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Calendar

Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 4 calendar dates.
http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

Upcoming Events:
- **November**
  - Valedictory Dinner – Friday 18th
  - Last Day Year 12 – Breakfast /Assembly – Friday 18th
- **December**
  - Grade 6, Information Night – Monday 5th
  - Grade 6, Orientation Day – Tuesday 6th
  - Presentation Night – Tuesday 13th
  - Euroa Pool Day – Friday 16th

Remembrance Day Ceremony 2016

2017 Student Leaders laying a wreath at the Shepparton Cenotaph
Darcy Andersen, Taylor Parker, Ali Alnajar & Jade Newey
Early Commencement
With Year 12 exams now nearing completion and Year 11 exams completed we are now embarking upon our Early Commencement Program for 2017 Year 12 students. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to get a head start on their 2017 studies. Over the next two weeks our 2017 Year 12 students will be working with their teachers to explore their course of study for 2017 as well as commencing the core work of the subject. This is a key ingredient in the success and attendance requirements for all Year 12 students and as such, attendance is required each and every day for the next two weeks. The official completion date for our Year 11 students is Friday 25th November.

In addition to engaging with their subjects for 2017 our McGuire College students will also be participating in a number of activities and workshops designed to boost their motivation, study skills and decision making skills. We hope these workshops provide our students with that extra edge that will enable them to shine in 2017.

Attendance
Every Day Matters! Yes, we are entering the five weeks of term and yes, every day and every lesson is important. As the term progresses our staff have arranged and prepared lessons that ensure we are maximising the learning opportunities for each and every student. For some of our students this will involve them in a week or two weeks of early commencement, for our junior students it will involve several curriculum based activity days to engage them with their subjects for 2017 and of course we finish the year with our pool day.

Students attendance at school each and every day is vital, not just in order to develop academically but to develop as a well-rounded and well prepared individuals for the world beyond school. Please support us to bring the best out in your students by ensuring they are here every day through until the completion of their classes in 2016.

Thank you to those Year 12 students and families who have maintained their attendance through until their final exams. I am sure the benefits of this additional time and effort will be reflected in your final outcome for 2016.

Staffing for 2017
Over the last few weeks we have made a number of staffing appointments for 2017 and beyond. It gives me great pleasure to announce the following appointments for 2017, some of whom are continuing their time with us and others joining us new to our McGuire staff team in 2017.

- Assistant Principal: Year 10-12 Community Leader & Curriculum Innovation – Mrs. Megan Michalaidis
- Assistant Principal: Year 7-9 Community Leader & Pedagogical Innovation – Mr. Brendan Kenna
- Year 10-12 Learning Manager – Mr. Matthew Koutroubas
- eLearning Leader – Ms. Emma Adam
- Commerce / Humanities Associate – Sam Sharpe
- Mathematics / Humanities Associate – Jack Collins
- Student Wellbeing Officer – Ellie Metcalfe
- Reception & Admin Officer- Megan Kay
- English / Humanities Teacher – Jamason Lopez
- Arts Teacher – Nicole Leys

Kind regards

Brad Moyle
Principal
Our inaugural Languages Day, held on October 26, commenced with Assembly capably managed by new school captains Ali Alnajar, Jade Newey and Darcy Andersen and language students Joshua Nyangela and Emily Chalmers. Once again our assembly was enhanced by the Music department, directed by Ms Ryan, who entertained us with songs in many languages and reflected our school’s multilingual community.

Our guests presenters at Assembly were Auntie Merle Miller, who delivered the Welcome to Country in the Indigenous language, Dr Rebecca Coates, director of Shepparton Art Museum, who spoke about how learning and speaking other languages enriched her life, Gabriella Calandro, Marketing and Cultural Programs Coordinator at Shepparton Art Museum, who completed Year 12 Italian at McGuire and spoke of the benefits and positive experiences from having studied languages and Jason Archer, student at The University of Melbourne and Dux of McGuire College in 2012, who also spoke of the rewards gained from having studied Italian at VCE and university.

Our final speaker was Mrs Mary Marcuccio, Vice President of the Dante Alighieri Society in Melbourne, who commended our college community and presented certificates to students in Years 8 to 11 who participated in this year’s Dante Alighieri Society state-wide poetry competition.

During the remainder of the day our students participated in a range of activities which showcased the importance, and connection power, of studying and speaking more than one language. Our presenters for the day included our own past students Mr Cameron Woodcock and Mr Jason Archer, Mr Liaquat Ali Galzuri from the Afghani community, MUSA International, Mr Matthew Absalom and Mr John Hajek, lecturers and The University of Melbourne and students from The University of Melbourne who gave us an insight of language programs at university level. Matthew Absalom and John Hajek also conducted a session for staff afterschool and provided us with a crash course in a new language. We also received positive messages of support from Arabic and Persian language professionals and multilingual community members who look forward to participating at future Languages Day at McGuire College.

Our Languages Day was an educational success. Thank you, grazie, شكراً، متشكرم, to all staff for supporting the day, particularly Mr Reza Karnejat and Mr Mahir Al-Mugotir, Mrs Erica Bell, Mr Cosimo Rando, Mr Ashley Robinson, Mr Trevor Wilson, Mr Evan Pyle & the ICT team and all students for embracing the opportunity and participating in the activities. With the recent introduction of Arabic and Persian to our language program, we look forward to also welcoming past students of these languages at future school events.

Mrs Calandro
Languages Area Leader
Languages Day
On Wednesday, 26 October it was a language Day at McGuire College. At Session 2 we had an assembly which was awesome. Students from The University of Melbourne and Members of the Dante Alighieri Society in Melbourne came to talk to us about languages and their advantages. I enjoyed being one of the MCs because it gave me confidence to stand in front of a large crowd.
A teacher from Shepparton High School, Mr Liaqat, gave us a presentation about the benefits of learning a different language and how this helped him to interact with people and travel to other places. This presentation taught me that I need to learn another language so that I can enjoy meeting new people and travelling to new places.
The next presentation was from Jason Archer, former McGuire student, and Mr. Woodcock. Mr. Woodcock shared with us how he learnt German while he was in Germany and how he is using apps and software to become more confident in German. Jason shared how Italian increased his ATAR score and the enjoyable opportunities found in learning a language at University, like his trip to Italy. This presentation taught me how I can learn a language online, even without having a teacher.
In the Presentation Room two men, one of them called Pulcinella, told us the story of Pompeii and how the volcano eruption destroyed the entire city. They also sang a few songs and we sang along. This was my favorite activity. Dancing and singing “Ole Ole Ole” and how Italian people love soccer was fun.
The last activity, the play which was done in Italian by the Melbourne University Students was also fun to watch. My favorite character was the burglar. The way he spoke and his body language was funny. I recommend doing this annually because it is fun and it will encourage students to do languages.

By Joshua Nyangela, Year 9

Swan House REAL Award Celebration

As a house, Swan received the most REAL slips for showing respect, caring for the environment, being accountable and focusing on learning. As a result, we won the REAL award for Term 3! All Swan Students were invited to attend a pizza lunch and watch a film (Pitch Perfect 2) organised by Ms Lopez.
All students enjoyed the afternoon and would like to thank Ms Lopez for letting Swan students be part of the big celebration.

By Hemang Bheda, Year 9
On Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2016, three Year 10 students, Nimi Jumapili, Afrah Abkar and Marwa Ahmed, attended interviews for the GOTAFE VETiS Allied Health course for 2017. The Allied Health course is in high demand with over seventy students applying for the course from within the Goulburn Ovens region of which 22 were shortlisted for a final 17 places in the course.

At the conclusion of the interviews I was invited to meet with the two interviewers – one from GV Health and one from GOTAFE. They wanted to pass on their sincere congratulations to the College for the way in which the students had prepared the applications they submitted for the course and the way in which they presented and interviewed on the day. They commended the students, their families and the College on the manner in which the students prepared and applied themselves for the process of applying and interviewing. Normally feedback is not provided to school staff members after interviewing students, however on this occasion they could not speak more highly of our students and the evident support they had been provided with by our College.

All three students were successful in gaining a place in the course and look forward to commencing their studies in 2017. Well done girls!

\textit{Lynda Harcoan}

\textit{Careers & Pathways Coordinator}
**Jazz Ensemble.**

Looking smart in their black performance gear is the McGuire College Jazz Ensemble.

Players L to R: Benji Jenkin, Josh Arthur, Lachie McNair, Logan Corrin Chalmers, Sean Ryan, Emily Chalmers, Grace Nyangela, Joshua Nyangela (second row)

The Jazz Ensemble provided “mood” music for the drinks event prior to the “Big Ideas” event held at La Trobe University on Friday, October 22nd.

Amongst our repertoire we played crowd favourites “Sway”, “Stand by Me” and “Louis Louis” to a very appreciative audience. The band was also well-received when we were joined by regular players Conner Stewart and Providence Delfina to entertain the visitors at the College 50 Years celebration barbeque on Sunday, October 16th.

**Marimba Mojo Ensemble**

Marimba Mojo played some great music at the St George’s Road food Festival on Sunday, November 6th. We did a half hour spot on the stage and played some of our best pieces. Several audience members came up later to say they enjoyed our music. Thank you to all the players for arriving on time and setting up so quickly on the stage.

Unfortunately we were so busy playing we did not get a photo or video of Marimba Mojo during the performance. This photo of our colourful and talented group was taken after our performance.

*Jade Chalmers, Joshua Nyangela, Moara Smith, Pilan Fitzpatrick, Ginat Hamoud & Grace Nyangela*
BANDS FESTIVAL

The combined McGuire & Mooroopna Secondary College Concert Bands head off to Federation Square, Melbourne next Thursday, November 17 for our performance in the Novice Band section of the annual Victorian School Music Festival. This is the third year of the combined band project and this year we have 48 players in the band. We have three well-chosen pieces in our repertoire, including "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky, and the band is sounding very impressive. Our Band is scheduled in the 3 pm session, parents and friends are welcome to attend the festival.

Students are reminded to get their permission forms back to Ms Ryan or the office. Please contact Ms Ryan at the College if you have any queries.

Bands Festival is being streamed online at www.finemusiconline.com.au - this may be of interest to parents.

BAND CAMP 2017

Enrolments are being taken for Band Camp in March of next year. Forms are available from Ms Ryan.

Scholarships are available in order to assist students to attend the camp and all band students are eligible to apply.

Gabrielle Ryan
Music/Instrumental Music

WIN OUR SCHOOL A VILLAGE CINEMAS FUNDRAISING PACK

Everyone loves the movies, so why not give those that matter what they really want this Christmas - a great Village Cinemas experience! It's the ultimate risk free gift!

With Christmas right around the corner, Village Cinemas has an exciting range of gifting products available with the added bonus of earning points for our school!

For every dollar spent on gifting products at Village Cinemas Shepparton between 20th October and 24th December 2016, our school will earn points for a chance to win a Village Cinemas Fundraising Pack valued at up to $480.

To earn points all you need to do is write the name of our school on the back of your receipt and place it in the Entry Box located within the cinema.

Terms & Conditions
1 point earned for every dollar spent.
The winner will be drawn on 1st February 2017 and notified on this said date via email and phone.
The Village Cinemas Fundraising Pack "The Prize" will be available for collection from 2nd February 2017.

This Christmas, treat the movie lover in your life.
CoolHeads
Young Driver Program - it's all about attitude

Safe driving for Life
It’s all about ATTITUDE!

Recommended Audience Age: 16 yrs and over

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Shepparton Police and Local Agencies

WEDNESDAY
November 23, 2016

Harder Auditorium,
GoTafe - Fryers Street, Shepparton
Arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Free Entry