FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN reading, numeracy, spelling and writing tests for year 7, and 9 students went well last week. The government puts a great deal of importance on schools NAPLAN results, and many restrictions on schools to ensure security and processes to administer the tests. Thanks to all students for their efforts, all teachers and parents for their support. Results will be available and mailed to parents in October.

SEAL Testing

A large group of Year 6 students took part in the testing for our Select Entry Accelerated Learning class last Saturday morning. If you know of a very bright student who may qualify for entry into the 2015 SEAL program, please have them contact Ms Birch.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Students have represented the College in the past two weeks; at debating, at the Clunes book week event, on the Yr 11 Geography camp, at interschool football and Squash for our senior boys and girls, and at the Sunshine Hospital for the LEAP program. All reports were excellent.

Thanks must go to the Staughton staff who happily provide our students with these experiences. Staff willing to take students to events outside school hours and in the evenings should be commended. I am proud that this is what sets our staff apart.

Parent Contact Details

Parental involvement is a combination of commitment and active participation on the part of the parent to the school and to the student. As we are focused on improved student achievement, we have been looking at a number of solutions that can be used to improve parental involvement here at Staughton. One is to ensure that all of our contact information for parents is correct and up to date. Should your mobile number change, or if you have recently acquired a mobile phone, please contact us so we can update our records. Thank you.
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.

Jenny Malberg
Principal

NAPLAN TESTING IS COMPLETE

NAPLAN, Australia’s national literacy and numeracy testing program, wrapped up last week. Our Year 7 and Year 9 students put in a massive effort, working well under strict test conditions and really giving it their all. Math and English teachers reported that students were well prepared for the questions put to them, and that many students enjoyed answering the writing prompt in particular.

We’d like to congratulate both students and teachers for their efforts this year, and look forward to the results in September.

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

EARLY INFORMATION ON OPEN DAYS

If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is crucial that you attend Open Days.

Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their ‘point of difference’. At an Open Day, you will be able to:

• Get a feel for the culture of the campus
• Learn about courses and career options
• Undertake campus and accommodation tours led by current students
• Speak directly to students and lecturers about the courses or careers you are interested in
• Compare the course area you are interested in at different institutions
• Learn about student sports and societies you can join and be active in
• Get course counselling and guidance
• Attend information sessions and workshops
• Watch live demonstrations
• Listen to bands, eat lots of food, participate in activities and have fun!

Don’t just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you potentially will be spending several years studying there and spending tens of thousands of dollars on your course and accommodation. It’s worth making the effort.

The following is a list of Victorian Open Day dates for several institutions. On the websites, you will be able to register to receive information about the Open Day/s, go into draws to win prizes, watch videos from the 2014 days and download the Open Day planner for 2015.

- Monash University- Peninsula (Saturday 1st August), Clayton & Caulfield (Sunday 2nd August), [http://destination.monash/open-day/](http://destination.monash/open-day/)
- RMIT- City, Bundoora, Brunswick (Sunday 2nd August), [http://openday.rmit.edu.au/](http://openday.rmit.edu.au/)
- La Trobe University- Shepparton (Friday 7th August), Melbourne (Sunday 9th August), Bendigo (Sunday 16th August), Mildura (Wednesday 19th August), Albury-Wodonga (Friday 26th August), [www.latrobe.edu.au/openday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday)
- University of Melbourne, Parkville & Southbank (Sunday 16th August), [https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/](https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/)
- Deakin University- Warrnambool (Sunday 2nd August), Geelong (Sunday 9th August), Melbourne (Sunday 23rd August), [http://openday.deakin.edu.au/](http://openday.deakin.edu.au/)
Staughton Students feature in the Melton Leader

TRIP TO GALLIPOLI PROVES AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

COMMEMORATING Anzac Day in Gallipoli stirred many emotions for Melton teenagers Ryan Sutcliffe, Travis Ferri and Ethan McIntosh.

Travis Ferri, Ryan Sutcliffe and Ethan McIntosh spent Anzac Day in Gallipoli and on the island of Lemnos. Picture: DAVID SMITH

The Staughton College trio were part of a privileged few from Victoria selected to represent Australia at Anzac Day services on the island of Lemnos, and in Gallipoli.

Ethan, 15, said he was honoured to be able to walk in the footsteps of his great great grandfather, John Kerr, who fought in and survived World War I.

He was one of 80 Victorian students selected in a ballot through the Department of Education to commemorate 100 years since the Anzac landing at Gallipoli.

And he took a memento from the Melton RSL with him to leave behind – a plate that simply featured the words “100 years Spirit of the Anzacs”, which was passed on to be included in the War Memorial Museum.

“We went to the dawn service at North Beach and then spent Anzac Day at Lone Pine, and it was really emotional. The silence said it all,” Ethan said.

He said paying homage to the men in his family who had fought in wars for generations, and the thousands of others who never came home, stirred emotions he had no name for.

“My great-great grandfather served in World War I, my great grandfather was in World War II, my grandfather, Bernie McIntosh, fought in Malaya, and my dad, Rowen McIntosh, served in East Timor, and they all made it home,” he said.

“But to see the graves of so many teenagers, the same age as us, was really emotional. It’s hard to explain – there was sadness and honour, but emotions there are no names for.”

Australian Army Cadet Regional Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Ryan Sutcliffe, 17, last year’s Staughton College school captain, and Corporal Travis Ferri, 16, a Year 10 student, were lucky enough to take the journey together through the Australian Cadets.

They spent four days, including Anzac Day, on the island of Lemnos, the main staging beach for the Gallipoli campaign.

Ryan said Lemnos was one of the most important locations in the war.

“Every soldier in World War I at some stage went through or stopped in Lemnos, and it was the main station for nurses who treated all those injured in the war,” Ryan said.

“These nurses were dropped there with nothing for three weeks, and tore up their own clothes to use as bandages. To be there was so powerful.”

He said to march on Anzac Day at the East Mudros Cemetery, the largest burial site for Australian soldiers on the island, was a huge honour and humbling.

Travis, whose father Walter spent 11 years in the Australian Army Catering Corp, agreed, saying it was a very touching and emotional experience.

“To be there and go to the graves of Australian men was really touching. It was life-changing,” Travis said.

As part of their trip, they also each researched a fallen Australian soldier and read a paragraph they prepared about their lives at their grave sites.

Ryan paid tribute to Frederick Sergeant, and while his grave could not be found, he did find that of his twin brother who was killed a week after Frederick, while Travis honoured a soldier with the surname Phillips.

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Melton Leader
Ami Humpage

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.

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