Our year 12 graduation dinner was held last Wednesday. I would like to extend my thanks to Terri Dean and her VCAL class for organising such a wonderful event. Melissa O’Connor and Cody Aspland again carried out their duties as school captains in an exemplary manner.

Our Step Up program commences next week. There is considerable work that needs to be undertaken in order for this to occur and I thank all staff for their cooperation at a busy time of year to put into place a program that has clear benefits for students. At a time when many places are winding down, students at St Arnaud Secondary College are beginning their 2016 studies and laying down the foundations for a successful 2016.

The tragedy of the terrorist attacks in Paris has no doubt caused disbelief, shock and sadness. As a community we have worked hard to develop and promote the values of respect, responsibility and resilience. If our students are going to be part of the struggle against injustice, poverty, illiteracy and become future ambassadors for peace and understanding in our world, then we must continue the work we are doing to promote our students’ sense of belonging and connectedness, not only to the local community, but to the global international community that we are all now a part of.

Branko Lukic
Principal

Just a reminder that if you want to be part of the 2016 Middle School Snow Trip, please return your forms to the office. Monday, 30th November is the absolute cut-off.
Welcome to your final official week as Year 7 Parents for 2015. Week 8 sees our students embark on their final classes as Year 7 students before ‘Stepping Up’ into Year 8 next week.

This will see a few different classes and a number of changes. Students may be in a class with different friends and peers from this year and may also be in different electives and literacy classes. Hopefully this short transition to Year 8 will be a positive one.

All students should ensure they have adequate equipment for their classes next week including; their diary, enough stationery, books/looseleaf paper etc. Booklists should have been returned to school by Friday of last week or completed online.

This week in classes:

Science
7B are currently studying simple machines, learning about things such as inclined planes, wheels and axles, pulleys, levers and compound machines. They are putting their knowledge to use in the practical side of this topic by using Lego to build simple machines. 7B will be having a test on simple machines on Wednesday 25th of November.

7A are currently studying body systems. They have covered the cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive and urinary systems. They have completed pulse measuring experiments, a task breathing through straws to discuss asthma and its affects and have created their own digestive system model using play dough. 7A will be completing a test on body systems on Wednesday the 25th of November.

PE - students have been continuing their water safety, enhancing water confidence and general swimming tasks over the last two weeks. I would like to commend Melissa Esmore on her excellent leadership and peer-teaching skills when assisting another student with their swimming confidence in the deep end of the pool. A very proud teaching moment. Well done Melissa!

Homework Reminders

There will be no specific homework this week due to the end of Year 7 classes. Any student with overdue work should be completing this prior to Friday and handing it in before teachers finish reports!!!!

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Junior Super 8’s Cricket

On Thursday 12th November, Jack Tillig, Dallas Flanagan, Josh Walters-Marsh, Mace Bibby, Alex Lloyd, Anthony Brown, Mitch Birthisel, Jake Male, Jake Hicks and Nick Fithall travelled to Horsham to compete in the Super 8’s cricket carnival. The boys played 3 games for the day.

We played a total of 3 games against Dimboola, Holy Trinity and Stawell. The boys played well as a team and went through the three games undefeated. Unfortunately, so did another team in our pool and they managed to score more runs than us, so we did not make the final – but the boys insisted that we could still claim bragging rights of being undefeated!

Well done to all the boys who played each game with great sportsmanship and represented the College! Special thanks to Michelle Watts for assisting with driving a car full of students over to Horsham as well!

Mr. Knight

Year 8 Physical Education Teams Challenge

In year 8 PE, students are currently involved in the “Team Challenge” where students have been organised into 4 teams – Tom’s Thunder, Shantelle’s Strikers, Ryan’s Renegades and Shai’s Scorchers. Students participated in a series of 5 activities, including T-Ball, Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Swimming and Soccer. The aim of this unit is to promote sportsmanship and teamwork, by working together to do the best they can for their team. Heading in to the last round, 1st and 4th were only separated by 2 points! “Ryan’s Renegades” managed to get the four points in soccer and were crowned this year’s Team Challenge Champions!
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