Welcome to Term 2
We are already two weeks into Term 2 as this newsletter is distributed. The next nine weeks promise to be very busy for students and families so I encourage you to be regular readers of this newsletter, via email, hard copy, or Compass so that you and your children can be fully informed of school events and timelines.

ANZAC Services
The College held services this week for Year 7/8 students on Thursday and for Year 9/10 students on Friday morning. These services were co-ordinated by Mr Harry Symons and featured guest speaker, Mr Robert Bail, from the Kangaroo Flat RSL, as well as student leaders from within the College. The contribution of RSL members to the planning and conduct of our ceremonies meant that students were involved in an authentic service that did justice to the occasion. There are also displays in our communities and the GLC to support students to understand the full significance of the day. A number of students will also participate in community services on Monday throughout Bendigo and will proudly represent the College in our new blazer that has been designed specifically to provide students with the formal attire that is appropriate for such occasions. Please also remember that Monday April 25 is a public holiday and the school will be closed.

Art Science Festival
Coming up next week is the very exciting Arts/Science Festival which features some fantastic opportunities for students to extend their learning and develop a range of 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 have already had 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, in a finished product. Parents are also invited to come along and be part of the fun. The culmination of the event will be on Thursday April 28 from 5:00pm at which time displays of the work produced will be available for viewing. There will be an opening ceremony featuring Councillor Barry Lyons at 5:30. There will also be displays of photos from the recent Year 7 Camp and a parent information session on Compass from 6:30pm. Please try to come along and be part of this fantastic community event that will have something of interest to all families.

Semester 1 reports
With the introduction of the Compass program, there will be slight changes to the semester reporting program. Parents will already have seen some teacher comments about specific learning tasks completed by students. This will continue to be the case as students complete work and teachers provide specific feedback that is visible to students and parents. The information on the semester report will be an amalgamation of the feedback already provided and a summary of effort and behaviour over the semester as well as some areas for improvement. In future newsletters we will provide sample reports and a detailed timeline. It is important that as many families are able to access the enhanced information that is now available so if you haven’t already signed into Compass, please do so as soon as possible.

NAPLAN assessments and student survey
In the coming month, students in Years 7 & 9 will be completing their National Assessment Program for Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests while students in all year levels will complete the Attitudes to School Survey. These important assessment tools provide the College with vital information on the learning progress of students and on the perceptions of students about their learning environment. Students will be provided with guidelines on how to complete each assessment and parents are asked to support the College by encouraging students to do their best work in all the literacy and numeracy assessments and to give honest opinions in the attitudes to school survey. Results of these assessments will be available during Term 3.

Fee payments
We are extremely grateful to those families who have made the effort to complete fee payments during Term 1. There are a number of families who have chosen to pay their fees over a longer period of time and we appreciate the effort and planning that goes into this commitment. Please ensure that you contact the College if you need to vary a payment plan or would like to alter your method of payment.

Absence notes
When a student misses school, we are legally required to seek an explanation from parents or carers. If you know your child will be absent from school, please contact us to provide this information. If an absence is unforeseen, you can still contact the College by phone or provide a written note upon their return to school. If this does not happen, Advisory teachers or support staff will need to make contact with you to seek this information. Your support in assisting us with this communication is greatly appreciated.

Transition to Crusoe for 2017
The first stage of the transition to the College commences on Wednesday May 4 with an information night at the College from 7:00pm. It is important that all families with Year 7 students next year are able to attend. Please set that date aside if you have a child in Year 6 this year. The night will include tours and information sessions conducted by teachers and current students. Please also consider passing this information on to families you know who may be considering sending their children to Crusoe in 2017. While this information is distributed widely through the primary schools, some families may be new to the area or miss communications and would appreciate the opportunity to attend.
## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 — 2016

Start 11th April—Finish 24th June

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| Tuesday 26th April    | World Challenge Parent Information session—6.30pm  
Dyson Building ‘B’                                           |
| Wednesday & Thursday 27th/28th April | 2016 Art/Science Festival                                                                 |
| Thursday 28th April   | Open Night for the Art/Science Festival  
5pm—7pm All welcome                                           |
| Friday 29th April     | Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival  
Year 10 Assembly—JB Osborne Theatre (Advisory time)                                               |
| Sunday 1st May        |                                                                                                  |
| Monday 2nd May        |                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 3rd May       |                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 4th May     |                                                                                                  |
| Friday 6th May        |                                                                                                  |
| Monday 9th May        |                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday—Thursday 10th/11th/12th May | NAPLAN—Years 7 & 9                             |
| Thursday 12th May     |                                                                                                  |
| Friday 13th May       |                                                                                                  |
| Saturday & Sunday 14th/15th May | EBT—Loxton, SA 6hr challenge                    |
| Monday 16th May       |                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 17th May      |                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 18th May    |                                                                                                  |
| Friday 20th May       |                                                                                                  |
| Thursday 26th May     |                                                                                                  |
| Thursday 2nd June     |                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday—Thursday 7th/8th/9th June | Year 10 exams                                 |
| Wednesday 8th June    |                                                                                                  |
| Friday 10th June      |                                                                                                  |
| Monday 13th June      |                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 14th June     |                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 15th June   |                                                                                                  |
| Friday 17th June      |                                                                                                  |
| Monday—Thursday 20/21/22/23 June | QUEENS BIRTHDAY Public Holiday                        |
| Thursday 23rd June    |                                                                                                  |
| Friday 24th June      |                                                                                                  |
| **LAST DAY OF TERM 2** |                                                                                                  |
Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have had a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. Already the calendar is looking full with a wide variety of exciting educational activities and opportunities for our students. Please ensure you receive and read the Newsletter so that you and your child do not miss any of these opportunities.

**NAPLAN**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May, students will sit the 2016 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html)

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au). Parents are asked for their assistance in ensuring that students are especially punctual to school on the test days.

**Student Attitude to School Survey**
WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what our students think of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experiences of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s schooling experience. This is the 12th year that the survey has been offered. Students from Year 7 to 10 at our school will participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The Attitudes to School Survey will be conducted at our school next week. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s Advisory Time. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. We hope that you and your children can already see the positive planning and programs that we run and will continue to run as a result of detailed analysis of our school’s results. Please speak to your child’s Community Leader if you would like more information about the survey.

**Facebook & Instagram**
Please be reminded that Crusoe College has a social media presence. Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.
**DEB BALL Update**

Dance training has started and our Debs and Partners are learning all the dances required for the Deb.

Tickets will be available for the Debs and Partners from Tuesday 17 May. We are still finalising details and the price will be advised as soon as possible.

A reminder that VIEWING of the Deb is **not allowed** at the Wes Vine Pavillion as there are no facilities available.

For any further information relating to the Deb, please make contact with Gwenda Pratt, Deb Co-ordinator 5447 7722.

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**YEAR 10 IMPORTANT DATES**

**Friday 29 April**  
Year 10 Assembly—JB Osborne Theatre

**Sunday 1 May**  
BSSC Open Day (see advert below)

**Wednesday 18 May**  
Carmen’s Message

**Tuesday 7—Thursday 9 May**  
Year 10 Exam week

**Friday 10 May**  
Year 10 catch-up exams  
BSSC Cultural Day Years 9 & 10 (LOTE students)

**Friday 17 June**  
DEB BALL

**Thursday 23 June**  
UniBridges HOLOCAUST excursion

**Friday 22 July**  
UniBridges, - La Trobe University, Bendigo

**Sunday 24 July**  
BSSC Open Day 11am—3pm

**Friday 29 July**  
Careers in Science  
La Trobe University, Bendigo

**Thursday 6—Tuesday 11 October**  
On Demand Testing Year 7-10

**Tuesday 11 October**  
Loddon Prison excursion—Year 10

**Tuesday 25 October**  
Loddon Prison excursion—Year 10

**Wednesday 26 October**  
Bendigo Cup—Public Holiday

**Monday 14—Thursday 17 November**  
Year 10 Exams

**Friday 18, Monday 21 November**  
Year 10 Work Finalisation Day

**Tuesday 22 November**  
Year 10 Celebration Day

**Wednesday 23—Wednesday 30 November**  
BSSC Orientation/Step-up Program

**Thursday 1, Friday 2 December**  
BSSC change of subject days

**Thursday 8 December**  
Year 10 Graduation/Formal

**Thursday 15 December**  
Crusoe College Awards Night

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**German Exchange Students and Host Families**

A number of German Exchange Students, both girls and boys aged 15-18, hope to be coming here this July for 3, 5 or 10 months. If you and your family feel you would like to host a German student during their stay here or even part of it, can afford an extra person at meal times and have a spare bed, please contact Klaus Schumann, their coordinator, on 03 97584279 or by email to let me know of your interest. There is no payment involved. There are other nationalities also available if you would prefer. Hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,  
Klaus Schumann  
SCCE Community Coordinator  
klaus.schumann@hotmail.com
Postcard from Singapore
Rob Sbaglia

I’ve now been in Singapore for 17 days, and no time has been wasted in getting acquainted with the education system here; in particular, what makes the country’s results in Mathematics consistently in the top two in the world.

I am undertaking five courses during my stay here, all run through the National Institute of Education (NIE), who are responsible for training all Singapore teachers. I have commenced three of the courses, which address the teaching of geometry, the use of questioning in the Mathematics classroom, and supporting struggling students in Mathematics. It is reassuring to see the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract model embedded in Mathematics education here, as it was this model that inspired much of the work at Crusoe that led to our award at the end of last year. However, I am seeing new examples of it in action, as well as learning how and when to apply it to achieve the best results.

In addition to the courses, I have also been lucky enough to visit four schools, the highlight being a visit to the School of Science and Technology, a concept school that has been given permission to reconfigure the traditional curriculum to the point where, if it can’t be applied, it isn’t taught. The result is the students are working on real life projects such as devices that measure pollution around Singapore, and the incredibly impressive “SST Inc”, where students have created a company and code apps which are used by the health and tertiary education sector.

At a couple of these schools, I have had the opportunity to share the Ignite Mathematics course in operation at Crusoe; this has been warmly received, and I think Crusoe can hold its head high that something we have created can be regarded so highly in one of the best performing education systems in the world.

But the real highlight has been the openness, generosity and graciousness of the educational community here in Singapore. Everyone I have met in Singapore, be they University lecturers, teachers, or employees of the Ministry of Education (MOE) have been willing to share with me their insights into education here, as well as give up their time to point me in the direction of more interesting opportunities for me to pursue.
CRUSOE ATHLETICS DAY REPORT
Craig Kelly

Team Scores

Ipsen  1023
Dyson  898
White  897
Yates  847

Age Group Champions

13 Girls  Carlie Glanville  White  42 points
13 Boys  William Beagley  Dyson  48 points
14 Girls  Niah Langtree  Ipsen  50 points
14 Boys  Brodie Poole  Yates  48 points
15 Girls  Ella Farnell  Dyson  50 points
15 Boys  Jaidyn Berry  Ipsen  42 points
16 Girls  Fraser Millar  Yates  42 points
16 Boys  Shelby Knoll  White  46 points
       Mathew Bradley  White  46 points

Congratulations to IPSEN Community on being the winners at the Athletics Day. Well done to all community members on their efforts on the day.

We would like to congratulate all students and staff on their participation, involvement and support of their fellow community members.

The next level of competition will be the Sandhurst Division Athletics – 29th April at the Latrobe University Bendio Athletics Complex. Team members will be notified on Tuesday 26th April and given a permission note that will be required to be returned with the payment asap.
This term we are offering our students two Australia wide competitions to enter and test their knowledge of Geography and Australian History.

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 Friday 29th April.
World Challenge & Crusoe College expedition to Fiji!

After two successful World Challenge expeditions over the last four years, Crusoe College are delighted to announce that we are launching another very exciting program which offers students the opportunity to plan, fund and ultimately lead their own 21-day long expedition to Fiji in late November 2017.

World Challenge is unique; students have a chance to CHALLENGE themselves and lead the expedition team to a developing world country, run a budget, organise some of the accommodation and transport and run group meetings with the guidance of teachers and staff. Not only is World Challenge a chance to travel throughout some developing countries and see how lucky we are to live in Australia, students LEAD the team, ensure they develop real-world leadership and communication skills that they would use in every aspect of adulthood whether they go straight into the workforce or further study!

We understand that you will have questions about the program particularly around the support we can give to the students and families to fundraise. We would like to extend an invitation for all interested students and families to attend an Information Night:-

Date: Tuesday 26th April, 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Building B (south end)

For any further information, or to advise of your attendance at the Information Night, please contact the college and speak with Mrs Kaylene Matotek or email her on:
matotek.kaylene.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Relay for Life
Kaylene Matotek

On Friday, 15th April, a small team of staff and students attended the Bendigo Relay for Life event. The group represented the College well, remaining on the track for the entire event and participating in the Midnight Madness and the Hungry Hippos activity. It was great to see both past and present students joining teams with their families and friends. Thank you to the staff and students who joined us. Hopefully we will have more people join us for next year. If you would like to be part of 2017 team you can join up on the link: http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/team_id=47386&pg=team&fr_id=4282
Bronze and Sunflower
By Cao Wenxuan
This is a beautifully written book that was an absolute treat to read. The writing is poetic and the imagery is so perfect that the rural Chinese village setting is brought to life in full colour for the reader. It is the story of Sunflower who came to the countryside with her father during the Cultural Revolution but was sadly orphaned as a result of a boating accident. Fortunately she is adopted by Bronze’s poor but loving village family. Bronze is her best friend but he also happens to be mute after suffering a trauma as a child. There are several complications that present challenges to the livelihood of the villagers such as tornadoes, floods and locust plagues. Tragedy strikes often but the family are resilient and always bounce back. This is a gentle and captivating story and I adored all of the peaceful characters. The story reminds the reader about the simple yet important things in life it is about love and the benefits of a close family. The book is written by one of China’s most important children’s writers and was translated to English by Helen Wang. It was the winner of the English PEN Award and I highly recommend it. 5/5

ANZAC Day Displays
The GLC celebrated ANZAC Day with two displays. In our window and in another area we are acknowledging the 100^{th} anniversary of the Western Front and the famous battles that took place. Susan Groom has copied several fascinating pieces of memorabilia from her family collection to enhance the display. We also have another display about World War Two based on the wonderful inquiry projects that my Year 10 History students completed. The display has received lots of attention from students who have enjoyed reading the books created from the inquiry work. Susan Groom has also contributed a World War Two duffle bag full of interesting photocopied information about two of her Uncles’ experiences in the Pacific, one of who did not make it home.

Author Workshops
Talented readers and writers from Year 8, 9 and 10 attended a talk and a workshop at Bendigo South East Secondary with two fantasy fiction authors, Lynette Noni and Wanda Wiltshire. The students gained many insights into the writing process and received valuable advice about how to improve their own writing. Our students were extremely well behaved and they actively contributed to the discussions that took place.
WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) Australia

Host an overseas exchange student in 2016 and bring the world to you!

Maurizio (17) from Italy: "I am open-minded, curious and very determined to learn English as well as possible. I have an older brother and we get along well together. I am really looking forward to coming to Australia!"

Nester (17) from The Netherlands: "I’m very motivated and I always put in 100%. I won’t let you down, I will do my best! I also like reading and sport, particularly tennis and badminton. I am looking forward to coming to Australia!"

Candice (18) from France: "I can be as much fun as serious! I am a big sister to my two brothers, we are very close. I enjoy piano and dance. I also enjoy photography. I look forward to sharing some good times with my host family."

Hippolyte (19) from France: "Hi! I have an older and a younger brother. I enjoy playing with them too! I also like reading and sport, particularly tennis and badminton. I am looking forward to coming to Australia!"

Jonna (17) from Finland: "If I have two sisters. My mum has two gorgeous dogs and I just adore animals! I have just started horse dance lessons! I can’t wait to discover the differences between Australia and Finland."

Ana Chihana (16) from Italy: "I’m a very good student and I am very sporty too. I am looking forward to meeting my host family."

WEP Australia is looking for wonderful volunteer host families willing to open their homes and hearts to overseas exchange students arriving in July 2016. Hosting provides families with a way of welcoming a slice of the world into their lives without leaving the comfort of their own home! If you are as eager as these students are to share your culture, contact us now!

Request a free information pack!

Phone 1300 884 733
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Web www.wep.org.au/host/

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Exchange students will be arriving soon in mid-July. Select your choice of a French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Finnish, Danish or Norwegian student and according to your family’s availability. S.C.C.E. takes care of all the arrangements including school.

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School Council President: Matthew Hague
School Council Vice President: Kris Connor
School council next meeting: Monday, 16th May @ 6.15pm

Parent Club President: Nicole Mayes
Parent Club Secretary: 
Parent Club next meeting: Wednesday 18th May @ 9am
Please meet at General Office

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
03 4433 4455

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Regional Bus Coordinator
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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