PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Brad Madden

School Council elections for 2016 - reminder of deadline
Included with this newsletter is another 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 are reminded that nominations close on Friday February 26 at 4pm. The nomination period will be extended by one week if insufficient nominations are received.

Compass program
Staff and students are becoming increasingly familiar with Compass which is our new online learning management and communication platform. We encourage all parents to log into Compass and become regular users as well. This will enable you to receive alerts and notices from the College, notify the school of absences and other matters as well as to monitor work completion and the involvement of your child in school camps and excursions. All families will have received log in and password details over the holidays. If you need to be provided with this information again, please contact the College office. There is even an App that you can download to your phone from Compass which makes it extremely easy to keep up with everything that is happening at school.

Art Science Festival
Coming up early in Term 2 is the very exciting Arts/Science Festival which features some fantastic opportunities for students to extend their learning and develop their skills. Staff, outside experts and community members will be offering a great range of workshops which will highlight artistic and scientific endeavours, often in surprising combinations. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for the workshops of their choice to pursue their interests. Some activities will require parents to pay a small fee for materials, which students will be able to take home with them. The event will again culminate in a presentation of the work done including the next stage of the mural on the night of Thursday April 28.

TedX event
On Friday March 18, Bendigo will again be host to a world class educational forum under the TedX banner. This event is organised by Victorian Excellence in Education Award winner, Dr Rob Sbaglia from Crusoe College in conjunction with a team of volunteer teachers from across Bendigo. You may have seen and heard some of the coverage in the local media recently. The event is focused on educational innovation but is not necessarily for teachers only. There will be speakers who will outline not just what they have done in their roles but also what inspired them and how they have engaged others in being creative thinkers. The theme this year is Opportunity Makers and you can find more details at http://tedxrosalindparked.com/

Year 7 Camp
About 100 excited students are preparing to travel to Kyneton on Wednesday March 9 for an adventure packed program away from school and home. This provides a great opportunity for the students to bond with each other over shared experiences and to develop relationships with teachers that are different to the daily classroom interactions. Those students who are not able to attend the camp will have the chance to expand their social circles by working with different teachers and groups of students. There is still time for students to be included in the camp so please contact Mr McGregor if you need further information on how to get involved.

Reminders for parents and students
Please remember the following important points to help us create a productive and safe learning environment.

* Students must not bring aerosol deodorants to school due to the risk to others when they are sprayed in close proximity. Students may bring roll on and pump action sprays. Aerosols will be taken by teachers and returned at the end of the day if they are used within the school.

* Paging students during class times will only be done in an emergency situation. If students need to be collected early from school, please ensure that we are notified in advance and can page students during lunch and recess breaks, or alternatively, write a note for the class teacher or a note in the students diary. Students then can show their teacher and be excused from class and bring the note the the General office where staff can sign them out.
Upcoming important dates
We are already more than half way through Term 1 and there are some important dates that families will need to be aware of to maximise involvement in school programs. These include:

- **Wednesday March 9 to Friday March 11** - Year 7 Orientation Camp to Campaspe Downs. *Places are available for students, we strongly encourage them to attend.*
- **Wednesday March 23** — Parent Teacher Interviews — 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- **Thursday March 24** — Parent Teacher Interviews — 9:00am to 12:00pm
  *Bookings (not yet available) to be made through Compass or the office. There will be no classes on the Thursday with students only attending school with parents for the interview times.*
- **Friday March 25** - Good Friday Holiday
- **Monday April 11** - start of Term 2
- **Thursday April 14** - proposed student free day for staff professional learning on assessment and reporting *(to be confirmed).*

Fee payments
At the start of the school year, a number of families made payments of fees to the College office. At this time of year, it is greatly appreciated by the College that people have organised their finances to be able to support our educational program. The charges incurred go directly to resources for your child’s classes or specific items they will use such as their diary or padlock. Please feel free to contact the College office to discuss your preferred method of payment which can include payment plans or payments made by credit card, direct credit and by cash.

Hats
Some students have expressed interest in having a hat as part of their school uniform for the days at school where sun protection is advised. We are in the process of negotiating with our uniform supplier, Lowe's, to see if they can be made available at a reasonable price. We will update you when they are in store.

Breakfast at school
While the school canteen is still being run on a day to day basis by Helen Blainey, there have been some changes since the management of the service was taken over by H+H Canteens. Students will not have noticed a difference in the daily operations other than the fact that there is now breakfast available most mornings. There is a healthy menu at very reasonable prices served up to 8:45am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For all students there is also a free breakfast on Wednesday from 8:00am which is arranged by our Chaplain, Tracey Gunning, with the help of some local sponsors.

STUDENTS SIGNING IN LATE OR LEAVING THE COLLEGE EARLY/SICK STUDENTS

Please send your child with a note, or write in their diary when they are late to school or are required to leave early for an appointment, trip etc.

**ARRIVING LATE:**
All students arriving late to school must be signed in at the General Office. If parent/guardians can supply a note it is helpful as the student will then have the reason entered next to the late notification.
If no note is provided the student has UNEXPLAINED marked on their record and we will need to follow up parents for an explanation.

**LEAVING THE COLLEGE EARLY:**
The student can show their teacher the note/diary message then be excused from class and come the General Office to be signed out.

**SICK STUDENTS:**
When a student feels unwell at school they must advise their teacher so they can be excused from class, then the student comes to the General Office where staff will make contact with their parent/guardian advising them of the situation. Students must be signed out before leaving the college grounds.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT
Richelle Hollis

First Aid
At Crusoe College we provide immediate first aid treatment for students in the case of accident or illness. However, we have limited resources and as such do not have the facilities to care for students for extended periods of time. If the ailment requires medical attention appropriate treatment should be sought from a health professional. With this in mind, it is extremely important that we have current contact details for parents and guardians. It is also very important that you provide the school with a number of emergency contacts in case you are unavailable or the school cannot reach you if your child becomes ill or is injured. Parents and carers who collect their child from school for any reason (other than an emergency) must sign the child out of the school in the register located at the General Office.

First Aid Policy Update
Crusoe College is currently in the process of updating its First Aid Policy. The current policy is currently being looked at by the Occupational Health & Safety Committee and is in the process of being updated to reflect our current facilities in the college. If you would like to provide feedback or suggestions on how First Aid is currently provided at the college, please send your feedback to the college via email to: crusoe.710.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au. The updated policy will include links to the Department of Education First Aid guidelines and will be ratified by the OH&S Committee in Term 2. A copy of the updated policy will be available to parents on the college webpage once ratified.

Facebook
As many of you are aware, Crusoe College has entered the world of Facebook. Please “like” our page and share our good news stories when you can. Facebook is a quick and easy way for us to communicate with our wider school community.

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CANTEEN NEWS—2016
Helen Blainey—Manager

We are serving breakfast from the canteen now. This began on Monday 22nd February. The breakfast menu has shown to be very popular. Breakfast times are 8.15—8.45am and we are open for Breakfast everyday except Wednesdays.

Canteen Breakfast Menu

**Toasted Sandwiches**
- Ham/ Cheese - Vegemite/ Cheese - Cheese $4.00/ea
- Egg/Bacon - Ham/ Cheese $4.00/ea

**Toast**
- Two slices with honey, jam or vegemite $2.50/2 slices

**Pancakes**
- Two pancakes with lemon & sugar, maple syrup or fruit jam $4.00/2 pancakes

**Cereal**
- Individual bowls of cereal with milk $2.50

**Museli**
- Individual bowls served with fruit yoghurt $4.00

**Drinks available**
- Fruit Smoothie $4.00
- Flavoured Milk $3.50
- Hot Chocolate $2.00
**Year 10 Snow Trip—2016**

Expression of Interest (EOI) forms were handed out to all Year 10 students last week at the Year 10 Assembly. Students who are interested need to submit the EOI form along with the $100 (non-refundable deposit) to show their interest in attending the 2016 Snow Trip which will be held in August.

If your child is keen to be involved please return the EOI form and deposit to the General Office by Friday 4th March.

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**SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE**

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Therefore, parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other costs from the fund.

We strongly recommend all families to be a member of the ambulance fund as we will not hesitate (particularly if we cannot contact you or your designated emergency contact) to ring for an ambulance if our First Aid staff deem it appropriate.
Contacting Crusoe College:-

Phone: 5447 7722  
Fax: 5447 0403  
Twitter: Crusoe college  
Email: crusoe.710.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au  
Webpage: crusoecollege.vic.edu.au  
FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/crusoecollegebendigo

Principal: Brad Madden  
Assistant Principal: 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  
Accounts: Tracey Hughes/Rayma Evans  
Student Administration: Carol Anderson  
Reception: Colleen Biggs  

School Council President: Craig Noske  
School Council Vice President: Ian Swan  
School council next meeting: Monday, 21st March @ 6pm  

Parent Club President: Nicole Mayes  
Parent Club Secretary: Lucy Carter  
Parent Club next meeting: Wednesday 16th March @ 9am  

Country Bus Travellers: Mike Bulmer  
Regional Bus Coordinator: 03 4433 4317 (8am—12noon)  
Email: buscoord@bse.vic.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE 03 4433 4455

SCHOOL PHOTOS catch up session

Please be advised that the catch up sessions for School Photos will be taken on

Friday 4th March - 2pm

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING and HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM

The Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat and Eaglehawk Neighbourhood Houses now offer an AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM for students from Prep to Year 10. For more information call Michael Kennedy 0413 116096 or go to www.be4ndigotutuoring.net
Cloudwish By Fiona Wood
Mrs Marchingo's rating - 5 stars

Cloudwish is a lovely story that is perfectly pitched at teenage girls as they start to blossom and find love. The main character Van Uoc Phan is the daughter of Vietnamese refugees. Her parents are very low income earners and live in government housing in a high rise flat in inner Melbourne, somewhere like Flemington.

The title of the book comes from the meaning of Van’s name, Cloudwish. She is an academic student who is ‘lucky’ enough to earn a scholarship at an elite, private school in a leafy part of Melbourne. She keeps a low profile at the school in order to avoid the wrath of the spoilt resident ‘mean’ girls. Her parents have high hopes for her, which centre around her becoming a doctor or a lawyer but her true passion is art.

She comes to the attention of the ‘hottest’ boy in the school, Billy and although she has admired him from afar, she finds his interest in her unsettling. His reputation precedes him but she sees that there is more about him than meets the eye. It is a case of ‘careful what you wish for’, although in this instance the outcome is positive.

The novel gently explores Van’s difficulties fitting into her new school and adapting to the culture of this prestigious school. There is a conflict between her Vietnamese background and her middle-class educational setting yet such is her strength of character that she keeps true to herself.

Cloudwish is a beautifully written novel that is easy to read with a range of deep themes. It has a satisfying ending that has a positive and uplifting outcome.

Valentine’s Day
The GLC celebrated Valentine’s Day by offering beautifully gift wrapped deleted books to students. The books disappeared like hot cakes and delighted the students. After every stocktake the GLC is given a good ‘weed’ to make way for new books for our collection. Some of the books are a little tatty around the edges but still readable; some are multiple copies that are no longer required; and some have not been discovered in over 10 years. It is important to keep our collection fresh and enticing for our students.

Year 7 Induction Classes
Year 7 English classes have all been inducted into the GLC. They have had a tour of the space and have learnt how to access the catalogue via the school Intranet. They have learnt how to register for Wheelers eBooks via this website: https://crusoecollege.wheelers.co/

Students have also registered for ‘ClickView’, an online database of 2,800 documentaries to support their learning at school. ClickView is easily accessed by going online and using their school sign in details to logon. http://clickview.crusoecollege.vic.edu.au/
Hello and welcome to what promises to be another busy year of career development, work experience, transition and planning for the future.

2016 promises to be another busy year for our Year Ten students with many important dates for the calendar and it is vital that all students arrive on time and ready to learn in Advisory to ensure they do not miss essential information. There are many exciting programs on offer to the students that have a career focus and it is important to be aware of what is on offer. Throughout the year I will endeavour to get information out to you through the college newsletter, student handouts, parent information sessions, Advisory meetings and using the Student Bulletin, Compass news feed and TV screens within the school. Students will be using their Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) folder throughout Advisory time to plan their future aspirations and transition at the end of 2016. This folder will be a vital tool for choosing subjects for 2017, applying for jobs, enrolling in any learning institution and for their work experience. MIPs folders are designed to be not only a record of achievement but also a tool to help each and every student plan for the future.

This term during Advisory we have been concentrating on completing our Occupational Health and Safety certificates in preparation for work experience. This includes a ‘General’ module and ‘Industry Specific’. All of these certificates and evidence of this work must be retained for work experience and stored in the students MIPS folder. Only when a student has completed the necessary OH &S documents can they start to think about applying for work experience.

One of the biggest events on the Careers calendar for Year Ten is Work Experience which may seem like a long way away, but in order to get the best placements students need to be organised and book early. Students must start thinking about some possibilities for their Work Experience and start making the necessary arrangements with an employer. Students are encouraged to approach businesses and book in their own work experience, however there are some organisations that would prefer the school to make contact such as, Bendigo Health, St John of God, Bendigo Law Courts and Victoria Police. Applications have already been taken for these places and were advertised in advisory, the school bulletin and assemblies.

If students are having trouble deciding what they would like to do for work experience they are encouraged to talk to their advisor for suggestions or book in for a counselling session with Miss McMillin. Most importantly students and parents need to start thinking about this now so that they do not miss out on a placement. If a student is considering a placement in a place other than Bendigo, such as Melbourne they are responsible for finding their own accommodation and transport to the work place.

Work Experience Dates

10 ABCD – 5th through to 9th September
10 EFGH – 12th through to 16th September

Students are encouraged to stick to these dates as closely as possible however, if changes need to be made they need to see Miss McMillin for alternative arrangements. During the alternate week of work experience students must be at school for the Careers Expo, where important careers associated curriculum will be delivered. In order to be able to participate in end of year formal and graduation activities participation in work experience and the Careers Expo is the expectation.
The start of the year has been brilliant for the Yates team, with a spectacular win in the Swimming sports topping off our first few weeks of 2016. Our Year 10 students are busily completing their OHS training in anticipation of work experience later in the year. The Advisory program requires all students to have a school diary so please ensure your student has a diary. The activities that the students are working on at present are in the diary. Currently we are working through the time management activities.

Year 7 students have settled in very well and are enjoying spending time with their Year 10 mentors on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

With the hot weather still being an issue please ensure your student has a water bottle they can take to class – thirsty students are not happy students!

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FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVING IN MAY FOR ONLY ONE TERM !

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (a registered not for profit organisation) is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students from France arriving in mid May 2016 for a stay of one term.

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP AND LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln once wrote: “the best way to predict the future is to create it.” Volunteer to host an international high school student from France arriving into Australia in May 2016 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light. You’ll have fun learning about cultural differences and language. Carefully selected students from France will arrive in mid May for one term. With excellent English language skills, they will attend a local Secondary High School, they will arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information.

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YEAR 9 ASSEMBLY—Mr Sam Mills—IPSEN Community Leader/Year 9 Coordinator

Tuesday 1st March—a whole Year 9 assembly will take place in the IPSEN ‘C’ building. We will have a guest speaker to inform our students about exchange programs that are on offer.

Students will go to Advisory, have the rolls marked and then go with their Advisor to the IPSEN ‘C’ building.
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)

Our camp for Year 7 students is getting closer, and the students are becoming excited. The planning is complete and we are counting down the days until we depart for the fun and activities at the Campaspe Downs Resort in Kyneton.

We ask that parent/guardians return the permission and medical forms to the General Office along with the remainder of the camp payments by Monday 29th February.

If you are unsure of the balance of your camp payment, please call the ladies at the General Office to confirm your outstanding amount.
A big welcome to our new Year 7 students who are participating in Food Technology at Crusoe College. Students are completing the Work safe requirement of ‘safety and hygiene’ knowledge and have already started preparing and presenting some delicious food.

Year 7 students have made rumballs, pizza toast and next week will take on the challenge of chicken burritos. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm and keenness displayed by students and their eagerness to present food as attractively as possible. Students are encouraged to continue to taste foods they are unfamiliar with or may have ‘disliked’ in the past.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students have also completed the essential ‘safety and hygiene’ information and are busy skill building ready for Design Brief planning and organization.

Research shows;

People who cook dinner at home are more likely to have a healthy diet and take in less kilojoules, fat and sugar, compared with people who rarely eat home-cooked meals.

By improving skills in home cooking, Australians can up their vegetable intake by more than half a serve – important given that nine in ten Australians don’t eat enough vegetables.

www.healthyweightweek.com.au

Bendigo Community Health service offers free information sessions highlighting the importance of nutrition. Their free supermarket tours teach shoppers how to read food labels and learn the true nutritional value of products and choose the right ingredients for a cost effective diet.

Their free ‘Connect to Cooking’ classes also teach you to prepare cheap, healthy meals.

BCHS healthy living program (5434 4300) or email bchs@bchs.com.au

Please feel free to contact me for any further information you may require in relation to Food Technology.

DEB DRESS FOR SALE

Selling my gorgeous deb dress.

Stunning and elegant!!!!!!

Latest season, detailed top with full tulle and corset back!

Will fit size 8-12

Paid $800 asking $400 (ONO)

Please text me on 0459399340 if interested!
Back to School 2016 – Tips for Parents and Carers

A significant ‘spike’ in asthma symptoms, and subsequent hospital admissions of children occurs during the first few weeks of Term 1. The February ‘asthma spike’ is believed to be largely due to children coming into contact with triggers that they have had time away from, and then come into contact with on returned to school.

What can parents and carers do to help their children avoid asthma exacerbations at school?
Ensure that your teen is always carrying their reliever medication (eg. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir or Bricanyl) as well as a spacer. Also ensure that you provide medication to the school.

Ensure that you have provided the school with an updated Asthma Action Plan that has been signed by a medical practitioner.

Ensure that your teen knows how to recognise early asthma symptoms, and can self-administer their reliever medication properly.

Encourage your teen to seek assistance from school staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or email schools@asthma.org.au

Bendigo Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk (SPAN)

The 2016 Bendigo Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk will be held on March 20. The annual walk is organised by the Suicide Prevention Awareness Network Central Victoria group, and invites people who have been impacted by suicide to attend the walk, to remember loved ones, friends, work or school mates lost to suicide. The walk is also a chance for the general community to show support for those impacted by suicide and learn more about the issue. By breaking down the stigma often associated with talking about suicide, this can encourage conversation toward prevention, provide information about where to get help and stay connected. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Helpful resources:
Headspace.org.au
Beyondblue.org.au (beyondblue support service – call: 1300 224 636)
Lifeline: 13 11 14
Kidshelpline: 1800 55 1800
Clothing Alterations and Repairs

For all your repairs and alterations
Please call
KRISTY JEFFERIS
0455789341
10 Mikado Place, Golden Square 3555

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION
Hear from our very experienced, National Director, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Wednesday, 9th March at 8.30pm
or
Wednesday, 23rd March at 7.30pm

Register now

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au
or call 1300 135 331 for more information

Have you ever thought how good it would be to be able to:
Learn what it’s like to live in another country?
Learn a new language and experience a different culture.
If you are in years 9, 10 or 11 now
Rotary Youth Exchange can offer this and more.
Contact; Vanda Mullen, ph 0408 109 368
www.rotaryyouthexchangeaustralia.com.au

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.

For further information check out the website: www.nexusbyt.com