I’ve been watching the Olympics on and off over the past week and I’ve gotta say that with so much going on, it’s hard to know what to focus on. Swimming on Seven, Basketball on Seven 2, Gymnastics on Seven mate – even for a mad sports lover like me it’s a lot to absorb.

It’s a similar story at Warrnambool College during this term. There’s so much going on, that it’s impossible to notice all of it happening simultaneously. I wish I had three channels to flick between when walking around the school so I could take it all in at once!

Fortunately I was able to stop and take in one of the most significant events of the school year last week – our school musical production of Legally Blonde. I love musicals. There’s something that’s quite magical about being taken on a narrative journey through singing and dancing. What our students achieved last week though was beyond magical. It was transformative. I’m sure I added some wrinkles to my cheeks given how much I smiled throughout the performance. My hands were sore from clapping at the conclusion. So many people have come up to me afterwards and shared how amazed they were at what the students had achieved. I went home with a feeling of being able to conquer things that were previously beyond me. Our students were able to find that incredible balance of playfulness, precision and purpose on stage and it took the audience to an inspired place. It was fantastic to see so many people there on both nights (Thursday was almost full and Friday was sold out).

During the musical, one of the songs describes changing how we look on the outside – “That’s the best part, the outside is new. And now it reflects what’s already in you. Couldn’t change that if I wanted to”. I’ve reflected on these simple statements and feel this is the approach we’re taking to the building works at Warrnambool College in the next two years. Last week we selected our architectural firm to support the project and will meet with them next week to begin the process of designing building works at the school. Having the funds to build something new, or transform something old is fantastic. In many ways it can be transformative. But as the song goes, for me the process of designing these buildings will be simply trying to reflect what’s already in the school. The great teaching and learning that’s already happening in and out of classrooms. The high expectations and authentic relationships between staff and students. The demonstration of our values of persistence, resilience and mutual respect. This is what makes our school so great and the new and refurbished buildings will give us a chance to reflect this into the wider community.

I’d like to finish on another quote from Legally Blonde that is at once motivating and challenging. It is the sense of self-confidence that was certainly evident on stage last week and is hopefully what we’re all working towards every day. “Being true to yourself never goes out of style”.

Kind regards,
Parents entering the College

All parents/carers should enter the College via the General Office at Administration where they can make an appointment to see a teacher/ House Leader or a member of the Principal team. Parents can not turn up at offices around the school unannounced. All teaching staff can be contacted via email on compass. Teachers will respond to emails within two working days.

Year 7 Enrolment for 2017

Our Year 7 enrolments for 2017 have now been finalised with all families being sent their enrolment information. However, we are aware the mail may be slow, so if any family has not received this information, please contact the college administration office in 5564 4444 to confirm your place.

Deb Ball

The Deb Ball is on Friday and Saturday night this week. Year 11 students are very excited about the Deb and have been training hard after school to ensure the Deb is a huge success. Well done to Chloe Hammond for organising the Deb and supervising Deb Training Monday and Tuesday evenings. Good luck to all participating students.

Subject Selection Day

The Subject Selection Day was another huge success with 90% of students entering their subjects on the one day. Any student in year 8-11 that has not entered their preferences will need to contact their Tutor to complete the preferences ASAP or they may not get any choice on their subjects as classes are capped at a maximum of 25 students.

Growth Mindset

Teachers and Tutors have been encouraging all students to have a Growth Mindset. People with a growth mindset persist when things are difficult and believe they can learn anything they want to. They want to challenge themselves to do better and are not afraid to make mistakes as this is part of the learning process.

Unfortunately, many people have a fixed mindset; they believe they are either good at something or they are not, and when they are frustrated they give up, with this mindset people believe when they fail they are no good.

Cyber-Bullying and the Law

All year 8 students attended an information session on Cyber Bullying and the Law. John Keats and Trudy Morland-Hunt, the Victoria Police Community Engagement team, presented recent changes to the Law and how this can impact our young people. If you would like further information please visit ACORN. The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) is a national policing initiative of the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. It is a national online system that allows the public to securely report instances of cybercrime. It will also provide advice to help people recognise and avoid common types of cybercrime. - https://www.acorn.gov.au/

If you have specific concerns please contact the local Warrnambool Police Station.
ASSISTANCE is available for our DAIRY FARMERS
$375 per child if you meet the following criteria.

PLEASE COME AND SEE US AT THE OFFICE IF YOU FEEL YOU QUALIFY

Program Background
As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package CSEF is being extended to students currently enrolled in schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm.

Who is eligible?
Do you match the following criteria and have a student at Warrnambool College?
If so, please complete the application form at the back of this newsletter and return it to the College by the 18th of November.
- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

We will require evidence to verify your application, ie:
- a dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- lease documentation
- share farming contract
- agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- a letter from an employer
- a statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in cases where other forms of evidence are not available).

Confirmation from a kindergarten that a younger sibling has been approved for the dairy Kindergarten Fee Subsidy on the basis of being an eligible dairy farming family (as above)

Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

Application Process
Parents/legal guardians and independent secondary students need to apply for this assistance by completing the Dairy Assistance Application Form along with evidence as requested by 18 November 2016.

Payment Details
A one-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to schools for each eligible student. This amount will initially be allocated to cover Camps, Sports or Excursions expenses; however the payment may be allocated towards other school-based education expenses incurred by the family for the eligible student.

Please go to the following link or see an admin member at the Front Office for an application form.

After a very early morning, we dragged our sleepy selves to the bus stop for what would be one of the busiest weeks of our school year.

First thing on Monday, we visited Quantum Victoria in Bundoora, and we undertook a session on forensic sciences. We learnt how to test blood types, retrieve fingerprints, track mobile phones and more in order to catch a fictitious criminal. Later, after we had got ourselves comfortable in our hotel rooms we were up and out again and heading to Essendon Field to visit Bounce, where literally everything is a trampoline. After a well-deserved dinner, way too late into the night we crashed and burned. Surely there was nobody that didn’t fall asleep the second they put their heads on the pillow and this was only day one!

Tuesday was set to be another eventful day, and straight after breakfast we headed to the Shrine of Remembrance. It was surreal to be standing where so many stood decades before to remember their lost loved ones, especially in such a grand setting. Later, we headed to the Jewish holocaust museum, and our guides gave us some incredibly detailed information. You could see that they were passionate. We were lucky enough to have a survivor of the holocaust tell us about his life. His first person account was incredibly emotional and touching. We then headed down to South Yarra for a bit of a change of pace for the day, as we entered the Channel 10 studios. We saw a live broadcast of The Project, the hosts were great and the atmosphere was incredible! Afterwards, we headed to the banks of the beautiful Yarra for an elegant take out dinner and some gelato, despite the near freezing conditions.

Early on Wednesday we trekked to the Old Melbourne Gaol and re-enacted a court case about sexting, and I think we all took some valuable lessons from that. After a quick lunch, we headed to St Vincent’s hospital for a simulator session. We got to get hands on with world class life like medical mannequins and we learnt how to react in an emergency situation. In another learning session later, we heard from a lady about her homeless experience and how The Big Issue works to help people struggling with homelessness to get back on their feet. It was an eye opening and emotional experience that left us feeling grateful. After gallivanting in the city to go and investigate our social enterprises of choice, we regrouped for a karaoke session. We all let loose with some classics that will never be the same again. Soon after it was again time to eat, we hastily shot down to Chinatown to cure our hunger, before we headed back to the hotel for the night, after an obligatory Maccas run.

We were rushed out of the door on Thursday for an early stop at the Vic Markets. Once we had acquired some quirky and... questionable... items we were on our way to the Melbourne Museum, but of course not before we made ourselves welcome in a Chinese dance group. We had a look through the amazing realistic displays of Jurassic World and all the other displays the museum has to offer, and later headed to RMIT University for an information session. We then set off around the campus in an Amazing Race style challenge. It was then again time to be let loose in the city once again, but this time into the suburbs to find rental houses, as if they were the real thing. Learning how to get from point A to B using public transport was really an invaluable experience. For our final dinner in Melbourne, the 10+ family got together for Italian in renowned Lygon Street, and then headed to the one and only Brunetti’s for yet another sugary dessert.

Waking up Friday was bitter-sweet; our last day together in the city, but we were headed home for the weekend. We waltzed around the streets on our way to DFO South Wharf, where we spent hundreds of dollars on clothes we didn’t need. We picked up lunch and jumped on the train to go home, but not without the all too familiar V/Line delays. We all had a fantastic week full of learning, fun, new experiences, and relentlessly severe fatigue. We had an amazing time getting to know each other better and experiencing things we had not done before. I guess you could say that I doubt anyone will forget this camp in a hurry, so what else could you ask for?
Dear Parent and Guardians,

With the end of term close, Flagstaff and the college is in full flight with the upcoming Art Cup event with the battle rounds currently in progress. Many thanks to our students who have put themselves forward to perform in this event. The Arts Cup is running on the 25th of August and parents are invited to attend this event.

The current round of reporting has just been finalized and the results are available on compass for both parents and students to view. The data on the reports tab of compass will enable both parents and students to track the results from the last five reporting cycles. We have seen some great improvements in both effort and attitude from many students this term. Many students have received merits and this has been added to compass in the news feed for your child.

Being at school and in class is important in relation to our attendance data for the house. If your child is absent from school, it is vital that parents contact the college to inform your child’s tutor to confirm or contact the office directly. Our attendance data comes to the house each fortnight and is passed onto the tutor for them to follow up.

The mentoring program is up and running currently with approximately 40 students from the house involved each week. We are in the early stages currently however we will continue to work with the year 7 students and the house to build greater connection and engagement to the college and the house. Many thanks to Mr Struth for taking this initiative on in 2016.

The Flagstaff Leadership team is currently working hard with the planning of the house event for week 1 of term 4. The theme currently is Sporty School (this may be a fall out form the Olympics). They have the event pretty sorted with events for the day and a Year 12 photo shoot on the cards.

The House Leadership profiles will be underway in the final weeks into this term with students having the opportunity to apply for a position into 2017. Please have the conversation with your child about potentially stepping up into a role. More details will come to hand in the coming weeks.

Regards Colin, Rose and Zacc
Bunnings Barbecue Fundraiser
The Childers Bunnings Barbecue was a massive success with the student leaders and staff raising $1016 for our Daffodil Day Philanthropic Project. The day began with an early start with the sizzle beginning at 8:30am and the smell of grilled onion shortly after. The weather was of great assistance with several families paying us a visit while it was a nice enough day to get their DIY projects underway. A huge thanks to Mr Dart, Mr Hodson, Mrs Penn, Mrs Robertson and Mr Raby for their attendance and support in supervising the student leaders at this activity. We could not have completed it without them. Well done to Corey, Jemma, Taylor, Samara, Ali, Sophie, Meg and Jack for their efforts on the day. Also, a special mention to Meg and Sophie who were required to cover a double shift at short notice and a huge thank you to Charlie Locke who cut up the onions in preparation for this event. $1016 is a huge step towards our philanthropic goal of $4000 and we look forward to our Childers Philanthropic Day fundraiser on Friday August 26.

Potted Daffodils
Childers has raised $250 to date towards our Daffodil fundraiser. Many thanks to the team of Childers student leaders who have contributed their lunchtimes to planting and maintaining the daffodils and jonquils. A huge thank you to Leon and Sue and the Hands on Learning program for preparing the soil and the wider college community for the donations of around 150 empty plastic pots to plant the bulbs in. There are still more to be sold and Childers students are encouraged to take a few home and try and sell them for $5 per pot.

Warrnambool College presents Legally Blonde
Congratulations to all our Childers Champions in the Warrnambool College production *Legally Blonde*. It is great to see the increase in the number Childers students getting involved in the Arts. It is a testament to the College’s art program and it is awesome to see us involved in an area of the College in which we have lacked a significant presence for some time. The Childers cast included Emily Ward, Ali Rowe, Cassidy Jamieson, Shantelle Murray, Naomi Noll, Tom O’Sullivan, Anna Barker and Hollie Burgess, while Aiden Morley was an important part of the all important band and backstage and an entourage of Childers staff supported backstage.

Subject Expo and the Subject Selection Day
Every so often there is an event that reminds our staff what we are all about. The subject selection day is one of those events. It was quite a humbling experience to see our students come in and discuss their future academic plans and goals.
At Warrnambool College we achieve success through persistence, resilience and mutual respect.

Congratulations to the following Students who have achieved over 30 WOW points. They have consistently demonstrated the College’s values of Persistence, Resilience and Mutual Respect as well as committing to various activities that make up Warrnambool College school life. Well done!!

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The Merri House Leaders will formally recognise all Wow Points winners in a House Assembly on the 26th August.

In the Spirit of Success I would also like to acknowledge the following students who average 85% or higher in their recent report. The ongoing reporting cycle has shown how well Merri students are travelling academically. It is also great to see that for the majority of students their attitude and effort is improving also, indicating more students are taking great responsibility for their own learning. Great work guys! Keep it Up!!

**Philanthropic**

The Merri Leadership term are currently planning another fundraising event for early in Term 4. Already this year through our Bake Sale we have raised over $1,800 meaning we have fully paid off our School Bus Tuk Tuk for the children of the Taksen Kangbloung Community Centre in Cambodia.
The four boys of Kieren McDowell, Dominic Sycopoulis, Angus Macdonald and Michael Kilvington headed to Melbourne in the early hours of the morning where all could be seen “resting” (asleep) on the 3 hour trip. We travelled with the girl’s badminton team who could also be seen to be “resting” before their state finals.

A round robin of four teams meant we were up against three other teams and we started well with a 6-0 win with our confidence high heading in to the second match. The opponents were tougher and it was very tight but we ended up losing the round 2-4. This brought up the final match to make it to the semi-finals, we had to win in order to make it through. The games were tight and after the four singles matches it was 2-2, it would come down to the doubles. Kieren and Dom were undefeated in singles and had lead from the front all day. Unfortunately, we lost both doubles and the end result was 2-4. This meant that we missed out on the finals and we watched as all opponents were knocked over by Melbourne High who had the under 18 national champ in their team along with other state representative players in their team.

The boys played well, showed sportsmanship all day and were a great bunch of students to take to the state final. Well done Kieren, Dom, Angus and Michael.

Well done to all the Table Tennis teams who competed at the Greater Western Region competition in chilly Ballarat. It was a great day & the students had fun travelling over with Jackson Green & the Girls Basketball team. All teams were undefeated & will now go through to the finals to be held in Melbourne.
CONGRATULATIONS TO the following students on their outstanding AMEB (Australian Examination Music Board) results! These students had to perform a set of pieces, as well as complete some listening and sight reading tests before an examiner. AMEB exams are challenging but also a fantastic way to improve on your instrument!

Olivia Burn (Grade 3 Alto Saxophone)
Kelan Galbraith (Grade 7 Trumpet)
Kathryn Ross (Preliminary Clarinet)
Shion Matsuno (Grade 1 Flute)
Meg Reuel (Grade 1 Flute)
Jarrah Wishart (Grade 2 Trombone)

And a MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS must go to the band who performed for the school musical 'Legally Blonde' last week! Only those in the band understand just how hard we had to work to get this score sounding as brilliant as it did. It involved many Monday night and holiday rehearsals, as well as hours spent practicing at home! If you see one of these students around please give them a big high 5 and congratulate them on their fantastic effort! I must also thank Matthew Hewson (clarinet, tenor saxophone, alto saxophone), Kristyn Cram (trumpet/flugal), Aradie Walters (Keyboard 1/Vocal director, former teacher at Warrnambool College) and Emily Chenoweth (Flute/also a former student of Warrnambool College!) for not only playing in the band but helping me mentor the students towards their success. This musical has been one of the biggest challenges we've faced but I'm so proud to be able to say that we did it!
Visit to Warrnambool College by students from our Indonesian Sister School

Who will YOU host???

From Sunday 30th of October until Saturday 12th of November 2016, 20 students from our Indonesian sister school in the city of Yogyakarta will be visiting Warrnambool. The group will be attending Warrnambool College for the time then complete some activities in Melbourne on their last few days.

They will be accompanied by 2 of the teachers from their school.

Become a host family:

We are seeking host families who are willing to accommodate the students during their stay here. The students are aged between 15 and 17 and are a mix of boys and girls. The role of host families for the homestay during their visit is very important. This will ensure the Indonesian students will gain the best experiences from their time in Australia and enable them to further develop their English skills. If your own child or children are studying Indonesian, hosting an exchange student will provide a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their Indonesian skills whilst learning more about Indonesian people and culture.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student please fill in the form below and return it to me as soon as possible.

One compulsory requirement for becoming a host family is that one of the adult members of the family completes a Working With Children Check, unless they work as an employee of the Department Of Education. Applications are available online at [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and there is no fee to apply as this is a volunteer role. If an adult member of the family already has a Working With Children Check Card, please list their name and the card number below.

After this form is returned to me, I will then send further information to you regarding the exchange group.

I look forward to hearing from you soon about the wonderful opportunity to host a student or teacher from our sister school. Please note that the form below is an expression of interest only and does not bind you to host a student, nor does it guarantee you will be allocated a student to host.

For the host family form, please click on and download the form and return to James Matthews as soon as possible.

Arts news

Mrs Rafferty’s year 11 Studio Art class has been visited by local artist Ron Quick and amateur actor Simon Boyd as they research the topic ‘The Body’.

Ron discussed his progression as an artist over a 40 year period, where he finds inspiration, art making process’s and his development of artistic style.

Students photographed Simon to create a series of images relating to their sub-themes including eyes, hands, body art and the human form.

Aiden Morley commented on the visits as “Marvellous”!
A reminder of VCAA and DET Guidelines for Absences

Parents/Guardians need to be aware that there are limited legitimate reasons for students to be absent from school without the absence having an effect on a student’s academic progress and the reporting thereof.

Valid reasons for absence include medical (with Doctors Certificate) or bereavement. Students in these situations are able to reschedule assessment tasks and request any missed work.

However annual holidays, a weekend away, part-time work commitments, minor ailments, such as a cold without medical certificate, etc CANNOT be accepted as a legitimate excuse for a student being absent from a scheduled School Assessed Task.

Additionally, students in years 11 and 12 have to attend 90% of classes, including explained absences via medical certificates or school approved activities to not be at risk of being deemed ‘Not Satisfactory’ in their academic studies.

Please be aware that while teachers will be able to put up learning tasks on Compass that students are welcome to complete while absent from school, the teachers will not be in a position to replicate the learning from the classroom via online resources or work provided prior to departing for the planned absence. In class assessments will not be repeated and valuable learning opportunities will be missed. Please be mindful of this at all times.

Jen Penn, Curriculum Coordinator

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Warrnambool College students learn about the dairy industry

Our year 12 VCAL students attended Warrnambool Cheese and Butter on Friday 5th August 2016 to learn about the dairy industry in our local community.

The students have been looking at the crisis of the milk prices and how that is affecting local farmers. They gained an understanding of what goes into making products to better understand the costs associated. They were able to better understand this after seeing the WCBF facilities and the everyday running of the cheese and milk plants.

The students were given a short presentation about WCB by Jamie Harry (Production Manager) before having a tour of the Cheese plant with Wayne Davis (Production Supervisor) and Sungold with Clinton Bell (Production Supervisor). This was a great time for Clinton and Wayne to explain to the students how the products are made from delivery of the milk to the end product – of which we received a sample each. (One of the highlights of the tour!)

Jamie, Clinton and Wayne told the students about their own career journeys and may even have inspired some of our students to venture into this career path.

Maree, Tanya and Year 12 VCAL

Tanya McDonald
VCAL Teacher
On Friday 5th August, we the Year 12 VCAL students went to Warrnambool Cheese and Butter factory for a tour of their facilities.

When we arrived, we put on our high vis and went to the staff training room for a presentation from Jamie (Manager), Wayne (Cheese Manager) and Clinton (Sungold Manager). We were shown valuable industry information and statistics that will inform our major Unit 2 PDS project – investigating the Milk Crisis of 2016.

After the presentation we commenced our tour. We were shown around the cheese and milk sector where over 700 people are employed. We saw the cheese coming out of the production line and being vacuum-sealed before cutting. We then went to Sungold and saw pouring, chilling and storing, and enjoyed a free chocolate milk!

We finished the day with some Cheeseworld cheese tasting and a walk through the museum.

We would like to thank Warrnambool Cheese and Butter (Saputo), Melissa, Morgan, Jamie, Wayne, Clinton, Ms McDonald and Ms Brennan for an interesting and informative excursion.

The VCAL Class of 2016
SICK BAY

Any parents picking their child up from the sick bay will need to enter via the Russells Creek entrance and drive past the pool and follow the signs located on the school buildings. There is a short term car park near the new climbing tower. Please follow the signs to the location of the sick bay.

Signing out policy

Parents and students are reminded that there is a strict policy regarding students signing out and leaving the school grounds. Students can only sign out and leave the College grounds if:

- A parent/legal guardian has entered an approval on Compass
- A note from a parent/legal guardian has been sent with the student to school and handed into the front office
- An email has been sent to the school from parent/legal guardian giving permission for the student to leave the school grounds
- A parent/legal guardian/or emergency contact that is listed on our records to come into the school and sign the student out.

Due to legal obligations, Warrnambool College cannot accept verbal permission for students to leave. Permission must be given before the student leaves the school grounds.

Written permission must come directly to the school (ie. Not via text message to the student’s phone).

Compass Numbers

Photo enquiries: 8640 9640
All other enquiries: 9005 5217