

The Angel

Thursday 7th September 2017, Volume 24



Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Please give me the strength to face
the day and to see the many
blessings that it contains.

Give me the courage to walk on, no
matter how long the path or how
many turns the road holds.

Guide my thoughts so that I walk in
love and peace and with gratitude
stamped on my heart.

Amen

Principal's News

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff,

At times I have spoken to our students about the importance of working outside of your comfort zone and taking risks. On Wednesday I had the opportunity to put the theory into practice and take part in a theatre sports game called 'Thank SMOTA you're here!' The initiative was part of our English / Humanities themed week and I would like to thank the English and Humanities teams for the energy and enthusiasm to put on a range of fun and interesting activities throughout the week.

On Wednesday our team was required to guess the name of a number of books; charades style. Those who know me are well aware that I don't have a creative bone in my body and acting is not my specialty. However, with encouragement from my very talented and enthusiastic team we gave it a go. A big thanks to our senior boys' team made up of Jack Holt, Jack Wilson and Josh Wilson for inviting me into their team and taking on a distinct disadvantage, namely myself. Surprisingly we didn't win but we did have a lot of fun.

As the term break begins to appear on the horizon I would like to extend a personal invitation to all in our community to come and join us for Feast Day Mass on the 22nd September. Mass begins at 9.30am on the oval and we look forward to celebrating the Feast of St Francis with our sister school St Francis Primary School. Our Feast Day celebrations then continue with the running of our annual FMDM Grand Prix. Our students are busily preparing race cars and raising valuable sponsorship for the FMDM orphanage in Zimbabwe. The races through an obstacle course are highly entertaining and if you are free on Friday 22nd September, please come and join us.

Finally, this Friday members from our College community will be paying their last respects to Mr. Peter Bennett who lost his battle with MND last weekend. Peter is the husband of Ms. Leonie Irwin, our much loved recent Principal. Our prayers and thoughts are with Leonie and family at this most sad time. A letter explaining funeral details is contained inside this edition of The Angel. This week's prayer is dedicated to Leonie and her extended family.

May Peter Rest in Peace.

Pace e bene, (Peace and all good)
Matt Carver

St Mary of the Angels

warmly invites

**Parents, Guardians
and friends of the College**

to celebrate

Feast Day Mass ***Friday 22nd September***

9.15am for a 9.30am start

**on the College Oval at
St. Mary of the Angels Secondary
College Nathalia**

***Please join us for light refreshments
after Mass.***

R.S.V.P. Monday 18th September

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4th September 2017

Dear St Mary of the Angels College Community,

Re: Sad News, Peter Bennett

It is with much sadness that I inform you of the death of Peter Bennett, Leonie Irwin's husband on Saturday morning.

After many months of serious illness, long stays in hospital and ongoing treatment for Motor Neurone Disease, Peter died peacefully in the Wangaratta Hospital. Peter fought courageously and amazed all with his quiet determination to overcome this most debilitating disease.

Please keep Leonie, Tom, Chloe and Ruby in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

May Peter rest in peace.

Funeral Details:

Funeral Prayers for Mr Peter Charles Bennett will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Arundel Street, Benalla on **Friday, 8th September, 2017 commencing at 11.00 am.**

The Funeral will leave at the conclusion of Prayers for Burial at the Benalla Lawn Cemetery. Flowers welcome, or if preferred donations to Benalla Palliative Care &/or MND - Victoria in memory of Peter would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the Church.

Peter would prefer that no ties be worn by those attending on Friday.

With Peace and goodwill,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt", followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line.

Matt Carver
Principal



STAFF SPIRITUALITY

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity

Recently the staff went to Morning Glory Resort for the annual spirituality day. The day had a wellbeing focus and Mick Walsh, from the Learning Curve facilitated the day.

Mick is a passionate coach and presenter and created and authored the Learning Curve Wellbeing Program to future proof students by building their wellbeing banks to draw on when confronted with life's inevitable challenges. Recently Mick has moved into the area of staff wellbeing and he spent the day working with us on taking care and developing our own positive wellbeing. Ensuring our own positive wellbeing ensures that we are able to assist our students' fill their own wellbeing banks.



Staff were treated to a passionate wellbeing coach Mick Walsh (pictured top middle).

Catholic Identity News



St. Francis, Nathalia

Dinner Dance Under the Stars

Saturday 11th of November

7:00-12:00pm

\$35pp

2 Course Meal

Drinks at bar prices

Bookings online at

trybooking.com

Celebration of Mass

Sunday 12th of November

10:30-11:30am

Fair and Family Day

Sunday 12th of November

11:30am-3:30pm



St Francis Primary School...

celebrating 40 years of education at St. Francis, Nathalia.

A celebration for our whole community present, past and future...

Everyone welcome.

Franciscan Pilgrimage, 2018

Thank you to everybody who attended our information session on Wednesday evening. For those interested, the following explains the next steps.

- Pay \$1000 deposit to Carmel Payne at the College office by 1st September.
- The organising of flights is a personal responsibility. Flights need to be sorted and details provided to Carmel Payne by 20th December, 2017.
- The land component final figure is approximately \$3,600 AUD. This payment is required in the new year.

For more information contact:
St Francis Primary School
03 5866 2271
principal@sfnathalia.catholic.edu.au



3rd August 2017



To Whom It May Concern,

The St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Social Justice Group, is coordinating the annual FMDM Grand Prix Event on Friday, 22nd September. Last year we raised \$5,360 which was donated to the FMDM orphanage in Zimbabwe. We are hoping to at least match this amount but endeavour with your help to exceed it. This year we are planning once again to send this money to aid the FMDM sisters in Zimbabwe and also contribute towards the community our Year 12 students in the Alternative Schoolies program will assist at the end of this year.

Students in each homeroom are invited to build a cardboard car (like on the Flintstones), decorate it and enter it in an obstacle race. Each homeroom is asked to raise money through sponsorship. The logo/name of the sponsors will appear on the cars that they make, as well as in the St Mary of the Angels newsletter, 'the Angel'. The race is a handicap event, so the more money raised by each homeroom the greater the advantage in the race.

Any donation, irrespective of the contribution, would be greatly appreciated. Your money will contribute to the success of our event and will be put towards a worthwhile cause.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Hartnett-Carr
Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FMDM GRAND PRIX 2017

Name & homeroom of student requesting sponsorship:

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Name of Business/Organisation:.....

Contact Person:

Mailing Address:

Amount donated:

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Deputy Principal's News

Bev Thorp

Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching

LEARNING ADVISOR INTERVIEWS

It was lovely to see so many animated discussions at the Barooga Learning Advisor interviews this week. The opportunity for students, teachers and families to come together to discuss learning progress and discuss strategies to build skills is a real strength of the partnership between College, student and home. A reminder that the Nathalia interviews will take place next week, and that interviews with Nathalia Secondary College teachers may be made by contacting their College Office on 58662331. Any parents or carers who are unable to attend the scheduled interviews are invited to contact your Learning Advisor to make an alternate arrangement at any time you may have any queries or concerns.

A reminder that normal classes will not run on Thursday 14th September to allow the Learning Advisor Interviews to take place.

LEARNING ADVISOR INTERVIEWS:

Wednesday 13th September ,4.00pm - 8.00 pm

St Mary of the Angels, Nathalia

Thursday 14th September, 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

No student classes

St Mary of the Angels, Nathalia

NSC interviews are on the 13th September. To make an appointment call the NSC Office on (03) 5866 2331

To book your SMOTA interview please go to:

pam.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au

or contact the College for further assistance.

AGRICULTURE / HORTICULTURE

Congratulations to our Cattle and Sheep Handling teams who participated in the Finley Agricultural Show last weekend. This was our inaugural showing with our new South Suffolk sheep flock, and the successful team arrived home from the show with more ribbons than sheep! With a young contingent of one ram and five ewes, our team were awarded both Champion and Reserve Champion ewe and Champion ram. Especially pleasing is the work of Meg Brooks and Ryan Hayes who brought home the second and third place junior sheep handlers respectively. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the results from the cattle events. All of the student participants have completed their Stock Handlers training and have been involved in the training of the respective cattle and sheep teams. The students will also compete at the upcoming Numurkah, Cobram and Yarrawonga Agricultural Shows. A huge thank you to Mrs Vanessa Byrnes for her coordination and many hours spent out of school to facilitate participation in these events. Well done to all participants!

ENGLISH/HUMANITIES WEEK

The College auditorium was a 'hive' of activity this week when the English/Humanities Spelling Bee competition took place! Several different student, staff and family teams competed with words based on the theme 'Escape to Everywhere'. Other activities through the week included a relaxing lunch Storytime, and a highly engaging 'Thank SMOTA You're Here' theatre sports activity. The ever popular Amazing Race invited students to seek clues from across the school with sets of very excited and determined students racing to be the first finished. The week will culminate today with a challenging Whiz Book Quiz. Thank you to the English and Humanities staff who organised and facilitated the week which saw large numbers of students engaged in the various activities, promoting the importance of good literacy and reading habits.

Maths News

YEAR 8 MATHS UPDATE

Alison Dietrich, Year 8 Maths Teacher

The Year 8 Maths team is excited to share the School Specific Data report which we have received from Maths Pathway about the success of the program at SMOTA. The report included a summary of the state of maths learning within our Year 8 cohort for Semester One, 2017.

Within the Maths Pathway program, the expected growth for each student per year is described as 1.00 (i.e. 1.00 growth is equal to one year's learning). The report which we received shows that, on average, the growth rate of Year 8 students at SMOTA is 1.55. This growth data is very promising as it indicates that the average rate of student learning in Year 8 Maths is above the expected goal.

Our Year 8 Maths teaching team (consisting of Ruth Bakogianis, Alison Dietrich and Rose Nihill) are very pleased as the report shows that the vast majority of Year 8 students are experiencing success in mathematics. The Maths Pathway program assists us to offer lessons that are tailored to precisely what each individual student is ready to learn. These lessons might involve filling in gaps in prior learning, or working on extension activities. All lessons are based entirely on teaching at the point of need for each individual. The program has also provided an excellent platform from which we can focus on the development of the independent and self-directed learning strategies that each student is ready for.

If you would like more information about the Maths Pathway Learning Model, you can visit www.mathspathway.com. If you have any questions at all please contact any of the Year 8 Math Team.



Deputy Principal's News

Tim Campbell

Deputy Principal (Student Wellbeing & Development)

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLIES FUNDRAISER – MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

This year we have six Year 12 students that will be attending the Sandhurst Diocese Alternative Schoolies immersion experience that takes place in Cebu in The Philippines. To support our students that will be attending, on Monday 18th September the College will be having an out of uniform day plus a variety of other fundraiser activities. Please support what will be a terrific opportunity for our senior students.

RUOK? DAY

Thursday 14th September 2017 | R U OK? Day is a national day of action, dedicated to inspiring all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other 'Are you OK?' Mental Health is becoming a bigger issue every year with suicide being the biggest cause of death in young Australians.

Due Thursday's all day Nathalia LA interviews, the school will be promoting this day of action on Wednesday and Friday next week. The key message being, "Are you OK?"

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ruok.org.au/>

Important Dates:

TERM 3

11th Sept	Year 9 Grampians Group depart Campaspe Athletics Carnival
13th Sept	Parent/Teacher Interviews Nathalia 4.00pm - 8.00pm <i>No Homework Club due to P/T Interviews</i>
14th Sept	Parent/Teacher Interviews (No classes - 14th Sept) Nathalia 9.00am - 3.00pm
18th Sept	Year 7 Immunisations
20th Sept	Year 9 Subject Selection Information Evening
22nd Sept	Last Day of Term 3, FMDM Grand Prix

TERM 4

9th Oct	First Day Term 4
16th Oct	Year 9 Mungo Group 2 Depart
6th Nov	College Closed - Student Free Day
7th Nov	Melbourne Cup Day - Student Free Day

Wellbeing News

RU OK Day /Suicide Prevention HELP START MORE CONVERSATIONS TODAY

On Monday night, Australian Story delivered the very moving story of Gavin Larkin and his inspiring determination to drive the RU OK Day in Australia.

The ninth 'RU OK Day' is next Thursday, but due to Learning Advisors Interviews on Thursday 14th September, St Mary's will be encouraging students, teachers and all staff to "Check in on others" in our community.

Staying connected and having meaningful conversations is something we can all do- just be a great mate and a good listener. So, if you notice someone who might be struggling – start a conversation.

The following "tip sheet" may assist you!



Our own Year 8 superstar, Ella Brereton and her younger brother Kian (pictured right) have just returned from a whirlwind trip to Orlando, America as a part of the Michael David Palance 'Premiere' performing arts program for young people between the ages of 5 and 20.



The 'Premiere' program is the largest global performing arts program of its kind with over 75,000 young people from 13 countries auditioning to be a part of the program in 2016 alone.

Out of those 75,000 who auditioned, Ella and Kian were among 500 chosen to take part in the Orlando showcase. Selected performers had the opportunity to audition for dozens of top agents, managers, casting directors and record labels for real up and coming projects as well as work with celebrities from popular kids networks.

From the audition processes in Orlando, Ella received 3 call backs and Kian received 6 which is a phenomenal effort for both of them.

Ella said, "It was an amazing experience. This is the only program in the world that children can audition and perform in front of agents and casting managers directly.

"When we arrived in America the journey began straight away. After all of the performances, we were called into a room to share our resumes and headshots and also to be asked questions or pick up a direct call back."

Ella said from here they'll continue to work with the agents they met and follow up on the call backs they received and who knows, maybe in a few years time these two might be Australia's newest celebrity exports direct from Nathalia.

We're super proud of you Ella, welcome back!

SMOTA Stars on Track

In a race against the clock two of our equestrian enthusiasts tasted the thrill of racing at Moonee Valley over the weekend.

Year 10 Adele Eddy and Year 9 Haylee Adams were both successful in the 'Ride to Time' a Racing Victoria and Pony Clubs Association of Victoria program. Competitors from across the state were challenged to ride 1000 metres in two minutes or less.

Adele placed second in the maiden event with 1.58 seconds on her 10 year-old quarter horse mare Blackie. While Haylee was just one second behind, on her veteran stock horse gelding Crackerjack. Haylee and Crackerjack had won this event in 2016.



Above:
Adele Eddy with Blackie.

Right pictured L-R:
Haylee Adams and Adele Eddy.



Congratulations to Adele, Blackie, Haylee and Crackerjack.

NORTHERN ANGEL STAR

Year 10 student Tali Verhoeven has been rewarded for her fantastic season of football.

Tali was named best and fairest with 21 votes from eleven games at the Southern Districts Junior Football Association's Under 18 Youth Girls League awards night.

Tali has not only been under the watchful eye of the umpires but has also earned herself selection in the Murray Bushrangers TAC side and the Victorian Country Under 16 side.

Congratulations Tali!





My Experience at One Arm Point

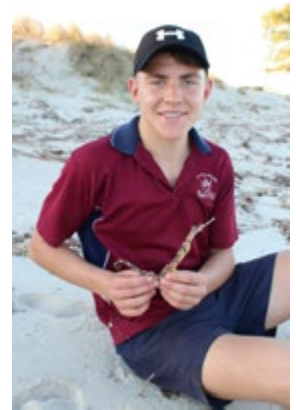
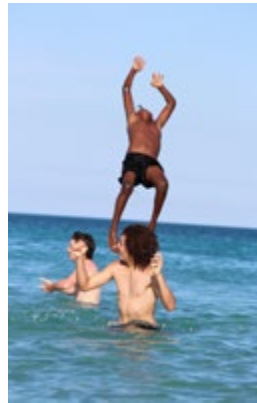
Sophi Bury, Year 9

My experience to One Arm Point (OAP) was one like no other, an experience of a lifetime, with amazing people who made the trip what it was. Personal thanks go first out to the teachers (Mrs. Byrnes, Kylie and Tom) but most of all to Te'a Slatterie, Dempsey Nye, Luca Allen, Logan Van der Burg, Meg Brooks, Abbey Conroy, Ben Armstrong and Harry Macheda. Working with the kids that we worked with was an experience like no other, the kids were so full of knowledge about their local culture and were so keen to tell us every little detail, they were also so excited to learn about our area. While in OAP we were invited to join many community activities. Our favourite time was having fun at the beach with the locals, but one of the funniest being Zumba. None of us are particularly coordinated but props go to Luca for by the end of the lesson finally being able to get his legs and arms to work at the same time.

An experience that I can assure you that not many people can say they have ever done was eating turtle. Sitting down and immersing ourselves in local culture by eating traditional foods that these people had been hunting and preparing for centuries was something truly special that we will hold close to us for years to come.

Back in Broome we had the opportunity to just chill out with our new friendship group that had been forged throughout the trip. Paddle boarding on cable beach was a thoroughly laughable experience with stacks being taken left right and center. Hanging out in the local subway all trying to cram into two booths was fun because it gave us all the opportunity to learn new things about one another that we wouldn't have known before.

Thanks again to the SMOTA mob that made the experience truly memorable.



Year 9 - One Arm Point Immersion



VCAL News



CONFRONTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Our SMOTA students stepped out of their comfort zones donning pyjamas at school on Friday in an effort to raise funds for youth homelessness.

The day was an initiative of VCAL students, Sina Ventre and Olivia Cline who along with their class mates, aim to purchase a number of swags from money raised on the day to donate to the Salvation Army in Melbourne next week.

Olivia said, "We had a group discussion in class and after watching a documentary called 'Filthy Rich and Homeless' we thought we'd like to do something to help."

Students have been learning about the causes, effects and stereotypes of youth homelessness to help foster a greater understanding of the issue.

Currently 42% of people experiencing homelessness are under 24 years old and 17,845 are children under 12. The largest cause of homelessness in Australia is domestic and family violence and from 2014 to 2015 alone, 255,657 people accessed homelessness support services and nearly 7 million nights of accommodation were provided by homelessness services. Every little bit of help counts.



SMOTA ON SHOW

Vanessa Byrnes, Agricultural Show Team Leader

The St Mary's Agricultural Show team Georgia Nelson, Jacob Brennan, Darcy Kennedy, Lily Smith, Ryan Hayes Meg Brooks, Hamish Morris, Bridie Chester, Abbey Brennan and Noah Iddles attended the Finley show last Sunday where they came away with some great results.

Our Stud South Suffolk Sheep had their first official show appearance and were very successful. We also had successes in the Handlers Competition with Meg Brooks placing Second and Ryan Hayes Third.

Sheep results

Champion Ram under 1 and ½ years

Champion Ewe under 1 and ½ years

Reserve Champion Ewe under 1 and ½ years

The Cattle team also placed well with Georgia Nelson placing 4th in her handler's class and Hamish Morris placing 2nd in his handler class.

Cattle Results

Champion Lead steer – Prepared by Bridie Chester

1st Heavy Weight Steer – Prepared by Georgia Nelson

3rd Heavy Weight Steer – Prepared by Jacob Brennan

3rd Medium Weight Steer – Prepared by Lily Smith

Well done to all the team and thank you to Jack and Sam Nelson, Laura Byrnes-Smith, Brent Smith and Alex Chester for preparing our cattle and sheep.



Above: Ryan Hayes and Meg Brooks pictured with St Mary's ribbon collection at the Finley Show.

Below: Darcy Kennedy, Ryan Hayes and Meg Brooks



Pictured above: Hamish Morris handling cattle.
Middle Right: Bridie Chester with champion lead steer.
Right (L-R): Lily Smith and Georgia Nelson

Photography by Darryl Chester and Vanessa Byrnes.



VET HOSPITALITY LEARN FROM LOCAL

Matt Guppy, Year 11

On Wednesday 16th August, Robert Frost 'Frosty' (pictured left) the head butcher at Nathalia IGA supermarket was kind enough to visit St Marys to teach myself and the second year VET hospitality class how to properly debone and portion a chicken, It was a great opportunity to learn these skills and a very interesting class watching and learning from such a skilled butcher.



MURRAY RIVER CULINARY CHALLENGE FINALS

Chandler McIntyre and Sebastian Moore, Year 11

On Thursday 24th August, it was the semi-final of the Murray River Culinary Challenge, at GoTafe in Shepparton. We faced some tough competition. We didn't take out the top spot but we gave it our best shot and that is all that matters. In the end there could only be one winner, Notre Dame College Shepparton taking out the competition. It was a very good experience for the both of us.



CWL CELEBRATE

Kirrin Hardbottle, Year 11

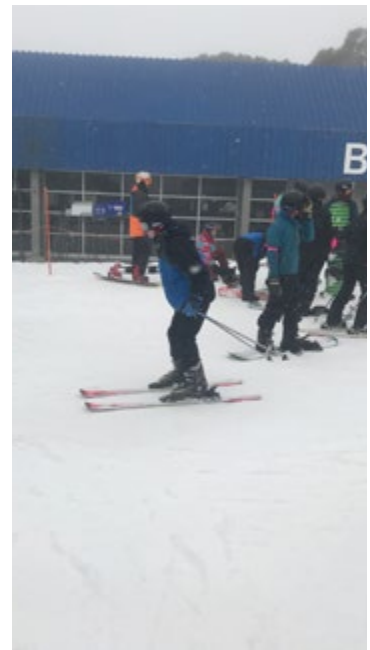
Last week on Wednesday 30th August, the Vet Hospitality class catered for the Catholic Women's League's 80th year celebration.

We prepared the food for the luncheon in our College's kitchen before heading down to the Community Centre for service at noon. We made pumpkin soup and minestrone soup for the entree and for the main meal the ladies had a selection of chicken or beef with a side of roasted potato and pumpkin with steamed carrots and beans with gravy to top it off.

Our VET Hospitality class worked well as a team to quickly plate the food, while others collected dishes and cleaned up in preparation for the next course.

The luncheon was finished off with a delicious cake supplied by the Catholic Women's League, which we cut and served with tea and coffee.





MT BULLER 2017 #TheSweetLife

Stephanie Sparrow, Senior School Teacher

I am calling this newsletter entry the sweet life, because last week as 19 students and three staff from across NSC and SMOTA embarked on their Outdoor Ed Unit 3 & 4 snow trip to Mt Buller, that's what it was; the sweet life.

On Tuesday 29th August, we departed from Nathalia. Our smiles were broad and our bags were full. We were ready for three days away from the daily grind of school and for the chance to get the endorphins pumping as we shredded the slopes of Mt. Buller. I would like to say that the drive was a pleasure, but I'm not really one for bus trips and I wasn't there. But what I can say is that by the time the kids made it to Mt Buller, there were nothing but smiles.

There was a bit of whinging as we hiked up the stairs, but students and staff alike were aware that what awaited them was some clean fresh air. We dropped our bags into the lodge and then set off for Ski Patrol, where we met Bryan who reminded us of the importance of snow safety and staying in control.

However we weren't content to call it a day, so Miss Sparrow took us out for our first lesson, where we (well most of us) learnt how to stop.

On day two and three we met our instructors, who taught us each morning. Skills like stopping and turning. That soon saw us shredding. In the afternoons, we explored a bit more. With Miss Sparrow as our guide, the mountain was ours to see (well see what we could on the first day through the snow flakes).



Unit 3 & 4 Outdoor Ed hit the slopes of Mt Buller

We practiced our turns and soon moved from green runs to blue, remembering of course that stopping was important too (cough Cooper Beitzel).

We all had a blast and became sad that the good times couldn't last!

P.S. : A huge shout out to the dream team Dana, Nat, Lachie, Ryan B and Gracie who shredded with Miss Sparrow and even skied a black run.

P.S.S: For more of the action and a few laughs, check out the edit on Brokencreek lifestyle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=593eCLtnruY>



Technology News



The Year 10 Art class were offered the unique opportunity to participate in a sculpture workshop with visiting artist Eliza Jane Gilchrist. Eliza Jane is completing a residency at The Grain Store and is hosting a number of workshops teaching her cardboard sculpting processes. The students learnt a number of construction techniques and created giant cardboard wildflowers. The flowers they made remained at the Grain Store to be part of a giant community flower garden for the exhibition Overlooked and Underfoot which is on display until the end of September.





COLD BUT EXHILARATING

Miss. Renee McCance

As part of their studies, the Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental studies students have been investigating the various environments that exist within Australia; their significance to our landscape; their importance to our biodiversity; and the impacts of our human interaction on them. As part of this investigation, on Monday 4th September the students ventured to Falls Creek for their ski trip.

Despite blizzard like conditions, the students enjoyed experiencing cross country skiing on the slopes, near white-out conditions, and some snow play. Students saw first-hand one of the major uses of Alpine regions in Australia, with some students experiencing snow for the first time.

The staff and students had a fantastic, albeit very cold day – with lots of fun had by all.

Thank you to Miss Rawson and Mr Ginnivan who were kind enough to take the students in my absence.

“When we first started skiing it was not easy but thanks to the fresh snow it made it a lot softer when we fell, but it didn’t help going up or down the hill! Let’s just say you have to be pretty flexible when those skis put you into bad positions, the splits happened a few times going up the hill but going downhill was even more treacherous as you had to watch for those trees!” – Makaylah Green



HUMANITIES HAPPENINGS

Jo Dryden, Humanities Leader

Who says that the art of conversation is dead in a world dominated by technology? This Wednesday students in 8G were invited to interact with some special guests. The guests included Joy West, Margaret Berend, Carol 'Kaz' Byrnes, John Rodda and John Giffard, who all have grandchildren of their own.

Museums Victoria provided, for hire, what are known as Reminiscing Kits. These cases contain object-based resources for reminiscing sessions that include a range of social history items that can be handled. Although designed for use in aged care facilities the Humanities faculty felt that the items in the kit with the theme: Childhood Pastimes and Games, would be a great inspiration for sparking conversations between the generations. The kit contained a range of games people will be familiar with if they grew up in the 1920s - 1950s, a selection of rhymes and riddles from that period and some terrific old photos.

Small groups of students joined the two Johns, Joy, Margaret and Carol. After introductions, the guests shared their stories of the past prompted by a series of thoughtful and incisive questions from the students, who showed a genuine interest in the information being provided. 'Old fashioned' games were explained and played with our 21st century students marvelling at the resourcefulness and initiative shown by their predecessors. Spinning tops, jacks, elastics, pick up sticks, Meccano, various card games, dominoes, peg dolls, tin aeroplanes, marbles and simple pieces of string and wool were all investigated. More importantly, whilst the games were being played, valuable conversations were taking place, unscripted, with the sharing of fond childhood memories from both our current students and the guests. Students were also impressed with Carol Byrnes' mastery of the spoons as she belted out a jaunty accompaniment to 'The Road to Gundagai'.

It was then our student's turn to introduce some of their 'modern' day games, that are heavily reliant on technology, to their guests. The great discovery here (as revealed by one of our guests) is that, in reality, the gap between their and the current generation is minimal. What is the difference between playing 'Call of Duty' and Cowboys and Indians? All kids want to relax, explore and escape into imaginary worlds. The pursuit of fun and adventure is timeless.

A big thank you to our special guests who gave up their time to visit our College: Margaret Berend, Carol Byrnes, John Giffard, John Rodda and Joy West. The impact you had on our students is immeasurable with many declaring it was the best lesson ever. Thanks to Josh for your technological help. Thank you to the VET Hospitality students especially Matt Guppy and Chandler McIntyre who helped cater for the event and finally, the students of 8G who demonstrated respect and a level of maturity and insight beyond their years.



Public Notices



YOUTH SOCCER TALENT INVITED TO TRIAL FOR GV SUNS UNDER 8 TO U18 SQUADS

The GV Suns provides opportunities for local youth soccer talent to train locally under experienced and qualified coaches and a highly qualified Technical Director and then test their development each weekend by playing the best in the state as part of the National Premier League competition.

In 2018, the Junior squads will play only 9 matches in Melbourne, with 18 matches played at Shepparton's \$20 Million upgraded Sports Precinct.

The GV Suns will hold open selection trials for its 2018 U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U18, squads and Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) during October. Anyone interested in playing NPL level soccer in 2018 is welcome to trial. Girls are encouraged to attend Junior trials.

Age groups	Selection Trial Dates	Times
Under 13 & U 14	Mon 9 Oct & Wed 11 Oct 2017	Registration from 5:00 Trials 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Under 15, U 16 & U 18	Mon 9 Oct & Wed 11 Oct 2017	Registration from 6:00 Trials 6:30 – 7:30 pm
U12, U11, U10, U9 & U8	Mon 16 Oct & Wed 18 Oct 2017	Registration from 5:30 Trials 6 – 7 pm

All trials will take place at the new fields at the rear of John McEwen Reserve, Brauman St, Shepparton. All attendees must wear a white t-shirt, football boots and shin guards and bring a water bottle.

Players born in 2005 and 2006 are able to trial for the Under 12 squad which will require up to 24 players in 2018. Players too young for this squad (born 2007, 2008 & 2009) can build on their skills and knowledge through the SAP.

For more information contact the Technical Director, Shaban Mehmet, on 0401 843 372 or techdir@gvsuns.com.au .

You can register online here. <https://form.jotform.co/gvsuns/gv-suns-2018-trial-registrations>

If you would like an email reminder a week before trials, please send your child's name and DOB to admin@gvsuns.com.au

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Mon 4/09	SAM Rewind*	Shepparton	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tues 5/09	Mums and Bubs Exercise	Kallia	1:30pm – 2:15pm
Tues 5/09	Seniors Low Intensity Exercise	Kallia	2:30pm – 3:15pm
Tues 5/09	Bendy Bubbas*	Shepparton	9:00am – 10:00am
Thu 7/09	Coolthon Concert**	Shepparton	10:30am – 11:00am
Fri 8/09	Marathon in the Park	Shepparton	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Mon 11/09	Juggling Balls	Shepparton	4:30pm – 6:00pm
Mon 11/09	SAM Rewind*	Shepparton	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tues 12/09	Mums and Bubs Exercise	Kallia	1:30pm – 2:15pm
Tues 12/09	Seniors Low Intensity Exercise	Kallia	2:30pm – 3:15pm
Tues 12/09	Bendy Bubbas*	Shepparton	9:00am – 10:00am
Wed 13/09	Moosy Play	Shepparton	10:00am – 11:00am
Thu 14/09	Leaf Art	Moorepark	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Sat 16/09	Kelly Mini Sports	Moorepark	10:00am – 10:45am
Sat 16/09	Kelly Sports Multi Sports Program	Moorepark	11:00am – 12:00pm
Sun 17/09	Playful	Congarra	10:00am – 11:00am
Sun 17/09	Backyard Bush Reserve Community Day*	Shepparton	10:00am – 12:00pm
Mon 18/09	SAM Rewind*	Shepparton	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tues 19/09	Mums and Bubs Exercise	Kallia	1:30pm – 2:15pm
Tues 19/09	Seniors Low Intensity Exercise	Kallia	2:30pm – 3:15pm
Tues 19/09	Bendy Bubbas*	Shepparton	9:00am – 10:00am
Thu 21/09	Library Fun	Shepparton	10:00am – 11:00am
Sat 23/09	Summer Dance Blast at Kidfest	Moorepark	10:00am – 4:00pm
Mon 25/09	Orienteering	Shepparton	10:00am – 11:30am
Mon 25/09	SAM Rewind*	Shepparton	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tues 26/09	Seniors Community Clean Up	Kallia	10:00am – 12:00pm
Tues 26/09	Sportsworld Walk*	Shepparton	6:00pm
Tues 26/09	Bendy Bubbas*	Shepparton	9:00am – 10:00am
Wed 27/09	Variety Painting	Moorepark	10:00am – 12:00pm
Wed 27/09	Hit and Giggle	Tatura	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wed 27/09	Fencing in the Park	Shepparton	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Thu 28/09	Star Gazing	Murchison	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Thu 28/09	Pedal Cars	Toadamba	11:00am – 1:00pm
Thu 28/09	Breakfast with the Birds*	Moorepark	8:00am – 10:00am
Thu 28/09	Park Soccer	Shepparton	10:00am – 11:00am
Fri 29/09	African Drumming	Moorepark	11:00am – 12:00pm
Fri 29/09	African Drumming	Moorepark	1:00pm – 2:30pm
Fri 29/09	DeadTown	Moorepark	6:00pm
Sun 1/10	Nature Crafts	Moorepark	10:00am – 12:00pm
Mon 2/10	Casual Hooping	Kallia	10:00am – 11:30am
Mon 2/10	SAM Rewind*	Shepparton	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tues 3/10	Kite Making	Merrigum	10:00am – 12:00pm
Thu 5/10	Pedal Cars	Dookie	11:00am – 1:00pm
Fri 6/10	Active @ School Session	Katandra	10:00am – 11:00am
Fri 6/10	Tai Chi for Health	Tatura	11:00am – 12:00pm
Sat 7/10	Hip Hop Dance Class	Moorepark	10:00am – 10:45am
Sat 7/10	Hip Hop Dance Class	Moorepark	11:00am – 11:45am
Sun 8/10	Try A Ti	Shepparton	2:30pm – 4:30pm
Mon 9/10	SAM Rewind*	Shepparton	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Mon 9/10	Active for Life - Tai Chi	Shepparton	9:30am – 10:30am
Tues 10/10	Walk for Your Rights, Your Voice	Shepparton	11:00am – 1:00pm

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