PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Brad Madden

Start to the school year
Many thanks to the parents and carers who spent time over the recent holidays getting organised with uniforms and school supplies to ensure that students have a smooth start to the school year. In the first week of school, there were many families able to meet with Advisor teachers on Ready to Learn Day to start the very important relationship between families, students and the school. The Community Day on Friday was well attended and ensured that students and teachers developed the comfortable rapport that is so important for productive learning. Our first newsletter was released on Ready to Learn Day so we have since had feedback on the processes used and suggestions as to how we can make the processes easier for families in 2017. We will consider whether statements are sent to families or whether booklists would be sufficient, whether to continue to hold the book collection day on the same day as the interviews and how we can be more efficient in distributing information to families at the end of the year and over the holidays. If you have thoughts or suggestions, please feel free to share them with me or with your school council representatives. Our newsletter is released every fortnight and will contain all the information that parents need to support students in their learning. Please note, students are required to attend school every day in full school uniform unless there is a note in an edition of this newsletter to say otherwise.

Compass learning management system
The College has transferred fully to the use of the Compass program as our learning management and communication system. Many families have logged in and made appointments as well as seeing attendance records and reports. Students are being progressively introduced to the various functions including notifications and work submission. If you have not already logged into Compass, please do so as soon as possible. This will become our preferred tool for communications as it is quick and efficient for all involved. We acknowledge that some families have had trouble with some functions while staff and students are developing their skills in navigating the program and its many components. Please do not be discouraged by an initial setback as the eventual convenience and efficiency will be well worth the effort. College staff can assist with log in details and instructions on how to perform different functions.

A year of learning
The goals of the College include the target that students will make at least one year of learning growth for each year they are at school. This can only be achieved if teachers, students and families are working together to create an environment where learning is the priority. To enable this culture to be reinforced, teachers have a strong focus from the start of the year on encouraging students in attending school every day in correct uniform, being in class on time, bringing the required equipment and resources, paying attention to the instructions of teachers and making the effort to complete the required learning tasks. We ask parents to support us by reinforcing to students that school expectations exist to help promote achievement and should be adhered to in all circumstances. The College has developed a Work Completion Policy which provides support to students who don’t complete the required assessment tasks by providing catch up classes at lunchtimes and after school. Parents can support the College in implementing this policy by providing resources and a routine at home that is conducive to students completing regular homework to keep up to date. The full policy will be posted on Compass shortly.

Study Skills Day
Today was a day when students set the foundation for their learning for the year with a number of special sessions to support them to develop the skills that will enable them to succeed in all classes. Teachers and guest presenters dealt with issues such as cybersafety, use of diaries, blogging and use of devices as well as pathways planning. The program was designed to fast track students’ progress through some of these important capabilities to accelerate the learning that can be achieved this year. To assist your child to retain their new knowledge, you could discuss some of the skills they learned and encourage them to recognise when they are putting them into action.
Swimming sports
We were fortunate yesterday to have great weather for the College swimming sports held at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. Students challenged themselves in traditional swimming races as well as some novelty events in the water and on the land. Well done to the students who participated and particular thanks to the students who showed leadership by organising their peers and leading their teams in cheering, chanting and singing. It was also great to see a number of parents and family members were able to come along and be part of the fun. Well done to Mr Kelly for his organisation and the other staff for conducting events throughout the day. While the number of students in attendance was less than 100%, parents are reminded that all students are expected to be in attendance and will require a note of explanation if they were not present.

School council elections
Included with this newsletter is a nomination form for School Council. There is a form by which you can nominate yourself and another to nominate another person, with their agreement of course. Parents interested in nominating as a council member will commence their term from the March meeting which will allow time for nominations and elections, if required. There are two parent member vacancies and a number of councillors who will not be re-nominating for 2016 so it is a great opportunity to become involved in the College. Nominations close on Friday February 26 at 4pm.

Student accident insurance and ambulance cover
Please note that insurance against injuries or loss of any kind by students is not part of the responsibility of the school or DE&T. It is possible to purchase this from a variety of commercial providers. Similarly, ambulance cover is not automatic. Families with a Health Care Card will be covered but others will need to be ambulance members to cover the costs of an ambulance call if necessary. Staff will make every effort to contact parents in the event of an injury but an ambulance will be called if a student is in a life threatening situation. We hope that this will not be necessary but need to ensure that our duty of care is carried out. To assist with this, please ensure that all medical and personal details are up to date.

Evacuation drill
On Friday of last week, College staff and students took part in an evacuation drill to practice the orderly process of leaving the buildings and re-assembling on the oval. The process takes about 15 minutes in total and students were very co-operative in following the directions of the emergency management plan. It is expected that all schools will have an emergency drill each term so that, should we have the need to evacuate, lock down or shelter in place, the students and staff are confident in the roles to be played and the maintenance of the safety of everyone at the College.

CANTEEN NEWS—2016
H Beez Catering
Helen Blainey—manager

I would like to introduce myself to the school community. I have been employed by the college for the past 10 years as the manager of the canteen. Last year the decision was made to out source the lease of the canteen for 2016 and the company that has taken over the lease is H & H Canteens who are a Victorian based company. The company then advertised for an owner/operator for the canteen and I applied and was the successful applicant.

The canteen is keen to encourage all students to place orders for their lunches before 9am, this way the students will get what they would like for lunch, instead of queuing up and maybe not being happy with what is left (i.e. wanting a chicken wrap and only lasagne being left). Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the canteen summer menu for Term 1.

Helen is looking forward to continuing to being able to supply fresh, healthy and yummy food to the school community.
UNIFORM
It has been pleasing to see all our students proudly wearing full school uniform every day. A reminder to parents that **hard black leather shoes** must be worn when students are wearing the full school uniform (not PE uniform). If students are wearing their PE uniform, students must change into hard black leather shoes if they have technology subjects or a **science prac**. Sneakers or running shoes may be worn for PE but **not volleys**. Ballet shoes, slipper/slip-ons and T-Bars are not to be worn at any time. I’d like to thank the many parents I have spoken with regarding uniform who are very supportive of their child being in full school uniform including wearing the correct footwear. Students who attend school out of uniform are expected to bring a note from their parent or guardian and this will then be recorded on the College’s Compass Management System. Any parents who are experiencing financial hardship are urged to contact the College where you will be supported with discussing a solution.

2nd Hand Uniform
We currently have a small supply of second hand uniforms that we distribute to families experiencing financial hardship. We welcome any donations of uniforms from our current and former families, should they wish to donate items. Unfortunately Crusoe College does not provide the facility for parents to sell their old uniforms through the school, and parents will need to make their own arrangements if they wish to sell uniform items.

WARM WEATHER
All students should be wearing a hat while outside to protect them from the sun. Students are also encouraged to bring sunscreen to apply before going outside at recess and lunchtime. Lockers can become hot in very warm weather so please be mindful of sending your child to school with perishable items in their lunch box or bag. Frozen water containers are an effective way of keeping lunch boxes cool. Students should also carry drinking water with them on hot days.

Parents, Carers and Visitors
All visitors to the school are required to report to the General Office. Parents, carers and visitors are always welcome at the College; however please either phone the school and make an appointment with the person you would like to see or come to the General Office for assistance.

If entering a Learning Community or any other part of the College, parents, carers and visitors need to sign in at the General Office, obtain a Visitors Pass and be escorted by the organising staff member.

Staff are not always available for unscheduled appointments due to teaching commitments. If there is concern about your child please contact the appropriate staff for the appropriate circumstance. If you are unsure who to contact, your child’s Advisory Teacher is always a good place to start.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please remember that School Photos will be taken on **Thursday 25th February**.

We ask that you send your child in full uniform on this day. Photo envelopes were distributed on Ready to Learn Day and the students need to bring these with payment on photo day. The General office has spare envelopes along with Family Envelopes for families wishing to have photos taken. The college does not take any responsibility for the envelopes if students lose them. The college cannot accept any photo envelopes after photo day, but families can make contact the photographers directly.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTUORING and HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM

The Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat and Eaglehawk Neighbourhood Houses now offer an AFTER SCHOOL TUTUORING & HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM for students from Prep to Year 10. For more information call Michael Kennedy 0413 116096 or go to www.be4ndigotutuoring.net
Contacting Crusoe College:

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Assistant Principals: Richelle Hollis
Curriculum Leader: Jill Clapham
Dyson Community Leader: Carole Waterson
Ipsen Community Leader: Sam Mills
White Community Leader: Colin McGregor
Yates Community Leader: Debbie Spencer-Jones

Business Manager: Lisa Poole
Reception: Colleen Biggs
Accounts Payable: Tracey Hughes
Account Receivable: Rayma Evans
Student Administration: Carol Anderson
School Council President: Craig Noske
School Council Vice President: Ian Swan
School council next meeting: Monday, 15th February @ 6pm
Parent Club President: Nicole Mayes
Parent Club Secretary: Lucy Carter
Parent Club next meeting: Wednesday 17th February

Country Bus Travellers: Mike Bulmer
Regional Bus Coordinator: 03 4433 4317 (8am—12noon)

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
03 4433 4455

2015 Long Tan Award Recipient — Year 10 C
ASHLEE McLEOD

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION CARDS

Please return all immunisation cards to the General Office by Monday 15th February.

Year 7 students will be having Immunisations on Tuesday 16th February.

All forms need to be returned to the General Office even if your child is not having the immunisations.

PARENTS CLUB
1st meeting of 2016
Our first meeting is to be held on the 17th Feb at 7pm in the Boardroom at the College. Please meet at the General Office. This meeting is a trial night meeting to hopefully gain more members to our group.
Can I ask that all members bring a plate of supper to share. Be sure and talk to new families to school, to come and be a part of the Parent Club.
I am looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.
Nicole Mayes—President
IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
PARKING AROUND CRUSOE COLLEGE

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

John Hasty
Coordinator Parking Control | City of Greater Bendigo
195-229 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo, VIC 3552
PO Box 733, Bendigo, VIC 3552
T 03 5434 6270 | F 03 5434 6209

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YEAR 7 NEWS
Colin McGregor—Year 7 Leader

CAMPASPE DOWNS ORIENTATION CAMP
(Wednesday 9th—Friday 11th March)

Tuesday 9th February all Year 7 students were invited to attend the first Year 7 Assembly where we discussed and reminded students of the importance of attending the Year 7 Orientation Camp and the motivation behind holding a camp early in the school year.

The camp fosters teamwork skills and gives students a chance to get to know their teachers and the students in their year level. The camp also provides students with their first official opportunity to demonstrate the Crusoe College values, in the way they act and behave towards others. We expect all students to show honesty, respect, integrity and trust in their words and actions.

Students will receive a camp package with all the information (i.e. medical form, what to bring etc).

Please return all payments and camp forms to the General Office by Monday 29th February, 2016.

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM
The vision of the Peer Support Foundation is that: “all young people will be emotionally equipped to care for themselves and others, and make informed and skilled contributions to their communities.”

Crusoe College will introduce a Peer Support program involving selected Year 10 students supporting all Year 7 students. Year 10 students have been trained to lead small groups of Year 7 students through a series of learning activities to develop their skills in team work and collaboration. Watch this space for updates about the Crusoe College Peer Support Program.
WHITE COMMUNITY NEWS
Colin McGregor—Community Leader
White Knights

We’ve had a great start to the year in White Community. Day One Conferences ensured that students were Ready to Learn and that parents continued to be committed to partnering their children in their journey through the College. Thanks to the majority of parents who were able to attend the Day One Conference with their student. Please let me know if you missed this opportunity and would like to arrange a conference.

A group of Year 10 students have been selected as Peer Support Leaders and will continue to support the year 7 students in making a smooth transition to secondary college. White Community Peer Support Leaders are Ruby-Lee Clark 10G, Ashlee Matotek 10G, Romea Kumar 10G, Kirsty Kavanagh 10G, Mathew Bradley 10G Will McClure- Wallace 10H, Brad Woodward 10H and Kiarra Whittle 10G

Thanks to these students for volunteering and supporting 7g settle into Crusoe College.

At a recently held Community meeting, Mr Kane Cook, Assistant Community Leader, congratulated our Sports Captains for 2016, Mathew Bradley and Shelby Knoll.

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IPSEN COMMUNITY NEWS
Sam Mills—Community Leader
Ipsen Eagles

Ipsen Community got off to a fantastic start thanks to efforts of the Ipsen team and the enthusiastic response from students.

Our Community Day was a great success, with students connecting well to the overarching theme of ‘participation’ and ‘having a go’. It is fantastic to welcome our new Year 7 students into the Ipsen Community and college over all and see them settling into secondary school life as well as they are. It is also very positive to see the progression of all other Ipsen community members who have started 2016 very constructively.

It was great to see our college community come through the doors on Ready to Learn Day and have an opportunity to meet and discuss with staff. We are very much looking forward to future opportunities to share and celebrate within our communities here at Crusoe starting with the swimming sports this week. Go Ipsen!

I would encourage students to get off to a good start this year with effective study habits and organisation. A key way for students to achieve this is to be effectively using their Diaries and staying focussed on putting best effort for all aspects of school life. Support from home on using Diaries and being organised is extremely important as well.

I am very much looking forward to another successful year for the Ipsen Community and I would like to wish everyone all the best for a great 2016.
DYSON COMMUNITY NEWS
Carole Waterson—Community Leader
DIREWOLVES

The Dyson community teaching staff extends a warm welcome to all students, parents and guardians for 2016. Our Mission statement “to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to reach their full potential” will be supported by providing students with an environment where they can follow their passion and achieve success!

Our Theme- “Developing great leaders for the future”

Dyson will continue to focus on every student contributing in some way towards our Community. We believe everyone has the capacity to lead if given the opportunity and encouragement.

It was great to see the students again at Community Day catching up with old friends, making new friends, and putting their “stamp” on their community. Students developed their own mission statements and identified “the leader within”. Their skills will be celebrated across the community this year to promote a feeling of self-worth and purpose.

We created history in the first week back by unveiling our Dyson Theme song (sung to the tune of the Richmond theme song) and honed our musical skills ready for the Swimming Sports!

We would like to celebrate our student Leadership Team for 2016!

Year 10 Community Leaders- Mia Spiers & Tayne Bollard
Dyson House Captains-Ella Farnell & Lachlan Tranter
Recreational Officers-Shay Cowie & Taylor Collins
Year 9 Leaders- Mikaela Beagley, Ryan Robinson, Chelby Clarke, Sarah LeBris
Year 8 Leaders- Zoe Matthews & Piper Fernandes
Year 7 Leaders- Tiarni Baxter & Will Beagley
Dyson Publicity Officer- Maddi Sharp
Peer Support Leaders- Nathan, Chelsea, Ella, Jaz, Maddi, Mia, Paris, Kayla, Steph, Ella, Deklin

Finally, I must add that I have never been prouder of Dyson students than I was at the swimming sports yesterday. Although we showed dominance in the pool with many of our students taking out the Age Champion, we were pipped at the post in the final tally of the days activities by a very competitive Yates team. The Dyson team showed amazing grit and determination and moved out of their comfort zone many times to support their team. Our students lost nothing today but earned the respect of everyone who saw them give their all!

Congratulations to Tiarni Baxter, Will Beagley, Stan Lewis and Mikaela Beagley who took out their respective age champion.
CRUSOE COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS DAY
THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 2016

Age Group Swimming Champions
13 Girls – Tiarni Baxter (Dyson)
13 Boys – William Beagley (Dyson)

14 Girls – Annalee Phillips (Yates)
14 Boys – Stanley Lewis (Dyson) and Jack Wigney (Ipsen)

15 Girls – Mikayla Beagley (Dyson)
15 Boys – Ethan Anderson (Yates)

16 Girls – Maddi Hill (Ipsen)
16 Boys – Campbell Ireland (Yates)

Team Championship
1st Yates 842
2nd Dyson 740
3rd Ipsen 597
4th White 348
Clothing Alterations and Repairs

For all your repairs and alterations
Please call

KRISTY JEFFERIS
0455789341
10 Mikado Place, Golden Square 3555

Marong Football Netball Club 2016 JUNIOR Football Registration Day
Marong Football Netball Club are holding their 2016 JUNIOR Football Registration Day on Sunday 21st February between from 10:00-11:30am at the Marong Football clubrooms, Malone Park. The Panthers are looking forward to another great season of footy. All current and new players are invited to register. Marong will be entering teams in the Bendigo Junior Football League Under 9, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, and Under 16 divisions. For further details or if you can’t make it to our Registration Day, please email marongfnc@hotmail.com or contact Fiona Adams on 0418 531 167.

Nexus Unmasked: A skills based drama program kick starts Friday 5th Feb, running every Friday in February see www.nexusbyt.com for details. Nexus Bendigo Youth Theatre: Auditions are being held for this year’s production of Oklahoma. Auditions are on Monday 29th Feb, from 3:45pm -7:45pm and Friday 4th March 3:45-8:45pm at the Bendigo Baptist Function Hall, 757 McIvor Highway, Junortoun.

Spring Gully United Soccer Club - 2016 Season Information Night
When: 17 February 5:30 - 7:00pm @ Stanley Avenue clubroom in Spring Gully. Committee members will be present to answer any questions about the new season, how to register online and any club associated enquiries. Note: this is not a registration night, but is an opportunity to ask questions. All registrations are done online. To register go to www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Blaze Netball Club - Netball training is on every Tuesday night. If there are queries relating to the club or netball please call Sarah on 0401366062 or email bgoblaze@gmail.com. Training will take place at the Golden City Netball Courts located at the Schweppes Centre. (14 & under – 5-6pm 17 & under 6 - 7pm)