Principal's Report

Term 2 is the long term this year and it is a busy time for students and staff as we complete assessments and reports. The colder weather has come in and we are hankering down on the rainy days and enjoying the glorious sunshine on the days of blue skies.

Staff Professional Learning and Pupil Free Day - Thursday June 18

The focus for the day is to develop our teaching skills working as part of a Professional Learning Community. We will be looking at leading researchers, experts and practitioners including Dr Robert Marzano and Dr Richard DuFour. Our aim for the College is to build a sustainable collaborative culture that benefits all students and staff.

This professional development brings the best of Robert J. Marzano’s strategies. We will learn how to increase teacher effectiveness and connect professional growth to student achievement. There will also be a focus on discover best strategies for building background knowledge and academic vocabulary. We will also explore new ways to assess student work and involve students actively in setting goals and knowing where they are in their learning.

Staff Survey: Excellent results.

As part of our work with Bastow Institute we have reviewed the impact of a number of initiatives put in place at the College over the past 12 months. The recent staff survey shows a great improvement in staff morale, leadership, teaching practices and student behavior. In particular there is great improvement in the delivery of the educational program with Engaging Practice and Quality Teaching both improving from the 50th to the 70th percentile.

An important factor in this excellent feedback is the work of the School improvement Team that developed the Student Engagement Framework last year. This work is reflected in the survey results in relation to student management and student behavior up from the 40th to 70th and 80th percentile respectively. This year our challenge is to ensure the Framework is well understood and consistently implemented across the College to secure the gains we have made.

Breakfast club

Matty and Ryan are re-launching the Breakfast Club at the College. All are welcome and we ask for a silver coin donation to help cover costs. You can select from a range of porridge or cereals including Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles, Weetabix and Just Right. Toast and a range of delicious spreads are also on the menu as well as Juice. Darcy and Dylan will overview the planning and help Matty and Ryan. Our Junior school captains, Grace and Jaryd are also on the team. Breakfast Club will running each Tuesday and Friday, and will begin this Friday.
The Great Billy Cart Race

Students and their mentors are working feverishly designing and building their billy carts to compete in the much anticipated race to be held on Monday the 22nd June at 12 Midday. With the assistance of our very own Master of Wood, Mr. Peter Thompson some extraordinary designs are taking shape ranging from variations of the classic box on wheels design to exotic 3 wheelers. Extensive experimentation with steering and braking systems has been undertaken to manage the extraordinary speeds anticipated by the ever-competitive teams.

There is a great atmosphere of student centred learning where the real application of mathematical and scientific principles are being applied with robust vigor. All the community members that have contributed time, materials and genuine enthusiasm are to be thanked for helping to bring the community and the College closer together.

Change to school day times for Term 3, 2015

As part of our Strategic Planning process College Leadership and Staff have proposed that a small change to the school day times. The plan is to move from 2 x 60 minute lessons and 4 X 50 lessons to 6 x 50 minute lessons. This brings us to 300 minutes of lessons, which is in line with most Victorian schools. The change will also enable a 30 minute recess that was requested by our senior students through their ‘Student Voice’ meeting and also a 10 minutes earlier finish to the day: 3.05pm rather that 3.15pm. College Council is in support of the change as are our bus drivers. If you have any concerns please do contact me at school

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A supportive and respectful culture at the College

Jasmine spoke recently to our College Assembly in regard to using appropriate language with one another. She challenged all students to not make any sexist and racist terms and or any ‘put downs’. This builds on our themes and quotes presented by our student leaders each week. For this clear message to be coming from our older students is very powerful and we are determined, as a community to ensure we are using respectful language at all times.

From Tony
Facilities and Grounds

Extensive work is being undertaken to further improve the health and safety of the College community members. Refurbishment of the First Aid room is underway with new equipment being purchased and more first aid kits being strategically placed around the facilities.

The planning and evaluation stage of the upgrade of the fire hydrant system has commenced. We are working closely in the Lavers Hill tradition of co-operation with local firms, the CFA and Department of Education and Training to ensure that we have the most up-to-date system in place in preparation for any eventuality.

A recently initiated upgrade of the maintenance of the site has seen extensive works in the garden and grounds with new planting of shrubs and an arborist report on the many trees.

The Glo Worm Project captures our imagination

A big thank you to the Cert 3 Art Students for their work with our students this term. It has been wonderful to see the collaboration between the community and our school. Elective time on a Wednesday afternoon has become a highlight of the week. One group has worked on the lanterns and the other has been busy ‘felting’. A relaxed, focused and vibrant mood has carried the projects seamlessly to their culmination this coming Friday. We are very much looking forward to our walk to the Glo Worms and our Community Dinner afterwards.
Dates to remember:

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CANTEEN FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM!!
Thursday 18th JUNE – STAFF PD DAY – Student Free Day
Monday 22nd JUNE – Billy Cart race @ 12 noon

This Thursday the 18th JUNE is a staff Personal Development day
Please note students are NOT required at school.

Primary News

Old Fashioned Games and Billy Cart Races!

The Inquiry learning focus for Years prep to four this term has been Toys. We have investigated how toys move, what toys are made from and found out about wheels, axles and levers.

Everyone has been intrigued by toys that parents and grandparents played with so next Monday June the 22nd we are having an Old Fashioned Games Day.

Years 5-8 handmade Billy Cart Races are on this day too. The day begins at midday and runs until hometime. We start with Billoycart Races and after lunch it’s time for hoops and sticks, marbles, knucklebones, Bobs and homemade kites.

Look forward to some reports next term.

STAR OF THE WEEK 😊

Congratulations to Jasper Newton on receiving the award for his excellent work in literacy.
A wonderful effort Jasper!!
Road Closure For Billy Cart Race

Years 5- 8 students are having a billy cart race on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} June. It will take place on College Drive between 11:30 and 1:30pm. We are organizing to get College Drive closed between these hours and want to give advanced warning to the public.

If there is a need to contact us please feel free to do so.

Anne O’Sullivan 0448758775
Sarah Douglas 0400501145

We have had a few reports of headlice within the college.
Can you please check your child's hair and make sure they are treated appropriately before returning to school. Thank you 😊

POOL MAINTENANCE

Over the holidays the pool will be shut due to maintenance. We need to get the surface of the pool repainted and we wanted to keep disruptions to a minimal. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause our members.

We are now taking enrolments for term 3 swimming lessons.
Lessons are held on Tuesday.
If anyone is interested in swimming lessons, all ages are welcome 😊
Please phone the college office on 53 373 213

Friday 12th June was National Buddy Day where we were encourage to 'Band Together'. The primaries made frames and took photos of themselves banding together with other students. We look forward to finishing our little project and having them on display soon.
Radio heads?

We can create a Community Radio out of Lavers Hill

Learn how to use the technology available on most home PCs to record ...

- Voice
- Mix music and sound effects

A very small number of local people can put together programs that might ....

- Highlight local events, issues
- Give voice to the personal histories in our area
- Play music of all descriptions, with or without commentary
- Be sent on to 3ABR in Apollo Bay

If you are interested in learning the basic technology for creating short radio programs get in touch with Randall Fitzgerald (ph 0490 186 560)