**From the Principal**

Welcome to the new school year at Castlemaine Secondary College. This is a special year for our Year 7s who are starting their journey through Secondary School. I would like to welcome those students and families to the Castlemaine Secondary College Community. I hope that you find the experience a positive one. If you do have any questions or queries please contact your Mentor Teacher, Paul Frye, Pete Bovell or myself. We will be happy to discuss any situation to ensure that your child achieves at their best.

2014 will be a special year for our Year 12s who will be finishing their schooling and planning for their future beyond school. As a college community we would like to wish all of those students the best for this year. We encourage them to be focussed on their goals and put the work and effort in to this to achieve at their potential. It is a year that needs to be savoured and enjoyed. The lasts of Swimming Carnivals, Athletics days, Productions, music performance, outdoor ed camps, excursions and those many other experiences that are part of school life.

It has already been a full and busy program with student classes all now being underway and assignment and assessments all starting. For some of our students they are enjoying learning in the Wellbeing Centre. It is wonderful to have this new facility and I am hoping that we will be able to have three more buildings of this standard. It was possible this year for the first time in many years, to have a whole of school assembly in the new Gymnasium. It was wonderful to induct our new school captains at this assembly and come together as a whole school community.

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**Diary Dates**

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Welcome to our new French Assistant!

Interview with our new French assistant, Slay Sérichard.

By Callan Walsh and Rose Byrne.

We are privileged this year in our French classes to have a wonderful Guadeloupean assistant teacher working with us, called Slay. We asked her a few questions about what brought her here, the differences between Australia and Guadeloupe, and what she likes about this place.

R+C: What made you want to pursue English?
Slay: I loved the subject at school, and I was good at it, so I decided to make a career out of the talent, and I wanted, as a French teacher in an English-speaking country, to share my knowledge of the language and culture.

R+C: What’s your favourite thing about Australia?
S: Well, not the airlines [laughs]. I like to feel that I’m useful — to help people understand French, so that they go home and say “we learnt a great new expression in French today” and that they won’t forget it. It’s a bit corny, but I want to make a difference.

R+C: How different are things between here and home?
S: There’s a big difference in education — in the way things are taught. The students really are the focus here. Back home, we used to just sit down and do what the teacher said. Also, the kangaroos; the first time I saw them, I was just standing there gawping at them.

R+C: Where to once the year is over?
S: I’m not sure. I think this experience is very enriching, I hope it will give people on my island motivation to learn another language, and to share experiences in a different culture. If I had the choice, I would do this all again without hesitation.

Slay is working 3 days a week in Castlemaine Secondary College with many of our French students.

Bienvenue!
**Accident Insurance, Ambulance and Private Property**

Families are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and Carers, who do not have any accident or ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport and any other transport costs.

Private property bought to the College by students is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

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**Emails and Mobile Phone Contacts**

Thank you to all the families who have updated their contact details with the College for the 2014 school year. It is vital to ensure that we have up to date contact information, including email and mobile phone numbers, at all times. If your details change at any time, please contact the office and we would be happy to update these for you.

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**SunSmart!**

Castlemaine Secondary College has been working across all year levels of the College to raise awareness and continue to encourage students to be SunSmart. We have joined the Cancer Council’s SunSmart Secondary Program and have a policy which outlines these initiatives. We always welcome parent feedback and suggestions. The School Nurse has worked for a number of years with the College’s Wellbeing Team to strengthen this program within the school and addressed all students on the Blakeley Road Campus in the first week of Term 1 about the importance of SunSmart behaviour and the dangers of UV exposure.

Staff are always equipped with sunscreen at outdoor events, have been modelling hats and sunglasses during yard duty and are giving out spot prizes for students who have been modelling SunSmart behaviour during recess.

We encourage all parents and carers to help us to continue this conversation and ensure students have appropriate hats for outdoor activities and recess and also to carry sunscreen when possible. The UV level remains high through to April and overcast days can be deceiving.


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**School Based Vaccinations—Second Session 7 May**

Each year the council health staff visit all local secondary schools to provide free immunisation to year 7 and year 10 students (or age equivalent if not in mainstream schooling). These vaccines are only free while your child is in these years. If you choose not to have your child immunised at this time, you will need to pay for the vaccines. The cost of a course of Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is around $450 for the course of 3.

**Whatever your choice, please ensure your child returns the consent card to school by the due date**, these records help health authorities to assess the total number of young people immunised within the community.

**Year 7 students are offered the following vaccines:**

- Chickenpox
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

**Year 9 boys are offered in a 2-year catch-up program (2013 and 2014):**

- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

**Year 10 students are offered:**

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP)


**Parental consent for immunisation**

Consent cards have been delivered to the secondary schools for year 7, 9 (boys only) and 10 students in February. **Parents must ensure that these are returned, even if they do not want their child to be immunised, this assists Council in assessing total immunised in our community.** If parents are unsure about their child’s current immunisation status, contact the local council.
College Production 2014

"13" is the fabulous musical that CSC will be performing this year in August – it has been a big success on New York Broadway and now it is making its way to Castlemaine! There is already a buzz around the school and singing auditions are occurring for students who would like to audition for a Principal Role: 12 March at Etty Street and 19 March at Blakeley Road. Acting auditions will be occurring in the coming weeks…

If students would only like to be part of the chorus, then they just need to sign up their names in the general offices. There will also be an opportunity for students to be a part of the musical “behind the scenes” and more information will come out about this in Term 2. The following link will give you an insight to the upbeat musical which you will be able to see in August:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1yK2R-iGWY

Musical Director: Kirsten Boerema
Director: Darren Lowe
Producer: Simone Bassett

Music Department Fundraiser—Thank you!

Thank you to our wonderful Music Support Group for facilitating our sausage sizzle at Bunnings Kangaroo Flat recently. It was great to see so many parents getting involved. We raised some much needed funds for the Music Department which will go towards getting all of our pianos tuned after a hot summer.

G’day USA Fundraising at Swimming Sports and Harcourt Applefest
Getting into the Swim of Things

Perfect weather greeted the CSC 2014 swimming carnival. Students participated, cheered, and filled events when shortfalls were identified at the starting blocks, that assisted with a thrilling overall victory to Kaweka.

The final results were: Kaweka 217, Pennyweight 205, Moonlight 179 and Kalimna 108.

A noticeable addition to this year’s event was an increased presence of Etty St students who participated in a variety of ways to make the day an outstanding success.

Year 11 students Beau Rinaldi, Kal Huntly, Lochie Humphrey and Darcy Connell assisted with timekeeping duties.

Year 12 VCAL students Ben, Heath, Hope, Morgan, Dillan, BJ, Talfin, Marcus, Cade, and Ross all contributed to feeding the masses by supplying a BBQ that raised funds for State School Relief Fund.

Also supplying food and drinks of a different sort were Year 11 students Jess Carland, Tullia Bennett, Georgia Shannon who continued their fundraising efforts for their American Exchange visit in 2015.

Official photographers for the day were Year 11 students Bronny Jones and Jacob Penglis.

Individual Champions in each age bracket were:

12 yr Male Champion  DECLAN NENDICK (Kaweka)
13 yr Female Champion  ROSELIN PARSONS (Kaweka)
13 yr Male Champion  LUKU CASLEY (Moonlight)
14 yr Female Champion  SIDNEY SHOWELL (Moonlight)
14 yr Male Champion  AURYN RUSSELL (Moonlight)
15 yr Female Champion  COCO MOYSEY (Kaweka)
15 yr Male Champion  BRADLEY ZAPPELLI (Pennyweight)
16 yr Female Champion  TEAGAN COLE (Kaweka)
16 yr Male Champion  TORSTEN LAU (Moonlight)
20 yr Female Champion  MATILDA BELL-WILCOCK (Pennyweight)
20 yr Male Champion  RICHARD TERRY (Kaweka)
Library News

The Library Team would like to welcome all students and their parents/guardians in 2014. Our Etty Street and Blakeley Road Campus libraries endeavour to provide a supportive environment for the entire College community and we hope to keep you up to date via the newsletter with Library happenings throughout the year.

Book Clubs: Book Clubs in both Libraries are already up and running. At the Blakeley Road Campus we have currently three groups operating, with each group meeting once a fortnight at recess. The newly formed Etty Street Library Bookclub is looking forward to a successful year. Students will be able to use kindles and ipads to compliment the print texts available for reading.

CSC Library Blog: The blog is now up and running again after a summer hiatus. Our team of writers and editors is keen to keep you up to date on everything to do with the Library and reading. Watch out for Library events, book reviews, competitions, short stories and poetry, bookclub news and much more. To access the blog go to www.csclibrary.global2.vic.edu.au (the password is 8824).

A student in profile
Name: Holly S  
Year level: 8
What book are you reading now? Clockwork Princess by Cassandra Clare
What was the last book you read?  
Girls Stuff by various authors.

What do you like about reading, or why do you think it important?
It is important to know how to read because reading is cool. I love the pictures in books.

A staff member in profile
Name: Ms Robinson  
Subjects taught: Maths and Science
What was the last book you read? A Fire Brigade book

What do you like about reading, or why do you think it is important?
I like reading to update my knowledge.

(compiled by Kaitlyn C)

Year 9 Foods Crew—International Women’s Day Catering

The Food Crew on IWD
Premiers Active April

Castlemaine Secondary College is excited to be participating in the Premiers Active April this year, we are encouraging all students, staff and parents to sign up. Year 12 VCAL & VCE PE student Ollie Banko is driving the initiative and is working hard to get as many people involved as possible and to organise some great prizes as a reward. We are asking all who sign up to join one of our house teams so if you’d like to support your son or daughter’s house please follow the process below. We are looking forward to continuing to build our strong, fit and healthy community!

To sign up to Active April, head to www.activeapril.vic.gov.au or download the Active April app
Click on register and select student
Fill in the required fields and any extras if you want
Validate your registration via your email and login (You receive an email with a link)
Click on the ‘join teams’ button and find the team id box and fill out your school house i.e. type in Kalimna, Pennyweight, Kaweka or Moonlight
Ms Wearne will then validate your entry. You’ll be able to start logging your physical activity in April and be in the running to win prizes
School Nurse

Castlemaine Secondary College has a Secondary School Nurse as part of the program provided by the Department of Education and Early Child Development, this program aims to reduce risk for young people and promote better health in the wider community.

The school nurse works as a member of the student wellbeing team to improve the health and wellbeing of students. Students with health conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis and a range of other concerns are supported through Health Management plans. These are created in consultation with parents and regularly reviewed. Letters will be sent with review advice to parents currently engaged with the nurse. However, if you feel this service could assist to support your child’s wellbeing within the school, feel free to make an appointment with the nurse Tara Gilbee. Tara is available on a part time basis on the school days - Thursday and Friday.

The school nurse also organises regular health promotion and health education activities in the school. The Program’s objectives include playing a key role in improving health and reducing risk taking behaviour among young people, including drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, obesity, depression and suicide.

Community News

CASTLEMAINE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2014 Junior Training Information

U10s and U12s
Thursday 4.30-5.30 pm at the Sunken Oval
Coaches: Adam Smolak, Richard Mayes, Frank Byrne, Tim Bird & Trevor Butcher

U14s
Tuesday and Friday 5-6.30 pm at the Camp Reserve
Coaches: Don Moran & Dean Slingo

U16s
Tuesday and Friday 5-6.30 pm at the Sunken Oval
Coaches: Scott Harrington, Michael Blake & Paul Cochrane

Youth Girls
Training commencing Friday, March 14 – 5-6.30 pm at Camp Reserve
Coaches: Krys Noonan & Paul Eyles

We welcome new and existing players to our club.
If you are interested in playing please come to training or phone Lisa Wright 0421 137 345, juniors@castlemainefnc.com or David Maltby 0418 633 867.

‘Putting the fun into kids footy’