PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN results arrived this week and were posted out to families. You should receive the reports by early next week at the latest. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your student’s NAPLAN results, please do not hesitate to contact the College. Jonathan Serpell (Year 7 Coordinator) or Heath Matheson (Year 9 Coordinator) will be able to direct your concerns to the appropriate teachers.

This week was Science and Book Week. Melody Gabriel (Science Coordinator) has postponed the Trivia Night, due to a venue change, however, be assured that the event will go ahead in Term 4.

A recent update from Maddy Ryder in China with SOSL: “We’re that busy over here we hardly have enough time to message anyone! The Mt Beauty Crew are having a jolly time at the moment. We returned from Pak Lap (a camping trip in Hong Kong) 2 days ago. We camped on the beach for 5 days. Whilst we were there we did abseiling, sea kayaking, walks through the local fishing village, small hikes, swimming and raft building. We stumbled across some aggressive dogs, many tourists and far too many mosquitoes. Though the bathrooms were filthy, we all got rashes and some nights it would be too humid to sleep, it was a great experience. There was a huge thunderstorm on the last night. The lightning was striking the beach and the thunder was so loud that it made the ground shake! We had a rest day yesterday, giving us plenty of time to recover and catch up on laundry! Today we visited a Buddhist temple and meditated with a monk. We then went on to have a silent lunch with all of the Buddhists. We later went to a wet market, where they sold all kinds of strange things. They would sell live fish, pigeons, toads, crayfish, chicken, eel, turtles and even live snakes! All of which they would slaughter in front of you. In general, we are all very happy, healthy and excited for the future. Hope all is well back home. Zaijian! (goodbye!)”
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 –

**Year 8/9/10**
- DA02 – Journal after each dance style

### Year 8 –
- English Rules worksheets
- Maths Mate Sheet
- Indonesian vocab words
- TF02 – Weekly Food Evaluation
- GE81 – Slums Questions 27/8

### Year 9 - 10
- English Weekly sheets
- Maths Mate Sheet
- Indonesian vocab words
- TF09 – Weekly Food Evaluation
- SE92 – Snow Forecast 26/8
- VC07 – Subvertisement Evaluation 24/8

### COMING EVENTS

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### Assistant Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

Dates to remember for the coming month are:

**September 2nd – Middle School Information Night.** This is for all Year 7, Year 8 and year 9 students and Parents. It starts promptly at 7.30pm and gives you the latest information about the middle school subjects and courses available for 2016.

**September 9th - Parent Teacher Interviews.** From 4-7pm you will be able to meet your son or daughter’s teachers and also pick up their Interim Reports. Appointment sheets will go up on the front windows on September 1st.

**September 16th - Vaccination for Year 7 students.** This is the last of the immunisations for this year. If for some reason your son or daughter will be absent for this session please ring Merryn Best at the Alpine Shire. She always knows when the next community immunisation session is scheduled for.

If you are concerned about your son or daughter’s school work, please don’t wait until Interim Reports. Give your coordinator or myself a call and we can arrange extra support for them.

Thankyou,
Rhonda Gargan
Assistant Principal

### NAPLAN RESULTS

Parents of Year 7 and Year 9 students will receive their student’s results in the coming week. They will be posted to you. Please contact your Year Level Co-ordinator if you would like any support in identifying extra help that your student might appreciate. Staff at school don’t see individual student’s result cards. We do use the overall class results to review our school priorities.
OUT LOUD 2015

On Wednesday 12th August three of our Year 9 students travelled down to Melbourne to compete in the heats of slam poetry as part of Out Loud 2015. Holly Cootee, Tyra Hunt and Cassandra Richardson did an amazing performance and won their heat. They were up against 8 other schools (including last year’s winners!) and will travel back to Melbourne on Tuesday 25th August for the grand final. We wish them lots of luck.

Out Loud is a teen performance poetry event coordinated by Australian Poetry and has been a massive success at the Melbourne Writers Festival in recent years. Out Loud is unique because it’s a team event. Each member relies on the others to get the best out of their original poetry and everyone contributes to the amazing result.

Emilie Zoey Baker is the Artistic Director for Out Loud 2015 and she sent this lovely message to the school:

Thanks so much for sending your INCREDIBLE kids to the Wheeler Centre yesterday, it was truly fabulous! The standard was off the charts amazing and the new Australian Poetry CEO was moved to tears by what she saw. The raw expression, the sense of humour, the brave-hearted truths these kids revealed was just astonishing and was up there with any professional adult slam competition. As creative director of Out Loud (and seasoned slam poet/audience member) I was truly moved by the quality and the whole event made me feel like the future of poetry and expression is in competent and very talented hands. I couldn't really be prouder and I hope they are too!

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SENIOR XC CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the weekend two of our students competed in the senior National Cross Country Ski Championships held at Falls Creek. They were racing in the under 20 15km event. Jarrah Forrer placed 3rd and Nic Blackwell placed 5th. Congratulations boys on your fantastic effort in this senior event.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The second week of work experience for year 10’s is scheduled for Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December. This is the last week of the term for Year 10 students and does clash with Band Week. Those students in the band wishing to participate in a second week of Work Experience need to arrange an alternative time during term or in the upcoming holidays.

Thanks to the parents who have been helping the Year 10 students decide on occupations and industries that their child could consider as a work experience placement. Many students/parents have taken the initiative in making contacts/enquiries with employers for work placements and the necessary paperwork can be accessed on the school careers website – www.mtbeautycareers.com or on the “Careers’ link on the school website; then under the tab at the top ‘workplace learning’. Paperwork needs to be completed by the end of October, please. See Ms Bellingham if you have any enquiries.

UNI OPEN DAYS

OPEN DAYS – Remember that Open Days are coming up in August, mainly on Sundays. Open Days are a great opportunity to see the campuses that interest you, attend information sessions about courses and careers, and get your questions answered. It is a great idea to start visiting university open days from Year 10 to get a feel for what courses are available and what each university is like. It is better to start Year 12 with at least a couple of options you like for further study.

- Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin & Deakin College (MIBT); Victoria (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Federation (Ballarat & Gippsland)

For a full list of Australian Universities open days go to http://www.openday.com.au/
The school has developed a new work assessment policy. We were finding that many students were not handing in their homework in on time and trialled Homework Club to try to address the problem. Unfortunately this has not improved the situation and this new policy has been introduced to develop better work habits.

**Broader principles of Assessment and Feedback**

All students will be given the opportunity to participate in learning activities and assessment tasks that consolidate and stretch their capabilities. Students are to complete all set work in order to improve their skills. Student will receive feedback for assessment tasks indicating where they are at and how to improve. Students are expected to meet work submission deadlines. Students will be penalised for late submission of work, all students should submit work on time and completed to the best of their ability. If work is not submitted on time consequences will apply (see below). Students who experience difficulty with the work can have a modified program. This must be negotiated with the Year level coordinator and teaching team.

**LATE WORK-REDUCED SCORE AND NS**

10% of the mark will be deducted immediately

An email/call home will be made alerting families

A further 10% will be deducted per week

If after 3 weeks a task is not submitted NS will be awarded on the report

Submitting work late reduces the opportunities for feedback. For feedback to be most effective it has to be timely, relevant and constructive.

**EXTENSIONS WITHOUT PENALTY**

*Extension request*

If there are extenuating circumstances (e.g. illness, family bereavement, other) making it difficult for work to be completed by the due date, students and families may ask their teacher for an extension. The Extension period is to be negotiated with the student and the family by the teacher. This needs to be before the due date. This includes all extra-curricular activities. Please contact the class teacher for an isolated incidence and the year level coordinator if the matter impacts a number of subjects.

*Extended Absence*

If a student is absent for an extended period of time with parental permission and misses an Assessment Task, they shall receive NA (Not Assessed) and an explanation will be given in the report. The Student & Family must formally apply for a leave of absence and this be formally recognised by the School. **If not formally approved a Not Submitted will be given for that task.**
Applications for our 2016 work experience program are now open.

We offer placements to students who are enrolled at a Victorian secondary school. The student must be a minimum of 15 years of age at the time of placement and completing Year 10 or above. Placements are only offered to those students studying Year 10, 11 or 12. The program runs from the third week of February until November each year, placements outside these dates will not be arranged.

Please note, placements take place for one week only (five (5) consecutive business days). Applications will only be accepted by careers teachers on behalf of students. Nominations are to be submitted through Careers teachers only, students are not to apply directly. Schools can only nominate one student per school.

Applications will only be accepted from Friday 7th August – Friday 11th September 2015.

The Police Mounted Branch will again be involved in the program for another year; however, they are currently preparing to relocate to their new address of: 505 Micklemah Road, Attwood 3049. As a result, the Mounted Branch will only be accepting students from July 2016 up until November 2016 (inclusive). Students must own their own horse or are currently learning to ride. Students without equine experience will not be placed at the Mounted Branch as this will not be of any benefit to the student.

Please see Ms Bellingham if you are interested in applying ASAP as places fill fast.

CSU INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Charles Sturt University (CSU) is holding an information session for students in Years 10 to 12 and parents who would like to know more about CSU. Find out about:

- courses and opportunities
- ATARS and pathways into uni
- how to apply
- early entry schemes
- important dates
- key information for UAC applications
- accommodation options
- scholarships and help with costs.

When: 6.00pm, Wednesday, 16 September 2015
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ALPINE YOUTH AWARDS VOLUNTEERS

The Alpine Shire Youth Awards ceremony is being held on Friday 23 October at Mt Beauty Community Centre, starting at 6.30pm. The Alpine Shire Youth Council is looking for 8 – 10 volunteers to wait tables and carry food for the evening. They would be required to assist with the venue set up and so would have to be available from about 4pm.

As an incentive to attract volunteers, the Youth Council will provide training for the volunteers at no charge to the students, so not only will the students be volunteering in their community, they will gain experience and training which could be useful for future employment.

If you are able to volunteer at the awards night, please register your name with Ms. Roy on or after Monday so that a training date and time can be arranged. The first 10 people to register their interest will be selected.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 15-23 AUGUST

Become a citizen scientist and hopefully discover a galaxy far, far away! As part of National Science Week the ABC have set up a website for budding astronomers with the opportunity to win a telescope. https://www.galaxyexplorer.net.au/

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT BEAUTY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Courses and activities in August:
Adult Learner Week starts 31 August
iPad & Tablets for Beginners - Sat 29th August, 9.30 - 12pm
Wild Women’s Workshops - 2nd Sunday of the month, 12-3pm
Scrapbooking - Fortnightly Tues, 1-2pm
Feng Shui - Sat 29th Aug (beginners) or Sat 12th Sep (advanced), 10am - 2pm
Tax Help - starts the beginning of Aug (please call to make an appointment)
For more info, please ring us 03 5754 1166 or visit our website: http://www.mountbeauty.org.au
Email: info@mountbeauty.org.au
Fax: 03 5754 1662

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

We welcome all families with children on the spectrum whether diagnosed or undiagnosed to join us, in a relaxed and casual get together:

WHEN: FRIDAY 28th AUGUST
TIME: 1PM
WHERE: MYRTLEFORD LIBRARY, Meeting Room

If you want to find out more, or speak to us about coming, please feel free to call Julie on 0428 877 878 or Sean on 0424 676 416
Or email inquiries to: buffaloviews@hotmail.com

You can also look up our FACEBOOK page. Search “Alpine Valley Autism” and it should bring up A.V.A.C.S.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to our next FREE Live Online Session on Thursday, 3rd September 2015 - 5.30pm. AEST

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2015.

We offer scholarships and discounts worth over $100,000 to students each year.

FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

Hear from our very experienced, National Director, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Thursday, 3rd September
5.30pm (AEST)
Register now

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Year 11 Chemistry students at work.

Senior Chemistry looking at ionic compounds.

7A learnt about static electricity with the trusty old balloon experiment. It was a bit hard to tell whose hair was affected by the static electricity at times! Billy’s balloon stuck to his head!