Dear Parents

Term four is now in full swing and our Year 12 students have only one week at school before they leave to prepare for the end of year exams.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS: Congratulations to our students for completing the gruelling Year 12 year and I would like to thank each student for the contribution they have made to the school over the years. I urge each student to undertake adequate revision and study for the exams and I wish them best of luck in the exams and in their future lives. Thank you also to our hard-working VCE teachers who always give our students extra help by holding practise exams to enable them to achieve their best.

JUSTIN D’ATH: Justin is an author who visited the school on Monday and spoke to all Year 7-10 students and then conducted workshops with individual year levels throughout the day. Visiting authors play an important role in encouraging students to be creative and enjoy writing. Justin was well received by our students and I thank Mrs Russell for organising his visit.

DONALD SHOW: Once again, our students’ work was displayed at the show and very favourable reports were received. Thank you to Mrs Hose and Mrs Warr for organising the display of our student’s work. Amelia McIntyre from St. Arnaud, contacted me and asked me to personally congratulate our students who helped her with the fashion parade on the Friday night. She spoke very favourably of the efforts of our large contingent of Year 12 students and our two year 8 helpers.

CONGRATULATIONS: Well done to our students who entered the Maths and English competitions. Many students performed very well. Miss O’Brien conducted National Bilby Day activities and we were pleased with student support of this. Certificates and prizes were presented at a recent school assembly.

Geoff Rigby

PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR

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**REMINDER**

During Term 4, ALL students are to wear hats during lunchtime and recess.

**YEAR 7 NEWS**

**Welcome Back**

Again the year is flying. Already we are up to the final term with this group of Year 7 students, and the orientation process has begun with next year's group. A principal aim this year has been, with your help, to develop the organisational skills for tackling Years 8 - 12 successfully. Please continue to closely monitor your child’s school/homework and diary use throughout Term 4. I will check diaries occasionally - but not every week.

**Northern Zone Aths**

Sam Dunstan from Year 7 ventured to Bendigo last week to represent the school and the North Central Sports Association in the Northern Zone Athletics Sports. It was a great effort to make the team and we congratulate him in his efforts.

**NAPLAN Test Results**

The Year 7 NAPLAN Test results in English and Maths arrived at the school last month, and they were given out to all parents with Term 3 Reports. Each envelope contains the NAPLAN Test Report, and an information pamphlet.

A reminder to parents that these tests were taken at a given point in time and don’t always reflect the full picture of student’s progress and learning. If you have questions or concerns regarding these results, please contact the School.

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**English:** English Skills 7A: due every Tuesday /7B: due every Monday

*Spelling tests: 7A: due Tuesdays

7B: due Mondays

**French:** Spelling Test every Wednesday

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Kindest regards, JENNY LEISHMAN,  
YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR  
Home Phone: 5497-1206

**PARENTS CLUB**

The Parents Club would like to thank those parents who contributed items towards the Monster Hamper that was drawn at the Donald
Show on Friday night. A big thankyou also to those who returned their sold raffle tickets. A total of $619.00 was raised and the Hamper was won by the Nettlefold Family from Rye. For all the local businesses, we would like to say that your support is invaluable and the Parents Club would not be able to run this raffle without your support.

The last call on your time for the year, is the Graduation Dinner on the 19th November where there is a need for helpers to plate up and do dishes. It would be nice if Year 11 parents could assist with this as they will get waited on next year. If anyone knows that they are free to help on the night, it would be nice to hear from you by the 19th so that we know we have workers. This also saves us from having to make calls at the last minute. Please contact Robyn on 5496 6222 or Jan on 5380 8231 if you are able to help.

**Donald Junior Tennis**

*Teams competition*

**COMMENCING**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 16th, 8.45am.**

*All Team players to attend. (Teams on School Noticeboard Friday)*

*Meeting to welcome new and old parents & to discuss general running of the Tennis Season*

*Sat Oct. 23rd at 9.30am.*

*All parents welcome.*

*All players are to wear hats & sun screen as we are a Sunsmart Club.*

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**YEAR 7 HALLS GAP ZOO EXCURSION**

On Friday 17th September the Year 7s driven by Mrs McConville and accompanied by Miss Williams (pre-service teacher), Mr Hume and Miss O’Brien headed off to Halls Gap. It was a fantastic day and the students thoroughly enjoyed their up close and personal encounters with many native and exotic animals. Below are some of the students comments about the day. My favourite animal was the snake, because it felt cool. I learnt about blue tongue lizards. The best part was all of it.

**Skye Milner**

*One of my favourite animals at Halls Gap was the bilby. They are endangered and it was really cool to see them in real life. I learnt not to put your hand through the camel or emu enclosure and that there are albino kangaroos.*

**Katie Gillahan**

My favourite animal was the snake monkeys because they were jumping from tree to tree and running around. I learnt that bilbies are nocturnal.

**Blake Hogan**

My favourite animal was the red necked wallabies, they were very cute and friendly and we were able to get up close to them and feed them, one had a tiny joey in its pouch. The day was very enjoyable, we got to see lots of exciting animals that I had never seen before. I learnt that male deer lose their antlers every year and grow back bigger ones until they reach full size.

**Jorey Russell**

My favourite animals was the wombats, they were cute and also the peacocks. It was fun to play with the wallabies. I learnt that the carpet python can grow up to 10 feet.

**Sophie Hogan**

My favourite animals were the snake and the dingoes because I reckon they are cool. Something I learnt was that the blue tongue lizard from the Northern Territory is a light
brown colour. The best part was when I got to hold the snake.

Sam Dunstan

I enjoyed the Halls Gap Zoo, I liked the free roaming animals and the meerkats, but the best animal was the monkeys. My favourite moment was getting to hold the snake.

Darcy Drum

My favourite animal was the spider monkeys because they were very playful and energetic. One new thing I learnt was that the blue-tongue lizard can be a different colour to blend in with their surroundings. The best part was getting to hold the snake.

Jeremy Pearce

I really like the kangaroos and wallabies because they were really friendly. I especially liked the albino kangaroo because he was so unique. Something interesting I learnt was that meerkats make a weird dog like noise when danger is near to warn the other meerkats. Everything about the Halls Gap Zoo was great, I enjoyed all of the trip. Thanks Miss O’Brien.

Kelly Baker

On the 17/9/2010 all of Year 7 along with Miss O’Brien, Mr Hume and Miss Williams went to Halls Gap Zoo. We learnt so much and got to see lots of different animals. My favourite animal was the fawn deer. I liked them because they came up to you and you could pat them.

The best part of the Zoo was when the tour guide (Allesha) was chasing after a baby goat so we could pat it. She could not keep up with it so we got to pat a crocodile instead. Something I learnt was that the elk’s antlers can grow up to 1 meter in length. Something I didn’t know was that a spider monkey can hang upside down with its tail. Overall the Halls Gap Zoo was fantastic.

Belicia Bowles

I loved the meerkats and the camel! Especially the camel because it tried to eat me! I learnt that because of the extreme temperatures in the N.T blue-tongued lizards have a lighter skin to the ones in other parts of Australia. The best part would probably have been seeing each of the different animals at the Zoo. I loved it how the peacocks were allowed to roam around the Zoo and how they showed they’re tail feathers off all the time!

Morgan Green

AIM FOR THE STARS GRANT
Do you have a dream but need some extra funds to help achieve it?

Applications for 2011 grants are now open and the Foundation is inviting girls and women across Australia whether they are an academic, an athlete, an artist or even an archaeologist to apply. An opportunity exists for all females striving to achieve their goals.

Aim for the Stars is offering grants which include the following:

- $1,500 "Kickstart" grant - 12 to 16 years
- $1,500 “Environmental grant - 12 years and above
- $3,000 "Individual" grant - 16 years and above
- $3,000 "Athlete with a Disability” grant - 16 years and above
- $6,000 "Group" grant - 2 or more people 12 years and above

Grant applications close 12 November 2010. Grants will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation, to deserving applicants who meet the criteria and best demonstrate their aspirations to further their education and/or personal development. Interested persons can get additional information by referring to the "Who Can Apply" tab at the top of the website (www.aimforthestars.com.au):

General enquiries can be made to the Aim for the Stars Office:
Ph: 0422600733
Email: info@aimforthestars.com.au
ENGLISH COMPETITION

Certificates have been awarded for the 2010 English Competition and results have been distributed to students. Students performed exceptionally well. Two High Distinctions were awarded. Daniel Griemink and Tobie Chapman attained results in the top 1% of the state - Congratulations to Tobie and Daniel! There were several distinction and credit awards also and congratulations must go to all who took part.

New Books in our Library

Pencil O’Reilly: bush champion by Jim Howes

Sean O’Reilly is in his final year at Bunalaong High School where he captains the football team. Everyone calls him ‘Pencil’ because he’s long and wiry and draws the ball to him wherever he goes on the field. He hopes to get drafted to Essendon but sometimes when your dreams come true everything doesn’t go as you dreamed.

The Devil and his boy by Anthony Horowitz

Tom Falconer is in trouble. Pursued by the notorious criminal Ratsey, Tom soon finds himself alone and hungry on the streets of London. Luckily enough, the mysterious Dr. Mobius soon recruits Tom to play an important role in a play to be performed in front of Queen Elizabeth. Tom knows there’s something not right about Mobius, but he’s willing to take a risk in order to keep his neck out of Ratsey’s murderous hands. Little does Tom realize that Mobius’s dark secret will trap him in the middle of an international conspiracy, holding the fate of the English empire in his hands.

Best on ground: great writers on the greatest game edited by Peter Corris and John Dale.

Peter and John scoured the country to hand-pick a squad of talented writers to celebrate our greatest game. All these writers share a passion for footy, and the stories they have written capture the AFL competition in 2010, a critical time for our game as it looks to expand into territory where Aussie Rules has never taken root. This collection will deepen your understanding of the complexities of the game, its diverse traditions, its rivalries and national significance.

Our enemy, My friend: the diary of Emma Shelldrake by Jenny Blackman

Set in the Adelaide Hills during world War 1, Emma thought that her family were locals and had good friends but being German changed everything. Emma was not a part of this war but she was feeling all the resentment and hatred because of it.

Scholastic Book Club

Wimmera Mallee Future Living Expo

5th & 6th November, 2010
A regional event
4pm to 7pm Friday 10am to 4pm Saturday
Horsham College Hall
FREE ENTRY
EXHIBITORS PRODUCTS SPEAKERS TECHNOLOGY

Get expert advice on greening your business, home & garden
See how sustainable technology works & saves money
Inspiring speakers will talk about how to effectively make sustainability a part of everyday life

VEHICLES WATER & ENERGY BUILDING DESIGN
LIFESTYLE
BBQ, Locally made food Fair-Trade coffee

EXPO Dinner (ticketed) 6pm Saturday Laharum Grove
Guest Speaker Robyn Williams ABC Science Show
Courtesy bus to and from the venue leaving Horsham

Please direct enquiries to:
Dean Robertson
Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance
P: 5391 4417 M: 0400 908 346 E:
drobertson@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au
Please return any book club orders to Mrs Russell by 18th October 2010.

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies

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67 Woods Street, DONALD, 3480, Ph: 5497 821

RAIN OR SHINE, YEAR 9 SPEEDBALL COMPETITION DOES IT ALL!

For the Year 9 students SEPEP unit they are giving speedball a go. You probably have not heard of it before but it is a game played with a soccer ball and you score using a rugby ball. You can score ’over’s’ and ’under’s’, over’s are worth 3 points and under’s are worth 1 point. Speedball is a cross between soccer, touch rugby and handball.

 Teams score 4 points for a win, 2 for a draw and none for a loss. The game is won by the team not just on the game score but the points that are given out for uniform, sportsmanship and different goal scorers.

Overall the competition has been running smoothly and is almost at the end of the competition. The top two teams will play off in the Grand Final.

TEAMS
Rhookies- Sean, Daniel, Matt F, James, Kirstie, Bella, Renee and Kayla
Butt Monkeys- Scott, Brody, Grace, Kate, Dudley, Katrina, Tobie and Tiffany

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Butt Monkeys 23,
Rhookies 12
Brady Bunch 9