2015 TERM 4 CALENDAR
Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 4 calendar dates.
http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

50th Anniversary
Shepparton South Technical School/ McGuire College
Students and staff past & present who are interested in forming an organising committee for the 2016 Shepparton South Technical School 50th Anniversary.
For Further information please contact Mr. Bill Porter at the College on 5858 9800

Hats – Term 4
Broad brimmed hats are compulsory during Terms 1 & 4. Students must wear their hat when outside at recess and lunch time or they will not be permitted on the oval.

Remember to bring your hats for next term.

Watch this space!!
During Term 4 all parents will be provided with a username and password to enable access to our student management system. It will be referred to as the PARENT PORTAL.
Parents will have access to their children’s attendance records, reports and timetables. This is a very exciting development for our college community.
**Principal’s Report**

**Education State Funding**
Minister Merlino has launched the Victoria Education State and stayed true on his promise that we would receive additional money to address disadvantage. We received an additional $235,196 which will pay for additional support staff to cater for our students. This is a wonderful opportunity for us.

**Kidstown**
Last Monday I visited Kidstown where Deannalee Reece and Karney Pilcher took me on a tour of all the projects they have been involved in this year. The group were working hard on developing a chess board using besser blocks. They had had to measure it up and lay the foundations and then the blocks. The girls escorted me to the gardens which I had visited on previous occasions but I was impressed with garden beds and the growth of the vegetables. The last thing the girls showed me was the sensory garden on the roundabout. They had been involved with the development of this and they were justifiably proud of their efforts. Well done VCAL students!

**Paper Cuts Competition**
Congratulations to Kathy Parker for coming second in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, PAPER CUTS Book Cover design competition which was judged by author and illustrator Graeme Base. Kathy also won her category last year and purchased books for the school library with her prize money. Being in the top two in consecutive years is a wonderful achievement.

**Holidays**
Classes will be dismissed tomorrow at 2.15pm. I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break. Term 4 begins on Monday 5th October.

**Jan Gregory**
Principal
The SEAL Academy Students Day at Box Hill High School

On the 4\textsuperscript{th} of September, Mr Robinson drove to Box Hill High School with Hemang Bheda, Shah Ibrahimi and I to take part in the Year 8 SEAL students day. There were three workshops running on the day, Engineering, Algorithms and Creative Writing, and the idea was for us to work on some challenging tasks as well as getting to meet some other SEAL students from around the state. I participated in the creative writing workshop where I was mixed with a class of students I didn’t know. Throughout the day we did a few writing activities like the shopping list challenge, random writing and writing about certain objects. Our teacher Mr Murray helped with many things a writer would need to know.

Everyone there was nice and I made a few friends along the way. All up the day was great even if the drive was exhausting.

\textit{By Anita Pringle (Clifford)}

I did the engineering workshop at the Box Hill High School. I thought that engineering would be all about physics and maths, but I was wrong. The engineering workshop was to get knowledge ready for electric motors, circuits and wires. I was able to make a solar panel boat that runs in the water with the help of the sunlight. At the end of the session we did a test run in a small pool. At first the boat wasn’t working but I was able to figure it out and finally I was able to fix it. The engineering workshop was very helpful as my passion is engineering and it is something I really want to do when I finish school. It was a very awesome place to go and I also got to get knowledge of new engineering machines.

I would like to thank the teachers at Box Hill High School for all the help they gave the SEAL students and for giving us an opportunity to go over there and work on something we really love to do.

\textit{By: Hemang M Bheda}
On Tuesday the 25\textsuperscript{th} of August, the annual McGuire College inter-house athletics carnival was held. McEwan Reserve athletics track was the venue for this spirited contest, pitting house against house, mate against mate, in what was an absorbing battle for the entirety of the competition.

In blustery and chilly conditions the students had their work cut out in the morning field session, with the wind being a factor in performance, and the cold affecting the mood of most…including staff! But in true McGuire spirit, the tricky conditions were soon overcome and some fantastic performances were recorded.

The afternoon session pitted the houses against each other on the track where competition was again fierce. A number of close races ensued, with the crowd getting right behind their team. A couple of noteworthy races included the girls 15 year 800m, where Maddison Newey and Jasmine Bohun cleared out from the field and enjoyed an epic battle until 50m from home when Maddison found a kick to get the chocolates ahead of a gallant Jasmine.

It was a similar story in the boys 15 year 800m with Hassan Aber edging out Daniel Daldy by 2 seconds in a sprint to the line. The 20 year girls long jump was perhaps the tightest event all day with just 36cm separating the top 4 competitors.

The age groups were hotly contested all day and we congratulate the winners.

13Yr Female Champion – Emily Chalmers (TEAL)
13Yr Male Champion – Bashir Mohsinni (HERON)
14Yr Female Champion – Marwa Ahmed (TEAL)
14Yr Male Champion – Blake Brewer (SWAN)
15Yr Female Champion – Afrah Abkar (CRANE)
15Yr Male Champion – Daniel Daldy (TEAL)
16Yr Female Champion – Awathim HOROUN (TEAL)
16Yr Male Champion – Mehdi Khademi (TEAL)
17Yr Female Champion – Fawzia Abkar (CRANE)
17Yr Male Champion – Jawad Jamshaid (SWAN)
20Yr Female Champion – Shazia Ahmadi (HERON)
20Yr Male Champion – Christopher Bucktin (TEAL)
The overall result of the carnival was one of the closest finishes in recent memory with the result in doubt right up until the final race of the day. Congratulations to HERON House who edged out TEAL House to collect their second consecutive Athletics crown. The final results were:

1st HERON  1,209 pts  
2nd TEAL    1,206 pts  
3rd CRANE   902 pts  
4th SWAN    658 pts

Special congratulations go to CRANE House who picked up the bonus 100 as the house that best displayed House Spirit throughout the day. Although it must be said that all Houses displayed great spirit and comradery throughout the day, our REAL values really stood out. Many thanks to all staff and students who performed a duty on the day and helped make sure the carnival was a great success.

Best of luck also to those students who won through to the GMDSSV Interschool competition, where they will represent McGuire College against the other schools in our region.

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**BUS SAFETY AT SCHOOL BUS STOP INTERCHANGES IN SHEPPARTON & MOOROOPNA**

It is most important that students observe basic safety rules that apply to school buses in our area. I would like to make all students, parents and guardians aware of the need for students to observe bus safety practices at the school bus interchanges (changeover points) in Shepparton and Mooroopna to avoid the possibility of accidents.

Students are required to remain within the pathways adjacent to the bus stop area. Students are not to be crossing over to the other side of road away from the bus stop while they are waiting for their next bus to arrive. They are to remain at their bus stop until their bus arrives.

Students should also cooperate with any instructions given to them by teachers/duty staff supervising the bus stop area.

I would like to thank all school bus travellers for their cooperation in the area of bus safety.

*Paul Lucas  
School Bus Program Coordinator  
Shepparton & District*
As part of VCAL in 2015, some students have had the opportunity to take part in the Smith Family’s program ‘iTrack.’ It was an awesome experience and I definitely recommend it for future VCAL students.

On Thursday the 10th of September, a group of students who were interested in going to Melbourne for the day, including the students who were going to meet their iTrack mentors all left McGuire College at 7:30am. When we arrived in Melbourne we went to the Aquarium for the morning. That was awesome! Then we had lunch at Southbank. After this, the iTrack students left to meet their mentors with Mr Martin and Janet Green. The venue was the impressive Medibank Private building in Docklands.

First we played some getting to know you games and then we went off with our mentors. For me, meeting my mentor was amazing! We talked about school, next year’s VCE and Year 12 in general. Meeting her after only talking online for term two and three was so scary. But it was all worth it and heaps of fun.

To finish, all the iTrack students showed a presentation of what we all have gained from iTrack.

Thanks to the Smith Family for providing us with this opportunity.

_by Karnay Pilcher_
McGuire College is proud to partner with Goulburn Valley Health to address a health need of our school community. The teenage birth rate in Greater Shepparton was 20.9 per 1000 women aged 15 to 19 years. This rate was higher than the rate in Victoria (10.6 per 1000 teenage women). Also, the rate of Sexually Transmitted Infections among adolescents in Greater Shepparton was 5.2 per 1000 adolescents. This rate was more than double that of the rate in Victoria (1.7 per 1000 adolescents).
(Source – Adolescent Community Profile)

As such our school Wellbeing team along with the Health curriculum are working together to provide comprehensive Sexuality Education and enable easy access for those who wish to know more or may need help. Suzanne Wallis is an Endorsed Sexual Health Nurse Practitioner who is employed by GV Health and will be available at McGuire College every second Thursday to provide information, support, clinical services and appropriate specialist referral for students on a voluntary basis on issues such as:

- Sexually Transmitted Infections – including screening.
- Sexual Health related information and advice
- Safe sex
- Contraception
- Emergency contraception
- Pregnancy Testing
- Unplanned pregnancy counselling and referral
- Referral to Specialist services.

Where: School Wellbeing room – A Wing
When: Every second Thursday throughout term
Time: 12:30 -2:30pm
Who: Anyone/voluntary
Cost: FREE
Pathology Bulk Billed
Pharmacy – Small Charge