Principal’s Report

Year 12 exams have begun and I wish all students the very best. It has been very pleasing to see so many students continuing to come to school right up until their exams. They have taken the opportunity to participate in private study and continue their classes. I believe that their results will reflect this dedication.

This is a busy time as senior students are selecting subjects for next year and we are organising staffing for 2015. I, along with staff, have been busy interviewing prospective teachers to take up their positions in January 2015.

You will notice our school gardens are looking sensational with all the roses in bloom.

Remember there is no school tomorrow Tuesday 4\textsuperscript{th} November as it is Melbourne Cup Day.

Jan Gregory
Principal
Create A Critter Competition
In Term 3, all the Year 7 Humanities classes created and designed Water Critters for GV Water and Goulburn Broken Water Catchment Water Week Competition. Students had to research their own water critter and use a variety of recycled materials to create their critter. Judging happened at the end of Term 3. I am pleased to announce that Bethany Duke in Year 7 was the Runner Up in the Secondary Section. Congratulations Bethany. Well done to all our other Year 7 participants.

Sarah Baker
Year 7 Humanities Teacher

GV PASSPORRT EXCURSION
In late Term 3 year 9 students participated in the GV PASSPORRT Program. GV PASSPORRT is a drug and alcohol awareness program aimed at giving students the skills to make good decisions when exposed to situations involving drugs and alcohol.

The program was conducted at the GV Hotel, allowing students to experience what it is like inside a pub and night club. Hotel security explained the laws relating to entering a licensed premises, as well as what is acceptable identification. Security also discussed what to do if you felt unsafe while in a pub or club. Students were split into six different groups where they rotated between different experts who deal with drug and alcohol issues. The experts were:

- Police – who spoke about drink spiking, staying safe, looking after your mates, planning your night and how to get home afterwards as well as legal issues.
- Headspace (run by mental health nurses) – who discussed the effects on mental health that drugs and alcohol can have and how to protect your brain.
- Primary Care Connect (run by Drug and Alcohol workers) – discussed alcohol, standard drinks, drink spiking, and staying safe.
- First Aid (run by Adolescent Health Nurses) – who spoke about basic first aid procedures, when to get help, what to do in an emergency, how to ring the ambulance.
- Beer Goggles activity (run by Adolescent Health Nurses) – where student wear goggles with lenses that distort your vision to the equivalent of different blood alcohol levels. Students then try to walk along a straight line, throw and catch a ball, and try finding things.

The GV Hotel kindly provided chips and a drink to the students after the talks from the experts.

Mark Metcalf
Adolescent Health Nurse
2015 VET MATERIALS
Students who are enrolled at TAFE for 2015 are required to have their fees paid in full by Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} December 2014. Thank you.

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 school account with Centrepay please contact the McGuire College General Office on 58589800.

Key Senior School Dates for Term 4 2014

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Take part in the 2014 Regional Wellbeing Survey

The Regional Wellbeing Survey’s mission is to support research that improves the wellbeing and quality of life of people living in rural and regional Australia. To achieve this, we need to hear the views of all people living in rural and regional Australia.

Our 2014 survey is now open. Please consider participating. Everyone aged 18 or over who takes part in the survey can enter the draw to win one of nine prizes worth a total of $7,000.

Do the survey online at [www.regionalwellbeing.org.au](http://www.regionalwellbeing.org.au)

Call 1800 981 499 if you’d like us to post you a paper survey, or for help with the survey.

This year, you can choose to do a short, regular or long version of the survey. People who choose to do a longer survey receive additional entries into the prize draw.

Your participation helps us produce data your community can use, as we produce results for every community from which we receive more than 100 responses. Many communities are now using the Regional Wellbeing Survey’s results as a key resource. To see last year’s results, click [here](http://www.regionalwellbeing.org.au).

The survey is voluntary, confidential and anonymous, and closes on 30 November 2014, at midnight. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important study and sharing your valuable insights.
**Young Endeavor 2015 World Voyage Ballot Applications Now Open**

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme - Applications are currently open for the 2015 World Voyage. This program is a sailing program that allows young people the with the experience to develop teamwork and leadership skills, increase self awareness and confidence and fosters a strong sense of community responsibility and lots more, whilst sailing a ship around the world. Applications are via a ballot and can be made via www.youngendeavour.gov.au  Please see the attached flyer for further information or see me directly.

**Melbourne University Pre-Vet Club**

Interested in becoming a Vet when you are older or just finding our more about it? The University of Melbourne has started up the Pre-Vet Club. To find out more and join the club, visit www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/pre-vet

**Destination Monash Website**

Monash University has developed a website to assist students with their studies and give them a small taste of Uni life. The site provides study tips, information about how to prepare for exams and much more. Check it out at http://www.destination.monash/

**Year 12 students applying for Nursing**

Year 12 students applying for nursing next year, need to ensure that you also apply for nursing at GOTAFE as pathway option. This needs to be included on students VTAC application. To be eligible for nursing at GOTAFE students MUST attend one of the following information sessions and VetAssess Testing Sessions:

- 18th November - Information Session - 5.00pm - 7.00pm
- 27th November - VetAssess Testing - 5.30pm

Check out the following weblink for information on all the upcoming GOTAFE information sessions: http://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/page.cfm?ID=101

**Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health Scholarships – Opening on September 2nd**

Year 12 students applying for courses in the following areas are encouraged to apply for the above scholarship. The Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Scholarship Stream is discipline and course specific, if your discipline is not listed below you are not eligible for the Scholarship in 2015.

**Eligible Disciplines**

- Aboriginal Health Worker (Cert IV and above only)
- Audiology
- Chinese Medicine
- Chiropractic
- Dental & Oral Health
- Dietetics & Nutrition
- Exercise Physiology (ESSA Exercise & Sports Science Australia approved course)
- Genetic Counselling (Postgraduate/CPD only)
- Medical Radiation Science:
  - Medical Imaging
  - Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Radiation Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Orthotics
- Osteopathy
- Paramedics
- Paramedics/Nursing Combined Degree (SARRAH will only fund 1 year of this course)
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Psychology (Postgraduate only in Health, Counselling and Neuro Psychology)
- Social Work (AASW Australian Association of Social Workers approved courses only)
- Speech Pathology
- Sonography

**Note: nursing is NOT covered under this scholarship program.**

For more information and to apply, please visit http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level

Lynda Harcoan - Careers & Pathways Coordinator
School Bus Program – Eligibility guide for families

This leaflet will help explain the School Bus Program and assist you in determining your child’s eligibility to travel on a school bus. While parents/guardians are primarily responsible for getting their children to and from school, the School Bus Program assists families in rural and regional Victoria by transporting students to school. The School Bus Program services both government and non-government schools.

Categories of eligibility determine whether a student travels at no cost or travels upon the payment of a fare. Students wishing to access a seat on a bus must complete an application form and parents/guardians must agree to the conditions of travel including, if applicable, the payment of a fare.

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) administers the School Bus Program as directed by the policy. The Student Transport Unit of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) sets the policy and provides general transport advice to regional offices and schools.

To be eligible for a seat on a bus at no cost a student must:

1. Attend their closest government school or closest appropriate non-government school, which is determined by the denomination of the school
2. Reside 4.8 km or more from the school

Students are expected to access public transport if it is within 1.6 km of their home or closer than their nearest school bus service.
Notes

Closest government school or closest appropriate non-government school

- To be eligible for travel on a school bus at no cost, government students must attend their closest school while non-government students must attend their closest appropriate school, which is determined by the denomination of the school.
- Students not attending their closest school may be accommodated on a bus service as long as they pay a fare and seating capacity exists.
- Students must reside 4.8 km or more from the school. The distance is measured by the shortest practicable route from the student’s front gate to the school’s main entrance.

Non-government school students

- Eligible government students have priority over eligible non-government students when being accommodated on services.
- Non-government students may be accommodated where capacity exists.
- Non-government students on their own do not form a case for the establishment of a new school bus service or an extension to a route.

Exemptions

- The policy has some exemptions where a student may be granted access to a bus service at no cost. These exemptions are limited and specific.
- Exemptions are not granted on the basis of financial hardship.

Fare paying

- Government and non-government students not attending their closest appropriate school are required to pay a fare as set by PTV.
- A fare paying student may be required to relinquish their seat if the service is at capacity and an eligible non-fare paying student (government and non-government) wishes to access the service. The status of fare paying students is assessed each term.
- Parents/guardians must agree in writing that their child will travel as long as they pay a fare and seating capacity exists.
- Parents/guardians agree to make alternative travel arrangements should their child be required to relinquish their seat.
- Fare paying students do not form a case for service retention.

Conditions of travel and parental responsibilities

- Students and parents/guardians must agree to comply with the conditions of bus travel as stated on the back of all School Bus Program travel application forms.
- Parents/guardians understand that school bus travel is a privilege and not a right.

Special cases

- Families may apply for special consideration in complex and challenging transport circumstances (not including financial hardship). An application for special case consideration can be made through the school and requires DEECD regional endorsement and any documentation that supports the case.
- Speak to your school’s bus coordinator for further information on special case consideration.

Emergency management

In a forecast emergency school bus services will be cancelled if any part of the route is deemed at risk.

- A rapid onset emergency may result in service cancellations and buses being held at the school or if in transit, the buses returning to the school.
- Parents/guardians should familiarise themselves with the school’s school bus emergency management plans.

Further information

Go to [www.education.vic.gov.au/travellingtoschool](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/travellingtoschool) for travel application forms and the School Bus Program’s policy and procedures. For further assistance with your application, please contact the bus coordinator at the school your child will be attending.
Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: YOUNG ENDEavour 2015 WORLD VOYAGE BALLOT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that during 2015 the national sail training ship Young Endeavour will set sail for an extraordinary voyage around the world.

Nine crews of 24 youth and twelve Royal Australian Navy staff will sail the ship to the Americas, Europe, Africa and West Asia. They will represent Australia at events including Centenary of Anzac Commemorations in Greece and Turkey, tall ship festivals in Europe and the 2015 International Tall Ship Races – promoting international friendship and furthering education and development for young people of all nationalities.

A voyage in Young Endeavour is an exciting experience and a unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. Our internationally recognised development program increases self awareness and confidence, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community responsibility amongst participants.

Since the ship was gifted to Australia in 1988 more than 12,000 young Australians have completed the Young Endeavour Youth Development Program, including 72 youth who sailed the vessel during the 1982 circumnavigation of the world.

Speaking about that experience Ms Victoria Stewart, the youngest member of the crew who sailed the ship on a three month voyage from the Americas to Australia, said,

"The youth crew developed from fresh faced young people from all different parts of Australia and all walks of life to teams that worked together and supported each other. We went from being inexperienced to having life skills that I'm sure we have carried throughout our lives. We travelled through amazing islands and countries and sailed the ship home into Sydney Harbour with spine tingling excitement under full sail, being greeted by family and friends and a flotilla of boats. At the heart of this trip are the connections and life long friendships, as well as the spirit of adventure that has endured for over twenty years."

Voyage crews will be selected by ballot, which is open until 30 September 2014 at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful applicants, who must be aged 18-30 year on the day of departure of their selected voyage/s.

The Young Endeavour 2015 World Voyage is a unique experiential learning opportunity for school leavers as they prepare for the next stage of their lives as young adults in Australia.

I encourage you to provide this information to your students, and to support them in applying for a once in a lifetime opportunity to join the Young Endeavour 2015 World Voyage.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Moss
Executive Director

1 September 2014