Principal’s Report

Families should have received their children’s reports during the last week. Due to an issue with our reporting software the summary page has caused some confusion. The actual level of achievement as shown by the solid dot accurately reflects teacher judgements. Our issues centre on the ‘open dots’ which purport to show achievement 6 months ago but in fact reflect your child’s achievement 12 months ago.

I stated earlier this year that one of the most worthwhile activities you could involve yourself in was to attend parent teacher interviews and discuss your child’s progress with their teachers. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Monday 25th August. Parents / guardians will once again be invited to make an appointment with their child’s teachers using the online booking system. Details will be forwarded to families soon. I urge all families to take advantage of this opportunity.

All schools are required to conduct parent surveys. Generally schools are asked to generate a random sample of about 40 families who are then invited to provide feedback. This year I have requested additional copies of the survey in order to give voice to as many families as possible. Over 140 surveys have been posted. I would encourage all families who have received a survey to return it to the school at their earliest convenience.

Last week I invited parents and members of the community who are interested in volunteering their time to the school to contact the school to give us an indication of what they would be prepared to offer and their availability. If you are interested please telephone or email the school. Once we have an idea of what is possible we can begin to put together a program.

Branko Lukic

Principal

The Environment Spot

St Arnaud Secondary College is aiming to take a more visibly active role in sustainability. We are seeking to become a 5 Star Resource Smart school with awards in the five areas of General Sustainability, Energy, Waste, Water and Biodiversity.

Part of the project to become a more sustainable school is to involve the wider community. Although initially the plan is to create an Environmental Group within the school involving students and staff this group may later incorporate or liaise with interested members of the community. Any member of the community with interest and/or expertise who wish to share is encouraged to get in touch with the College.

Already St Arnaud Secondary College has areas of sustainability excellence with our involvement in the RACV Energy Breakthrough and the Year 9 EnviroWeek. Still there are many ways that St Arnaud Secondary College can improve on their sustainability and the celebration of that sustainability. Watch this space.
**** Year 7 News ****

This term is very sports heavy with students participating in the squash competitions, boys state hockey competition, Interschool Athletics sports, Winter sports etc. It would be pleasing to see as many students as possible elect to participate in these sports in order to expand their extra-curricular activities at the college. This involvement has a very positive influence on their continuing transition to the college culture and I strongly support students participating in as wide a range of activities as is possible.

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys who represented our school at the State School Squash Competitions in Melbourne. The boys were very successful throughout the day and represented the school in an exceptional manner. Well done to Mitchell Birthisiel, Jack Tillig, Jake Male and Vincent Saies on their excellent team work and skills shown – a fantastic achievement.

What's happening in classes??

TEXTILES: Students have been discovering the different uses for Textile products. They have begun learning to identify different fibres. Students are also getting to know/extend skills on the sewing machine.

PHYS ED: students have been improving their hand-eye coordination skills in the topics of Indoor Cricket and Table Tennis. We are running these classes as same sex classes which has been a lot of fun and allowed students to feel more confidence in their fitness abilities. In theory classes, students are increasing their knowledge of puberty and the changes that adolescents face in terms of primary and secondary sexual characteristics and changes in behaviour.

ENGLISH - Students have been studying the film 'Red Dog' a great Australian film and completed projects based around this film.

HUMANITIES - Students have just started a new Geography unit on 'Rainforests'.

CAREERS – students have been researching and surveying the careers of friends or family.

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7

English Basics – Unit 11 English Basics unit due 5th August
- Students could be working on their Red Dog projects at home
PE – puberty revision and research (Test in Week 5)
Maths Mate Term 3 Week 3

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

PARENTS’ CLUB

Meeting Dates 2014 – 7pm at the Botanical Hotel for tea. It would be great to see some new faces, and obtain some fresh ideas on our committee and everyone is welcome to attend.
15th September
10th November
2015 VCE/VET/VCAL INFORMATION NIGHT

It is ESSENTIAL that all current Year 10 students intending to undertake Year 11 studies in 2015 AND their parents/guardians are represented at this meeting.

DATE: Wednesday, 6th August.
TIME: 6.30pm SHARP
WHERE: St. Arnaud Secondary College, ILC Building.

Those who are unable to attend, MUST contact Ms. Upton at the school prior to the evening.

Ms. S. Upton
Senior. School Administrator
Year 12 Coordinator.

Uniform Shop
RamJac is now the official supplier of School Council approved St Arnaud Secondary College Uniform. All uniform is now available for purchase at:

RamJac, 11 Alma Street St. Arnaud
Opening Monday – Friday 10.00am – 4.30pm
SEPEP Ladder Round 2

Round two saw two matches played: the Blue Bunnies versus the Fluro Flannies and the White Thunder vs The Red Rovers. The Black Magic were the duty team. Due to wet weather, the games were played at the stadium and were two ten minute halves, rather than the normal two twenty minute halves.

The ladder at the end of the round was as follows:

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**Match report for the Blue Bunnies vs Fluro Flannies**

The score at the end of the first half was 12 to 0 with the Flannies leading. Joel and Damien played well as they got lots of the ball. Tom Amos was doing well in defence. The score at the end of the game was 22 to 2, Dillion did well for the Blue Bunnies, as did Kayla and Sonya, but in the end the Fluro Flannies were just too strong.

**Match report for the White Thunder vs Red Rovers**

As the weather was poor we headed for the shelter of the Basketball Stadium where the first game began with the Red Rovers taking an early lead. The Red Rovers continued to extend their lead with Brady Tillig and Jack Abnett standing out from the rest of their team members. The whole of the White Thunder team played well but were having trouble showing it on the scoreboard. By the end of the first half the score was 2 to 8 with the Red Rovers leading. As we entered the second half the Red Rovers were able to extend their lead with Joel Byers shooting a great goal just inside the 3-point line. Many desperate attempts were made by the White Thunder to close down the gap, but they were unable to do so with Indiana Abbott scoring their only 2 goals for the game. As the game concluded the score was 4 to 20 with the Red Rovers coming out with their first win for the season. Brady Tillig and Alexis Reid were the best players from the Red Rovers for the second half, with both players scoring 3 goals each. All of the White Thunder team members played well, but were unfortunate not to be able to show their competitiveness on the scoreboard. Everyone tried hard and showed improvement, but there were three players in particular who showed significant improvement which was Casey Medlyn, Joshua Hunt and Kane Palmer-Wilson. Well done to all involved in the match!

**Upcoming matches**

Round 3: Friday 1st of August - White Thunder vs Fluro Flannies Blue Bunnies vs Black Magic

Disruptions to play – Fun Run, Winter Sport and Enviro Week.

Round 4: Thursday 28th August – White Thunder vs Black Magic Red Rovers vs Fluro Flannies
Boys Year 7/8 Victorian Squash Champions

On Wednesday 23rd of July, Graeme Male transported the St Arnaud Secondary College Year 7/8 Squash team to Melbourne to play in the State Finals at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The team consisted of four Year 7 Students: Jake Male, Jack Tillig, Mitchell Birthisel and Vincent Saies.

The competition consisted of 11 teams split into two pools. The pool which St Arnaud was in consisted of McKinnon Secondary College, Gladstone Park Secondary College, Belmont High School, Dromana College and Albert Park College. St Arnaud won all of their matches 3/0 apart from the match against McKinnon Secondary College which they won 2/1. At the end of the round robin St Arnaud were the winners of Pool B which placed them against the winners of Pool A, Bacchus Marsh Grammar, to play off for the State Championship. The boys had a convincing win, beating Bacchus Marsh 3/0 to become the Year 7/8 Boys Victorian Squash Champions.

The boys should be commended for their efforts. It is also worth mentioning that because the boys were all Year 7’s they will stay in the same division of competition next year, putting them in a good position to achieve highly next year as well.

We thank Graeme Male for taking the students to Melbourne. The school is always grateful to all the parents who are willing to assist wherever possible.

From left-
Mitchell Birthisel, Jack Tillig, Jake Male and Vincent Saies.
Yr 8B Bullying Posters

During term 2, the 8B Visual Communication class designed and produced posters that explored the problem of bullying.

To begin with, the class completed tasks that raised awareness of the issue with the assistance of the school nurse. The class then worked in groups, each focusing on one form of bullying, brainstorming ways in which to create posters using photography and Adobe Photoshop.

The project was very successful. Some of the posters are shown on this page, others can be viewed in the main corridor.
Year 8 PE make it healthy
Broader Horizons

For the second week of Broader Horizons, we were joined by Alexis Reid for the day.

In our first session, we meet with Megan Russell (EWSH Dietitian) who spoke to the group about healthy eating and selecting the right lifestyle for our needs. The group worked through an interactive scenario which required the girls to work out a health plan for a young male. They were required to use their mathematic knowledge to work out the Body Mass Index as well as Energy Consumption for this particular person. Then Megan demonstrated to the group the correct meal sizes and how to read food labels.

A quick excursion down to IGA was used to demonstrate what everyone had learned during the talk with the dietitian. Here the students were asked to purchase a healthy snack for $5 to enjoy at school.

In the last session, we meet the lovely Genette who was a leading clinical nurse for the region and spent the session explaining the importance of health, in particular, the dangers of diabetes and high blood pressure. The girls were able to practice giving each other blood pressure tests and learning how to monitor the heart rate. Everyone passed with a big healthy tick!

It was another informative day at the hospital where all the staff had been most welcoming and open to questions.
Calendar

Term 3

Thursday 7th August  
AUST Maths Comp

Friday 8th August  
Adidas Fun Run

Wednesday 13th August  
Interim Reports Distributed

Thursday 14th August  
Boys State Hockey

Friday 15th August  
NCD Golf
  
  Winter Sport

Monday 18th-22nd August  
Year 9 Enviro Week

Monday 25th August  
Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 26th  
Immunisations

Monday 1st September  
Year 12 Relay 4 Life

Tuesday 9th September  
NCD Athletics

Friday 19th September  
Last day of Term 2.30 dismissal

We are inviting the community to come and join the Netball girls in an afternoon of fun, games and laughter, welcoming all ages at our family friendly event.

Sunday August 3rd from 12pm
Lord Nelson Park, room behind the canteen

- BBQ lunch and a variety of hot and cold drinks available

MAIN EVENT

The Amazing Race!

Get a team together, made up of friends or family.
$5 per person in a team, $20 for a full team (max. 5 people)
Paid on the day.

Race around Lord Nelson Park in search of clues, each new clue contains a jumble of letters.
The clues will lead you to a new challenge at a new location around the grounds, from which one person in your team will have to complete.
Challenges are sport related (footy, netball, hockey) and can be catered for all ages and skill levels.
First team to un-jumble their letters and present them at the finish will be crowned the winners!
ST. ARNAUD SECONDARY COLLEGE ABSENT NOTE

Student______________________________________________Form___________

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

Date___________________________________________medical/family business

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Parent/Guardian

Name________________________________Signature______________________