



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Brad Madden

Welcome to Term 3

Although this is the first newsletter of the term, we have had two weeks of classes and activities into which the vast majority of students have settled well by re-establishing their routines and study habits. Our student free day on Thursday of this week saw staff working in conjunction with teachers from Weeroona College to understand and plan for the teaching of the new content contained in the Victorian Curriculum which will be implemented in all schools from the start of 2017. We appreciate the effort of parents to make alternative arrangements for their children on that day. We will continue to work to improve our ability to communicate with families so that planning for involvement in class programs and extra-curricular activities can take place. We have a new format for the newsletter and continue to have more families logging into the Compass program.

I would strongly encourage anyone who has not accessed Compass to do so in order to be in receipt of all the available information relating your child's school program.

Semester 1 reports

Reports will be available to parents through the Compass portal from the end of this week. The process to access the reports is detailed on your Compass log in page or in the "Help" section. Teachers have been working hard over the past two weeks finalising assessments for students on the last task that was submitted at the end of Term 2. As this is the first time we have used the Compass program, you will notice a slight change in the format of the reports but they will contain the same essential information which is explained in the body of the document. If you don't have access to Compass, please contact the College to get your log in details or to request a printed copy of your child's report. As we are using the Compass program for reporting for the first time, we are expecting that there will be feedback from parents that will help us to improve the value of the report so you are invited to communicate your thoughts directly to the school so we can consider all suggestions in planning for the end of the year.

Parent survey

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from 25 July to 5 August 2016. The

survey is an important part of every school's parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. Parents from our community are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey, which is confidential and anonymous. If you are contacted to be involved, please ensure that you return your completed survey to the school by 5 August. For any queries, please contact Carol Anderson who will be administering the survey.

JB Osborne Theatre

It was great to see the JB Osborne Theatre full of life throughout the holidays with hundreds of dancers coming from all around Victoria for the annual Eisteddfod. There were a range of categories giving a large number of participants the opportunity to be recognised for their talent and effort. The theatre is available for hire all year round but has most of its use over the mid-year holidays. We have been fortunate to have an offer of support from Bunnings Kangaroo Flat who will provide paint and materials to give various parts of the theatre an update. This project will run in conjunction with World Tree Day on Friday July 29, which is also sponsored by Bunnings. A group of students will work with School Council member, Mr Trevor Cox, to paint parts of the foyer, toilets, stage and hallway. Any other parents who have an interest in the upkeep of the theatre and can give some of their time on the Friday would be made most welcome. Please contact the school to register your interest.

Student transition

Year 10 students are now in a very busy time with planning for life beyond the College in full swing. Students have work experience coming up later in the term as well as enrolment and subject selections for Year 11. There are a number of obligations for students and parents to ensure that these processes are carried out smoothly so if you are unsure of what is needed, please contact your child's Advisor. At the same time, we are planning class configurations to accommodate the number and learning needs of the 2017 cohorts, in the process, working closely with students and families who will be starting in Year 7 next year. Most information will be distributed through local primary schools. If you know of families who intend to enrol at Crusoe College in 2017 but are not currently attending a local primary school, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Student accident insurance

Parents are reminded that DE&T does not provide insurance cover for students who are injured at school. It is strongly recommended that all families have ambulance cover as it is incumbent upon the school to call an ambulance if necessary as part of our duty of care. If you are a Health Care Card holder you will be covered for use of an ambulance but if not it is worth considering becoming a member to insure against the high costs involved. Similarly, you can insure students against accidents at school with varying levels of cover available at different costs starting from less than \$30 a year.

Attendance everyday counts!

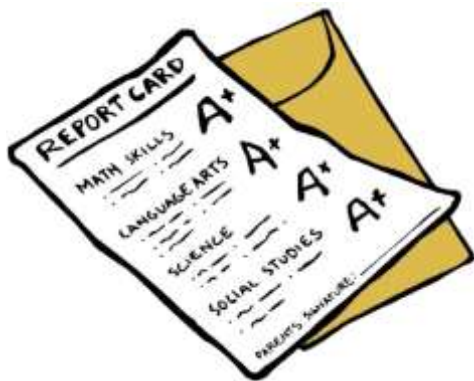
“Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.”

Department of Education and Training (DET)
Website:-

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/everydaycountssecondary.PDF>

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their assessment results and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students and lead to social isolation. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Please encourage your child/ren to attend every day and talk to your child’s Advisor or the Community Leaders about possible strategies to support your child, if attendance is a problem.



2016 CRUSOE CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Tuesday 26 July

Year 7 Boys Football
Year 10 MIPs Interviews—1pm to 7pm

Wednesday 27 July

Sandhurst Intermediate 9/10 Boys Football
German Big Day out — Melbourne

Thursday 28 July

Motivational Media Presentation
All year level and KFPS
9.20—10.30am

Thursday 28 July to Sunday 31 July

Victorian Schools Volleyball Cup

Friday 29 July

Year 10 Careers in Science, La Trobe University, Bendigo

Year 7/8/9 National Tree Planting Day

Monday 1 August

Year 8 & 10 Combined
'Community That Cares' Presentation—JB Osborne Theatre

Tuesday 2—Friday 5 August

2016 Ski Trip

Thursday 4 August

Term 3 Intermediate Sports Day (Yr 9/10)

Friday 5 August

NET Gaming Day—Melbourne (4 selected students)

Wednesday 10 August

Tasmania Trip Information Night
7pm Dyson Community

Friday 12 August

Bendigo Writers Festival

Saturday 20 August

Tournament of the Minds—La Trobe University, Bendigo

EBT 10 hr Challenge—Bendigo

Monday 22 August

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 25 August

2017 Elective/Module Expo—5.00-7.00pm

Tuesday 30 August

Sandhurst Division Athletics (*rescheduled date*)

Wednesday 31 August

Women Showing the Way luncheon - Year 10 girls
Year 8 Indonesian – Melbourne Zoo excursion

Thursday 1 September

Sandhurst Div, Junior Sports Day (Yrs 7 & 8)
COGB Youth Summit

Friday 2 September

Unibridges excursion – La Trobe University, Bendigo
2017 elective selections due in
EBT Trivia Night – 7pm – Dyson Community

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White Community Leader: Colin McGregor
Yates Community Leader:
Debbie Spencer-Jones

Business Manager:
Tracey Hughes/Rayma Evans
Student Administration: Carol Anderson
Reception: Colleen Biggs

School Council President: Matthew Hague
School Council Vice President: Kris Connor
School Council next meeting: Monday, 15th
August 6.15pm - Boardroom

Parent Club President: Nicole Mayes
Parent Club Secretary:
Parent Club next meeting: Wednesday 17th
August 9am - Please meet at the General Office

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE 03 4433 4455

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

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 available FRIDAY 5th
August

DIG DEEP FOR THE AQUATIC APPEAL

Donations to support the opening of Bendigo's new Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre can now be made at any local branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Branches of the Bendigo Bank at Pall Mall, Mitchell Street, The Bendigo Centre, Strath Hill, Eaglehawk and Kangaroo Flat will all be accepting donations to the Greater Bendigo Indoor Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre community fundraising drive with all donations over \$2 tax deductible.

Organisers of the community fundraiser, Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise and Bendigo Community Health Services aim to raise the final \$1 million needed to fund the Aquatic Project through the generosity of local businesses, community groups and local residents.

So far there has been a \$300,000 donation from the Hazeldene Family and \$100,000 from the Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise and a vast number of smaller donations from community groups.

Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise committee member Geoff Bowyer says other sizeable donations are currently being negotiated with the potential of tipping the fundraising total over the half way mark.

"With another \$10,000 already received through public donations so far and these new collection points arranged through the Bendigo Bank will further boost the appeal. We want to build a real sense of public ownership for what is set to become a fantastic community facility."

Bendigo Bank Senior Manager Scott Whatley says the Bendigo Bank is very excited to collect public donations in a major bid to drum up further grassroots support for the project.

"This aquatic centre will benefit the entire Bendigo community so we want as many people as possible to get behind the cause. So call into a Bendigo Bank branch and help make the Greater Bendigo Indoor Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre a reality."

Community members wanting to donate towards the \$1 million Fundraiser should call at their local branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Bendigo Community Health Services – Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre Fundraiser
BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 157 203 720

The Greater Bendigo Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre community fundraising drive is a joint project between Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise and Bendigo Community Health Services.

Donations over \$2 to Bendigo Community Health Services (ABN 76 026 154 968) are tax deductible.

ADVANCE COMMUNITY NEWS

Rohan Harrison—Advance Community Coordinator

The ADVANCE community class need your help!

As you may have seen recently in the newspaper, the ADVANCE class are asking for donations of the following products to distribute to families in need through ZONTA Bendigo.

We require basic brands of the following items:-

Soap
Face washers
Shampoo/Conditioners
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Sanitary products
Hair brush
Hand cream

If you could afford to donate one or more of these items, please bring them along to the general office and we will distribute them through ZONTA to families in need who have had to leave home in a hurry for a variety of reasons? Thank you to the families who have already donated items.



Congratulations to the students who successfully completed their First Aid Level 1 during Term 1. Their certificates have been received and presented to the students in class.



YATES COMMUNITY NEWS

Debbie Spencer-Jones —Community Leader

Welcome to Term 3 at Crusoe College, and the Yates Community.

Last week we awarded our Community Challenge Trophy. Hooray to the winners, Ms. Harris's Advisory group. The students did a marvelous job in our Retro Challenge last term.

The Term 3 challenge will be in the 'minute to win it' style with some very inspiring games.

The Yates community would also like to **Welcome** our 6 new students and their families to our Community and college. We are looking forward to getting to know you and we know that you will enjoy your years with us. We would like to invite you discuss any concerns or highlights with our friendly staff.



KANGAROO FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas in July Fundraiser

Tuesday 26th July @ 6.30pm – 8.30pm

\$5.00 entry per person including a glass of bubbles and supper

Kangaroo Flat PS Gymnasium

Freeman Drive, Kangaroo Flat

For more information, please call KFPS
5447 5100



WHITE COMMUNITY NEWS

Colin McGregor—Community Leader

VERTICAL TEAM-BUILDING COMPETITION



The Cook Cup

When Crusoe College moved from single-year-level to vertical communities, each community comprising students from Years 7-10, it was based on very sound research around improving student safety and school culture. White Community strongly supports the vertical model and each year we formulate vertical Advisory groups made up of 5-6 students from each year level and undertake various activities to promote cohesion within those groups.

Kane Cook, Assistant Community Leader, created a fixture for vertical Advisory groups to compete in a series of games and sports, every Thursday throughout Term Two. Vertical groups and their designated Advisors have been competing against each other in this good-natured competition.

During our final assembly for Term Two, Mr Cook presented a special trophy, '***The Cook Cup***', to the winning vertical group. Well done to everyone involved on your team spirit and well done to our Year 9 and 10 students for the leadership they displayed within their vertical groups. A big thanks to Mr Cook for organising this engaging program that helps to make our community a safe, inclusive place to learn.

COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

At the end of Term Two, several students were presented with "White Community Excellence Awards" that recognised a special combination of characteristics. Every student who received a Community Excellence Award had demonstrated high levels of attendance, emotional intelligence and social responsibility during Semester 1. Well done to all award recipients!

LUNCHTIME LEGION CLUB

Ms Josie Harris, Coordinator

Who we are and what we do

The Lunchtime Legion is Crusoe's tabletop role playing games (RPG) club. We play RPGs such as *Dungeons & Dragons* and *Pathfinder*. Tabletop RPGs are played with nothing more than pens, paper and dice. Participants describe their characters' actions through speech, and determine the actions of their characters based on their characterisation. The actions succeed or fail according to a formal system of rules and guidelines. Within the rules, players have the freedom to improvise; their choices shape the direction and outcome of the game. The Lunchtime Legion is made up of over forty students from a variety of year levels, backgrounds and interest groups. We play at lunchtimes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We also have regular games nights at school, movie nights at the end of each term and an excursion to PAX (gaming convention) at the end of the year for senior students. This term, there are four groups completing four different quests.

Forest Quest

Our players have worked hard through last term to clear their names after being wrongly accused of stealing a valuable artefact, the Brightflame Dagger. Held under house arrest in a remote woodland tavern, the players had to use their best diplomatic skills to convince Sherriff Blunde that they had nothing to do with the theft. Cody Vickers' character attempted a daring escape in the dead of night with mixed results. Nic Croucher's character managed to avoid the Sherriff and his men by hiding up a tree!

The Wormwood Mutiny

After being press ganged onto a ship, the characters were forced to work in a pirate crew under the cruel first mate, Mister Plugg. Tyler Rainbow finally managed to turn the tables when he used his skills in deception and disguise to assume the identity of Mister Plugg and take over the ship. When the ship ran aground on a desolate island, it was Adam Brown-Sarre's creativity and quick thinking that saved the characters and their friends from a hideous aquatic beast, the Brine Blood Queen.

The Mountains of Madness and Into the Arcanum

With more members, we needed more quests in Term 3. Two new quests have started this term: Into the Arcanum, which is a "homebrew" quest based on the novels of Patrick Rothfuss. The Mountains of Madness sees the Lunchtime Legion quest writing and game-mastering debut of Tyler Rainbow, who has been playing and running RPGs for several years now, and whose creativity and encyclopaedic knowledge of RPG systems will ensure an excellent time for his players!

New Players Very Welcome!

New members are always very welcome in the Lunchtime Legion. No experience is necessary. To join the Lunchtime Legion, see Ms Harris in the A building.



YEAR 10 INFORMATION

Chantelle McMillin – Careers Coordinator
Deb Spencer-Jones- Yr 10 Coordinator

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As our Year 10 students embark on their final semester of Junior Secondary School, we take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of staying focused and ensuring all tasks are completed and submitted for assessment. This semester, you will continue to develop your pathway to further education or training and it is vital that all MIPs tasks are completed and maintained. I'm sure that you will look back on your time at Crusoe as some of the happiest days of your life. With just one more semester to "give back" to your school and Learning Community, we are hoping to see high levels of leadership and strong role-modelling for our younger students. Use this time to make sure that you will be remembered as a person who modelled our values of honesty, integrity, respect and trust.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Sunday 24 July

BSSC Open Day 11am—3pm

Tuesday 26 July

MIPs Interviews & Online Enrolment for BSSC 1pm -7pm

Friday 29 July

Careers in Science
La Trobe University, Bendigo

Monday 5th—Friday 9th September

Work Experience - 10ABCD
Careers Expo

Monday 12th—Friday 16th September

Work Experience—10EFGH
Careers Expo

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 Exam Week

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

HEALTH TIPS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Andrea Scott—School Nurse



Diabetes – What we should know

It is important for Diabetes to be understood by the whole community. For every person diagnosed with diabetes, there are family members/carers who 'live with diabetes' every day in a support role.

280 Australians diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes each day. Most adults & teens may not consider themselves at high risk, yet 2 million Australians are showing signs of the disease!

There are 3 main types of diabetes: [Type 1](#), [Type 2](#) and [Gestational Diabetes](#) (occurring during pregnancy)

Type 1 Diabetes accounts for 10% of all Diabetes. It's increasing with 542,000 children who have this type.

Type 2 Diabetes accounts for 85% of all Diabetes. It's increasing at the fastest rate affecting mostly adults, and now teenagers **100,000** Australians were diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes in the past year. That's 1 person every 5 mins!

*The cause of Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is unknown. The body stops producing insulin - the hormone that converts sugar to energy. Glucose builds up in the blood stream and can't reach the cells where it's needed. Symptoms are often sudden and can be life-threatening. T1D is NOT the result of life-style choices & NOT preventable, and is managed by 24/7 blood sugar monitoring and insulin injections. For a young person with T1D this is a huge challenge on a daily basis. Type 2 Diabetes (T2D) is where the cells develop an increased resistance to insulin, so the glucose can't be used for energy. **Being physically active & eating healthy food & healthy drinks daily, reduces your risk of Type 2 Diabetes by 58%** and this is something we CAN help to prevent.*

Common symptoms include:

- Being more thirsty than usual
- Passing more urine
- Feeling tired and lethargic
- Always feeling hungry
- Having cuts that heal slowly
- Itching, skin infections
- Blurred vision

- Unexplained weight loss (type 1)
- Gradually putting on weight (type 2)
- Mood swings
- Headaches
- Feeling dizzy
- Leg Cramps

Regular Exercise and T2D

Regular exercise raises the body's sensitivity to insulin which helps prevent T2D! Some other ways to keep active each day are:

- *Take the stairs instead of the lift.
- *Get up to change the TV channel instead of using the remote control.
- *Avoid sitting at the TV or computer for a long time - get up & stretch every 20mins.



CRUSOE COLLEGE WILL HOST THE 'MELBOURNE CITY BALLET'

Melbourne City Ballet will perform at the JB Osborne Theatre on August 26th and again in September. We are privileged to be able to host this wonderful ballet troupe at our college. The shows that the ballet troupe will perform are a part of their national tour, as they bring the ballet to regional towns.

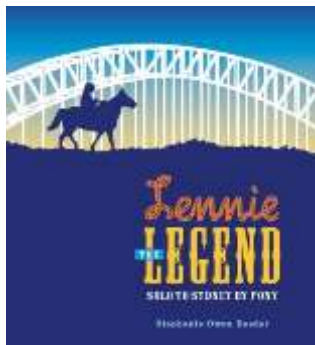
Tickets are available through:-
www.melbournecityballet.com.au

TUTORING

Neighbourhood House in Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat and Eaglehawk now offer after school tutoring and homework help for students in prep to year 10. To book please go to www.bendigotutoring.net or call 0413116096 Michael Kennedy for any further information.

GLC NEWS

Sharon Marchingo – Teacher Librarian



Lennie the legend: solo to Sydney by pony

**By Stephanie Owen
Reeder**

Lennie the legend: solo to Sydney by pony by Stephanie Owen Reeder is a delightful non-fiction book that follows the extraordinary journey made by nine year old Lennie Gwyther, who rode his horse from Leongatha to Sydney to attend the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 1932. Lennie's journey took in 1000 kilometres through the heat of summer, including bushfires as well as fog and floods. He camped overnight along the way and on occasions he was taken into the homes of various people. He encounters a range of people from all walks of life along the way and even though things got tough at times, he persisted. The people and the press loved Lennie and many articles were written about him as he completed his journey. It is unbelievable to think that a boy so young could make such a journey but his father who was a captain in World War 1, had absolute faith in his ability to persist and achieve his dream. His trip also provided a handy distraction to people who were suffering as a result of high unemployment during the Great Depression. The book is beautifully presented with original photos and articles and it gives an extensive insight into life at the time. I would highly recommend this book for those students who enjoy history and finding out about an event that has not been written about before.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The weeks are counting down until the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge at the start of September. Most classes have had their Premier's Reading Challenge induction, but there may be some students who have missed out. We encourage all students to enter their own reading data. Students have been provided with their own unique username and password. If they have forgotten their login details please encourage them to see GLC staff who will give them their details. So far we have over 50 students who have finished, but we will have to work hard to beat 2015's record. Completion of the challenge goes towards the awarding of the Readers Cup at the end of the year.



The web address for the student login site is:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/students.aspx>

Access-It Helpful Hint

The library catalogue can be accessed on the school web site:

<http://www.crusoecollege.vic.edu.au/glc.html> By clicking on the GLC Tab students can access the GLC Webpage 24/7 and search for books. It is very easy to renew a book by looking at their current loans, clicking on the book they wish to renew and clicking on 'renew'. They don't even need to come to the library. On the GLC webpage there is also an introductory video that will help students and parents familiarise themselves with our new library management system.



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