Completion of the Year 12 Academic year – Celebration Day

Again we set very high expectations for our Year 12 students with regard to their behaviour as classes came to an end. Classes ran uninterrupted right up until the very last session on the last day of classes for all Year 12s. Many students came to the school on the Wednesday to participate in the activities, assembly and brunch. I am pleased to report that they conducted themselves in a very mature manner. The whole program was extremely positive and continued to build on the strong relationships the year 12 students have with their teachers and school.

College Captains 2014

We have recently completed the interviews for our College Captains for 2014. These students were nominated by their peers and had submitted a written application to a panel which interviewed the students and the recommended students went into an election involving all students.

I am pleased to announce that the College Captains Elect of Mildura Senior College in 2014 are as follows:

**College Captains:** Joel Knight and Adele McGaffin.

**Vice Captains:** Tyler Trevaskis and Gemma Lehmann.

**Exams**

By now Year 12 VCE Exams have begun and I would like to wish all students well for the work ahead involving the completion of their class outcomes and exams. I stress that this short time frame ahead is an opportunity they will not have again to underpin their future success and to ensure they complete the year saying that they did their best. I look forward with confidence to seeing the results of this work and celebrating their success at the Year 12 Dinner and Graduation.

**DEECD Secretary, Mr. Richard Bolt visit**

The Secretary of the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development, Mr Richard Bolt recently visited Mildura Senior College. The focus of the visit was discuss any broader issues we would like to pass on regarding the direction of education in Victoria and to enable him to tour the Trade Training Centre which is nearing completion.

**VET in schools – Student Excellence Awards**

Congratulations to all of our students who were nominated to participate in the recent VET in schools – student excellence awards. Of the 14 categories we had students nominated in, 12 students were declared the category winner. Special congratulations to Martin Rule who was awarded the overall prize, VET in schools – Student Excellence Awards, “Outstanding Student” for 2013.

**Andrew Ough**
Principal

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**KEY DATES**

- **Oct 30-Nov 22**: Year 12 Exams
- **Nov 5**: Melbourne Cup Day
- **Nov 8**: Last day of Year 11 classes
- **Nov 11-19**: Year 11 Exams
- **Nov 20-22**: Head Start for those studying Year 12 in 2014
- **Nov 21**: Year 12 Dinner
- **Dec 4-6**: Second Hand Book sale
- **Dec 10-11**: Orientation for 2014 Year 11 students
- **Dec 18**: Year 12 Graduation
- **Dec 19**: Office Closes
- **Dec 20**: Last day of Term 4
Assistant Principal’s Report

Student Assessment:
Year 12 students finished classes on Tuesday October 22, and Year 11 students finish on Friday November 8th. All students should have completed all their work by these dates. We have deadlines to meet with the transmission of results to Melbourne, so students must stick to these dates. Students are reminded that a pass or fail is determined by:

- The completion of the set work on the date and in the required manner (includes SAC’s)
- Meeting the college attendance requirements (90% or higher)
- Following VCAA rules (e.g. no plagiarism)
- Following other MSC rules, such as the behaviour record of the student and the number of units passed.

As noted in the mail out at the end of Term 3, progression from Year 11 to Year 12 is NOT an automatic process. Students who don’t satisfy the above criteria are jeopardising their chances of promotion.

Staff PD Day – October 23:
Staff used part of this day to undertake preparation for Year 11 exams, Year 11 Orientation, Year 12 Head Start and Course writing for 2014. November is a very busy month at our school, especially in the area of assessment and transition.

Exams:
Year 12 exams are well under way. Year 11 students have received a copy of their exam timetable. Year 11 students who do a Year 12 subject are reminded that if they have a clash with a Year 11 and a Year 12 exam, the Year 12 exam takes priority. The Year 11 exam can be completed at another time.

Environment:
We continue to undertake planning for the use of the T Wing buildings in 2014. The process will be long given the amount of equipment that needs to be moved from T1, T2 and T3.

We are also investigating options for the area between the M and P portables and the new Trade Training Centre. We need to be mindful of a number of factors in our planning including the amount of pedestrian traffic moving between the main area of the school and the TTC.

Major events:
With major events such as exams, enrolments, 2nd hand book sale, Head Start, The Year 12 Dinner and Graduation coming up, it is important that all students and parents have retained the document mailed out last term. Please contact the college or go to www.milsen.vic.edu.au to check dates if unsure.

Mark Tracy
Assistant Principal

Transition Information:
Current Year 11 students should have selected their preliminary choices for 2014. A list of the selected subjects will be included in the SPS 4 mail out. Enrolment sessions for current Year 11 students will occur on;

Tuesday 26th November
9:30-11:30am - Students in PATHWAYS groups
ABN, CIR, DCL, DFR, KSL
12:30-2:30pm - Students in PATHWAYS groups
TED, DHC, KPT, DSH, KMN

Wednesday 27th November
9:30-11:30am - Students in PATHWAYS groups
ADY, RDV, DMR, TPN, LRW
12:30-2:30pm - Students in PATHWAYS groups
EBB, KDD, GGB, MAL, WYN

Parents are welcome to attend these sessions.

Head Start Days:
Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November 2013. On these days all Year 12 2014 students are required to attend as teachers will begin Unit 3 work and give out important work to be completed by the start of the following year. Attendance is compulsory.

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.

Sandy Gunn
Reg Byrne
Jim Blue
Joanna Panagiotaros
Ineke Rogers

Special Provision for Examinations:
Students with exceptional personal circumstances or illness during their exams are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision. Students must see their Student Coordinator or Sharyn Byrne for assistance and further information. We recommend that all students sit their examinations and if unwell visit the Doctor the same day. Year 12 Examinations cannot be rescheduled.

Student Activities and Events:
Congratulations to the students in the Mildura District Stage Band who performed at the Pink Ball on Saturday 19th October. Audiences were very impressed with their talent and quality.

Many students have already completed Yr. 12 Performance and Oral exams in Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies and Languages. We wish all students all the best with their upcoming written exams.

Belinda Hudak
Assistant Principal
College Notices

Netbooks Return - Information for All Students:

Every student must return their netbook as per their agreement. The netbook provided to students is property of the school, loaned to the student on an annual basis for the term of the student's enrolment. All students must return their netbook at the end of the school year.

Students who do not need their netbooks during exam time can return them before classes finish by the 22nd October for Yr 12s and the 8th of Nov for Yr 11's. Alternately students must return netbooks during the exam period by the 22nd Nov to the helpdesk in the Library.

Student need to remove all files from their netbook and their H-Drive and transfer it to a portable storage device, such as a USB drive (these can be purchased from the office or at any electronics store if the student does not have one). See the Helpdesk if you need assistance with this.

Once the netbook is returned all content will be deleted.

Please ensure you return all accessories with your netbook:
- Netbook
- Powerpack
- Protective sleeve

Students will sign off on all of these items when returned.

Note:
Students who have not returned their netbooks by the 22nd Nov will be invoiced for the cost of replacing the Netbook ($500).

Technology at Mildura Senior College 2014

As you may have heard in the media, federal government funding for the 1-to-1 netbook program in schools has now ceased.

For the past 3 years, Mildura Senior College has supplied all students with an Acer netbook under this federal program. We believe that the benefit of having individual full-time access to a computing device is still extremely valuable, and will become more so in the future. Digital literacy is becoming a significant factor in future career success for today's students as we move to an increasingly digital economy.

Computing devices have become much cheaper and more powerful since the beginning of the federally funded program. Mildura Senior College has decided to invest in reconfiguration of our network to support students and parents to choose the type of computing device that best suits them or bring a device students currently have. This is known as BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

The College will provide:
- Onsite wireless network connection for all students
- Email facilities
- Online course materials accessible at any time
- Intranet facilities for students and parents to communicate with staff, book interviews, view attendance, etc
- Licencing for the latest Microsoft Office suite of software, that can be installed at no cost for the time a student is enrolled at the College
- A wide range of other educational applications that can be installed free of charge
- A number of devices that can be borrowed eg while a device is being repaired or otherwise unavailable
- Specialist classes will have computer labs with more powerful machines that can be used in conjunction with student devices for particular purposes
- Carts of standard devices will be available for staff to book for specific class purposes if needed to assist students

The College is negotiating with suppliers to offer lease arrangements and discounts on purchase of recommended devices. We are determined that no student will be disadvantaged by not having a device due to financial reasons. We will have a number of loan devices available for students.

The BYOD program will also allow students and parents to choose a more high-end device than the standard model. This may suit students undertaking technology-intensive courses such as Media, Information Technology, Interactive Digital Media, etc. Others may choose tough devices with gel cases and protective screen covers to minimise the chance of breakage in practical situations, for example.

The College will provide recommendations on device features and types, that will be continue to be updated as technology develops. Our aim is to enable students to achieve the best possible results in their studies and prepare to become confident, capable members of society. We ask for the support of parents and students to ensure that the BYOD program is effective in achieving this goal.

Year 11 & 12

Library Books          Netbooks          Lockers

Library Books: Return Library Books by End of Classes
(Unless needed for exams, return by 22 Nov)

Netbooks: You must return your Netbook by 22 November
(Including case and charger)

Lockers: Your locker must be emptied by 22 November
Any items left behind, will not be kept for you

For any queries please go to the Student Services Centre

Second Hand Books

Second Hand Book Drop off at the school Library will start on the 6th November until 28th November.
Second Hand Books can be picked up in the Library on:
Wednesday 4th December - 1pm – 6pm
Thursday 5th December - 8am – 1pm
Fire Sale Friday 6th December - 8am – 10am

Australian Mathematics Competition Results

Mildura Senior College entered nine students in the 36th annual Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank and conducted by the not-for-profit Canberra-based Australian Mathematics Trust under the trusteeship of the University of Canberra. These students were among hundreds of thousands in Primary and Secondary schools from around 40 countries who sat the AMC on August 1, testing everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

Particular mention must be made of the following results achieved by Mildura Senior College students.
- Certificate of Distinction: Nicholas Sleep (Year 11), Jack Arney (Year 12), Bridget Loughhead (Year 12)
- Certificate of Credit: Chelsea Griffiths (Year 12), Joshua Vartuli (Year 12)
- Certificate of Proficiency: Kate Hammerton (Year 12)

All other students who competed will receive a Certificate of Participation and every participant is provided with an individual performance report.

Lucinda Gadsden
Mathematics Coordinator
Safer Partying Sunraysia

www.itsincontrol.com.au is a website which is a guide for young people and their families to talk about safer partying. We all know a good party is where everything is in control and a bad party is where things get out of control. Communication between parents and young people is the key to a successful party.

Back in 2007 Students worked on a project to promote safer partying in Sunraysia. State and local funding made the site possible. A collaborative partnership with students and the local Saunders Design Group came up with the concept of the itsincontrol brand. In the past all Secondary schools, police and community health services have been involved. To promote the site a TV Ad was made by Win TV and volunteer staff and students and aired on WIN and TEN. Then in 2009 more students wanted to make a new Ad and this time it is an animated one you may have seen before at the Cinema.

This year VCAST students Marlee Hards, Louise Spagnolo and the Yr. 12 Visual Communication Design class: Mehdi Al Nassiri, Ozgun Bagci, Nathan Beasy, Mitchell Clifford, Stephanie Clutterbuck, Courtney Elmitt, Ari Ali Jabari, Claire Morris, Nearnat Najafi, Karave Nyandwe, Taylor O’Sullivan, Tim Pongraz, Isobella Price, Ben Stevens and Caleb Westhead have updated the site to a mobile view and this was launched at the last Yr. 12 assembly.

This site will be moderated by the Secondary School Nurse team in consultation with students in the future and the animated Ad will be shown at the Cinema to promote the mobile site. Please bookmark this site in your phones and tablets for quick access and talk to your teenagers to do the same. Stay in control! View our mobile website at www.itsincontrol.com.au

For more information or to provide feedback on this site contact Roz Devilee College Nurse@MSC.

Roz Devilee
School Nurse

School To Work

MADEC VET in Schools Student Excellence Awards

Mildura Senior College had outstanding results at the MADEC VET in Schools Student Excellence Awards held on Tuesday October 15th at the Mildura Arts Centre. Of the 73 student nominees, 31 were from Mildura Senior College, with nominations in 15 of the 26 student categories. Photos from the night will be in the MSC school magazine, Mildurian.

Schools represented were Werrimull P-12, Robinvale P-12, Coomealla High School, St Joseph’s College, Irymple Secondary College, Chaffey Secondary College, Red Cliffs Secondary College, Sunraysia Institute of TAFE and Mildura Senior College.

And the big winner of the night, Student of the Year 2013 went to MARTIN RULE.

Martin is a current Year 12 VCE student who also won awards for both the categories he was nominated in VET Avionics and VET Integrated Technology.

Rochelle Cliffe was 1st Runner Up having won also in two categories for VET Business and as the Australian School-based Apprentice (ASbA).

A special mention went to Sarah Dimasi for VET Business. Even though she did not win this category the judging panel was very impressed by her.

Congratulations to all our nominees and category winners. It is such a great achievement.

Applied Fashion Design Nominees
Georgia Guest (Category winner)

Automotive Nominees
Todd Ablett
Ijaz Hussain
Brock Larkin
Nathan Leane (Category winner)

Avionics Nominees
Martin Rule (Category winner)

Beauty Services Nominees
Lily Appleby
Taylen Pearce (Category winner)
Sarah Taha

Business Nominees
Rochelle Cliffe (Category winner)
Sarah Dimasi (special mention for excelling)
Lauryn Harwood
Amanda Simmons
Zoey Young

Community Services Nominees
Katerina Blekic (Category winner)

Engineering Nominees
Nicholas Moore
Joel Schwarz

(Furniture winner from Robinvale P12)

Fitness Nominees
Tahlia Meyer
Brittney Poole

(Handmade winner from St Joseph’s College)

Furniture Making Nominees
Sam Bozzi (Category winner)
Ryan Gathercole

Hairdressing Nominees
Tajira Dale
Ashleigh Phillips (Category winner)

Information Technology Nominees
Matthew Norman (Category winner)

Integrated Technology Nominees
Martin Rule (Category winner)
Retail Nominees
Shae Beer (Category winner)
Gabriella Girardi
Rebecca Nicolson-Leask
School-based Apprentices and Trainees
Nikolas Blekic
Rochelle Cliffe (Category winner)
Joel Schwarz

Linda Snoxell
School to Work Coordinator

Australian Business Week 2013

Australian Business Week was conducted from 12th – 16th August at the Grand Hotel. All year 11 Business Management students were split into teams where they were required to make decisions on the operation of a multi-million dollar hotel simulation, participate in team building activities, develop a product or service, produce a 30 second TV commercial and trade display, write a company report and make an oral presentation to their shareholders. Each group also worked with mentors from the local business community who donated their time to the program. A huge thankyou also goes to the local businesses who gave their support through donations of money, goods or vouchers.

It was an extremely busy, but enjoyable week for all who were involved and the new location has produced some positive feedback from students, mentors and teachers. Congratulations to all involved and a job well done

Individual Award winners
Most Outstanding Female Business Personality – Adele McGaffin
Most Outstanding Male Business Personality – Zack Walsh
Best Oral Presenter Female – Adele McGaffin
Best Oral Speaker Male – Zac Gillard
Best Trade Display Personality Female – Adele McGaffin
Best Trade Display Personality Male – Matthew Robertson

Team Awards
Best Company Written Report – Cloud 9 Resorts
Best TV Advertisement – Hot Spot Hotels

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Most successful in the team building activities – Cloud 9 Resorts  
Best Trade Display – The Opal  
Best Oral Presentation – Cloud 9 Resorts  
Winner of the Hotel Simulation game – Royal Suit  
Grand Champions – Royal Suit

**ABW Program – Business Mentors**  
Mildura Senior College would like to take this opportunity to thank all our valuable business mentors who have assisted us make our 2013 ABW Program the success it is.

Luke Gathercole – DHM Partners  
Elvira Mazza - Sunraysia Security Services  
Paul Moore – Aarinda Holiday Units  
Judi Harris – Mildura Rural City Council  
Greg Leslie – Mildura Tourism  
Robert Libchard – Merbein & District Community Bank  
Jeremy Seward – La Trobe University  
Rebecca Wells – La Trobe University  
Larry O’Connor – La Trobe University  
Narelle Tomlinson - La Trobe University  
Phil Matthews – One on One Training  
Rada Radisic – One on One Training  
Ross Humphreys – Sunraysia Inst of TAFE

**ABW Program – Sponsorship and Business Assistance**  
Mildura Senior College would like to take this opportunity to thank all individuals and organisations who have assisted in any way to make our 2013 ABW Program the success it is.

**Business Assistance (Judges & Guest Speakers)**  
Don Carazza – Media Storm  
Chris Mitchell – NMLLEN  
David Swain – Sunbeam Foods  
Grant Stoeckel – Elders  
Simone Tierney – Endota Spa  
Corliss McBain – Mildura Senior College  
Nadein Mayfield  
Brett Driscoll – Ray White  
Annie Stone – Mildura Senior College  
Andrew Ough – Mildura Senior College  
Belinda Hudak – Mildura Senior College  
Mark Tracy – Mildura Senior College  
Luke Gathercole – DHM Partners  
Nick Davies – JR Watson Legal

**Sponsorship of Prizes or Cash Donations**  

**Lorene Dunstan**  
Business Management Teacher

**Sports Report**  
On Thursday October 9th, 13 representatives from Mildura Senior College travelled to Bendigo for the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics Championships, with 12 of them bringing home medals. A fantastic effort considering competitors were the best from Bendigo, Mildura, Swan Hill, Ouyen, Manangatang, Kerang, St Arnaud, Donald and Pyramid Hill.

1st: Stefan Cifra: 100m sprint, Nicholas Sleep: Discus and Dylan Murphy: 1500m  
2nd: Nick Cavallaro: 800m, 17 Boys Relay (Jayden Fitzgerald, Damien Onorto, Jayden Cogan, Stefan Cifra), Open Boys Relay (Sam Brinmsmead, Geoff Hill, Dylan Murphy, Shea Allen)  
3rd: Georgia Becker: High Jump, Sam Brinmsmead: 400m, Dylan Murphy: Javelin and Nathan Jordan: 1500m
On Monday, 16th December VCE Results andATAR are available at 7.00 am. Students who wish to alter their VTAC preferences can do so from the 25th November, until the 23rd 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 Change of Preference Hotlines 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 16th December to Thursday 19th 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.

January First Round Offers
First round offers from VTAC are out on Monday, 17th January at 2 pm online and email to VTAC User Account, and are available Wednesday, 16th January (offers emailed by 5 pm) for SATAC on UniWeb. All Tertiary Admission Centre guides have information about offer dates inside the front cover of their guide. 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 at their VTAC User Account. Log in with your student number and 4 digit pin, and click on Offers on the top black menu bar. Details of this, and the information is also available in their VTAC Guides and on the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au

SATAC - Change of Preference can be done at any time until Monday 6th January 2014 and still have equal consideration for courses. You can ring Flinders, UniSA and Adelaide University to find out your newATAR rank for SA, and then decide whether to make changes to your preferences. Each South Australian university will help you with possible pathway courses to help you get into your preferred degree, so make sure you contact them between the 16th January and Monday, 6th January, 2014 in order to be 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 $2,050 paid in two half yearly instalments in 2014.

Relocation Scholarships – For full-time dependant students who have to live away from home to attend university – $4,048 in the first year and $2,024 in the following years of study.

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.

YEAR 12 SCHOLARSHIP MARY LEWIS TRUST FOR WOMEN AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY
For FEMALE students only. $10,000 per year for university fees, living allowances, books, equipment, and transport.

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STUDENTS
GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BOTH YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS
Melbourne University
For students only. $10,000 per year for university fees, living allowances, books, equipment, and transport.

For full-time dependant students who have to live away from home to attend university – $4,048 in the first year and $2,024 in the following years of study.

YEAR 12 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship (South Australian applicants) - www.hawkerscholarship.org
A full C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship normally covers all college fees and university HECS fees.

Subject to availability and the location of the chosen course of study, the scholarship requires successful applicants to take up residence at St Mark’s College in Adelaide, Robb College in Armidale, Burgmann College in Canberra, Roseworthy Residential College in Adelaide, Marcus Oldham College in Geelong and Trinity College in Cambridge. Successful applicants are required to study at one of the following institutions:

- Australian National University - ACT
- Flinders University of South Australia - SA
- University of Adelaide (including Roseworthy Campus) - SA
- Roseworthy Residential College
- University of New England - NSW
- University of South Australia - SA
- Marcus Oldham College - VIC
- University of Cambridge - UK

Applications for the 2014 Hawker Scholarship open on Monday 9 December 2013 and close Friday 3 January 2014.

Students who intend to DEFER their studies and take a “gap” year SHOULD NOT APPLY for this scholarship. Students should only submit an application if they intend to enter and commence the course proposed during the same academic year.

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BOTH YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS
The Department’s Scholarship Web Site is open for a range of different types of scholarships at:


This site will re-open November 18, 2013 for scholarship applications.

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For scholarships that the Department administers, a student must apply for a scholarship at the same year level that they are studying in 2013, eg. a student in Year 12 in 2013 would apply for a Year 12 scholarship.

Scholarships for students at relevant 2013 year levels will be granted and paid early in 2014.

The scholarships are offered to primary, secondary and tertiary students and range in value from $250 to over $2000. They are generally awarded to students who:

• demonstrate excellent academic achievement
• demonstrate outstanding participation in their school and local community
• are in financial need (determined by the parents/guardians being in receipt of the Education Maintenance Allowance or the students themselves receiving the Youth Allowance).

However there are scholarships that are not based on the above criteria, especially scholarships connected to the Police Force and the Rail, Tram and Bus Union, Locomotive Division.

Students will be able to apply for these scholarships when they have their end year results. (Note: you have to notify the Principal, Andrew Ough that you are applying for a particular scholarship as he has to verify your results online.)

UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS
Keep checking university websites to see if any new scholarships have been added and check the Chances for Children website (Web address: www.chancesforkids.com.au) to see if any scholarships are available in your state, tagged to your child’s area of study and to the university he/she wishes to go to. There are 10,000 scholarships available.

Bendigo/Adelaide Bank Scholarships – www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships for financially disadvantaged students who are outstanding as a student and who can demonstrate extensive community involvement. You must be required to relocate away from home in order to study your course. You can demonstrate the disadvantage that is preventing you from taking up the opportunity of further study.

Applications for 2014 scholarships will open in 2 December, 2013 and close January 24th, 2014.

Taking a Gap Year in 2013 - Consider Antipodes 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, supportive and well renowned. For more information go to www.antipodeans.com.au

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 2014, they can contact me by ringing the school and making an appointment for an interview. I am available for interviews until the 19th of December.

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

Jobs Advertisements
If you are looking for an apprenticeship or a job keep touching base with Linda Snoxall, our school to Work Co-ordinator - by emailing her on: snoxall@milsen.vic.edu.au or ringing the school on 5021 2911. There are positions available at the moment of writing for apprenticeships and jobs which are advertised weekly, on the school intranet.

Centrelink Notification Of Study For 2014
All students who ‘have and intention to study’ at University or TAFE or Madec in 2014 need to go IN to Centrelink IN NOVEMBER to create a record for themselves. Students need to know parent income. Good idea to take in a copy of parent family benefits as well.

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 Pathways classes and are taking steps to achieve them. The best of luck to our 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 deferring courses, can return for assistance in 2014, if they need help applying for courses during August and September.

Lavina Hamilton
Future Pathways and Career Advice Co-ordinator

Community Notices
Learn About Yourself!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.” Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in February 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Finland, Canada, the U.S.A, Colombia, Mexico and Japan. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au or call Jenny 08 85562208 request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Rugby League Tag this summer?
Rugby League Tag is a fast, fun and safe mixed gender sport for all ages and it’s coming to Sunraysia this summer!

To find out more contact:
Rugby League Victoria
For registration & more information: Montee Mroseko 0417227725, email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au
MSC Calendar 2013

October
30 Year 12 Written Exams
11-19 Year 11 Exams
8 Melbourne Cup Day
5 Last day of classes for Year 11
1-22 Year 12 Written Exams
21 Year 12 Dinner

November
20-22 Head Start for those studying Year 12 in 2014
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10-11 Orientation for 2014 Year 11 students
4-6 Second Hand Book Sale

December
4-6 Last day of Term 4
19 Office Closes
18 Year 12 Graduation
18 Orientation for 2014 Year 11 students
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