

What is the future of MSC?

We really value the opinions of our parents/guardians and the wider school community members. We invite you to attend an information evening to learn more about what is happening in Greater Shepparton, including Mooroopna, and to ask any questions that you may have.

Mooroopna Secondary College Parent Forum

Wednesday 4th November

7.00 -8:30pm in WestSide Performing Arts Centre

If you are unable to make the above parent forum, you are more than welcome to join us for the public forum below.

Mooroopna Secondary College Public Forum

Thursday 5th November

7.30- 8:30pm in WestSide Performing Arts Centre

Hope to see you there!!

Greater Shepparton

The four Greater Shepparton secondary schools in McGuire College, Mooroopna Secondary College, Shepparton High School and Wanganui Park Secondary College have a long history of working together to deliver student learning outcomes. The four schools wish to further develop their relationship in order to improve the provision of secondary education in Greater Shepparton.

What are we doing?

We are creating a preferred future for secondary government education across the Greater Shepparton area.

What is our key objective?

All young people have access to the highest quality innovative programs within the Greater Shepparton area that lead to high quality outcomes.

Why do we need to do this?

It's time to look at how we can best serve the needs of all young people across the Greater Shepparton area in order to:

- Create innovative 21st century curriculum and classrooms;
 - Educate for global and multicultural citizenship;
 - Strategically align resources to where they best fit;
- Reduce disparity in student outcomes.

How will we do this?

Develop a set of agreed guiding principles.

Develop a set of options for what secondary education could look like.

Consult with a range of stakeholders.

Develop an action plan for implementation including consultation and promotion with the broader community.

Guiding Principles:

Sharing of innovative and engaging pedagogical practices.

Clear and equitable access to pathways for all students to provide the greatest range of options.

Schools – Families – Communities work together to educate and support our young people to achieve their individual potential.

Provide and promote a safe and supportive learning environment.

Shared accountability for student learning outcomes, pathways and wellbeing.

Strategic use of resources





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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.



Absent from school?
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 students name and the time and dates of the absence.

**Absence
Line
5825 1498**

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Last Saturday the College conducted a market to raise funds for a student bike shed. This successful event was organised by the Fundraising Committee (a sub-committee of the College Council).



There was a great deal of interest from outside stall holders. College parents, staff and students arranged a number of stalls, a BBQ, White Elephant Stall, Face Painting, Plaster Painting, Bake Stall, and slushies.

We wish to thank parents and staff who supplied goods and/or those who attended on the day and assisted on the stalls. A number of the parents, staff and the students were involved for the whole day.

The Music Team and the College bands are to be congratulated for their great performances and a particular thanks to Leona Gibbs for her wonderful solo performances.



A special acknowledgement must go to two of our parents – Karen Clampit and Kim Payne for the hard work and time they have devoted to this project. To Chantal Gardner, our Business Manager, a very big thank you! Her organisational skills are incredible. We look forward to an even bigger and better Market next year.

Year 12 Final Assembly

Last Friday saw our Year 12 students celebrate their last day at Mooroopna Secondary College. Students began the day with a BBQ cooked by staff at 7.00am and continued onto their final assembly held in Westside. The assembly was run by student leaders and Mr Peter Mills, our Year 12 coordinator and was enjoyed by parents, staff as well as all of our Senior Students. Students then released balloons to celebrate the end of their secondary schooling and the 'beginning of their future'. Morning tea was catered for by our Home Economics classes. It was a wonderful morning enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Maureen Collins and the Home Economics staff for the lovely food.

The behaviour of our Year 12 students was outstanding and they are to be congratulated for the way in which they conducted themselves. These events reflect a standard of excellence that our College provides and the quality of young people that pass through our school. I wish each of our students well during the exam period ahead and look forward to meeting our Year 12 students and their parents at our Valedictory Dinner on November 20th.

Principals report continued.....

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Tuesday 3rd November
- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 4th November
- Provision Parent Information evening
7.00pm, Westside

Thursday 5th November
- Provision Public Forum 7.30pm –8.30pm
Westside

VCAL Dinner

The dinner to celebrate the conclusion of the VCAL program for 2009 was held on Monday evening October 26th, at the Mooroopna Hub. Students showcased their Community Projects to the audience of families, staff, community partners, and representatives of COGS and Hume Regional Office of DEECD were also in attendance. Students were presented with participation certificates by the Mayor, Cr Geoff Dobson. The success of the program is largely due to the hard work and planning of Mrs Ruth O'Bree. Congratulations to Ruth and her VCAL team: Ms Kate Stewart, Mr Darryl McConnell and Mr Nino Atzori.

GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY

The front page of our newsletter outlines the dates and times of the parent and public meetings that are scheduled for next week. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings and provide input for the College councillors who will be in attendance. Ultimately the decision to be involved in a restructure of schools in Greater Shepparton will be made by each College Council. A Greater Shepparton Secondary Schools discussion board is now open on the Wanganui Park Secondary College website. Parents can access the consultation paper and three proposed models on our Mooroopna College website.

Transition

A reminder that the Parents Information evening for our 2010 Year 7 students will be held on Monday December 7th at Westside. We look forward to welcoming these students at the College for Orientation Day to be held the following day, Tuesday December 8th.

End of Year Dates

Just a reminder that the school calendar is available online at www.mooroopnasc.vic.edu.au and it contains important end of year dates such as the College Presentation Evening which is to be held on Wednesday, December 16th 2009.

Year 7 & 8 End of Year Activities

Planning is well underway for the end of year programs to be offered on December 11th, 14th, 15th and 16th. A reminder that students under the age of 16 are required at school until December 16th. The final details of the program will be provided to parents as soon as they become available.

Mrs Lynn Emmerson

Senior School News:

Year 12: Congratulations to the Year 12 group on the way they finished the school year. We have had many comments from members of our school community about the manner in which students carried themselves. The presentation of our final assembly was outstanding. This assembly was the result of the input of many students but the role of Bradley Corken ensured the morning went as smoothly as possible - thanks and well done to Brad.



Year 12 Exams:

By now the year 12's would have sat their English exam, at the McLennan Centre. All students should have a personal copy of their exam timetables and an Exam Navigator which outlines the procedures for each exam. The exam timetable can be accessed at <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce/exams/timetable.html> If students undergo personal trauma, injury or accident leading up to or during exams they must contact the school. There are procedures available to assist students in these circumstances. Best wishes to all our Year 12's in their exam preparation or in their pursuit of work and/or further training.

2010 Year 12 Jumper: A competition was held for the 2010 design and the winning design was submitted by Brodie Haass. Well done Brodie on having your design selected by your peers. Students should now have received a letter explaining the procedure for the ordering of the jumpers. If families did not get this letter can you contact Mr Mills for a copy. We are now taking deposits and these should be paid to the office by November 9th. When students pay their deposit they should also submit their nickname as this will appear on the back of the jumper.

2010 Student Elections

Students elections will take place on Friday the 6th November 2009. Nominated students will have the opportunity to deliver their speech to their peers. Students will then vote for the 2010 Student Leadership team using official forms that are being printed by the Electoral office. This will enable students to experience the process of casting a vote similar to that undertaken in the Federal and State Elections.

A representative from the Electoral Office will be present to assist with this process.

Mr Nino Atzori
Student Development

Careers

Trainee Draftsperson Technical Officer– Full Time

A Shepparton based engineering business has a vacancy for Trainee Draftsperson. Applicants should have strong mathematics skills, be able to work in a team environment and have an interest in developing a career in building design, engineering surveying and design. Applicants with strong PC and graphics skills will be highly regarded.

Successful candidates will be required to commit to continuing their studies in their own time through TAFE and secure a Certificate III Engineering – Technician

For further information please contact the manager on 5822 0333

The Hospitality Summer School

Aims to provide students with a range of vocationally orientated skills which will enable participants to gain employment in the Hospitality Industry. The course is competency based and will provide participants with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to meet relevant industry standards. Topics include:

- Responsible service of alcohol
- Operating a bar
- Clean and tidy bar areas
- Kitchen attending
- Food and beverage service
- Operate a fast food outlet
- Follow Health, Safety & Security Procedures
- Coffee Making

Follow workplace hygiene procedures

Campus: Shepparton, Fryers Street Date: November 23, 2009 Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm, Duration: Monday - Friday (3 Weeks)

Cost: \$478.00, current Health Care Card (HCC) concessions available.

For further information contact the Customer Service Centre on 1300GOTAFE (1300 468233).

SPC ARDMONA Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeships

We are seeking stand out applicants to commence mechanical engineering apprenticeships in January 2010. In this role you will working closely with a variety of individuals in the engineering team and will receive excellent training throughout the term of your apprenticeship. Applicants need to have demonstrated a passion to succeed in the field, along with strong communication, literacy, numeracy and analytical skills. Successful completion of Year 11 or equivalent is a mandatory requirement. If you believe you can make a valuable contribution to SPC Ardmona and can demonstrate the above attributes, please send your application containing a covering letter and resume to: Private & Confidential Ms Denise Evans, SPC Ardmona Operations Limited, Andrew Fairley Avenue, SHEPPARTON Vic 3630 or email: devans@spcardmona.com.au Applications close November 20, 2009. SPC Ardmona is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

*Mrs Irene Lia-Oster
Careers Co-ordinator*

VCAL Dinner

Mooroopna Secondary College's VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) Celebration Dinner was held on Monday 26th October 2009 at the Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre.

Students compered the evening and were actively involved in the planning, organisation and running of the dinner.

Students shared with families, community guests and staff, reports on their community projects.

Year 11 students

- Country Fire Authority Project
- RiverConnect Project

Year 12 students

- Rodney Park Retirement Village Project
- Nesting Boxes Gemmills Swamp Project
- Billabong Sweets & Treats Project
- Gemmills Swamp Clean Up Project
- Mooroopna Primary School Project



In their VCAL Personal Development studies students developed projects within a local community partnership. The Projects required students to work with the wider community. The purpose was twofold. Firstly to develop their personal skills required in their future employment, education and personal life. Secondly, to work with the community and develop a project to benefit the local area.

VCAL teachers, along with the Student Support Staff, have done great work with the students and the community.

We would also like to thank the many other staff who assisted with the projects and the community partners, for their willingness to be involved in the projects.

Thanks - VCAL TEAM

Rock and Water

We are running a pilot program called Rock and Water. This program enables young boys to improve their self esteem and help them deal with issues of conflict. The program for boys in Year 8 will run for five weeks starting from next week. More information will be given soon.

*Nino Atzori
Student Development*

Sports Report

Junior Summer Sports

Last Wednesday our year 7 and 8 students participated in the Junior Summer Sport Day. Our winning teams were the year 8 girls tennis team, the junior boys lawn bowls team and our year 8 boys handball team. Only the girls tennis team progress on to Eastern Zone level which will be held in Seymour on Wednesday 5th November. Good Luck to Shantelle Bentley, Tahlia Besim, Brittany Tancred, Stephanie Taylor and Hannah Wilson when they go on to compete at the Zone Tennis Carnival.

State Athletics



VSSSA State Athletics Carnival was held at Olympic Park in Melbourne last Tuesday. We had 5 competitors. Our first student to compete was Dylan Cornick. He came 4th in the 17 Yr 100m in a personal best time of 11.24 seconds. Dylan

then went on to take out a silver medal in the 200m. This was an outstanding performance by Dylan, especially considering that he was mixing it with the best in the state.

Taryn Osborne started the 16 Yr 1500m, but did not finish due to breathing difficulties.

The 17 Yr 4 x 100m relay team, made up of Ash Thompson, Liam Cross, Dylan Cornick and Shannon Hockey, had a long wait for their race time of 7pm. The boys ended up with a 6th place. They were pretty disappointed but again they need to recognize that they were competing against the best in the state.

Intermediate Boys Eastern Zone Cricket



Congratulations to the year 9, 10 boys who convincingly beat Myrtleford and Euroa in order to win through to the Eastern Zone Finals. A special well done to Mitch Younger who reached his first century!

The boys will go on to compete against the Eastern Zone Metro winners in Benalla on Thursday 5th November.

Eastern Zone Intermediate Girls Table Tennis

Last Friday a group of year 9 girls headed to Wangaratta to compete in a table tennis tournament. The team was made up of Lauren Bertram, Abbey Cormick, Kate Flynn, Lauren Ismail and Ashlea Payne. The girls finished up in fourth place and had a fun day.

*Simone Nalder
Sports Trainee*

Unit 2 Biology Werribee Zoo Excursion

Last Tuesday Miss Gass, Mr Hall and Caroline Tyers accompanied our Unit 2 Biology classes to the Werribee Zoo. The purpose of the excursion was to study Habitats, in particular Grasslands habitats, for our third SAC. When we got there we were split into two groups. One group started with a safari tour and then a fieldwork class where they participated in some sampling techniques with a



Zoo educator. The other group started with the fieldwork and finished up with the safari tour. We also had free time where we explored the carnivores, meerkats, hippos and primates. On the safari tour we were lucky to see a variety of animals from all over the world, such as bison, zebra, giraffes, prezwalski horses, rhinoceros, camels and antelopes. Overall it was an enjoyable day and a fun way to complete a SAC.



*Tom McCormick and Nikita Dickinson
Year 10*

Tatura BPW Scholarships for 2009

This year there are 2 Year 11 Tatura BPW Education Scholarships (\$500 each to help with study costs for Year 12).

Students must reside in Tatura or within postcodes 3610, 3612, 3614, 3616 & 3617.

Year 11 students can apply for the scholarships by writing a letter of application accompanied by photo copies of the applicant's latest school reports, a resume and two written references. The selection criteria include the standard of application, financial need, academic achievements, interview technique and personal presentation. The application should be forwarded to:-

The Convenor of BPW Education Scholarship no later than Monday 2nd November 2009.

Please phone The convenor for further information on 0417 381202

All applicants will be contacted for an interview- proposed for Saturday 7th November 2009 in Tatura.

Secondhand Uniform

As the end of the school year is approaching, we are asking parents who no longer have a use for their students school uniform, to consider donating it to the College. We are desperately short of white and navy tops, girls dresses and shorts, woollen jumpers and polartec jackets. Any unwanted uniform may be left at the office.

June Stewart, Judy Hepworth