Welcome back to Term 3, I am hoping that all of our students had a productive and restful holiday break.

**Staffing**

At the start of Term 3 we welcomed Brooke Summers and Jack Dooley to our staff. Brooke is taking over from Sue Wilmann who retired at the end of Term 2 and Jack will be replacing Glen Stephen while he takes Long Service Leave for Term 3. We also have both Ineke Rogers and Joanna Panagiotaros taking some short term leave and we have their classes covered by experienced senior teachers in their absence.

**Open Day**

On Sunday 3rd 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 2015. A big thank you to the entire College Community, (including staff, students, College Councillors) for your support and contribution to the day.

**Debutante Balls**

By the time you read this the Debutante Balls will be well underway. The Deb balls are a culmination of an extraordinary amount of work by a small but committed team who organise the events and conduct the dance training. 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.

*Andrew Ough*

Principal

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**KEY DATES**

**Term 3 2014**

- **August 11 -15**  Australian Business Week
  (Year 11 Business Management Students)
- **August 12-13**  The Beat
- **August 18**  Parent/Student/Teacher Conference # 3
- **August 25**  College Council
- **September 19**  End of Term 3 at 2.30pm; Student Progress Statement 4 posted home
The Parental Portal is active on our College Website and parents are reminded to ensure their information is up to date by filling out the Student Driver Form. Student drivers are also reminded that transporting other students in their vehicles is not permitted. Student Coordinators We have 5 Student Coordinators and families have received letters introducing them to their student’s Coordinator. To speak with a Coordinator please call the College.

Student Progress Statement (SPS) 3

The annual DEECD Parent survey has been posted home to parents; it will be posted home on September 19th. The College website now has a “Key Dates” link on the top toolbar, which provides families with key dates/Assessment Task dates for Year 11 and 12 classes by the Victorian Tertiary Admission Guides (blue book).

Key Dates

The upgrade of the area between C Wing and S Wing was completed in time for Open Day. The area has seating, shade and grass and is better suited to passive recreation than the previous environment.

Student Learning

Student drivers who drive to school are reminded they should register their cars at the Front Office by filling out a Student Driver Form. Student drivers are also reminded that transporting other students in their vehicles is not permitted.

Year 12 Tertiary Applications

Year 12 students who are planning to apply for University or TAFE next year have received their VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admission Guides 2015) and the VTAC ABC of Applying – Getting it right 2015 – a guide to how to find courses and make applications. On Tuesday, 5th August, students will be issued with SAC (Student Assessment Certificate) documents.

Doctor(General Practitioner) as well as a Mental Health Nurse on site each Tuesday. 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 8am – 3:30pm.

Student Progression (SPS) 3

The College website now has a “Key Dates” link on the top toolbar, and this shows all the important Key Dates for the remainder of the year. Our aim is to update this on a regular basis. Please check this first before calling the School. Included in this section is a list of SAC dates/Assessment Task dates for Year 11 and 12 classes by subject. We are making every effort to improve our website and have appointed a Parent who can assist parents.

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 and SATAC Preliminary Preference Session will be held in term three.

Coursesearch on the VTAC website to check if there are any practice sheets which are to be found in the Pathways booklets for term three.

Tertiary applications will be done during Pathway classes here at the College, and in August, once they have been completed at home, once ‘step-by-step’ guides to applying have been handed out to Pathway classes.

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 and SATAC Preliminary Preference Session will be held in term three.

Students can log on and register their details at www.vtac.edu.au on August 4th. Once students have registered and have their VTAC User Account section of the VTAC website and apply for courses in their Pathway session at the school (or you can do this at home). They can use a credit card to pay their $28.00 or set up a Pay Pal account and deposit $30.00 into the account (to cover any charges).

Creating Your List Of Preferences

1. Have I met the pre-requisites? You need to go to the VTAC website this year to check Pre-requisites for courses by doing a Coursesearch. For SATAC go to the SATAC University Guide 2015 section of the SATAC website to check if there are any pre-requisites.

2. I am aware of the Extra Requirements (in order to enter this course eg folio, audition etc.) This year you need to do a Coursesearch on the VTAC website to check if there are any extra requirements for your courses.

3. I have listed the correct codes

The final date for timely applications is September 30th (5.00 pm). After that time, students will have to pay a late fee to submit their applications. This date applies to course applications all over Australia. Each student should have a VTAC booklet called ‘The ABC of Applying’. Getting it right! 2015. This booklet has been created to assist parents and you should ask your son/ daughter to bring it home. The College will provide revision classes for students in the lead up to these exams.

The College website now has a “Key Dates” link on the top toolbar, which provides families with key dates/Assessment Task dates for Year 11 and 12 classes by the Victorian Tertiary Admission Guides 2015 (blue book).

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VTAC Scholarships – Applications Due In 17th October

If a student’s family is on a low income, the student is already receiving Youth Allowance OR Family Benefits (under their parents’ Centrelink Access Number), they should also have filled in the Scholarship Application form on the VTAC User Account section of the VTAC website. Every student should submit a VTAC scholarship application. If you are ineligible for Centrelink benefits you must provide your Australian Tax Office Notice of Financial Assessment for the 2013/2014 financial year for each contributing parent or partner OR you can get your parents to supply three consecutive pay slips no older than three months old. A VTAC representative in Mildura this year stated, ‘students should make an application and let VTAC decide whether they are eligible!’ The VTAC Guide 2015 has VTAC scholarship information on pp 44-50. Other institutional Scholarships not through VTAC can be found on page 50 of the VTAC guide. It is the students’ responsibility to lodge their application, and send any documentary evidence to VTAC (accompanied by a VTAC scholarship cover sheet). No late documents will be considered.

Apprenticeships And Traineeships
Students who are intending to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship you must go to your school’s career counsellor NOW. They should check job vacancies and register with local agencies (like Sunraysia Mallee Group Training) as soon as possible. Each week job vacancies are placed on the school intranet so students should be regularly checking. There certainly will be a rush on jobs and apprenticeships before Christmas and early in the New Year.

Scholarships –
www.hobsoncoursefinder.com.au - select Scholarships. Search by level of study, keyword, State etc.

For individual institution scholarships the students need to go online to each university website or consult their undergraduate course guide for 2015. (See above) 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, to read the scholarships section of each institution that you are applying to, and give the institution a call if you need more information.

Chances For Children Tertiary Scholarships
Students who need financial assistance to meet the cost of going away, can apply to Chances For Children to be assessed for a Scholarship. The Scholarship application round will open soon. Go to www.chancesforchildren.com.au and print off an application form. Parents will need to fill in a FAMILY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET form for the year in question. Contact Lavina Hamilton to get a copy of the budget page.

Centrelink Administered Scholarships:
If you are planning to apply for Youth Allowance Annual Allowance (YUDA) or a course, you need to lodge a claim as soon as you complete your Year 12 Exams. You can lodge claims 3 weeks before the end of the year, it takes a minimum of 21 days to process claims. Payment of Youth Allowance in 2015 will usually be assessed on parent’s income for the 2013/2014 financial year. There is an additional income test if your parents/guardian’s self is employed. All claims are started online. You can log on and register yourself at http://my.gov.au. You can link a Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support online account. Follow the instructions at my.gov.au to link your accounts to myGov.

Student Start-Up Scholarship – for all full-time students receiving Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY. This scholarship is available from September 2015. The scholarship is $2,050 paid in two half yearly instalments in 2015.

Relocation Scholarships
For rural students who are receiving Youth Allowance etc. and have to move away from home to attend higher education, $4,145 in the first year and $2,073 in the following two years, and $1,036 for the following years.

Year 12 Scholarship Dafydd Lewis Trust
For Men
For Male only students $14,000 per year for university fees, living allowances, books, equipment, and transport.

Year 12 Scholarship Mary Lewis Trust For Women
For FEMALE students only studying ANY COURSE at MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY $10,000 per year for University fees, living allowances, books, equipment, and transport.

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Year 12 Scholarship C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship
- www.hawkerscholarship.com.au
The 2014 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is a residential scholarship valued at up to $45,000 for three years. It normally covers all compulsory fees, books, stationary and equipment with an allowance for living expenses.

Applications for the 2014 Hawker Scholarship open on Monday 8th December 2014 and close Friday 3rd January 2015. Selection is based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability.

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: www.education.vic.gov.au/scholarships/

Accommodation Applications – should be completed Sept/Oct. after course applications are completed.

Please note that when you apply for entry into an institution you should also apply for accommodation for the institution if it is your top three preferences. An application fee is charged, which you may or may not get back. Accommodation bookers for some of the universities are available in the Careers Centre as well as information booklets for some of the accommodation colleges. To start checking, access the booklets online to see which institutions have opened up their accommodation forms. Eg. Once a university has their Open day you can do an accommodation application.

Subiect Selection For 2015
Year 11 students should have begun to think about their subjects for Year 12, particularly any subjects for NCEA, ATAR, Targeting direction, or have a more defined goal following Year 12.

Students should make the time to come and visit the Careers Centre to check out the VTAC and SACE 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, for a multitude of other courses the pre-requisites can vary.

If a student would like to have a consultation with me they can make an appointment by emailing me for a suitable time, or drop in and make an appointment in the Careers Centre. Students should only come as well, and appointments can be made outside of school time. Please ring the College on 02 9211 or email lamilton@milduracentrelink.vic.edu.au

Private Colleges Australia
Private Colleges Australia www.privatecollegesaustralia.com.au is a new website aiming to keep an up-to-date and comprehensive listing of all private colleges of tertiary education in Australia. This website is totally free to access. Colleges are listed by State in both A-Z and by course format making it easy to compare all colleges with similar courses.

UNI GUIDE ONLINE – guide to costs and Scholarships
A complete guide to University and TAFE study costs, support services and entitlements has been put together as free online resource - resource for students, parents and teachers. The publications: Get Smart Guide and Get Smart Scholarship Guide

From the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) can be downloaded for free from the website: www.asg.com.au. The booklets explain the costs of study, how to access student support and entitlements, scholarship opportunities, plus tips & traps involved when dealing with new government regulations and criteria.

Registering For Fortnightly Career News
If you are interested in receiving the Career Newsletter by email, could you please contact Lavina Hamilton at: hamiltonlav@kew.vic.edu.au

Student Achievements

It has been a very busy and successful couple of months for our Year 11 student, Tom Allison.

Tom is part of the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Cycling Program based in Adelaide. He travels most weeks to Adelaide for training and racing. Over the last few months Tom has travelled to races in Tasmania, South Australia, Canberra and South Australia.

He recently won the Mildura Cycling Club Autumn Classic over 18km, as well as a race in Warnambool.

During the holidays he competed in an International Track Carnival at the Adelaide Velodrome, as well as competing at the Road Cycling Nationals in Canberra. Tom finished 12th in the road race and was the second placed bottom age rider. He also finished 22nd in the Time Trial.

Tom has also been to Mount Gambier to partake in a 160km road race. He was also selected in the SASI team for the Tour of the Murray River starting in Mildura which was on the 20th of July. This is a seven stage race covering over 650km which is part of the National Road Series. Unfortunately injury prevented Tom from finishing the race but we are very proud of his efforts and congratulate him on being selected.

We look forward to following Tom’s future endeavours and achievements.
Fitness Testing
Wednesday 4th June – Pre-testing
Wednesday 30th July – Post-testing

As a requirement of Unit 4 PE, students need to complete fitness testing in order to identify areas (fitness components) that are stronger or weaker. Students compare their individual results with national standards, and establish whether each of their fitness components are ‘Poor’, ‘Good’, ‘Excellent’, etc. Using their results, students need to identify three fitness components that they will train, and design a six week training program in order to improve in these fitness components.

After the six weeks of training, fitness testing is conducted again to see if students have improved in their fitness components. The results are used to analyse whether the goals of their training program have been achieved or not, and if the program needs altering.

It’s great to see students come in and complete a number of tests on a Wednesday morning. Working in pairs or small groups, students work their way through the tests, and a healthy level of competition helps with motivation! It is also pleasing to see some very good results and improvements achieved after doing their training program.

Kate Bourchier & Tania Edgar

SRC Report

SRC Biggest Morning tea - Patrick McMahon
The Biggest Morning Tea was held in the carpeted side of the Canteen on Friday 23rd May. There was a lot of preparation done during lunch time by various members of the SRC and Tania Edgar, who was instrumental as ever in the success of the day. There was a good turnout and we would like to thank everyone who came along and purchased some slice and a drink on the day and for helping us to raise $405 for a worthy cause.

Tania Edgar
SRC Coordinator

Sports Report

Boys Volleyball
On May 23rd the MSC Boys Volleyball team travelled to Melbourne for the day to compete in the State Volleyball Championships. The boys had already won both the Sunraysia and Regional competitions convincingly to reach the finals, where they would be competing against the best eight schools in Victoria.

The first game was against Horsham SC. Slow starts have been a problem for MSC teams in the past so this time we made sure we had eaten and warmed up properly before the game, and were mentally in the zone. The boys got off to a real ‘flyer’ playing confidently and winning the game in two sets 20-11, 20-17, leading team captain Jesse Robinson to utter the words “we’re back”.

Game two was against Eltham High School. Eltham have won state and national titles so it was always going to be a challenge. They had two powerful hitters who could jump high above the net (2.47metres high) and spike the ball with power. Our boys were not intimidated, however, and threw everything they had at Eltham in a high standard and high pressure match. All matches are best of three with each set being first to 20 points with a 2 point advantage. In the first set, scores reached 18 apiece, before a shell-shocked Eltham lucked the next two points for an 18-20 result. Sadly, the second set followed a similar story with scores this time reaching an amazing 19 all, with Eltham again snatching the next two points at the death to claim victory in the set and the match.

Our boys were still alive in the competition and felt confident about winning game three and reaching the semi-finals. Their opponent was Victoria University Secondary College. The Victoria University boys played a style of volleyball that didn’t look like much, with no real star players, but they just kept getting the ball back over the net and played well together and with great team spirit. Again the game went down to the wire with two sets of 18-20, 19-21 – the same nail-biting score line as the previous game against Eltham. Our boys maybe had spent too much energy in the previous game, but they just couldn’t land the killer blows they needed.

Overall, our boys were disappointed they missed a spot in the semi-finals and the day was over after three matches. However, they need to be congratulated on the effort, energy and tremendous skill they put into their volleyball, and the way they represented the College and conducted themselves in the pressure of competition. They had trained and prepared well but just couldn’t get there on the day.

Well done to Jesse Robinson, Trent Branson, Josef Moisidis, Nick Stewart, Tain Byrne, Jarrod Lay, John Hua and Liam Pain. Thanks to the office staff and administration for their help in organising the team’s participation in the competition.

Tony Birch
Team Manager

Music Report

This year’s Beat Showcase will be on at the Mildura Arts Centre, August 12th and 13th. The Beat is a combined State Schools Variety Concert featuring the very best dance and music acts from primary and secondary levels. Students from Mildura Senior College will be highlighting what they have been working on this year and representing their school in this year’s program. Mildura Stage Band, The Fling Ensemble, as well as featured solo acts from Lina Mafi and Philadelphia McKinnon are due to play both nights. Sharnie Stimm and Ayden Thorne will be the compères for the production which promises to an entertaining night of performance.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Mildura Arts Centre on 501 8830 or online at www.milduraartscentre.com.au

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September

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19 Statement 4 posted home