**News@McGuire**

“Every child has a right to learn and can achieve in learning; everyone has an obligation to contribute to their success.”

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**2015 TERM 3 CALENDAR**

Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 3 calendar dates.

http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

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Do you hold a valid concession card? If so you may be eligible for $225 per student to assist with the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

Please contact the general office for an application form.

The closing date is only 4 weeks away, Friday 18th September

Late claims will not be accepted.

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**Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSFF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary roster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**Closing Date**

Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Principal’s Report

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all the families who attended the parent teacher interviews yesterday evening. I appreciate the relationship that we have between our families and our staff. I would like to do a quick survey to gain your feedback about our parent teacher interviews and new subject reporting system. I will organise this before the end of term so please look out for an email link. If the school does not have your email address please send an email to mcguire.co@edumail.vic.gov.au.

NAPLAN results arrived early this week and the students’ results were included with this term’s reports. As a school we were pleased with improved results in Year 7 numeracy and Year 9 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. In these areas there was significant growth in students’ progress.

Better Together Alliance
The four principals of the Better Together Alliance (BTA) met with Minister Melino and Member for Sheparton, Suzanna Sheed last Wednesday to discuss funding support for the BTA. We have requested that there is a budget allocation for a coordinating person at the Assistant Principal level to assist the principals with organisation of BTA programs. We have also asked for money to cover the transport costs for students moving between schools and GOTAFE for shared provision. Currently this is costing the schools $50 000 between them which is not sustainable. Hopefully we will be successful. Minister Melino appeared very supportive and congratulated us on our progress to date.

Last Friday the BTA principals met with the Mayor, Dennis Patterson, business leaders and other educators to discuss how we can work together to advance outcomes within Greater Shepparton. It was pleasing that all speakers were aware of and referred to the BTA.

Uniform
The School Council is reviewing the school’s uniform policy. Students have been consulted in home group and parents who were at parent teacher interviews last night had an opportunity to vote on a choice of navy with burgundy and white trim or burgundy with navy and white trim polo shirts to be the everyday uniform top.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to vote on this please see the photos on the last page of this newsletter and register your vote by emailing mcguire.co@edumail.vic.gov.au by next Wednesday 26th August and write Navy or Burgundy in the subject line of your email. There will be no changes until 2017.

Student Free Day
Students are not required to attend school this Monday 24th August. All staff will be attending a professional learning day.

Jan Gregory
Principal
On the 3rd of August, twenty Year 8s boarded a bus to go to the Rubicon Outdoor Centre for four days. After two and a half hours on the bus, stopping at Yea on the way, we finally arrived at Rubicon. Once we got our equipment that we would need for the next few days, it was time for rock climbing.

We spent the second day cross-country skiing at Lake Mountain. It was a bit challenging, especially for some of us with bad balance and lack of coordination causing certain people (Anita) to ski into ditches filled with water and trees! The next day we went white-water rafting. The water was fast-flowing and we had some exciting times as rafts with up to 10 people on board took in some water and one even got stuck on a rock. All up the rafting was fun, exciting and cold.

On the last day of camp we had the choice of going mountain biking or high ropes. Koby said that the high ropes were good and the zip line was the best part. I (Beth) personally found the first twenty minutes of biking great, until my bike and I fell into a creek. We rode through the bush and over largely uneven ground, each bump attempting to throw us off. It was a good trip even though on the way home half of us were covered in mud.

We want to thank Miss Hooper and Mr Butler for taking us on this exciting experience and encourage next year’s year 8 students to take part.  

**By Anita Pringle and Bethany Duke**
McGuire College is proud to partner with Goulburn Valley Health to address a health need of our school community. The teenage birth rate in Greater Shepparton was 20.9 per 1000 women aged 15 to 19 years. This rate was higher than the rate in Victoria (10.6 per 1000 teenage women). Also, the rate of Sexually Transmitted Infections among adolescents in Greater Shepparton was 5.2 per 1000 adolescents. This rate was more than double that of the rate in Victoria (1.7 per 1000 adolescents).
(Source – Adolescent Community Profile)
As such our school Wellbeing team along with the Health curriculum are working together to provide comprehensive Sexuality Education and enable easy access for those who wish to know more or may need help.
Suzanne Wallis is an Endorsed Sexual Health Nurse Practitioner who is employed by GV Health and will be available at McGuire College every second Thursday to provide information, support, clinical services and appropriate specialist referral for students on a voluntary basis on issues such as:
• Sexually Transmitted Infections – including screening.
• Sexual Health related information and advice
• Safe sex
• Contraception
• Emergency contraception
• Pregnancy Testing
• Unplanned pregnancy counselling and referral
• Referral to Specialist services.

Where: School Wellbeing room – A Wing
When: Every second Thursday throughout term
Time: 12:30 -2:30pm
Who: Anyone/voluntary
Cost: FREE
Pathology Bulk Billed
Pharmacy – Small Charge
CareerNews

Reminders:

- **‘AT MONASH’ SEMINARS** – Science on 27 Aug, Teaching on 1, 3 & 8 Sept, Engineering on 17 Sept; Info/Registration: [www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash](http://www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash).
- **RMIT SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES** – Live Music, Audio Production, Production, Lighting, Photography; Information: 9925 8111, [enquiries@rmit.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@rmit.edu.au) and [www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au).
- **RMIT FLIGHT TRAINING DAY** – at Point Cook. Meet flight instructors and learn about careers; 10am-4pm, Sun 23 Aug at RAAF Williams Base, Point Cook.

OPEN DAYS CONTINUE -

- Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Burwood); Victoria (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Federation (Ballarat & Gippsland)

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

**VTAC APPLICATIONS** - Don’t forget to make a VTAC course application if you plan to study next year. Applications are now open, and close for timely applicants on 30 September (cost $29.00). If you apply after this date the cost rises considerably. Remember that you can change your application as many times as you wish at no extra charge, so you don’t have to get it ‘right’ the first time you apply. See: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au). You will need to **register** as an applicant first; after that you can **apply** using the ID number **VTAC supplies** you with when you register. Also apply if you plan to take a year off from study in 2016. You are able to **defer taking up the offer** of your place for a year in many cases.

You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements (eg ATAR).

**NOTE:** If you wish to apply for some Fine Arts specialisations at the University of Melbourne (VCA), applications close early (28 Aug). They are: animation, dance, film and television and screenwriting.

**SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEMES (SEAS)** – Many institutions offer alternative entry schemes that take into account short and long-term disadvantage. The Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) allow selection officers to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants (you must still complete any selection requirements for the course). These are the four categories:

- 1 – **Personal information and location** (all applicants are encouraged to apply for this Category as something in this category may apply to you)
- 2 – **Difficult circumstances**
- 3 – **Disadvantaged financial background**
- 4 – **Disability or medical condition**

**NOTE:** It is only possible to complete a SEAS application once you have completed a VTAC course application. There is a summary of institutions accepting SEAS categories on page 42 of the VTAC Guide. In many cases you will have to provide evidence for your application for SEAS. The emphasis is on how you believe the matter you refer to in your SEAS application affected your results.

**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS – WHICH DEGREE OFFERS MULTIPLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES?** Would you like a career that contributes to the national economy, where productivity growth is booming more than in any other industry sector? The University of Melbourne has consulted widely with industry, employers and graduates to develop the new Bachelor of Agriculture. Be empowered with general, technical and problem-solving skills to work in this growth area. You will study soil science, plant science and animal care, and learn to work in teams to improve animal production and welfare through to addressing climate change and food sustainability. There are MANY career opportunities available for graduates, and positions are often difficult to fill due to a shortage of applicants. **NOTE:** the B. Agriculture is a possible pathway into studying veterinary science at the University of Melbourne. Info: [http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au](http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au).
ELITE ATHLETES AND ARTISTIC PERFORMERS – The university encourages international, national and state representation in sports and artistic performance and recognises the impact that training and participation may have on the ability to achieve admission into degrees. The Elite Athlete and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme provides for additional consideration to be given for entry into degrees by elite athletes and artistic performers who meet the prerequisites of the course and can demonstrate that their training, competition, performance and/or practice commitments have interfered with their previous studies. Students interested in applying for this scheme must apply for their degree through VTAC in the usual way, and go to: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au, then to Admissions and Applications and to High Achievers Programs.

MUSIC AT MELBOURNE – Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM) has the most comprehensive range of music courses in Australia, an offering enhanced next year by new specialisations as part of the Bachelor of Music. Students can already choose to specialise in Music Performance, Composition and Musicology/Ethnomusicology but in 2016 they will have the option of Jazz & Improvisation or Interactive Composition as two new specialisations. These two specialisations currently sit within the BFA (Contemporary Music) at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) but will move across to the MCM. Learn more: http://mcm.unimelb.edu.au.

OPEN DAY AT BURNLEY CAMPUS – find out about horticultural courses (accredited and non-award), and learn about sustainable gardening and horticultural practice at Melbourne’s Burnley campus. When: 10am-4pm, Sat 5 Sept; Info: http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/2332-burnley-open-day.

NEW BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe is introducing an innovative new B. Engineering (Honours) degree in 2016. Designed to meet the changing needs of industry and to boost graduates’ job prospects, the new degree is unique in Australia and follows international trends offering:
• Multidisciplinary focus covering robotics, electrical, manufacturing and mechanical engineering
• Two common years, followed by the choice of multidisciplinary engineering or civil engineering streams
• Engineering-specific business units – focus on developing commercially-minded engineers
• Design units – focus on developing engineers who have a holistic view of engineering projects and project management
• Six months Work Integrated Learning placement opportunity embedded into the degree, supported by a $10,000 scholarship – guaranteed for students at the Bendigo campus with limited places available for Melbourne (Bundoora) students.

Graduates will be prepared for new roles in emerging industries, will be well positioned for roles as engineers, project managers and engineering consultants in manufacturing, resources, infrastructure development, healthcare, consulting, and the government sector.

TAKE A TOUR OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) BY VIDEO – go on virtual tours of VU’s Footscray, Flinders St, Queen St, St Albans and Sunshine campuses, completed using Steadicam and drone technology; soar over Flemington Racecourse and Footscray Park, see a sport science lab in action, take a seat in a live moot court, step inside a construction site, explore an anatomy lab and more. See it on the Victoria University YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/VictoriaUniversity

AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM – Vantage Automotive P/L is a provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Applications are now being sought from students interested in the motor industry as an automotive technician or parts advisor. For information: www.vantageautomotive.com or email reception@vantageautomotive.com or ph (02) 8014 8990. Successful applicants will be offered employment at a dealership close to their home.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CIRCUS ARTS (NICA) – is accepting applications for auditions for its accredited courses for 2016. These are: Bachelor of Circus Arts, Certificate IV in Circus Arts and Certificate III in Circus Arts. More details: http://www.nica.com.au/
## Parent Survey

We are doing some research for the **possible** change of our uniform for 2017. It has been suggested that one of these designs be chosen for our uniform shirt. The other could be our PE uniform colour.

**WHICH COLOUR WOULD YOU PREFER FOR THE EVERYDAY UNIFORM SHIRT?**

To register your preference, please email [mcguire.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mcguire.co@edumail.vic.gov.au) by Wednesday 26th August with either **Burgundy or Navy** in the subject line of your email. Feel free to leave any other comments you may have.

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