2015 TERM 2 CALENDAR
Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 2 calendar dates.
http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

Important Dates
Monday 8th June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 10th June – GAT Day - Pupil Free Day Year 7-11
Mon 15th June - VTAC Information Evening – 6.00 pm – 8pm
Thursday 25th June – Parent Teacher Interviews - 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 26th June – Last Day Term 2

Principal’s Report

BETTER TOGETHER ALLIANCE UPDATE

This year the four Greater Shepparton State Secondary schools of McGuire College, Mooroopna Secondary College, Shepparton High School and Wanganui Park Secondary College, have been working hard to further enhance their relationship and ethos of cooperation. These are just some examples of the work that has been going on.

Since the start of the year, one of our primary foci has been to look at the current provision for our most able students and the schools created a High Potential Learner (HPL) task force. The task force researched and discussed its objectives and looked to experts to help formulate a policy that has now been adopted across the Alliance. There has also been a small pilot running to see how to best work with potential partners and to make sure that HPL needs are being addressed within the classroom, but also enriched and extended outside in the community. It has been great to be able to bring a few students from each school together to work in their area of specialism, for example Year 9 IT or Year 10 art. There are some exciting projects still to come and the task force hopes to get even more inspiration from the inclusion of the student voice and their opinion of what it is like to be a HPL student within the Alliance.
The Better Together Alliance is committed to enhancing the whole student and therefore has been running a Future Leaders program in conjunction with LaTrobe. Ten students from Years 10 and 11 from each school were selected to participate. They are either current student forum representatives or were nominated by staff. They have spent four hours over two workshops exploring the concept of leadership and going through the skills needed to become an effective leader. Next term they will link up with Word and Mouth to help raise awareness of teenage depression across the Alliance and then participate in a student conference in Bendigo during Term 4.

The third example where students have been involved in forging ahead with an Alliance has been through the School Captains. In a bid to share with the school leaders the benefits of leadership to the community, we were lucky to be able to observe Suzanna Sheed as she took the argument for better rail transportation for Shepparton all the way to Parliament.

The most recent Alliance event was the highly successful collaboration with Valley Sport and the Victorian Olympic Council. All Year 7 students were invited to meet and train with eleven Olympians, including Pam Ryan. The sports represented were football, badminton, athletics, basketball and hockey. The Year 7 students chose a sport for their morning session, which was run by an Olympian and then they rotated to get a taste of all five sports during the afternoon. The Alliance believes in promoting the whole child and having healthy and active students and would relish the opportunity to make this an annual event.

**Student free day**
Wednesday 10th June will be a student free day for students in Years 7-11. On this day our Year 12 VCE students and any Year 11 students fast-tracking Unit 3 & 4 will be sitting the GAT.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
End of Semester 1 reports will be available for collection at Parent Teacher interviews which will be held in E Wing on Thursday 25th June, 4pm – 6.30pm. Parents are encouraged to use this opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the progress of their children.

Jan Gregory
Principal
CROSS COUNTRY 2015
RESULTS:
1st – SWAN
2nd – CRANE
3rd – HERON
4th - TEAL
VTAC Community Information Evening

6-8pm Monday, 15th of June
Mercy Centennial Stadium, Skene Street, Shepparton

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) will be holding an open community information session from 6-7pm, in the Mercy Centennial Stadium on Skene Street Shepparton. This session will cover information relevant to applying to higher education institutions such as Universities, TAFEs, or Independent Tertiary Colleges within Victoria.

This event will be of particular relevance to parents of high school students who are considering their post year 12 study options, as well as mature age students considering returning to study, and students currently undertaking VCE schooling. Any interested parties are welcome to attend.

In addition to VTAC, a number of tertiary providers will also be in attendance to answer questions regarding their course offerings and learning opportunities. Some of these institutions include:

University of Melbourne, Deakin University, Charles Sturt University, Australian Catholic University, Photography Studies College, William Angliss Institute, Victoria University, Australian College of Applied Psychology, Shepparton GoTAFE.

We look forward to seeing you there!