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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.

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Line
5825 1498**

PRINCIPALS REPORT

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

By now some parents will have received our Parent Opinion Survey. The parents were randomly selected by the Department to complete these surveys.

The overall objective of this survey is to collect data about parent opinions across the state and for individual schools across Victoria to use this information to drive further improvements.

Please take the time to fill out this important survey and ensure that it is returned to the school no later than Monday 7th September.

COLLEGE PRODUCTION "THE WIZARD OF OZ"

The College Production of "The Wizard of Oz" will be on September 3 – 5. Tickets are available from the school. Prices are: \$15 for Students, \$20 for adults and \$50 for a family (2 adults / 2 children).

I would like to recognise the hard work of the students and staff in preparing for the production. The annual school production is one of the key features on the College calendar every year.

I visited the production team at their camp last week and its shaping up to be one of the best productions ever. I look forward to seeing you there.

PROVISION

As you would have read in the last newsletter and the Shepparton News, the College is engaged in Provision discussions with the three Shepparton Secondary Colleges.

Before the end of term, all parents will be mailed out a survey to complete. We will be asking two key questions:

What would you like to see included in any new educational structure?

What do you believe is important that we should retain?

We will also be consulting with students over the next couple of weeks through home group to gauge their opinions.

The Guiding Principles that our discussions have been based on are as follows:

Mandatory

- Sharing of innovative and engaging pedagogical practice
- 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 well-being
- Strategic use of resources

Desirable

- Diversity of Shepparton population reflected in schools
- Build the confidence and trust of the public in State education in Greater Shepparton

We are very excited by the potential of this project and our discussions so far. We look forward to your input.

Principal report continued.....

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 4th September

- MSC Production—Wizard of Oz

Saturday 5th Sept

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Monday 7th September

- Inter School Athletics

Tuesday 8th September

- SDSSA Athletics

Thursday 17th September

- Parent / teacher interviews 4.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 18th September

- Parent / teacher interviews 10.30am-1.00pm

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

At the end of this term we will hold our Parent/Teacher interviews. After feedback from parents we have restructured our interview times to provide more access to parents and students. A copy of the student's interim report and an information sheet will be mailed out to parents prior to the interview sessions.

- Thursday 17th September, 2009 from 4.30pm-7.30pm
 - Friday 18th September, 2009 from 10.30pm-1.00pm
- Interim Reports will be posted home at the end of Week 9 and will include a parent letter with P/T arrangements and staff availability.

EXCURSIONS

The end of this term will see two excursions take place. The first is our Italian excursion for some of our Italian students. Mrs Emmerson will be travelling with our LOTE students who this year are travelling with McGuire LOTE students. The trip leaves on 13th September to 1st October. We wish them all the best!

Also our annual Year 10 Central Australia Trip leaves on 19th September and returns on 22nd September. The following staff will be supervising on the trip: Mr Buxton, Ms Saunders, Mr Anderson, Ms Cameron and Simone Nalder. This trip is always a highlight for our Year 10 students and this year will be no different.

I would like to thank all of the staff supervising on these excursions and the extra effort they put in before, during and after the event. I look forward to hearing about the trip upon their return.

INDOOR LANEWAY

The Indoor Laneway Project is an online collaborative arts project between Mooroopna Secondary College, Whitefryers College and the Arts Centre in Melbourne. Its intention is to allow regional and metropolitan secondary school students to develop digital sound and art work. Under the mentorship of an established media artist and school based digital media educators, participants remix and re-contextualise each others work and collectively assemble sound and images to explore artistic practice. Please find attached to this newsletter some more details of the project.

Special thanks must go to Mr Daryl McConnell for his hard work on the project. I encourage all community members to visit the website and have a look at the great work: <http://indoorlaneway.youthedmusic.com.au>

SECURITY CAMERA INSTALLATION

I am pleased to announce that the College has finalised installation of the security surveillance system throughout the whole College. This will ensure greater safety and security for students, staff and facilities. If you have any queries in regards to the new system, which is now in full operation, please have no hesitation in contacting me.

INFLUENZA H1N1 (Swine Flu)

Just a reminder about members of the school community who contract the Swine Flu virus! 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. Any person who believes they may have the virus or its symptoms should seek medical advice immediately.

Mr Gary Fletcher, Principal

Students Volunteer for Murchison Primary Schools Athletics Day

On Friday 28th August, eight year 9 students - Jake Edwards, Jacinta Finister, Lauren Ismail, Allira Jones, Naomi Lacey, Courtney McDougall, Michaela Rutherford and James Wright volunteered to help out at the Murchison Primary Schools Athletics Sports Day. The students assisted in various roles through out the day, to ensure that the sports ran smoothly. An enjoyable day was had by all involved. The students are to be commended upon their efforts and interaction with the students, staff and the school community.

Ruth O'Bree, Community Partnerships

College Leadership Nominations

Mooroopna Secondary College is committed to developing the college's student leadership skills. Nominations are now open for aspiring student leaders. The nominations will be extended until Friday the 11th of September 2009. Further information regarding the leadership course and elections will be published in the next news letter.

Mr Nino Atzori, Student Development

Thank you from LOTE

The LOTE department has held a number of fundraising activities recently to support the upcoming trip to Italy. We wish to thank the following businesses for their support. *Bunnings Warehouse, Shepparton *Unilever Foods, Tatura, *Pental Soaps, Shepparton *Bruce Prince, The Good Guys, Shepparton *Hot Rock and Soul, Massage and Beauty Therapy, Tatura *GV Hotel, Shepparton *Piazza Bakery and Cafe, Tatura * Dahlsens, Shepparton *Tatura Milk Products, *Pot-Werx, Emerald Bank, Shepparton *Book City, Shepparton *Cellar 47 *K-Mart, Shepparton *Pizza Place, Corio Street, Shepparton *fruit2yourdoor.com.au *SPC Ardmona Factory Sales *Village 4 Cinema, Shepparton *Safeway, Benalla Road, Shepparton *Heather Game, Phoenix Trading *Archer Street Take away

Junior School News

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Craig Parker Junior School Leader

Staff Profiles

Name : Nathan Saddler

Background: Married to my wife Liza and we have three beautiful children – Itiyah 5, Jonah 3 and Reuben 1. I grew up on a dairy farm at Stanhope and I attended Stanhope Primary School, Stanhope South Primary School and Shepparton South Technical School. Completed an apprenticeship with Australian Defence Industries in Bendigo as a Fitter and Machinist. Many years later I completed my Graduate Diploma in Technology Education at Latrobe Uni in Bendigo.



Year started at MSC: 2004

Faculty: Technology

Subjects taught: VET Engineering, Radkart, Engineering Workshop Practice (E.W.P), Metals, Plastic, Photography (M.P.P), Year 7 and Year 10 Plastics and Year 8 Timber .

Teaching Interests: My passion is obviously engineering, but I love teaching students technology in general. With engineering, I really enjoy watching students gain an apprenticeship and really kick on in life.

Interest /Hobbies: I love football (Go Geelong and Stanhope), camping, fishing, farming and anything at all that involves my family.

Name Craig Parker

Year started at MSC 2007

Background I spent my childhood in the 1970's growing up in Kilmore with my Mum, Dad and two sisters. I wasn't too keen on Primary School but had a great Grade 3 teacher who made coming to school fun and inspired me to become a teacher. He has been in the news lately rebuilding fences at Kilmore after the bushfires. I have been teaching for nearly 20 years and started at Mooroopna in 2007.



The best thing that I have done here is replace Connect 9 with NAL-E. I think NAL-E can grow into a fantastic subject in the next couple of years. The other subject I enjoy teaching is history from any time or era. It was amazing and sad sitting through the night of September 11th 2001, and the following day was the most powerful teaching day of my career as we all came to grips with what we had seen that night.

I have been married to Lisa since 2001 where we lived in Geelong. We married in Shepparton and by coincidence had our wedding reception at Riviera Receptions across the street from the Bus Bay. Our greatest achievement together is our daughter Sophie who is coming up six years old in November. Her birth was our greatest day of our lives. She is the apple of our eyes.

As kids we used to travel down to Arden St and all the other suburban grounds watching North Melbourne. They were our glory days the 70's. Being in the outer in those days was eye opening to say the least as a kid. I managed to get tickets to both the 96 and 99 Premierships. I need to get back riding my bikes this spring & summer. I have a mountain bike that is great to ride through the bush around the river and a road bike for the flat open roads around here. It's just been too cold this winter!!

Entertainment...well a mate and I queued for 10 hours to ensure we were at the front of the U2 stage in 2006. Bono was one metre away from us! I love all the big 80's acts; seen Springsteen twice live and he is making better music today, U2 and INXS. I am totally in awe of 'LOST', and can't wait for the last season next year to finally answer all the questions after six years. I have been fortunate to travel to the USA, Europe and New Zealand. The most life changing trip was to India and what I saw and experienced there was incredible and amazing in so many ways.

All I ever want from my students is to dream big and imagine hard. Life doesn't start and end at the Causeway and I wish our students would motivate themselves harder to get an education that realises their dreams. I have taught many students who have started off with nothing and go on to be AFL footballers, or become lawyers or scientists, or have amputations and fight on to become para-olympians, so I know that when someone really has a fire in their heart they can do anything with their lives...and that's all I want for Mooroopna students to achieve.

Melbourne Writers Festival

On Wednesday the 26th of August a small bus of 20 students went down to the Melbourne Writers Festival at Federation Square. We attended lectures with Authors that included Scott Westerfeld, Andy Griffiths, Paul Collins, Isobel Carmody and John Boyne. These Authors spoke to us about how they began their writing career and the reasoning behind their technique and style. Some had a funny personality, where as others were more in-depth and serious.

At the end of their talks we had the opportunity for autographs, which were a great souvenir. On the trip home we stopped off at the Wallan petrol stop and were able to get a bite to eat, arriving home at around 6.00pm. Overall it was a great day and we all enjoyed it. A very big thank-you to Ms Dyason and Ms Stewart who accompanied us on the day, and to Mrs Rabl who organised the free bus and the excursion. I would recommend this Writers Festival to anybody. It was a State Library of Victoria activity, and will occur again in 2010.

Rachel Salter, Year 9



Year 10 Formal

On the 14th of August MSC held their annual year 10 formal at Riviera Receptions in Mooroopna. The theme for the night was 'Winter Wonderland' and over 100 students attended. The night was very successful and there was much fun had by all. Although the night started slowly with a lot of photos and very few people on the dance floor, it ended with the dance floor full. Many of the teachers were encouraged to dance, but not many did.

There were a number of awards given away on the night including best dressed, best arrival and best dancing. The best dressed male and female was Nikita

Dickinson and Thomas Casey, the best arrivals went to Belinda Chalcraft and Thomas Byrne. The best dancing went to Suzie Faulkner and Va'ai Va'ai. It was a very hard decision as everyone looked fantastic and there were also many creative arrivals.

Thank you must go out to the committee members for all of their help and also to the teachers who organised the night and helped to supervise.

By Bridie McComick, Year 10



Poets and Story Writers

Another competition to enter! The Goulburn Valley Regional Library is holding a writing competition that closes during Week 3 Term 4, 2009. The **POETRY** section for teenagers up to 18 years – needs a poem of 20 lines. The **SHORT STORY** section is for teenagers 13 to 18 – with a 3,000 word limit (about 10 pages). You could write it over the holidays! See Library Team for entry forms, and conditions of entry.

Ms Dyason, Librarian

Music News

A reminder that all our bands are back to their normal scheduled rehearsal times now. We only have two weeks remaining before our CELEBRATION CONCERT ON WED 16TH SEPT IN WESTSIDE. It will be fantastic to showcase all the repertoire that the students have learnt this term. Hope to see you there.

Ms Tennant, Music Coordinator



A Day in Pompeii

To augment the Junior School students' History studies this year we have organised trips to Melbourne on the 8th September for Year 7 students and the 15th September for Year 8 students. The students will visit the Melbourne Museum for a guided tour of the "A Day in Pompeii" exhibition. The trip will cost \$20 to cover transport, museum entry and the tour. At the Melbourne Museum, students will experience more than 250 priceless treasures from the city of Pompeii, buried under a volcanic eruption in 79 C.E. The exhibition unearths the story of daily life in an ancient Roman city. Students will experience first hand the dramatic eruption of Mt Vesuvius in a specially created immersive 3D theatre. If you wish to learn more about Pompeii and the many eruptions of Mt. Vesuvius then I recommend you visit the following web site:

www.melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/

If you have any questions or would like further information then please feel free to contact me at school on 5825 2344.

*Roland Boschetti,
SOSE Curriculum Program Leader*

Families Matter

The next Families Matter meeting will be held on Monday 14th September at 9.15am in the college Boardroom, which is located in the Administration building. The meetings provide another opportunity for families and schools to come together to work in partnership to support the well-being of young people. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. If you have any questions please contact Ruth O'Bree at MSC or Kim Payne (58254580).

Senior School News

Year 12 Students are entering a particularly stressful time of year. Many are currently completing their VTAC applications which require difficult decisions to be made regarding university courses. Senior school staff and the careers team are able to assist students with this but students do need to approach us to make appointments if they require help. Some universities have early entry schemes.

These schemes give students offers based on information other than their ENTER score. Charles Sturt, Ballarat, LaTrobe and Melbourne universities offer these schemes. The LaTrobe Uni School Access (SALT) requires the school to submit student applications. These must be submitted to Mr Mills by September 11th. They will then be forwarded to LaTrobe University. Scholarships - we have previously advertised the DOXA and David Burgess Foundation scholarships.

Students should approach Mr Mills if they want more information. Both offer substantial help to students going to University. The CAS Hawker Scholarship is valued at over \$60,000 over 4 years of study. It applies to the following universities: Australian National University - ACT Flinders University of South Australia - SA University of Adelaide (including Roseworthy Campus) - SA Roseworthy Residential College University of New England - NSW University of South Australia - SA Marcus Oldham College - VIC University of Cambridge - UK See Mr Mills for information or go to www.hawkerscholarship.org. We wish the best to all students in getting their applications submitted.

Year 12 University of Ballarat is offering an early entry scheme called REEP. This scheme attempts to give rural students assistance in gaining entry to University courses. Go to www.ballarat.edu.au/leep or see Mr Mills for more information.

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Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

Earlier this year, a number of our students competed in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition. The competition involves students responding to questions set out in a booklet for their age group. The questions covered the areas of living things, earth and space, energy and force, and matter. Amongst the awards received, special congratulations this year must go to Nathan Booth of 8F. Nathan gained a "Distinction" award which means that of the 37,000 students who entered the competition, he was in the top 13% of his year level. A terrific achievement Nathan, well done!



Kirsten Gass

Maths/Science Curriculum Program Leader

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Chess Tournament

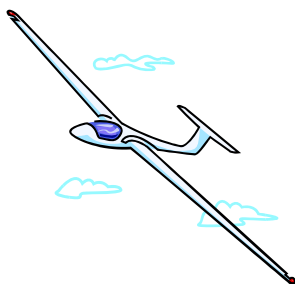
We have trophies to give away to those who wish to play off for the best player over the next three weeks.

Mr Jaques & Mr Keller

Careers

Junior Aviator's Day

Saturday 3rd October 10am – 5pm at the Tocumwal Aerodrome The Southern Riverina Gliding Club is holding a Junior Aviator's Day for 14 – 25 year olds who are interested in flying or a career in aviation. The cost is \$20, payable on registration and includes lunch. Enquiries and registration to the secretary, Judy Renner, 0358 743 052. or email renner@netspace.net.au



Diploma of Sport and Recreation

Come along to this Information Session at Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE and find out more about the Diploma of Sport and Recreation course that we offer. This is a one year full time course - that can lead you to a world of endless opportunities in the Sport and Recreation sector.

Date: Wednesday, 16th September, 2009

Times: 7.30pm -8.30pm

Venue: TAFE ,Fryers St Shepparton.

Interested Year 12 students and their parents, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Sport and Recreation coordinator, Paul Wyatt on 1300 GOTAFE (1300 468 233) Mrs Irene Lia-Oster Careers Co-ordinator

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program.

Young people aged 18 to 25 interested in learning more about themselves, developing their leadership skills and having fun are invited to apply for the 2009 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program. RYLA is a seven-day residential leadership and personal development program that brings together young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to gain a better understanding of their own strengths, and the unique qualities and abilities of others. The 2009 program will take place from November 28 to December 4 inclusive. RYLA gives young people the opportunity to participate in workshops designed to provide a range of perspectives on leadership and personal development. For further information or to apply, head to the RYLA Website www.ryla9800.org.au or contact your local Rotary Club.

Mrs Irene Lia-Oster, Careers Co-ordinator

Community News

Program in focus this week

FINANCIAL LITERACY – MANAGING YOUR MONEY

This course runs over four weeks and is brought to you by The Smith Family. We will show you how to: set personal and financial goals, manage debt, plan for household bills, access and understand your credit file, understand your financial rights.....and more! Participants are given a workbook, a satchel and calculator.

Wednesdays Aug 27-sept 17

Time: 10:00am – 12 noon

Cost: \$5

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GV Rail Club

Model Railway Exhibition

St Augustine's Hall

Orr St Shepparton

Saturday 19th Sept 9am –5pm

Sunday 20th Sept 10am to 4pm

Adults \$7. children \$3 family \$17

Ph 5824 1139 for more info

2009-10 Cricket Season is near.
MOOROOPNA CRICKET CLUB
is holding a sign up day and first practice for all junior teams U11, U13, U15 & U17
Wednesday the 2nd September 2009
between 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the
Parsons Cricket Pavilion,
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve.
Mooroopna Junior Cricket Shirts will
be on sale. \$35
Let all your friends know so we can
Start the season with a full team.
For further information
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