From the Principal

A rich and vibrant learning environment occurs in a class or at a school but also within the community that supports the school. Over the past 4 years we have worked to integrate a community project into each semester of learning within the school. For some classes this has included a local artist who specialises in a technique or process demonstrating to a class. It has been an excursion to the Art gallery. It has included working with experts in Science classes who specialise in solar projects and design. It has included the partnership with the Hot Rod Centre and developing the skills to start building our school hot rod. There have been partnerships with sister schools in France and a region in Japan. Links with the local tennis club and their tennis professional coaching some of our students. The skills and abilities that we have been able to access and the support we have received has been significant for these local individuals and groups from our community. This year we had over 500 of our 670 students involved in the State Festival and some of our Music Industry students will be working at the Art gallery with their unplugged program.

It is through the role modelling, hearing about life and work experiences as well as participating in community events and activities that our students knowledge of work and career options is being built. Earlier this year we had some “speed careering”. This is where local employers, individuals and groups, speak with groups of students for about 10 minutes about their industries and possible work requirements for moving into that field. The presenters covered the advantages and the disadvantages of that field of work. It was a really fun way to learn about so many different occupations in short time frame. Investigating and learning about the diversity of occupations that are available within our community.

Another program we offer each year is the World of Work. This program is delivered by the Foundation for Young Australians in Melbourne and is offered to Year 10 students. This program allows students to find their passions and values for their future. Although titled “work” it is an intensive learning program about values for life and living and the attributes you need to be successful. Learning how they, as individuals and groups, can contribute and impact on their community.

One of our aims as a school is to help each student find their strengths, passion and abilities to achieve. As I have been having lunch with the Year 12 students who are preparing to graduate, it is nice to hear how these many initiatives have impacted on them.

Mary McPherson
During August we again hosted a very happy and excited group from Shizuoka, Japan - 40 students and 3 adults. In total the Shire hosted 70 students and 9 adults. Our school community acted as buddies and hosts during their memorable stay in Castlemaine. While at school they joined in activities such as metal work, Aussie sayings and slang, dancing, badminton, soccer, basketball and volleyball. Great fun was had by all.

A group of 11 students, 2 parents and 4 staff are heading to Japan on 8 September for 10 jam packed days. During this time we will be visiting a sister school in Shizuoka, home staying and of course seeing and experiencing many new and exciting things.
House Sports
In the last month, the Etty St campus has been running house sport activities. We have participated in Egg and Spoon races, art exhibitions, doughnut eating competitions, the longest footy kick and we are in the middle of the netball competitions.

We have had many participants in each activity and the four houses have been involved in a true battle against one another. Out of the four houses, Kalimna has put up the best fight, as they are in first position, followed by Pennyweight who are in second place. Kaweka and Moonlight may be in the last two positions but they have been great sportspeople and hopefully are able to catch up in the second half of the competition.

In the Egg and Spoon races, a team effort was made as Kalimna crossed the finish line first. In the art exhibition, participants had to create a team mascot. The winning masterpiece was submitted by Amber from Kaweka. In the Doughnut eating competition everyone put up a mighty fight but Oscar from Kalimna was just too good, managing to eat his doughnut in the fastest time. The winners in the longest footy kick were Kane from Kalimna for the boys and Alice from Pennyweight for the girls. We are excited to discover the outcome of the netball competition.

On behalf of the students, we would like to thank all the staff who helped put together the tournaments and special thanks to Mrs Goodes and Ms Robinson for organising these excellent activities!

VET Building & Construction
Recently, Alan Kaye from Glenvoss P/L, conducted scaffolding training for our first and second year VET Building students at Etty St. Alan took the students through the safe and correct procedures to erect a mobile aluminium tower scaffold and a modular steel scaffold. Students were first required, to complete a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS), to record all tasks involved; identify the hazards and how they were to control the hazards.

Last semester, students also completed training for their Construction industry ‘White Card’ with Bendigo TAFE, to enable them to take part in industry work placements.

During 2015 our first year students have been working on individual and collaborative projects comprising: the scale house, small cubby house / dog kennel project, corner wall with window and door frame and the sub-floor decking and handrails projects. The second year students have taken the opportunity to create personal projects, to demonstrate competence with a range of hand and power tools.

Andrew Azzopardi
**BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

It was an amazing event showcasing not just the local talent of young people in Mt Alexander Shire, but also the talent of students who attend Castlemaine secondary College. Thirteen bands entered the Mt. Alexander Shires Battle of the Bands competition - a statewide event that gives new bands an opportunity to be uncovered professionally and perform in front of a live audience.

One of the more original offerings were No Idea who placed third in the event. Consisting of Cain Wright, Amelia Knight and Michael Watson the trio performed with a banjo, a cello and a drumkit and had everyone up dancing and even a spec of crowd-surfing was sighted.

Second place went to the dynamic Katie Rogers accompanied on guitar by Darcy Carroll, while the overall winner was Steiner student Eve Morden, a solo effort on keyboard.

Over 250 people attended the event and had a great time with the winner, Eve Morden winning 8 hours of recording time with esteemed Sound Engineer Mark Woods at his Bald Hill Recording Studio. Second place received a $100 prepaid Visa card and third place received a $50 prepaid visa card.

The winner of the Mount Alexander Shire heat goes on to play at Regional Finals held in Macedon this year, with the winner of the regional’s going on to compete at next year’s Moomba Festival in Melbourne.

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**Miam! Escargots!**

VCE French students had the opportunity to dine at the Bergerac restaurant in Melbourne and then to see a French movie as part of the International Film Festival at ACMI. Two very typical French pastimes! The highlight of the day was trying snails as an entrée and students can be seen watching the final preparation of the snails before trying them seen here in the photo. Students from both Year 11 and 12 participated in the day, speaking French when inspired and able to do so. We like to encourage our students to use their French as often as possible and particularly in culturally appropriate conditions such as these. By all accounts the day was a big success. Formidable!
The French “Berthe Mouchette” Poetry competition took place over term 2 and 3. All students had the opportunity to recite a French poem in front of a French judge. This is incredible hard task and requires dedication and hard work and above all courage.

Students enjoyed the experience and likened it to a job interview. In year 7 Asha Amor and Mackenzie Stubbs were finalist and in year 8 Abi Meadows and Cohen Saunders were finalist because they recited their poem perfectly. These students were all invited to participated in the State competition. Furthermore Isla Byrne and Elsie Hall were awarded the excellence award for reciting their poem to a very high standard. Congratulations to all. Jody Takos and Mark Johansson.

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Canteen voucher to the value of $5.00

EXCELLENCE awards AWARDED to Isla Byrne and Elsie Hall
LIBRARY NEWS
Blakeley road campus

Author visits

The Library has been fortunate to have two authors visit us in the past few weeks.

On August 20th we welcomed Ellie Marney to our Library to facilitate a discussion on the CBCA Book Awards shortlisted books as part of our Literature Enrichment Program. Ellie also received some exciting feedback upon asking for ideas for her next book.

On August 26th Susan Green ran a lunchtime workshop on story editing for interested students. The small but enthusiastic group greatly appreciated the opportunity to talk to an expert in this field, and were given some useful tips to use when editing their own work.

Melbourne Writers’ Festival

Nineteen enthusiastic Literature Enrichment Program participants travelled to Melbourne on August 24th to take part in activities as part of the Melbourne Writers’ Festival. The students attended a presentation by Melissa Keil, whose book “The Incredible adventures of Cinnamon Girl” was read by many of them as part of the Program. After a break for lunch, we headed up Flinders street to the Immigration museum. Here the students were given a short tour of the exhibitions, before attending a workshop run by author Alice Pung. As the Teacher Librarian organising this excursion, it was a privilege to work with such an articulate and confident group of students.

Andrea McDonald— Teacher Librarian

ES Library Book Sale
Saturday October 10th 2015
10am-2pm @ CSC Etty Street Library

Judith and Debra have been busy organising the ES Library collection for its relocation to the BR Campus Library and the amalgamation of the two campuses to one site. A vast weed of the collection has taken place and it is hoped that many of the deleted titles will find new homes in the Castlemaine community. A group of volunteers led by Jess Saunders will be working to prepare the titles for sale over the next month. Priced for your purse we hope you will come along and find a treasure!
Automotive News

Castlemaine Secondary College students in conjunction with the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre are working collaboratively in fabricating a roadster pickup and preparing the main frame of the chassis for welding. Students are seeking advice from Rod Hadfield (CHRC), about the technical aspects of what the Engineer will be checking and looking for to meet the requirements for a registered vehicle according to Vic Roads specifications.

Below: The chassis of the roadster pickup is a joint project with the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre and Automotive/Engineering Students at the Castlemaine Secondary College. From left to right Vicki Farrell, Rod Hadfield (CHRC), Lachie Dempster, Hayden Glen and Jessie Callaghan.

Science Competition Results 2015

Year 12
Jordan Furlong – Merit
Brielle Clasby - Participation

Year 11
Distinction
Issha Steventon-Lorenzen
Cadel Watson

Credit
Brandon Venville
Thomas Venville
Jade Bujeya

Merit
Cedar Blazely

Year 10
Distinction
Auryn Russell

Credit
Meaghan Ferguson

Participation
Georgina Gilbert
Torsten Lau
Tamara Ludeman
Alice McPherson

Year 9
Distinction
Murray Hammersley

Credit
Nicholas Barker
Dante Michielin

Year 8
Credit
Ella Hayes
Abigail Meadows
Willow Needham
Cohen Saunders

Participation
Philip Calitz

Year 7
Participation
Ziggy Lau
Niamh O’Connor Smith
Sunday 11th October 2015
"value health, live life"

Run the Maine

Castlemaine Fun Run
10km, 5km or 2km walk/run
Mobility Scooter Run

To register, visit:
www.runthemaine.org

Community News

Dive into Castlemaine Fitness Centre Intensive Swimming Program

Get your Children Water Ready for Summer

Keep your kids active over the break by signing them up for our holiday program.

The Holiday Intensive Swimming Program is a concentrated swimming and water safety program conducted over five consecutive days. The intensive nature of the swimming program allows for a greater opportunity for consolidation of swimming and water safety skills and progression.

Children Aged 9 years and under 10:30 – 11:00am
Children aged 9 years and over 11:00 – 11:30am

If there is sufficient interest second week of school holidays will be offered

Bookings are essential as limited spaces are available.
To secure your booking, contact us on 5472 3695.

Dive into Castlemaine Fitness Centre Swimming Lessons

Swim and Survive is a comprehensive swimming and water safety initiative of
Royal Life Saving.

Wonder - 6 to 36 months
Represents the first step in a lifetime of fun and safety in the water

Courage - 3 to 5 years (preschool)
Is fundamental to the development of basic foundation skill in swimming, survival and water safety

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Beginners, Improvers, Advanced and Adults

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