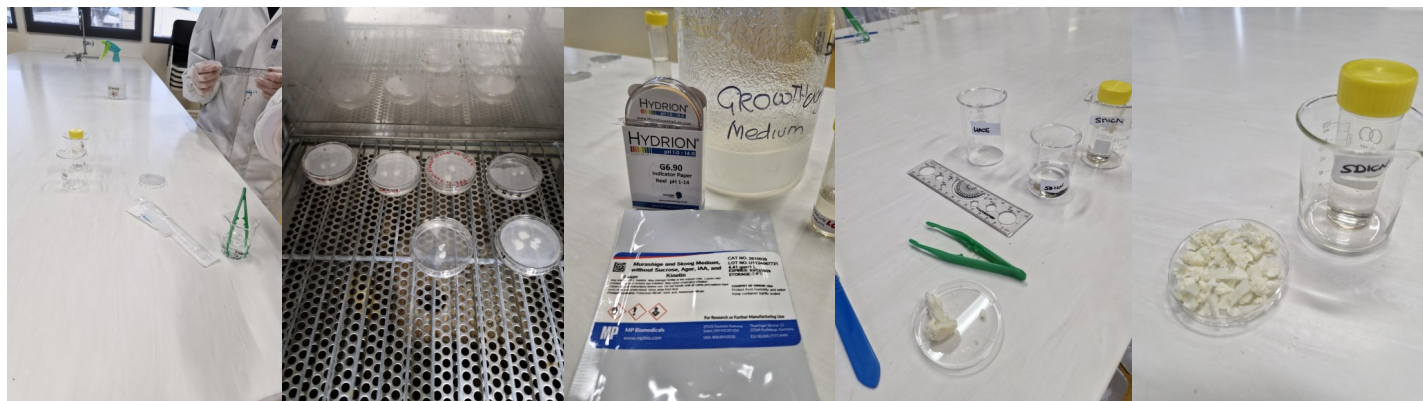
Students followed a design brief which required them to create a menu for 6 guests, for under \$50. They had to come up with a theme and create a two-course meal that required them to buy everything they needed as if they were setting up a new unit, with no existing pantry items. Students had to look at ways to save money when purchasing their ingredients.

Students selected a range of themes from colours e.g. blue, pink, black, countries such as Mexico, China, Italy to Star Wars, Rock and Roll etc. A big thank you to Tanya, who went above and beyond purchasing everything to make 25+ different meals.



Year 11 Biology

The Year 11 Biology class of Mrs. Bernardo has experienced cloning a cauliflower through the application of plant tissue culture techniques. Micro florets of cauliflower were taken and grown in a controlled sterile environment on a nutrient culture medium (Murashige and Skoog), where temperature, lighting, and hormone and nutrient availability are all closely regulated. This is the first time that a tissue culture practical investigation has been conducted at the school, and we hope to obtain desirable results in two weeks.



AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

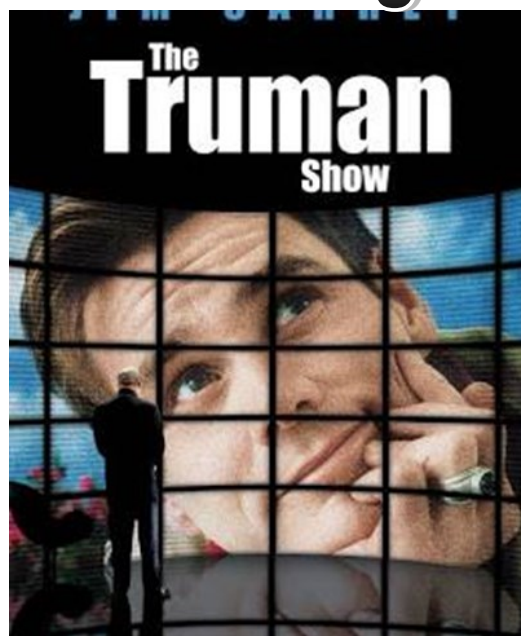


We acknowledge and congratulate seven students who displayed our core values of aspiration, resilience and participation by competing in the annual Australian Mathematics Competition.

Riley Hope (Year 7) received a Participation certificate, Lylah Slorach (Year 7), Kayan Barnes and Declan Seaman (Year 9) all received a Certificate of Proficiency and three Year 9 students : Brody Johnson, Scott Tulloch and Aryan Judge all received certificates of Credit.

Year 9 students are currently studying the film The Truman Show. This 1998 film directed by Peter Weir explores a number of themes that our students have been investigating in second semester. We began Term 3 by studying the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and some of the terrible breaches of human rights that have occurred in this and the last century. We went on to study the Civil Rights movement, particularly in the USA, focussing on Dr Martin Luther King Jr in the film Selma. Our current film study is a more light-hearted approach to the question of freedoms, slavery, privacy and our rights to choice. It has encouraged a lot of discussion and occasionally, disagreement amongst students. We have had some serious debates over the ethics of filming and broadcasting someone's activities without them knowing. Some students have agreed that they could appear in 'The Truman Show' as supporting cast, others have said they could not, because they could not lie to Truman. Year 9 English is bubbling with ethical questions at the moment.

Year 9 English





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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2024

23/10/24—VET classes end

23/10/24—Final day of scheduled classes for Year 12 students. Whole school assembly.

23/10/24—VET classes end

4/11/24—Professional Practise Day—Pupil Free Day

5/11/24—Pupil Free Day - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

6/11/24 - 8/11/24—Year 8-10 Hiking Camp

23/11/24 - 1/12/24—Great Victorian Bike Ride

4/12/24—Staff Professional Development— Pupil Free Day

17/12/24—Year 12 Graduation Dinner—Tickets on sale now at the General Office



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

My Family And Other Suspects

Author: Kate Emery

Ruth is not thrilled to be spending the weekend at the family farm visiting the ancient GG, her coolly distant step-grandmother. With no interest or phone coverage, Ruth occupies herself by re-reading old Agatha Christie novels, eavesdropping on the adults, and definitely not daydreaming about her sort-of-cousin Dylan.

But when GG dies under suspicious circumstances, Ruth's dull weekend turns into an enforced-family-holiday-slash-possible-murder-investigation – and she's not about to let the police get in the way of her chance to solve a real-life murder mystery.

With Dylan as the Watson to her Holmes, Ruth soon discovers that plenty of people had reasons to be rid of GG, and her list of suspects grows to comprise everyone in the house. Including, in the interests of fairness, herself.