

Coming Up...

29 August

Work Experience (Group 2)

Tuesday 30 August

VicSpell
Latrobe Valley Zone Final
Year 12 Outdoor Ed - Uralla

Friday 2 September

Year 9 & 10 Course Selection forms due

Thursday 15 September

Last Day of Term 3 for students

Parent/Teacher Interviews

5.00pm - 8.00pm

Friday 16 September

Year 12 Exams Commence

9.00am-12.15pm
(Language Centre)

Parent/Teacher Interviews

9.00am - 1.00pm

Mon 19, Tue 20 & Wed 21 August

Units 3 & 4 Exams
(Library)

Monday 3 October

Term 4 commences

Science gets Cheesey!

Some of our Year 10 students have been making their own Camembert cheese through an innovative Dairy Australia program, 'Cows Create Careers – Camembert in the Classroom'.

Teachers and students from four schools across the region are participating in the program including Warragul Regional College, Marist Sion Regional College, Maffra Secondary College and Lowanna College.

The program is designed to encourage secondary school teachers and students to learn about the Australian dairy industry while introducing students to dairy manufacturing careers and pathways.

Teachers have been trained to make Camembert cheese by program presenter and Deputy Chief Judge of the Australian Grand Dairy Awards, Russell Smith. They then teach their students how to do it.

Over a term students make their own Camembert cheese in the classroom and complete assessment tasks, including a multimedia advertisement addressing 'Why Dairy is an Important Part of Our Diet'.

Upon completion of the program Russell Smith and other accredited judges will judge and award the region's winning cheese at a 'Big Day Out' awards presentation.



Principal's Report

School Review

I wrote in our last newsletter that Lowanna College was undertaking a School Review this year to set our next 4-year Strategic Plan. Our first planning day took place on Wednesday 17th August. The Principal team and the review team (SEIL - Rob Juratovich, Reviewer – Peter Cole, South Gippsland SC Principal – Matt McPhee) delved deeply into our performance and set some Terms of Reference for the next Strategic Plan. We received much praise for our School Self Evaluation because of its honesty and detail. It was very much a collaborative effort by our College Leadership team I thank them for their input. The next meeting will involve far greater input from the wider staff and we are really looking forward to getting more in depth information on our performance.

Staffing Update

I would like to announce the provisional appointment of Trevor Cox to the position of Assistant Principal Middle School. Trevor taught at Lowanna some years ago and is returning after a period working at St Pauls Grammar Warragul. He comes to us with fantastic credentials and we look forward to welcoming him to our team.

College Behaviour Norms

It is rare that I use this forum to discuss negative behaviours because generally our College is not subject to such behaviours. I think however it is time to remind our students that we have a set of expected behaviours that are not negotiable. These include being respectful to needs and feelings of others. This does not include swearing at teachers, support staff or parents of other

students. I find it remarkable that some students need this reminder.

I also find it remarkable that I need to remind students that they need to remain inside the school grounds throughout the day. We are serious about our 'Duty of Care' and from a legal perspective we have responsibility for students both too and from school. Parents can assist by reminding their students that when they get to school they need to remain there for the day. It is also essential that parents remind their students that there is a legal requirement for students to wear helmets when riding bikes to on Victorian roads. A number of our students seem to have misunderstood this law.

Brett Windsor, College Principal

Learning Stone Ceremony

Lowanna College celebrated the launch of our Learning Stone site this morning with a special ceremony.

The idea of a Learning Stone site is to create a place for collaboration between school and community and to build stronger awareness of Indigenous culture. It creates an identified place for cultural engagement, ceremony and instruction.

Our Koorie students have been working on this project for over a year which includes plants donated by local business, a large rock as well as some Aboriginal artwork on totems.

Artist, Ronald Edwards, performed the smoking ceremony, student Laura Young did the Welcome to Country and our Principal, Brett Windsor, did the Acknowledgement to Country. Family and friends attended the ceremony which was followed with morning tea.



TWIN CALVES FOCUS A BRIGHT LIGHT ON DAIRY INDUSTRY CAREERS



Twin calves arrived at Lowanna on Wednesday 10th August and are helping to shine a bright light on dairy industry careers through Dairy Australia's innovative school program, Cows Create Careers – Farm Module.

Cows Create Careers - Farm Module is a six-week program. It aims to increase the awareness of the dairy industry and possible career opportunities in a very hands-on way. Lowanna Secondary students are being educated about calf handling, by rearing the twin three-week-old calves at school. During the program the school is provided with a dairy industry curriculum for years 9 and 10 at no cost.

This year, eighteen schools in the Gippsland region have participated in the program including Lowanna College,

Nagle College, Swifts Creek P-12 School, Bairnsdale Christian Community School, Orbost Secondary College, Sale College (Guthridge Campus), Gippsland Grammar School, Wonthaggi Secondary College, Newhaven College, Warragul Regional College, Elisabeth Murdoch College, Bass Valley Primary School, Padua College Mornington, Woodleigh School, Hillcrest Christian College, Poowong Consolidated School, Padua College Rosebud and Chairo Christian School Leongatha.

Tracy Lloyd, Dairy Australia's Industry Capability Program Manager, said the program started in 2004 with dairy farmers in the Strzelecki Lions Club. Since then, Dairy Australia has worked with thousands of students, teachers, farmers, industry advocates and communities through its

investment into the Cows Create Careers – Farm Module. All of this was supported by Dairy Australia, Regional Development Programs, dairy farmers and sponsors. The program has grown to over 216 schools, with 9,949 students having completed the program last year.

The "Cows Create Careers – Farm Module" builds awareness of dairy industry careers – by teaching students about educational and vocational pathways", said Ms. Lloyd. "By bringing calves into schools, students have fun learning about the different skills required in the dairy industry."

The program has very strong support from dairy farmers and advocates across Australia. Last year alone 23 Australian dairying regions and their volunteers gave 1,652 hours of their time. The National Centre for Dairy Education (NCDE) also plays an important role by being an educational link for the schools.

Locally, the project is funded by GippsDairy and receives additional support across the state from local companies Reid Stockfeeds, Devondale Murray Goulburn, MG Trading, South Gippsland Shire Council, Baw Baw Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire Council, East Gippsland Shire Council and Genetics Australia who have continued to support the program in the Gippsland region.

The program recognizes the work of students and teachers at a Presentation Finale where prizes are awarded to the winning schools and students.

The Finales will be held on Friday 7th October in Bairnsdale and Monday 10th October in Warragul.

Farewell to P1

The Victorian Government recently made a commitment to remove, free of charge, any buildings from schools that fit the following 3 criteria:

- relocatable
- contains asbestos
- is an over-entitlement

One of our portables, Portable 1, fits these criteria and over the past few months, extensive planning led to its removal on Tuesday 9 August. Pleasingly, this has now ensured Lowanna College is asbestos free.

In the coming days, the site will be rehabilitated and dressed with topsoil and grass, before the Year 10 PreCal students develop it further with seating and gardens for the student body.



Schools Tree Day

Each year schools across Australia take part in Schools Tree Day. Students nationwide learn how to plant, and care for the trees they grow.

Lowanna's long-term environmental program engages our students in a fun, hands on activity designed to reinforce their environmental, maths, science and creative arts learning whilst contributing to creating beautiful school grounds.

A big thank you to Courtney Perkins and Bec Emslie for organising the tree planting today as well as our senior students who braved today's cold weather to plant approximately 200 trees!

Pictured is our tree planting team together with Jen Young (Senior School Principal), Nicholas King (Outdoor & Environmental Studies Coordinator) and Sharon Gibson (Deputy Mayor of Latrobe City Council).



VCAL Seniors Raise more than \$5000

On Thursday 25 August, students Jack Hudson, Justin Bird and teacher John Vrieze Braved it and Shaved it in support of young Ella Chandler. Congratulations to the Senior VCAL class (pictured) who organised this event and have so far raised well above their target of \$5000. A big thanks also must go to Steve Mayes for supplying the tools and supervising and finishing off the new do's!



CAREER NEWS

Reminders:

'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

Final seminar in the series: Teaching - Sept 13; Details and bookings: www.monash.edu/inside-monash

YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)

Timely applications close 29 Sept

MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS

26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12's; Bookings: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

OPEN DAYS

Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat): Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

YEAR 12

APPLY WITH VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)

Don't forget to complete an application for courses for 2017 (www.vtac.edu.au) if you haven't yet. You can change your application as much as you wish at no extra cost (\$32.00) if you apply by 29 Sept. After that it will cost you \$100.00. You can change your application once you have your ATAR in December.

DO YOU WANT TO DEFER YOUR STUDY IN 2017?

Most courses allow deferral, so even if you plan a break from study in 2017, you are still encouraged to apply in 2016. Institutions have different deferment policies. For the deferment policies of the various institutions see: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html>.

Attention Year 12 Students

Did you know that if you don't submit your VTAC Application by 29 September the fee goes from \$32.00 to \$100?

So, if you haven't already done so, book an appointment with Mr Fogarty now! The booking sheet is on the window of the Careers Room.

SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME

(SEAS) – Don't forget to organise your SEAS application if you are eligible. Category 1 simply requires you to click the YES box. All other categories (2 – 4) require you to supply extra information or evidence. If you need assistance from school staff, get it soon. Applications close 5pm, 4 Oct. See: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html>.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS

Femmes in STEM – Hosted by the world's 4th ranked faculty of pharmacy and pharmacology, the Monash inaugural Femmes in STEM event allows girls to meet and be inspired by women changing the world through science. Hear about possible career paths, engage with some of the big scientific challenges of the future, and meet other girls who are just as keen on science as themselves. Who: Year 10-12 girls; When: 11am-2.30pm, Fri 23 Sept; Where: Cossar Hall, Monash Parkville campus; Register: <http://www.monash.edu/pharm/femmesinstem>

TAKE CTRL EVENT

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to a taste of Information Technology at the event Take CTRL. You will be able to meet Monash IT staff, PhD students, and leaders from the IT industry to talk about career opportunities. Activities include: workshop, tour of the immersive data visualisation facility, CAVE2, and a presentation from a guest speaker about where a Monash IT degree can lead. When: 10am-4pm, Tues 27 Sept; Where: Monash Clayton; Details and to register attendance: www.it.monash.edu/TakeCTRL; Questions: Taylor Maxwell ph 9905 5845, taylor.maxwell@monash.edu.

MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Passionate about promoting good health, preventing disease or managing illness and disability? Consider a Bachelor of Public Health Science, the public health specialisation in the B. Health Sciences. Gain a solid foundation in health science, with an overview of health care and skill development in identifying, investigating, analysing and assessing health issues. Included: epidemiology, biostatistics, health program planning and health-data management. Careers: public health research, disease prevention, health promotion, health planning and management. See: www.study.monash.edu

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART

A leading institution for dramatic arts education and training, NIDA is offering the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Properties and Objects, Staging, and Technical Theatre and Stage Management; Diplomas in Live Production and Technical Services, Musical Theatre, Screen and Media (Specialist Make-up Services) and Stage and Screen Performance. You need commitment and passion for the creative and cultural industries and NIDA wants differing levels of experience in theatre, film, television, etc. Applications close: 30 Sept; Auditions/interviews: Nov/Dec in capital cities- www.apply.nida.edu.au.

RMIT UNIVERSITY NEWS

SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS

You are invited to visit RMIT's state-of-the-art laboratories to learn more about courses on offer. Discover how RMIT science courses provide the knowledge and practical skills to tackle real-world problems and advance the way we live, travel, learn and work. When: 11am-2pm, Mon 19 Sept; Information/registration:

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/september/science-in-the-city-lab-tour>

SHORT COURSES AT RMIT

RMIT offers short courses in a range of subject areas including design, business, engineering, fashion, architecture, communication, art, languages, technology, community services, health and more. For the 2016 Short Course Guide see: https://shortcourses.rmit.edu.au/filing/cms/SCG_Jul-Dec_2016.pdf. For more info: 9925 8111.

SWINBURNE NEWS

ADVICE - Looking for advice/suggestions about studying at Swinburne (Hawthorn or Wantirna)? If so, attend an Advice Night. Hawthorn's Advice night at 4-6pm on 13 September and Wantirna's on 15 September. See: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/vtac-advice-nights/>

AVIATION INFORMATION NIGHT

Meet industry professionals and graduates and learn about careers in aviation and Swinburne's aviation courses. When: 7-9pm, Thurs 8 Sept; Where: AMDC301, Hawthorn campus; Register: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/events/departments/science-engineering-technology/2016/09/aviation-information-night.php>.

NEW BACHELOR OF SCREEN PRODUCTION 2017

This will prepare you for careers in the fast-paced new media environment. Gain skills needed to adapt to the global media industry as it forges new broadcast models. Learn digital literacy and media production skills for multiple broadcast platforms - smartphones, networked environments and social media applications.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS

The DIPLOMA OF LANGUAGES

(DipLang) is a way to get a language qualification while completing a degree. On offer: Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish. You can also do a concurrent Diploma in Informatics, Mathematical Sciences or Music. See: www.students.unimelb.edu.au/achieve/concurrent-diplomas

MUSIC AT SOUTHBANK

In 2017 the University commences construction of a building for the Conservatorium of Music (MCM) in the heart of the Melbourne Arts Precinct. It will help consolidate the existing MCM staff and students on the Southbank campus. The existing Conservatorium building will be retained at Parkville. The new building will include a 443-seat auditorium and a public square contributing to the community space plan for the Melbourne Arts Precinct Blueprint. In addition, the Dodds Street Stables redevelopment will turn the Dodds Street police stables into a visual arts wing at Southbank, creating a new entry point to the University and opening the campus. Completion: mid 2017.

DEAKIN IGNITED SCHOLARSHIPS

Ignited scholarships are aimed at attracting more female students into non-traditional areas of study such as Engineering, IT and Construction Management. See: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS

ASPIRE APPLICATION CLOSING SOON

Applications for the Aspire Early Admissions Program (EAP) close Wednesday 31 August - see <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/about-aspire>.

EDUCATION COURSE OVERHAUL

The accreditation system for initial teacher education (ITE) programs in Australia is experiencing a shake up. Reforms requiring evidence-based accreditation of ITE programs are coming into place to make sure graduate teachers are better prepared and ultimately 'classroom ready'. La Trobe is making the mandatory changes but also using this opportunity to make improvements across all major education offerings.

TALK AND TOUR IN THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

Like a tour of La Trobe with a Student Ambassador? Then email Livio at l.sikora@latrobe.edu.au or ph 9479 5844.

BUSINESS AND LAW AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Get information about all VU Business and Law courses, and see VU's legal precinct. When: 12 Sept; Info: www.vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus.

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.



Year 12 Internal Exam Timetable

September 2016

| Friday September 16th | | | |
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| 9am - 12.15pm | | | |
| Language Centre | English (3h) | | |
| Language Centre | Clashes | | |
| Monday September 19th | | | |
| 9:00 – 11:45 | | 12:15 – 3:00 | |
| Library | Chemistry (2½) | Library | Legal Studies (2) |
| Library | Health & Human (2) | Library | Literature (2) |
| Library | Studio Art (1½) | C6 | Music (1½) |
| Library | Systems Engineering (1½) | Library | Outdoor Ed (1½) |
| | | Library | Physics (2½) |
| Library | Clashes | Library | Clashes |
| Tuesday September 20th | | | |
| 9:00 – 11:45 | | 12:15 – 3:00 | |
| Library | Wood (1½) | Library | Biology (2½) |
| Library | Metal (1½) | Library | Food Tech (1½) |
| Library | History (2) | Library | Bus Man (2) |
| Library | Maths Methods 2 (2) | Library | PE (2) |
| Library | Media (2) | | |
| Library | Psychology (2½) | | |
| Library | Clashes | Library | Clashes |
| Wednesday September 21st | | | |
| 9:00 – 10:45 | | 9:00 – 10:45 | |
| Library | Further Math 1 (1½) | Library | Further Math 2 (1½) |
| Library | Specialist Math 1 (1) | Library | Specialist Math 2 (2) |
| Library | Clashes | Library | Clashes |