Dear Parents

We are now more than half way through term 3 and the year is passing very quickly.

YEAR 10 BOGONG SNOW TRIP

Our students combined with Wyche Proof P-12 students at Bogong and had a great time. We will combine with Wyche Proof in coming years to increase our chances of gaining places at the Bogong camp.

REFURBISHMENTS

Whiteboards have been installed in the Meeting Room and Rooms 5 & 6, and Room 5 has been painted. We will shortly be putting up pin boards in the corridor from the library to the canteen which will be used to portray the students excellent art work.

GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEERS GRANT

The $5000 we received under this grant has arrived and the money will be used to purchase a Cox ride-on-mower with a 38 inch cut.

MOWING

We have had difficulty in mowing the school lawns and surrounds after the Shire stopped performing this service. The Baker family are helping to keep the school lawns mown and I thank them very much for helping us in this way.

STAFF AND STUDENT OPINION SURVEYS

The results of these are extremely positive which is very pleasing. Staff will analyse them thoroughly and any areas of concern will be acted on. Thank you to all of our students for taking the surveys seriously and providing valuable feedback.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Many parents attended the interviews and I thank Mr Cashin for his overall organisation and Mrs Leeder who organised the time slots.

CALENDAR

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NEWSLETTER

CIRCULATED FORTNIGHTLY TO INFORM PARENTS OF SCHOOL EVENTS AND VIEWPOINTS

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Our school has delivered meals this week and I thank the parents, students and staff who helped perform this important community service. Our drivers were Patsy Dunstan, Sheree Leeder, Bernadette Clark, Marilyn Connell, Karen Doak, Carmel Lowry, Robyn Bibby, Jill Davidson and Jan Crowe. Our student helpers were Chelsea Leeder, Stacey Dunstan, Daniel Matthews, Brittany Egan, Kiahn Powell, Eliza Goode, Dylan Wheeler, Paige Butler, Seb. McConville, Nikeisha Grant, Laura Ackland, Daniel Pearce, Grace Brennan, Renee McEwen, Jordan May, Jack Onley, Teagan Anderson and Darcy O’Shea.

YEAR 12 MID-YEAR RESULTS

Whilst these were quite pleasing overall, some students need to make a more determined effort. All students undertaking VCE Unit 3 and 4 subjects are reminded that there is less than eight weeks of formal classes remaining. The subject content in some of these subjects will be completed fairly soon and it is imperative that students start summarising notes and adequately preparing for the November exams. Success in these exams does not happen without thorough preparation and solid study.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to Sarah & Rebecca Postlethwaite who will be performing at Melbourne Park in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular on the 18th & 19th September. I urge members of the school community to attend the performance and support the girls.

Geoff Rigby
PRINCIPAL

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students and parents are reminded that students are not to leave the school grounds without having a permission note and signing out at the office.

Students cannot just sign themselves out, they must have an accompanying note from their parents. The school must know where students are at all times and if they wish to leave the grounds for any reason, they must have permission to do so.

Recently students have been trying to sign out without parent permission notes and staff have had to waste time chasing this up. We require parent support and assistance in this matter.

MISSING DVD’S

Several English DVDs are missing and I would like parents and students to check to see if they may be lurking somewhere at home. They are "Snowcake", "Holes" and "Omagh". It is important that we retrieve them as they are needed for Year 10, 11 and 12 English classes. Thanks for your assistance.

Karyn Goode
English Co-ordinator.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

It is vital that during classes we have minimal disruption so that maximum learning can occur.

We would ask that parents don’t ring the school expecting to speak to students during class times. Messages can be given to the office staff that will then be passed on at the next break. Only during emergency situations will students be drawn out of
classes. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

There are four weeks to go to the end of Term 3. As happened at the end of Term 1, tick the box reports will be mailed home. The final day of Term 3 is Friday, 17th September. Students will be dismissed at 2.30 p.m. on this day. Working up to these reports, traditionally the last couple of weeks is a very busy time for Year 7 students. It is therefore important all students use their diaries effectively and remain organised for the remaining weeks.

Diaries
This Term I have not been checking diaries on a regular basis, but have been doing random checks. It is important that students develop a responsibility for their own learning. My experiences are that organised, hard-working students usually achieve higher standards than disorganised students who haven’t developed good work habits - even if they are naturally quite clever. Although we are in Term 3, I still think it is very important to keep monitoring and developing the students’ organisational skills. By checking your child’s diary, you are ensuring that the diary is used in the correct manner, and you will be getting an idea of how they are coping with their organisational skills. All these little things may help in the big picture. Each week students should be writing things in their diary, like homework and coming events.

Events of the past two weeks
The past few weeks have been particularly busy for the Year 7 students. As well as coping with their usual timetabled classes and workload, they have also been involved in the following:
• Maths Competition
• English Competition
• Winter sport
• Fete

Before the end of Term, there is the opportunity to get involved in the Music Festival (9th September) and the Interschool Golf (10th September).

Physical Education SEPEP (Table Tennis) Unit
Year 7s have commenced their SEPEP unit in Physical Education. This involves all students being part of a team, and within that team each member has a specific role. There is also a Homework Schedule for each of the next 4 weeks. None of these homework tasks is very onerous or time-consuming. If homework is not completed, students will not be allowed to compete in that week’s competition. Tasks are due each Tuesday for 7B and Wednesday for 7A.

SEPEP stands for Sport Education in Physical Education Program and is a great stimulus for teamwork and co-operation. Ask your child how the program is going between now and the end of Term.

Inter-School Winter Sport
It was fantastic to see that all Year 7 students were involved in the Winter Sports day against other North Central Cluster Schools. The Year 7s acquitted themselves
very well, and it was very pleasing to see the level of enthusiasm they applied to their particular sport.

Congratulations to John Gillahan who presented the report for his hockey team at the school assembly. Just a reminder that students shouldn’t be wearing visible jewellery. Earrings for boys and girls should be plain sleepers/hoops. Hair banks/ribbons should also be discrete & plain.

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**WINTER SPORTS - JUNIOR HOCKEY**

On Wednesday 28th July, the Junior Hockey team played 3 games in total. The first game Donald played St Arnaud. Branden Goodman and Kelly Baker were doing well clearing the ball out of the defensive D and passing it to the forwards. Unfortunately two balls passed both Branden and Kelly and also goalie Daniel Griemink leaving the score 2-0 at half time. In the second half, Donald kept their heads high and pushed on with numerous shots at goal but were unlucky to not to get one in with the final score 2-0.

In the second game Donald played Wedderburn with the halfbacks Morgan Green, Belicia Bowles and Brittany Egan pushing hard. Forward John Gillahan, Levi Borden, Kelse Vanhesing and Darcy Drum started yelling much more and moving the ball forward. Wedderburn scored 2 late goals leaving the final score 2-0.

In the last game we played Charlton, Donald yelled really well with numerous shots at goal but were unlucky not to score in the first half. In the second, it was time to strike with John Gillahan scoring 2 goals leaving the final score 2-0 Donald’s way.

Special thanks to Captain Levi Borden, Vice Captain John Gillahan, Mrs Leishman and the helpers.

By John Gillahan

**WINTER SPORTS - SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER**

We travelled to Boort to find it was the same as Donald, raining!

Our first game was against Boort, who we drew with. We then lost by one goal. We blame our loss on the umpire who kept telling
us to keep our feet down. Straight after this game we played Wedderburn, who we drew with. Having not scored a goal in three games, we were starting to get desperate.

After a picnic lunch we were ready for a win against St Arnaud. In the end we beat them 5-0. Our goal scorers were Tayla, Ally, Midayla, Catherine and myself. Thank you to Miss Swan for coaching us.

By Teagan Stuchbery

**WINTER SPORTS - SENIOR NETBALL**

On Wednesday 28th July, our bus left Donald on the way to St Arnaud. Our team contained Brenna, Kelsey, both Ashlee’s, Maddi, Cinta, Angie and myself.

By the time we got there we were all pumped and ready to check out the competition. Our first game started at 10.30am with “Are we playing now, like right now??” as Maddi yelled “Ashlee get your pants off!” It was against Wedderburn/Pyramid Hill. The final score was 4 - 24. This lead us straight onto our next game against Charlton 21-5. The girls continued to entertain us with their high netball skills.

At 10 past 12, Wyche and Donald took to the court. We all had it in our heads to flog them - the final score was 14-8. It was now finally lunch so our team along with Wyche took over the clubroom, cranked the music up and just got comfy. Suddenly Brenna ran in to inform us that St Arnaud 2 was on the court waiting for us. Off we ran with apple and sandwich still in our mouths. With the score 7-1 to St Arnaud, we finished happy all the same with our great game. After all we had a great day even though we didn’t actually win a game.

On behalf of our team, I’d like to thank Miss Perkal for coaching us and for mainly remembering the ball.

Famous quotes for the day: ‘Let’s just make a wall’ ‘Mmmmmmaaaaddiii & Bbbrreeenennaa’

By Georgia Bird

**WINTER SPORTS - JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER**

The day wasn’t as we wished for with the rain coming down as we arrived in St Arnaud. There were two divisions in the Junior Girls Soccer, which three teams were in each division and two 10 minute halves were played. Donald consisted of 15 girls which 11 had to take to the field at once. The team consisted of Kirstie Davidson (Captain), Laura Ackland, Kayla Allen, Renee Sheridan, Jessica Campbell, Kiahn Powell, Tessa McCahon, Stacey Dunstan, Shannon Jeffery, Lisa Falla, Nikeisha Grant, Rebecca Postlethwaite, Sarah Geatches, Sarah Stuchery and Katie Gillahan.

Donald was up first against Boort. All girls were keen to get out on the field and give it their best even considering the weather. The first half was finished with plenty of opportunities for the Donald girls in attack as our defence was doing a great job, as was Tessa McCahon not letting the opposition score for the first half. Changes were made with new girls coming onto the field. As more and more girls slipped over in the wet conditions, we kept playing well but at the end of the game neither us or Boort could score a goal. Donald 0 Boort 0

Best Players: Kiahn Powell and Kirstie Davidson
The second game was straight up without anytime to warm up. The Donald girls played against a combination of Wycheproof and Wedderburn. As the rain continued the girls improved as the games went on. Defenders were working well to provide the midfielders and the attackers the opportunity to score. At half time neither team had scored once again. With advice at half time from Mr Potter, the girls came out firing but they still couldn't get a score on the board. Donald 0 Wycheproof/Wedderburn 0

Best Players: Jessica Campbell and Renee Sheridan

The three teams had all played each other once with the end result being 1st Wedderburn/Wycheproof 1 win, 1 draw; 2nd Donald 2 draws; and 3rd Boort 1 draw 1 loss.

Since Donald came second in our division, we would be playing for third or fourth spot against Wedderburn. With half an hour spare time, we headed to the library to keep warm. Thanks to Patsy Dunstan for keeping us warm with some hot chips.

Donald was up and ready to play against Wedderburn, we won the toss, once again taking the kick off. We started off strong as we went into attack a number of times. With Lisa Falla’s determination, she kicked our first goal of the day. We went in at half time one goal to nil. We kept our pressure up throughout the whole second half and ended up winning our first game. Overall we came 3rd. Donald 1 defeated Wedderburn 0

Best Players: Laura Ackland, Kiahn Powell and Lisa Falla.

Overall I think that all the girls had a fantastic and enjoyable day. On behalf of all the girls we would like to thank Mr Potter and Mrs Jenkins for coaching us and for all the encouragement that they gave to us throughout the day. We really appreciate it.

By Kirstie Davidson

CRANES FOR PEACE - SENBAZURU

Students have made 1000 origami cranes to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The students have spent their lunchtimes busily folding and threading the cranes to make 1000 cranes in memory of those killed in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings during World War II.

Students from all year levels have been involved but students in Year 7 & 8 have been particularly enthusiastic about making cranes. Some have been very inventive, making cranes of different sizes and using different materials. Chloe Wheeler made a beautiful multi-coloured crane which was almost life-size and Katie Gillahan was so inspired by the cranes that she made a crane cake! The cake masterpiece looked so delightful that it was too good to cut but they cut it anyway. Students celebrated reaching 1000 with a slice of Katie’s delicious chocolate crane cake.

Many of the students have taken paper home and spent time with parents and siblings teaching them the skill as well. Students and teachers had a great time making the cranes, socialising and having a chat and making a statement about world peace.

Why Cranes?

An ancient Japanese legend promises that anyone who folds a crane of a Senbazuru will be granted a wish by a crane, such as long
life or recovery from illness or injury. The crane in Japan is one of the mystical or holy creatures and is said to live for a thousand years.

Sixty five years ago two atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Making 1000 cranes came to prominence when a young Japanese girl, Sadako Sasaki, attempted to make 1000 origami cranes before her death from Leukaemia. She was two years old when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and she was about one mile from ground zero.

It is believed that her illness was due to the bombs. In 1955 she was diagnosed and admitted to hospital. Sadako’s friend Chizuko made her a crane. Inspired by the crane, she started folding them herself, spurred on by the Japanese saying that one who folded 1000 cranes was granted a wish. Sadako died at the age of 12 and was buried with the thousand cranes that she and her friends and family made.

**NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK**

*Sally’s story: My place for young readers*  
by Sally Morgan

This is a heart warming story of Sally and her Australian family, told by Sally, her Mother, Nan and Granduncle all living in Manning with Sally and her 4 siblings. Their struggles lead us through the historical conflict between races, the importance of family and accepting one’s roots.

**Boy Soldier: the journey of a child soldier**  
by Cola Bilkuei

Taken from his Sudanese village as a child and running away from the rebel army after two years’ training in Ethiopia, Cola was on what would amount to a 10-year trek southwards to Johannesburg. He would cross eight borders without documents in an epic journey to freedom that would end in Australia. But in Nairobi, living on the streets, Cola faced a brutal choice: beg, steal or sell his story “Boy Soldier” is the result of that decision.

**Dare You by Sue Lawson**

*Dare You* is about three best friends, who have known each other pretty much forever. But each one is hiding something from the others, and the pressure of these secrets manifests itself in dares that spiral out of control. As their daring behaviour intensifies, they discover that there are just some things you can’t undo.

**King Arthur: the bloody cup**  
by M K Hume

Thus concluding volume of the trilogy begins twenty years later with Artor’s glory days far behind him and his Kingdom in decline. Seeking to cleanse the land of Christian belief, dissenters need a symbol with which to legitimise their pagan claim and gather malcontents together into a cohesive weapon. These shadowy, subversive elements seize upon the ancient cup of Bishop Lucius of Glastonbury as a way of fragmenting Artor’s hard-fought-for kingdom. But first, they must lay their hands on the relic.

**Book Week 21st-27th August**

To celebrate Book Week there will be activities in the Library each lunch time throughout the week.  
**Monday:** Bridge building Competition - for all those budding engineers.
Tuesday: Shoe designing for Schumann’s caterpillar.
Wednesday: CBCA luncheon and discussion. Only for those who have been reading the Children’s Book Council short listed books.
Thursday: Following the example of Nightjar and try your hand at camouflage.
Friday: Bridges Quiz.

Come along and enjoy the activities.

Rhonda Russell

SCIENCE NEWS

The BIG Report
Some Year 7 and Year 8 students are involved in the record breaking attempt this week. Students measured the air temperature on Wednesday 18th at 12 pm AEST and this was recorded on the big weather channel website. Donald High School has now officially contributed to the attempt for the world’s largest interactive weather report. Tune into the Weather Channel, Channel 603 on Foxtel and AUSTAR, AT 6PM AEST on August the 18th to see if the record has been broken. If you do not have AUSTAR you can visit weatherchannel.com.au/bigreport.

National Science Week – Australian Biodiversity
Is under way this week, with many lunchtime activities, a guest speaker from CSIRO, quizzes and a Photography competition. There will be photos and more detail of the activities in the next newsletter.

PARENTS CLUB MEETING
Parent’s Club lunch/coffee meeting, on August 31, at 1.00pm, at 51Central. All welcome.