PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Education Week ran smoothly this week, with students and staff getting involved in a range of classes. Thank you to the parents who attended. We plan to celebrate Education Week next year and we welcome any suggestions about how we can improve the event.

Students in Year 7 and 9 were kept busy last week, completing the NAPLAN tests. They were tested in numeracy, writing, reading and language conventions. Although these tests are important; they are often used as an indication of school progress, our philosophy is that it is good practice, and as long as the students tried their best, they should be happy with their results. Families should expect NAPLAN results after August.

We ran a practice General Achievement Test (GAT) on Friday morning for any student that is completing a Year 12 subject. Again, it is good for the students to practice working under test conditions to a time, in preparation for their November exams. The actual GAT is being held on Wednesday 10th June, in the middle of the Year 11 and 12 mid-year exams.
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.

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 – Weekly 1 health article summary

Year 8/9/10

Year 10
- SE14 – Maintain Diary during Work Experience

Year 8 – 9
- English Rules worksheets
- Maths Mate Sheet
- Indonesian vocab words
- TF05 – Weekly Food Evaluation
- TM03 – Tool Research 25/5

Year 9 - 10
- English Weekly sheets
- Maths Mate Sheet
- Indonesian vocab words
- TF08 – Weekly Food Evaluation

VET FURNISHINGS
- Woodwork Module 25/5
- Tool Research 27/5

COMING EVENTS

2015

Mon 25th May Yr 10 Work Exp Week
Wed 27th May O&M Cross Country
Thurs 28th May Yr 12 Biology Excursion
Mon 1st June Ski Forms/money due
Thurs 4th June Year 5/6 Transition Day
Mon 8th June Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Tue 9th – Thurs 11th June ODE Camp
Wed 10th June GAT exam (any student doing unit 3/4 subject)
Thurs 11th June RMIT PE Melb Exc
Fri 12th June Report Writing Day
Tues 16th June CFA @ Mt Beauty
Wed 17th June Hume Cross Country
Tues 23rd June OMDSSSA Sport Yr 7/8
Wed 24th June School Council Meeting
Thurs 25th June OMDSSSA Sport inter & Snr
Fri 26th June Last Day Term 2
Mon 13th July First day Term 3

Second Hand Uniforms
Thanks to Kim Lane who has spent a lot of time going through our second hand uniforms and sorting them into boxes by size and type. If anyone is in need of uniforms please drop by to see if we can help. We have a number of navy winter fleece tops available for students now that the weather is cooling down. Please make sure you label your child’s clothing (especially jumpers) so we can return lost property to them.

Thankyou,
Rhonda Gargan
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

School at the moment is a busy time with demanding activities and students completing their work requirements for end of semester reports. If you find that your son or daughter is stressed with the demands placed on them please give your year level co-ordinator a ring so that we can organise some way to help.

Congratulations to the fabulous performance of our drama group. Disorder in the Court certainly provided many laughs and was most enjoyable.

We wish the Year 10 students a fabulous week next week on Work Experience. This is a great opportunity for students to be inspired, and gives them a better idea of what they would like to do when they leave school.

DOWNHILL AND XC SKIING 2015

All ski forms and money need to be returned to the office before Monday June 1st
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Financial Assistance Information for Parents

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION

On Wednesday the 17th June Year 11 students will have the opportunity to attend an hour long information session at the Tertiary Information Session in Albury.

The cost is $10 and we ask students to please return these as soon as possible.

This year an information session/expo will be held on the evening of Tuesday the 16th June, between 6-8pm at the Albury Exhibition Centre. This is intended for local parents and community members who are interested in information regarding tertiary application processes and higher education options. VCAA and UAC will be presenting information sessions regarding applications to Victorian and NSW universities starting at 6pm.

Could you please indicate your intention to attend this session to Ann Bellingham so she can pass this on to the organizers so they have an idea of numbers; thanks.

GET READY FOR MONASH

Monash University will be hosting an Information Evening in Albury.

Come along and learn about:

- Course offerings
- Accommodation options
- Scholarships and fees
- Access Monash
- The VTAC application and selection process

The evening is targeted to students (and their parents) interested in studying at the university. The evening is open to students and parents from all schools in the area, and will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 16 June
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Venue: Albury Entertainment Centre

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE - BE A UNI STUDENT FOR THE DAY - ALBURY WODONGA CAMPUS

Attend workshops, lectures and seminars covering everything such as arts, business, ecology, nursing, occupational therapy, speech pathology, physiotherapy, psychology and social work. Choose 2 workshops to attend with lunch provided. Experience La Trobe is a free event -Friday June 19th.

More Information and to register: Click Here
EXPERIENCE UNIVERSITIES IN MELBOURNE DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - BOOK EARLY

Experience La Trobe University – Melbourne Thursday July 9th

Attend workshops, lectures and seminars of your choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life. Go with your friends and parents and chat with the student ambassadors about getting studying at La Trobe and what to expect. Experience La Trobe is a free event for Year 10 to 12 students with lunch and entertainment included.

More Information and to register: Click Here

University of Melbourne - A Day at Melbourne Friday July 10th

This special event is designed for Year 10 to 12 students and their families and allows you to come and explore our vibrant Parkville campus and find out more about the range of study options available at University of Melbourne.

Hear from current students about what it's like to study at Melbourne and come to tailored sessions to learn more about our entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities available to Melbourne students.

A tour of our Southbank campus will also be included in the program for those who wish to visit the Victorian College of the Arts.

Location: University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

Details and registration: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/a_day_at_melbourne_10July2015

RMIT University City and Bundoora Campuses

RMIT University offers a number of free events designed to encourage students from years 10, 11 and 12 to engage in hands-on workshops, explore life on campus and get behind the scenes, while experiencing different aspects of discipline areas.

Click on the link below. See a full list of available events at Experience Days.

CHAPLAIN NEWSLETTER MAY 2015

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation and they have a very helpful web site for anyone to use. If you are a parent, carer, youth, teacher, healthcare professional or concerned friend there is information and contact details on this site you may find helpful.

Being open to talk about mental health and learning some truths about mental health is very helpful for everyone affected by or supporting a person with a mental health illness. I encourage you to take the time to educate yourself so you have some knowledge that may help support a friend, family member, work colleague or yourself at some stage.

I have included some information from Albury Wodonga Headspace webpage for you. http://www.headspace.org.au

Head Space Albury Wodonga

We provide a safe and confidential environment for young people aged 12-25 and their families, to access counseling, GP services, Education/Training & Employment support and information, Alcohol and other drug support and information and mental health services.

We bulk bill all appointments - which means that there will be no out of pocket costs to you.

People come to headspace Albury Wodonga for many reasons. And here are just a few:

- Having family or relationship issues
- Not sleeping well
- They are not coping at school, home, uni or work
- Being bullied or hurt by others
- Finding it hard to concentrate or be motivated
- Have noticed "something's" not quite right
- Worried about their drinking or drug use
- Experiencing grief and loss
- Having trouble managing anger
- Because they are feeling depressed down or anxious
- Not eating well

At headspace Albury Wodonga you can seek support from a range of professionals including Psychologists, Counsellors, Alcohol and other Drug practitioners (AOD), Education, Training and Employment experts, or General Practitioners (GP). All of our workers are skilled in listening to young people and can help you identify problems, set goals and achieve creative solutions to issues based on your individual needs.

Headspace Albury Wodonga 155 High Street, Wodonga VIC 3690
phone 02 6055 9555
fax 02 6024 5792
Email headspaceAW@gatewayhealth.org.au

For help ASAP: kids help line 1800 55 1800
www.kidshelpline.com.au
UNIFORM VESTS

We are again offering staff and students the opportunity to purchase navy blue uniform vests through the school. You have the choice of a large ‘Mt Beauty Snowsports’ logo on the back or a small ‘Mt Beauty Secondary College’ logo on the front. The cost is $45. Please try on a size at the Mt Beauty Hardware store in Hollands Street and fill in an order form at school. Orders are to be in by the end of Term 2 and payment can be made when the vest is collected.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FALLS CREEK SUPERGROMS

Ski & Snowboard Technical Development & Pathways Program

SuperGroms is an all-new program being offered by the Falls Creek Snowsports School in 2015, designed to give local youth (aged 11-18) of advanced skiing or snowboarding ability the opportunity to test their boundaries and refine their skills and techniques. In addition the program offers an overview of, and the chance to explore, a range of Snowsports career pathways with a directed focus on specific areas including:

- mountain safety with an overview of Ski Patrol
- freestyle with an overview of Terrain Parks, and bumps
- racing with an overview of Coaching.

The program runs over eight Sundays in term 3 and costs $545.

For pre-teens aged 11-12 whose high-intermediate skills could still use some development, the Grommets program is available, offering a challenging and social learning environment for technical development.

To get involved in this exciting new program, please collect a registration form from school or see that attachment if receiving the newsletter by e-mail. Forms are to be returned to Falls Creek Tickets or Snowsports School Office by 28th June (information on application form).

Further enquiries can be directed to Falls Creek Snowsports School Children’s Programs Supervisor Lauren McKechnie phone: 5758 1000 or email: lauren.mckechnie@falls creek.net

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE UPPER KIEWA VALLEY

Your decisions about accessing early-years services for your child, plays an important role in your future educational choices.

Please join us for a short presentation by the Upper Kiewa Valley Early Childhood services and Primary Schools

Information to include: Language skills, social and emotional readiness, motor skills and early intervention.

Plus market stalls

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet staff from each school and service. We look forward to meeting families and answering individual questions.

Enrolment forms available

There are a range of early childhood education services in the Upper Kiewa Valley. Families are encouraged to make an informed choice regarding their child’s education. All services work closely together to deliver the best outcomes for all children and families.

Wednesday 27th May, 5.00-6.00pm
Lake View Children’s Centre (Kinder Room)

UPPER KIEWA VALLEY LIONS CLUB

UKV Lions Club & Mt Beauty Police Charity Golf Day
Sunday 31 May
9.30 for a 10am shotgun start
Mount Beauty Golf Course
$20 entry (lunch provided)
Further details and entries at Tawonga South PO and Newsagency or phone 03 5754 4002

2015 FALLS CREEK ICE PLUNGE

When: Monday, June 1 at 10am
Where: Rocky Valley Dam, Falls Creek (Boat Ramp)

- This year we are raising funds for Disabled Winter Sports Australia for more information and to make a donation please visit here.

Register with your staff & friends for the event via ICEPLUNGE 2015
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Lots of science activities were run during Education Week.