Principal’s Report

Last Monday, the College conducted the Relay for Life event. On behalf of the College, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to parents, members of the community, staff and students from St Arnaud and St Patrick’s Primary Schools and local businesses who all contributed to making the event such a success. Our VCAL students undertook the organisation of this event as one of their projects and they must be acknowledged and congratulated for their fantastic efforts. It was wonderful to see people drawn from diverse locations united in supporting such a wonderful cause. It highlighted what a wonderful community St Arnaud is.

Given the number of our families who have access to email, we will phase out paper copies of the school newsletter next term. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy could you please contact the school.

We have had a request from Charlton College to support them in their relocation by not sending students in year 9 and 10 to the Trade Training Centre on the last week of this term.

I would also like to make mention of Eleanor Parry who will be a featured performer in this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular which will be conducted this weekend. Eleanor is a commendable ambassador for our school and we wish her well.

Branko Lukic—Principal
What a wonderful week of community spirit we have had at the College. Firstly our fantastic Year 12 VCAL students organised the Relay for Life which brought all students together to fight against cancer. The Year 7’s really enjoyed participating in this day.

It was however, quite disappointing that there were 10 students missing on the day which seems to be a common occurrence when there is an alternative, or sporting, program on at school. Please remember that all school activities are important and it is vital that students participate to the best of their ability in everything that is part of the curriculum, or an extra-curricular activity. There is strong evidence to suggest that those students who regularly do not participate in extra-curricular or team-type activities are also the same students who later become disengaged from their learning.

REMINDER – DIARY SIGNING – IT IS VITAL YOU ARE SEEING YOUR CHILD’S DIARY EVERY WEEK!!!

On Tuesday night we had a number of students volunteer to come and assist with the Year 7 Information Evening in the ILC. These students were Jake Male, Nick Fithall, Vincent Saies, Heather Book, Tyler Baldock, Kacie McAuley and Cooper Baldock. They capably guided all parents and prospective students around the school and demonstrated their maturity and responsibility in a very pleasing manner. I definitely appreciated their assistance.

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Next Tuesday we have our NCD Athletics in Charlton. Students will travel by bus to Charlton Park at the beginning of the day and return prior to the end of the day. The canteen will be in operation throughout the day. Students should ensure that they have enough food, drinks, warm clothing, hats and sunscreen. It would be great to see a few parents attend to offer their support, however I know that this may be difficult with other commitments.

SCHOOL SOCIAL – The SRC school social will be held next Thursday night in the Town Hall. Information about this event is included in this newsletter.

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7

Humanities – Rainforest Thinkers Keys tasks
Careers – PowerPoints
Science – Renewable Resources Task (if incomplete)
Maths Mate Term 3 Week 8

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 10 Maths Competition

On Friday 29th August, Leetyn McKenzie, Eric Woollett, Thaddeus McIntyre, Jessie Meagher and Kylie Olsen from Year 10 travelled down to Geelong to participate in the Deakin University Maths Competition. Schools travelled from all areas of Victoria, including Geelong, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh and as far as Portland to participate.

The competition consisted of four events: The “Round Table” involved the students working together to solve a series of questions. The “Snap Quiz” provided an epic battle for mathematical glory with a School vs School “Beat the Buzzer” style contest. The “Solo Quiz” gave students a chance to show their own knowledge by answering a series of questions in a given time limit and the “Relay Race” proved to be a big hit, running answers forward and back to be corrected.

It was fantastic to see the students get involved in the different activities and to be surrounded with like-minded students who enjoy Maths. Hopefully, it gave them an enjoyable experience seeing how “fun” Maths can be.

Well done to all the students involved in the day!

Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Knight

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
Over the last two months, Readers’ Club has been meeting once a fortnight to read and discuss the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s short-listed books. It was brilliant to see the huge participation from ‘people who love to read’, who devoured the twelve books available and were willing to talk about the plots and characters from these great Australian novels. In our last week, members were asked to vote for their favourite title with the results as:

Most popular Older Readers at St Arnaud SC - **The Sky So Heavy** by Claire Zorn (7 votes)

2nd most popular Older Readers at St Arnaud SC - **Fairytales for Wilde Girls** by Allyse Near (4 votes)

(The official CBCA’s Book of the Year: Older Readers - **Wildlife** by Fiona Wood)

Most popular Younger Readers at St Arnaud SC - **A Very Unusual Pursuit** by Catherine Jinks (5 votes)

(The official CBCA’s Book of the Year: Younger Readers - **A Very Unusual Pursuit** by Catherine Jinks)

Delicious food, great discussion and good company even encouraged a few of our book-loving staff in Ms Young, Ms Egan, Ms Bourchier, Ms McCormick and Ms Evans to attend the fortnightly Club meetings. It was a very successful Readers’ Club 2014.
SNAPSHOTS from the ENVIRO PROGRAM
On Wednesday the 27th of August, six Year 9s visited the Baiada Turkey Farm for the day. Our group consisted of Rachael McIntyre, Brittany Harris, Ben Lloyd, Damien Grinsell, Billie Baldwin and Brady Tillig with Miss Sharee Evans as our supervisor and Mrs Carmel Young, who was our bus driver. It was an interesting and informative day with our fantastic host, James Burns, showing us around the two farms. It was clear that James was passionate and knowledgeable about the farming sector, in particular, poultry farming.

First we visited the Broody farm and then to Yawong Lay. We had to shower in and out at each farm (four times in total) because of quarantine purposes. We were all exceptionally clean by the end! We got to collect eggs and learn about how the farms are run including staff management, farm layout and poultry health (the young hens were unbelievably cute).

Sadly we were unable to take any photos during the excursion for safety reasons but we all had a good time.
By Brittany Harris.

(All images borrowed from the Internet)
2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

A reminder to all Year 7 – 9 Literacy students – 2014 Premiers’ Reading Challenge officially ends on 12th September. Get those last books finished and verified with your Literacy or English teacher so that you can enjoy the reward for your efforts later in the year! But keep on reading, as there are loads of new titles and old favourites available from Miss Evans at the college library.

Hey !!!!!!!

What are you doing to make our college a better place?

Did you answer nothing?

Let me ask it again,

What are you doing to help make our college a better place?

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From Garry - the College Chaplain
SEPEP ROUND 4 MATCH REPORTS

The game that I watched was between Black Magic and White Thunder. The score at the end of the first half was 22 to 20 with White Thunder leading. Toby played well in the first half for White Thunder as he scored a lot of the points. Billy Egan was moving the ball down the court well. Abbey shot some good goals towards the end of the first half. The score at the end of the game was 42 to 34 with White Thunder coming away with the win. Jade played well in the second half as she got lots of the ball and was trying hard. Rachael played well too. Ben and Hayley did well in defence. David Kovac played well and showed great improvement during the game.

The game that I watched was between the Fluro Flannies and the Red Rovers. The score at the end of the first half was 15 to 22 with the Red Rovers leading. Brady played well in the first half as he scored 12 points for his team, Joel Busuttil also did well scoring 10 points. Jack and Joel Byers also scored some good goals. The score at the end of the game was 25 to 34 with the Red Rovers winning. Both Joels played well, as did Brady and Monique Tillig.

SEPEP ROUND 5 MATCH REPORTS

The game that I watched was between the Blue Bunnies and the Red Rovers. The score at the end of the first half was 13 to 28 with the Red Rovers leading. Tahla played well and shot a 3 pointer. Joel Byers also played well. The score at the end of the game was 27 to 57 with the Red Rovers winning. Jack and Brady played well in the second half.

The game that I watched was between Black Magic and the Fluro Flannies. The score at the end of the first half was 18 to 14 with the Black Magic leading. Billy Egan was a stand-out player in the first half due to clear passes and sharing the ball around with team mates. The second half of the game was played well by both teams resulting in a draw – 34 all. Thomas Amos was strong in defence. Everyone in this game played well and showed great sportsmanship. Even though the result was a draw, all students worked really well and were happy with their efforts, even though neither team got the result that they had hoped for.

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VET Cancer Research Day—Relay for Life
Attention all Year 11 & 12 Students

As part of our Destination Tracking at the NCLLEN, we like to keep in touch with our students after they leave school and to offer support if needed in further training, applying for employment and taking up tertiary study.

To help us with this we would like you to join our Facebook page. You can also keep up with lots of course info, tips and opportunities that go up from time to time.

https://www.facebook.com/north.llen

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SWIM LESSONS
Season 2014/2015

Ages 3+

Northern Grampians Shire Council’s swimming lessons in St Arnaud are taught by qualified AustSwim instructors.

Lessons aim to develop your child’s confidence in the pool and teach water basics. For children who are more confident in the water, swimming lessons can assist with the development of stroke techniques.

Classes run for 30 minutes and children are placed in groups appropriate to their skill level.

The cost per child for each swimming program is $110, which includes 10 lessons.

Dates: The lessons will run during Term 4.

November

Mon 24th-Thurs 27th

December

Tues 2nd & Thurs 4th
Tues 9th & Thurs 11th
Tues 16th & Thurs 18th

Please register your interest at Northern Grampians Shire Council’s customer service centre in St Arnaud or phone 5495 1500.