Principal’s Report

Last Friday Ms Schofield, three Year 8 SEAL students, Lizzy Smith, Will Patterson, Zarah AlBayati and I went to a “SEAL Network Day” at Melbourne University High School. We all listened to a very interesting lecture by Professor Bob Williamson who spoke about ethical issues and genetics. The students had the privilege of working again with Prof Williamson and enjoyed other interesting activities while Ms Schofield and I attended various meetings. The SEAL group of schools are a valuable support to each other.

Yesterday I visited various workplaces in Shepparton to see how our Year 10 students were going during their work placement. Everywhere I went the employers spoke highly of all our students around their work ethic, punctuality and willingness to learn. Well done to those Year 10 students.

Year 12 students participated in an exam preparation session run by Elevate. Earlier in the year Elevate came to help the Year 12 VCE students develop successful study habits. The strongest message in both sessions was the importance of doing practice exams. The more practice exams students do the better their results.

On Wednesday Ms Kerwin and I held interviews with applicants for the Alpine School of Leadership. The Alpine School campus at Dinner Plain runs the course where Year 9 students attend for a whole term. We have four places available in Term 1, 2015 and Ms Kerwin and I were very impressed with the interview skills of all the students who applied. Students and families will be notified of the results shortly.

The government announced yesterday that McGuire College has received funding for maintenance and refurbishment of some of our buildings. This is great news as we always endeavour to provide the best learning environment for our students.

Next Friday, 19th September is the last day of Term 3. Students will be dismissed at 2.15pm. Have an enjoyable holiday break and I will see you all on Monday October 6th for the first day of Term 4.

Jan Gregory
Principal
YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

On the 28th of August the Year 9 Outdoor Ed class ventured up to Mt Buller for a fun filled day of downhill skiing.

We arrived at school at 5:30 am with many yawns but a sense of excitement for the day’s adventure. After a brief stopover at Mansfield for a bite to eat we arrived at Mt Buller, where we headed to Buller Sports to get fitted out with our gear, and then off to the lessons from the Buller instructors. After an hour and a half of learning the basics we were ready to hit the slopes, which were really good quality and coupled with the beautiful blue sky made for perfect skiing conditions.

Everyone had a go at mastering skiing, but there were also some solid stacks, with the best including Keanan cleaning up a rail, Brad getting stuck in a fence and needing to be helped out by snow patrol and Dylan hitting an unsuspecting Mr. Nicholls. After a solid day of skiing everyone had improved greatly, with a few of the better skiers even venturing onto the more difficult runs.

It was a fantastic day on the slopes and everybody who attended did a fantastic job, with nearly the whole group being beginners.
New reports for year 7 to 10 Students- AusVELS and Cycle 5 SPA.

Staff are in the process of preparing your child’s next school report. Reports will be distributed at the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on Thursday 9th October from 4pm to 6:30pm.

You are encouraged to come to the interviews to speak to the teachers about your child’s progress. You will notice some changes to the reporting documentation that will include the following:

- Subject report for AusVELS and SPA are provided together
- A ranking is given for your child’s position in the class according to SPA (Not AusVELS)
- An AusVELS target has been set for your child to achieve by the end of the semester
- Your child’s progress towards the target is shown as having met the target (green), on track to meet the target (yellow) or at risk of not meeting the target (red)
- A level that indicates where ‘most’ students are expected to be- state wide
- A SPA summary page

You will receive another report at the end of the year that will again show progress and how your child has worked towards meeting the targets.

Is your child in full and correct uniform?

Many students are arriving to school with incorrect uniform and we are monitoring it very closely. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate items of clothing such as hoodies and other jumpers/jackets.

If students are wearing the incorrect uniform parents will be contacted and requested to bring the correct items to the school or the student returns home to change into correct uniform where practicable. Occasionally students have a valid reason to be out of uniform eg uniform in the wash, damaged shoes etc. If this is the case, students should bring a note from home explaining why they are out of uniform and for how long – no more than a few days.

Please check the uniform list below to ensure that you have all the items that your child requires. We appreciate your support with this matter.
McGuire College
Uniform Policy

Rationale or Purpose
We believe that the school uniform fosters a sense of identification and pride, minimises fashion competition between students, promotes the school image and provides a practical and less expensive form of clothing than other alternatives.

Policy Statement
McGuire College requires that all students in Years 7-12 wear school uniform at school and while travelling to and from school. All items of clothing need to be named for identification purposes.

The Physical Education and Sports Policy at McGuire College states “students should wear a sports uniform in physical education classes where personal hygiene and safety are important considerations.” Students are required to wear the official Sport and P.E. uniform to all inter-school competitive sporting events, unless an official team uniform is provided.

All items of uniform will be in accordance with the policy of College Council.

GIRL’S UNIFORM—WARM WEATHER
DRESS: Niceline (Cleolene design No 8125), worn at or below knee-length when standing
SHORTS: Navy. (Niceline, Crestaron design No 0310) Hipsters or Face Off style are not permitted
SHIRT: White polo with maroon and navy stripe on the collar, navy button and navy College logo. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)
SOCKS: Plain white, ankle length.
HAT: Wide brimmed. Available for purchase from the College and must be worn Terms 1 & 4.
JUMPER: Wantirna navy with maroon and white stripes on all bands, white school logo. All students have the option of an alternative, navy wool blend College jumper.
SHOES: Black, flat, lace-up, T-Bar or black/brown flat leather school approved sandals—SANDALS CANNOT BE WORN IN HOME ECONOMICS OR TRADE CLASSES FOR SAFETY REASONS. BOOTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

GIRL’S UNIFORM—COOL WEATHER
SLACKS: Niceline (Cleolene design No 9909). Pants must be hemmed neatly at the top of students’ shoes. Hipsters or Face Off style are not permitted
SKIRT: Kilt, worn at or below knee length when standing, with navy tights or long, white socks.
SHIRT: White polo with maroon and navy stripe on the collar, navy button and navy College logo. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)
JUMPER: Wantirna navy with maroon and white stripes on all bands, white school logo. All students have the option of an alternative, navy wool blend College jumper.
JACKET: Maroon, navy and white, featuring the College logo. Only available for purchase from the College Uniform Shop.
BEANIE: Plain navy blue woollen or polar fleece beanie without logos or embellishments.
SOCKS: Plain white, ankle or knee length.
SHOES: Black, flat, lace-up, T-Bar or single strap shoes. BOOTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

GIRLS’ SPORTS UNIFORM – all year: Maroon Polo Top; Plain navy Track and Field style shorts or plain navy track pants; Navy broad brimmed hat.
MUSLIM FEMALE STUDENTS—head scarves, as appropriate, must be plain white only worn with full length navy skirt or College pants. Black hijabs may only be worn during the mourning period for relatives and a note must be brought from home. Navy hats must also be worn in Terms 1&4.

BOY’S UNIFORM—WARM WEATHER

**TROUSERS:** Dark grey—360’s or Max Dax. Cargo pants, side zips or pockets on legs are not permitted.

**SHORTS:** Dark grey—360’s or Max Dax. Cargo pants, side zips or pockets on legs are not permitted.

**SHIRT:** White polo with maroon and navy stripe on the collar, navy button and navy College logo. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)

**SOCKS:** Dark grey or plain white, ankle length.

**HAT:** Wide brimmed navy. Available for purchase from the College and must be worn terms 1 &4.

**JUMPER:** Wantirna navy with maroon and white stripes on all bands, white school logo. All students have the option of an alternative, navy wool blend College jumper.

**SHOES:** Black, flat, lace-up shoes or black/brown flat leather school approved sandals—Sandals cannot be worn in Home Economics or Trade classes for safety reasons. Boots are not permitted.

BOY’S UNIFORM—COOLER WEATHER

**TROUSERS:** Dark grey—360’s or Max Dax. Cargo pants, side zips or pockets on legs are not permitted.

**SHIRT:** White polo with maroon and navy stripe on the collar, navy button and navy College logo. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)

**SOCKS:** Dark grey or plain white, ankle length.

**BEANIE:** Plain navy blue woollen or polar fleece beanie without logos or embellishments.

**JUMPER:** Wantirna navy with maroon and white stripes on all bands, white school logo. All students have the option of an alternative, navy wool blend College jumper.

**JACKET:** Maroon, navy and white, featuring the College logo. Only available for purchase from the College Uniform Shop.

**SHOES:** Black lace-up shoes. Boots are not permitted.

**BOYS SPORTS UNIFORM – All year:**
Maroon Polo Top; Plain navy Track and Field style shorts or plain navy track pants; Navy broad brimmed hat.

**ALL STUDENTS**
Neck scarves or head bands that are maroon, navy, white or combinations thereof, may be worn.

**ALL VET Students** will have the option of a VET polo top with their surname embroidered on the back to be worn on VET days.

**All Outdoor and Environmental Education Students** will have the option of an Outdoor Ed. polo top with their surname embroidered on the back to be worn on outdoor activities.

**All Year 12 students** will have the option of a Year 12 polo top.

The McGuire College Uniform Shop (Ph. 5858 9800) has a number of second hand uniforms for sale. It also sells new plain, navy broad brimmed hats, College jackets and the optional school jumper.

The School Uniform Shop, 179 Corio Street, Shepparton. Phone: 5821 3232
Goulburn Valley School Uniforms, 55 High Street, Shepparton. Phone: 5831 3355
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Jobs at Unilever
With more than 400 brands focused on health and wellbeing, no company touches so many people’s lives in so many different ways as Unilever. A job at Unilever is a career made by you, with development opportunities, benefits and a working culture that embraces diversity. We have a proud heritage in Australia since 1899 and a thriving, sustainable business today, so there’s never been a better time to join us.

To apply you must demonstrate motivation to be part of the team, a strong work ethic and great communication skills. You should also demonstrate a willingness to understand production processes, and the ability to learn and operate advanced machinery. You will also need basic computer or touch screen skills. Previous experience in the food industry or manufacturing is considered an advantage, but not mandatory. The role will be based in Tatura and you will need to indicate a preference for day, afternoon or night shifts. Applicants will be required to complete a mechanical aptitude test and pre-employment medical testing which includes drug screening.

If you believe you have what it takes to become an outstanding member of our team please apply through Workways in Shepparton with a copy of your CV.

How to Apply:
To apply, bring a current resume and complete an application form in person at Workways, 30 Welsford St Shepparton or call Workways Australia Limited SHEPPARTON on 03 58 219 277.

K-Mart is now hiring for Christmas Casuals - If you’re interested in working at Kmart over the Christmas period, then fill out the 'Kmart Team Member application form below and drop it off along with your resume to the customer service desk at any Kmart store(s). To find out what it’s like to work @ Kmart then visit our Kmart Jobs page www.kmart.com.au/jobs

Christmas Casual Jobs at Sussan’s & Sportsgirl
Both Sussan & Sportsgirl are excited to announce that we are now commencing our intake of Christmas Casual employment with fantastic opportunities for your students to join a leading Australian retailer. With over 500 stores across Australia, The Sussan Group is an employer of choice for women in the retail and fashion industry. We strive to continually lead the competitive fashion retail market and are passionate about creating a work-place which encourages and fosters ongoing learning for all team members. Students can now apply online via our careers websites for one of these exciting casual opportunities. We are looking for flexibility in hours across the busy summer period November to January. There is the added potential of securing full-time, ongoing work within our stores and for some perhaps even an ongoing future career with our company. To find out more and apply go to our careers website: www.sportsgirl.com.au

The SNAP team is pleased to offer a series of free revision seminars for your senior years students, in collaboration with leading educational provider Neap. SNAP Revision Lectures are offered in three subjects that can assist students to access RMIT programs. RMIT sets minimum VCE English scores for applicants, while Maths Methods and Chemistry are common prerequisite subjects for Science and Engineering programs.

Our SNAP Revision Lectures will be held in the upcoming school holidays at RMIT’s City campus. Students will be welcomed by RMIT teaching staff and current students, who will invite them to consider how their favourite subjects can lead to an exciting range of career and study options. Educators from Neap will then introduce students to subject-specific techniques and problem-solving methods to help them revise for their VCE exams. The lectures will cover key areas of study, strategies for working through complex questions and common feedback from VCE examiners.

Students who are currently studying Units 3&4 in English, Maths Methods and/or Chemistry are invited to register online at https://rmit snap.eventbrite.com.au. Students may register for more than one lecture, however please note that places are strictly limited.

If you have any further questions about these lectures, please contact us on 9925 3181 or via email: SNAP@rmit.edu.au.
Australian Defence Force Career Day, Army Logistic Training Centre, Albury – 15 November 2014 10.00am – 3.00pm

This is a great day for students interested in the Australian Defence Force as a pathway. Students must be 15 years of age to attend and must be accompanied by an adult.

The event will consist of some excellent displays, demonstrations & inter-active activities; with a strong focus on attendees being able to interact with many young soldiers, sailors, airmen & airwomen currently in training at ALTC. One of the exciting interactive activities will be an opportunity for attendees to fire the F88 Austeyr rifles in the WEAPONS TRAINING SIMULATION SYSTEM (WTSS) range. This is a highly realistic (indoor) firing range which uses weapons that operate exactly as the real thing, using CO2 gas to create the action of the working parts when firing (and the resulting recoil). The rifles use lasers to register ‘hits’ as they operate just like the real thing; while making realistic ‘firing’ sounds through the range PA system.

Places are limited and students must apply to attend the day. For more information, please see Mrs Harcoan in the Careers Office by Monday 14th October 2014.

Please note that ALTC is the home of training for the vast majority of the “One Year Initial Minimum Period of Service”/“One Year of Adventure” jobs and is also pivotal in the many exciting career opportunities being promoted through the Chief of Army’s “Women in the Army” initiative. It is also the home of training for many of the Army technical trades, as well as Royal Australian Navy & Royal Australian Air Force jobs in the areas of health and mechanical & electrical trades.

September UV levels
In Victoria, UV rises to skin damaging levels from September, regardless of weather conditions or temperature. Waiting until Term 4 to use sun protection measures is simply too late! From September onwards, sun protection is required during the daily sun protection times - available in daily newspapers, online or via the free SunSmart app. Sun protection means a combination of broad brimmed hats, protective clothing, SPF 30+ (or higher) sunscreen, shade and sunglasses. Used together, these sun protection measures can significantly reduce the risk of skin cancer.

Reminder that broad brimmed hats must be worn at all times whilst outside in the yard during Terms 1 and 4

Hygiene
As the weather warms up it is important to remember our good hygiene habits. There are lots of activities happening around the school as well as in our social lives, but it’s always important to remember our basic hygiene. Teenage bodies sweat more, it’s a fact! This is due to hormone activity in the body but also the fact that teens are more active and so sweat can increase.

The important thing to remember is to shower every day, change your clothes and use deodorants/antiperspirants. Building good hygiene habits are very important and an essential social skill for interacting with others. Students should use their sports uniform for PE/Sport activity and change back into school uniform to decrease body odour.

As a general rule, if you wore the clothes yesterday chances are they will have soaked up some sweat and this sweat will develop an odour. For some, having clean uniform to wear is an issue but learning to use a washing machine can be a very useful skill to help develop independence.

Mark Metcalf
Adolescent Health Nurse