Our year 12 students are commencing their exams this week. We wish them well and hope that they obtain the results that they deserve.

Carolyn Woodhouse, our school reviewer, presented a summary of the College review to staff and school council last Monday afternoon. The task for us now is to prepare a strategic plan that will guide us through the next four years. A number of goals have been identified across a range of areas; staff will be working hard to identify the actions and targets that will translate these goals into reality.

Our achievement goal is that all students demonstrate improved learning growth and learning outcomes across all domains. The strategies by which this is to be achieved are:

- Ensure a consistent approach to teaching and learning from Year 7 to Year 12.
- Improve the capacity of teachers to develop and implement differentiated curriculum tasks across all domains.
- Ensure an effective understanding of and consistency in assessment approaches and methods across and within year levels and in all domains.
- Develop a whole school approach to Literacy and Numeracy.

Our engagement goal is that all students are motivated in their learning and have a strong sense of belonging and connectedness to the school and their peers. The strategies by which this is to be achieved are:

- Increase parent and student expectation and aspiration.
- Develop students’ sense of being valued and connected with school.
- Improve interaction and connectedness by providing opportunities for students to engage with pathways programs.

Our wellbeing goal is to maintain a safe and respectful environment for the whole school community. The strategies by which this is to be achieved are:

- Establish a strong values based culture within the school community.
- Develop close relationships with feeder primary schools.
- Develop a consistent college-wide framework for student management and wellbeing processes.

Our Productivity goals is to effectively allocate and use resources (human, physical and financial) to achieve the goals in Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing and Sustainability. The strategies by which this is to be achieved are:

- Investigate optimal allocation of resources required to efficiently implement structures and programs for students and the school community.
- Market and promote the school and its programs within both the local and broader context.
- Develop the leadership capacity of staff and students in order to implement a distributed leadership model.

As stated last term we are sending our newsletter out by email. If you have not received one, please contact the office and leave your details. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter electronically and would prefer to receive a paper copy, please leave your details with the office.

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

It is difficult to fathom that in four weeks time our ‘Step-Up Program’ will begin and our Year 7 students will make the progression into their Year 8 subjects, prior to 2015. This was made very clear to the students in Year Level Assemblies this week where students were reminded of the importance of catching up on any work that is overdue in order to ensure their next lot of Interim Reports are positive and show their relevant level of achievement. I always hate to take a negative stance to these assemblies; however this week’s topic was definitely a negative one which focused on students who are at risk of failing in one or more subjects.

The following list explains the areas in which some students are failing. Could you please speak to your child regarding what they are behind in, to give them the opportunity to catch up of their own accord.

Science – lack of effort and application to a topic and lack of work completion in class
Music – lack of participation in practical and theoretical components, poor attitude and disrespectful behaviour
Maths – failure to progress on tests from the start of the year (students all know their test results)
Textiles – overdue work; felted creature and sewing machine triangles and rally
Literacy – failure to progress, failure to learn lists and demonstrate appropriate behaviour
Ceramics – overdue work; completion of ceramic tile
Humanities – Rainforest Thinkers Keys
English – Red Dog Project (overdue by more than a term), Persuasive speech, English Basics (for some students this is from Units 10-14, many have 11 and 12 overdue)

Letters will be sent home this week identifying students who are at risk and the subjects and work that is still not completed. I will also be having follow up communication with parents of students who are at risk of failure, also in the next few weeks.

As you can see, this is quite a lengthy list of overdue work and lack of effort. Staff will be having discussions about whether or not some students will progress into Year 8 in the next few weeks. Students have been given one week to finalise any outstanding work prior to the Interim Reports being distributed.

Due to the short week next week, and the fact that I am on camp, there will be no Year 7 News. Due to my absence I will be sending Interim Reports home a day later than the other years as I wish to write comments on them over the weekend. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Homework/Events/Subject topics – Year 7
English Basics – 7A finished for the year, many have outstanding Units. 7B Unit 15. Students will be having an English Basics test later in the term.
Humanities – Ancient Greece (Pankration reading)

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Year 8 students are currently in the process of subject selection for Year 9. All students should have received information booklets for both the electives which are held here at school and for the North Central Trade Training Centre. I would encourage all students to think carefully about their selections, with the focus on what they want to do – not what their friends are choosing or what is the most popular.

Last week, the NCD Clay Target Shooting and Lawn Bowls were held in Boort. Once again, these teams were well represented with students from Year 8. Matthew Arbuckle finished 3\textsuperscript{rd} in his event, Maddison Decker placed 3\textsuperscript{rd} in her event and Cody Decker finished 1\textsuperscript{st} in the same event. Luke Jackson and Mitchell Egan participated in Lawn Bowls and won 4 out of 5 games and Fletcher Douglas was a part of the Leading Triple, winning all games on the day. Congratulations to these students.

As we head towards the end of the year, it is important that students do not start to drop off and head into “holiday” mode. There is still a lot of work to be completed before the end of the year. Students are reminded to see their teachers if they have any work owing in any of their subjects and if so, endeavour to get it completed as soon as possible. If there are any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me about this.

Just a reminder about the Federation University Camp: 26\textsuperscript{th} – 27\textsuperscript{th} November. More details to come.

Best of luck to all of the Year 12 students who have started their final exams this week!

Mr. Knight
Broader Horizons Program

The Broader Horizons 2014 has finally concluded after twelve weeks of fascinating tours, and informative insights, into the careers available from our many important industries and businesses of St Arnaud and the surrounding district.

Our last day was spent in Stawell visiting the Shire Council Office’s ”upstairs division”. We had staff from finance, building, waste management, engineering and youth services provide personal accounts of their journey to gaining a position in local government. We had a surprise State Government announcement regarding grants for youth services on the steps of the Offices. A lovely lunch followed at Cato Park, before the day was finished off with a tour of the Council Depot and an inspection of a roadwork site. We greatly appreciate all of the work Sharon Link has put into making our time at the Northern Grampians Shire Council a fulfilling experience.

Year 12 Novel Lists are due

Friday, 31st Nov

Please drop booklists into the library.

PARENTS’ CLUB

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.

Darleen Baldock - Secretary Parents club
Year 12 Farewell

It was a day of mixed emotions for St. Arnaud Secondary College Year 12 students on Tuesday October 21st. Sadness, as it represented the closing of a chapter in their lives; happiness to be entering a new more adult phase of their lives; these and more mixed with a little apprehension.

The students attended classes as normal in the morning. However, after lunch, the classes were far from usual as many Year 12 students attended the classes of other year levels. However, it was impossible for Simon Elliott to blend in with Year 8 students as he completed running repairs on his Teddy Bear in Textiles!

During the last period of the day, an assembly was held for the students where the school community, including many of the parents of the Year 12 students, came together to celebrate their contribution to the school during the past 6 years.

A highlight of the ceremony was the answers the students gave to some of the questions asked by Mr Reynolds, such as ‘What did they now know that they didn’t at the beginning of the year?’ and ‘What were their most enjoyable moments at secondary school?’.

Each student was presented with a college mug and a helium balloon as a memento of the occasion. When the speeches were over, the students released their balloons in unison as a symbol of the finish of their secondary school years.

Pictured - Kimberley HENDRY, Michaella SUMMERHAYES-WARD, Vienna HARKNESS, Chelsea DURWARD, Anika TORNEY, Rebecca ARBUCKLE, Jayde MEDLYN, Holly PICKTHALL, Taylor AMOS, Josephine DRISCOLL, Olivia GOODE, Jenna HICKS, Kelsey HENDY, Benjamin SIMPSON, Simon ELLIOTT, Christoffer BALL, Jackson BIRTHISEL, Bradley WILLIAMS, Rory FAHEY, Celeste BRACEY, Hope BOOK.

Absent - Shane ORGAN, Shannon PICKTHALL.
NCD LAWN BOWLS

On Thursday 23rd October, St. Arnaud Secondary College was represented at the interschool lawn bowls by three teams of triples. The event was held in Boort. Three matches were played prior to lunch and all three triples were undefeated until this stage. After lunch two more rounds were completed, and although St. Arnaud dropped three from six matches after lunch, they still comfortably won the shield. This was the 6th win in the past seven years which is a tremendous result. The triple of Simon Elliott, Fletcher Douglas and Jack Tillig were undefeated and were winners of the leading triple. Jordan Summers, Luke Jackson and Mitchell Egan won four out of five matches whilst David Kovac, Thomas Amos and Leetyn McKenzie managed three victories for the day.

Congratulations to the three teams and thanks to the St. Arnaud Bowling Club for the use of their facilities and to Maurie Wood for his assistance during team practise.

Final scores were:

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Craig Cornwell
Lawn Bowls Coach
SUPER 8's CRICKET

On Thursday 27th October, a team of year 9 and 10 boys super 8’s cricket team competed in a carnival in Horsham. The team consisted of Leetyn McKenzie (capt), Harley Durward, Eric Woollett, Daniel Flanagan, Billy Egan, Toby Pickthall, Brady Tillig and Dillon Baldock.

**Match 1: v Marian College, Ararat.**
Marian batted first and made 3/128 from their 8 overs.
Best of the bowlers was Harley Durward who took 3/21 from 2 overs.
St.Arnaud lost Harley Durward first ball (golden duck) and Leetyn McKenzie third ball (diamond duck) to be 2/0 and in deep trouble. However, a brilliant revival saw the team recover. Eric Woollett hit three “12’s” and retired on 36. Toby Pickthall and Dillon Baldock were both dismissed for 24, one short of retirement. Billy Egan retired and came back in to finish on 40 not out. Daniel Flanagan made 16 and Brady Tillig 14. St.Arnaud finished on 6/166.

**Match 2: v Horsham College.**
St.Arnaud batted first and was again in early trouble. Harley succeeded in scoring another ‘duck’ to make it a pair. At least it wasn’t a king pair! Leetyn was dismissed soon after for 4 and again the boys were looking shaky. Billy Egan again stood up and retired on 30. Dillon Baldock retired and came back in to be 36 not out. Brady Tillig and Toby Pickthall failed to trouble the scorers. However solid contributions of 18 by Eric Woollett and Daniel Flanagan saw St.Arnaud reach 6/117.
Horsham began slowly due to some excellent bowling by Harley, Toby and Eric. After the first three overs Horsham were 2/15 and behind the eight ball. After their allotted 8 overs Horsham could only manage 2/96. Best of the bowlers were Harley Durward (1/5) and Toby Pickthall (1/4).

**Final: v Hopetoun Secondary College.**
Hopetoun batted first and posted an excellent total of 7/138. St.Arnaud bowlers were a bit erratic, sending down too many full tosses that were dispatched (mainly over the boundary) for many runs. Best of the bowlers were Harley Durward (3/14), Billy Egan (1/8) and Dillon Baldock (1/14).
St.Arnaud got off to the best start of the day. Harley at last got amongst the runs retiring for 31 and Leetyn batted well for 15 before he was unluckily bowled by an old fashioned ‘grubber’. Dillon Baldock retired on 36, as did Eric Woollett on 26. Daniel Flanagan was out for 6 in the search for quick runs, whilst Billy Egan was not out on 10. Brady and Toby weren’t required as St.Arnaud amassed 2/155 to win the final and progress to the state final in early November.

Craig Cornwell
Coach
Super 8’s at Horsham

The first day of the week started really positively for a wonderful group of our Year 9/10 girls.

Georgia Reyne, Jessie Meagher, Katie Hamilton, Tahlia McPhee, Monique Tillig, Jade McIntyre, Rachel McIntyre, Belinda Burke and Ashlee Flanagan all spent the day displaying their cricket skills for the Wimmera Super 8’s Year 9/10 Carnival in Horsham.

Unfortunately our first game was against the Goroke Boys team due to both teams having the first bye. The girls demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and tried their best to bat and bowl with as much accuracy as they could. The score difference was quite high although the girls did take a couple of great catches much to the Goroke Boys dismay. They scored a win due to the bye so the score difference did not matter at all.

The second game was played against Murtoa with the girls being able to out bat and out bowl the Murtoa team. Even a nasty clash between Georgia and Rachel did not stop their determination and they came away victors – 137 to 71 runs.

The final game of the day was played against Dimboola. The weather had turned quite cold and nasty with a few patches of rain which obviously affected our girls considerably as they were unable to replicate the same talent they had displayed in the previous game and went down to Dimboola 178 to 95 runs.

The girls had plenty of time to spare after their games and supported our Year 9/10 boys team in their final showing their excellent sports-womanship!! They represented the school in an admirable manner and it was a delight to coach them on the day.
STUDENT TEACHERS AT ST. ARNAUD SECONDARY

We currently have three student teachers gaining valuable experience at our school.

Jody Dontje

The classes/subjects I will be teaching while at St Arnaud: During my four week placement, I was given the opportunity to teach Year 8 Humanities, Year 8 English, and Year 7-9 Literacy.

Qualifications/University I attended: I am studying a Bachelor of Education (Prep-10) at Federation University Australia- Ballarat (Mount Helen).

Interests/hobbies: I am passionate about poetry, creative writing, taking on leadership roles and of course teaching. I enjoy the outdoors (being at the beach, fishing, trekking and bike riding), and love to volunteer in the community. I volunteer with the AIME Program (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience), the RSOP (Regional Student Outreach Program) and in Migrant and Refugee English classrooms.

Hopes/aspirations for next year: My goals for next year include maintaining top marks at University while finding time to continue working as a Mentor Coordinator and volunteering in the community, gaining more knowledge and developing my skills as a teacher, and to ultimately gain a teaching position at the end of the year. I am just eager to start my career!

Ben Clements

The classes/subjects I will be teaching while at St. Arnaud: PE and Health.

Qualifications/ University I attended: Personal trainer, communications technician, retail management, LaTrobe University (Physical and outdoor education [2 sub majors - health and geography]).

Interests/ hobbies:
Sports (basketball, netball, football, tennis... and many others) Construction (renovating).

Hopes/ aspirations for next year:
Finish my last year of university, start to find a job.

Hannah Gould

The classes/subjects I will be teaching while at St. Arnaud: PE & Health classes

Qualifications/ University I attended: 3rd year Physical and Outdoor Education student at LaTrobe University, Bendigo

Interests/ hobbies: Netball, Horse riding, Tennis, Basketball.

Hopes/ aspirations for next year: Pass another year of uni and become an excellent teacher.
New Faces join the Wellbeing Team.

This term we have some new faces joining our school wellbeing team.

Robert O’Brien, DEECD Psychologist, will be taking over from Sarah Thomas.

Genaya Buckley is a final year Rural Welfare Studies student from Federation University who will be spending some time with us on her final course placement.

Deb Armstrong, Grampians Community Health will be visiting weekly. She is available to work one on one with students or small groups.

Kevin Griffiths, Youth Worker, Grampians Community Health, is welcomed back after working in another area. Kevin will visit fortnightly and is able to work one on one or with small groups of students.

Maurice Bill, School Focused Youth Coordinator, Grampians Community Health.

We welcome these new faces to our school and look forward to working with them.

Parents are reminded that if, at any time, they would like their child to receive any counselling support, they can contact Rosanne Chapman, Student Wellbeing Coordinator, to be referred to an appropriate Counsellor.

At times, we may work with groups of students or individual students. If you do not wish your child to be involved, please fill out the form below and return.

I_____________________________ do not wish for my child______________________________

Year________________________ to take part in group or individual wellbeing sessions without my prior consent.

Signed____________________________ Date__/__/___
Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support  
Workshop with Sue Larkey  
AUTISM / ASPERGER’S SYNDROME  
For Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Families, Service Providers, Therapists

SUE LARKEY: International Author, Autism Spectrum Specialist, Teacher

Sue Larkey is a highly qualified special educator in mainstream and special schools. She has authored several books and collections of resource materials. Sue is uniquely positioned within the education system having taught both as a primary school teacher and a special education teacher. She has taught students with an autism spectrum disorder in the mainstream and at a special autism school. She combines this practical experience with extensive research, having completed a Masters in Special Education and currently undertaking a Doctorate of Education, focusing on inclusive education. Sue is unashamedly passionate about her mission – to inspire parents and educators and teach them how to Make it a Success.

“Come and join me for a fun, fast moving, exciting day.”

Course content:


VENUE: Grains Innovation Park. 110 Natimuk Road, HORSHAM.
DATE: THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 2015
TIME: 9.00AM registration for 9.30AM prompt start – 3pm.

Cost (including GST):

PROFESSIONALS:
- Early Bird (paid by 10/12/2014): $100-00
- Full fee: $130-00

PARENTS/STUDENTS:
- Early Bird (paid by 10/12/2014): $40-00 (2 parents $70-00)
- Full fee: $50-00 (2 parents $80-00)

Registration includes morning tea and light lunch.

BONUS: Ongoing support after workshop.

PREVIOUS FEEDBACK
“Her advice is succinct and wise. Realistic and practical strategies.”
Dr. Tony Attwood, World renowned expert on Asperger’s Syndrome

“I attended your workshop and walked away feeling better about my way of dealing with my son. Thank you from ALL my family!”

“I found your workshop very inspiring. I work in a special unit with 11 autistic kids. I think you described all of them at some time during the day.”
Calendar

Term 4
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
**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