Semester 2 Beginning
All students have now commenced their Semester 2 studies. As always, I would urge those who have been working well to continue the good habits you have established. Attending all classes, being at classes on time and prepared and completing all set work are the basics that set you up for a successful semester of learning. For those students who had an indifferent Semester 1, take the opportunity to turn things around as early as possible.

Student Achievements
Well done to the following students for receiving valuable Defence Technical Scholarships, the successful students were; Justin Hawke, Isaac Fabich, Jayden Milner, Guy Cooper, Katerina Blekic, Martin Rule, Jeff Ladd, Sam Barnden and Jarrod Searle.

I would also like to acknowledge that we have been informed that two former students have been awarded scholarships & prizes for accommodation in 2012 at St Ann’s College (Adelaide) as they pursue further study. Natalie Morrall won ‘The Jill Rosenblatt Prize’ and James Walker won the ‘Collegians Award’. Well done to both on these achievements.

Also congratulations to Aiden McDonald who has been invited to attend the UBS Finance Academy 2012 which will be held at Sancta Sophia College from 9–13 July this year.

Timetable Review
We are currently reviewing our timetable structure with the view to establishing some alternate models for consideration in 2013 and beyond. Some areas for consideration when establishing an alternate model will be; length of learning time, times available for practical classes, structured workplace learning and study/tutorial times. A team of staff have been gathering information from a wide range of sources including samples of current parents and students. We would welcome any further feedback or suggestions.

Mildura High/Secondary College /Mildura Senior College Centenary
A wonderful ceremony to mark 100 days until the event was held here on site on Wednesday June 6th. The occasion was celebrated with the planting of two native trees on the 14th Street side of the school Library. Dennis Norton and Enid Borschmann, former Principals of the school, assisted in the tree planting. We are also very thankful to those who have unearthed memorabilia for us to borrow. We are still very keen to speak to anyone who has anything at all they think may be of some interest. Details can be found on our website; www.milsen.vic.edu.au

Andrew Ough
Principal
End of Semester

Our first semester ended on June 6th. It was pleasing to see significant numbers of students accessing college facilities and teachers in the days leading up to this date to ensure that all work was completed to the required standard and submitted on time.

Mid-Year Exams

Mid-year Exams where conducted between the 7th and 14th June. Students in Year 11 had an exam in each subject and possibly a Unit 3 exam and the GAT. All students must remember that their exam results are reported upon and it is important that all exams are attended and attempted to the very best of their ability.

Year 12 students completed their Unit 3 Exams in Psychology, Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry and Accounting, with all students studying a Unit 3/4 subject completing the GAT. Students are reminded to ensure that they read their exam handbook prior to attending exams to ensure that they have all of the correct equipment and processes for their exams.

Year 12 Ball

On Friday 15th June the District Year 12 Ball was at Hotel The Setts. Students attended, all dressed up and looking stunning. Students enjoyed fine food, complimentary flow of soft drink, dancing to the latest music and great times with their friends and other Year 12 students from across the district. Thanks to Red Cliffs Secondary College for the organisation of the event.

Careers Centre

Year 12 students who are planning to apply for University or TAFE next year will receive their VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admission Guides 2013), and SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admission Guides 2013) at the end of July. In South Australia there are separate guides for TAFE (red book) and University (blue book).

Once guides have been handed out students will be able to choose course preferences and fill in the VTAC/SATAC Preference practice sheets which are to be found in the Pathways booklets for Term three. 

Tertiary applications will be done during Pathways classes here at the College on the following dates:

- Students with Barb Kelly as their coordinator: Monday, 20th August
- Students with Jim Blue/Reg Byrne as their coordinator: Monday, 27th August
- Students with Ineke Rogers as their coordinator: Monday, 3rd September

VTAC Preferences

Year 12 students should make sure they have done their preference practice prior to this, so they know the codes of the courses they want to apply for. A VTAC Preliminary Preference Session will be held in PATHWAYS classes on Monday 6th August.

Students can log on and register their details at www.vtac.edu.au. Once students have registered and have their VTAC ID and PIN they can login to MyInfo section of the VTAC website and apply for courses in their computer session at the school (or you can do this at home). They can use a credit card or set up a ‘Pay Pal’ account to pay their $26.00.

When ‘Listing Preferences’ you need to ask yourself:

1. Have I met the prerequisites?
2. I am aware of the Extra Requirements (in order to enter this course eg folio, audition etc.)
3. I have listed the correct codes
4. I have kept my options open – University, Tafe and Independent Tertiary Colleges
5. I have not accidently applied for a fee paying course

Note: that Tafe courses are a pathway into University degrees.

SEAS – Special Entry Access Scheme – Opens 6th August, Closes 9th October

These schemes cover special entry and access to tertiary courses in two areas:

1. Access and Equity
2. Year 11/12 Special Consideration

Both schemes are set up for students who have experienced educational disadvantage and have a different focus. All students applying for courses in Victoria through VTAC should also submit a “Special Entry Application Scheme” application. If you don’t meet the entrance requirements for courses or you were disadvantaged while completing your VCE studies then you may want to find out more about SEAS.

Special Entry includes equity areas such as rauity, low income, non-English speaking background, disability and medical condition as well as severe environmental issues that may have prevented a student to adequately prepare for tertiary study. This may mean that students who have not ‘made the cut’ off point with their ATAR may still be considered for a course based on equity issues.

NOTE: All of our students are eligible to for category 1 for rauity and any other category based on their individual circumstances. The Access and Equity scheme is designed for on-going/long term circumstances which have affected your education to this point.

The Year 11/12 Special Consideration scheme is designed for specific circumstances occurring in your final two years of study which have adversely affected your Year 12 results.

This application scheme combines many university schemes this year so it is easy for students to apply for. These
applications are on the VTAC website, and students will receive information on how to apply in PATHWAYS classes next term. SEAS applications cannot be completed until students have completed their tertiary applications through VTAC. SEAS applications are due in VTAC by Friday 9th October at 5.00pm. SEAS Booklets can be downloaded from the VTAC website or you can come to the careers centre and collect a booklet.

Scholarships
In the MYINFO section students can apply for Scholarships if they are in financial need and qualify for financial aid such as Youth Allowance and Family Benefits. There is a scholarship booklet that can be downloaded as well from the VTAC website, or come and collect a copy from the Careers Centre in early August.

For individual institutional scholarships the students need to collect an individual course guide from the Careers Centre. There are all kinds of institutional scholarships to assist rural students and to promote access. There are also faculty scholarships promoting various careers where there is a skill shortage, e.g. Engineering. So read the scholarships section of each institution that you are applying for and give the institution a call if you need more information.

Other scholarships are listed in the www.chancesforchildren.com.au website under subject headings or you can search by state and region. You have to read through the scholarship (for undergraduates only) and see if you qualify for the particular one.

Each student should have a booklet called 'The ABC of Applying' - Getting it right 2013. (Come and collect a copy from the careers centre if you do not have a copy.) As a parent make sure your son/daughter brings this booklet home, so you can become familiar with this booklet as there is lots of advice about applying and the process to follow.

Local Courses
Please note that there are a number of Sunraysia Institute of TAFE courses that must be applied for through VTAC, these courses are: Accounting (Cert 4, Diploma), Agriculture (Irrigation), Children’s Services, Conservation and Land Management, Graphic Arts, Horticulture (Diploma), Hospitality Management, Hospitality Management (Cert 4), Information Technology (Cert 4), Laboratory Techniques (Cert 4), Laboratory Technology, Management (Adv Diploma), Multimedia (Adv Diploma and Cert 4), Nursing (Cert 4), Occupational Health and Safety, Rural Business Management (Diploma), Visual Arts and Welfare Studies.

The La Trobe (Mildura) Open Day date for 2012 is Friday, 17 August, from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. Check in the foyer of the library for open day booklets for a range of universities.

Accommodation Applications
Please note that when you apply for entry into an institution you should also make an application for accommodation at the institution. An application fee is charged, which you may or may not get back. Accommodation booklets for some of the universities are available in the Careers Centre as well as information booklets for some of the accommodation colleges. Start checking websites now to see which institutions have opened up their accommodation forms, e.g. Monash University accommodation applications after the 4th - 5th August which is their Open Day(s). They suggest you apply within two weeks or you may miss out on an accommodation place.

Health Careers And Community Services Website
Recently launched is a new Careers website in the Health and Community Services area. There are links to jobs, study and scholarships at the website. Go to www.viccareers.vic.edu.au or ring the project support hotline at: 1800 075 468

Resumes And Cover Letters
Help is available in the careers room for students who would like to update their resumes, or start one from scratch. See Linda Snoualll (School to Work Co-ordinator) for an appointment. If you would like to email Linda at snoualll@milson.vic.edu.au she can email you a resume and letter of application template so that you can update your CV.

Students and Parents are welcome to make appointments to see me for Career and Tertiary Advice.

Lavina Hamilton
Careers/Pathways Coordinator

SRC report

Biggest Morning Tea
The student centre was filled with student and teachers as the SRC held a “Biggest Morning Tea” fundraiser on Friday 25th May for the Anti-Cancer Council. We had vanilla, lemon, peppermint and many other slices which were prepared by the SRC members and were a huge success. There was also tea, coffee, milo and Tania’s delicious homemade sausage rolls. We successfully raised $230 with the generous support of the MSC school community, with another $230 being raised through class and staff morning teas.

Staff vs. Student Tug of War Competition
On Friday 23rd March, we had a great turn out for the staff vs. students tug of war match. The competitive events continued on after lunch with other students battling it out against each other. With the spaghetti selling out in the first five minutes, we were able to raise $250 from selling drinks, spiders, chocolates and collecting donations for the Starlight Foundation. Thanks to Jim Blue and Graeme Smyth who were the only teachers to participate, letting the students win, taking us one up in the three round competition.

Easter Egg Hunt
On the 27th March, a number of SRC students and other members of the school ventured over to the Mildura Specialist School to share the Easter spirit by conducting an Easter egg hunt for all of the junior and primary students. It was a great activity with the children laughing and finding their eggs. Our school annually conducts the activity for the Specialist School which they look forward to and remember for a long time. We also enjoy making the children happy!!

** All of the above reports were written by the students.

On Friday 11th May we held our ‘Sports Teams Day’ where students and staff were encouraged to wear their team colours. We also sold pizza, soft drinks and chocolates on this day. This was a very successful day with us raising $350 through sales and donations. This money will go to the Glenn McGrath Foundation for Breast Cancer Care Nurses. Thanks to all who wore their colours and participated in some way.

Tania Edgar
SRC Coordinator
Sports Report

Term two was another extremely busy term for our sporting teams. Congratulations must go to the following teams for their various achievements.

Girls Football
The Girls took out the SSSSA title with 4 wins from 4 games. This saw them qualify for the LMR Regional playoffs. However due to the time of the year we couldn’t get a team together to travel to Swan Hill to participate.

Girls Softball
We participated in the State Championships in Melbourne, winning 2 games out of 3. Finishing 3rd place in the state.

Boys Hockey
The boys took out the LMR finals winning all 3 of their games which means they will be travelling to Melbourne on 24th August to participate in the State Finals.

Boys Soccer
We travelled to Bendigo to participate in the LMR finals after taking out the local SSSSV event. The boys eventually went down to the local Bendigo side to finish second.

Boys Cross Country
We travelled to St Arnaud during the last week of semester one to finish 3rd in the teams challenge.

Coming up we have a relatively quiet term compared to early in the year, however we will be represented in the SSSSV Basketball with 3 boys teams and 2 girls teams. We will also send our Girls level. Not forgetting our Boys Hockey team taking part in the State Championships. We finish the term off with the local SSSSV Athletics on September 17th.

Glen Stephen
Sports Coordinator

Boys Soccer Report 2012

In early May 2012 the Mildura Senior College boys’ soccer team won the Sunraysia division of soccer by beating Red Cliffs 3-1 and defeating Coomealla High School by 5-0. This allowed the team to progress onto the regional finals in Bendigo on Monday May 28th.

The team played very well in the first two games against Swan Hill and Bendigo and drew both games 0-0. The team had lots of good opportunities to win both of these games with fine efforts from Paul Chisalita and Aiden Gadsden narrowly missing and other students to star were Nick Woods, Sebastian Evans and Samuel Bozzi. In the third game Mildura defeated Echuca 2-0 with goals scored by Andrew Greville and Sebastien Thys.

The final game was lost 3-0 to Castlemaine which was a disappointing result as we dominated the first ten minutes of the game and deserved to take the lead which would have made a huge difference to the final outcome.

Other players on the trip to Bendigo were Ari Jabari, Mendi Al Nassar, Gavin Kelmer, Lewis Hattigana, Kavare Nyabere, Corey Barabary and Samuel Florien.

All boys are to be congratulated for their sportsmanship and appropriate behaviour at all times.

Eisteddfod

The Eisteddfod is now over for our guitarists in the school. It is fantastic that all students enrolled got recognised with a place or an honourable mention. Below is the list of results:

First place Open Duo any instrument
• James Herberte / Sam Diwell. They were also awarded the Arthur McWilliams perpetual trophy for most outstanding performers across all instrument combinations. They have been invited to play at the Eisteddfod gala concert later in the year.

First place Open Guitar
• Sam Diwell

Second place Open Guitar
• James Herberte

First place VCE Solo Performance section
• Sam Diwell

Honourable Mention Open Guitar Ensemble
• Mildura Senior College Guitar ensemble, Ryan Scholer, Amanda Zbierski, Tyler Rodi, James Herberte and Sam Diwell.

Marcus Hennig
Instrumental Music Coordinator

Less sugar, Less cavities
Sunraysia Community Health Services, Community Dental Program welcomes:

- All Children 0 – 17 covered by a current Healthcare Card or Pensioner Concession Card.
- No Charge for services
- Children 0 -12 not covered by Concession Cards.
- $30.00 fee for a course of care
- $25 for an emergency appointment
- No waiting list for under 18 year olds.

For an appointment, please phone 5021 0944.

Location: Corner 13th Street and Deakin Avenue, Mildura

Softball team who recently came third in the State titles.
MSC Calendar 2012

June
29 End of Term 2

July
15 Start of Term 3
3 VCE/VET/VCAL Information Session for Parents
5 Feeder Schools Visit
21 3-Way Conferences
22 Student Free Day
30 University Parent Information ‘Supermarket Session’

August
2 VCE/VET/VCAL Information Session for Parents
3 Open Day
21 Year 11 Exams
5 Melbourne Cup Day

September
10-16 Centenary Celebrations Week
30 End of Term 3
20 Start of Term 4
22 Year 12 Exams
25 Classes finish for Year 12
26 Celebration Day
27 Graduation
28 Start of Term 4

October
8 Start of Term 4

November
9 Year 11 Exams
10 Graduation

December
19 Year 12 Dinner