Principal’s Report

Tune in to Channel 7 on Sunday 19 October 2014 at 3pm to relive the excitement, colour and movement of the Victorian State Schools’ Spectacular.

Please ensure your child has an appropriate hat to wear during recess and lunch time.

The following are some tips from a student who received top marks for VCE English last year...

The best advice I can give the Class of 2014 about this specific exam is...
Don’t over complicate and over think. For Language Analysis: At the start of the year, I really struggled with this section of English. I was never able to finish a timed essay and felt as though my essay was poorly constructed. For me, it became a very formulaic piece of writing when I stopped thinking too much, and just identified the most relevant techniques that I knew I’ve had plenty of practice analysing. Don’t think too much and just paragraph according to the points the author makes. Always remember to really dig and analyse. Don’t write fluffy sentences. I find it to be the easiest format that ensures you are analysing straightforwardly without having to worry about essay structure etc. Also, it really helps to have a few adjectives and verbs that describe the author’s tone and what he or she is doing up your sleeves. Don’t try to over-do your language. When I did VCE I was always amazed by the fancy words and impressive sentence structures that were evident in the sample essays. Keep in mind those aren’t the only good essays. Keep your language simple and straightforward.

Practice is key: the more you do now the easier it is for you to prepare later.
Throughout the year I put in a lot of effort into each and every one of my homework essays. On top of that, I would often write individual paragraphs for some random idea — a theme, a character etc that I hadn’t covered or had time to write a full essay on. The more quality essays I wrote that covered a broad range of topics, the easier it became when it came to assessments. I was able to recycle a few of my many paragraphs I had already written and form them into a cohesive essay. It made things a lot easier.

The best advice I got from my teacher about this exam was...
There wasn’t specific advice that was directed particularly at the exam (apart from her suggestion of starting the Language Analysis first and to be more creative with our Context pieces in order to stand out). However I am really grateful for a very supportive and hardworking teacher. Our school’s English department is also very well resourced with some excellent English teachers that really taught us the best approaches to essay writing. I also appreciate how my school gave us only an hour to do our assessed essays at school under exam conditions. I think that really prepared me in terms of time management.

In the month before this VCE exam, I...
collected every essay I had written and improved upon them (fixing up my expressions and adding in extra information or ideas). I also wrote separate paragraphs for all three sections of the exam. I went through my texts to familiarise myself with it more.
I didn’t have a study schedule at all. I would sit down to write when I had an idea and leave it when I couldn’t write anything decent.
I recorded myself reading out the paragraphs/ essays and listened to them. I also revised all my essays.
On exam day, I prepared myself by…
I felt like I couldn’t recall anything that I had memorised. However I quickly reminded myself not to think about anything else: didn’t even try to recite any memorised essays, I just read everything over and over again just before entering the exam room. It helped keep me calm on my way to the exam.

After the exam, I...
went home and took a couple of hours’ break. I felt like I did really well since I was lucky enough to have been able to write all of my best paragraphs for the exam. This feeling made me more motivated to study for my other exams which were only days after the English one.

The best exam advice I received from my parents, siblings or family member was...
I didn’t receive anything exam related, but I thank my parents for believing in me and they never gave me any pressure. I also thank my friends who reminded me not to doubt my capabilities.

I didn’t work a part-time job during year 12 because...
my parents felt as though it would interfere with my studies.

Branko Lukic
Principal

**** Year 7 News ****

TERM 4 HATS HATS HATS TERM 4 HATS HATS HATS TERM 4 HATS HATS HATS TERM 4 HATS

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4 as we make a return to the cold weather.
Last week I reminded students about the importance of appropriate uniforms. If students are out of uniform they need to bring a note from home and obtain a uniform pass from Mrs McCormick. In addition please ensure that girl’s jewellery, hair items, nail polish etc., is kept to a minimum. I have noticed that uniforms have been a little bit better this week so that is definitely a positive. BROAD BRIMMED HATS ARE TO BE WORN DURING ALL RECESSES AND LUNCHTIMES.

Congratulations to Nick Myers who came first in his long jump at the Loddon Mallee Region last Thursday. Nick will now go on to represent the region at State level next week. Our boy’s relay team also competed and represented the school very positively.

Our next round of interschool sporting activities will be the Year 7/8 Super 8s Cricket coming up later in the term so students should keep an eye on the sports noticeboard.

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7

English Basics – 7B Unit 14, 7A Unit 15 – it’s always a great idea to continually work on these each week and get ahead on the next Unit (students can write on lined paper and glue into their Basics books)

Humanities – Greek Gods and Goddesses Mythology PowerPoint

Science – 7A – have been working on activities related to Body Systems, 7B – have been learning about Simple Machines (Lego)

PE – sports clothes required on both Monday and Thursday for all of Term 4 - topic will be Soccer so students can wear football boots if wished.

Maths - Maths Mate Term 4 Week 2

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and is ready for a busy and an exciting term ahead.

Last week, the Loddon Mallee Region Athletics were held. St Arnaud was well represented across all age groups and it was great to see students competing in a number of events. We came home with some fantastic results.

Today, students were involved in a Cyber Safety and Sexting seminar, organised by school nurse, Lyndell Finlayson. Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological aggressive behaviour by a person or group directed towards a less powerful person or group that is intended to cause harm, distress or fear. In current times, cyber bullying is unfortunately becoming more and more prevalent with the rise of technology and social media. The issue was clearly explained and students were invited to participate in discussion and ask questions about the topic. It is very important that both students and parents are aware of this issue and for further information, visit http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/.

On Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October, Year 8 students will be attending an orientation day at the North Central Cluster Centre over in Charlton. As students head towards Year 9, the NCCC is an option for them as part of their electives program. It is important that all students attend as it will help them make an informed decision about the electives they choose for next year.

One for the calendar – The Regional Schools Outreach Program is holding a camp for Year 8 Students as a follow up to their visit earlier in the year. The camp is held on Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th} November – Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th} November. More details to come!
Broader Horizons - Local Council

Our final group of the Broader Horizons program headed over to Stawell last Wednesday where the students had an induction into the Northern Grampians Council Shire and what careers are available within local councils. We would like to thank our friendly host Sharon Link and the wonderful staff at the Stawell Offices who were willing to give up time in their busy schedules to say hi and give the students an insight into what it’s like working in local council.

With the many council staff that we met during the day, it became apparent that there is a huge range of careers that councils provide for the local community, as well as the satisfaction and enjoyment that staff have in their jobs. We found that local council is more than the three Rs (Rubbish, Rates and Roads), it exists to support and nurture the community.

The last part of the day involved tours of Cato Park (a beautiful recreational park) and the Stawell Leisure Complex (with its many sports and activities).

The new group of participants in the program are Sonya Dennis, Michael George, Mia Smith, Billy Egan, Monique Tillig and Kane Palmer-Wilson. We will have two more weeks investigating all that the local council has to offer.
On the 9\textsuperscript{th} of October 2014, 38 students from St Arnaud Secondary College competed at the Loddon Mallee Region Athletics competition in Bendigo. It turned out to be an awesome day, the college placed 5\textsuperscript{th} overall from 42 competing schools, and was only 11 points behind 3\textsuperscript{rd} place. Of the 38 students who competed, two made it through to the state finals to be held in Melbourne on Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} of October. The students who won events and will be progressing are: Nick Myers (13 years Boys Long Jump) and Eric Woollett (16 years boys Javelin). It is worth noting that Anika Torney missed out on qualifying for the 100m by .03 of a second. The college also had seven students win silver medals and seven placed third. Many students who didn’t achieve a place competed extremely well and gained valuable points for the college. A number of these students actually achieved personal bests and this is a tremendous feat.

A full list of medal winners is below:

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A big thank-you goes to Mr Cornwell, Mr Knight and Mrs Egan for taking lunchtime trainings before the day. As they say, practice does make perfect! Also thanks to Mr Knight and Mrs Egan for coming to the event and helping organise students on the day.

Maddi Lonergan
BRAVE BOYS GORGEOUS GIRLS
YR 7 HEALTH SELF-ESTEEM PROGRAM
PARENTS’ CLUB

We need assistance to help with selling raffle tickets for an IPad at Weirs on Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th. If anyone can help please contact Darleen Baldock.

Next meeting 7pm at the Botanical for tea 10th November. Last meeting for year hope to see all members, please feel free to bring a friend.

We wish all year 12 students success with their upcoming exams and all the best for the future. You have been wonderful role models for our school well done. “There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work learning from life.”

Darleen Baldock - Secretary Parents club
YOUTHINK is held at Ballarat Health Services (BHS). YOUTHINK is presented by BHS Emergency Department Doctors, Nurses, Physiotherapists, Ambulance Victoria Paramedics, Victoria Police, Uniting Care and Ballarat Community Health. YOUTHINK Program Facilitators support students in making safe choices with relation to road safety and driver safety messages, and party safe information. The key focus is on looking after yourself and your friends. The program guides participants through the steps involved in calling the Ambulance for assistance, the recovery position and airway management. Participants attend a tour of the Emergency Department, and develop an understanding of the impact of high risk choices. A hands-on component of the program involves role-play scenarios. Through role-play, and the use of medical bandages, crutches and wheelchairs etc. students have the opportunity to experience the challenges of living with injuries, while trying to complete simple tasks. The Physiotherapist presents a number of scenarios and provides students with the opportunity to experience what it feels like to use mobility aids.

The final and very powerful component of the YOUTHINK Program is the TAC Spin Chat presentation – our students learn about what it’s like to live with a spinal cord injury. SpinChat presenters share their experiences with the students, and illustrate the challenges of living with a disability due to serious injury. The target audience for this program are Year 10 students. The YOUTHINK Program is supported by pre and post workshop activities delivered by the School Nurse and teacher in the classroom.

**WHO? Year 9 and 10 students**

**WHEN? Friday 24th October 2014**

**WHERE? Ballarat Health Service (BHS)**

**COST? $10 (includes transport and lunch)**

**RSVP: Monday 20th October (return form and money)**

**Please contact Miss Hadzig if you have any questions**

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The St. Arnaud Festival Photo Exhibition

This year, the committee are also running a “My Favourite Photo” competition for students under 14 years.

Prizes are given to under 10yo $10, under 14yo $10 & best overall photo.$10. Any local under 14yos can enter. Judging is not on quality of the print but on content, you do not need photo quality paper, so standard paper will be fine.

If you wish to take part, entries need to be on a black backing sheet with name & age on the front of the sheet & have a contact Phone number on the back.

Entries need to be left at Esmore’s garage no later than Monday the 3rd to be included.

Joan Postlethwaite,
On behalf of the committee
ST ARNAUD SECONDARY COLLEGE
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PORTAL OPEN FOR ORDERS BETWEEN
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THIS CALCULATOR IS REQUIRED FOR YEAR 11 and YEAR 12 Mathematical Studies 2015
Please see Mrs Jackson if you require further information
**2015 Year 11 and 12 Mathematics Studies**

Any students undertaking VCE Units 1, 2, 3 or 4 Mathematics studies in 2015 require a TIINPIRE Graphics Calculator. The school has a special arrangement with the company ABACUS. They have organised a calculator for $185 plus extras. If you would like to make a purchase through ABACUS please complete the order on line, as attached, and purchase the calculator yourself. Please then inform Mrs Jackson of the purchase. All ABACUS calculators will be delivered to the school late next January and can be collected from Mrs Jackson in 2015. Alternatively, students may purchase the calculator from the booklist; however, it is slightly more costly and has limited warranty support.

All enquires should be directed to Mrs Jackson.

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**Calendar**

**Term 4**
- Tuesday 21st
- Wednesday 22nd
- Thursday 23rd
- Monday 27th
- Wednesday 29th
- Monday 3rd **November**
- Tuesday 4th
- Wednesday 5th-7th
- Thursday 6th
- Tuesday 11th
- Tuesday 11th—14th
- Thursday 20th—23rd
- Monday 24th-27th
- Friday 28th
- Monday 1st—12th **December**
- Tuesday 16th
- Friday 19th

**Semester 2**
- SSV Athletics
- Last Day Year 12
- Year 8 NCCC Orientation
- NCD Clay Target and Bowls
- 9-10 Super 8s Cricket
- Year 12 Exams begin
- **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- Melbourne Cup Day **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- Year 10 Camp Melbourne
- 7-8 Super 8’s Cricket
- Rotary Debate
- Year 9 Camp
- RACV Energy Breakthrough
- Year 10-11 Exams
- Report Writing Day **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- STEPPING UP PROGRAM
- Presentation Night
- Last Day of Term. 2.30pm Dismissal