Dates to Remember:
Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th May - NAPLAN Testing, Year 7 – 9
Thursday 12th May - Grade 6 Information Night – 7.00pm
Friday 13th May – Interschool Athletics
Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th May – Open Days
Friday 20th May – Senior Winter Sports (Day 1)
Wednesday 25th May – Cross Country
Thursday 26th May – Senior Winter Sports (Day 2)
McGuire College is a **Caring, Learning, Community** where differences are valued. It is our purpose that students will leave McGuire College as confident, competent individuals able to face challenges and take responsible, active roles in a diverse world. Our College values of **Respect, Environment, Accountability and Learning** provide us with a platform for teaching students the key skills and behaviours they will need for life at school, in the community and in the world of work beyond school. As a College we are rightfully and extremely proud of the inclusive and caring culture that we have at McGuire College and actively encourage all of our students to understand and accept difference. We are always looking to **celebrate the achievements** of our students, so please do not hesitate in sharing with us the great things our students do beyond the College gates, as we would love to share and celebrate these with you and our broader College community.

**NAPLAN assessments** are just around the corner. This testing involves students in Years 7 and 9. We ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child is able to perform at their best on these days by ensuring that they are well rested and ready to participate. The days of the assessment are a reflection on the learning that has occurred over the years prior so ensuring your child is ready to learn each and every day is really the goal we should all aspire to. The NAPLAN Assessments will provide all students and parents with a guide to the level of learning that is taking place and reports on the assessment will be distributed to parents in Term 3. Each and every student is encouraged to participate fully in the assessments and to try their best.

Each edition of our newsletter provides us with an opportunity to reinforce the importance of **regular school attendance for all students**. We know from our practices here at McGuire College and the current educational research, that attendance matters. As we support your son or daughter to be their best, we need them here at school and to be a part of the learning, discussion and interaction that occurs in our classrooms. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day. They learn better, they make friends, they are happier and they have a brighter future.

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**Congratulations to our Year 7 students** who have the best attendance rate for the period April 11th to May 3rd. Our **Year 9 boys** also need to be congratulated for their high attendance rate, well done. Remember our aim is to have all students with a 95% attendance rate. Make this a focus for the next fortnight and take the opportunity to talk at home about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation. Regular attendance at school sets up good behaviours for regular attendance at work.

With the commencement of cooler weather it is timely to remind all students and families that **full College Uniform** is a requirement for all students at the College. If you are unsure about our Uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the College Office, view our Uniform Policy in our student planners or on our College website at [www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au](http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au)

Kind regards,

**Brad Moyle**  
Principal
Applying for the SEAL Program in 2017

The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program at McGuire College is designed to meet the learning needs of students who are capable of working at a faster pace and in greater depth than students of the same age. We have a long history of academic excellence among our graduating SEAL students and many continue to make us proud with their achievements post-secondary schooling.

We are now beginning our intake process for the 2017 Year 7 SEAL program. If you are interested then please download the SEAL information brochure and application form using the following link http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au. Completed application forms must be forwarded to McGuire College by Friday, May 13th 2016 for your child to be eligible to sit the entry test on Saturday, May 28th at 9.00am at McGuire College.

For any further information please contact Ashley Robinson or Susan Kerwin at the College on 5858 9800.

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The easy way to pay your bills.

Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers who receive an
• Australian Government Department of Human Services Centrelink payment
• Family Assistance Payment
• Parental Leave Pay

If you are interested in paying $10.00 or $20.00 per fortnight off your child’s school account with Centrepay please contact the McGuire College General Office on 58589800.
VCAL Life at the Lake Activity

On Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March the Year 11 VCAL class participated in activities at Victoria Park Lake as part of the RiverConnect Program.

The students had fun canoeing with an instructor, listened to a Fish Awareness talk by Fisheries Officers, were given a tour and information about the development of the lake and an interesting wildlife presentation with live lizards, a crocodile, sugar-gliders and a python.

Year 11 Biology Zoo Excursion
Thanks to the generosity of the Campbell Pretty Access Program, VCE Studio Arts students were able to travel to Melbourne on April 22nd to experience the Andy Warhol & Ai Weiwei exhibition. All travel costs, entrance fees and lunch was included as well as an introductory lecture before we began viewing the work. For all but three of the students this was their first visit to the National Gallery of Victoria and we made the most of the day, also experiencing the street art in Hosier Lane and being inspired by “Top Arts” – a selection of the best folios by Year 12 Art and Studio Arts students in 2015.

The Andy Warhol Ai Weiwei exhibition has attracted close to 400 visitors in the four months since it was open to the public and it is easy to see why it has been so popular. The exhibition takes the whole of the ground floor and consists of a huge variety of works – from the Ai Weiwei’s amazing Forever Bicycles, 2015 installation (almost 1500 bikes assembled) to Andy Warhol’s iconic Campbell’s Soup cans. There were also a large number of photographs, videos, ceramics pieces, sculptures and interactive sections.

Before eating lunch, all students were asked to lay on the floor in the Great Hall and look up at the stained glass ceiling – something Ms Leys and I did when growing up in Melbourne. Thanks to students for indulging us in this little ‘flash back!’

*Kylie Doddrell*  
*Art/Technology Leader*
On Friday, 29th April, the Year 10 students had the opportunity to take part in two information sessions that have a major impact on the health and wellbeing of people within our community. The first session was delivered by Dean Lloyd from the Shepparton Police on domestic violence. Dean was joined by Maha, the Police Multicultural Liaison from the Dandenong area, and together they explained what domestic violence is, the supports available within the community, where it stands within the law and what action to take if they are witness to domestic violence. Domestic violence is currently the biggest cause of death within Australia and the messages that Dean and Maha delivered were very informative. Our students engaged with the session very well and asked some excellent questions.

Following this session, Jim Gow from Word and Mouth gave a very detailed and confronting presentation on the dangers of the drug Ice.

Jim has been delivering this message to schools for three years now with great effect and has provided information and incentive for our students to stay well away from this drug in the future. Jim goes through all the dangerous chemicals that go into making the drug, the effect that it has on the brain and body, and the toll it takes on the families of those addicted to the drug.

Both sessions were excellent and the engagement from our students was fantastic. At McGuire we wish all of our students to have long, healthy and prosperous lives and information sessions like these are a great opportunity to be proactive in preventing harm to those we care about most.

On Wednesday, 27th of April as part of the Year 10 Health and Vitality unit and Year 12 Health and Human Development, students had the privilege of listening to guest speakers from the Positive Speaker Bureau.

Two different speakers, both HIV positive, told their story of living with their HIV diagnosis. Each had a unique and personal story to tell, with the emphasis being that HIV could happen to anyone if they are not careful and practice safe sex. Understanding how HIV/AIDS is transmitted and the statistics in Australia and the world-wide impact of such diseases is very important. The strong message the students were left with was that it is everyone’s responsibility to stay safe when it comes to sex.

Mark Metcalf
Adolescent Health Nurse
It’s been a busy couple of weeks for students from Years 9 – 12 with a variety of Careers and Pathways activities occurring.

Motivational Speaker – Stewart Kreltzheim: On Thursday 21st April, we were fortunate to have Stewart Kreltzheim speak with our students about his life experiences, motivation and success. Stewart, who works for the Country Fire Authority, was the Chief Officer in charge of the Black Saturday bushfires. He spoke to the students about his life experiences, lessons and motivation. In his spare time, Stewart leads students from Benalla Secondary College on Kokoda trails and he spoke with our students about the obstacles and lessons learnt from his many expeditions on Kokoda.

Students were engaged in Stewart’s talk and to quote one student “learnt how important it is to just keep going when life gets you down” after hearing of Stewart’s life journey. Students also took the opportunity to speak with Stewart about his career with the CFA and what they need to do to take on a similar role.

La Trobe University Workshops: As part of our continued Schools Partnership Program with La Trobe University, students from Years 7 – 12 will be involved in a range of workshops and activities aimed at demystifying university for students and exposing them to the many options available to them through further education.

Last week, the first group of Year 9 students participated in workshops focussed on Study skills. And this week, our Year 10 students have undertaken workshops focussing on Career conversations. These workshops are being facilitated by past McGuire College graduates who are now studying at Latrobe University. It is great to have our past students sharing their knowledge and experience with our current students.

In the coming weeks, our Year 7’s will join in the program with the Uni Buddies program commencing.

Deakin University Visit: Years 10, 11 and 12 students took the opportunity to meet with representatives of Deakin University on Wednesday 27th April when they visited the College. Students were able to quiz the Deakin Uni staff about a range of things from courses, pre requisite subjects, and accommodation and support services.

Careers Day Out: Year 10 students who selected to attend the Careers Day Out on Thursday, 28th April had a very informative morning, collecting a great deal of information and spending time talking with exhibitors about career pathways beyond secondary school.

Upcoming activities:

- **Wednesday 11th May - World of Work on Wheels** visits McGuire College—Interactive bus promoting a range of careers and pathways opportunities – Year 9 students (periods 3 – 6), bus will also be open during recess, lunch and after school for all other students.
- **Tuesday 17th May 5.00pm – 7.30pm** – Australian Defence Force Community Information Session at La Trobe University
- **Wednesday 18th & Friday 20th May** – Australian Defence Force visit to McGuire College – all year levels.

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MUSICAL NOTES

MUSICIANS PLAYING AT THE DEBUTANTE BALL FRIDAY, MAY 6

Members of the Jazz Ensemble and Marimba Ensemble are providing dinner music for the combined McGuire/Shepparton high School Debutante Ball at Eastbank, tonight Friday May 6th.

Students need to arrive at Eastbank wearing black or black/white performance attire at 6.30 p.m. They play at 7.30 and will conclude at 7.55 p.m.

THE REGION MUSIC CAMP AT BEECHWORTH

Seven McGuire students enjoyed a great 3 day Music Camp at Beechworth in week 1. Congratulations! Thanks to the Fairley Foundation for providing sponsorship for the students.

REHEARSALS

From next week we are introducing some new Band Rehearsal times.

- We are trialling Lunchtime Wednesday for JUNIOR/YEAR 7 BAND.
- YEAR 8/SENIOR CONCERT BAND is after school Thursday from 3.30 p.m to 4.45 p.m in the Music Room.
- JAZZ ENSEMBLE IS TBA

PLEASE NOTE – The funding we receive to provide Instrumental Music lessons is dependent upon each player ALSO ATTENDING ENSEMBLE.

“Yours in harmony”

Gabrielle Ryan
Roger Adams

FAIRLEY SCHOLARS AT BAND CAMP
Lachie McNair and Joel Bilney