PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Band Week was upon the school again, with students in the junior, intermediate, senior and jazz bands getting together to work on their music skills, culminating in the Annual Band Concert, held on Thursday evening outside the Jessie Hollonds’ Studios. It was lovely to see past students, as well as many other familiar faces, return as tutors to the current students. Thank you to Jarrod Policha for nurturing the musical talents of the students and congratulations to Jarrod and the students for performing in such a professional manner and to such a high standard. Thank you to all of the tutors and other staff members that assisted over the week: Meg Crebbin, Keith Pike, Glenn Ramage, Garrick Van Der Schoot, Madeleine Gardam, Aiden and Tyra Hunt, Patrick Schult and Kat Trnka. Special thanks to Le-Anne McCraw for all her help.

It is with great regret that I have to formally announce the retirement of Rhonda Gargan at the end of this year. Rhonda has been a teacher at Mount Beauty Secondary College for 17 years, with the last 10 of those as the Assistant Principal. Rhonda's career as a teacher has spanned 40 years of service. She will be sorely missed by staff and students alike, however she has earned her retirement; being an Assistant Principal is a rewarding, but often challenging, position. Although we have been aware of Rhonda’s retirement for a while, I wanted to wait until I could introduce the new Assistant Principal to the school community. Ross Wilson has come from Yarrawonga P–12, with a range of experiences. He has already spent a few days in ‘The Office’, taking the time getting to know our students, as well as introducing himself to the Primary Schools. Ross and his family will be spending some time in town before they move here permanently, so please make them feel welcome if you see them.
Homework is a weekly or fortnightly task. Students are expected to hand in homework on the due date. Unsubmitted homework, after one period’s grace, will result in detention until the work is completed. It is a student’s responsibility to collect homework if you have been absent. You can ask your teacher for the task. 

NB: Students may receive other homework as necessary for other subjects.

### Year 7
- English Rules worksheets (1 per week)
- Maths Mate Sheets (1 per week)
- Indonesian vocab words (10 weekly words)
- Weekly Food Evaluation

### Year 8
- HE01 – Health Articles due every Thurs by 8pm

### Year 9 - 10
- English Weekly Sheets
- Maths Mate Weekly Sheet (Year 9)
- Indonesian vocab words
- TF07 - Weekly Food Evaluation

### Year 8/9/10
- DA03 – Journal at the end of each dance style

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**Presentation Evening-Monday December 12th**

This is a fabulous opportunity for all families to celebrate the achievements of our students. We are so fortunate that our community supports many awards including for academic success, endeavour, attendance, sporting prowess and citizenship. Student reports will also be given out on the conclusion of this evening.

**The End of Year Activity Program** forms and money have been returned and we are looking forward to the fun to be had in the last two weeks of the year. If your son or daughter has other arrangements for this time like work or holidays could you please send a note to the General Office. We are still obliged to account for all student absences for Year 7 to Year 9 students. Students are allowed to wear casual dress but please ensure that is appropriate for school and for the activities chosen. Students will need to have sensible footwear with no thongs or sandals. They will need a hat and a change of clothes if they are doing any of the local walks where they may end up having a dip if they get too warm.

Thankyou
Rhonda Gargan

**BOOK LISTS AND FEE SHEETS**

All booklists need to be returned to school ASAP. Packed booklists will be available for collection on Friday 27th January 2017 between 10am-12pm. The office will also be open selling calculators, hats and planners. Books not collected on this day will be available from College at the start of Term 1 2017 BUT MUST BE PREPAID!

Fee sheets have been given out with booklist which can be handed in with payment now or early next year. Please use your student’s course selection to fill in the Fee Sheet.

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Dear Parents,

The **School Formal** is going to be held tonight in the JHS starting at 6:30pm. The theme for dressing up is 80’s disco. A gold coin donation is required to raise money for our sponsor child, Omi NDAy Huka. There will be ITunes cards as prizes for best hair, best dress, best dancer (male and female) and also a lucky door prize. It will finish at 10.30 sharp and we ask that parents come in to physically collect their student. If someone else is collecting your child, please ensure a note is written to give permission for this to happen and that staff are made aware of the change.

**Year 6 Transition**

Year 6 students spent the day at Bogong Outdoor School with a Year 8or 9 buddy, and will also be here for Orientation Day on Tuesday December 6th. Parents are to meet at 9am in the JHS for an information session about Year 7 in 2017.
**SHAUN TAN’S THE LOST THING: FROM BOOK TO FILM**

This may be of interest to students to go to during the school holidays.

**When:** Saturday 17 December 2016 - Sunday 22 January 2017  
**Where:** LibraryMuseum, Corner of Kiewa and Swift Streets, Albury  
**Price:** Free

Set in a city overrun by bureaucracy, Shaun Tan’s picture book *The Lost Thing* tells the story of a boy who befriends a strange creature that doesn’t appear to fit in any of the available pigeon holes. Melbourne-based production company Passion Pictures Australia invited Shaun to direct an animated version of *The Lost Thing*. Several years later, the Oscar®-winning short film emerged. 

This exhibition features Shaun’s exquisite original drawings and working sketches alongside exclusive footage of the animators and sound artists demonstrating how the drawings were brought to life on screen with movement, sound effects, music and narration.

*Shaun Tan’s The Lost Thing: From Book to Film*  
Exhibition from ACMI

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**ALPINE SCHOOL 2017**

Mount Beauty Secondary College is pleased to announce that it has been offered a position at the Dinner Plain Campus, in Term Three 2017.

Expressions of interest to represent the College will be sought from Year Nine students early in 2017. We encourage all Year Nine students to apply for this once in a life time experience.

Should you require further information at this stage, please do not hesitate in contacting Ellen Sadler.

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**WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA**

On Monday 12th December a speaker will be at school to talk about the Women for Women in Africa Foundation. This will be at 11am and parents are most welcome to come and listen to the presentation.

[womenforwomeninafrica.org.au](http://womenforwomeninafrica.org.au/)

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**SECONDHAND BOOKS**

Booklists have been handed out to all current students and are due back today. We have in stock a variety of books already including several Blueback, Ads R Us (priced from $5-$10), Of Mice and Men ($5-$10), The Simple Gift ($5-$8), The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time ($5-$10) and Insight Guides.

If you have any text books on the list below to sell, or you wish to purchase, please see the office staff during RECESS or LUNCHTIME. If you wish to sell, bring the book with an envelope attached- your name and the price written on the envelope. The texts must be the same name, version/edition, and ISBN number otherwise they are NOT suitable for 2017.

**YEAR 7-12:**


**YEAR 7:**

- Blueback, T. Winton (U.Q.P.)

**YEAR 8:**

- Ads R Us, Claire Carmichael  
- Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence, Pilkington

**YEAR 9:**

- Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck  
- The Simple Gift, Steven Herrick, (UQP)

**YEAR 10:**

- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, Mark Haddon  
- Insight Text Guide: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, Mark Haddon  
- Insight English Year 10

**YEAR 11:**

- Romeo & Juliet, New Classroom Shakespeare (Heinemann)  
- Cosi, Louis Nowra (Play)  
- The Rugmaker of Mazaar-e-Sharif, Njaf Mazar & Robert Hillman, 9781921088551  
- Insight Text Guide: The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif, Ruth Thomas  
- Business Management VCE units 1&2, 8th Edition, Barrile et al, 9781420229332  
- Nelson Physics Units 1 & 2 9780170242103  
- Nature of Biology 1 5th ed VCE units 1&2 9780730321361

**YEAR 12:**

- The White Tiger, Adiga, Aravind, Atlantic Books, 9781848878082  
- Insight Text Guide: The White Tiger  
- Cloudstreet, Tim Winton (Penguin 2007) ISBN 9780140273984
WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM 2017

What is Work Experience? Why do Work Experience?

Work Experience is part of the Mt Beauty Secondary College curriculum in Year 10, although can be done in any year. The purpose of Work Experience is to learn about the world of work by becoming part of it and observing through first-hand experience the issues and challenges faced by both employers and employees in the modern workforce.

By participating in a Work Experience program we hope students will develop an understanding of why particular attributes (organisation, neatness, respect etc) are encouraged and developed at school for use in the broader community.

Students in Year 9 should now be thinking of applying for work experience in 2017. Some places like Victoria Police, Melbourne Zoos and many hospitals open their programs about now and close their applications process in early Term 4. (The earlier the placements can be secured the more likely you are to get a position you like).

Parents can help by discussing occupations and industries that their child could consider as a work experience placement. Consideration must also be given to travel and accommodation issues for these weeks. It is highly recommended to do at least one placement out of the Mt Beauty area to get the maximum benefits this experience has to offer.

Dates for 2017:

Two weeks – one in term 2 and one to be by student choice.

Week 1  22nd – 26th May
Week 2  To be organised when it suits

Work experience can be done at one place for two weeks or two different places for one week each. Dates can be flexible but remember you will have to keep up-to-date with work done in class while you are absent if you complete the placement not in the designated week.

All required forms are available on www.mtbeautycareers.com under the workplace learning tab

Please see Ms Bellingham if you have any queries.

BEACH CAMP

Just a reminder that the balance of $250 for the Beach camp is now due.

Thank you.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Carols by Candlelight 2016
Proudly presented by Upper Kiewa Valley Lions Club

Tuesday 13th December 2016
Venue: Mount Beauty Secondary College, outside the Jessie Hollonds Studio Building.

6.00pm –
BBQ and soft drinks, snow cones, popcorn and fairy floss all available from 6.00pm.

8.00pm –
Carols by Candlelight with local artists, community band and community carols, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Santa will give out bags of lollies for all the children under 12 years of age.
Parents, teachers, mark this in your diary to come along, bring the children and make this a fun night for all. We encourage all to bring your own blankets, rugs and chairs. After Santa Claus arrives at approximately 9.15, and once lollies have been given to all the children, there will be an extended Carols by Candlelight community singalong.

For more information please call Keith Pike on 5754 1668 or 0408 652 471.

MOUNT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 3rd December
9am — 1 pm.
Held in the grounds of the Community Centre.
Interested Stallholders welcome, please phone Bev Bantick 0357544097 for further info.

Come along with friends and family. Join the friendly atmosphere. You may find "just the thing "for a gift.

FAMILY BUSH DANCE

SATURDAY 10th December
Tawonga Hall
Come along to the Family Bush Dance Saturday
Fun to be had for the whole family!
6.30 pm—7 pm start

Music by Squidjig
Family $25
Single $10
BYO drinks and nibbles
Supper, tea, coffee & cakes served later in evening

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

Our next show “Backwards and in High Heels” will be on Sunday 11th December at 3 p.m. in the MB Community Centre. This is the last of this year’s Café Culture Series, so BYO drinks and nibbles. Kelly Auty and her band provide a powerful journey through the music, lives and fashions of some of the great women singers of the 1950’s to the 80’s, from Edith Piaf to Annie Lennox. The title of the show derives from a cartoon which showed Ginger Rogers’ response to praise for Fred Astaire’s prowess on the dance floor as “But I did it backwards and in high heels.” Kelly’s lightning fast costume changes along with her humour and the sensitivity to the women she portrays is mesmerising.

Tickets at the usual prices, $25, $20 members, $10 students available at the Mount Beauty Newsagency.
Some of the amazing experiences the Outdoor Ed class had at Mount Buffalo last month. Thanks to Chris Greenhalgh for organising the trip and Kirsten McDonald and Grace Taylor for helping out.

Not only does the dance class get to learn different dance styles they also get to wear lots of costumes!