Principal’s Report

I would like to begin by acknowledging the tremendous work and effort of Carmel Young this term. Carmel has carried out the role of Assistant Principal in an exemplary manner. In a similar vein Vanessa McCormick has been outstanding in her role as Acting Principal of St Arnaud Primary School. As Brendan Ryan, who is the Region’s Senior Advisor, pointed out the system could not operate without their willingness to take on new positions, at short notice and with minimal reward.

Interim reports will be mailed home at the end of this week with details as to how to book parent teacher interviews. Hopefully, this will be an improvement on previous practice and your feedback will be greatly appreciated to further improve the system. With the arrival of the interim reports I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about their progress. It is an opportune time to reflect upon goals and to set new ones on the basis of what has transpired during term one.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday break.

In 1644, a child was born. He lived to be 93 at a time in history when the average life span was only about 35 years. He taught himself his trade and began his working life. He often worked alone with simple tools, but his aim every day was to put the best he had into his work. This man made violins. He laboured over each and every process and step to ensure that he had autographed them with excellence and the best that was in him. He created his own personal standard of excellence for his craft, and he actually signed his name on each instrument that passed the test.

Today, three hundred years later, the name of this craftsman who was so committed to excellence is the benchmark for the best in musical instruments. His name? Antonio Stradivari.

His Stradivari violins sell for hundreds of thousands, even millions, of dollars because they are the best that have ever been made. When Stradivari laboured, he did not know the legacy he was creating or the treasures he was creating. He was doing his best, day in and day out; to reach his dream of making the best violin he was capable of. He didn’t spend the extra time and care to get praise from others or to please them. He did it because excellence was part of him and he put his heart and soul into his work. It is easy to be motivated to do your best when someone is watching or when you need a good mark. But the real test of your excellence is what you do when no one is looking. Stradivarius worked every day to do his best. He never did a poor job. He never thought to himself that he could cut corners or do less than his finest work. Every violin he made was a masterpiece and his name will live for as long as people play his wonderful instruments.

We are not all an Antonio Stradivari but your life is your violin. What do you expect from yourself? What do you want for yourself? What do you want your legacy to be? What are you doing to make your life as fine and beautiful and precious as a Stradivarius violin?

Acknowledgement: Source unknown

Branko Lukic
Principal
**** Year 7 News ****

It was fantastic to witness the excellent manner in which our Year 7 students conducted themselves throughout their first House Athletics Carnival at secondary school. All students participated in their events to the best of their ability and were enthusiastic supporters of their peers encouraging everyone to do their best. A huge thank-you to all parents who attended our House Athletics yesterday at Lord Nelson either as a spectator or assisting in the Parents Club canteen. Your ongoing support of your child’s education and their extra-curricular activities is much appreciated.

PE – our athletics unit has now finished. Term Two sees the PE classes change to one practical lesson and one theoretical, health based lesson. Students will require a change of clothing and runners for every Thursday afternoon with our Health lessons being held during the first two periods on Wednesday morning. We will be focusing on units based around ‘Identity’, ‘Friendships’, ‘Puberty Education’ and the beginning of ‘Drug Education’.

Ceramics - students are putting the final touches to their brilliant painted tiles and they should be coming home very soon. The students have put a great deal of effort into these tiles and Mrs Jesse has been very impressed with the progress students have shown over the term in Ceramics. Over the next couple of weeks it would be fantastic to see parents and students going through students stationery requirements in preparation for Term Two. Some students may need their folders reorganised and may already need some of the smaller binder books replaced so it would be good to have this chat with your child.

College Values Award winners for this month are: Nick Myers, Tyler Baldock and Abby Russ (above photo). These students have demonstrated the values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience in a very mature and committed manner throughout most of the term and they are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Reports will be sent home early next term – these are the Interim Reports which do not have comments on them, although give a good general indication of your student’s progress. Early next term you will have the opportunity to attend our Parent Teacher Interviews which will be held over a full day to get the maximum communication from your child’s teachers and ensure everyone has the opportunity to do so.

**Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7**

Humanities: internet search of Indigenous Australians in preparation for ongoing research on this topic

Maths - revision of concepts covered throughout the term - consistent times tables tasks

English: catch up on overdue English Basics

*Literacy* - Reading for 30 mins every night

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 8 News...

It seems like yesterday the Year 8 students arrived at school for the first day of 2014 and in the blink of an eye, Term 1 has come and gone! But as they say “Time flies when you’re having fun!”

Term 1 has been a very busy period for the Year 8 students at St Arnaud Secondary College; swimming and athletics carnivals, the Youth Connections Program and the Rubicon Outdoor Camp. In only a short space of time, it is pleasing to see the number of students grow and mature from activities such as these, and I am looking forward to the many more opportunities that will be offered in the near future.

Holidays are a time of rest and relaxation, but it is important that students do not shut off from school completely. A healthy brain requires a mix of training, rest and leisure and it’s vital that we all find the right balance to work, rest and play.

A gentle reminder: Students are required to continue to make sure all homework and class work is up to date. If students are in need of any extra help, times can be arranged with their teachers, whether it be after school sessions or during lunchtime.

To all the Year 8 students, staff and the wider school community, have a safe holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready to tackle Term 2 head on!

“Work hard when there’s hard work to be done, and have loads of fun when there’s fun to be had”

Mr. Knight
Adolescent Health Nurse

My name is Laura McDougall and I have returned to St Arnaud Secondary College this year following a year off on maternity leave. My role within the school involves primarily health education and promotion, as well as also seeing students on an individual basis in relation to any health concerns they may be experiencing.

My role within the school this year has changed slightly from previous years due to the addition of the state government’s introduction of the Achievement Program. A key focus of mine this year will be establishing this program within the school and covering the processes necessary for St Arnaud Secondary College to be recognised as an “Achieving” school.

The Achievement Program supports schools to create healthier environments and recognises achievements in promoting the health and wellbeing of children and young people. The program is a Healthy Together Victoria initiative which was jointly developed by the Department of Health and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Schools will receive guidance to work through each step of the Achievement Program cycle. Schools can choose to work on one or two health priority areas at a time, depending on their capacity and what suits the school.

The eight health priority areas are:

- Healthy eating and oral health
- Physical activity
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Sexual health and wellbeing
- Tobacco control
- Sun protection
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Safe environments.

Once all benchmarks for the selected health priorities have been met, schools can apply for recognition. Schools continue to work through the cycle, selecting new health priority areas, while continuing to monitor the health priorities that have already been achieved.

More information regarding the Achievement Program can be found at:

www.achievementprogram.healthytogether.vic.gov.au

Have a happy and safe Easter!!!

Laura McDougall
Adolescent Health Nurse
Removing the jargon – Year 12 VCE information night

Dear Parent,

We recognise that Year 12 can be a stressful time for not only Year 12 students but their parents. A common stressor amongst parents is that the whole Year 12 process seems foreign when compared their own time at school.

While language such as ATAR, SAC and study score means something to staff and students, it can be a whole new world for the parents.

The VCE team would like to invite you to an information night to be held in the first week back on Tuesday 29th of April at 6:30 in the ILC.

The idea of the night is to

- Translate some of the VCE terminology
- Explain how the ATAR is calculated
- Discuss statistical moderation
- Provide you with tips on what preparations can be made now for your student’s university course application through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

We want to try to break down some of the VCE jargon and make the year more bearable for both students and parents.

If you have any questions about the evening please feel free to contact David Reynolds at the Secondary College on 5495 1811.
PARENT CLUB

Office Bearers—2014

President: Fiona Amos
Secretary: Darleen Baldock
Treasurer: Nicole Amos

Meeting dates for 2014 are:

Monday 16th June 2014
Monday 15th September 2014
Monday 10th November 2014

Upcoming events are:

Loddon Mallee Regional Sports — 3rd June 2014—assistance is required for catering for this.

ST ARNAUD HOCKEY CLUB

Would all Hockey Players & Parents please note:
Training date change, 17th to 15th April, and

Annie Anderson

will be visiting
St.Arnau Hockey Field at 4.00 p.m.

On

Tuesday, April 15th 2014
## Calendar

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**PARENTS’ CLUB CALENDAR**

Welcome to 2014 from the St. Arnaud Secondary College Parents & Friends of the College Committee. Our meetings are held at 7pm at the Botanical Hotel. It would be great to see some new faces, and obtain some fresh ideas on our committee and everyone is welcome to attend.

We look forward to once again having a very successful year in 2014. For further information please contact Christine Goode on 5495 2225 or Sheryl Williams on 5495 2470.

Meeting Dates 2014 -

16th June, 15th September, 10th November
ST. ARNAUD SECONDARY COLLEGE ABSENT NOTE

My child was absent on the following dates, for the following reasons:

Date___________________________________________medical/family business
_______________________________________________medical/family business
_______________________________________________medical/family business
_______________________________________________medical/family business

Parent/Guardian
Name________________________________Signature______________________
To date, about two hundred registrations have been received for the upcoming Centenary Celebrations and Reunion to be held in April 2014. Most of these have been from outside St. Arnaud, from both within Victoria and interstate.

St. Arnaud residents are urged to complete the attached registration form for the event if you are planning to attend and return it, with payment, to the school.

The last school reunion was held some fifteen years ago in 1999 for the 85th anniversary. The opportunity to meet with past school friends at this significant milestone in the history of secondary education within St. Arnaud is not one to be missed.

Program for the Centenary Celebrations and Reunion Dinner

Saturday April 26 2014
11am  School open for inspection and Registration Centre open for participants to collect registration items, 100th magazine, pen and name tag
2pm  Participants to assemble on front oval of school in class groups
3pm  Official declaration of the 100 years of education
6pm  First sitting of the reunion dinner
8pm  Second sitting of the reunion dinner (depending on overall numbers)

Sunday April 27 2014
10am to 2pm  School open for inspection

Contact - St. Arnaud Secondary College 100 Year Reunion, P. O. Box 40 St. Arnaud, Victoria, 3478
tel - 5495 1811
email - 100years@starnaudsc.vic.edu.au  Website - http://starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/
Registration Form

If registering as a couple, please complete only one form.

First name: ........................................ Surname............................................................
First name: ........................................ Surname............................................................
Maiden name: ........................................
Enrolment Years: .......... To ..........
Address: ............................................................................................................................
Town: ........................................ Postcode: ................. Phone: ........................................
Email: ...............................................................................................................................

Registration and Payment Details

☐ Registration Single $15.00
☐ Registration Couple $20.00
☐ Reunion Dinner $25.00/person
☐ People attending
☐ Insignia Paver Number Ordered $25.00

Total $

☐ I have enclosed a cheque/money order (Payable to St. Arnaud Secondary College)
☐ Paid by Direct Debit to the St. Arnaud Secondary College Account
☐ BSB: 063 892 A/C 10003910
☐ Payment & Registration form handed in person to the College Office

Paver Details

Place capital letters in the boxes below to indicate name(s) to be placed on the Insignia Paver