Staffing
As mentioned in our last newsletter a number of staffing changes have occurred over the last few weeks due to staff returning from or taking up leave.

- Mark Tracy has returned from his Acting Principals position at Donald High School.
- Frank Saigar & Richard Davis have returned from Long Service Leave.
- We welcomed Kerry Dodson and David Priest as they are both taking up replacement positions in English and Mathematics respectively.
- Soon we will be fare welling both Tracy Marr and Clare Taylor as they begin their Maternity leave in early Term 3 along with Sue Wilmann who will be on LSL for Term 3.

Student Achievements
Megan Hale – DEEWR Scholarship
Congratulations to our 2012 Dux Megan Hale who recently received an award and scholarship from DEEWR to recognise her outstanding results last year. Megan was one of only 500 students from all school sectors (Government, Private and Independent) in Australia to receive this award. Well done Megan – a terrific effort!

Todd Linnett – VCAA Automotive Design Award winner
Recently Todd attended an awards ceremony at Federation Square where he was an entrant in the VCAA Automotive design awards. Below is an extract from the media release.

“Todd Linnett, 16, from Mildura, is taking his automotive design career in the right direction. The Mildura Senior College student won the 2013 VACC Automotive Design Awards Secondary Design category, for the second successive year. In front of 250 automotive industry guests at Federation Square, Todd received his Award and $3,000 prize money from the Hon. David Hodgett, Minister for Manufacturing, Major Projects and Ports.”

Congratulations to Todd on this fantastic achievement.

Open Day
On Sunday 4th of August we again held another very successful Open Day. In excess of 500 people visited our College and we had a very positive response to our range of programs and expertise in delivering senior school education. We are confident that this day kicks off a successful transition program for prospective students in 2014. A big thank you to the entire College community (including staff, students, College Councillors) for your support and contribution to the day.

Debutante Balls
Starting last week, the first of five Debutante balls was held at Club Di Vinci. The Deb balls are a culmination of an extraordinary amount or work by a very small organising committee including Colin & Maxine Cole with Sandy Gunn leading the students in their dance tuition. A huge amount of thanks goes to these people as well as all of the other staff and community members who have contributed time and support to these events. Any funds raised from the Deb Balls contribute to our extensive student wellbeing program via Chaplaincy.

Trade Training Centre
Construction to the major hub here on our site continues. We are now working hard to ensure we have the appropriate processes and policies in place to manage the proposed programs as well as reviewing our timetable model. We are confident that we can establish a timetable model that allows equitable access to both mainstream and trades based learning across both sites.

Andrew Ough
Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report

Student Learning:

We are now well into Semester 2. Students should now have an established routine for home study and their use of Independent Study time on Wednesday mornings.

Students should use their semester reports as a guide to either consolidating or improving their performance in the key areas of attendance, punctuality, work completion, effort and behaviour. As a school, we set high expectations, and in turn, students should set high expectations for themselves.

The next Student Progress Statement will be sent home on August 9, and this will be followed up with a 3 Week Way Conference on August 20. As this is the last 3 Way Conference for the year, all parents should attend, but in particular Year 12 parents as there are only 7 weeks of classes left for Year 12 students after August 20. Parents who have concerns about student progress are reminded to contact the relevant Student Co-ordinator.

College Environment:

Our grounds were well maintained over the holidays and students/ staff returned to a neat and tidy setting. Planning is currently under way to investigate possible options for the use of the Technology Wing in 2014. Significant work needs to be done in terms of room allocations, time-tableting and refurbishment.

Planning continues as we investigate options for the area between the Main Admin Building and the new TYC site. Some parts of this site will require significant works.

Reminders:

• The 2014 DEECD Parent survey has been sent out to over 100 families who were randomly selected to complete this survey. We value your feedback, so please complete the survey and return it promptly if you receive one.

• It is important that we all take pride in our environment.

Students are reminded to use the bins to dispose of all their rubbish, especially in the COLA area, lawn areas at the front of the school and the paved area near the canteen.

Students are reminded that the following areas are out of bounds: MGC Ovals beyond the Music Room, Centre Plantation in Deakin Avenue, Havilah Crescent, Eulina Drive, New subdivision of Eulina Drive. Church grounds adjacent to MGC Driveways and Yards of local residents, 14th St (no loitering/ congregating at any time) and the local Shops during class time.

Students Drivers must register their personal and vehicle details with Mr Tracy. Forms are available from the Office and the Student Services Centre. Our policy regarding Student Drivers mirrors DEECD requirements.

Mark Tracy
Assistant Principal

State School Spectacular:

I recently took our Team of Dancers to the State Schools Spectacular. The dancers performed in five dance items which they had been rehearsing for 5 months. Huge congratulations to Yr. 11 student Christy Dobricic who was chosen through an audition process as a backup singer for the show. She sang backing vocals for 21 songs! It has been a huge commitment for Christy and her family, as she has been travelling to Melbourne almost every weekend for months to rehearse and prepare for the show.

Special Provision:

Students with exceptional personal circumstances are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision. Students must see their Student Coordinator for assistance and further information.

Student Services Centre & Student Coordinators:

Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Student Coordinators, Attendance Officer and Transition & Pathways Coordinator. If students have questions about their program or completing their certificate, attendance queries or just need general help they should go to the Student Services Centre for advice. The Student Coordinators are here to assist you. To speak with a student’s coordinator please call the College and ask for your Student Coordinator.

Tri-star Medical Services on Site:

As of the 13th of August we will have a Doctor (General Practitioner) as well as a Mental Health Nurse on site one day a week. Students who would like to make appointments should see the Wellbeing Team. Parents can also make appointments for their students by contacting the front office. Hours are 9am – 3:30pm.

Parent Portal on the College Website:

The Parent Portal is active on our College Website and parents are reminded they can access the following information:

• Student Timetable
• Attendance Data
• Student Calendar
• Parent Messages
• Student Course Outlines will all be available soon
• Ability to book for Parent/Teacher interview evenings (3-Way Conferences)

Academic Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to the following students who received Academic Achievement Awards for Semester One. These certificates were presented at assembly on Monday 5th of August. They recognise outstanding results across their studies in Unit 1 and we congratulate them on their hard work and outstanding effort.

Shanea Breeding
Isabella Ghidinelli-Matheson
Aimee Young
Hannah Dryson-Berry
Gemma Lehrmann
Jessica Cox
Evangelie Val
Gorgi Zmarzly
Adelle McGaffin
Samantha Riley
Nhan Tran
Zachary Gillard
Caitlin Barker
Scarlett Roney
Brianna Henkel
Alexander Middelton
Mariah McLean
Tyler Tevarevis
Trent Branson
Connor Brown
Oliver Clementson
Alexander Mitchell
Emily Schultz
Nicholas Sleep
Callum Taylor
Joshua Thompson
Georgina Finlayson
Michelle Chu
Sanah Harris
Cigdem Konakci
Kata Shephard
Belinda Hudak
Assistant Principal

Photo Courtesy of the Sunraysia Daily – Featured 23rd July.

Dancers: Kristy BACED, Shelley COMPT, Bryony COX, Karre Mae ESTACIO, Jacob GANOE, Jasmine KORIBA, Kyle KNIGHT, Tamisha MCDERMOTT, Bronte MIDDLETON, Robert MILLER, Jada PIPER.

College Notices

Student Access to Local Shops

Students are reminded that our rule is that local shops can be accessed during the school day at recess and lunchtime. Students are required to return directly to school after purchasing items. No students should congregates or loiter at the shops or in 14th St/Deakin Avenue/Havilah Crescent at any time during the school day. Students are not permitted to access local shops during Study Lessons (“frees”).

Cyber Safety for Parents with Susan McLean:

Learn how to stay safe and keep your child safe in the online world.

Susan McLean will be presenting to local community parents addressing concerns/ issues related to cyber safety and strategies for dealing with them. Real world examples drawn from her vast experience as a Police Officer dealing with misuse of technology on a daily basis, add a particular relevance to her presentation.

When: Monday, 9th September
Time: 5.30 – 7.15pm
Location: MGC Gymnasium
Joanna Panagiotaros
Student Coordinator

Positive Behaviour

Teachers have always recognised positive behaviours at the College and are now formulating the process. A Positive Behaviour is defined as an expression or act which demonstrates desirable educational, social, cultural and personal attributes. The individual meets or exceeds expectations or shows improvement towards expectations from a lower starting point. Students will now receive a Positive Behaviour Card as a part of this recognition and each assembly a prize will be completed from those students who have received a Behaviour Card.

Sandy Gunn
Student Coordinator

Year 12 VCE Mathematics Examination Revision Lectures:

The Mathematical Association of Victoria will be presenting VCE Revision Lectures for students in Mildura on Sunday 22 September (first Sunday of the Term 3 holidays).

Times:
• Mathematical Methods (CAS) 9am-12pm
• Further Mathematics 1pm-4.30pm
• Specialist Mathematics 1pm-4pm

Venue:
• La Trobe University, Mildura Campus.

Cost:
• One lecture $35 (normally $40)
• Two lectures $60 (normally $70)

NOTE: To receive the discounted price you must select Mildura Senior College as a ‘Host School’ when booking.

Registration:
• Online www.mav.vic.edu.au/revisionlectures

Lucinda Gadsden
Mathematics Coordinator
SRC Report:

Biggest Morning Tea
On Friday the 25th of May the SRC held Mildura Senior College’s Biggest Morning Tea for the Anti-cancer council. We made a plethora of slices from apricot to vanilla and chocolate spiders to jelly slice. In the warm morning sun students lined up for their chance to grab some delicious sausage rolls and a pot of tea or coffee, whatever their desired brew. After everyone having their fill we were left with barely a slice left untouched or a sausage roll un-munched, leaving us with $450 raised throughout the school for the Anti-Cancer Council!

Sports teams day
On Friday the 3rd of May, the SRC held annual Mildura Senior College Sports Teams Day. During lunch time we sold a large variety pizza slices, and a wide range of chocolates and drinks. The SRC raised $200 and the money raised will go to The McGrath Foundation. The SRC would like to thank all the students and staff who donated or supported The McGrath Foundation.

Soft Lacrosse Staff vs Students
Soft Lacrosse was held on the 21st of June during lunch time. At this event we sold doughnuts, hot and cold drinks and chocolates. We successfully raised $100 and the foundation is yet to be determined. The game was very competitive but unfortunately the teachers won 5-1. The SRC would like to thank the students and teachers who played to defend their side, and we would also like to thank all the students and staff who donated and supported the event.

Tania Edgar
SRC Coordinator

Sports Report:
On Thursday 18th of July, Megan Allen flew to Melbourne and back with 5 boys and 5 girls to compete in the State Cross Country at Bundoora Park after both boys and girls teams took out the Lodden Mallee Region event in St Arnaud.

Girl’s results: (1st place 9m37s)
Eliza Weaver 9th in a time of 11m5s
Hannah Boseley 34th in a time of 12m27s
Jenni Barling 42nd in a time of 12m47s
Gemma Lehmann 43rd in a time of 12m53s
Mikayla Delcastenge DNS due to an ankle injury.
Their brilliant team results scored them State Runners Up!

Boy’s results: (1st place insane time of 14m50s)
Liam Pain 46th in a time of 18m31s
Dylan Murphy 54th in a time of 18m50s
Aiden Muller 57th in a time of 18m57s
Nathan Jordan 61st in a time of 19m31s
Jake Cole 75th in a time of 20m54s.
Their combined results gave them 4th in the teams.

On Thursday 25th July Mildura Senior College was also represented in the Boys and Girls Basketball Regional finals with the girls winning and the boys unfortunately losing their last game to Wedderburn to come second overall to Bendigo on percentage. We wish the girls luck in the state finals on September 10th.

The boys also fielded a team in the LMR netball final, but went down in their only game against Bendigo.

Glen Stephen
Sports Coordinator

Cutting Edge Technology for student SAC in Biology:
The Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) is a specialist science centre located in Melbourne. It delivers programs to Victorian students in cell and molecular Biology, and is committed to providing opportunities for rural students.

Mildura Senior College has an ongoing relationship with GTAC, acting as a host school, allowing other schools in the region to access these workshops. Schools involved in this year’s GTAC sessions include Red Cliffs Secondary College, Murrayvale Community College, Robinvale P12 College, Werrimull P12 School, Tyrell SC (Sea Lake), Manangatang SC, Swan Hill SC, Ouyen SC, and St Joseph’s College, with the sessions running over several days.

Senior Biology students, participating in this program, gain firsthand experience in techniques used to study molecular biology that enhance our understanding of cells and how they work. This acquired knowledge contributes to improvements in health, agriculture and the environment. These workshops take the theoretical information of a SAC, into a practical and realistic situation and experience.

We are very fortunate that a strong and professional relationship has developed over the years to secure the future of an amazing opportunity. It is so important for our students to have the opportunity to meet and work with young practicing scientists. These scientists mentor our Year 12 students as they perform cutting edge research using the equipment found in modern science laboratories.

The students are working on Recombinant DNA technology, where the green fluorescent protein gene, that is produced naturally in bioluminescent jellyfish, is inserted into a bacteria plasmid. The students experienced gel electrophorisis techniques, with the use of restriction enzymes.

Lisa Crowhurst
Biology and Environmental Science Teacher
Visit from LaTrobe University Bundoora Campus:

On July 30/31st Mr Robert Ross from the Electronic Engineering Faculty of LaTrobe University (Bundoora Campus) attended the college to conduct workshops for Year 12 Physics Students to enhance their understanding of course content in Electronic Amplifiers and Transmission of power via high tension power lines.

The practical work was very well accepted by all students who enthusiastically completed the practical tasks undertaken.

Glenn Butterworth
Physics Teacher

Community Notices:

HEYWIRE

HEYWIRE Competition:
The HEYWIRE competition is now open to people aged 16 - 22, to submit a story about life in Australia outside the major cities.

Your story can be created in any form of media: text, video, photography or audio. And if you are selected as one of our winners (roughly 40) your story will be featured on ABC Local Radio, ABC Radio National, ABC TV and abc.net.au.

And you’ll also score an all-expenses-paid trip to the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra in February 2014.

Go to: http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/stories/2012/03/3460119.htm

SportZprint:
If you would like to order school uniform (not compulsory).
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