

The Dragon

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of the College

New Leaders

I am pleased to announce the appointment of two additional Assistant Principals, Huw Porter and Kylie Greenaway. Both have been outstanding contributors to our College and will continue to add value to our organisation.

Likewise it gives our Leadership Team great pleasure to announce the appointment of two additional Leading Teachers, Belinda Neville and Mel Murphy. In the short time these two have been at our College, they have demonstrated the qualities and aptitudes required in leadership. These people are replacing some of the leaders we have lost over the past three years and Sally Kendall, who is retiring at the end of this term.

Special Programs

We have started a re-engagement program for some students in Years 8 and 9 who have difficulty fitting into mainstream classes and are not suited to our Changing Lanes Program.

Likewise, we are trialling an intervention reading program for Year 7s who are well below the expected levels for reading and an extension program for Year 7 students well above the expected levels.

Student Leaders

A number of students in Years 7-9 have been selected to participate in our Student Leaders Program, called *Creative Minds*, over the next three weeks. This program focuses on improving self-knowledge and reflection on motives and values and aims to help students appreciate their unique qualities and their potential for leadership.



Emma Holmes and Lara Crotty

Spelling Competition

Congratulations to Emma Holmes (Year 7) and Lara Crotty (Year 8) for their recent success at the Victorian District Spelling Competition and the Victorian State Spelling Bee Final. Both students are ex Bairnsdale West Primary School students and achieved exceptional results.

Assembly of Achievement

An Assembly will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in Boucher Hall to celebrate students' achievements commencing at 12.00noon. All parents, carers and friends of the College are welcome to attend.

Kind regards

Ian Hall

WARGOMERRIN HUB - YEAR 7

This term we are looking for all hidden and not so hidden talents of all Year 7 students. In the last week of term the Year 7 Hub will be hosting a 'Year 7s Got Talent' event to showcase talents from Year 7 students, including singing, dancing, musical items, magic and a surprise performance from Hub Staff. We hope to see as many participants as possible and entries can be filmed and shown on the day if students are unable to perform their talents on stage.



Congratulations to the Year 7 Soccer Team achieving runners up at the Regional Finals.

We have seen many students achieving sporting and academic awards, including Emma Holmes who won the district VicSpell competition and recently achieved second place in the Victorian final. This competition is open to all Victorian Government and Non-Government schools.

Thirteen Year 7 students are currently taking part in the week long *Creative Minds* leadership program. We look forward to the participants' presentations later on this month.

Term 3 has been a busy and productive term and we wish students all the best over the holiday period and we are looking forward to Term 4.



Vicspell State Final

On Tuesday September 5, two students represented the Bairnsdale Secondary College at the Vicspell State Final, which was held at Lowanna College in Newborough. Year 7 student Emma Holmes and Year 8 student Lara Crotty qualified for the final after success at the Victorian State Spelling Final.

Both students excelled at their respective levels with Lara finishing in first place and Emma finishing in second place overall. Congratulations and well done to both students.



Lara Crotty



Emma Holmes

WURRIN HUB – YEARS 8 - 9

This term students in Years 8 and 9 have been asked to reflect on the school values of 'be the best you can be' and 'respect for others'. We have celebrated the sporting achievements of students who have attended regional athletics and football tournaments and academic achievements of students who participated in the ICAS tests. We are also celebrating Lara Crotty's spelling bee championship at the Victorian state finals. Congratulations Lara!

Applications are open for current Year 8 students to participate in the Alpine School for student leadership in Term 1, 2018. Three girls and three boys will be accepted to participate in the eight week program. Application forms are available from the Year 8 Hub. Come and collect one if you'd like to participate.

Preparation for the 2018 Japan Study Tour and the Central Australia Trip available to Year 9 and 10 students in 2018 is well underway. With so many things to look forward to, it's easy to forget about *here and now*. Let's be the best we can be until the very last day of term.

MALGOBILA HUB - YEARS 10 – 12

Student teachers currently practising at Bairnsdale Secondary College, Harry Gibbs and Rachel Prince, were good enough to come along to our Year 11 and Year 12 assemblies last week. Rachel and Harry talked to us about the different pathways that they've taken to arrive at where they are today.

Key messages Harry and Rachel had were to set and maintain high aspirations, as there are always a number of different pathways and types of assistance to help reach your goals. They advised our students to make the most of their opportunities now with regard to studying hard. This would enable them to keep their options open, because they just might change their minds regarding future directions.

At these assemblies, students were also issued with VCE Exams Navigator from VCAA. This booklet contains vital information including an examination timetable, rules, specified equipment and special provision. Ensure that you look through this publication with your student because it contains advice and important information about various aspects of completing the VCE.



VTAC Applications

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) has opened for 2017 Year 12 students considering further education pathways. We advise all students sitting for the VCE to open an online account with VTAC. The site has lots of advice regarding further education preferences.

Future Teachers

All Year 12 students intending to include an education/teaching course in their VTAC preferences must register this interest with the Hub as soon as possible. Entry into these courses now are subject to a formal online interview process. Different institutes are employing various interview models but the most common model is the CASper model. The school will facilitate this online interview for interested students. The date is yet to be confirmed.

YEAR 12 Graduation 2017

2017 Year 12 Graduation will be held on Thursday, November 23 at the Riviera Christian Centre on the Bairnsdale-Dargo Road. More details will be sent home shortly, but students are urged to submit their question response sheets to Yvonne Rooney this week.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

It was great to see so many of our senior students' families at our recent Parent-Teacher interviews. We urge you to discuss the advice and suggestions given by teachers to students and negotiate ways your child can act on this advice as a means of maximising success during the end of year assessments, regardless of whether your child is a VCE or VCAL student.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

Friday, September 22 – Year 12 students ensure they have:

Brought their two photos for before/after pictures

Returned their Year 12 DVD order forms with payment to Main Administration Office (Photos can be scanned and emailed to the Hub desk or brought into the Hub and scanned. All photos will be returned)

Monday, October 9 – First day of Term 4

Monday 23 October - Friday, 27 October – Year 11 Unit 2 VCE Exams (No Year 11 VCE classes this week)

Thursday, October 26 – Year 12 Hat and Tie Day
Last day of Unit 4 VCE and Senior VCAL classes. Senior VCAL students are to continue attending classes if all learning outcomes are not completed.

Friday, October 27 – Year 12 Luncheon/Celebration Day
7.30am-8.30am BBQ breakfast for students and teachers outside canteen area

10.30am Year 12 Assembly (on Malgobila deck)

12.00noon Year 12 Luncheon (on Malgobila deck)

1.30pm all students depart Senior Campus (Last day of formal classes for Year 12 students)

Monday, 30 October - Tuesday 31 October – Study days for all VCE Year 12 students (Year 12 students are encouraged to attend classes to prepare and study for exams)

Wednesday, November 1 – Start of Unit 4 VCE Exams

Monday, November 6 – Student free day for all students not attending VCE exams (Year 12 students attend the required exam if scheduled on this day)

Tuesday, November 10 – Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup) (No VCE exams scheduled today)

Friday, November 10 – Remembrance Day Whole School Assembly (Held in Boucher Hall)

Monday, 13 October - Friday 17 November
Intermediate VCAL interviews (No Intermediate VCAL classes this week)

Wednesday, November 22 – Last day of VCE Unit 4 exams

Thursday, November 23 – Year 12 Graduation Evening

Friday, December 1 – Last Day of School for Year 11 students

Friday, December 8 – Last Day of School for Year 10 students

Tomorrow Man

As part of our Year 10 Pastoral Program, male Year 10 students attended, "Tomorrow Man" workshop on Wednesday, September 6. This workshop is based on the ABC's "Man Up" program, which prompts young men to ask questions about the kind of man they have learned to be, while exploring the kind of man they want to become.

2018 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR

Expressions of interest for the Central Australia Tour are still being taken for students in Years 9 and 10 in 2018.

Two trips are planned for the following dates:

TRIP 1 – Wednesday, June 6 to Friday, June 15, 2018

TRIP 2 – Sunday, June 17 to Tuesday, June 26, 2018

EOI Forms can be collected from the 8-9 Hub or by contacting Tracey Rendell on 5150 4800.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM 2017

The Breakfast Program for all staff and students is continuing to run.

Come to W16 from 8.00am each morning. We offer cereal, raisin toast, yoghurt, or fruit and a hot drink to start the day.

All welcome, whether you simply don't have time in the morning to have breakfast, are an early bus traveller or you just like to chat with friends and share breakfast together. Our breakfast volunteers from Clifton Waters Village also love to meet everyone who comes for breakfast.

Student Wellbeing Team

ARE YOU LOGGING INTO COMPASS?

Don't forget that you can give ongoing support to your child by monitoring their progress using COMPASS.

Just log in to:

<https://bairnsdalesc-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>

using the log in information that you have received from the school. Alternatively, you can now download the Compass App onto your phone or tablet for easy access via the Google Play Store or iTunes App Store.

You can use the Compass portal to:

- Read progress reports. These are produced every three to four weeks
- Read semester reports
- Monitor your child's attendance data
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your child
- View information about upcoming excursions
- Update your registered email and mobile phone number details (used for SMS alerts)
- Book for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- View the school calendar for important dates/events
- Access news items that may be posted on a daily basis.
- Obtain an electronic copy of The Dragon (published on Newsfeed)
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If you have difficulty logging in, or you have misplaced your log-in details, please contact the College for assistance.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HEADSPACE BAIRNSDALE

Games Day!

Come and join us for a massive games day at Headspace on Tuesday, September 26 from 12.30pm – 4.30pm at:

Headspace!

171 Main Street, Bairnsdale

Gold coin entry

More information contact Cate or Kirsten 5141 6200 or

Email info@headspacebairnsdale.org.au

METUNG-SWAN REACH CRICKET CLUB 2017/2018 Season.

Junior (U13 and U16) and Senior players .

(Fee exemption for U13 players)

Registration and Training Day

Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 11.00am-1.00pm at the Swan Reach Football Ground

Contact: Shannon McVeigh on 0481 225 695

FLEXIBLE RESPITE PACKAGES

Gippsland Lakes Community Health can help carers of a person with a disability aged from 0-65 years take a break by offering short term Flexible Respite.

Carers, like anyone, need time off for a number of reasons such as attending to shopping, appointments, family matters or quite simply to have a well-earned break.

Respite for carers can be very helpful over holiday periods when their loved ones are not attending childcare, kindergarten, schools, or day service activities. Respite is provided by trained support workers; it may take place in home or be an out of home activity. Group Activities are encouraged.

Everyone's circumstances are unique; there are many options on how carers can take a break.

For further information, or to discuss your respite needs please contact the Disability Care Coordinator at GLCH.

Disability Care Coordinator, Margie Budge

Phone 5155 8300 disabilities@glch.org.au

BAIRNSDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE CHAPLAINCEY COMMITTEE OPEN GARDEN DAYS

Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29, 2017
Featuring gardens in the East Bairnsdale and Tambo Upper areas.

The Chaplaincy Committee appreciates the assistance of Bairnsdale Secondary College staff and the wider school community for their ongoing support to the annual Open Garden Days.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate the event and take it into the future, please SMS or call Colleen on 0409 631 662

LITTLE ATHLETICS BAIRNSDALE

Come and try night!

Monday, September 18 at 4.00pm

Howitt Park Reserve, Bairnsdale

Register now for the 2017/2018 season online via www.lavic.com.au Season starts Monday, October 9

Contact Amy Walkley (Registrar) on 0419 132 880

OUTDOOR SUMMER SOCCER

Starts Week 1 Term 4

Register online through www.eastgippslandunited.org.au

Registrations close Monday, September 18

Experienced and non-experienced players welcome in all divisions

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Preparing for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

A practical user-friendly information session to be held in Bairnsdale on Thursday September 21 (Morning)

For further information, and to register your interest, please contact: Rural Access Project Officers at rebeccap@eggips.vic.gov.au or phone 5153 9500

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 End of Term Music Concert - Boucher Hall 7.00pm	20 Assembly of Achievement 11.54am	21	22 Last Day Term 3 Finish 2.30pm	23	24

OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9 First Day Term 4	10	11	12	13	14	15