

# Mooroopna Secondary College

## Our Vision

To create and sustain a stimulating and harmonious learning environment in which all students can experience success.

We are committed to:

- Maximising student performance. Expanding the range of programs and pathways.
- Enhancing student engagement, connectedness and leadership opportunities.

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Mr. Gary Fletcher

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Please ring 5825 1498**

This service is an answering machine and is available 24 hours per day—7 days per week.

If your student will be absent from school please ring and leave your name, your student's name and the time and dates of the absence.

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### **PRINCIPALS REPORT DEBUTANTE BALL**

My congratulations go to Lynn Emmerson and her team who successfully organised a fantastic evening for our 2009 Debutantes on May 16th. An extraordinary amount of work goes to making this a memorable evening for our young people and their families and it is a highlight of the school calendar. Feedback from staff, students, parents and community members was that this was one of the best Deb Balls ever held by the College. See report and photos overleaf.

### **TRANSITION NEWS**

Transition visits, so that the primary students can come to MSC and participate in activities in the College such as Engineering and Home Economics, have been conducted for Tatura Primary School. We are looking forward to an upcoming visit from Murchison Primary School students who will visit on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks must go to the many staff who have volunteered to run these activities on top of their normal teaching load.

### **DEECD STATEWIDE PD - ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING DAY**

Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> is a Statewide Pupil Free Day. The school office will be closed as Education Support Officers will be participating in PD outside the school. Teachers will use the day for report writing and finalising assessments for Semester One. Reports will be available to students at the end of week one in Term Three (July 17<sup>th</sup>).

### **YR 11 STUDENT FREE DAY**

Year 11 classes will be cancelled during the Melbourne Pathways Camp July 15, 16 and 17. Yr 11 students will not be required at school these days.

### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

As part of our commitment to leadership, the College has enabled five of its leading teachers to participate in the Learning to Lead Effective Schools Program. This PD for current and aspirant leaders focuses on educational and technical leadership. Our five participants represented a third of the entire Hume region's numbers which is a testament to the leadership qualities of our MSC staff.

### **OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR**

From June 15<sup>th</sup> until July 3<sup>rd</sup> I will be on study leave. Steve Rogers (Mooroopna Primary School) and I have been awarded a grant under the High Performing Principal Program to undertake study into 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning and the Use of Technology and Inclusive Schooling. We will spend the time participating in a symposium in San Francisco, visiting key education leaders in these fields and visiting some schools. This two year study program involves research and applying learnt knowledge back in our schools and region.

### **TTC – Trade Training Centre**

This week MSC hosted a meeting for representatives from local secondary schools, local Learning and Employment Networks, GOTAFE and Hume Region representatives to discuss the development of a TTC proposal for Greater Shepparton. An update of these discussions will be available in Term Three.

### **\*\*\* COLLEGE CLOSURE \*\*\***

**The College will be closed FRIDAY 12th June due to Statewide Professional Development day.**

*Principal report continued...*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday 12th June**  
- Statewide Professional Development Day  
**Student Free Day!**

**Thursday 18th June**  
Yr 11 Exams commence

**Wednesday 24th June**  
- Yr 11 Exams finish  
- Junior Winter Sports Day

**Friday 26th June**  
- End of term –2.30pm finish

## POST COMPULSORY NEWS – 2010 COMMON CURRICULUM

Our work to develop educational and vocational pathways for post compulsory students is continuing. We are currently establishing a common timetable that will enable students to have access to course offerings across all local providers and we are in the process of developing a 2010 Course Guide which will be made available to our students at the beginning of Term Three.

### EXAMS

During the past 2 weeks, our Senior students have been sitting their Unit 3 exams and also the GAT. These exams were held at the Sir Ian McLennan Centre. We hope all students who sat the exams, have an enjoyable break.

*Gary Fletcher  
Principal*

## Senior Pathways camp

A reminder to senior students attending the Year 11 & 12 Melbourne Pathways Camp (week one of Term Three July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) that a meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of term, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. All students should now have finalised payments. Money is now overdue and **must** be paid by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## Contact Us

The Hume Region has issued an information brochure for parents wishing to contact their child's school. This is an extract:

When contacting the school

- Plan what you will say, so that you can clearly explain what the problem is. (You might want to take notes.)
- Have some ideas about how the problem could be solved.
- Talk about the problem with your child's teacher's by telephone or organise a face to face meeting. Most problems can be solved this way.

If you still have a concern after talking to your child's teacher/s you may want to speak to the assistant principal or principal.

## INFLUENZA H1N1 (Swine Flu)

**Update as at 12.00 pm Thursday 4 June**

Victoria is now in a modified 'Sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of this strain of influenza in our community. There is no longer a need to quarantine everyone who has been in contact with a confirmed case of H1N1 Influenza. Only confirmed cases will need to be quarantined.

Students, teachers, and classes that are in quarantine, as a result of being in contact with a confirmed case of the virus, are to return to school as soon as practicable.

Schools will no longer be closed when cases are confirmed. Settings such as special developmental schools and childcare centres will be managed on a case-by-case basis. Schools that are closed are to reopen.

## Careers

The TEC TAFE Tasters program with the Shepparton TEC and GOTAFE for 2008 GOTAFE has provided a TAFE Taster program to support students considering career pathways in trades and industries. The Shepparton TEC TAFE TASTERS for 2008 also provide learning choices to students wishing to explore vocational and technical career and pathway options. The TEC TAFE TASTERS has been designed this year to accommodate students seeking to explore career options and pathways through Vocational Training at the Year 10 level as our first preference, with year 9 students to be offered placements should vacancies exist. Students must be aged 15 years or older at the time of starting the course. For more information call the course coordinator on 58332833, or GOTAFE on 1300 GO TAFE (1300 468 233)

SHEPPARTON TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTRE Are you in Year 10 and looking for an alternative to VCE? Not sure about what you want to do in the future? Ever wondered what it would be like to have a career in a trade? The Shepparton Technical Education Centre (TEC) is offering secondary school students a chance to come and try before you decide. TEC TASTERS are a great way to discover if you're interested in a trade and/or completing your secondary schooling at the Shepparton TEC.

The TEC TASTERS aim to help students make a decision about their career by providing a sample of the type of study and work that will be undertaken if they were to enrol in a 'Work Ready' Vocational program with the Shepparton TEC. Commencing on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, TEC TASTERS will be delivered weekly for 10 full days (some programs available for 2 or 5 days). Sample your future with one of the following TEC TASTER programs: Agriculture Automotive, Light Vehicle Automotive, Heavy Vehicle, Building & Construction, Cookery, Electrical Engineering Fabrication Furnishing & Carpentry Graphic Arts Hairdressing, Horticulture Plumbing and Surveying. Find out how you can 'sample your future'. For more information please contact 1300 GOTAFE (1300 468 233) or visit [www.tec.edu.au](http://www.tec.edu.au)

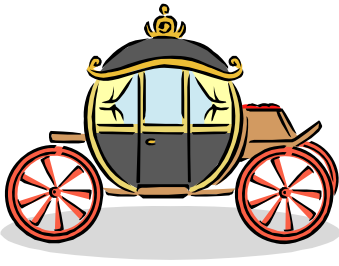
## La Trobe University Bendigo Excursion

As part of the Managed Individual Pathways Program [MIPs] and career pathway planning the college has organised a visit to La Trobe University – Bendigo Campus, for Year 11 students. This is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This is an excellent opportunity for students to obtain first hand information on the courses available and to familiarize themselves with the buildings and campus layout. Information has been distributed to students outlining this excursion. Indemnity forms to be returned to the General Office by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. If you require more information please contact Mrs Lynn Bentley or Mrs Ruth O'Bree.

## MS Read-a-Thon

There's still time for students to register for the MS Read-a-thon. Visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323 for more details

*Mrs Jan Rabi, English Co-coordinator*



*MSC Debutante Ball*  
*16th May 2009*  
*Once upon a time....*



On 16th May 2009, 52 students were presented at the College Debutante Ball. The theme was fairytale and the room was beautifully set up with candelabras and two carriages. Our journey from training to the night, was one of the most memorable times that we will never forget. The night started at 6.30 with the guests arriving at Eastbank and the excited and nervous debs and partners arriving at Westside for the group photo. Before we knew it we were boarding the buses to head over to Eastbank. We were presented to our families and then danced the Tango, the Cha Cha, the Lucille and the 3 Step, which was our fun dance. It was a night we will never forget. Our thanks to the committee and the College for organizing our 2009 Debutante Ball.

*Bridie Sanderson Year 11*



## Staff Profiles

Name Fay Ryan

**Background** Too many years ago I was born and bred in Korumburra (Earthquake capital and home of the giant earthworm). The daughter of a coal-miner. I loved being close to Inverloch, Waratah Bay and the Prom. I married Glen at Coal Creek Historical Park. We moved to Orbost in 1983 where I lived for 5 years and worked in child care. I enjoyed the close proximity of Cape Conran, Marlo, Merimubula and Eden where we camped regularly. We moved to Mansfield in 1988 where I learnt to cross country ski (chook footing) on Mt Stirling and water ski (when Eildon was full). I worked as an integration aide at the local kindergarten and primary school. We moved to the Shepparton area in 1993 and I worked in a kindergarten as an assistant. Glen and I have recently set up an Engineering business which keeps me out of trouble.



Year started at MSC 1995.

**Faculty** Started in Integration and transferred to Administration office during 2002.

**Interests /Hobbies** Water aerobics, walking/talking, gardening, the beach (any). I've also been known to be a bit partial to Collingwood - Joffa is my hero.

Name : Daniel Hall

**Background:**

From Donald originally, lived in Melbourne whilst I studied Science and worked in a Mobile petrol station. Spent a year living on the Gippsland lakes running camps for grade five and sixes. Worked as a Hydrographer measuring river quality, in a Kraft cheese factory, several summers picking fruit and one year in the SPC factory! Grad Dip in Outdoor Ed at Bendigo then teaching at Mooroopna! Last year I worked for a builder putting up roofing and solar panels, travelled overseas for a few months and spent all term four walking the high country with Geelong Grammar Timbertop students – getting paid to go hiking!



**Faculty** Science

**Subjects taught:** Biology, Science and Outdoor Education

**Interest /Hobbies:** Anything to do with water: white-water kayaking and rafting, marathon canoeing, windsurfing, swimming, scuba – sailing! Have a great time building and woodworking as well. Built my own speakers for a stereo system with Red Ironbark from Whroo State forest, then built huge dining room table to match! Have a fantastic 'vegie garden. I really believe that it is hugely important that we have a greater connection with our natural environment which is why I love teaching about biology and outdoor Ed so much.

## Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Reminder for parents/guardians who have not yet applied for this payment for 2009.

Parents who have an eligible Healthcare card, Pension card or are a foster parent are able to apply for the EMA payment. Claim forms are available at the main office.

Claims must be submitted before 7 Aug 2009.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CLAIMED FOR THIS PAYMENT THIS YEAR THERE IS NO NEED TO CLAIM AGAIN. HOWEVER IF YOUR HEALTHCARE OR PENSION CARD EXPIRES BEFORE 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY WE WILL REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR NEW HEALTHCARE OR PENSION CARD IN ORDER TO PROCESS THE SEMESTER TWO APPLICATION.

*Parents are only able to claim for students up til the month the student turns sixteen.*

## Sports Report

**Junior Winter Sports Day:** Will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Students in years 7 and 8 interested in participating have already signed up for a sport and returned their indemnity forms. The sports MSC are participating in include netball, football, basketball, soccer, indoor cricket, badminton and clay target shooting. All those competing will be bussed to and from the various locations of their sport. All students need to wear their PE uniform and suitable sports shoes.

**Eastern Zone Cross Country:** Eastern- Zone Cross Country will be held in Broadford on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We will be taking a squad of 18 students who qualified for Zone level via the SDSSSA cross country. Students need to be out the front of school at 8:20 on Tuesday morning. They need to be in their PE uniform and appropriate footwear. Best of luck to every body competing.

**Year 9 And 10 Eastern Zone Football:** At the recent Senior Winter Sports Day our intermediate boys footy team managed to qualify for Eastern Zone level. The Eastern Zone carnival will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (2<sup>nd</sup> week term 2) in Wangaratta at the Barr Reserve. All players need to have their indemnity forms returned by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Year 11 And 12 Eastern Zone Squash:** After winning the Senior Summer Sports Day carnival back in term one, our year 11 and 12 boys squash team will now go on to compete at Eastern Zone level in Wangaratta on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. The team is made up of Jon Coe, Wes Pogue, Jesse McGrath and Joel Hunter. Good luck to these four boys.

*Simone Nalder (Sports Trainee)*

## Year 7 Merit Certificates

During the semester Year 7 students have been awarded with points during class for working well. At a Year 7 assembly held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 16 students were awarded with certificates that were presented by Mr. Fletcher. Congratulations to the successful students.

*Alicia Cornelius, Year 7 Coordinator*



## Junior School News

**Stationary:** A reminder that with mid year approaching it is a useful time to check out the stationary requirements of your child. Do they need new pens, pencils, rulers, lined paper etc? It is vital that students have the expected items for their classrooms.

**NAL-E Students:** NAL-E Students are presently being allocated to their next semester NAL-E classes. All semester one units enjoyed varying degrees of success in their projects with many engaging in the local community, including the HUB (Multimedia), local Primary Schools (Community), MSC spaces (Art it Up) and Google Earth (close to 120 images uploaded).

**Personal Learning Goals:** Students in Year 7-10 have been working on Personal Learning Goals for their end of year reports. These reports will appear at the end of the year.

**Year 8 into Year 9 Course Selection 2010:** The Year 8's will commence the process of selecting units for 2010 during term 3. A booklet will be published for students and there will be an Information session held towards the end of next term. The 2009 handbook is available on the school's website and it may be of interest to Year 8 parents to review the electives that have been on offer.

**Year 7 Awards:** It was pleasing to attend a short assembly last week to acknowledge the Year 7 students who have been receiving merit points in their planners. As Mr Fletcher rightly pointed out, we are very pleased with the manner in which this Year 7 cohort has settled into the school and we look forward to a continued sustained effort next semester. Helping at home.

**Leadership Conference:** A week or so ago Mr Tozer, Ms Gass and myself attended a leadership conference in Melbourne. An issue that was pointed out to the conference from a USA Professor of Education was that statistics stated that a large part of a student's achievement comes from the home life of a student. He posed to us that having high aspirations for your child's career-work after school, helping out with homework, attending teacher interviews and school events are some aspects that have an impact upon the school performance of your child. It made us appreciate that the education of your child is indeed a partnership between school and home. In saying that, please do not hesitate to seek advice from anyone at the College regarding your child's progress.

*Mr Craig Parker Junior School Leader*

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**Back Row Left to right:** Tiana Steele, Nikisha Haass, Allyson Sutherland, Chris Bulger, Mikaela Delany, Bryce Watts, Bethany Prosser, Alana Charles, Elsie Ball.

**Front row: Left to right:** Emily Hamilton, Dana Lynch, Megan Berner, Kyra Mutton, Tarnika Airs, Joshua Rozsa.

**Absent:** Shelby Lowden



# Experience La Trobe 2009

## A chance to check out university life

**30 June:** Melbourne (Bundoora) campus

**3 July:** Albury-Wodonga campus

**7 July:** Bendigo campus

- Meet our academics and friendly students
- Check out our great campuses
- Get course info and take hands-on workshops!



[latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://latrobe.edu.au/experience)