FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents of Year 7 and 9 Students
How can I help my child prepare for the NAPLAN tests next week?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher or coordinator.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. In addition, please make efforts to ensure your child gets proper rest, nutritious food and encouragement at home next week (and of course, please ensure your child arrives to school on time). Thank you.

We love the Book Fair
The Clunes Book Fair Excursion last weekend was another great success. Thanks to Ms Alexiou for organising this event again. Our students were excited to attend and contribute to the event. Well done to all.

Pre-Service Teachers
Pre-service teachers have begun teaching rounds with us this term. Your son or daughter may come home saying there is a new person teaching them. Staughton College has a commitment to providing excellent experiences for pre service teachers. We are recognised locally and in the wider community as providing excellent ‘on the job’ training. We wish them well during their time in our classes and in their future studies.

Athletics Carnival
We are in full swing heading toward our House Athletics Carnival on Friday May 22. House signups began this week and we are all excited for a sunny day with excellent competition.

Uniform
Please make sure your son/daughter has appropriate warm uniform now that the cooler weather has arrived. The shell jackets, scarves and beanies are available in the uniform shop.
Year 12 Theatre Studies Production

A very big congratulations to the Yr 12 Theatre Studies students who performed their wonderful play ‘And a Child Shall Lead’. The students did a great job in preparing and organising all facets of the performance from the set and the costumes through to the directing and acting.

Jenny Malberg
Principal

NAPLAN 2015

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 for Years 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May 2015. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

All year 7 & 9 students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with the school. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Ben Cork
Literacy Coordinator

Active April Winner

Congratulations to Mikayla Dominutti of 9.4 for achieving over 64 hours of physical activity during the month of April! That equates to over 2 hours of physical activity a day, which exceeds the daily recommendation of 60mins for her age group. The National Physical Activity Guidelines recommend young people accumulate at least an hour of moderate to vigorous activity, minimise screen time to 2 hours and see movement as an opportunity, not an inconvenience. Mikayla embraced these guidelines and should be proud of her achievements during Active April. She will take home an Apple iTunes voucher for her efforts!

Steven McSweeney
HAPE Team Leader

REGIONAL STUDENT LEADERS CONFERENCE

Staughton Senior Student Leaders chaired the second regional Student Leaders Conference at Staughton College on Wednesday 6th of May. Senior Student Leaders from Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Catholic Regional College, Kurranjang Secondary College and Melton Secondary College, joined our Senior Student Leaders to plan a community wide project for next term. This is a fantastic initiative by the young leaders of the Melton Community and we look forward to what they are able to achieve by the end of the year.

Elliott Tregonning
Student Leadership Team
Staughton Athletics Carnival

Friday the 22nd May, 2015
Victoria University & Wyndham Sporting Complex, Werribee

On Friday 22nd of May, Staughton College will be holding its annual House Athletics Carnival, to be held at the Victoria University & Wyndham Sporting Complex, Werribee (VU). Students will be transported by bus to the venue on the day.

Student Expectations:
• Attendance is compulsory and all students are expected to attend as a normal school day.
• Students will assemble in the Gym at 9am for rolls to be marked prior to departure.
• Students will then be transported to the venue by bus.
• Students are required to attend the day in FULL sports uniform, wearing their appropriate house colours!
• Track events will take priority over Field events. If you have a scheduled Track & Field event at the same time, please marshal at the field event prior to your track event.
• Don’t forget to dress appropriate for all weather conditions!
• Face painting will again be available on the day.
• A sausage sizzle/food store will be provided by VCAL students on the day.
• It is anticipated that the carnival will conclude at approximately 2.15pm. Students will then be transported back to school for dismissal.

It is always a great day and we are beginning to see a great rivalry forming amongst the three houses!

Looking forward to a fantastic day!

Mr Glen Stewart
Sports Coordinator

Year 7 Excursion to Deakin University and the Wool Museum

Last Tuesday, all of the year 7 students went to the Wool Museum and Deakin University. We all had a great time there. We had lots of fun and I think that in the future we will be going there. I really hope we do.

We did lots of activities while we were there. We went and looked through the different places in the Wool Museum with great information from the staff there. We had lunch at Deakin and we also did activities there. Thanks to all the staff and students from all the places we visited.

Jemma Burke 7.3

Year 10 Work Experience

From Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May, Year 10 Staughton students completed work experience in a workplace of their choosing. Students picked placements based on their interests, career goals, and in some cases as a foot in the door to gain part time employment.

Staughton staff visited and called many different workplaces in and outside of the Melton community, and the overwhelming response was extremely positive, from employers and students alike. Our work experience week was a huge success.

My work experience at Absolute Kaos was good. I experienced different things compared to other people. I must have worked hard as I got a job out of it. – Chloe Cummings, Year 10 Student

Alex Gawly
Year 10 Coordinator
Lauren Moore hosts The Hoist on SYN radio

At Staughton College we have staff who do not only teach, but are also involved in a variety of interesting passions that they pursue both inside and outside school. We have recently publicised our students’ involvement in 97.9 FM community radio in Melton, where they present a program ‘The Homework Club’. These students are not the only members of our school who play a key role in community radio. Teacher Lauren Moore has a passion for music and media. She has combined these as a presenter on Melbourne community radio station SYN FM. Her current show is called ‘The Hoist’ and features Australian music. She explains the role that community radio plays saying that ‘the commercial radio stations are like big beach balls in a big bucket and community radio is like filling that bucket with sand, filling all the spaces in the bucket that the big commercial spaces don’t’.

SYN FM is a station run by young people for young people. There is no one over the age of 25 that works at the station. Lauren has really enjoyed her time at SYN and has learned many things. On the technical side she now knows how to run a radio show by herself including panelling, run sheets, playlists and using social media to promote to, and communicate with, station listeners. She has also enjoyed learning to work with younger people as equals, and to collaborate with them in engaging an audience. SYN FM has been a stepping stone for a number of people who have gone on to forge media careers such as Zan Rowe from Triple J as well as Hamish and Andy. Whilst Lauren has enjoyed her time at SYN, this will soon end as she turns 26 and can longer be involved! I would like to thank Lauren for sharing her interesting outside school passion. In the coming weeks I will be interviewing more teachers about interesting things they do outside the classroom.

David Lord
Assistant Principal

YEAR 12 THEATRE STUDIES - ‘And A Child Shall Lead’ by Michael Slade

On Wednesday the 6th of May, the Year 12 Theatre Studies presented their final performance and interpretation of a moving play script ‘And A Child Shall Lead’ by Michael Slade. Being a major assessment task for Unit 3, students were required to fulfil all the roles and responsibilities of a production company. With a sell-out audience in attendance, the students delivered an authentic heart moving performance, that explored the conditions that children from the age of 7 to 14 endured during the Holocaust as prisoners of the Terezin Ghetto.

Ms Farrugia
Performing Arts Coordinator

4 months of consistent planning and preparation, this was the final ensemble performance this fantastic group of students undertook. Congratulations to all the members of the class on your success as a group. Looking forward to your individual Monologues. Finally thank you to Ms Bronwyn Carmichael, Mr Chris Wilson, Ms Abby Grace and Mr Wayne Mepstead for your support with the students in making the show such a fantastic event.

MOVING MELTON

Melton City Council is planning for an integrated transport system to outline what improvements should be made to the current transport system to provide people with a variety of transport options to get to work, school, shops and facilities.

In August 2014 we asked what you thought about transport in the City of Melton. A gap analysis study on the existing and proposed transport network was also undertaken for all modes. This information has helped inform the Directions Paper, which identifies how some of the problems with the transport system can be addressed.

Council is interested to know what your thoughts are on the identified improvements to:

• Walking and cycling networks;
• Bus routes and services;
• the Melton Railway Line; and
• Arterial roads.

How to have your say:

• Take the online survey at movingmelton.com.au from 5 May to 2 June 2015

• Attend a drop-in session at
  ◦ Melton Library and Learning Hub on Monday, 18 May between 4.00pm and 8.30pm
  ◦ Caroline Springs Library on Wednesday, 20 May between 4.00pm and 8.30pm

For more information or to obtain a copy of the Directions Paper, please visit the Moving Melton website www.movingmelton.com.au, or contact Council’s Strategic Planning Unit on 9747 7200 MovingMelton@melton.vic.gov.au