PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The six students that went to the School for Student Leadership at Gnurad-Gundidj two weeks ago are now in Utahloy, Zengcheng, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China. School community members can follow updates about the whole group by accessing the Gnurad-Gundidj website at: http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au

Our students also have a Facebook page which can be accessed via this link: http://tinyurl.com/omvsbo5

Will Bloom, Milan Smith, James Frawley, Clay Cambridge-Dillon, Sophie Hodge and Madison Ryder farewell Australia for 6 weeks.

Clay Cambridge-Dillon sent an email and I have encouraged them all to send us updates about their experiences. “All the Mount Beauty students are loving it here. Our two weeks in Gnurad were really great, the teachers are funny and really good. We arrived in Zengcheng three days ago and it amazing so far. We were all very shocked when we hopped out of the plane. It is so humid and hot. The school is really big and the food is amazing, to some. The food is good, it’s just that it’s very different to what we are used to. The western food isn't cooked as good as we cook it but it’s still great. There are lots of strange ingredients and food that a lot of us have never seen or tasted. We are going to two different markets today and tomorrow and I am sure there will be lots of strange things to taste. All the Mount Beauty students have made great long lasting friends and we are loving every experience.”

A late night flight to Guangzhou.

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) administer the VCE as well as the NAPLAN data service. They have announced that NAPLAN reports will be delivered to schools in the week commencing 17th August, a two week reduction in the report turnaround time from last year. The College will forward the printed individual student report and a report information brochure to parents for each student that participated in NAPLAN this year. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your student’s progress when you receive their report, please don’t hesitate to contact your student’s Year level coordinator. The data that school receives from the NAPLAN testing is used to help us identify areas of weakness and strength in our curriculum and to assist with future planning.
HOMEWORK

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.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Noah O’Brien and Ebony Tanzen for being successful in their application to the National Youth Science Forum. They will be joining other young and talented Australians passionate about Science for a program in January at ANU.

This week has also seen the senior girls soccer team travel to Shepparton to compete at the Hume level, our school dance troupe participate in an eisteddfod in Albury and our ASSSTC ski team compete at Falls Creek. There is certainly a wide range of extra curricula activities for students to participate in. Also coming up later this term is the Band Festival and Gymnastics Competition in Melbourne. We have heard positive reports from our six Year 9 students who are in China as part of the School for Student Leadership.

Students have to be really well organised to manage their time and get their work requirements completed. The first feedback parents will receive for Semester 2 is coming up the 9th September. This is Parent Teacher Evening. Please take the time to mark that date in your calendars. From 4-7pm you will be able to meet your son or daughter’s teachers and also pick up their Interim Reports. If you are concerned about your son or daughter’s school work, please don’t wait until then. Give your coordinator or myself a call and we can arrange extra support for them with either educational or emotional challenges.

Thankyou,
Rhonda Gargan
Assistant Principal

2015 JESSIE HOLLANDS SCHOLARSHIP

Could all past students receiving the Jessie Hollands scholarship this year please forward their mid-year results to the school in order to receive the second half of your payment.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Just a reminder that schools are able to accept and process CSEF application forms up until the end of term three (18th September 2015). If you are have a valid concession card please fill in an application form available from the office and provide a copy of your concession card. We have already received funding for families who presented their applications last term so they now have $225 to spend on camps, sports and excursions. For more information go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=1

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

If you still have your survey at home could you please return it to the office by Monday 11 am. Thanks to everyone who have already returned their surveys.

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 9 Aug – Australian Catholic University (ACU) (Fitzroy); Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bundoora); RMIT; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy); La Trobe (Bendigo)
- 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/

VTAC INFORMATION EVENING

All Year 12 students and parents are welcome to attend the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre information session run by Mrs Betheras and Ms Bellingham. This session provides information about the tertiary application process for 2016. The session will be held in room 12 at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th August.

ALBURY EISTEDDFOD

On Wednesday 5th August 11 girls from Year 7 to 11 travelled to Albury to compete against 16 other secondary schools from around the region. The girls have given up a lunchtime each week to practice their dance over the last term and a half. We would like to sincerely thank Wendy Boland for allowing us to use the routine she developed and her time working with the girls. It was a pleasure to see girls of all dancing ability come together to work as a team to represent our school and the community. The girls’ performance received a highly commended, with comments from the judges focusing on their costumes, characterisation and team work. Another big thank you to the parents who volunteered to drive students in and then stayed to watch the performance.

Le-Anne McCraw, dance/drama teacher.

From L-R: Chloe Wilkinson, Ebony Moorman, Emily Barnes, Tyra Hunt, Allie Barnes, Aleesh Khan (sitting). Below: Indianna Drew, Alina Smith, Molly Willey, Ila Bowditch and Georgia Moorman (well done Georgia for performing whilst very sick) as the dwarves.
Congratulations…..NYSF is unique in Australia.

Students during Year 11 can apply to attend the NYSF the following year. If they are successfully selected, they learn how to make informed decisions about courses and careers in the sciences and gain a professional skill set to help them realise their potential. The application process is quite lengthy and students have to pass through some difficult processes to be selected. This includes a written application, interviews with local rotary and then a second interview at Shepparton. During this interview students were asked to give an “on the spot” presentation on a topic of their choice.

This Year we are happy to announce that Noah O’Brien and Ebony Tanzen have successfully been accepted to attend the NYSF in Canberra for two full weeks in January 2016.

Noah, who is passionate about Science and politics, gave a presentation on Ozone and how humans interfere with its natural process which opened up an interesting debate with the panel. Ebony is a keen sports woman and gave her presentation on the science of sport and the role of energy systems. Sports and Medicine is where Ebony sees as a potential future pathway.

The NYSF program consists of a mix of activities from scientific, formal, personal development, political debates to social activities. The program offers opportunities that include laboratory visits, guest speakers, museum visits, group work, sports evenings and from a bush dance to group dynamics. The program is run by students from the previous year’s NYSF, who have been planning and improving the forum over the course of the previous year.

These are the NYSF staff and will either have just finished year 12, or first year university.

During the NYSF the students stay on campus at The Australian National University’s (ANU) Burgmann College in Canberra. A series of seminars are run during the second week of the forum.

The program in January doesn’t stop there. There are a series of events such as the Next Step Program.

Next Step Program: From March to July each year, the NYSF offers a sequence of three-day events across Australia for students who have participated in the January NYSF sessions. These are run in close collaboration with many of Australia’s leading universities, industries and research organisations. The universities design programs specifically for NYSF students, to extend and develop their knowledge of courses, facilities, scholarships and accommodation on the different campuses. Leading industries provide in-house workshops and tours of facilities and current research that is not accessible to the public.

Students from the January fora are encouraged to participate in as many of these events as possible. Dane Seaver went onto the next step program this year.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Noah and Ebony and will no doubt allow them to network in the science community and realise what choices are out there beyond school. This opportunity wouldn’t be possible without the support of our local Rotary Club to whom we extend our greatest thanks.

Ebony and Noah were happy to receive the news this week regarding their acceptance.
2015 SNOW TREK AND TRAVEL
WODONGA'S MINI SERIES

- Snow Trek and Travel Wodonga’s Mini Series
  Dates are:
  1. Sunday 9th August 2015 at 10:15am
  2. Sunday 30th August 2015 at 11am

Race entries cost $5
Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email lmC0511@gmail.com or mobile 0409 592226. Or visit our website: www.tnsc.com.au
Lynn-Maree Cullen

COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP TO VOLUNTEER IN ASIA

A $2,500 Experience Asia scholarship is being offered by the Alpine Shire Council to support young residents wanting to participate in an incredible Asia Pacific volunteer placement in 2016.

In partnership with the Foundation for Young Australians and Global Vision International, the scholarship will assist one lucky Alpine Shire resident aged 18 – 20 to experience the diverse culture of Asia through a three to six month placement in a country such as Fiji, Laos, Nepal and Thailand, volunteering in the areas of education, environmental conservation or community development.

The scholarship is an investment by the community, for the community, which give otherwise inaccessible opportunities to local young people to engage in our Asian region.

“Alpine Shire Council is delighted to support this partnership which works to create opportunities for our young people to access immersive cultural experiences in the region,” Mayor Cr Jan Vonarx said.

“Such an opportunity provides positive benefits not only for the young people and the host communities but for the wider Alpine Shire community.”

Applications close 4th September, 2015 and are open to any Australian citizen, aged 18 – 20 and residing within Alpine Shire Council. For more information and to apply head to www.fya.org.au/asia.

MOUNT BEAUTY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Courses and activities in August:
Asian Cooking Class with Walailuck - Mon 24th Aug (5 sessions), 10am - 1.30pm
IPad & Tablets for Beginners - Sat 29th August, 9.30 - 12pm
Wild Womens Workshops - 2nd Sunday of the month, 12-3pm
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

XC SKI HIRE
The Mount Beauty Secondary College offers weekend cross country ski hire at the cost of $12. To pick up skis please phone the office 5754 4005, and we will arrange to have someone at the ski room on Friday afternoon between 3.30 and 4 pm.
Thank you

ACCESS EDUCATION VCE EXAM REVISION LECTURES

Access education hold revision lectures in October at LaTrobe University, Wodonga. Students are able to obtain tickets via the school for the discounted price of $37 per student per lecture.
The lectures are as follows:
Saturday 10 October
8.45-11.30 Biology
9.00-11.30 Health and Human Development
12.00-2.30 English
3.00-5.30 Legal Studies
3.15-6.00 Further Maths

Sunday 11 October
9.00-11.30 Business Management
12.00-2.45 Chemistry
12.15-3.00 Psychology
3.30-6.00 Maths Methods CAS
Please see the office for more information and return the forms by the 16th September.
Other lectures are being held at other locations, see form for details.
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Le-Anne McCraw took her talented bunch of dancers to participate in the Albury Dance Eisteddfod on Wednesday. Their theme was Snow White.

Some more food items created by the Year 12 Food and Technology class.