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TERM 1, 2016 CALENDAR DATES
Friday 29th January - Students return
Wednesday 3rd February - School Photos

50th Anniversary
Shepparton South Technical School/ McGuire College

As yet no further details are available. Continue to watch this space for more information or go to our website http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au
Principal’s Report

This is my final newsletter as today is my last day at McGuire College. I am retiring from full-time work and leaving the Department of Education and Training. Thank you to everyone who has made my work at McGuire College so enjoyable. It is a wonderful school and I am sure that our numbers will continue to grow and one day we will give Wanganui Park SC a run for their money! Brad Moyle is the in-coming principal and I am sure that you will make him as welcome as you have me.

I was so proud on presentation night to see a stage full of band members and they played beautifully. Congratulations to all the awardees and especially to Hannah Smidt who is our 2015 Dux. Well done Hannah and all the VCE students. Our results this year are the best they have been and in the last three years, the all study score has gone from 23 to 27 which is a huge improvement. Well done all the students and the teachers.

The teachers at McGuire College are collectively the best I have worked with. They are dedicated, work hard and always have your children at the centre of their work. You are very fortunate to have such capable and committed teachers teaching your children.

The new bus policy (see further down) will be welcomed by our families. It means there is now a cap on the bus payment of $480 per student. Some of our families who live further away have been paying up to $1000.00 per student. Students who go to the closest school or are in the SEAL program do not have to pay to catch the school bus.

I wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year. I will miss you all but I will keep my eye out to see all the wonderful things that happen at McGuire College in the future.

Jan Gregory
Principal

School Bus Program Policy and Procedures 2016

Key changes in the School Bus Program Policy and Procedures 2016 include:

- Eligible students continue to be provided free travel to their nearest appropriate school
- Replacement of the complicated distance based fares, replaced with a single flat fare for ineligible travellers
- The fare rate for 2016 will be a flat rate of $480 per year ($120 per term)
- Improved flexibility for students requiring access to more than one bus service
- Reduced criteria for bus service modifications
- The updated School Bus Program Policy and Procedures for 2016 will be implemented in Term 1, 2016

For any queries, please contact the Student Transport Unit on 03 9637 2200 or at: student.transport@edumail.vic.gov.au
Awards 2015

2015 REAL Citizenship Award:
Alyssa Manzone

Lia Zito Memorial REAL Citizenship Award:
Afra Abkar

2015 McGuire College REAL Value Awards:
Mahdi Heidari
Anna Duke
Jade Newey
Madeline McAuliffe
Afra Abkar
Nicolas Runciman-Forster
Baeer Khalili
Elizabeth Smith

School Community Awards

Ernie Jones Memorial Award:
Fatima Aljaberi

Wayne Hill Memorial Award: Ebru Kavas

Caltex “Best All Rounder” Award:
Michael Archer

Rotary Club of Shepparton “Best All Rounder” Award: Tiffany Martin

PA & WM Reilly Electrical Excellence in Work Experience Award:
Candice McPherson

CVGT “Excellence in School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship” Award:
Craig Wesley-Harvey

Country Women’s Association Encouragement Awards:

Female Recipient: Sarah Miller
Male Recipient: Lachlan McNair

GV Quilters Encouragement Award:
Summer Keane

Indigenous Encouragement Award:
Drue McEntee

Latrobe University Encouragement Awards:
Year 9: Wil Pattison, Elizabeth Smith
Year 11: Fawzia Abkar

Latrobe University Business Accounting Award:
Lee Fiskilis-Carpenter

Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Awards:
Katherine Parker
Taylor Parker

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Awards:
Year 10: Ali Alnajar
Year 12: Rhiannan McDermott

Goulburn Valley Film Club Award:
Joshua Sadkowski

Fairley Foundation Band Camp Scholarships:
Blake Brewer
Sean Ryan
Conner Stewart
Caitlyn Morris
Emily Chalmers
Lachlan McNair

Domain Area Awards

Outstanding Contribution to the following Programs:

- Arts: Wajed Hussain, Katharine Parker
- Humanities: Daemonette Curran
- English: Fatima Aljaberi
- LOTE: Fatima Albendar
- Mathematics: Katharine Parker
- Music: Joshua Nyangela
- Science: Taylor Parker
- Sports: Chris Bucktin
- Technology: Jayson Withers
House Awards:
Crane - Ebru Kavas
Heron - Caitlyn Morris
Swan - Blake Brewer
Teal - Marwa Ahmed

Junior School Awards
Year 7 Academic Achievement Awards:
Fadul Alsaber, Summer Keane, Emily Chalmers

Year 7 Endeavour Awards:
Alyssa Manzone, Zanab Alhussainy, Mohammed Alshawf

Year 8 Academic Achievement Awards:
Sean Ryan, Zahra Alkarawi, Conner Stewart

Year 8 Endeavour Awards:
Joshua Nyangela, Somaya Ekhlasi, Hemang Bheda

Year 9 Academic Achievement Awards:
Wil Pattison, Elizabeth Smith, Dylan McNair

Year 9 Endeavour Awards:
Marwa Ahmed, Nimi Jumapili, Baseer Khalili

Senior School Awards
Year 10 Academic Achievement Awards:
Ali Alnajar
Katharine Parker
Abbas Alsarai
Fatima Aljaberi
Zachary Everitt
Jade Newey
Casey Pozzobon
Tyson Kendall
Taylor Parker
Darcy Andersen

Year 10 Endeavour Awards:
Kristal Grapentin
Zahra Haidari
Abbas Alsarai

Year 11 Academic Achievement Awards:
Rachel Claney
Gufran Alrobaie
Zanab Alkarawi
Zahra Alzurajjawi
Zoe Strang
Paige Bickerdyke
Yassir Alghazaly
Spasoje Kudric

Year 11 Endeavour Award:
Lee Fiskilis-Carpenter
Masuma Ahmadi
Fawzia Abkar

Year 12 Academic Achievement Awards:
Elly Drum
Craig Wesley-Harvey
Emily Burnell
Faieza Zaydi
Nathan Leckie
Aeman Abdullah
Alaa Wahidi
Hannah Smidt
Shazia Ahmadi
Renae Penfold

VCAL Academic Award:
Kayla Dempsey

Year 12 Endeavour Awards:
Habiba Ibrabimi
Tiffany Martin
Talicia Bourke

2015 DUX: Hannah Smidt
As part of the Better Together Alliance, McGuire College Year 9 and 10 students participated in a variety of excursions during Term 4. The aim of the excursions was to expose the students to a range of career pathway and further education opportunities available to them, whilst also creating greater links with local industry.

Excursions were held in conjunction with Shepparton High School, Mooroopna Secondary College and Wanganui Park Secondary College and students were taken to the following providers:

- **Goulburn Murray Water (Tatura)** – one of our largest local employers with a range of employment opportunities for young people from office administration, engineering, land management and marketing just to name a few. Students were amazed at the huge array of career opportunities available at GM Water.

- **RMIT – Bundoora Campus** – 3 excursions looking at the following areas:
  - Exercise and Sports Science
  - Health Sciences
  - Engineering

Students attending these excursions had not been to a Melbourne University campus before and were impressed with the facilities and course offerings available. They come home with a wealth of information about new study and career opportunities available to them. Thanks to Mr Sam Owen and Mrs Janice Massey for supporting the students on these excursions.