Principal’s Report

As you are all no doubt aware the St Arnaud Secondary College / High School 100th celebrations are fast approaching. The organising committee have put in countless hours to prepare for the event. One of the biggest draw cards for people will be the opportunity to tour through their “old school”. It would be wonderful if our current students could be available to show previous generations around their school. We will be sending a note home to parents next week seeking approval to have their children involved in the celebration activities.

Reports… Since arriving I have received quite a deal of feedback regarding reports. Some parents have been frustrated by the long wait and the queue to see teachers. Teachers are equally frustrated because they do not know who they will be seeing and often do not see the parents of students they are wanting to. Some teachers have 120 students, to ask them to meet with the families of these 120 students in a four hour period is unrealistic.

I am proposing that a full day be set aside for parent teacher interviews and that students are expected to accompany their parents. Parents will be asked to make bookings on line and as a result will know which teachers they will be seeing and when. I will take this proposal to school council and provide you with further details next week.

Branko Lukic
Principal
Well we are down to the last three weeks of term and my hasn’t it flown. Students seem to have a sound grasp of their timetable, subject requirements and the general activities of the secondary school. Students have had House Assemblies today in preparation for the House Athletics on the last Thursday of term and should have chosen a few events to compete in. All students in all age levels are required to participate in a 60m or 100m running event and in a relay – therefore the sports become more about participation and fun for all than just competing. The high jump and 800m events will be held at school in the two weeks prior to the sports to make the event run more smoothly and to ensure we finish by 3:20pm. We hope to see many of you at Lord Nelson Park on the 3rd of April to support our students. This week is Take a Stand Together against bullying - your child will come home with a wrist band promoting awareness of this serious issue so please have a discussion with them about possible bullying that they may have witnessed or heard about and what they could have done to reduce this occurring – we can all be proactive to reduce bullying both in and outside the school grounds. Staff are currently working on Interim Reports and these will be distributed in the first week back of next term prior to the Parent Teacher Interviews taking place. A few topics and events in specific subjects are below:

Yr 7 music:
This week students of Year 7 began their practical work, learning to play the acoustic guitar. They have studied the structure and classification of stringed instruments, and how sound is produced. What is a Chordophone?

Yr 7 Science – Students have been studying plant and animal cells.

7B Woodwork – students have been learning to use saw techniques and have created their own initials which look fantastic (see attached picture)

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7

Humanities: topic Introduction to Geography - reading and creating maps

English: English Basics Unit 5 due 25th March, My World Poster Project due 1st April

Literacy- Reading for 30 mins every night

Maths – Maths Mate homework sheet Term 1 Wk 6, Math Blaster Challenge

PE – Athletics practice in preparation for House Athletics (3rd April)

Science - types of Science assignment and current science issue assignment are now overdue.

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
On the 11th March, the Year 8 students embarked on a journey to the much anticipated Rubicon Outdoor Centre for a four day adventure. That chatter on the bus was all about “I wonder who my dorm buddy is?”, “Which group will I be in?” and “Have you got any more lollies?” We arrived just after lunch and were greeted by the friendly Rubicon staff who instructed students to head to their dorms to unpack. After their dorm briefing, students were then introduced to their Rubicon camp leaders and outdoor education staff and were given a rundown on the expectations for the week before gathering in their groups for some teamwork and initiative activities. Over the four days students experienced mountain bike riding, horse riding, high ropes course, rock climbing, abseiling and water rafting.

Each night students returned with stories of triumph and accomplishment and overcoming long-held fears. For some, it was to get one foot on to the rock climbing wall and for others, get up to a canter while horse riding. Either way, all students were challenged in some form and it was great to listen to all of the students comments about each activity.

The fun didn’t stop of an evening. Students were separated in to two groups; one staying at the Rubicon Outdoor Centre for some night activities, while the other was taken on a night walk up to Mount Pinnegar and then swapped over for the following evening. Night activities included a scavenger hunt around Rubicon and a very funny series of “Minute to Win It” activities, while the night walk contained spectacular views, looking over the vast Lake Eildon and a quiet moment to take it all in.

The last night saw students engaged in a team photo challenge which reflected their time and learning at Rubicon. Some groups took a lot longer to get going then others but we were all able to have a laugh at the end, looking at all the different groups photos and their explanations of why they chose that photo.

Friday quickly came around and although students and staff were looking a little tired, this did not dampen their spirits (excuse the pun), as students headed off on their final activities – water rafting, rock climbing and the high ropes course. We were then treated to a delicious barbeque, packed up our belongings and headed for home.

The Year 8 students were an absolute pleasure to take away and are to be commended for their willingness to participate and the maturity they displayed throughout the camp. Over the course of the week, all students were faced with different challenges and it was fantastic to see them strive to overcome them.
YEAR 10 NEWS

2014 has gotten off to a flying start and it is hard to believe we are already 8 weeks into the first term! The Year 10s will have noticed an increased work load this year and most students have done well to keep on top of this.

A reminder to all parents and students that in order to be promoted to Year 11, an attendance rate of 80% or above overall is expected as well as a pass in English. Unfortunately there are several students who are already falling below this rate and will need to improve their attendance and work ethic dramatically in order to pass Year 10 this year. Students are also reminded to bring a note following any absences.

At year 10, students can expect up to 10 hours per week of homework (at least 75 minutes per week for English and Maths and up to 45 minutes for each other learning area), which equates to at least 2 hours of homework per week night. We understand that students have other commitments outside of school such as work and sport; however it is important that they allocate some time every night for homework and/or test revision. Students are also encouraged to see their class teacher before/after school or at lunch time if they require assistance with their work.

All students should be using their diaries to keep track of homework and other important dates. These diaries need to be signed by a parent/guardian on a weekly basis before form assembly each Tuesday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me via phone, email or in person.

Tania Hadzig
Year 10 Coordinator
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LODDON MALLEE REGION SWIMMING SPORTS
– SWAN HILL

On Tuesday 18th of March, six students travelled to Swan Hill to compete at the Loddon Mallee Region Swimming carnival. The students represented the school well and results are as follows:
Boys 17 Years Freestyle Relay - 1st (Tom Bertalli, Jordan Summers, Ned Jackson and Ryan Tannock).
Kelsey Hendy - 50m Breaststroke 2nd, 100m Backstroke 4th, 100m Breaststroke 6th.
Ned Jackson - 50m Freestyle 4th
Maddison Hendy - 50m Butterfly 7th

Congratulations to the Boys 17 Years Freestyle Relay team who have qualified to compete at the School Sport Victoria Finals at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 29th of April.
Thanks to Narelle Hendy and Russell Summers for transporting students.

Photos: The Boys 17 Years Freestyle Relay (Left to right: Ryan Tannock, Thomas Bertalli, Ned Jackson and Jordan Summers). Kelsey Hendy with her silver medal for the 50m Breaststroke.
Hey, I'm Olivia Goode and I am currently completing year 12. My thirteen years of school have been quite enjoyable. I have always enjoyed maths and physical education classes the most. I have lived in St. Arnaud my whole life and I have two part time jobs at the local supermarket and at the East Wimmera Health service. My interests include playing sports, like netball, tennis and basketball. I also enjoy hanging around with my friends, shopping and making cupcakes. My special talent would have to be the ability to do 1 chin up and I look forward to making the best of my last year of school. I am currently studying English, maths, physical education, health and human development, and IT. Although I may not enjoy a number of these subjects, I still continue to try my best at each of them. This being my last year of school, I hope to make the best of every opportunity I am given. This year I was given the opportunity to compete for the Lions Youth of the Year. After winning the club competition I competed in the region finals. Although I didn't win, it was an amazing experience which I am so happy I took on. At the end of this year I hope to be able to look back and know that I took each opportunity by the horns and made the best of it.

Next year I plan on going to Federation University in Ballarat with the aim of studying to become a secondary teacher, my main subject being physical education, and maths being my minor subject. After studying to become a teacher I would also like to look into being a youth worker. For many years now I have wanted to become a teacher because, although you may have to work with children who may drive you crazy, you also get to help kids achieve their best and also move on to do something they have always wanted to achieve for themselves.
# Calendar

**Term 1**
- **Friday 28th March**: School Photos
- **Thursday 3rd April**: House Athletics
- **Friday 4th April**: Last Day of Term 2.30pm dismissal

**Term 2**
- **Tuesday 22nd April**: School Resumes
- **Friday 25th April**: Anzac Day Holiday
- **Sat-Sun 26th-27th**: 100th Reunion
- **Monday—Friday 28th April-2nd May**: Year 10 Boys Work Experience
- **Tuesday 29th April**: Immunisations
- **SSV Swimming**
- **Tuesday 13th—15th May**: NAPLAN
- **Monday 19th May**: House Cross Country
- **Monday May 26th May**: LMR Hockey
- **Wednesday 28th May**: NCD Cross Country
- **Tuesday 3rd June**: LMR Cross Country
- **Wednesday 4th June**: ICAS Science Competition
- **Monday 9th June**: Queens Birthday Holiday
- **Tuesday 10th—13th June**: Year 10-12 Exams
- **Wednesday 11th June**: GAT
- **Monday 16th June**: Report Writing Day— No students required at school
- **Friday 27th June**: Last Day of Term 2. 2.30pm dismissal

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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

Student______________________________________________Form___________

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

Date___________________________________________medical/family business

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Parent/Guardian

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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  ☐ Couple $20.00

☐ Reunion Dinner $25.00/person

☐ People attending [ ]

☐ Insignia Paver $25.00

☐ Number Ordered [ ]

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