

The Angel

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Reflection:

There is tremendous strength
that is growing in the world through
sharing together,
praying together,
suffering together
and working together

MOTHER TERESA

Catholic Identity

Ruth Hartnett-Carr, Deputy Principal

“Don’t concentrate on the result, but on the work”
(Thomas Merton).

This sentence has been rattling around in my head for a few days now. They are the words of Thomas Merton. Fr Timothy Radcliffe, whom I had the pleasure of listening to this week as quoted during Fr Radcliffe’s keynote address. Fr Timothy, a Dominican priest, is an internationally known preacher and writer known for pushing the boundaries of Catholic orthodoxy. Throughout the day he gave me some beautiful one-liners that provoked me to think and apply his thoughts to my own life and my work with the students of our College. ‘Don’t concentrate on the result, but on the work’ really resonated with me as a parent.

As a parent sometimes I am guilty of concentrating on the destination, rather than the journey. It’s easy to lose focus on what our children are learning when we are result driven. As the parent of a spirited six year old son, there are times when being result driven is far more socially acceptable than having to declare that parenting him is a work in progress!

When I reflect on the work that goes into parenting children and the learning parents go through in the process, it is enormous. As parents we strive to teach our children to be people who contribute to society, with a social conscious. It’s never a one off lesson. It’s always about seizing the teachable moment as it arises. In this process, however, the work of parenting we engage in is, I believe, work on ourselves. When we are in the trenches of life teaching our children about love, compassion, peace, joy, mercy, honesty, equality, justice, respect and dignity of others, we are mirroring the face of Christ to our children. When we see our children mirroring the face of Christ to others, it’s then we should truly celebrate the results of our work.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary
College

warmly invites

families and friends of the College
to celebrate Mass for

**National Reconciliation
Week**

**on Thursday 1st June 2017
at 12.30pm**

Nathalia Community Centre
Robertson Street, Nathalia

Light Refreshments available after the
celebration in the Hospitality Centre

R.S.V.P – by Monday 29th May 2017

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In the footsteps of St Francis

1217: All the brothers, possibly thousands, convened in Chapter at the Porziuncola. Francis sought volunteers to preach in Germany, Tunis and Syria. These were the first missionaries to cross the Alps and the Mediterranean. Francis planned to go to France, but Cardinal Hugolino met him in Florence and persuaded him to stay in Italy.

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of the College,

Re: Quality Schools Funding Debate

Over the past few weeks there has been significant information in the media about the Turnbull Government's "*Quality Schools*" funding package and its impact on Catholic schools. The package proposed by the Government is a 10-year funding model, which will see significant changes to how Catholic schools are funded in the future.

Like the majority of Catholic schools, our College aims to be open and accessible to all families seeking a Catholic education. It will be some time before the exact implications of the Australian Government's plans are clear. Unfortunately, in the meantime, the community may experience confusion and potential misinformation as the politicians and educational sectors debate this new funding model.

Catholic education authorities around the country believe the government's proposal will fail to meet the rising costs of education, including important factors such as salaries and changes to the funding processes for students with disability. There is also particular concern over the new emphasis on the financial circumstances of individual schools as determined by the school's socio-economic status (SES score). The SES score is a statistical measure that Catholic education authorities believe overstates the ability of parents in Catholic school communities to afford school fees.

Catholic education leaders across Australia have been working hard to make sure the Government and the Opposition understand that our students will be disadvantaged by the funding model.

It is our prayer that our leaders will make this issue their highest priority, irrespective of politics or religious beliefs so that our Australian education system can meet the needs of all students.

With peace and goodwill,

Matt Carver
Principal

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Deputy Principal's News

Tim Campbell

Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing & Development

FRANCISCAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the Franciscan Student Leadership Program. This year's program will take place in the first five weeks of Term 3 on a Wednesday evening (FSLP participants will have priority on the late bus). The program is targeted at our Year 10 and Year 11 students who want to build their leadership skills and fulfil their leadership potential. We are also very fortunate to have the Director of CEO Sandhurst Mr Paul Desmond return to present to our students as well as the extremely talented Fr Rob Galea and the amazing Kate Wilde (The Workshop/VIC SRC). Attached to the newsletter is information about the program as well as the application form. Please be aware that places are limited and applications close on Friday 9th June.

COMBINED SCHOOL SOCIAL

A reminder that this year's Combined School Social will be taking place on Thursday 15th June with the theme being "Past, Present, Future". With the Friday following being a student-free day, students will be able to dance the night away and have a great time after completing their mid-year exams. Tickets will be available soon and a reminder that bus tickets will need to be purchased early to avoid disappointment. For families new to the College, we have our College buses run on the evening of the Social to ensure our students arrive and get home safely.

SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL

Next Monday 29th May our Senior Boys' football team will be travelling to Deakin Reserve in Shepparton to take on Broadford SC and Goulburn Valley Grammar School in the next round of the Herald Sun Country Cup. The boys are fired up and ready to roll with the opportunity to take home the title of best Secondary Football team in the Goulburn Valley for the third year running. Parents, teachers, friends and students are encouraged to make the trip to attend and help support our team on the evening.

Times for the games are as follows:

5:00 pm SMOTA/NSC . V GV Grammar
5:45 pm Broadford SC . V SMOTA/NSC
6:30 pm GV Grammar .V Broadford SC
7:05 pm Presentations

Students travelling by bus will depart at 3:45pm from St Mary of the Angels in Nathalia. The bus will be returning to Nathalia at approximately 7.45-8.00pm. We look forward to seeing as many people there to help support us.



OUT OF UNIFORM - MONDAY 5TH JUNE

Fundraiser for Mikaela Wood & Connor Terry

On Monday 5th June the College will be running a joint fundraiser for Mikaela Wood (current Year 12) and Connor Terry (Year 12 graduate 2016). We will be having an "out of uniform" day (gold coin donation) as well as a cake stall and Science activities to help aid the travel associated with their achievements.

Earlier this year Mikaela attended the National Science Camp and was then selected to attend the International Science Camp which takes place in Singapore from June 19th - June 23rd. Mikaela will get the opportunity to be involved in a wonderful program through inspiring lectures by university professors, creative workshops, engaging demonstrations at state-of-the-art laboratories and visits to research labs at NUS for an experiential learning in a supportive and intellectually stimulating environment. We wish Mikaela all the best.

Connor was recently accepted into a scholarship program in Italy where he will live, train and race in Off-Road Triathlons for five months with an opportunity to finish the Italian trip with the Xterra World Championships in Hawaii mid-October. An outstanding effort by Connor and we also wish him all the best.

If anyone would like to provide further support please contact the College and let's see if we can raise lots of money to help support these wonderful people in pursuing their dreams.

Student Free Days

12th June	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
16th June	Data Entry Day
20th June	Year 7 students only for Grade 6 Transition

FRANCISCAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2017



As a Franciscan school, St Mary of the Angels College embraces the teachings and charism of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis was a leader of his time and even today his leadership qualities are still relevant.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus said "whoever wishes to be the greatest among you must be the least" and "I came not to be served, but to serve." St. Francis showed this servant attitude of Christ in his own life, serving others in a spirit of caring and compassion. Both Jesus and Francis show us that leaders are to be servants to those they lead, putting what is good for others ahead of themselves. Being a leader is not easy, and even Francis had to learn some skills to help him become an effective leader of his group of friars.

So what made St Francis of Assisi a leader?

- Francis led by example, caring for the poor and needy.
- Francis attracted many followers by living simply, preaching the message of Jesus, and caring for the poor. As a result, the wealth of some priests and bishops began to be condemned.
- Francis attempted to end the violence of the Crusades by traveling to Egypt and converting the Sultan. He spoke out against violence often.
- The Franciscan order founded by Francis includes the Friars Minor, the Capuchins, and the Grey Friars. He also inspired the formation of several others including the Poor Clare's for women and a lay order for non-religious people.
- He organized and provided structure for these new religious groups, guiding them and leaving rules for them to follow after he was gone.

What will the program provide?

The Franciscan Student Leadership Program is an opportunity for students in Years 10 & 11 at St Mary of the Angels to strengthen their leadership skills and seek to build on their leadership potential with the opportunity to make a tangible difference to our College and the local community, just as St Francis did.

Students will be exposed to leadership styles, areas of strength, meeting processes and protocols whilst building their capacity to be a leader in a variety of settings. They will also have the opportunity to learn from other dedicated leaders, both from inside and outside the College, in order to further embrace the positives as well as the challenges faced with leadership.

During the program students will be encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and become involved in new and different activities, including public speaking, running meetings and learning how to be a good ambassador. Their journey will provide them with a strong insight, not only into the College and the wider community, but also themselves through the personal reflection.

In alignment with our graduate aspirations, we hope to drive our students to be visionary thinkers who are passionate about leadership, empowered to take risks as well as be compassionate, empathetic and accepting individuals who are willing to make a difference.

Franciscan Student Leadership Program Dates & Sessions

SESSION 1 - Wednesday 19th July 2017 (3:40pm – 5:40pm):

Introduction to Leadership.

Presenters: Mr Tim Campbell

- Outline of the program, leadership styles and characteristics
- Signature strengths survey
- Leadership profiles

SESSION 2 - Wednesday 26th July 2017 (3:40pm – 5:40pm):

“A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor”.

Presenter: Mr Paul Desmond (Director of CEO Sandhurst)

- Conflict resolution
- Difficulties/challenges in leadership

SESSION 3 - Wednesday 2nd August 2017 (3:40pm – 5:40pm):

Communication, confidence and inspiration

Presenters: Fr Rob Galea

- What is a leader? What does leadership mean to me?
- The ‘little things’

SESSION 4 - Wednesday 9th August 2017 (3:40pm – 5:40pm):

Leadership – how to bring change

Presenter: Kate Wilde (The Workshop/VIC SRC)

- How can we inflict change?
- How can I be the best leader possible
- Student Voice

SESSION 5 - Wednesday 16th August 2017 (3:40pm – 5:40pm)

Roles & responsibilities of a leader

Presenter: Mr Matt Carver, Mr Tim Campbell

- Areas of strength
- Meeting processes and protocols
- Legacy

Please note that the material delivered during these sessions may change as the need arises. During the program, students will also be expected to undertake a leadership project. Students involved in the program will have access to the late bus home after Session 1-4, with Session 5 being run during school time.

Applications

Application forms are available via the newsletter or from Student Reception. Approximately 20-25 positions will be made available for successful applicants. Applications need to be submitted to Mr Campbell by no later than 3:30pm Friday 9th June.

Franciscan Student Leadership Program Application



Name: _____

Current Year Level: _____

Homeroom: _____

Have you been involved as a leader before? YES / NO
(For example SRC, Social Justice, Captain of a sports team etc.)

If YES, please list your leadership roles: _____

Why do you wish to be take part in the Franciscan Student Leadership Program?

How might involvement in the Franciscan Student Leadership Program help you to grow as a person and develop your skills in leadership?

Franciscan Student Leadership Program Application (pg 2)

If I was to be successful and become a participant in the Franciscan Student Leadership Program in 2017, I acknowledge my understanding of the need to:

- Commit to attend all assigned sessions and to support, and be actively involved in, the activities of the Franciscan Student Leadership Program.
- Set an example to the general student body in relation to attitude, commitment, behaviour and dress code as a leader in the College.
- Embrace the opportunity to be an ambassador for the College; including being involved in public events throughout the year when required.
- Look to become a leader in the College and apply for future opportunities when presented.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please feel free to add additional information in support of your application.
Applications need to be submitted to Mr Campbell by no later than 3:30pm Friday 9th June.

PLEASE SUPPORT FORMER SMOTA STUDENT, ZAC SUTTON.



In particular the following household items would be greatly appreciated:

- sheets
- towels
- toaster
- dining setting
- crockery
- cutlery
- drawers
- fridge
- blankets
- lamps

Any donations to support the 22 year old RMIT University student who lost all his belongs in a massive house fire in Brunswick last month would be appreciated. St Mary of the Angels will coordinate the collection of donated items on Zac's behalf.

Some excerpts from the Shepparton News recently summarise Zac's dire situation, courtesy of Hayden Thomson, journalist as published Wednesday May 10, 2017:

"It was scary and absolutely terrifying".

The renters ran outside to escape the fire and called the Metropolitan Fire Brigade before helping their neighbours evacuate their homes.

"Seven MFB trucks turned up but it was too far gone."

Mr Sutton escaped with his wallet, phone, car keys and the clothes on his back.

"It'll be a bit of a financial strain for the next few months but I'll just have to work a little harder".

2017 Combined School Social

SMOTA & NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE
STUDENTS ONLY

Nathalia Community Centre

Thursday 15th June 7pm-10:30pm

Egyptians from the past

Are you an Elvis fan from the 1950's?

Do you like the hippies from the 1960's?

Theme:
Past..... Present Future
Ticket Price \$10
Bus \$10

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EXAMS AND GAT

Our Year 10 and 11 students will be finalising their first semester studies in the next few weeks and beginning revision in the lead up to their mid-year exams. Exams will be held from 9th - 15th June, with an exam timetable to be made available to students shortly. Year 11 students will sit exams in each of their Unit 1 subjects, and Year 10 students will sit exams in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Religious Education.

Students in Year 10 who fast-track a VCE subject will also need to sit the appropriate Unit 1 exam. Semester 2 for all Year 10 to Year 12 students will begin on Monday 19th June.

The General Achievement Test, or GAT, will be held on Wednesday 14th June.

The GAT is a three-hour test of general aptitude and must be sat by every student who is completing a Unit 3/4 subject. The GAT is used to establish a derived score in the unlikely event that a student cannot sit their end of year exam (usually due to illness). It is therefore vitally important that students take the GAT seriously and try their best. Although students cannot necessarily revise for the GAT, students who have not previously completed a GAT will sit a practice GAT on Tuesday 6th June to provide some familiarity with the format of the test and to provide practice at sitting an exam under timed conditions. Students with any questions about the exam process or GAT should speak with myself or our Senior School Leader, Matt Dimble.

PRODUCTION - THE LITTLE MERMAID

I could not have been more pleased nor more proud to attend the opening night performance of our College Production 'The Little Mermaid' on Thursday. We are indeed blessed to have such a hard-working team of people who have spent countless hours in planning, organisation and rehearsal to bring the performance to fruition. In particular, I would like to thank the efforts of our Director, Mrs Gerri Eden, and Producer, Mrs Vanessa Byrnes. They have been very capably assisted this year by new staff to our College including Mr Shannon Orlandi, Ms Carmel Mills and Mrs Kim Carter. Many other staff and parents have also played vital, important roles in vocal training, prop construction, costumes, audio direction, promotions and front of house, general support and supervision to name but a few of the myriad of tasks that are critical to the overall success of the show. Thank you also to our Parents and Friends for selling drinks and snacks during intermission.

A heart-felt congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Production. Their time and efforts in rehearsal have culminated in a very colourful and animated performance. The strength of voice, artistry and experience of the more senior students was evident, and I was particularly impressed with the confidence and emotive expression displayed by the large contingent of younger students in the production ensemble. It is very exciting to see a few new voices and talents emerge, and we look forward to watching their development over the next few years and subsequent performances. Thank you also to the students behind the scenes both backstage and lighting as your efforts contribute greatly to the overall professional presentation of the show.

All performances of 'The Little Mermaid' have been fully booked and we appreciate the support of our community in coming to watch and validate the work of our students. If you haven't seen the show yet, you won't be disappointed! Well done to all! (Spoiler alert - photos from 'The Little Mermaid' on pages 10 - 11).

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN:

Prospective and current families please note that enrolments for 2018 are now open. Current students will have the opportunity to simply re-enrol later in the year while prospective year 7 students and students wishing to enrol in other year level have the opportunity to do so until Friday 29th July. Enrolment forms are available in the College Information Booklets that are distributed at our information evenings, Open day or from the College office.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Academic Scholarships will be offered to Year 7 students enrolling in 2018 and Year 10 students in 2018.

This scholarship will have a life of three years. These will be offered to students on the condition that academic performance continues to be of a high standard in ensuing years together with a commitment to the College. Scholarships are open to all students who are enrolling in Year 7 or continuing in Year 10.

Scholarship paperwork is now available from the College office on the College's Website (click on the link below). Applications close Friday 2nd June, 2017 at 12 noon. Please note late applications cannot be accepted.

Click on the link below for details and an application form: <http://www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au/downloads/enrolment-policy-forms/154-2018-scholarship-information/file.html>

SMOTA Productions - 'The Little Mermaid'



'The Little Mermaid' Cast

Pictured L-R Back: Jorja Eddy, Kaya Stone, Kaleb Clarke, Kallum Green, Philip Hayes, Ruby Wyatt-Carter
Third Row: Breeanna Poar, Olivia Lucas, Callum Bunnett, Phoebe Timmis (Prince Eric), Emily Kraft, Breeanna Kent, Shianne Alessi, Teagan Clarke, Emily Bell, Chloe Bell, Maya Opray
Second Row: Monica Gilroy, Beth McLeod, Georgia Bear, Tanayah Power, Madisyn Rosemeier, Maddison Pawlowicz (Ariel), Zoe Germon, Josephine Diretto, Nikita Pawlowicz
Front: Cassie Brooks, Harry Altoft, Ella Brereton, Digby Bunnett, Katie Francis, Ella Johns, Milla Opray, Natalia Morgan



KING TRITON - CALLUM BUNNETT



ARIEL - MADDISON PAWLOWICZ



PRINCE ERIC - PHOEBE TIMMIS



URSULA (Middle) - JOSEPHINE DIRETTO
 FLOTSAM (Left) - NIKITA PAWLOWICZ
 JETSAM (Right) - ZOE GERMON



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CHEF LOUIE - JOSEPHINE DIRETTO



SMOTA SOCCER REVIEW

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

Nick Bakogianis, Soccer Coach

A team of 11 senior boys headed off to Moama after Peter Ingamells (injury) and John Walker (unavailable) were late withdrawals from the 13-man squad.

Emotions were mixed: Some of these boys had been playing together on and off since the under 8's at Numurkah more than 10 years ago and this was their last campaign together. Back then their outfits were large and their egos small. Things may have reversed 10 years later but their passion for the game has not changed.

Game one was against St Augustine's Kyabram (SAK) and although many chances were created, none were converted in the first half. One of two defensive turnovers resulted in a 1-0 lead to SAK at half time. More SMOTA chances were squandered in the second half before a late equaliser to Clancy Congues got the team a 1-1 result.

Game two was against Kyabram Secondary College, where SMOTA dominated once again but could not make the most of their opportunities. Two second half goals by Damon Hartley gave our team a 2-0 win.

Game three was against Echuca Secondary College where another dominating display saw Ryan Wallace, Damon Hartley and Clancy Congues all scoring for a 3-0 win. Unfortunately the boys did not go through as St Augustine's, who also finished the day on 2 wins and a draw, went through on goal difference.

Mitch Small was solid in goals, Liam Ford, Tom O'Sullivan and Noah Lane defended well as a group. Alex Bakogianis, Matt Clydesdale, James Raco and Arshdeep Singh dominated the midfield and created many chances. Well done to the boys. They displayed great sportsmanship and discipline, only to be let down by their John Farnham sing-a-long on the way home!

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Gracie O'Sullivan, Year 9

Getting on the bus listening to the epic tunes pumped us up for our three games ahead. We started off well enough, losing to Echuca College at the score of 0-1. Bianca Phillips was a great goalie always making sure the ball didn't get in the goal. We were still keen to win a game keeping all the smiles on our faces, losing again against St Augustine's 0-2. Finally our last game of the day against St Joseph's College Echuca. Everyone played extremely well like in every other game. Gracie O'Sullivan scored the first goal of the day, screaming and celebrating as the

game went on, we were keen to get another. St Joseph's scored 3 more goals and that was the last few goals of the game leaving the game with a score of 1-3. Molly Reid, with her positive attitude, did an astounding job at goalie keeping her head high at all times. We all had a fun day!

Go SMOTA pigeons!

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Leanne Rawson, Soccer Coach

Our Intermediate Boys arrived on the day with a professional looking team. They were quietly confident and perhaps a little bit too confident.

The first game saw our boys play an individual game instead of the previous year's team work. This came at a cost. We were scored against by St Joseph's Echuca, a side full of AFL players. Unfortunately this didn't improve our game and our team continued to argue with each other. Luckily a free kick was awarded and Vince Barca banged home an incredible shot over the wall and flew into the back of the net. We drew the game 1-1.

The next game was also tough and some of the team realised what was at risk. Some players started to work together and against Echuca College, Luca Allen scored a great goal for us to win 1-0.

The third game was easier and our team members were beginning to enjoy the game more. Will Seabrook, and Josh Koopman both managed a hat trick and Michael DeMaio scored a penalty.

By the final game of the day, the result of the day was already ours (assuming we would win) and did we win? A convincing 13-0 score our way. That's basically 1 goal every 2 minutes and the boys come away a lot happier. Goals went to most players and during the second half our team was trying to get all members of the team to score. Kyle Roberts kicked a hat trick, Zac McLeod 2, Will Seabrook 2, Clancy Lester, Byron Woods, Tristan Doyle, Tarkyn Hyde, Vince Barca, Luca Allen, (all one each).

Well done to the boys, we will now compete in Epsom against Sandhurst, Swan Hill and Chaffey College in Bendigo.

Thanks goes to Loklan Humphries, James Kam and Andre Fazio-Castle for linesmen duties for the day.





Kaine Humphries



Matt Clydesdale prepares to goal.



Clancy Congues



Intermediate Girls

THE



Every day we all have chance encounters with strangers, passing conversations with neighbours and routine contacts with our friends, colleagues or students. If you think they don't matter, consider this:

A ball placed at the crest of a hill might roll into several different valleys depending on slight difference in initial position...or simply by an unexpected bump or "nudge" along the route.

It's the same in life. You don't have to be a "person of influence" to be influential. If you think back on your own life, it's very likely that some of the most influential people in your world may not even be aware of the things they taught you, or the direction they moved you.

Sometimes a patient, loving, well intentioned minute from a busy but caring person can translate into a magnificent life-changing nudge for someone else. You have that power - use it!

If someone listens, or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement, or attempts to understand, then extraordinary things begin to happen – Loretta Gizartis

Excerpt from:

"ONE" HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE- Written by Dan Zadre and Kobi Yamada

Introduction to

NUMURKAH PONY CLUB



COME & TRY PONY CLUB

Join Pony Club for May and June.

Rallies to be held on Sunday 28th May & Sunday 25th June

at Floridan Park,

Crn Spences Rd & Lorenz Rd, Katunga.

Membership is only \$30 until the end of the financial year and include PCAV 24/7 insurance.

DOOKIE AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE OPEN DAY

Barry Norton, Careers and Pathways

St Mary of the Angel Year 10 and journeyed to Dookie Agricultural College last Thursday, 18th May, to gain a very thorough insight and "hands-on" experience into Australia's largest and rapidly growing global food and fibre industries.

In an extremely well organised event, Dookie College and GOTafe educational and industry staff provided very informative and expert advice in the following areas:

- Beef and Dairy
- Wool and sheep
- Horticultural Production
- Horticultural Conservation
- Equestrian
- Hydroponic Science and Technology
- Soil Conservation

All students enjoyed the latest updates in rural technologies plus an entertaining overview of age-old, tried and proven techniques that kept them enthusiastic and intrigued all day.

What was very impressive on the day was the way all presenters connected their industry to a career pathway. All our students were very taken by the unlimited career pathway opportunities available to them.



Pictured above L-R: Abbey Brennan and Brianna Small test a horses blood at Dookie College's Open Day last Thurs