Acting Principals Report

Staffing:
Andrew Ough is on Long Service Leave for most of Term 4 and in his absence I am undertaking the Acting Principal role. Richard Davis, Grant van Looy and Ineke Rogers have all returned from periods of leave during Term 3. Kym Woolley is on maternity leave for Term 4 and is being replaced by Wendy Kelly. Larisha Rowney returns from a short period of leave on October 22. Wendy Yeung is on leave for Term 4. Belinda Hudak has returned from extended leave and Sandy Gunn will continue as Acting Assistant Principal. We have commenced some preliminary work on our staffing for 2013.

Centenary:
Our Centenary Celebrations were a huge success and the level of involvement and positive feedback has exceeded our expectations. The 3 days ran very smoothly and the organising committees are to be congratulated on their hard work and vision. I need to make special mention of the ES staff at our school who worked tirelessly over the 3 days (and the weeks leading up to the events) to ensure everything ran smoothly. There were many, many stories told during the celebrations and the cake cutting ceremony on the Sunday was a poignant moment that summed up the generations of people that have passed through the college. It was also pleasing to see former and current students sharing a BBQ lunch on the Friday. I also thank our sponsors and current students who assisted with the 3 days of celebrations.

Final Weeks of School – Our Expectations:
The remaining weeks of school are clearly important and students must maintain a focus on classes and completing work. All Year 12 students have received written and verbal information in regard to our expectations in the remaining time as well during the exam period. Year 11 classes will continue as normal until November 9. We will not tolerate any disruption to the school's operation under any circumstances. All families received a sheet outlining key dates and events in the last mail out. Please read this document carefully.

Trade Training Centre:
I am pleased to report that site works for the Deakin Centre (on the MSC grounds) have commenced. Significant earthworks have been undertaken and major services are being connected. I will attend a site meeting each fortnight to receive updates on the project. The best case scenario for the remainder of this year is that just prior to Christmas we hope to have the entire slab poured and some steel framing erected. The scope of the works means that there will continue to be some impact on traffic flow at the rear of the college. I have been assured that noise from the construction site will not impact on students sitting exams in the gymnasium.

Industrial Action:
There have been reports in the media regarding the latest round of industrial action and how this may impact on schools. I will keep parents informed if any action impacts on our program for the remainder of the year.

Pupil Free Day:
Friday October 19 was our final Pupil Free Day for the year. Staff used this day to undertake organisation for the upcoming exam, revision and transition programs. Whilst this pupil free day occurred during the 2012 Mildura Show, parents are reminded that there has been no “Show Day Holiday” for MSC students for several years now.

Exams:
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students every success with their upcoming performance and written exams. History shows us that students who work consistently throughout the year and exam period usually receive results in-line with their abilities. Students receive their VCE results on Friday, December 14.

Mark Tracy
Acting Principal
Students need to remove all personal files from their Netbook at the end of each year. Students who do not need their netbooks during exam time must be returned by Friday November 9th without disruption.

Exam Program
The Year 12 written exams commenced on Thursday November 1 and Year 11’s commence on Monday November 12. The work undertaken by staff, to organise and supervise the exam program is significant. Students are encouraged to make the most of the upcoming revision in class and the formal program for their preparation for these exams. Year 11 Exams finish on Tuesday November 20 and the last Year 12 exam is Friday November 23rd.

Study Skills
During exam time, the pressure can be overwhelming, feeling ‘time pressured’ is normal at this time. It is important to reduce stress, look after yourself, stay focused and be as organised as possible. To help reduce stress and be as ready as possible for the exam period, some tips are:

• Plan your time to include study, looking after yourself, rewards and social activities to ensure you have the right balance with your study.
• Focus on your strengths and use these to help you with things you find harder to manage. Some people are good at self-directed study others work better in groups.
• Turn off mobile phone when studying and when you go to bed. Interrupting study to skim disrupts thought processes and disrupts memory retention.
• Ask for help. Your teachers are available to you during school time, come and see them to get advice about the best way to study for that subject, get feedback, and ask questions
• Keep yourself healthy by eating well, exercising regularly and getting enough sleep
• Ensure that you have read your ‘exam navigator’, so that you know what items you can and cannot take into each exam
• Ensure that you know the date and time for each of your exams and plan your arrival to each of these well in advance.

Year 12 Dinner
To mark the end of the exam period and to provide students and staff the opportunity to catch up, our annual Year 12 Dinner will be held Club Da Vinci on Friday 23rd November. Students will be given information about when and where they can collect tickets over the coming weeks.

Important Dates
Please ensure that all Year 11 and Year 12 students refer to the Term 4 Arrangements sheet that was sent home with the last Student Progress Statement, to ensure that you don’t miss any important events for your year level.

Sandy Gunn
Acting Assistant Principal

Career News

January First Round Offers
First round offers from VTAC are out on Monday, 17th January at 9.00 pm and are available on Thursday, 17th January for SATAC on UniWeb after 6.00 pm. All Tertiary Admission Centre guides have information about offer dates inside the front cover. Students and parents should familiarise themselves with the offer release information for each state.

Results Service
Year 12 students can get their VCE results by internet, phone or SMS (come and collect a card from the office). All students have been given details of this, and the information is also available in their VTAC Guides and on the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au.

Results and Change of Preference
On Friday, 16th December VCE Results and ATAR are available at 7.00 am. Students who wish to alter their VTAC preferences can do so from the 26th of November, until the 24th December at 12 noon. Students go to www.vtac.edu.au and click on User Account. They then use their student number and 4 digit pin number to log into their page. They can then click on course preferences and make changes. They can add new courses as long as they check that there are no extra requirements. Students do not have to change their preferences but may wish to do so to take into account theirATAR or any change in career plans.

Universities also run a Change of Preference Hotline during this period. To contact them, check out the details on the university websites. They will be able to advise you about pathway options to get into a particular degree.

I will be here at school to assist students with their Change of Preference from Monday 17th December to Thursday 20th December. Students and parents are advised to make an appointment during that time if they wish to see me. I will not be available for Change of Preference advice after that date.

SATAC Change of Preference can be done at any time until Monday, 7th January 2013 and still have equal consideration for courses. You can ring Flinders, UniSA and Adelaide university to find out if you need a change of preference. SATAC then will tally all changes and then decide whether to make changes to your preferences. See pages 75,78 in SATAC Guide. Each South Australian universities will help you with possible pathway options to help you get into your preferred degree, so make sure you contact them between the 17th January and Monday, 7th January in order to considered for equal consideration for courses. Check each individual course for deadlines.

Scholarships

Centrelink administered scholarships: www.centrelink.gov.au

Student Start-Up Scholarship – for university students receiving student income support (Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY) entitled to $2,520 paid in two half yearly instalments in 2013.

Relocation Scholarships – For rural students who have to move away from home to attend university $4,000 in the first year and $2,000 in the following years of study.

Foundation for Young Australians - Opportunity Scholarships

Enables talented students with financial need to pursue their dreams by purchasing equipment and resources in relation to curriculum-related programs and activities. Valued at up to $1,000.


Noel Fairweather Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship for rural Year 12 students intending to travel away from home to pursue further education. Valued at $2,000. Closing date: 1st January 2013.


Year 12 Scholarship Dafydd Lewis Trust For Men

For Male students only. $14,000 per year for university fees, living allowances, books, equipment, and transport.

Studying ANY COURSE at a VICTORIAN UNIVERSITY except Arts, Music, Theology or Education. Exception Arts at Melbourne Uni for the purpose of going on to postgraduate study. Means tested. Parental income must not exceed $69,950. State School for at least 5 years preceding the award of a scholarship. For more information visit the website: www.lewisscholarships.org.au or telephone 1800 011 047. Closing date is: Friday 7th December 2012. Interviews conducted in January 2013.

Year 12 Scholarship Mary Lewis Trust For Women At Melbourne University

For FEMALE students only. $10,000 per year for for university fees, living allowances, books, equipment, and transport.

Studying ANY COURSE at MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY means tested. Parental income must not exceed $69,950. No age restriction.

Must be educated at a Victorian State School for at least 5 years preceding the award of a scholarship. For more information visit the website: www.lewisscholarships.org.au or telephone 1800 011 047. Closing date for applications is: Friday 7th December 2012. Interviews conducted in January 2013.
**Year 12 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship - www.hawkerscholarship.org**

The 2013 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is valued at up to $60,000 over four years. It normally covers all compulsory fees, books, stationary and equipment with an allowance for living expenses. Applications for the 2013 Hawker Scholarship open on Monday 3rd December 2012 and close Friday 4th January 2013. Students who intend to DEFER their studies and take For scholarships that the Department administers, a awards (as some scholarships have more than the one award). for this round which equates to approximately 175 scholarship different types of scholarships at:
The Department's Scholarship Web Site is open for a range of Government Scholarships For Both Y ear 11 students and range in value from $250 to over $2000. They are The scholarships are offered to primary, secondary and tertiary be granted and paid early in 2013.

**Year 12 Subject Choices 2013**

Year 11 students have completed their subject selections for next year. It is very important that students choose the right subjects that will allow them to apply for, and be selected for the type of courses that they need for their chosen career. Students should make the time to come and visit the Careers Centre to check out the VTAC and SATAC guides to see what subject pre-requisites are needed in order to enter that course. For example: Education courses in Victoria need English and Unit 1 and 2 Further Mathematics as pre-requisites to enter teaching. However, in South Australia there are no pre-requisite subjects. If parents and/or students are still uncertain that students have chosen appropriate subjects for 2013, they can contact me by ringing the school and making an appointment for an interview. I am available for interviews until Thursday 20th December.

**Final Note**

This has been a very busy year and I hope that all of our students attending Mildura Senior College have set clear goals for their futures in their Managed Individual Plans they have completed in Pathways classes and are taking steps to achieve them. The best of luck to Year 12’s who embark on a new page of their life story with further study, and to those leaving to enter the workforce. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Note: Those students who are deferred courses, can return for assistance in 2013, if they need help applying for courses during August and September.

Lavinia Hamilton
Future Pathways and Career Advice Co-ordinator

**College News Exams:**

- Exams are COMPULSORY for all Year 11 and 12 students
- All Year 12 students have received a copy of their individual end of year exam timetable and exam navigator.
- Students MUST ensure that they read the rules relating to exams carefully. Students should refer to the Exam Navigator for this information.
- Students must bring their ID card and VCAA number to all their exams and arrive 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their exams.

**Taking a Gap Year in 2013 - Consider Antipodeans Abroad GapBreak Program:**

Our gap year volunteers (all aged 17-20 travel in groups to many different and diverse countries in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe. They live and work in a vibrant community teaching English, working in orphanages, building schools, working on environmental and animal conservation projects or teaching sport. The placements depart at different intervals throughout the year, and run from 1-6 months in length. This opportunity allows students to grow independent in a rewarding and eye opening environment. Students also get the opportunity to travel during and after their placement and explore their surroundings. The GapBreak program is structured, supported and well renowned.

For more information go to www.antipodeans.com.au

**VCE Year 12 Exams Timetable**

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**Final Note**

- Any student who is unwell or has a personal circumstance that impacts on them during the exam period must visit the exam and contact the VCE Co-ordinator Mrs Tracy Marr as soon as possible before or on the day of their exam.

**Tracy Marr**

Pathways & Transition Co-ordinator
Our interviews are being held on Wednesday November 14 and Thursday November 15 at SuniTAFE Mildura Campus – Benetook Avenue.

Courses include:
- Sound Production
- Interactive Digital Media
- Graphic Design
- Visual Arts

To book an interview, please contact Hannah Burke – Creative Industries on (03)5022 3673 or hburke@sunitafe.edu.au.

Book Distribution – 5th to 9th December (If you wish to purchase second hand books)
- Students must make sure they complete a second hand book order form at enrolment.
- Note: Second hand books are distributed equally to all. You may not receive all books you require. Your allocation will depend on the supply and demand for the books.
- Books ordered are available for collection on Wednesday 5th between 3pm-6:30pm and Thursday 6th December between 8:30am-2pm.

There is no benefit in rushing in early as the books are already bagged and allocated for you to pick up any time between on the specified dates and times above.
- Books can only be taken if payment is made by cash, cheque or credit card.
- All books must be collected and paid for during these times.

FIRE SALE – 7th DECEMBER (if you missed out on any books)
- All books not previously collected will be available for purchase on FRIDAY morning, 7th December between 8.30am and 10am.
- Books are distributed on a first come first served basis. It pays to be early.

Ian Livingston (Second Hand Books Coordinator)

SECOND HAND BOOKS
Book collection – 19th to 30th November (If you wish to sell your books)
- Students should check that their books are to be used in 2012 by checking Second hand booklist sheets.
- Some texts are required for Year 11 and 12, so make sure that you keep these if needed.
- Books can be brought to the library from 8.30am to 4.30pm from Monday 19th November until Friday 30th November 2012.
- Lockers must be cleaned out by Friday 30th November. Any remaining contents of your locker will be removed immediately after this date.
- Books can only be processed if you provide your full banking details. This means your BANK name and BSB number (6 digits) and ACCOUNT number.

SANDS - “Walk to Remember”
On the 18th of November our Mildura SANDS group will be hosting a “Walk to Remember” day. This day is about remembering our babies that have died, either by miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death. On this day we will be walking the footsteps our babies never took and ending the walk with a balloon release.

Walk to Remember Day — Sunday, November 18 at 10:00am at The Nowingi Place.

ASPERGERS SYNDROME
Richard Eisenmajer PhD is a Clinical Psychologist with 15 years’ experience with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He will be visiting Mildura in November to speak to parents, teachers and therapists about Asperger’s.

Learning objectives:
- Address the common difficulties that children and families face at home and school.
- Understanding of challenging behaviours and the triggers.
- Behavioural Strategies.
- Insight’s of what it would be like to have Asperger’s.
- Question and answer session in a workshop format.

For further information please contact Tanya Bott at Lower Murray Medicare Local on 5023 8633 or 0427 993 906

Complete this form and fax back to 50 214794 by November 1, 2012

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Profession: ________________________________________________________
Practice/Work Place: ________________________________________________
Mobile phone # for SMS reminder: _________________________________
Email: _____________________________
Signature: ________________________________________________________
### MSC Calendar 2012

#### October
- 25: Last Day Year 12 Classes
- 26: Celebration Day

#### November
- 1: Year 12 Exams all week
- 5: Year 12 Exams all week
- 6: Public Holiday
- 9: Year 12 Holiday
- 11 & 12: Year 11 & 12 Exams
- 12: College Council Meeting
- 19: Year 11 & 12 Exams
- 20: Last Day Year 11 Exams
- 21: Head Start Day
- 23: Last Day Year 12 Exams

#### December
- 5: Second hand Book sale
- 6: Second hand Book sale
- 7: Second hand Book Fire sale
- 10: College Council Day
- 11-12: Orientation Day
- 19: Graduation
- 20: Year 11 Semester Reports Posted
- 21: End Term 4

#### Enrolments
- 26: Yr 11 Enrolments 4pm-7pm
- 27: Yr 12 Enrolments 4pm-7pm
- 28: Yr 11 Enrolments 1pm-3pm
- 29: Yr 12 Enrolments 1pm-3pm
- 30: Yr 11 Enrolments 4pm-7pm
- 31: Yr 12 Enrolments 4pm-7pm