Principal Report

Term 3 has begun smoothly and I cannot believe that we are at the end of week 3 already. The teachers have been busy organising subject selection for 2015. Counselling for Year 9 students will begin next week to select their Year 10 subjects. Last night we held a parent information session for students going into years 10/11/12. Thank you to all those parents that attended.

A special Year 11 & 12 parents and students VTAC briefing and Pathways Expo evening will be held at our school on Wednesday, 13th August at 6.00pm. This is a very informative meeting about pathways after school.

2013 Year 12 VCAL student, Connor Jose graduated from the Australian Defence Force training on 18th July 2014. Connor always knew he wanted to join the Defence Force and sat his entrance exams during last year. Connor excelled during the challenging 80 days of training and is now heading off to Albury to continue his training as Private Craftsman Jose. Connor is undertaking his Mechanical Apprenticeship whilst in the Defence Force and his long term goal is to return to McGuire College as a Mechanics Teacher. We congratulate Connor on his dedication and passion towards following his dream and we look forward to watching his success in the future. Well done Connor.

The Principal class team along with the Senior school leaders attended a dinner last week hosted by Latrobe University. It was interesting to hear about the strong partnerships forming between GOTAFE, Latrobe and the schools. This is beneficial for our students as they move into the tertiary sector.

Last week we had an assembly to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Leon Saunders, Community Support Officer at Rumbalara Co-op spoke about the meaning of NAIDOC Week and the Koorie dancers from Shepparton High School performed traditional dances accompanied by the didgeridoo.

Our Muslim students and their families celebrated Eid, the end of Ramadan and fasting for another year. We wish them all happy Eid.

Jan Gregory
Principal
Tour of Italy 2014

Last month 3 students – **Michael Archer** (Yr 11), **Jenny Parker** (Yr12) and **Constance Teunissen** (Yr12), accompanied by Mrs Mary Calandro, Mr Cosimo Rando and a supporting entourage consisting of mum Roslyn Lyons, our former librarian Merran Ware, final year nursing student Thérèse Hickey and fine arts specialist Gabriella Calandro, participated in our school’s 4th Educational Tour of Italy.

It seems surreal when we say that we spent our school holidays in Italy; and not just in one part of Italy, but in just 16 days we travelled along the length of the Italian peninsula and visited many of the most famous landmarks. We travelled by plane, train – including the high speed Frecciarossa which travels at 300km per hour, by ferry, bus, cable car, boat and by gondola! We also walked and climbed a lot!

We left from Tullamarine on Saturday June 21 and it took us almost 25 hours to arrive to our first destination: Rome, the eternal city.

In Rome we visited most of the famous landmarks including the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps and the Vatican where we were able to admire the Sistine Chapel and also climb up to St Peter’s Basilica’s dome and admire the stunning panorama. We watched the Italy and Uruguay World Cup Match in Piazza Venezia with thousands of other people, participated in a papal audience, again with thousands, and on the last day visited the unique capuchin bone crypt.
From Rome, we travelled by train and ferry to Sicily, our second stop. In Sicily we stayed in Giardini Naxos, a famous seaside resort and also visited Taormina – built on a mountainside, Syracuse and climbed the slopes of Mt Etna – the Sicilian volcano and saw from close up the lava from previous eruptions. In Sicily we also went on a boat cruise, took a dip in the Mediterranean Sea and we were able to observe and participate in the passeggiate and lifestyle of the locals.

Stage 3 took us to another seaside resort: Sorrento where we visited Positano and the Amalfi coast and, on our final day there, Pompeii. Then we travelled on the high speed train to Stage 4: Florence – the Arts capital. Here we had a date with Michelangelo’s famous David and also had a walking tour of the city centre and the Uffizi Gallery. On one day we also travelled to Pisa by train and climbed the famous leaning tower. From Florence we travelled to Venice where we walked and sighed over many bridges, had a tour of St Mark’s square and the Doge’s Palace and secret passages, saw glass making, had a wonderful gondola ride and bought masks. We then visited Verona where we witnessed an amazing and real marriage proposal in medieval style and then visited Juliet’s house and balcony.

Our last stop was Como where we were finally able to sleep in! After breakfast on our last day in Como we took a boat which enabled us to visit some of the little peaceful villages along Lake Como and then returned for some last minute shopping and our final Italian dinner before our departure from Milan on the following morning.

In all we were away for 19 days and had a wonderful time. We were able to experience a completely different culture, eat authentic Italian food, saw and touched famous landmarks and masterpieces, met interesting people and practised our Italian.

The students who attended are grateful to the school and their parents for giving them the opportunity for such a memorable, fun and learning experience and we advise other students to start saving so that they can participate in the next tour of Italy which is scheduled for 2016.

Mrs Calandro
LOTE Area Head
McGuire College and Shepparton High School will again hold our annual VTAC Parent Briefing Session and Pathways Evening on Wednesday 13th August 2014 from 6.00pm – 8.30pm in the E Wing building at the front of McGuire College.

As in previous years, the aim of the evening is to provide students and families with greater access and information to pathways and options available to them post-secondary school. Leading further education and employment providers will be present to speak with students and families one on one, as well as past students from both schools talking about their experiences since leaving school. The following providers have confirmed their attendance to date:

- Charles Sturt University
- La Trobe University
- Australian Defence Force
- GOTAFE
- Australian Catholic University
- Victorian Transport Association
- Deakin University
- The Apprenticeship Factory
- CVGT
- VTAC
- Centrelink
- Partners in Training
- Swinburne University
- Victoria University

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), the authority responsible for administering the process for students applying to University and some TAFE Institutions (including scholarships and special consideration applications) will present on the process of applying. Centrelink will also present on the current entitlements for students and families in relation to further study and employment. Please don’t miss this valuable opportunity to have firsthand access to these organisations and information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5858 9813 or email harcoan.lynda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**ATTENTION:** All eligible parents/guardians are able to claim for second half Education Maintenance Allowance.

To claim for the second half of E.M.A. please follow the guidelines for the card that is applicable to you:

1. If you have already claimed for the E.M.A. this year and your details have not changed you do not need to reapply.

2. If you have not applied this year or your first claim was rejected then you must produce your Health Care Card or Pensioner Health Benefits Card to the General Office no later than 4.00pm August 1st 2014.

3. Your card must be valid as at and including July 14th 2014.

*LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED*

**CENTREPAY - 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 your sons/daughters school account with Centrepay please contact the McGuire College General Office on 58589800.
The best advice I ever got was knowledge was power and to keep reading:

David Bailey
This term is a really busy one in the Senior School with subject selections, the Year 10 work placement program underway, VTAC applications opening for our Year 12 students, our Senior School Formal and Year 12 students only have 10 weeks of school left! There is lots of information coming out about further education open days (please see the attachment to this edition of News@McGuire). This time of year can be just as daunting for parents as it is for students. If you have any queries in regards to your child’s pathways, please do not hesitate to contact me.

There has been a great deal of discussion and debate around the proposed Federal Budget and I’m sure as parents you have been watching (as we have as educators!) with great interest what will happen in relation to Higher Education. We have no news to offer you at this stage but will keep you as updated as possible when any changes are made. The uncertainty is having an impact on the students but we continue to encourage and support them in their aspirations. Please visit the following website for information regarding the proposed changes: https://education.gov.au/students-faqs

I encourage all families and students of our Year 11 and 12 students to attend our upcoming VTAC Parent Briefing Session and Pathways Evening to be held on Wednesday 13th August 2014 commencing at 6.00pm. The evening will be held in our Presentation Room at McGuire College. A letter was sent home to all Year 11 and 12 families in regards to this evening and is included in this edition of News@McGuire. This evening is for all Year 11 and 12 students, not just those wanting to attend university in 2015. We are fortunate to have the support of a wide range of education and employment partners for our evening that can provide individual advice to you and your child in regards to their pathway for next year and beyond.

**Year 10 Work Placement Program**
Our Year 10 Work Placement Program commenced this week with students on placement in a range of organisations from childcare to automotive. Our remaining Year 10 students will head out for work placement in Week 9 of this term. Some students will go out on placement outside of this time, due to the requirements of host employers. If you have a child in Year 10 and they have not yet organised work placement, please discuss this with them as the cut-off date for the organisation of work all Year 10 work placement is Friday 8th August 2014.

**Melbourne Careers Expo 2014 – 15th, 16th & 17th August 2014**
I have several FREE passes for the Melbourne Careers Expo. The Expo showcases a wide range of pathway options for education, training and trades. The Expo will also feature a new “hands on” Skills Industry Hub and will also feature a range of free interactive seminars. This year’s Expo will also provide free specific Access Education VCE Revision Lectures. Please see me if you would like one of the free passes, but be quick!

**Access Education VCE Revision Lectures**
La Trobe University is again offering to support our Year 11 and 12 students who wish to attend the upcoming Access Education VCE Revision Lectures. This year’s lectures are fast approaching with lectures in Shepparton on the weekend of 20th and 21st September 2014. Students can also attend lectures in locations other than Shepparton if they have the transport to do so. Cost of the lectures is $36.00 if booked through the school. La Trobe will provide a $15.00 rebate to students for each lecture a student attends. To be eligible for this rebate, you must: complete the registration form (located in the Senior School Centre), pay for your lecture through the General Office by Friday 29th August 2014 and attend the lecture. The rebate will then be credited to your school account.
Monash University Pharmacy Open Day & Melbourne University Open Day
For students wishing to study Pharmacy at University whether it is this year or in future years, a great opportunity exists for you to get along to the Monash University Pharmacy Open Day on 17th August. Monash University is running a FREE BUS to and from Shepparton for the day. And because this day is the same day as The University of Melbourne Open Day and both uni’s are only a few hundred metres apart you could jump on the bus and make a day of it, visiting BOTH unis!
Follow the link below to register for the day and transport or come and see me. http://destination.monash/open-house/

La Trobe University Open Days
We are fortunate to have our very own La Trobe University campus in Shepparton providing information for our students about all the courses offered on all campuses of La Trobe. The Shepparton Open Day is on Friday 8th August from 4.00pm – 7.00pm and will have representatives from all campuses and faculties present. This means that you don’t need to travel to the campuses to get information about courses they offer. If you still wish to travel to the other campuses, dates for their Open Days are below:
- Shepparton - 8 August
- Mildura - 13 August
- Bendigo - 17 August...
- Melbourne - 24 August
- Albury-Wodonga - 29 August

You need to register for these days. Please follow this link for more information. http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday

LaTrobe University – ASPIRE Early Entry Program - NEW

Nursing at GOTAFE in 2015
Is your child applying to study Nursing next year? If you answer YES, then they need to attend the following sessions at GOTAFE. If your child doesn’t get accepted into University to study Nursing, they can study the Diploma of Nursing at GOTAFE as a pathway in. Or they may wish to study the Diploma of Nursing and be a Divisional 2 Nurse. HOWEVER, they cannot do any of this unless they have attended these sessions THIS YEAR.

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Open Day Hints & Tips

Who can attend?
Anybody can attend Open Day, and it’s important to remember that you don’t have to wait until Year 12 to go along. You might be in a lower year level at the moment and just beginning to consider university in the future - this is a great time to get a head start on finding out more about higher education and the study options available.
Open Days are also a great chance for parents/guardians to find out more about their child’s future study options.

What happens at Open Day?
Universities run tours of their campuses, have staff and student representatives from different courses and faculties to talk about what they do and have information available about all different study services. Among the presentations, activities, food and fun, you also have an opportunity to talk informally with students who are studying in the courses you are considering.
Open Days also give you a chance to soak up the culture of university life while you’re still deciding your options for future study.
While you are there, you can take the opportunity to ask questions about courses, facilities and your future plans, as well as exploring campuses, from teaching and learning areas to libraries, cafes, social spaces and accommodation.

"Must do" items to tick off

- Visit the areas such as students support services and student lounges to check out what it’s like to be a student. Does the campus feel like a place you’d like to belong?
- Go on a campus tour and see what facilities and resources are available on campus.
- Don’t just talk to university staff: make sure you chat with some current students of the institution. They are experts on what it’s like to study there, and have recently gone through the process of selecting and getting into their course.
- Bring someone along with you. Parents/guardians are a great option as they may have information they want to find out too. A friend or other family member can also be helpful and make you feel comfortable making your first trip onto campus.
- Watch out for student clubs and societies who will be around on the day. These can be an exciting addition to university life and cover a huge range of interests, often creating lots of social opportunities and freebies.
"Must find out" items to tick off

- Different pathways into the courses in which you’re interested.
- Any prerequisite subjects or tasks for the courses you’re considering.
- The time commitment of the course you’re considering (how many years it takes to complete the course, how many hours per week will you need to attend lectures and tutorials, and do extra reading and studying- uni doesn’t have set hours like school).

What public transport and parking options are available if you are going to travel to uni.

- What accommodation is available if you are considering moving away from home to go to uni.
- The facilities that are available at the campus. Libraries, cafes, banks, book stores, security services are all commonly found at uni campuses.

What questions should I ask current university students?

- Why do you choose to study at this university?
- What is it like living away from home?
- What do you wish you’d known before you started studying?
- What jobs does your course lead to?
- What are the best and worst things about uni in your opinion?
- How have you found the course so far – what are the teaching / facilities / support like.
- What’s this town/suburb like to live in?

What questions should I ask University staff?

- What are the prerequisites for the courses I’m considering?
- What are my options if I don’t get the ATAR for this course?
- What services and facilities are available for students?
- Who should I contact if I have more questions?

What questions should I ask students and staff at on-campus accommodation?

- Who can live on-campus at this university?
- How long can I live on-campus for?
- Am I guaranteed a place in on-campus accommodation if I’m accepted into a course?
- How do I apply for accommodation?
- What type of accommodation is available? (i.e. single rooms, shared room, shared or private bathroom and kitchens, room or flat living).
- What extras are provided for students who live on-campus? (i.e. food, support services, social program, sports and recreational facilities).
- What are the costs of living on-campus?
When and where are open days held?

**Australian Catholic University**
Melbourne Campus: 10 August 2014, (10am-4pm)
Ballarat Campus: 31 August 2014, (10am-3pm)

**Deakin University**
Warrnambool Campus: 3 August 2014, (10am-3pm)
Geelong Waterfront Campus: 10 August 2014, (9am-3pm)
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus: 10 August 2014, (9am-3pm)
Melbourne Burwood Campus: 24 August 2014, (9am-4pm)

**Federation University Australia**
Ballarat and Gippsland Campuses: 31 August 2014, (10am-3pm)

**La Trobe University**
Shepparton Campus: 8 August 2014, (4pm-7pm)
Mildura Campus: 13 August 2014, (3.30pm-7.30pm)
Bendigo Campus: 17 August 2014, (10am-3pm)
Melbourne Campus: 24 August 2014, (10am-4pm)
Albury-Wodonga Campus: 29 August 2014, (4pm-7pm)

**Monash University**
Berwick and Peninsula Campus: 2 August 2014, (10am-4pm)
Clayton and Caulfield Campus: 3 August 2014, (10am-4pm)
Parkville Campus: 17 August 2014, (10am-3pm)

**RMIT University**
10 August 2014, (10am-4pm)

**Swinburne University of Technology**
Hawthorn Campus: 3 August 2014, (10am-4pm)

**University of Melbourne (The)**
Parkville & Southbank Campuses: 17 August 2014, (10am-4pm)
Burnley Campus: 11 September 2014, (12pm-7pm)

**Victoria University**
Footscray Park Campus: 24 August 2014, (10am-4pm)