PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Brad Madden

Parent Teacher Student Interviews and Interim Reports
As we approach the end of Term 1, there will be the opportunity for parents to get formal feedback on the progress of students since the start of the school year. This will take the form of an Interim Report which will be made available on the Compass portal on Monday March 21. These reports will provide ratings of progress in development of knowledge and important work habits. The information contained in the reports should provide the basis for a conversation to take place between teachers, parents and students in the formal interviews which will be held on Wednesday evening from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and on Thursday from 9:00am to 12 midday. There will be no classes held on Thursday, March 24, and students will only be required at school if participating in an interview. Friday March 25 is the Good Friday holiday. The two time slots are designed to give the opportunity to as many families as possible to participate in the interviews. Information on how to make bookings is available later in the newsletter and will require that you are able to log into Compass. If you need assistance with this, please contact the office at the college. Please also remember that parents are able to discuss the progress of their children at other times throughout the year by contacting each child’s Advisory Teacher, also though the college office.

Important date reminder
Parents and carers are reminded that Thursday April 14 has been tentatively booked as a student free day when teachers will work on the reporting component of the Compass program. This date will be confirmed in the final newsletter of the term which will be distributed in two weeks. The end of term holidays are coming up from Friday 25th March (Good Friday) with term 2 to commence on Monday 11th April.

Whole School Assembly
There was a whole school assembly this week which was highlighted by a visit from Bendigo West MP, Ms Maree Edwards, who presented new flags to the College which now fly proudly outside the office. We also heard from our 2016 student leaders and a group of our 2015 World Challenge participants. All students who took to the stage spoke in a very articulate manner and showed that their preparation for the event stood them in good stead. Thanks to Mr Mills and Mrs Matotek for their assistance with the preparatory work. The esteem in which our students are held is evident in the fact that they have been invited to deliver similar presentations at local primary schools to inspire our next generation of leaders. Search for our Facebook page for some pictures from this week’s presentation.

Volleyball success
Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Boys Volleyball team who were victorious last week at the Bendigo District Sports Association intermediate competition held at the Bendigo Stadium. This team has trained and played in a number of tournaments and are showing that consistent effort pays off with improvement and now victories in tournaments against other local schools. Next term, they will have the opportunity to represent the Bendigo district in the next level of competition that could see them progress through to the state championships. Well done to Mr Mullens and all the boys.

School council election results for staff and parents
Following the nomination process for School Council which has been conducted over the past fortnight, we now have two new parent representatives for 2016/17. David Hunter and Cindy Storrie have been elected to the two vacancies for parents while Richelle Hollis has been re-elected and Emma Smart has been newly elected to the staff representative positions. The Annual General Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday March 21 and will include the handover from the old council to the new. There is still the prospect of members of the community being co-opted to the council throughout 2016. If you have an interest in the governance of the school and would like to be considered for a co-opted position, please contact me at the College.

Student health
We believe that in the last six months we may have had three cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. If, as a parent or carer, your children contract this or other contagious diseases, please ensure that they are given the necessary medical treatment and that the school is notified so we can protect groups who may be particularly vulnerable to such conditions.

TedX event
A quick reminder that on Friday March 18, Bendigo will be host to a world class educational forum under the TedX banner and organised by Crusoe College teacher, Dr Rob Sbaglia. The theme this year is Opportunity Makers and you can find more details at http://tedxrosalindparked.com/
Community Thank You
I would like to take the opportunity to thank our parent and wider community in regards to an incident which occurred last week. Last week, one of our students fell off his bike on his way to school. Thank you to the community members who rendered assistance and called an ambulance and also to the numerous parents and local community members who either phoned the school or called in to let us know that one of our students was injured on the road. This reinforces the reasons why it is so important to send your child to your local school, where your community knows and looks after your child.

I would also like to remind students to be careful of traffic when crossing the roads before and after school. We have had reports from members of the community that students aren’t looking when crossing the road and are placing themselves in dangerous situations. Please look in both directions before crossing the road and if on bikes, ensure that you are wearing your helmet and riding on the correct side of the road.

PLEASE DO NOT RIDE BEHIND REVERSING CARS.

Visitors Policy 2016
Please see over the page for the Crusoe College Visitor Policy (update 2016)

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English as a Additional Language (EAL)
Debra Black—Teacher

Homework Club to support students learning English as an Additional Language (EAL)

As you might be aware at Crusoe we have a number of students who are learning English as an Additional Language. To assist these students we are seeking volunteers to work with our students on homework tasks and in doing so further develop their understanding of English. Volunteers will be working either 1:1 or in small groups for one hour a week from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, the day is yet to be confirmed.

If you are keen to assist or would like additional information please email either Peter at scott.peter.p@edumail.vic.gov.au or Debra at black.debra.l@edumail.vic.gov.au, or contacting the college on 5447 7722. Please pass this request on to interested friends or relatives. A selection process which will include completing a Working with Children Check, will be undertaken.
Visitors Policy 2016

Rationale:
Crusoe College seeks to provide an open and friendly learning environment, which values and actively encourages visitors to our college. At the same time we recognise our duty of care to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff, and we recognise our responsibility to protect and preserve our resources against theft, vandalism and misuse.

Visitors are defined as all people other than:

- Staff members
- Students at Crusoe College
- Parents/guardians involved in the task of delivering or collecting children at the start or end of the school day

Aims:
I. To provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and resources.
II. To establish protocols and procedures that effectively monitor and manage visitors, whilst not compromising the open and inviting nature of our college.

Implementation:
All visitors will be required to report to the general office/reception prior to undertaking any activity within the college. All visitors will be required to sign a “Visitors” book and will be assigned a “Visitors” lanyard which they must wear at all times within the college. Visitors are also required to report to the General Office at the end of their visit to return their lanyard and to “sign out” in the Visitors book.

Visitors without the necessary Visitors lanyard will be reminded to register at the General Office. Visitors will be provided with directions, and will be made aware of any construction works etc that may impact upon their safety or comfort.

Visitors will be given the OH&S Visitors document to read through before moving to other areas of the school. Minors, including former students, students from other schools or unknown young people will only be issued with a visitor’s lanyard at the discretion of an Assistant Principal.

During the school day, students are not permitted to meet and talk with visitors at the gates or at the fence line around the school.

Under the Summary Offences Act 1966 and subsequent amendments, the Principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within the college. The Principal also has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the college boundaries outside school operating hours.

The college’s emergency management procedures will ensure that visitors within the college at the time of any emergency or practice drill will be recognised and be appropriately catered for.

The Visitors Policy will be published on the college website and the process for managing and monitoring visitors will be regularly published in the college newsletter.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the college’s three-year review cycle, and at times when our emergency management procedures are under review.
On the 2nd March our Crusoe Student Year Level Leaders participated in a leadership training workshop provided by the City of Greater Bendigo. The sessions were run by the inspirational and unpredictable Ian McBurney.

As this was the first time all of the leaders had come together, icebreaking activities were a great way to start the day, these gave each student a voice, and soon after the room was full of laughter and even streamers!

The student leaders were encouraged to stand up and put themselves out there, to follow their passions, make the most of each day and not be afraid to fail. They discussed what it meant to be a leader, breaking down the stereotype that all leaders must act like Moses, but that the leaders of the future will above all be flexible, selfless and willing to collaborate.

After reinforcing the importance of being passionate in everything they do, our leaders were asked to identify the things they were good at and liked doing (we have a very talented group), so they could align these with their own leadership aspirations.

After enjoying some light refreshments at lunchtime, the leaders had the opportunity to share their passions in small teams and present them. This was a great opportunity to use their newly acquired presentation skills.

We look forward to seeing our young leaders putting their new skills and ideas into action around the College.
HUMANITIES NEWS
Julie Stephenson—Domain Leader

Our students have been working hard on their assessment tasks and class work. As the term draws to a close, we would like to remind students to keep on top of their work. There are catch up classes offered to assist students with their work. Year 7 and 8 students are focusing on their geography units while Year 9 are studying history. Year 10 have chosen a module which will run for the semester.

This term we are offering our students two Australia wide competitions to enter and test their knowledge of Geography and Australian History. The two competitions are tests of general knowledge about either Australian History of Australian Geography.

The Geography competition is sponsored by The Macquarie University, University of Queensland, School of Geography, Planning & Environmental Management and also the Department of Education & Training. The aim of the competition being run in schools Australia wide is to put the spotlight on Geography in schools / good practice for multiple choice exams / challenge students to demonstrate their geographical knowledge and skills. Students will get results and graded certificates by year level.

The Australian History competition is a great competition that has a mixture of skills that test the participant and allows them to apply their skills across the breadth of the curriculum overviews and depth of studies. The rationale of the competition is to provide a quality competition that lifts the profile of History in the school community and also it is a quality resource that demonstrates approaches to the assessment of the skills and understandings required by the curriculum.

Both competitions are multiple choice and students will be given the competition in an exam setting.

If you would like your child to participate in the competitions (both or one), please complete the permission slip below and return to the General Office along with the payment of $6.00 by Wednesday 24th March.

CRUSOE COLLEGE
PARENTAL CONSENT/PERMISSION FORM

Australian History & Geography Competitions
(please tick the box for which competition your child is entering, complete the form and return to the General Office by Wednesday 24th March)

Australian History Competition [ ] (being subsidised by the college)

Australian Geography Competition [ ] (cost is $6.00 per entry)

STUDENTS NAME:- ………………………………………………………………… ADIVISORY …………………

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:- …………………………………………………………………………………………………

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:- ……………………………………………………………………………………………

DATE ……………………………..
As we complete the seventh week of the term, it is important to check Compass daily to keep abreast of due dates for all Learning Tasks and Key Assessment tasks. This year our goal as a Community is to promote a sense of pride in our work, and ensure we submit all tasks on time and completed to the best of our ability. **We will reap the benefits of our hard work in the long term!**

**Catch Up classes**
Monday and Wednesday catch up classes are being held in the Dyson Socratic Studio each week for students who need extra support in completing work and meeting deadlines. Teachers are on hand during this time to mentor students and provide assistance. Students and parents will receive notification via Compass that will advise them of the day and time they will be required to attend these classes.

**Dyson Star Shines at Victorian Championships**
Congratulations to one of our talented achievers, Ella Farnell! Ella recently competed in the Victorian Athletic State Championships in Melbourne, and was very successful, placing 2nd in the Triple Jump, with a personal best of 10.75m, 3rd in the Long Jump and 4th in the High Jump. Ella will now participate in the Long Jump and Triple Jump on March 13th in Perth at the National Championships. Ella has represented the Dyson Community and Crusoe College admirably over the last 3 years by taking out Age Champion consecutively at the Athletic Sports, and we wish her all the best next month in her two events.

**Advisory Happenings!**

**Peer Leadership Program**
It’s great to see the Year 10 Peer Leaders leading Year 7 advisory sessions every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Year 10’s are forging new friendships with their younger peers, and are giving our Year 7’s another “port of call” when they need support. Research has shown that students will turn to their peers first when in need of help, and the Year 10’s are clearly establishing a real connection with their groups through activities based on the Crusoe values.

**“LIP SYNC” Challenge**
Students in all Advisory groups are currently working on their “LIP SYNC Challenge”. Over the coming weeks they will be selecting, performing and filming their chosen song, to compete against all other Dyson Advisory groups! This is an activity that promotes teamwork and collaboration, and it’s great to see some students move out of their comfort zone to support the challenge!

**Bingo’s Back!**
Last Friday saw the return of “Martha’s Bingo!” Many thanks to Mitch, Bailey and Jack who did a fantastic job filling in for Martha last week. Congratulations to our winners, Bree and Sam.
The 2016 Art/Science Festival will be held at the College on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th April.

During these two days normal classes will be suspended and students will have the opportunity to attend and try activities that normally do not fit into the school curriculum. Each day of the festival will be divided into a morning workshop (Session 1 & 2) and an afternoon workshop (Session 3 & 4). Students will select from the range of workshops on offer. The selection process for students will start at the beginning of Term 2.

There is a wide variety of workshops on offer over the two days. Some workshops will include jewellery making, musical presentations, cane-ball sports, drawing images gathered from microscopes, pin-hole photography, making and launching model rockets.

At the conclusion of the Festival on Thursday 28th April the college will be open to display the work of the students to the wider school community.

Some workshops will incur a small fee (approximately $5) to cover costs of materials. In each case students will be producing a piece of work that can be taken home after the presentation evening.

The Art/Science Festival is a great opportunity to participate in some out of the ordinary activities not normally offered at school and to work with student and teachers from across the college.

Even though normal classes will not be running these are normal school days and students are expected to select and attend all 4 workshops.
Intermediate Sports Day (Year 9 & 10)  
Volleyball  
Kaylene Matotek

Last Thursday, Crusoe College took part in the annual Sandhurst Division Intermediate Boys/Girls Volleyball competition held at the Bendigo Stadium.

The competition saw schools from all around the Bendigo area come together to compete for glory. The girls team, coached by Mrs Matotek, included Mikaela Beagley, Chloe Harris, Say Yu Htoo, Phoebe Jane, Shelby Knoll, Ashlee Matotek, Lisa Ung and Ella Wicks. The girls played pool matches against BSE, Eaglehawk and East Loddon. The girls won one of their matches before meeting Weerona in the 5th/6th playoff, which they won. This was a great effort by the girls, who had worked hard on their skills and teamwork in the lead up to the competition. On the day they learned to work well as a team and enjoyed the competition.

Enter the Crusoe Crusaders. Matt Poulter, Lachie Hill, Matthew McSwain, Angus Keith, Dillon Gauci, Kaden Gledhill, Lachlan Tranter, Jet Cox and their coach Mr Mullens. The Year 10 boys’ team went into the day with high hopes as many of them had attended the same day last year, albeit with little success. The boys started the day with their first pool match against Marist College; although it took a little time to get rolling, some strong serving from Lachie Hill, and smart setting from Matthew McSwain steered the team to a convincing 2-0 win.

The second match saw the boy’s face Catholic College, the main threat in their pool. It was during this game that they started to relax and have fun. This was immediately noticeable as their frontcourt play improved dramatically with Poulter, Tranter and Hill spiking hard. In fact, the only thing more impressive than the hits were the elaborate celebrations that followed. A solid 2-0 win.

Eaglehawk were up next, although they were not the most skillful team, they went into the game with a mental edge that tested our boy’s concentration. Angus Keith suffered no ill effects, sending down several “cannon like” serves and setting up our hitters to silence the borough boys 2-0.

After a hard fought morning the boys had made the final where they would face off against Bendigo South East. The Crusaders were really flying at this point and any resistance was swiftly dealt with. Dillon Gauci’s front court presence was immense, shutting out several BSE attacks. Gledhill’s passing was also top notch, allowing for more counter attacks. The Year 10’s sealed the final 2-0.

Special thanks must go out to all those involved in lead up to the day, as well as Mr Kelly for organising and running such a smooth competition.

Crusoe Crusaders will now go on to represent the region at the Loddon Mallee Regional Finals to be held in Mildura in May. Good Luck!
The Yates Community at Crusoe College houses our College’s special setting, an alternative classroom space for the alternative program known as SWITCh (Students Working Independently Towards Change).

This year the College SWITCh program has started off with students being referred in for a variety of reasons. The staff in the program work with a range of students in small groups. Some of our college PSD students also use the space to work for a couple of sessions a week with their Aide to do some catch up work.

Staff are enjoying meeting our new students, setting up working protocols and building relationships so that students can get the most out of their time in SWITCh. The new building space has been completed and resources are sorted to reflect the student’s levels, interests and needs for learning. The College staff also provide work for students to achieve while spending time in SWITCh. Compass is an excellent tool for all students to look online to see if there are learning tasks that need attention and can work on these with the SWITCh staff to achieve the best outcomes.

One of our students Talia says, “I like being in the SWITCh room because I get to finish off all of my work and I like working with Lynne (Aide), she helps me and keeps me from being distracted”.
Year 8 Camp Howqua
21st, 22nd, 23rd November, 2016
Expression of Interest

Where: Howqua River, Mansfield
When: Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd November
Cost: $310—$320 (approximately)
Purpose: To promote working as a team, challenging yourself, developing friendships, and having a great time!

Year 8 students were presented at a whole year level assembly with details about the upcoming 2016 Year 8 school camp which will be held at Camp Howqua, Mansfield. This is a highly successful camp enjoyed by all Bendigo Secondary Schools. This camp is a great opportunity for all Crusoe Year 8 students and we are hopeful that the students will be excited to be a part of it.

We endeavour to keep the costs for camps to a minimum, which will be achieved if we receive a positive attendance. Families who are eligible will have access to the Camps, Sports Excursions Fund (CSEF) if they have completed the application form that was required to be completed by the end of February.

Students will receive an Expression of Interest note asking for a $100 non refundable deposit. Forms will need to be returned to the General office along with the deposit by Friday 18th March. Payments can then be made during Term 2 and 3 via instalments or as a lump sum. Please contact Carole Waterson (Year 8 Coordinator) if you have further enquiries regarding the camp.
Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman

For those students interested in American history, particularly the civil war and the end of slavery, *Buffalo Soldier* by Tanya Landman is the book for them. This book won the Newbery Medal for young adult literature in the USA which I believe was greatly deserved. This is the story of an enslaved girl called Charlotte who goes by the name of Charley in order to join the US army and seek a living after finding freedom at the end of the Civil War. She hides her femininity and is a crack shot and fortunately goes undetected. She witnesses all sorts of atrocities and abuses as a slave, yet freedom brings different types of prejudice. She traverses the breadth and length of the US mostly to protect ‘settlers’ from the Indians. After some time she begins to question the human rights abuses and the loss of culture of the First Nations people at the hands of cruel and brutal military leadership. Charley is an admirable character whose resilience and inner goodness will inspire readers.

The story is loosely based on a real woman, Cathy Williams, who concealed her true identity in the army. The title of the book is so called because African American soldiers in the army were known as ‘Buffalo Soldiers’.

This is a fascinating read that is action packed with important themes about prejudice, identity and belonging.

Mrs Marchingo’s star rating  5/5

Transmedia

The Global Learning Centre currently has a display of stories that have transformed into many different formats: from songs to books; books to film; books to picture books; books to computer games and vice versa; books to graphic novels; books to easy reads; and books to interactive e-picture books. The list is endless. Junior English classes have the opportunity to come to the GLC for a talk about the reasons why some books transform and view and read the many different transformations.

Overdue Books from 2015

Sadly the GLC still has several overdue books from 2015. Students have received several notices about these overdue books but have not acted on returning them. As a result replacement costs for the books will be sought through the office and will appear on your financial statement. If parents would assist us in getting the books back it would be greatly appreciated.

Carshalton House Volunteers (Advance Elective)

Every second Monday, 6 students from Crusoe College are picked up by minibus and travel to either Centro Lansell or the Bendigo Marketplace where they take residents from Carshalton House on their fortnightly shopping trips. Students work with the residents on a 1 to 1 basis and help residents negotiate their way around the shops and help them with their tasks.

This program has been running for approximately 15 years and students in Year 9 and 10 come from the ADVANCE class as well as volunteering from other classes. Pictured are Ruby, Matt, Kiah and Connor who along with Shelby and Ash attended the first shopping trip of 2016. Matt volunteered because he “thought it would be great to help the residents and give something back to the community. It made me feel good inside. Just working with the residents was a truly rewarding experience”. Mark Gordon from Carshalton House had organised the trips for many years along with Rohan Harrison from Crusoe College. At Crusoe College we strongly encourage our students to build links within the Community.
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**Accounts:** Tracey Hughes/Rayma Evans  
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**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  
Please meet at General Office

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

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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

**03 4433 4455**

Newsletters are emailed to families each fortnight, or hard copies are available from the General Office on the afternoon of publishing. If you would like a newsletter posted home, please contact the General Office and leave your address details for the mailing list.

Next newsletter will be published 24th March.

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**EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL**

**Trivia Night**

The Trivia Night is in support of Access Ministries  
(Vision in Education & Chaplaincy)  
**Monday 21st March, 2016**  
7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Bookings are to be made by  
**Phone—5442 1732**  
**Fax—5448 3912**  
**Email—rayandro@bigpond.com**  
**bjrails@bigpond.com**

**Cost—$15.00 per person (tables of 6 or less)**

**n.b. more than 6 not accepted**

BYO nibbles, non-alcoholic drinks & glasses  
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