Semester 2 Beginning

All students have now begun 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.

Staffing

After a long and distinguished teaching career Sue Wilmann has made the decision to retire from the beginning of Term 3. Sue is popular and highly regarded by her students and colleagues alike and has had a positive influence on thousands of students. I’m sure you would join me in wishing Sue all the very best in her retirement. We have ensured that all Sue’s classes have been transferred to experienced and capable teachers to ensure her students continue to enjoy high quality instruction for the second half of the year.

A number of other staffing changes will occur over the next few weeks due to staff returning from or taking up leave. Glen Stephen will be taking Long Service Leave for all of Term 3 and we will welcome Jack Dooley to our staff to cover Glen’s classes. Early in Term 3 we will also be welcoming Tracy Marr back from her Maternity leave.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in Government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included; however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by contacting the school directly. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

Andrew Ough
Principal
Assistant Principals’ Report

Subject Changes
Change of Subject Night was held on the 6th of June in the Student Centre. We changed programs for over 130 students and were able to assist families with new text book lists. If students have changed subjects please ensure new text requirements have been organised to assist them to have a smooth start to the new subject. Please enquire at the Front Office for details.

Mid-year Exams
Over 800 of our students sat Year 11 Exams and/or the GAT (General Achievement Test) between the 6th and the 13th of June. Results for Yr 11 Exams will be on the Semester Reports. The GAT results are outlined to students in the end of year results from the VCAA.

Special Provision
Students with medical conditions, disabilities and exceptional personal circumstances are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision and/or Special Exam Arrangements. Students must see Sharyn Byrne (Acting Transition and Pathways Coordinator) for further information as soon as possible.

Student Services Centre
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.

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.

Tri-Star Medical Services on Site
We have a 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 9am – 3:30pm.

Student Safety
Students who drive to school are reminded that 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.

Parent Portal on the College Website
The Parental 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
- Ability to book for Parent/Teacher Interview evenings (3-Way Conferences)

Student Achievement
If you are achieving fantastic things in your sporting or community involvement, please make sure you let us know about it. We would love to include details of the event and your achievement in our Newsletter and help celebrate your success. Please contact your Student Coordinator or an Assistant Principal with details of your achievement.

Year 12 Ball
The Year 12 Ball was held on Friday the 13th of June at Club Di Vinci, it was well attended by Yr 12 students from all over Sunraysia. A big thank you to all of the staff who assisted on the night particularly Colin Cole!

Belinda Hudak
Assistant Principal

Student Learning
Semester 2 is now well under way for all students. Every student should have received a Course Outline for their Unit 2 and 4 studies. All key assessment dates should be recorded on a calendar at home as in some weeks, students will have multiple assessments.

Anecdotally, it is clear that a number of students are still not completing enough work out of class time on a regular basis. We acknowledge that students do have commitments out of school such as sport and part time employment, but with some planning it is possible to balance all aspects of a teenager’s busy life. The main focus should be to establish a routine – one of the main reasons why students (in particular, Year 12 students) struggle with revision prior to or during the final weeks leading up to exams (“SWOTVAC”) is they have no routine – it is extremely difficult to go from doing little or no work to 8 or 10 hours of study a day overnight.

Our Year 11 Exam program started on June 6 and finished on June 12. Attendance at the exams was pleasing as was the behaviour of students. This year we have had external supervisors and applied the exact same conditions as Year 12’s experience. Teachers have also followed up with students who have not attended an exam. Parents are reminded that exams are compulsory for students studying a VCE subject and almost all VET subjects.

The exam program for Year 12 is now available on-line and can be accessed at http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx#examgat. Parents and students should make a copy of this. Students will receive an individual timetable later in the year.
A number of Year 11 students have been recognised for their academic success during Semester One. They will receive a letter congratulating them on their success.

**Student Progress Statement (SPS) 2 and Parent/Student (PST) Conference**

SPS 2 were posted home on May 2nd, and SPS 3 will be posted home on August 9th. Our second PST was held on May 19th. A good number of parents and students took the opportunity to discuss SPS 2 and what needed to be done to ensure success in Units 1 and 3. Our next PST is on Monday August 19th. Parents will receive information about booking appointments and the start/finish time as the date draws closer. This will be our last formal PST for the year. Please note that teacher's email addresses do appear on our SPS and parents can use these if telephone contact cannot be made.

**College Environment**

We anticipate that works on the area between C Wing and S Wing should commence during these holidays. Hopefully the weather does not intervene and the project will be complete for Day 1, of Term 3 (July 14th).

We have received some preliminary plans to upgrade the area between the P portables and the new Trade Training Centre. We hope to start work on some parts of this redevelopment later this year.

**Key Dates**

The College website now has a “Key Dates” link on the top toolbar, and this shows all the current 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. Parents are reminded that Term 3 starts on Monday July 14 at 9am.

**College Rules**

In each Newsletter, we will provide reminders about key College Rules.

For this month – Student Attendance:

- Attendance is compulsory for all classes, including Pathways and Assemblies. We expect 100% attendance at ALL classes.
- Rolls are marked by teachers every lesson.
- Students must arrive punctually with correct materials.
- If the student is absent for a genuine reason, provide a signed and dated note or ask parents to ring or email to verify your absence. Call 5022 2893 (24/7) to leave a message or email attendanceoffice@milsen.vic.edu.au
- An SMS will be sent home for any absence.
- Students with poor attendance are likely to fail a subject or subjects, which in turn may impact on their chances of completing their certificate during the normal timeframe.

**Mark Tracy**
Assistant Principal

**Sports Report**

**SSVS Interschool Clay Target Shoot**

The sun was shining, the sky was clear, the birds were singing, the club grounds were beautifully green and not a breath of wind. Perfect weather conditions for blasting anything in flight. And our team certainly did!!

A final team of 7 of our student’s joint over 50 other local students in a 25 shot competition for both junior and senior students. Our team probably couldn’t have performed any better.

- Best Team - Daniel Mills, Tim Box, Joseph Spagnolo, Trent Gebhart, Michael Kadiza (104/125)
- Best Senior Student – Daniel Mills 29/30 after a shoot off.
- Best Team percentage hits – 70.8%

The boys were well organised and relaxed. The whole competition was very well run by the Club, and with several of our students helping out on the day, as well as competing. Our College was well represented by the students. Next round – NW zone @ Cohuna 21st August 2014.

**Shane Crowhurst**
Coach

**Girls Hockey**

The Girls Hockey Team made their way to Bendigo on the 26th May, they all gave it their all but unfortunately they were not strong enough on the day. The girls drew with Donald 1 all and then lost 2 – 1 to Bendigo. Six of the girls had spent the weekend at the Country Championships where they came second to Albury/ Wodonga and were unable to keep the momentum going on the Monday and just ran out of legs. Best players were Codi Gange, Teghan Geyer and Maddi Hillewege. They were a great group to spend the day with.

**Nicola Chant**
Coach

**Boys Hockey**

The Boys Hockey Team also played in Bendigo on the 26th May. Their first game, MSC defeated Kerang 8 to nil. Best players were Lachlan Kelly, Ben Trotman and Josh Tonkin.

We won our second game against Bendigo, scores being 7 to 1. Best players being Ben Trotman, Josh Fleming and Lachlan Kelly.

Our final game against St Arnaud, scores being 3 to 2. Best players were Lachlan Kelly, Ben Trotman and Josh Fleming.

**Marg Wilson**
Coach

**Soccer**

The Boys Soccer Team also joined both hockey teams in Bendigo. The Team did extremely well, winning both two games out of four. With Bendigo being too good and we were very unlucky to lose to Echuca. We made a comeback and defeated Kerang and Swan Hill. Best player on day was Bevan Henderson who got all four goals we scored during the day.

**Jim Blue**
Coach

**Girls Softball**

We flew to Melbourne on the 20th May, hired a van & drove out to Wheelers Hill.

Of course, this year since we had the bye first game up, the flight was not delayed, the traffic was perfect and we were there in plenty of time. However there was no canteen facilities which meant we needed to head off for brekkie and buy some lunch. Back in time for a good warm up session ready for game 1.

Our first game was against Keilor Downs. A strong start by Makinley Blows at short stop with a nice line drive catch and throw out at first. However fielding errors flowed freely after this. In total they scored 9. But strong batting and base running throughout the game (including 2 homruns to Emily Job) saw us just sneak over the line scoring 10.

Game 2 against Epping was brilliant. Edwina Muir did a great job as 9th batter to score needed runs. Alex Schurr made a great double play at first base and Loz Lowerson took a great line drive catch and throw out at 3rd base. Easily took the win 20-7.

We ended up top of our pool which meant we were to face Rowville in the GF for State Champions. They were scared too – thought they were coming up against a “softball school”.

Unfortunately fast accurate pitchers win games. Emily was able to get on base twice, Loz got two hits but unable to hit the base safely. Makinley took a walk but was held at 2nd. End score was 0-5 leaving us State Runners Up.
It was a brilliant job by the girls to get so far. I was very proud of them. Emily Job and Flick Anderson were pitcher and catcher all day – super effort. A number of girls had never played before or only at school level such as Mikayla Delcastegne, Courtney Weightman, Sydney Reid, Loz and Makinley. The girls showed some real talent. Well done!!

Megan Allen
Coach

Tennis
Senior Girls Tennis was played in Melbourne on Monday 19 May. After having several delays due to weather, security and mechanical issues, we arrived 70 minutes late at the Boronia Tennis Centre in Balwyn, resplendent in our Navy blue MSC Hoodies.

Our team consisting of Sheree Moore, Kaila McLean, Madeline Barker and Sarah Fox battled against the elite Maribyrnong Tennis Academy College but prevailed against Colac College, and took many games off the final play-off contenders, Viewbank College, and ended up coming third in the State. Our team displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day and will hopefully, again in 2015, be able to challenge these Colleges.

Now, off to the practice nets and start the campaign for next year!

Grant Van Looy
Coach

Boys AFL Report
Mildura 9.11 (65) def Castlemaine 5.6 (36).

Our boys will be heading to Melbourne in early July to face off against the Metros at Victoria Park. This is an amazing achievement and is a credit to each and every member of the team.

Jake Healy booted 5 goals and was everywhere at once when the ball went forward. The ground was slippery, heavy and the centre was muddy, making for solid and hard-hitting game. This was a full team effort and what was particularly impressive was the solid marking and defence in tight-fought, contested passages of play that was then backed up with support from fellow team members. What was also impressive was the sportsmanship and behaviour both before and after the game. I know it sounds old and we say it all the time, but this group of boys (and girls - report to follow) are a credit to not only our community but their respective clubs, families and our College.

Please congratulate the boys and “Supercoach” Dallas Cole as they head into the final rounds of the competition. You can be very proud of the way they represented us.

Mildura Senior College’s Boys Football Team, are to be commended on winning the Loddon Mallee Region Finals to become the Region Champions for 2014. This win means that they will travel to Melbourne on the 19th August to contest the State Championships.

After winning the Sun Country Cup on May 7th, defeating Swan Hill 5.2 (32) to 1.1 (7), the boys travelled to Maryborough to play Castlemaine. In heavy conditions, the team played with integrity and bravery to battle to a 9.11 (65) to 5.6 (36) victory. Captained by Mitchell Rogerson and Tyler Costa, the boys have exemplified sportsmanship and the College ethos. We wish them all the best in August!

Kevin Mauder

Girls AFL Report
Wednesday 28th May saw over 60 boys and girls travel to Maryborough for the Loddon Mallee Region AFL. The students we took were great. Special mention goes to Josh Hay who coached. Thanks also to Danika Andrew who travelled to Maryborough to be our trainer, Leticia Piscioneri our goal umpire, & Emma Clohesy our runner. Molly Muir baked approximately 60 cupcakes the night before. All students assisted with uniform issue & collection, first aid, water, timekeeping, scoring, etc., with particular mention to Mikayla Delcastegne, Sydney Reid & Bek Gowers.

We played 4 games:
• Boot – we won 17-0.
• Bendigo Senior – a good tough game. 6-1.
• Swan Hill – very good team. 14-0.
• Sacred Heart Kyneton – lost 9-12.

Best on Ground over the 4 games:
Rheanna Oppenlander, Mikayla Delcastegne, Kate Dellar, Ehlana Mackay, Lorianne Lowerson, Jessyca Neri, Kristie Weightman, Codi Gange, Sydney Reid, Courtney Weightman, Allegra Bottrell-Thorburn.

A thank you to the students who assisted throughout the day. Particularly when I went to the hospital with Rheanna. Good luck to the boys team who have qualified for State Finals.

Kate Bourchier
Coach

Boys Baseball
The boys’ baseball team travelled to Melbourne for the State Championships on 27th May.

A massive 6 run first innings off the back of a Hayden Scheele thumping homer set the tone for the day. Excellent pitching from Jerome Reimers and 10 further runs (ensconcing another homer from Hayden and near infield homer from Tyler Trevaskis) saw MSC take the first game 16-5.

The second game was severely rain affected. An 8 run first innings allowed the team to take control. The stop start nature of the rest of the game along with the wet conditions made it hard to field. However the team remained up to challenge and kept the opponent to 2 runs, finishing the game 13-2 winners.

Unfortunately the rain by this stage had started to bucket down. After a 35 minute spell, the rain had made two of the four baseball fields unplayable. Subsequently the rest of the games were cancelled. Expectation is that the games will be rescheduled.

Overall, I must commend the performance, resilience and commitment of the 11 MSC students who went down. They represented the school brilliantly and are a credit to what we do here. They took all challenges in their stride and channelled all the frustration into performing so well.

Matthew Hayward
Coach

Cross Country
Tuesday 3rd June we travelled to St. Arnaud.

• Boys team ran 5km and consisted of
  • Liam Palm – 9th 16m55s
  • Nick Cavallaro – 12th 17m37s
  • Nathan Jordan – 16th 17m42s
  • Jordan Caccianiga – 18th 17m53s

They came 1st overall resulting in them qualifying for state finals.

Girls team ran 3km and consisted of
• Sheree Moore – 4th 12m52s
• Taylor Hand – 14th 15m06s
• Ehlana Mackay – 20th 15m33s
• Steph Russell – came in last after pulling her hamstring but great to see her finish.

The girls overall came 2nd. Sheree has qualified for State finals as well.

Glenn Stephens
Coach
Tertiary Trip Guide

Year 12 students who are planning to apply for University or TAFE for 2015 will receive their VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admission Guides 2015), and SATAC South Australian Tertiary Admission Guides 2015) at the end of July. (They will be handed out in Pathways class time). 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 Tertiary Application booklets for term three.

Tertiary course preference applications can be completed at home. When Victorian and South Australian course guides are collected and handed out in Pathways Class (August 5), they will be accompanied by a ‘quick guide’ to using the guides and a separate, ‘How to apply for VTAC or SATAC in each guide. If students follow the instructions step-by-step, they should be able to complete an application at home.

(Note: VTAC have a demonstration how to register and how to make an application on their website).

VTAC – VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION CENTRE COURSE PREFERENCE APPLICATIONS

Year 12 students should make sure they have completed 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 Tuesday, 15th July. A SATAC Preliminary Preference Session will be held on Tuesday, 22nd July. (If students are not sure of all their preferences they just need to register and log on and enter one preference. They can then log back in and change or add preferences until October 24th, 2014.

Students can log on and register their details at www.vtac.edu.au. Once students have registered and have their VTAC ID (their student number, and have created a 4 digit PIN number e.g. 1234, they can login to their ‘VTAC User Account’ 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 the fee.

VTAC SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME - SEAS

Opens 4th August, Closes Tuesday, 7th October at VTAC website.

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 rurality, 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 do not make the ‘clearly 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 rurality 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 student just selects ‘Yes’ to be considered for category one. The student’s postcode is picked up from their registration details.

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.

These applications are found 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 course preference applications through VTAC. Some categories require a Statement of support from a doctor, specialist or teacher. If you have a student who has been affected by a condition which has impacted on their ability to complete their VCE, you need to get a letter as soon as possible from the doctor - outlining the IMPACT this condition has had on your child's education over year 11/12. [SEAS Booklets can be downloaded from the VTAC website in August].

VTAC SCHOLARSHIPS

In the VTAC USER ACCOUNT section students can apply for Scholarships if they are in financial need and qualify for financial aid such as Youth Allowance OR Family Assistance Benefits. (Most families receive family benefits through their mother's name
NOTE: The La Trobe (Mildura) Open Night date for 2014 is Sunday, 17th August at 7.30 pm. (Students should check in the FOYER of the LIBRARY for OPEN DAY booklets for a range of universities. As they arrive in the school they will be placed in a small box below the notice board)

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATIONS
Please note that when you apply for entry into an institution you should also make an application for accommodation at the institution. (Do for top three preferences if they are for different institutions). Usually, you can make an accommodation application after a university has had their open day.

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. Eg. Monash University accommodation applications open after their Open Day(s). They suggest you apply within two weeks or you may miss out on an accommodation place.

EX-YEAR 12 NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS – LIFE AT UNIVERSITY STUDENT PRESENTATION – A VERY INFORMATIVE SESSION!!

Students who have started a university course in 2014 will return to speak to prospective year 11 and 12 students. They will cover the type of courses that they are studying, scholarships, accommodation, costs, work and life at university.

When: Wednesday, 16th July
Time: 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Location: Student Centre

VTAC/SATAC PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION FOR YR12 STUDENTS
The Sunraysia Careers Network are putting on an ‘Information Evening’ on the application process for Victorian Tertiary Institutions and South Australian Institutions, Scholarships, Special Entry Access Scheme application etc.

University of Melbourne, RMIT Village and NMIT representatives will be attending to give parents accommodation advice

When: Tuesday, 5th August 2104
Time: 7.00 to 8.30 pm
Location: Brian Grogan Lecture Theatre

PARENTS OF ‘FIRST TIME STUDENTS’ APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY – INFORMATION SESSION
Lavina Hamilton (Careers Advisor), will cover the application process for Victoria and South Australia, plus Scholarship, Special Entry and Accommodation applications. (The new Victorian and South Australian course guides will have arrived at the school by this date so bring a copy to the session).

When: Wednesday, 13th August
Time: 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Location: Student Centre – carpet side.

Students and Parents are welcome to make appointments to see me for Career and Tertiary Advice. (My hours are: 8.30 to 4.30 from Monday to Friday).

Lavina Hamilton
Careers & Tertiary Advice Co-ordinator

for Family tax benefit A and B). A copy of the Family Assistance Centrelink letter must be sent in to VTAC attached to a student cover sheet, (that can be printed off through the User Account under the SEAS button) by October 7th. (A scholarship booklet can be downloaded as well from the VTAC website in August). One application will be looked at by most universities.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS – To be considered for academic achievement through VTAC, a student just need to lodge a course application and will then be automatically assessed by that institution.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS – Student Start-Up Scholarships (over $2,000) and Relocation ($4,000) and Indigenous Scholarships are available to students receiving income support (Family Benefits or Youth Allowance), and will need to contact Centrelink in Nov/Dec to let Centrelink know that they have applied for tertiary courses, and wish to be considered for these scholarships.

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION SCHOLARSHIPS
For individual institution 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, eg Engineering. So read the scholarships section of each institution that you are applying for, and give the institution a call or email if you need more information.

10,000 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 undergraduate’s degrees only) and see if you qualify for the particular one. Check which institution is offering the scholarship –they are tagged.

Each student should have a booklet called ‘The ABC of Applying’ - Getting it right 2015. (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 – AT SUNRAYISA INSTITUTE OF TAFE
Please note that there are a number of Sunraysia Institute of TAFE courses that can 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, Welfare Studies.

EXTRA REQUIREMENTS
Students may need to also fill in a Personal History Information Form as part of the VTAC application process, and attend information sessions and perhaps attend interviews and complete entry tests, and folio interviews. Please read the extra requirements for your course, by logging into VTAC and doing a Coursesearch. You can enter the course number to find a particular course more quickly. Save or print the page so that you can carry out the extra requirements. Some institutions have put in links to the tasks that they require – e.g. RMIT has a design task for entry into Architecture. NOTE: If you do not complete the extra requirement you cannot be considered for an offer.

OPEN DAYS
Dates for all open days can be found on the school intranet Careers announcements section.
**Tug-of-War**

The annual Student vs. Staff tug of war competition was held on the 28th of March, and was a huge success. There was a terrific display of effort in both matches between both the male and female Staff vs. Student categories; with the Male staff defeating students, and Female Students defeating the staff team. The Student Representative Council set to work selling pasta and lasagne at lunch raising $250, all the money going to the C.H.A.I.L.I.S foundation (Children having an Illness Living in Sunraysia) set up by John Bufort. The SRC had the pleasure of having Mr Bufort present a tin-rattling for change. Again, all funds going towards C.H.A.I.L.I.S; and an extra $60 dollars going towards helping young people in our community.

*Tania Edgar*

**Visual Communication Design Workshop Thursday, 29 May 2014**

Thursday morning proved to be a hectic and rewarding experience for the Interactive Digital Media students and the Visual Communication Design class.

Mark Haynes and Sophie Cook brought a group of current diploma students from SuniTAFE to meet and greet the IDM year 11’s and 12’s before recess.

The main event was the workshop run by Sophie Cook. The workshop engaged the year Visual Communication Design 12 students with brainstorming up a heap of creative ideas, to kick start their Unit Four folio. The theme of this unit of work is ‘where creative minds meet’. Our students have the opportunity to display their work at the opening exhibition for the Cultivator event on Thursday 23rd October 2014.

Once again SuniTAFE is the main organising body behind the Cultivator Event:

‘Cultivator is a dynamic annual event that brings together guest speakers, from varied backgrounds, to address the challenges of regional living and looks to creativity in design, enterprise and community, to find solutions.

As a student Cultivator offers the opportunity to engage with community and industry leaders to share, listen and to grow.

The theme for the 2014 conference is ‘where creative minds meet’.

*Mark Haynes*
SuniTAFE

**Student Achievements**

*Cecilia Zuo* received the Victorian Certificate of Education Award for her studies in Chinese Second Language Advanced in back in 2013.

Cecilia received an invitation on behalf of the Premier from the Minister for Education to a Special Awards Ceremony on 29th April, at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement Cecilia.

*Tyrone Mitchell* has been granted a Wannik Education Scholarship for 2014-15. On Wednesday June 18th 2014 Tyrone attended an awards ceremony in Queen’s Hall, Parliament House. At these Awards he was officially presented with his scholarship by the Hon. Minister Dixon, Minister for Education and Geraldine Atkinson, President Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc.
MSC Calendar 2014

June
6, 10, 12 Year 11 Exams
9 Queens Birthday Public Holiday

11 College Council
13 The Beat

14 Start Term 2 - 9am, Term 2 ends at 2.30pm; Semester Reports posted home
15 Parents/Student/Teacher Conference #3
16 Year 12 Exams

July
14 Life at University Student Presentation for parents and students of first time students applying to University
21 College Council
31 Information Night for 2015 prospective enrolments

August
1 Pupil Free Day - Year 10 Transition Day
3 Pupil Free Day – Year 10 Transition Day
5 Open Day 11am to 2pm for prospective 2015 enrolments
11 VTAC/STAC Parents Information Session for Year 12 subject (7.00pm – 8.30pm)
13 Parents of First Time Students Applying to University Information Session (7.30pm – 8.30pm)
18 Parent/Student/Teacher Conference #3
25 College Council
31 Information Night for 2015 prospective enrolments

September
2 Start Term 3 – 9am start
9 College Council
19 End of Term 3 at 2.30pm; Student Progress Statement posted home
31 College Council

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