

# 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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### PRINCIPALS REPORT

#### WELCOME BACK FOR TERM FOUR

Term Four is now well underway! I trust our students had a good break from the routine of school and are ready to tackle the very busy fourth term. Our VCE students are preparing for exams in the coming weeks and plans are well underway for the end of year celebrations and final farewell for our Year 12s.

#### FAREWELL TO OUR 2009 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Parents of Year 12 will have received a brochure detailing important end of year dates. Students will have information on school expectations in regards to end of year celebrations and "Looking After Your Mates". We are looking forward to hosting parent/friends at the upcoming final assembly on October 23<sup>rd</sup> where we acknowledge the conclusion of secondary schooling and contribution of our senior students. Also, VCAL students are preparing to host parents at the annual VCAL Dinner on October 26<sup>th</sup> October at the Mooroopna Hub.

#### NEW ROLES

This term our principal, Gary Fletcher, is on Long Service Leave and I will be Acting Principal. During this time Kirsten Gass will be Acting Assistant- Senior School. We hope that Mr. Fletcher enjoys his well deserved break and look forward to his return next year.

#### PROVISION

As you would have read in the Shepparton News and the previous newsletters the College continues to be engaged in Provision discussions with the three Shepparton Secondary Colleges. The purpose of these discussions is to improve outcomes for all students in the Greater Shepparton area.

Thank you to all staff, parents and students who provided feed back on Provision and the proposed models. This information has been forwarded to Benalla for collation.

**Joint Staff Meeting-** This was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October in Westside Tuesday afternoon. Another Joint Staff Meeting is scheduled for later this term.

**The School Council Presidents' Group meeting** took place after the Joint Staff Meeting on Tuesday. Russel Hall, Gary Fletcher and I represented MSC.

**Project Board-** This group will meet on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Shepparton High School. **Roland Boschetti** has accepted the position of MSC staff representative on this group that comprises many community stakeholders.

A **MSC PARENT MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm -8.30pm in Westside**. This is an important forum for all parents to ask questions about future provision and models. This will provide input to the discussions held thus far.

If any parent has questions, concerns or issues they may wish to raise re: Secondary Provision please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

*Principals report continued.....*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday 20th October**  
Yr 11 Bio Exc. -Werribee Zoo

**Wednesday 21st October**  
College Council

**Friday 23rd October**  
- Last Day Year 12  
-Year 12 Final Assembly S1

**\*Saturday 24th October\***  
**-MSC Fete**

**Friday 30th October**  
- VCE Unit 3/4 exams begin

## WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

At our whole school assembly last Monday, we welcomed everyone back for the start of another busy term. A special welcome to Paul Ford; he replaces Mr Paul Tozer in the Health/PE department. Mr. Tozer has left us to take up the position of Assistant Principal at Numurkah Secondary College. We are also fortunate in gaining a graduate teacher, Ms Karissa Sexton, who joins the Maths/Science area. Karissa's areas of expertise are in Maths/Physics.

## CAMPS

### Central Australia Trip.

Thanks to Ian Buxton, Deanne Saunders, Sarah Cameron, Norm Anderson and Simone Nalder for giving of their time to supervise 46 of our Year 10 students who ventured into Central Australia. This trip is always a highlight for our Year 10 students and this year was no different

### Italy Trip

Patrick Frappell, Allysia Callieri, Riley Jones and I experienced 22 days of Italian culture, history and lifestyle. We travelled with MaGuire LOTE students and had a wonderful journey!

The students on each trip were a credit to each of their schools.

## MSC MARKET

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 8.00am – 2.00pm**

This is a fundraising event that is being organised by the Fund Raising Committee of the College and parents from our Families Matter group. The purpose of this fundraising event is to raise sufficient funds to build a bike shed for the students. There has been a great deal of interest from outside stall holders and we have a number of stalls tagged for MSC. A voluntary block of supervision on a stall is being sought from parents. A 2-4 hour block of time would be fantastic! Parents who are unable to commit to time on the day are being asked to provide bake sale goods or any unwanted goods for the White Elephant sale.

Either would be a fantastic help. See flyer on back

For further information contact Karen Chantal Gardner at the College.

## WEDDING BELLS!

Congratulation must go to Deanne Saunders who will leave us for a number of weeks to be married and travel to the USA on her honeymoon. We wish her and husband to be, Warren, our very best wishes.

*Lynn Emmerson  
Acting Principal*

## Indoor Laneway Exhibition



During term 3 a number of our year 9 and 10 students have been working hard in all media / photography classes with a Melbourne school.

Some of the photographs, videos and presentations would be put on

exhibition at the Melbourne Arts Centre. A group of us took a trip with Mr. McConnell to the centre to set up, along with members of the Whitefriars College. We created a teenagers bedroom with digital photo frames, a computer, a bed and many posters on the wall (pictures that we took). This led to a laneway with large scale projections.

We also made a room that was made up to look like an outdoor theatre, which you could sit in and watch videos and photo's from the two schools remix tasks. All the students put in lots of work and the event was a great success, because of this Mooroopna secondary is becoming well known in other areas for their media work.

Working with Whitefriars College, Eugenia and Dan was a great experience, we had lots of fun.

**STOP PRESS – indoor laneway will be shown in Mooroopna on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month at our Arts night.**

*By Yolander Wilson and Emma Scott*

## Senior School News

Yr 12 Final Assembly - please note that the time for this assembly was advertised in the mail out to be 9.20pm. The assembly will take place in the morning - at 9.20am. My apologies for this error. P.Mills

Yr 12 Finish to the school year: all families should have received a mail out in the first week of the school holidays. This contained letters regarding the Final Assembly, Valedictory Dinner and arrangements for the last week of classes.

A reminder to all students that we have very firm expectations regarding behaviour in this time. In line with these expectations, there are consequences that will be enforced if students make poor decisions.

The Program: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – normal classes Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 12 assembly Westside 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1a/b - Out of uniform day, normal classes 2a/b and 3a/b. Students finish formal classes on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. No classes will operate on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> but students are invited back to the school for the program as outlined below: 7.45 – 8.30 Breakfast, C12 8.15 - 9.00 Car Park Fund Raising (to be confirmed with student organisers) 8.30 - 9.00 Practise/set up for Final Assembly (all students at Westside by 9.00) 9.20 – 10.30 Final Assembly 10.45 – 11.00 Morning Tea (C12)

Students are to have lockers cleaned out no later than Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3.30. All locks should be removed from lockers by this time.

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: tickets are avail-

## Central Australia Camp

On Sunday the 13th of September, 43 Year 10 students and 5 staff set off on their big trip across central Australia.

Days 1 and 2 consisted of long hours on the bus. The first night we stayed in Adelaide. The second night we stayed underground in Cooper Pedy, where we realised we lived such a different lifestyle to them.

Day 3 consisted of another long bus trip with hours of the same scenery, and the idea of being on a bus with everyone became not as fun as first seemed.

The next three nights we spent in Alice Springs. From there we went and looked at the rural life at Desert Park, Royal Flying Doctors and the School of Air (not where you learn to fly like we first thought). We also watched the sunset over town and went shopping.

The next few days consisted of long tiring walks, camping with dingoes and numerous stops for sight seeing. By this stage everyone was looking forward to climbing Uluru as this was thought to be the highlight of the trip and it lived up to its expectations. Other activities included sleeping under the stars, shopping, talent shows and a cross dressing night.



On the 21st we woke and packed up our tents for the last time and set off for a huge express trip home. We spent 30 hours of trying to top sleep and get comfortable but most of us found this quite

hard. Overall the trip was really good and consisted of many funny and memorable times. We would like to thank all the teachers who came, Mr Buxton, Miss Cameron, Miss Saunders, Mr Anderson and Simone Nalder.

*By Alex Bertram and Jemma Bentley*

## Sports Report

### EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS

Students who performed particularly well at the SDSSSA Athletics back at the end of term 3, recently went on to compete in the Eastern zone Athletics in Albury. The Mooroopna team had a very successful day with a number of students placing in the medals- a top effort when competing against young athletes from all over the Eastern zone of the state. These include:

**Brodie Haass** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 16 Yr Triple Jump

**Jake Cormick** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13 Yr Long Jump

**Zac Brian** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15 Yr 1500 m

**Taryn Osborne** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16 Yr 1500 m

**Grace Zito** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 16 Yr Long Jump

**Brodie McDonald** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 17 Yr Shot Put

**Dylan Cornick** – 1<sup>st</sup> 17 Yr 100m and 200m

17 Yr Male Relay Team ( **Liam Cross, Dylan Cornick,**



**Shannon Hockey & Ash Thompson)**- 1<sup>st</sup>

The 17 Yr Male Relay Team, Dylan Cornick and Taryn Osborne have all qualified for State, which is a sensational effort! This will be held at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. All the best to these guys for the State Carnival.

### JUNIOR SUMMER SPORTS DAY

Our Junior Summer Sports Day was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Year 7 and 8 teams participated in clay target shooting, super 8 cricket, euro handball, lawn bowls, squash, table tennis, ten pin bowling, tennis and volleyball.

There was almost 100 Mooroopna students participating on the day, who competed against schools from all over the Shepparton region. Full results of the sports day will be published in the next edition of the Sports Report.

### EASTERN ZONE CRICKET AND TABLE TENNIS

Our intermediate boys cricket team will be competing in the Eastern Zone Final on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October in Benella. Making up the twelve are: Tom Casey, Daniel Johnstone, Sam O'Brien, Josh Thurston, Mitch Younger, Justin Campbell, Shaun Dryden, Mitch Tricarico, Zac Wilson, Brayden Carson, Brendan Calder and Damien Treacy.

Our intermediate girls table tennis team will be competing in the zone finals on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. This team is made up of Alex Bertram, Nikita Dickinson, Kate Flynn, Lauren Ismail and Ashlea Payne.

Good Luck to both teams!

*Simone Nalder (Sports Trainee)*

### JUNIOR WINTER SPORTS

**SUPER 8'S CRICKET** The boys started off really well against their first team Rushworth. They weren't a tough team to play but the boys made sure they weren't going to win. Starting out it looked like Rushworth were going to beat us, but once the boys got their eye in with the bat we raced away. As for the bowling in that game, it wasn't the best, but we got a few wickets which gave us more runs at the end of the game. It was pretty close at the end of the match but we got over the top of them. We had a bye in the second game so the boys got to go and watch the competition.



We played Moama in the third game and the boys put the bowling to good use getting their score in wickets, when it was our turn to bat. The boys showed them how to hit big sixes and we won the game which put us into the

final against Notre Dame.

In the final it didn't matter if we won or not because we were going straight through to zone as Notre Dame play in the Christian school sports, so they were only there on the day to make up competition. Still, the boys put in a good effort both batting and bowling well, but failed to get over the top of Notre Dame.

Congratulations to the boys on a good day and good luck for zone. A special thanks to Simone for organising the day.

*Aaron Dowell / Coach of the day*

## Junior School News

### NAPLAN Results Year 7 & 9

Over the holidays parents of all Year 7 and Year 9 students should have received a report on their child's NAPLAN test (If you did not receive a copy contact Mr Parker at the College.)

The NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of where your student is located compared to the National Average across all States and Territories.

The NAPLAN is one set of data that the College uses to monitor the progress of your student along side internal testing and the judgement of your child's teachers. This data is currently being used within the College to develop Individual Learning Plans for students, differentiation of the curriculum in Literacy and Numeracy as well as the broader school curriculum. The results enable us to see trends in deficiencies of skill and ability across both Year 7 and Year 9 and work with classroom teachers at tackling areas where our students struggle.

Additionally the NAPLAN is also a celebration of the level of achievement that many Year 7 and Year 9's have achieved. It was notable that we have a number of accomplished Year 7 students who are excellent writers; some at writing levels that were close to Year 9 and 10 standards. The results enable us to identify these students and work with them to develop their skills. The school is being well resourced with a number of different initiatives set in place for 2010 to work at improving the Literacy and Numeracy skills of our Year 8's. A proud achievement of this College is the continued improvement of our students between Year 7 and Year 9 regardless of where that student commences secondary college. Feel free to contact me on the phone or via email for queries you may have regarding the NAPLAN or the academic progress of your child.

Year 8 into Year 9 2010. Friday of this week is the last day for subject selections to be handed into Mr Parker. Students who have handed the forms in may be placed in subjects that they may want to do. I will be searching through the forms for any students who have indicated that they may be interested in 'Fast Tracking' and will be getting in contact with them over the next fortnight to investigate what we can do to accommodate their 'fast tracking' request. If there are any concerns regarding the subject selection process do not hesitate to contact me at school. Craig Parker Jr School Leader.

## Positive Body Image

Last Wednesday all year 10 girls went to the Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre for half a day to learn about Positive Body Image, The students worked on activities through out the day. The girls learnt about looking after themselves. Girls also learnt about being positive regardless of what they look like and their body weight. There were discussions through out the day and the students enjoyed a healthy lunch.

*Mr Nino Atzori  
Student Development.*

## Music News

On Saturday the 10th of October our Senior and Intermediate bands played at the **Shepparton Show**. We received many positive comments on their performance, thanks to the students who attended.



The **MSC whole school fundraiser** is coming up on the 24th of October and all our bands will be performing during the day. There will also be a performance of the year 9 rock band and the Senior Singers. Come down during the day and enjoy

some live music!

Next week on the 28th of October is the annual MSC Arts Festival, held in Westside. There will be artwork from students on display and music performances by some of our senior students. This is an exciting and vibrant event and we encourage you to come and see the talent of our students on display.

On Monday the 26th our **Junior Band** will be going on their 'Big Day Out' excursion around the Shepparton area. In the morning they will be playing at Mooroopna Primary School and in the afternoon playing at Tatura Primary. In between they will be enjoying some time at KidsTown and Maccas. We look forward to showing the primary school students our music talents.

**Wednesday the 18th of November this year all our bands will be recording a CD of their favourite songs. This annual CD is a wonderful memento of their hard work. An audience on this night is very welcome, we intend to start at approx 6:30pm. The CD will be available to purchase from the music department for \$5 and makes a fantastic christmas present. (Oh no! I said the C-word!)**

**Music Count Us In:** On the 22nd of October some of the year 9 rock band students are heading to Melbourne to play at Federation Square for the Music Count Us In performance. This music advocacy event plans to involve schools all around the country singing and performing the song 'The Music Is Everything'. Around 15 schools will be singing and performing at Federation Square and that performance will be streamed live around Australia to other schools also singing and performing. Currently there are 300 schools registered, planning to get more than 500 schools involved by the time the performance goes ahead on the 22nd of October. For more information visit [www.musiccountusin.org.au](http://www.musiccountusin.org.au).

*Mrs Leona Gibbs*

## Victorian Student Number (VSN)

The VSN is a student identification number that will be assigned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to identifying information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

## Staff Profiles

Name : Ruth O'Bree

Background: Have many happy memories of growing up in the Mallee, living on a wheat and sheep farm at Woomelang. I always preferred to be outside doing farm 'things'. Loved to go yabbing...the proper way. Went to primary school at Woomelang and then to Sea Lake High - I still remember the daily bus trip, first on last off.. a long day. I then moved to Melbourne to complete my studies at what was then Melbourne State College. My first teaching appointment was at Terang High. I was only there a year and then transferred to Shepparton High. Live in Euroa on a few acres, married with 3 children and a grandchild.



Year started at MSC: 1987.

Faculty: Library and SOSE

Subjects taught: Library, VCAL, Industry & Enterprise

Teaching interests: VCAL and Pathways. Really enjoy the diversity and scope that these areas give to students. Great opportunities for students to link with and network with their local community through work experience, voluntary work or as part of their curriculum. Always great to catch up with present and past students to hear about what they are doing.

Interest /Hobbies: Family, gardening [have started up a vegie patch again this year], travel [spent 3 weeks in Cambodia in June this year, had a great time] and my animals – cats, dogs, chooks, birds and alpacas. Have had my alpacas for about 5 years - started with 2 and now have 8. One day I hope to find the time to learn to use the spinning wheel I have had in the shed for the last 20 years or more and spin some my alpaca fleece.....maybe!

Name :

Jason Prochazka

Background:

I grew up in the mountains outside Seattle, WA in the USA. I went to the University of Washington, graduating in 1998 with a BA in History with Philosophy minor. During this time, I spent one year studying History abroad in London at Thames Valley University. I met my wife to be (Renee), in Europe, whilst travelling during my study abroad time.



After I graduated from my undergraduate studies, I came to Australia (as the aforementioned wife to be is an Aussie) to study for my Master's in Modern History at Macquarie University in Sydney. Upon completion we moved back to Seattle, got married (in 2000) and lived there for 3 and a half years. During that time, I worked in the Printing Industry, working in Pre-Press (Graphic/Layout Design), Customer Support and as a Press Operator.

In 2004 we made the decision to come back to Australia. We moved to Upwey outside Melbourne. I continued working in the Printing Industry, this time for a German company called Heidelberg.

Two years ago, I decided to finally follow the career path that I had intended years ago and enrolled at Monash University to complete a Graduate DipEd, as a distance education student. My son, Zach, was born in 2007. We moved to Tatura for my wife's work last year. I finished the DipEd last year and spent Term 1 as a CRT at most of the secondary schools in the local area, from Rushworth and Kyabram to Shepparton. Near the end of Term 1, I had a phone call from Gary Fletcher asking if I would be interested in a History/SOSE/IT position for the rest of the year... and I have thankfully been here since.

Year started at MSC: This year... 2009

Faculty: SOSE

Subjects taught:7 SOSE, 8 History, 9 History Great Mysteries, 9ICT, 10 I&E

Teaching interests:As it is my first year as a teacher I want to develop all of my skills further and continue learning all I can.So far, I most enjoy teaching History and trying to relate it to the lives of my students.

Interest /Hobbies: Travel, Downhill skiing, Sled Dog Racing, Tennis, Bushwalking, Cooking, Reading

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**MSC Spring Market Day**

**See flyer back page**

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Cake Stall      Magnetic Jewellery      Jewellery      Live Music  
Preserves & Sauces      Fresh Produce      Face Painting  
Arts & Crafts      Blow up Worm      BBQ      Lucky Dips  
Tye-Dye Items

MOORoopNA SECONDARY COLLEGE

# SPRING MARKET DAY



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

9am – 2pm



**All funds raised by MSC will go towards building a new bike shed for the students.**

**Stalls are still available**

**To book a site contact MSC on 58252344.**

Childrens Clothing      Woodworking      White Elephant Stall  
Second Hand School Furniture      Wall Buddies  
Rabbits, Guinea Pigs etc      Womens Clothing  
Soil Crystals      Candles & Soaps      Soy Candles