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Dates to Remember:
Monday 13th June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Parent Teacher Interviews – Thursday 16th June, 4.00 -6.00pm
School Council Meeting – Thursday 23rd June, 7.00pm
Friday 24th June – Last Day Term 2. School finishes at 2.15pm

Principal’s Report

Earlier this week we conducted a College Assembly and our Teal Student Leaders and Heads of House are congratulated on a well-run and planned assembly. The assembly provided us with a vehicle for sharing and celebrating many of the great things that are happening around the College, in addition to an opportunity to remind students of our REAL Values and few key messages to help them to make the most of their learning time here at McGuire College.

During assembly students were introduced to 3 of Stephen Covey’s habits that will assist them in their lives as students, learners, leaders and citizens. Our students have been asked to take every opportunity to practice and use the following three habits to help them achieve their best, these habits are:

- **Be Proactive** - I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

- **Begin with the end in mind** - I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classes and contribute to my school’s mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

- **Put First Things First** - I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.
We are starting to put in place a number of strategies to further support all students to be their best. These strategies will recognise student achievements and reinforce students for the gains they make with their learning, attendance and attitude.

Alongside this, we will hold students to account, around things like attendance, uniform, attitude and behaviour. Our students are encouraged to work with our teachers to make learning enjoyable and teaching enjoyable for our staff. If we can achieve this win – win then we all benefit. We know we are a rich, diverse and vibrant learning community and when we all work together towards the same things, we can and will be recognised for all that we achieve.

Take the challenge and work with us for the remainder of the Term and into Semester 2 to improve your attendance, improve the attitude and effort you bring to class each day and to show us your best, each and every day.

Music Performance
Thank you to our student and staff members of our College Choir and College Jazz Band for their recent performances at assembly. The opportunity to perform live is always a chance to put the hours of practice into use in a meaningful way and our Jazz Band in particular did an outstanding job at assembly. Congratulations and thank you to our musical performers.

Attendance rates continue to be a concern for all of our Year levels, but particularly Year 11 and Year 12 cohorts. Don’t forget that our aim is to have attendance rates above 90% and we need your help to achieve this. Students in Year 11 and 12 who have 5 or more days of unexplained absence are at risk of failing their Semester 1 subjects and having to extend their VCE / VCAL beyond 2 years. If you need support or assistance in improving your son/daughter’s attendance rate, then please do not hesitate in contacting either Des Quirk (Yr 11/12), Susan Kerwin (Yr 7-10) or myself.

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**Students phoning or texting parents**

On occasions, students take it upon themselves to telephone or text their parents/guardians and request that they be picked up due to illness. This is not appropriate and parents/guardians are requested to speak with their children and remind them that in such a situation, the son/daughter needs to report to Sick Bay, where they will be assessed and treated as required. Parents/Guardians will be contacted by College staff if students need to be collected.

Kind regards,

**Brad Moyle**
Principal

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**PBIS Mascot and Slogan Design Competition**

In May we held a competition for students to design a mascot and a slogan for our Positive Behaviours in School (PBIS) program. PBIS is about defining our College values and teaching students how best to show those values around the school. We actively teach students how to demonstrate our REAL values during our REAL Time sessions on Friday and we reward students when they show these behaviours with REAL slips.

Well done Josh Sadkowski of Year 12 who designed our new PBIS mascot and to Zynab Altimimi and Ryam Alshamis from Year 10 for coming up with the slogan ‘REAL is the DEAL’. Josh, Ryam and Zaynab all received movie tickets for their efforts.

**Ashley Robinson**
Assistant Principal
On Monday 23rd May, Fawzia Abkar, Baseer Khalili, Moara Smith, Ms Nicole Craighead and Mr Jaan Butler attended the Senior School Plain English Public Speaking competition at Girton Grammar school in Bendigo.

There were twelve competitors in the competition, in which two placed. They were all extremely inspiring and convincing. Unfortunately, Fawzia and Baseer didn’t place, however their speeches were both very good. Fawzia talked about Racism and refugees, and Baseer talked about the impact that electronic devices have on children. We hope they will keep competing in more events and gain lots of experience.

The next public speaking competition will be Legacy Junior Public speaking in early Term 3. It will be for Year 7 and 8 students. The public speaking and media group meets every Friday at lunchtime.

By: Moara Smith. 7-4
MUSIC WINTER CONCERT
Will be held on Wednesday, June 15 from 6-7 pm in the Music Room at the College.
All Instrumental Music students are expected to perform in bands, small ensembles and solos.

Parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents, carers and friends – all welcome to come and enjoy the music.

JON MADIN INCURSION
Well known for his “wacky instruments” Jon Madin will be here at McGuire next Monday/Tuesday in a Marimba Building and Workshop event. All instrumental music students and Year 7 students will be involved in workshops, culminating in a performance on Tuesday at 2.30 pm for an audience from Year 6 at Wilmot Road.

This incursion is being generously sponsored by the Fairley Foundation.

FEES
The Instrumental Music Fee of $200 covers such things as music, drumsticks etc. It should be paid by all Instrumental Music students. The fee can be paid using a payment plan. Please contact the office to arrange this.
School instruments cannot go home until a payment plan is started.

The hire fee for Instruments in 2016 is also being sponsored by the Fairley Foundation. The usual cost of $200 has been waived.

OTHER
Mr Roger Adams, brass/percussion teacher, plays percussion in his “non-school” time in the Zelman Orchestra in Melbourne. This involves weekly Melbourne rehearsals and a big performance weekend in Melbourne and Daylesford recently.

He is pictured with senior brass students Lachie McNair and Sean Ryan.
Congratulations Roger!

Gabrielle Ryan
Music Coordinator
Law, Design & Health: Mid-year Holiday Workshops - FREE

STUDENTS

Apply SOON... places at these popular events will fill fast.

**Interdisciplinary Drawing Workshop (Y10-12) - 29 June, 2016** (one day workshop 10.00am - 3.00pm)

**Australian Catholic University, Ballarat campus...LIMITED TO 25 PLACES**

Thinking about studying at uni for a career in art or design? Then this hands-on creative workshop is a great opportunity to experience these profession areas. You'll experiment with drawing 'beyond the pen and pencil' as well as exploring and discussing techniques and understanding what university study is all about.

[Students apply now... || Teachers, download Event Flyer.](#) **Applications Close 16 June.**

**LSAP Workshop (Y10-12) - 1 July, 2016** (one day workshop 10.00am - 4.30pm)

**Victoria University Law School, Melbourne (CBD)...FILLING FAST**

If you're a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who has decided on a career in the legal profession, or are thinking seriously about it, this intensive LSAP (Legal Studies & Australian Politics) Workshop Program is for you.

[Students apply now... || Teachers, download Event Flyer.](#) **Applications Close 24 June.**

**Next Step - Health Workshop (Yr11-12) - 8 July, 2016** (one day workshop 9.30am - 1.00pm)

**Alfred Hospital, Prahran, Melbourne...CLOSING SOON**

Which Health profession is right for me? What subjects do I need? What is university study like? Can I do it? What courses are there? If you are in VCE, thinking about these questions this workshop is a must. It will help you to understand where uni and a career in the Health industry can take you. Guest speakers from the Department of Health, current uni students and a leading university academic will answer all your questions and give you a glimpse into your future as a Health professional.

[Students apply now... || Teachers, download Event Flyer.](#) **Applications Close 25 June**
Relay For Life **ON THE DAY VOLUNTEERS**

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community and help in the fight against cancer?

Local volunteers help make each Relay For Life possible and we'd love you to be part of the upcoming community event. Whether you have certain skills you'd like to contribute or just want to fight back against cancer, you will be helping make sure the Shepparton Relay For Life is a success in the local community.

**SUMMARY OF ROLES:**

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<td><strong>Set up (Day 1)</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers assisting with the set-up of the event will be required on site from around 10am until roughly 2pm. Tasks include (but are not limited to): Putting up bunting and decorations around venue, Decorating the stage, Placing event signs around the venue, Setting up the registration and merchandise desks, Assisting teams to set up campsites, Directing traffic, Setting up marquees.</td>
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<td><strong>Registration desk (Day 1)</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers assisting on the registration desk will be required between the times of 2pm and 8pm on the Saturday. You will be responsible for assisting in taking on the day registrations from participants, checking in teams as they arrive, collecting team banking, handing out participant shirts and answering participant enquiries.</td>
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<td><strong>Merchandise Desk (Day 1)</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers assisting on the registration desk will be required between the times of 2pm and 8pm on the Saturday. You will be responsible for selling Cancer Council Victoria branded merchandise.</td>
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<td><strong>Activities</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers are required to assist with running activities for participants throughout the event. All the activities will be pre-organised you will just be there to help run them throughout the night.</td>
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<td><strong>Pack Down (Day 2)</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers assisting with the pack down of the event will be required on site from around 10am until roughly 12pm on the Sunday. Tasks include (but are not limited to): Packing away all signs and decorations around the venue, Packing up all marquees &amp; registration/merchandise desk, Cleaning up any rubbish around the venue and ensuring the grounds are left in the same condition as they were when we arrived.</td>
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If you are interested in volunteering at the Shepparton Relay For Life event this year please email your expression of interest, along with contact details, availabilities and preferred volunteer role to Shepparton@relayforlife.org.au