From the Principal

I am very pleased to welcome Brian Brasher as Assistant Principal (Student Learning) to Castlemaine Secondary College. Brian comes to us with a wealth of experience from Catholic College and is already making an fantastic impact on the Blakeley Road Campus.

Brian lives in Harcourt and currently has students who attend the Harcourt Primary School. With a Masters in Instructional Leadership, Brian has been excited to find that learning is key focus at Castlemaine Secondary College and is looking forward to building on this over the coming years.

In speaking with Brian, he is settling in well, is impressed with the College’s great leadership team and has found all the staff, students and parents he has already spoken with to be very supportive.

I am looking forward to Brian’s contribution to the College and invite you to introduce yourself to Brian when you see him.
**I3 The Musical**

The annual tradition of fantastic musicals performed by the students of Castlemaine Secondary College is here again.

This year it is a contemporary story about a 13 year old New York boy who, because of family circumstances, has to move to a small mid-western town, just as he is about to have his Bar Mitzva.

It is full of lively music and tells of his struggle with friendship and change.

As always, the quality of the singing and acting amazes all who see it. Performances are to be held in the new Wellbeing Centre at the Blakeley Street Campus on Thursday 31 July, Friday 1 August and Saturday 2 August. Tickets are available from both campus offices at $20 for adults and $15 for children. Phone 54791111 or 54794222.
College Uniform—Blakeley Road Campus

With the winters months now upon us, a reminder to all Blakeley Road families that full uniform is still required to be worn. The College has a range of warm clothing available from our Uniform Shop including lined jacket, woollen jumpers and woollen tights.

Coloured hoodies, long sleeve tops and the like are not permitted to be worn at school on top of or under the school uniform.

If you require any assistance or clarification regarding the uniform, please contact the school office.

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Japan Trip—2015

Plans are underway for our next trip to Japan in September/October 2015. Our inaugural trip last year was a huge success and we plan to offer this trip every second year to years 9 to 12 students.

The details of the trip aren’t confirmed as yet, but we are looking at 10 days covering Kyoto, Shizuoka and Tokyo. During our stay we will be sightseeing as a group, homestaying with Japanese families and visiting their schools.

You may note your expression of interest or obtain further information by contacting Lyn Ellery on 5479 1111.
**East Journey**

It was a different way to start a Friday morning at Blakeley Rd Campus, Aboriginal band, *East Journey*, from East Arnhem Land, entertained Year 7 CSC students and a mixture of students from St Marys, Chewton P.S, North School P.S, Winters Flat P.S. Also present were students who visit the *Meeting Place* once a fortnight. *Meeting Place*, situated at Yapeen Campus allows Koori students in Mt Alexander to come together, share stories and culture, and support each other.

The performance was introduced with Welcome to Country by Year 10 student Daikota, something the band said made them feel particularly welcomed to the school.

*East Journey* members have deep spiritual relationships with their land and sea country. These relationships, in part, are maintained through song, dance and ceremony, and public aspects of this relationship are found in the band’s recordings and live performances.

*East Journey*’s website states: ‘Our inspiration and material is drawn from manikay (ceremonial song poetry), traditional melodies and instruments that, through guidance and encouragement from our old people, is fused together with western and contemporary musical traditions.

Our music is a blend of contemporary rock and acoustic, highlighted with traditional bilma (clapsticks) and yidaki (didgeridoo), that tells our ancestral stories in a uniquely different modern style that has the ability to engage our audience, no matter whether the broader general Australian public are from the city, bush or sea areas.’

The performance was organised by Connecting Cultures Castlemaine, a group of passionate Koorie people in Castlemaine, and local PaCE Coordinator Kathryn Coff, and was part of NAIDOC week celebrations.

The event was funded by Funded by MECU, St Lukes, Mt Alexander Council, St Marys and gold coin at the door. A big thank you goes to Judith Hansen, Etty Street Librarian and avid reader, for being our judge.

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**Parenting Newsletter and online information:**

Thriving Parenting is an exciting new way of parenting. It takes the trial and error, and much of the confusion out of raising kids. There is a large body of research that tells us kids need three things to thrive in this modern changing world of uncertainty. These are: **Confidence, Character & Resilience**

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His popular parenting columns appear in newspapers and magazines across Australia. He appears regularly on television including Channel 10’s The Circle, he also has a regular fortnightly half hour parenting segment on ABC radio Victoria.

Michael has an education background, and holds a Master of Educational Studies with research into what makes healthy families tick. He has conducted over 1,500 parenting seminars

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Yr 10 French Immersion Day

The majority of both Steiner and Main Stream Year 10 French students spent the day in Eaglehawk enjoying a variety of activities including a team quiz – where the students would answer general knowledge and grammar questions, we watched a well-renown French comedy, did a French questionnaire that was completed in pairs and decorated the Eaglehawk College library in whatever way we could conceive. We saw a mini Eiffel-tower, escargots and crafted fireworks just to name a few.

“It was great to get together with kids form other schools and see how our French stood up in the wider world,” said one student, “I’d really love to do this sort of thing again.”

There were chocolates, gift cards and stationary for prizes and food and drink was provided to all students and teachers at regular intervals with croissants for breakfast on arrival and French themed lunch to follow.

Everyone had an outstanding day and there was laughter and jokes on the bus home from those who had not worn themselves out running across campus looking for secret messages dans Français.

Special thanks to Mr Van Emmerick who drove the bus, Ms Macdonald, Slay Sérichard and Eaglehawk Secondary College for putting in the time and effort to make this amazing day happen.

Jade (Year 10)

Attention French students in Year 9 or 10!

Are you interested in going to France?
Are you going to continue studying French next year?

As part of our exchange program we host students here in Castlemaine from Baudimont High School in Arras, France in autumn for around 3 weeks and then we go to stay with those same students later in the year during the September/October holidays for 3 weeks and we visit Paris for a few days!

If you would like to participate in our French exchange and you are studying French in Year 9 or 10 this year and you haven’t yet let us know, then please contact Jane Macdonald on 54794222.
VCAL News

Ellery House Mural
Talfin, a Year 12 VCAL student is working on a mural for Ellery House at Castlemaine Health. Talfin presented a variety of designs to the Ellery House committee who decided on the final designs. A massive wall (3m x 9m) will be painted white while 3 metal sheets (1m x 3m) will have designs painted on them. Talfin had to plan, design and budget for this mural which is his major VCAL PDS project.

VCAL Garden and Market Stall
Morgan and Stacey, Year 12 VCAL students and Jess Year 10 Steiner student have been working all year preparing for the VCAL garden sale early term 3 and early term 4. Plants and goods will be put on line for sale via our website.

Morgan, Stacey and Jan Miletic have joined the Castlemaine Garden Club to build upon their skills and knowledge. They have propagated and accumulated over 400 plants ranging from trees (ornamental and fruit), shrubs, vegetables, bulbs, succulents and cacti.

To assist their stall other students have been assisting creating items and also planning their projects to see a success:
Ben is replacing the watering system and fixing the plumbing in the hot house.
The Year VCAL 12 students are making ceramic pots to sell as containers for the plants. Some fantastic wheelbarrows and shoes have been made.
Melissa is decorating and painting bought terracotta pots
Dylan, Cade Ross and BJ are making bird boxes.
Isaiah and Jordan (Year 11 VCAL) are making wooden clocks.

The money raised is used to pay for community projects, donations to community organisations and for certificates for the students.

Righteous Pups
The Year 11 VCAL students, as a whole class, have undertaken combined with Righteous Pups to train pups for autistic children. It will be a 6 -12 month project. Students are matched with a puppy and they will be undertaking the puppy's training once a week.

Through training the puppies, the students learn and develop leadership skills. They learn a variety of training methods that will ensure that the puppies become service dogs in two years' time.
VCAL News (Cont)

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

On Wednesday June 4th, the Year 11 VCAL students had a team project to sell pancakes at Blakeley Road Campus to raise funds for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. They raised $130.00.

Students were required to plan, organise and run the event. They worked well as a team preparing the stall, cooking and selling the pancakes.

Thank you to Blakeley Road Campus for their support.

Tabloid Sports.

On Friday 6 June, Castlemaine Secondary College hosted the Tabloid Sports for 380 Prep grade 2 students from the local primary schools at the Blakeley Rd Oval. The primary schools included Castlemaine North, Maldon, St. Marys, Campbells Creek, Newstead and Winters Flat.

The event was organised by Ollie and Ben, senior VCAL students. Ollie and Ben planned and organised all aspects of the morning. They visited Winters Flat primary school to consult with Fiona Johnston about the processes and played some tabloid games with the prep class. They organised all the college volunteers, mapped out the oval with the 20 games, obtained sporting equipment and even planned catering.

On the day, all the primary schools arrived by 9.45. They were welcomed then organised into 20 animal groups. Once all the students were organised they were ready to play. There were 20 stations with different tabloid games. The primary students went through 8 of the games. At each station there were student volunteers (VCAL and 7D) and parent and teacher helpers.

Every 10 minutes the students were signalled to move to the next station. It was all over at 12.10. All the primary students assembled for closing speeches and thank yous. Then it was back to their primary school by walk or bus.

Overall the day went very well and all the primary students seemed to enjoy themselves. A special thank you to Fiona, all the primary parents and teachers the CSC student volunteers and the 380 prep to grade 2 students.

Ben (Year 12)
Music News

Nikki plays with Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

On 29 May a group of music students and staff attended a Melbourne Symphony Orchestra concert at the Melbourne Town Hall. This concert was special because Nikki (Year 12 Student) was playing in the cello section of the orchestra, with Richard Gill conducting Stravinsky’s Firebird Suite in a Russian music spectacular. It was an outstanding performance and music students were inspired by this exciting music.

Rotary Art Show opening night

At the Rotary Art Show’s opening night on 7 June art-lovers were entertained by two talented groups of Year 9 music students who alternated throughout the evening. The Busking Strings band played, with violinists Ellen, Ben, and Lola. Isadora and Judzea played cello and teachers Chris Sass on harp and Frances Gall on violin rounded out the group. Charlie and Lina played klezmer music in a clarinet and piano accordion duo. Both groups played lively music that added great atmosphere to the event in the Market Building.

Fed University Sports Science Excursion

On Monday 21 July myself and rest of the year 11 & 12 physical education classes travelled to Federation University in Ballarat. We spent a very interesting and informative day with lecturers and students from their sports science faculty.

The day started in the auditorium with a presentation on the different sports related courses the university offers and the many different careers that those courses can lead to. We then split into our individual year levels and went on to our first workshops that were based around subject matter we have been studying this year.

Our first workshop focussed on the health and skill related fitness components and the important roles they play in different sports. Followed by a practical demonstration and in some cases participation in a vast array of lab based fitness tests. It was really fun to get a hands on experience with some state of the art equipment, including a Vo2 Max testing treadmill, worth $200,000!

Our second and final workshop allowed us to test our knowledge of the subjects we have been studying in the form of a quiz and we also discussed the different types of training methods that are best suited to improving the fitness components we had tested earlier. The day ended on a high with a brief albeit entertaining practical test of some of the training methods we had learned about.

Looking back I found the day to be both a good way to test the knowledge I have learned throughout the year and also an excellent source of new information.

Timon, Year 12 PE.
School Footy

For many of us at CSC footy isn't just a game, it's more or less a way of life. School footy for us students is an highly anticipated event throughout the school curriculum and we don't second guess about becoming part of the team. I was very privileged to be Coach for 2014 and enjoyed the support of the entire team.

This year the Senior boys managed to make it through to the Regional's, but not without the spine-tingling match against Kyneton's Sacred Heart. It had been goal for goal all game until team captain, Travis Elliott, put the final nail in the coffin. Celebrations were all round as it was an amazing goal. Other games were played against MEC and Highview which we won.

The Regional's saw us travel to Maryborough's Princes Park to take on a very keen Mildura. We matched them with skill, but maybe not with physical presence. They were very hard at the ball and only some of our players were prepared to do the same. We made a last quarter come back, but sadly went down by 16 points. Scores were 66 to 50.

For many of us it was their final year, but for the rest of us we still have next year to look forward to.

It is a wonderful opportunity for some of us to play together instead of against each other. School footy will always be a highlight to me.

We thank the staff for organising and accompanying us to the games, for without them we would not be able to compete.

Sport is an extremely important part of the CSC curriculum and we always enjoy the competition and hope the inter-school competitions never stop.

Kalan (Year 11)

Etty Street Campus Snow Day
Overseas Success

Early last year, Year 8 student MacKenzie had never thrown a Javelin. Less than 18 months later he was representing his country at two International Sports meetings in Canada in July. Cooper, or Macca as his mates call him, entered 8 events across two athletics meetings and came home with 7 medals and a fourth placing.

Proud parents Kerry and Darren said the Campbell’s Creek resident entered the House Sports carnival at Castlemaine Secondary College last year, had a go at throwing the javelin, and made his way to the State finals.

A private company, Sports Travel Australia, contacted all state finalists and offered the opportunity to participate at The Jack Brow Track and Field meeting at Kelowna, and the Trevor Craven Memorial Track and Field meeting at Vancouver, both in Canada.

On both occasions, Mackenzie achieved two personal best performances, and achieved satisfaction achieving his goals.

Mackenzie has joined the Bendigo Harriers Athletics Club and is coached in javelin by Leanne Hume. In February he finished with two seconds, and a third at the Vic Country Athletics meeting after only 3 weeks of professional training.

Mackenzie’s short term goals are to represent the school at the upcoming athletics carnival and improve on his performances from last year. Longer term, Mackenzie is aiming to qualify for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, and his coach thinks he has the potential to achieve that goal.

Mackenzie’s results in Canada were:

**Jack Brow Memorial Track & Field Meet - Kelowna British Columbia**
- Discus - 39.69m - 2nd (PB)
- Javelin - 43.34m - 1st
- Shot Put - 12.43m - 2nd
- Hammer - 30.17m - 4th (PB)

**Trevor Craven Memorial Track & Field Meet - Vancouver British Columbia**
- Discus - 39.15m - 3rd
- Shot Put - 13.04m - 2nd (PB)
- Javelin - 44.30m - 1st (PB)
- Hammer - 30.16 - 3rd

Local Success

Congratulations to year 7 student, Bridie, for reaching the State Finals for cross-country. Bridie finished 43rd out of 108 participants, a result she was satisfied with. Bridie, an enthusiast in many sports, said: ‘Last year I finished 54th, so I am happy that I have shown improvement this year’.

It’s a growth mindset that will help young people find success in life.

Battle of the Bands

Castlemaine’s Battle of the Bands, held at the Theatre Royal was a great success for our students. At Sea’s End BJ, Dylan, Ethan, Jake and Darcy won they 6 hours of recording time in a studio and attend the next section of battle of the bands.
Community News

St Luke’s Adoption and Permanent Care Program

The St Luke’s Adoption and Permanent Care team are seeking people who are interested in permanently caring for a child/ren with special needs. Please call Jo Farelly or Rachel O’Dowd on 5440 1100 if you would like to know more.