

St. Arnaud Secondary College Newsletter

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Principal's report

End of Term

This week marks one of the longest and most challenging 'first term of the year' that I can recall. They say timing is everything, and to have a long Term 1 on the back of two pandemic effected years has certainly taken its toll on the students and the staff. It feels as though we are limping across the line, and with the wave of COVID cases that is coming through St. Arnaud at the moment, we have had both students and staff who have been required to isolate, and we know that this combined with general fatigue, has had an unsettling effect on the entire school. It also effected Parent Teacher interviews earlier in the week and if you were either unable to attend, or staff were unable to attend, please contact the College at the start of next term to arrange interviews at an appropriate time.

I do really hope that everyone can have some well deserved down time over the next two weeks.

School Review and Self-Evaluation

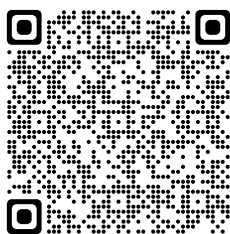
As I mentioned previously, the College is undertaking its 4 year review this year which culminates in our new 4 year Strategic Plan. The first component of the review is to complete a self-evaluation.

As we did four years ago, we are seeking feedback on three questions about the school:

What should the school **keep** doing? (things we are doing well)

What should the school **stop** doing? (things we don't do well)

What should the school **start** doing? (things that we don't do but could make the school better)



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There is no doubt that a thorough self-evaluation, with involvement of parents, students and staff, leads to a better Strategic Plan and we have about 2 months to complete this part of our work. Thanks to those families who have already completed the survey either independently or with family mentors.

New face in the General Office

On Tuesday, we welcomed our newest staff member to work in the front office. Elisha O'Donnell will be working on Tuesdays to Fridays manning the front desk and answering the phones (amongst a whole range of other things!). We are excited to have Elisha joining our team – I am sure that while many of you will know Elisha, we will all make her very welcome in her new role.

Year 11 Camp

On Sunday of this week, the majority of our Year 11 students travelled to Melbourne to attend their Melbourne trip that was hampered by events of the last two years. Despite the numbers dwindling through COVID and other factors, the students had a great time and got to see and experience a range of activities and find their own way around in our state's capital. Thanks to Miss. Bertalli and Dr. Taylor for their organisation and attending the camp with the students.

Principal's report continued

Inter-House Athletics

Despite the gale force winds that swept across Lord Nelson Park all day last Friday, we were able to conduct a very successful athletics carnival. It was great to see the number of students in attendance and participating which resulted in the closest contest we have had for some years with only a handful of point separating the Houses at the end. You know it is close when the relays at the end hold the key to success on the day. Congratulations to Holmes who were victorious, great job by all students (and staff) – with a special mention to the House Captains who rallied the troops on the day. Thanks also to the students who helped with the BBQ in trying conditions as well. Special thanks to Mr. Knight for his 'lone hand' organisation and to the number of parents and friends who came along to support students on the day.

Peter Pan

As mentioned previously the Primary and Secondary schools are organising a trip to the theatre production of 'Peter Pan' which has received excellent reviews. We have a limited number of tickets across the two schools and it will be a "first in best seated" arrangement. Our tickets are for the June 23 performance (the last Thursday of Term 2) and for this year, to keep costs down for parents/families, the schools will cover the costs of transportation – meaning that tickets will be \$55 per student.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 26 April – Start of Term 2

Tony Hand

Peter Pan – The 360 Adventure

June 23, \$55 per ticket with free bus transport



I would like to reserve a place for my child(ren) to attend the Secondary and Primary School excursion to Peter Pan – The 360 Adventure.

Student Name: _____
Student Name: _____
Student Name: _____

Year level: _____
Year level: _____
Year level: _____

Return slip to St Arnaud S.C. office

2022 House Sports

HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS 2022

The St. Arnaud Secondary College held their annual House Athletics sports on Friday the 1st of April at Lord Nelson Park. Although it was quite windy, the weather was nice and sunny which made it an enjoyable day for all!

There was coloured clothing, tutu's and dress ups parading around all representing their house colours. There was even a Giraffe in attendance. Congratulations to those students who participated in their events throughout the day and a big thank you to all House Captains and Vice Captains for organising their houses and making sure students didn't miss their events. Competition was very close throughout the day with only 17 points separating first and second, however Holmes finished in first place.

Records broken on the day were as follows:

| | NEW | OLD |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Boys 17yrs High Jump | Jesse Amos (W) 1.76m | Joshua Pickthall 1.75m 2008 |
| Girls 14yrs 800m | Millie Hando (H) 2:26.56 | Jackie Letts 2:56.88 2000 |
| Girls 13yrs Discus | Addison Wright (W) 18.60m | Ruby Smith 17.70m 2020 |
| Girls 17yrs Javelin | Keegan Amos (W) 22.60m | Jordyn Atkinson 15.74m 2020 |
| Girls 17yrs Shot Put | Keegan Amos (W) 9.40m | Sophie Male 7.59m 2020 |
| Girls 16yrs Javelin | Isabell Hand (H) 26.60m | Keegan Amos 21.89m 2021 |

It was great to see so many parents on the day. Thanks must go to all parents who attended, students who participated, staff who acted as officials and to the staff and students for the organisation and running of the BBQ on the day.

Individual Champions:

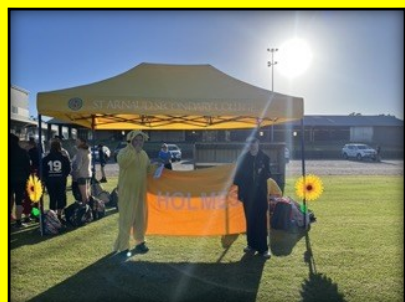
12-13 years: Josie Greenaway (M) and Bob Donald (H)
14 years: Millie Hando (H) and Frankie Donald (H)
15 years: Abby Weir (H) and Jackson Needs (W)
16 years: Demi Leach (W) and Tyson Funston (H)
17 years: Keegan Amos (W) and Sam Male (W)
18-20 years: Berenice Walsh (H) and Justin Tillig (W)

Final Scores

1st: Holmes 1926 pts
2nd: Willmott 1909 pts
3rd: Morshead 1163 pts

Beau Knight
Sports Coordinator

2022 House Athletics



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Keegs monster throw



Record 16 m Dart throw



Pit crew hard at it.



Take your marks



Harrison launching the discus



The brains trust



Morshead wins—April fool :)



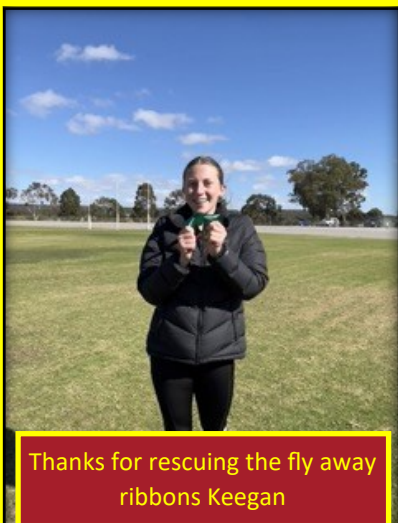
Our 2 record breakers throwing
farthest in the senior girls
Javalin



Mr Lobley guarding the cup.



House cup



Thanks for rescuing the fly away
ribbons Keegan



Winners !

LOTE Excursion to Melbourne



Les classes de VCE Français à Melbourne !

The Year 12 French class left St. Arnaud after a day of classes, heading for the 7.01 pm train from Bendigo to Southern Cross. On arrival at the station, Berrie and Ella had their first experience of the vagaries of public transport use during a pandemic, as the train was cancelled and the replacement coach did not appear for another two hours. Although not off to an auspicious start, a coach eventually arrived and after some confusion at Kangaroo Flat and one stop at Castlemaine, the express service took us straight to Southern Cross.

The Year 11 party had already taken up residence at the CYC City, only a very short walk from the station. After checking that Dr. Taylor and Miss. Bertalli had not misplace any members of the Year 11 French class during the Great Race experience, arrangements were made for the next morning. Foot sore and weary, Year 11 students fronted up to breakfast at 8.00 am Tuesday morning, before we hit the tram stop, taking the 109 all the way out to the Palace Cinema, Balwyn. A couple of fortifying treats from Daniel's Donuts helped raise the sugar and concentration levels of some of the group, enabling them to work out where we needed to get off the tram. Poor communication meant we forgot to pull the cord before our tram stop, so we the had the chance to walk off the donuts, find Mrs Bouchier a decent cup of coffee and investigate an Asian supermarket before viewing the film 'Envole-moi' with other French students from Melbourne

schools. Based on a true story, the film had some very funny scenes, a great story line, as well as, important messages about life, resilience and making the most of available opportunities.

Once some of the party agreed about which side of the street we needed to be on to get a tram back to the city, and negotiations were completed to reconnect the Year 11 students with the rest of their group, we headed back to the city.

The second part of the trip was a visit to 'Gabrielle Chanel. Fashion Manifesto' at the NGV. A quick lunch sampling the delights of Brunetti's was followed by 2.5 hours of cultural magnificence. As part of their final Year 12 oral exam, students must discuss with two examiners a topic of their choice. Ella is very interested in fashion, while Berrie may investigate the impact of clothing and feminism. This exhibition, straight from Paris, showcased the outstanding designs of a controversial French fashion icon who changed the face of women's clothing. Chanel's work and life will provide more than enough material for an 8 minute discussion!

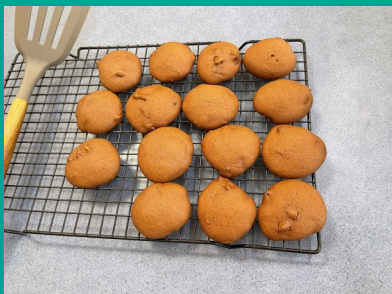
Fortunately, the trip home was much less dramatic than the trip down, as the public transport from St. Kilda Road back to Bendigo ran smoothly and without any cancellations. Although only away from St. Arnaud for 24 hours, much was seen, experienced and discussed.



Food Technology

Year 8 Food Technology

Week 10 saw the Year 8 Food Studies class cooking Chicken Schnitzel/Parma with wedges and for dessert, chocolate chip biscuits. In our theory class, we have been looking at the Australian Healthy Eating Guide and the Healthy Eating Pyramid. We have been using the Guide to look at health meal options with the chicken being crumbed with several different options, then the choice to convert into a Parma. The wedges were seasoned and baked in the oven.



Northern Grampians Shire Structure Planning



In conjunction with



On Wednesday April 6th, Dana Foenander and David Hwang from Northern Grampians Shire visited the school to discuss the future structural plan for St. Arnaud.

The students were asked their opinions, as the Shire is most interested in the views of the people who will inherit the town in the future.

Students were asked to share their views on the kinds of buildings, shops, recreation facilities and amenities they would like to see developed in St. Arnaud.

Dana and David worked very closely with the students on various activities, starting with mapping out where they hang out in town, as well as, places they don't feel safe. To do this they placed green and orange stickers around the map, along with some sticky notes explaining their thoughts and feelings.

Students were also asked to share their opinions verbally and some really interesting and progressive thoughts were put forward, including strong views on the Shire improving LGBTQI+ representation in the town.

The next activity involved the students mapping out their movements around town, such as how they get to school and sport. The Shire is very keen to improve the ease of access to important community hubs in their structural plans for the future.

The final task was a little bit of writing, where students could articulate their own personal view of the town and where they would like to see it develop going forward.

The students were extremely engaged with the activities and the presenters did a fantastic job of explaining the Shire's thinking behind the questions and tasks.

The Secondary College would like to thank the Northern Grampians Shire, especially Dana and David, for coming in and working directly with our students.

NGS Structure planning





Snow Camp - \$250.00 due 29th April 2022

****Please contact the General Office if you do not have BPAY account details.

***When making payment via BPAY please note the receipt number on the return permission slip.

All camps and excursions are required to be paid prior to attendance, unless payment plans have been approved.

Parent Payment Policy Arrangements in 2022

The Department of Education and Training has sought to clarify the Parent Payments Policy for 2022. Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories;

- Curriculum Contributions – contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum (e.g. textbook use, consumable materials, paper)
- Other Contributions – Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives (e.g. school building enhancements)
- Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. (e.g. Optional Year level camps)

School Council has approved the 2022 Parent Payment Policy and Parent Payment Fees. The fees are located on the school webpage, or please contact the office to have fees sent.

Webpage: <https://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/page/229/2022-Parent-Payment-Policy>

DET Parent Payment Policy : <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

BYOD LWT Portal: <https://sasc.orderportal.com.au/>



Parent Payment Arrangements and Options:

- Parents will be provided with early notification of annual payment requests and reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (i.e. excursions, camps)
- The College offers Parents the option to make payment by instalments. Please contact Kerrie Swanton, Business Manager, to make these arrangements.
- Methods of payment are BPAY, EFTPOS, cash or cheque.
- Eligible families that receive Camps, Sport & Excursion Funds can allocate these funds for sports travel, camps and excursions only.
- The payment for Optional Items including camps and excursions must be paid by the specified due date prior to departure. Other payments for Optional Items including Food Technology must be paid in week 2 of each Term, or by negotiated instalments.
- When making payment via BPAY, please note the receipt number on the returned permission slip or email paid items to st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au
- **New families to the school who do not have Family BPay details, please contact the school for these details.**

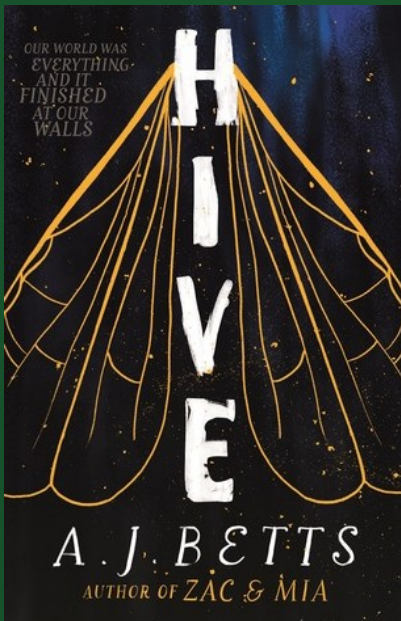
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) close. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. Payment amounts this year are \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Business Manager – Kerrie Swanton
Office Hours: 8.30 am – 4.30pm
Phone 03 5495 1811
Email: st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au

The G.H. Edwards Library



Hive By A.J. Betts

All I can tell you is what I remember, in the words that I have.

Hayley tends to her bees and follows the rules in the only world she has ever known.

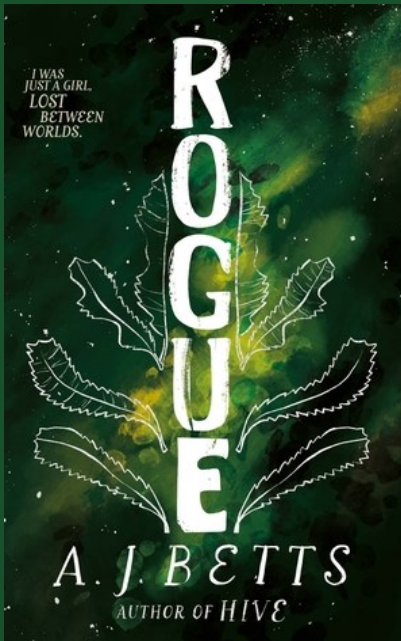
Until she witnesses the impossible: a drip from the ceiling.

A drip? It doesn't make sense.

Yet she hears it, catches it. Tastes it.

Curiosity is a hook.

What starts as a drip leads to a lie, a death, a boy, a beast, and too many awful questions.



Rogue By A.J. Betts

There was no going back; there was no choice, anymore. I'd chosen out and this was it: hot-cold, dry-wet, bright-dark and lonely.

Hayley has gone rogue.

She's left everything she's ever known - her friends, her bees, her whole world - all because her curiosity was too big to fit within the walls of the underwater home she was forced to flee.

But what is this new world she's come to? Has Hayley finally found somewhere she can belong?

Or will she have to keep running?

'A striking dystopian world: *Hive* carves out a niche through intriguing and original world-building [with] enough imaginative vitamin to tease readers into anticipating the second and final volume in the series.' *Sydney Morning Herald*

Careers and Pathways

Reminders!

School Holiday University Tours

Deakin University

www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/campus-tours

Latrobe University Bendigo

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours2

Monash University

www.monash.edu/discover/events/campus-experience

A Guide to Community Work in Australia



A Guide to Community Work in Australia is a free resource to help people who are passionate about helping others understand their career options in community services. Produced by the Australia Community Workers Association (ACWA), the guide describes what community workers do, where they work and what values they hold. It also describes career pathways to help aspiring community workers plan ahead.

Importantly, the guide also addresses an ongoing problem: confusion between community work, social work, and personal care jobs.

Download the guide here:

www.acwa.org.au/students/about-community-work/

Join the Country to Canberra Blogging Team



Country to Canberra has created an exciting online community that empowers young women to build their advocacy skills. We support girls that want to write about their lives and the issues they're passionate about.

The type of bloggers we're looking for should:

- Be 13-18 years old from rural Australia.
- Be keen to write a 300-500-word blog post approximately once per month.
- Have a willingness to learn (you don't have to be a pro!)

What you get from us:

- National exposure and a resume booster.
- An ability to advocate, share your views and increase your online presence.
- An opportunity to work in an online team with other trailblazers.

If this sounds like you, apply now by emailing blogging@countrytocanberra.com.au and be sure to include name, age, grade and where you live.

Find out more:

<http://countrytocanberra.com.au/blogger-team/>

Cyber Security & Robotics Work Experience



The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) is the national authority for information security and through its Work Experience Program offers students from Years 11-12 an opportunity to extend their knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), with a focus on information/cyber security. High achieving Year 10 Students with a strong interest in this field are also encouraged to apply and may be considered for a placement. The ASD Work Experience Program offers a number of challenges designed to increase STEM knowledge and understanding, such as:

- python programming
- identifying security intrusions on a computer system
- identifying email compromises
- monitoring network traffic to detect exploits
- conducting forensic examinations of hard drives
- exploiting web application vulnerabilities
- learning modern encryption methods and how they are used to protect data
- performing geospatial analysis and utilising geospatial tools for imagery analysis
- engineering hardware and software solutions for security problems
- robotics programming using Arduino
- constructing electrical circuits

Interstate students are encouraged to apply – financial assistance may be available.

Placements will be held in July 2022 in Canberra.

Applications close 22 May 2022.

<https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/?AudienceTypeCode=defenceworkexp>

What does VET offer?



Whether you're yet to start your career or are looking for your next step, Vocational Education and Training (VET) could be a great option for you. VET courses give you the practical skills you need to gain employment in some of Australia's most in-demand industries.

Australia needs more skilled workers. With VET, you can be one of them.

Find out about the benefits of studying with VET and explore real-life stories with the videos, articles, and case studies @ www.yourcareer.gov.au/skills or visit: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/getvet

Mrs Rebecca Reynolds
Careers Co-ordinator

Sue Clay 
Careers and Pathways
Email: s.clay@ncllen.org.au

Community news



Register here:

Backyard & Bigger | Adaptive Gardening Tickets, Thu 14/04/2022 at 10:30 am | Eventbrite

More Information:

This community morning tea is one of 4 events happening in April and May:

Backyard & Bigger | Adaptive Gardening

Thursday, 14th April 10:30am - 11:30am
Greentime Nursery, 5961 Sunraysia Hwy, St Arnaud

Upcycling | Creativity + Innovation

Friday, 29th April 10:30am - 11:30am
St Arnaud Rallery Hub, St Arnaud Station, Queens Ave, St Arnaud

Future Farming

Thursday, 12th May, 10:30am - 11:30am
Burrumbite Farm , 894 St Arnaud-Wycheproof Road, Sutherland

Indigenous & Local Food

Thursday, 26th May, 10:30am - 11:30am
St Arnaud Town Hall, 40 Napier St, St Arnaud

To register for additional events visit: <http://bit.ly/starnaud-cuppa>

For more information about this initiative visit: www.makeachange.org.au/st-arnaud



The Rex Theatre presents

School Holiday Fun!

DON'T MESS WITH THE DUMMIES



Tickets
\$10
Show

\$5 Workshop

THURS 14 April 2022

Charlton Shire Hall, Armstrong Street

1pm Performance | 2:30pm Workshop



DUMMIES
CORP.

<https://events.humanitix.com/don-t-mess-with-the-dummies>





Pop Up St Arnaud Vaccination Clinic



Perry Room, St Arnaud Town Hall

Friday 8th April 2022

10.00am to 4.00pm


Pfizer and Novavax

Adults and Children 5-11, 16+ first, second and booster doses

Walk-in appointments only




Where can I get tested for COVID-19 in Northern Grampians Shire?

Stawell Regional Health Respiratory Clinic 

facebook.com/StawellRegionalHealth or 5358 8630

- Drive through testing, no appointment needed. Testing locations change, view Facebook or call to confirm location


East Wimmera Health Service 

5477 2102 or 5477 2100

52 North Western Road St Arnaud

- 2.30pm every day including weekend



Victorian Government Call-to-Test at home service 

For people with disability or illness who can't get to testing sites.

1800 675 398, option 5 then option 5

Rapid Antigen Tests

May be available at Woolworths, IGA, chemists, service stations, independent shops

For more information call 1800 675 398. Information subject to change. Updated 18/1/22



Are you eligible for a winter dose?

coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
1800 675 398 - 7 days 8am - 8pm



2022 Calendar

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| April | Fri | 8th | End of Term 1 - Finish 2 pm |
| | Mon | 25th | ANZAC Day (PH) |
| | Tue | 26th | Term 2 starts |
| | Thurs | 28th | SSV Swimming |
| | Fri | 29th | Yr. 9/10 boys Mancave program all day |
| May | Thur | 5 | SRC Leadership Team to Charlton |
| | Fri | 6th | 2nd VSSS rehearsal-Ballarat |
| | Mon | 9,12,13 | Yr. 9 Morrisby Interviews |
| | Tue | 10-12 | NAPLAN-Yr. 7 & Yr. 9 |
| | Wed | 11th | Yr. 11 Fit 2 Drive |
| | Fri | 13th | House XC (PM) |
| | Mon | 16-17 | Yr. 11 & 12 Outdoor Ed Apollo Bay Camp |
| | Mon | 16-17 | NAPLAN catch up |
| | Mon | 23rd | NCD XC |
| | Mon | 30 | Yr. 7 Questacon STEM programs |
| | Tue | 31st | LMR XC |
| June | Mon-Thurs | 6th-9th | Yr. 9-11 Exams |
| | Fri | 10th | 3rd VSSS rehearsal-Ballarat |
| | Mon | 13th | Queens Birthday (PH) |
| | Fri | 17th | Yr. 9 NCTTC-Try a VET day |
| | Tue | 21st | Yr. 10—12 Wimmera Career Expo |
| | Fri | 24th | End of Term 2 - Finish 2pm |
| July | Mon | 11-12 | Yr. 10 Pre-driver Ed |
| | Thur | 14 | SSV XC |
| August | Wed | 3 | Yr. 7 Immunisations |
| | Thur | 4 | Mathmatics Competition |