From the Principal

We are only half way through the term and already so much has happened. The “Old Science” classrooms at Blakeley Road campus have been demolished and the site is now ready for our Stage 2 Engineering building to be started. It has been interesting to hear stories from past students and staff about when the buildings were being built and how they were used. The planning for Stage 2 is completed with DET, the School and the Architects just working on the final details so that the building and construction can go to tender in the next few weeks. We are still anticipating that building will start in October. I would like to thank all of the staff, students and community members who were part of the VIG (Very Important Group) who worked with the Architects to design the facility. One of the most exciting aspects will be the Fusion Room – our STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) centre that will allow students to expand their knowledge skills and understanding and turn it into a reality.

The School Production of “Grease” was a success due to the talents of our students and the teachers who have supported them to learn and master a wide range of skills. In particular, Darren Lowe as Director and Kirsten Boerema as Musical Director who have spent many hours to ensure such a high quality performance for the School and broader community to enjoy. It was wonderful to see the backstage teamwork between students, staff and parents in supporting the show. It is an example of just how unique our school community is and how so many ‘small’ contributions can make a ‘big’ impact. Thanks to all those involved. The performance was outstanding. There is now a Drama Support Group for the college. Any parents or guardians interested in getting involved in this exciting new group can contact the school offices and we can put you in touch with the group.

We are starting to plan our courses and programs for next year. Thank you to all of the families who attended the Course Counselling Day. One of the crucial aspects of our school is that we have our students at the centre of our school and design the school timetable around the wishes and intentions of our students. We do not say this is what we offer, choose from a list that may or may not meet your needs, but ask students and families for their priorities and then respond to those requests within the constraints of our school funding. This allows us to be responsive with the number of classes we run depending on what students and their families ask for. It does make the process a little more complicated and we will need to do some counselling if there is not the demand for a subject. I look forward to seeing what of classes we run depending on what students and their families ask for.

The Japanese exchange program has just occurred last week and this is now very much part of our school history and traditions. This was the 17th year of the exchange program with Shizuoka Prefecture and with one of their largest groups to date. It was a wonderful success and thank you to all the families involved in hosting, many at the same time being involved in the school production. The feedback was very positive about the care, support and quality of experiences that our Japanese students received. Later this term there will be a group of eleven from CSC going to visit the Shizuoka Prefecture. I am sure that Lyn Ellery and her team will have a wonderful time and represent the College well.

We have appointed a new Business Manager at the school, Elissa O’Conner. Elissa has had many roles within the local area and you may already know her. I am very pleased to have her join the leadership team and feel that she will add a great deal too organisational and business aspects of our school. I am sure as she settles into the school if you would like to contact her she will be pleased to hear from our families and community members.

Mary McPherson
GREASE
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Financial Assistance for Eligible Families

School camps, excursions and sport provide students with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of students.

The process for submitting applications has been extended until the end of term 3, Friday 18 September, for eligible families who are yet to complete and return the application form.

If you would like further information please contact Karen Burton on 5479 1111 or visit the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef Copies of the application are available from each campus office.

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CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname:

First name:

Address:

Town/suburb: State: Postcode:

Contact number:

- Concession pensioner: OR Health care card number (CRN)
- Foster parent: OR Veterans affairs pensioner

Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorize the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use customer information to verify the accuracy of my current customer details and concession card details in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I authorize the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:
- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status;
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department;
- I can obtain proof of my concession status from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined;
- if I withdraw my consent or do not provide personal information or details, the DET may not be able to determine my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund or provide information to the DET;
- some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant: Date: / / 

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Castlemaine Secondary College Sports Update

Intermediate Boys Football

On an extremely chilly Wednesday the 15th of July, our Intermediate boys’ football team, under the guidance of CSC’s Ross Lyon, Mr Lourey and team manager Mr Edwards ventured to Catholic College, Junortoun, to take part in the Intermediate Sandhurst zone football competition. Very much the underdogs, the CSC boys steeled themselves for a day of mixing it with the big, power schools of our zone. In our first game we took on the might of the eventual carnival winners, Catholic College Bendigo. Despite giving it our best shot we were always up against it, being soundly defeated 23 – 5 to 6 – 3. Hadley Bassett kicking 3 goals and Tien Watson with 2 were the shining lights up forward.

With Coach Lourey re-grouping the boys, we faced our second and final game against Girton. With a fired up playing group, CSC turned the corner, giving it a red hot go and a fantastic result was the outcome. We ran out winners 22 - 11 to Girton’s 4 – 3. Major goal kickers were Joel Wootton and Kaine Farrell with 3 goals apiece and Bailey Henderson and Beau Brackley with 2 goals each. A special highlight was Flynn Leeson’s goal after some tough grunt work up forward. It was a great team effort. The boys while full of sportsmanship were cock-a-hoop with their victory over Girton, and understandably so. The victory showed not only the footy talents of our small school but also the benefit of listening and following the instructions of the coach (especial a wise owl such as Mr Lourey!).

Best players on the day were : Kaine Farrell (adjudged the best player on the day), Bailey Henderson, Joel Wootton and Hadley Bassett. All the other lads were fine contributors.

A big shout of thanks should go to our Year 11 helpers, Kaleb McBride, Darcy Ahearn and Alex Epata for their assistance and help. A thankyou also to Mr Lourey and Mr Edwards for their help and encouragement on a very cold, cold day.

French UN Model Day

This year, Castlemaine Secondary College had a team of four year eleven students representing a francophone country at the French UN model assembly ran by the Alliance Française at Melbourne University. The conference talked about the issue of the rights and risks of refugees. We were representing the country of Andorra alongside about twenty-six other schools and their countries. “The program gave us the opportunity to develop our knowledge of the word and for us to improve our French through speaking and listening. It was a brilliant opportunity for us to experience a mock UN conference and to be able to meet more French students our age”. The participants, from left to right, Lucy Cornish, Jade Bujeya, Delta Williams and Cadel Watson are seen here with the “Secrétaire Générale”.

Lost Property

We have a large number of unclaimed items at both campuses.

GREASE—at Etty office there s the collection of items left by cast/crew at the theatre.

Uniforms—Blakeley Road OLD office area near Ms McPherson’s office, has an array of items awaiting collection.

Etty St office has a box of items gathered.
VCAL Special Update

Car Detailing Project

Six Year 11 VCAL students (Jesse, Hayden, Brandon, Dylan, Jess, Lily) took on a project to "paint and decorate" a car for a client. The client will be starting a children’s entertainment business and wanted a car to match. The students spent two Fridays planning and painting the car.

RSPCA Project.

Dylan Harris (Year 11 VCAL) has been working as a volunteer at RSPCA every Saturday for over 6 months. His VCAL project is fundraising. He will be doing that in two ways. Firstly he has organised a cat food drive. There are containers in the general office of both campuses that donations can be dropped into. Secondly he will be running RSPCA Cup Cake Day to raise funds for the Castlemaine branch. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Barista Training

Some VCAL students are in the progress of gaining a Barista (espresso coffee preparation) at Continuing Education Castlemaine. Once this is completed they will be completing Food Safe Handling, RSA and RGS certificates.
Battle of the Sexes

On Monday 27th of July, we, Teagan Noonan and Ben Mclean, Year 12 VCAL students, ran the Battle of the Sexes’ Wellbeing Day at the Blakeley Rd campus for all year 7s. The event was made possible through the Quick Response Youth Grant from the Mount Alexander Shire.

As all year 12 VCAL students need to complete a project for the year, we chose to devise, organise and run the Wellbeing Day.

We devised a program of activities, worked out costs and sought permission from the College Leadership Team. We met with the Engagement and Wellbeing principal, Mr Paul Frye where we presented our proposal and plan for the day. Once permission was obtained, we applied for a grant with the Quick Response Youth Grant from the Mount Alexander Shire. We met with Shannon Lacy, the Youth Development Officer and went through the proposal and application. We were successful.

The “Battle of the Sexes” Wellbeing day consisted of four whole group activities: tug-of-war, trivia, drawing completion and a scavenger hunt. Points were awarded to the winning teams.

There were also 6 mini games between the girls and boys: Weetbix challenge, most items of clothing in a minute, Malteaser challenge, basketball, musical chairs and toilet paper wrap. Individual students were awarded prizes (show bag of goodies) and added to the overall tally of points.

There were also two raffles drawn at the end of the games; a Coles voucher ($20.00) and an iTunes ($20.00) voucher. Staff was asked to nominate both a male and female member who was the most enthusiastic member from each mentor group. 12 students won share packs of Freddos as a prize to congratulate them.

When the Battle of the Sexes ended all Year 7 staff and students were welcome to a free BBQ and drinks to finish off a great day.

The day ran smoothly and all students seemed to really enjoy themselves. All the year 7s were very enthusiastic and supportive to one another and the participation from everyone was great to see. The overall score for Battle of The Sexes was Boys: 65 and Girls: 70.

We wish to thank all the Year 7 students for their participation in the day and all Year 7 teachers for their support and assistance. We wish to specifically thank Paul Frye for his help and direction, Robyn Elmi and Mark Johansson for their organisation of the students and Ian White for all his assistance. Also a thank to our teacher Jan Miletic for her assistance.

A big thank you to Shannon Lacy and Mount Alexander Shire, for their grant and their assistance in making our project a successful reality.

Thanks

Teagan Noonan and Ben McLean

Painting

Daikota Nelson, Year 11 VCAL student has designed a traditional painting to be painted on a wall in Castlemaine.

She obtained a Youth Grant through the Shire to help assist her.
Guest Speaker

On Monday July 20th, the Federal member for our region Lisa Chesters came to talk with the Etty St SRC, Youth Parliament and the Mount Alexander Youth Advisory Group about Gen Y issues and being involved in community and leadership. She then talked to the senior VCAL class about Gen Y, employment and taking on opportunities.

Both talks greatly impressed the students especially Lisa's openness and willing to share her experiences. She listened to the student's concerns about local and national issues.

This was a great opportunity for our students to meet a "young" member of Federal Parliament and be able to converse at a grassroots level about issues that concern them. Lisa was able to explain to students ways to make the best of opportunities available to them by using herself as an example.

I wish to thank Lisa for her time and her ability to communicate with the students.

Jan Miletic
SRC team leader Etty St and VCAL teacher/coordinator.

VCAL CAR WASH

VCAL car wash, at the Etty street campus.

Contact Jan Miletic on 0421 997 113 to book a time.
Wash days Tuesdays and Fridays.

Wash Packs:
Quick wash (outside wash) just a soap wash $10.00
Car detail (outside): includes soap wash, mirrors, windows and tyre shine. $25.00
Full inside outside detail: includes soap wash, inside vacuum and armour oil polish, tyre shine and windows $60.00

Magpies are back!

We have the magpies return to the Blakeley Road campus along Lawson Parade and please be aware they are swooping.
What is the 40 Hour Famine?
August 14 - 16, 2015

By giving something up for 40 hours, you can raise awareness and funds to help fight global hunger.
You could give up food, furniture, technology, talking – anything that matters to you!
This year you’ll be supporting World Vision projects in Bangladesh, Cambodia, East Timor, Laos, Malawi, Nepal, Swaziland and Uganda. The funds will go towards solutions like nutrition training for parents, child health services and better agricultural practices.
With your help, children and families can break free from poverty and hunger.

40 Hour Famine
How to join Team Castlemaine.

1. Click on following link:

2. Click join team

3. That will take you to sign up face.

4. Sign up with either email or facebook. Fill in all the details

5. Where it says “Tell us more about yourself”
   Select school
   Select Castlemaine Secondary (either campus).

6. Confirm
That will create your profile and add you to Team Castlemaine Secondary College.

40 Hour Famine - What are you giving up?
LIBRARY NEWS

YEAR 7 LITERATURE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Invited students in year 7 are currently participating in a Literature Enrichment Program based around the Picture Books shortlisted for the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book of the Year Awards. The aim of the program is to encourage these students to think more deeply about what they are reading, and to give them the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas with others.

Recently our enthusiastic students attended a workshop run by Ms Judith Hansen, our Etty street campus Teacher Librarian, which was a great success.

CSC WRITERS PRIZE 2015

Students in year 7 to 12 are invited to enter the CSC Writer’s Prize Entries can be submitted in three categories: FICTION, POETRY & NON-FICTION.

Students may enter as many times as they like, and each entry must include the following:

Entrant’s name & Year Level
Title
Category
Bibliography (for non-fiction only)
Limit of approx. 600 words for fiction & non-fiction entries

The closing date for entries is FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4th, 2015

All entries are to be submitted to the Blakeley Road / Etty St Libraries. For more information please see Ms. McDonald or Ms. Hansen.

Grounds Working Bee

We will be having a working bee at Blakeley Road Campus on Sunday 6th September from 10am to noon. Further details will be sent out closer to the day but save the date!
Castlemaine Secondary College’s

Spring Recital

Come along to listen to the school’s senior music students showcase their talents.
Tickets $10.00 Adults, $5.00 Kids/concession, $20.00 Family

September 13th — 5.00pm

Castlemaine Art Gallery

Includes beautiful music and refreshments.

Supported by the CSC Friends of Music Support Group and Healing Well Castlemaine
Community News

DENTAL CARE
Maryborough District Health Service
Community Dental Clinic

Where: 
Laidley Street Hospital (corner to Urgent Care Centre), Chalmers St, Maryborough

Who: 
All Pre School Children & Primary School Students
Secondary School Students on a Concession Card (Students or Dependents)

Cost: 
FREE for Pre School Children & Primary School Students
FREE for Secondary School Students on a Concession Card (Students or Dependents)
FREE Emergency Dental Care

If your child has been seen within the last 2 years by the Dental Clinic you will be sent a reminder letter when it is time for your next checkup.

Emergency Dental Care is offered daily if your child is in pain.

Please phone 5461 0388 to make an appointment

Maryborough District Health Service
www.mdhs.wa.gov.au

Kinship Connect

Contact: 
Debra Pratt
1800 992 495

Pocket Astrophysics for Daily Life

Presented by 
Professor Orsola De Marco

- Does life exist on other planets?
- Should we go to Mars?
- Is the Death Star real?
- How will the next supernova explosion matter to you?

Professor Orsola De Marco reveals the fascinating world of Astrophysics in a talk that will enthral both children and adults alike. Expand your horizons to the edge of the Universe!

FREE ENTRY AGE 8 TO ADULT

6PM SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 2015
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