2015 TERM 1 CALENDAR
Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 1 calendar dates.
http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

2015 McGuire College School Council Elections
Nominations open Friday 6th February. Nominations close Monday 23rd February 4.00pm. Please see information for parents and nomination forms at the end of this newsletter.

2015 School Accounts
All families were sent a 2015 school statement via the post during the holidays. The highlighted amounts were due to be paid prior to school commencing.
If you have not made payment it would be appreciated if this could be done by Friday 13th February. Families with a current healthcare/pension card are able to apply for MEFA and can make their payments through Centrepay.
The General office is open from 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday
8.00am to 4.00pm Friday.
Please contact the Office if you wish to discuss payment arrangements.

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.
Welcome back to 2015. We have had a very smooth start to the year and as I walk around the school I see no students in corridors and all students in class learning. Welcome to Mr Ashley Robinson our new Assistant Principal. Ashley was previously Assistant Principal at Shepparton High School. Mr Bill Porter is taking long service leave until the end of term.

We also have eight new members on our teaching staff this year and they are: Ms Paige Martin – Psychology and Humanities; Mr Sam Owen – PE and Maths; Mr Harry Singh – Maths and Physics; Mr Tony Shannon – Technology; Ms Hannah Vibert – PE and English; Mr Jaan Butler – Humanities and English; Ms Nicole Craighead – English and Humanities.

I had the privilege of attending the Year 12 Dookie College camp all day yesterday. What a wonderful bunch of young people! They had two past students as guest speakers, Mohammad Yassin and Ali Baqiri, who told us their journeys from Iraq and Afghanistan respectively and how they succeeded with their studies. The students were inspired and the two young men gave our EAL (English as Additional Language) students specific strategies to become successful despite English not being their first language. The Year 12s also had sessions about looking after themselves in Year 12 and team building activities. In the evening they had a presentation on the dangers of ICE.

Thanks to Mr Des Quirk, Ms Megan Michalaidis and Ms Lynda Harcoan for organising the camp and for all the staff who came out in the evening to share a barbeque tea with the students.

Jan Gregory
Principal
**Sunsmart**

Students are reminded that they must wear a broad brimmed hat at all times when outside at recess and lunchtime during Term 1 and Term 4.

Thank you to the vast majority of students who ‘do the right thing’ are sensible and ‘Sunsmart’ by wearing their hat at all times when outdoors.

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**College Photos 2015 – Thursday 19th February**

Envelopes will be handed out to students in homegroup on Monday 9th February.

Students must be in full and correct school uniform to be eligible to have their photo taken.

Additional order envelopes and family envelopes will be available from the general office.

The school cannot help you with enquiries. Please direct your questions and comments straight to MSP Photography at jenny.davies@msp.com.au or phone (03) 5881 3436.

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**Who to Contact**

**Homegroup Mentors**

C1 Mrs Lynda Howard  
C2 Mr Bun Ung  
C3 Mr Rob Steer  
C4 Ms Jen Collier  
H1 Mr Tony Shannon  
H2 Ms Nicole Leys  
H3 Ms Sarah Baker  
H4 Mrs Mary Calandro  
S1 Mr Mahir Al Mugotir  
S2 Ms Paige Martin  
S3 Mrs Jagdish Mahinder-Singh  
S4 Mr Nathan Smith  
T1 Mrs Julie Hannan  
T2 Ms Gabrielle Ryan  
T3 Ms Hannah Vibert  
T4 Mr Jaan Butler  

**House Leaders**

Crane: Mrs Emma Adam  
Teal: Mr Michael Frizzell  
Heron: Mr Nathan Neff & Mr Cosimo Rando  
Swan: Ms Rhiannon Jacobs

**Transition & Pathways Leaders**

Year 7 – 9 Mrs Susan Kerwin  
Year 10 - 12 Mr Des Quirk

**Student Wellbeing Leader**

Mrs Stacey Lundberg
The Art Room” and Self / Expression are the names given to the current exhibitions at the Shepparton Art Museum. This is the annual celebration of art work from students of the Goulburn Valley.

McGuire College is very well represented in The Art Room with a number of mixed media pieces created by year 8 and 9 students displayed in the Eastbank foyer. Photographs from the 2014 V.C.E. class are exhibited in the main part of the gallery itself. Not all work nominated for the Self / Expression exhibition is included so it was exciting to have photographs by Hannah Smidt, Taylor Parker, Sophie Dervish and Jayden Scrivens selected by the S.A.M. panel.

The exhibition was officially opened by Drew Pettifer on Friday January 30. Mr Pettifer, an artist and lecturer at R.M.I.T., made special mention of the importance of studying the history of art and famous artists. This aspect was covered in our year 7 and 8 drawings where students had looked at “The Peasant Woman” by Vincent Van Gogh and “The Scream” by Edward Munch. He also said he was impressed by the way some students had looked at the human form in an abstract and unique manner, a direct reference to the photographs by Hannah and Sophie.

An intriguing and very detailed panorama by Jayden Scrivens (a shared resources student from Mooroopna) was chosen to promote the exhibition and was printed on the invitations and exhibition booklet.

As a teacher, it was very rewarding to see work by McGuire students being formally exhibited and appreciated by the greater Shepparton community and I would encourage our artists and their parents to visit SAM to view “The Art Room / Self Expression” which is being shown until Sunday, February 22.

Thanks to all students who nominated their work and Ms Nicole Leys for her efforts coordinating The Art Room submissions. With many of our junior artists continuing their studies and Hannah, Sophie and Taylor having just commenced units 3 and 4 Studio Arts, I hope to see even more representation of McGuire College at the 2015 S.A.M. exhibition.

Ms Kylie Doddrell, Arts Learning Area Leader
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

House Swimming Sports

Monday, February 23rd, 2015
9.00am to 2.30pm

All students are expected to attend and either compete OR cheer on their competitors.
“Get in and swim” or “Barrack for your team”.
There will be lots of activities for students to participate in.

The following information is provided for your convenience for this day:

TRANSPORT
• Students will be bussed from school to Aquamoves at 9.15am and back to school by 3.00pm.
• Students will attend house meetings before catching buses to Aquamoves.
• Students will be returned to school to be dismissed.

LUNCH
• A kiosk will operate and students are welcome to buy their lunch and snacks from there. However, students are more than welcome to bring their own lunch. Remember to drink plenty of bottled water!
• **No Passouts** will be given to buy lunches elsewhere and any students having KFC brought to Aquamoves will have it confiscated.

SUNSCREEN
• Bring plenty of sunscreen **even if it is a cloudy day**! Sunscreen must be reapplied several times (eg. every hour), especially after being in the water.
• Some shade is provided for each House. Students need to stay in their house groups and sit under the shade when not competing in the swimming events.

CLOTHING
• **Students and competitors should dress in house colours and in appropriate sportswear.** Don’t forget your towel and bathers!
• **HATS** – **NO CAPS** are allowed. Bring a broad–brimmed hat.
• **NO SINGLET TOPS, bare-midriff or halter tops.** Students must wear an appropriate Sunsmart shirt/top for the duration of the day – except when competing.
• **No footballs, soccer balls, etc. will be permitted at the pool.** These items will be confiscated!

May the best team win!
Treating and controlling head lice

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance head lice move from head to head without discrimination.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood-sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly, usually within 24 hours.

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Loose eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

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<th>Step 1</th>
<th>Comb any type of hair conditioner on dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or run around.</th>
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<td>Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth head lice comb.</td>
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<td>Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.</td>
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<td>Step 4</td>
<td>Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.</td>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td>Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.</td>
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If lice or eggs are found, the child's hair should be treated.

If your child has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Head lice eggs

Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will 'pop' when squashed between fingernails.

Dead eggs have crumpled sides and hatched eggs look like tiny boiled eggs with their tops cut off.

To optimise treatment remove as many eggs as possible.

Head lice combs

Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.

Treating head lice

Concentrate on the head—there is no evidence to suggest that you need to clean the house or classroom.

Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.

No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications seven days apart. The purpose of the first treatment is to kill all lice, the second treatment is to kill young lice hatched over the next six days.

Cover the person’s eyes, for example with a towel, while the treatment is being applied.

If you are using lotions, apply the product to dry hair.

For shampoos, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.

Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.
If you choose not to use an insecticide, the conditioner and comb method can be used every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.

Only the pillowcase requires special laundering; either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

**Testing resistance**

Head lice products belong in one of the following categories depending on the active compound they contain:

- Pyrethrins
- Synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin and bioallethrin)
- Organophosphates (malathion or malathion)
- Herbal, with or without natural (non-chemical) pyrethrins.

Insecticide resistance is common so you should test if lice are dead. If they are, treat again in seven days using the same product. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice are resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Wash off the product and treat as soon as possible using a product containing a different active compound. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

Any head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months and people with allergies, asthma or open wounds on the scalp. If you are unsure, please check with your pharmacist or doctor.

**Preventing head lice**

There is no product available to prevent head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.

**Regulations**

Children with head lice are required under the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations to be excluded from school, day care or crèche until treatment has commenced. A child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school the next day, even if there are still some eggs present.

**Further information**


The information in this pamphlet is based on the research conducted and written by Associate Professor Rick Speare and the team of researchers at, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University.

Life cycle diagram courtesy of Nitpickers.
As part of a change to Education funding from 2015, funding previously allocated to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) program will now be redirected to schools, which means there is no EMA available in 2015.

Schools will now be responsible for ensuring that students, who previously attracted the EMA, are supported to participate fully at school. Schools have complete flexibility, within their annual budgets, to address the specific needs of their students, and provide additional support, as required. This new approach will see a change in the way the previous EMA funding was allocated.

Having considered this change of policy, the 4 Shepparton Secondary schools have developed a policy that will continue support to families who were previously eligible for the EMA. This new policy is very similar in its operation and in summary includes:

1. Families who hold a current Health Care Card are eligible;
2. Support up to $250 per eligible student provided;
3. Application form to be completed at the school;

At McGuire College we have called this new program **McGuire Education Funding Allowance – (MEFA). Details of the new MEFA program are below.**

**MEFA Eligibility:**

*McGuire Education Funding Allowance – (MEFA) has been established to provide financial assistance to all students whose family holds a current Health Care Card or Pension concession card, or for Foster families and this assistance be provided for all students up to the age of 16. All registrations for the program close on 28th February in the relevant school year. The eligibility date of 28th Feb is the Education Department’s student census date. The school is only funded for students attending the school on that date.*

**Payment Amount:**

$250 per eligible student will be allocated under the MEFA program for 2015, which is to be allocated on a $ for $ basis."

For students who turn 16 during the year a pro-rata payment will be calculated on the number of months up to and including the month of their birthday.

**To Access funds through MEFA**

Application forms are available from the main school office. Once registered for the program parents will be able to access their allocated amount on a $ for $ basis of funds paid to the school for school charges, materials for programs, Year 7 camp (if applicable).

*Please return your application form to the General Office and also bring your current Health Care/Pension card.*

Please contact the office if you have any queries.
Clean Up Day
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
1990-2015

SUN 1 MARCH
10AM TO 12PM

PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE

Join Shepparton Mooroopna Landcare Group and Greater Shepparton City Council to help clean up and conserve our environment

FREE BBQ lunch provided

Where: Shepparton Weir, The Boulevard/Rudd Road, Shepparton

Meeting Point: Meet at the dirt road leading to the Shepparton Weir (50 metres south of the Shepparton Cemetery entrance, off the Boulevard, Shepparton - north end)

Register online: www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/register?Shepparton+Weir

For more info contact Jean Young on 0439 988 726 or email jean.young@shepparton.vic.gov.au

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2015 Goulburn Masters Series

Goulburn is one of 11 regions of Tennis Victoria and incorporates seven Local Government Areas (Benalla, Greater Shepparton, Mansfield, Mitchell Moira, Murrindindi and Strathbogie) and their respective associations, clubs, centres, players, coaches and volunteers.

The Masters Series is an annual series of junior tournaments held throughout the Goulburn region.

The tournaments provide important playing opportunities for junior players focused on participation in a competitive environment.

Tournaments are run with round-robin singles events with a series points tally.

The Masters Series also provides opportunities for junior players to be eligible for selection to represent the Goulburn region in several Tennis Victoria Regional Team Events held throughout the year. It also acts as a stepping-stone to Tennis Australia’s sanctioned points tournaments.

Tournament enquiries to
Tennis and Event Coordinator
Heather Lees

dilees22@bigpond.com
5626 9424
0408 579 322

**Murchison Football Netball Club Under 18s Football**

**Murchison FNC** are looking for additional players to join our Thirds team for the 2015 season.

We participate in the Kyabram & District Football League and are currently training on Wednesday nights at 6pm. Training will revert to Thursday nights in April. We can make arrangements to suit your study and work commitments if playing sport full time is a challenge.

If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and are interested in playing football please contact Craig Thompson on 0407465560.

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**Tatura Netball Association**

**Trial information**

The Tatura Netball Association (TNA) field teams in the Shepparton Netball Association Saturday competition. Last year saw great success with teams playing in finals.

Trials will be held for teams in the following: 13 and under, 15 and under, 17 and under, 17-19

If you are interested in playing for Tatura, we’d love to see you at trials. Please attend the four trial dates: **Arrive 5.45 pm, trials 6.00 – 7.00 pm**

- **Tuesday 17 February**
- **Thursday 19 February**
- **Tuesday 24 February**
- **Thursday 26 February**

Trials will be held at the Netball complex, Hastie Street, Tatura

For more information, please contact Jodi Mutton, email: Jodi.Mutton@delwp.vic.gov.au or mobile 0417 430 357.

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**TATURA BASKETBALL AUTUMN COMPETITION**

**Tatura Basketball Autumn Competition will commence March 2nd.**

This competition is open to ages 8-16 (must still be 16 on 30th June 2014).

**Registration Night:** 5.30-7.30pm Monday February 9th, upstairs at Tatura Stadium.

Registration and Payment **must** be made on this night.

For further information please contact Lisa Cullum, President, at taba@viberts.com.au or on 0428242889.

Can past players please return any playing singlets they may have on registration night!
What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category** - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category** - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category** - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term i each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term i each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.
An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of McGuire College
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by

**4.00 pm on Monday 23rd February 2015**

The ballot will close at **4.00 pm on Friday 6th March, 2015**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Jan Gregory
Principal
Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the McGuire College School Council.

Name: .................................................................................................................................

Residential address: ...........................................................................................................

Contact phone (mobile or landline): ...................................................................................

Email: ............................................................................................................................... 

I am the parent/guardian of, ................................................... who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

• an undischarged bankrupt

• of unsound mind

• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or

• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate ................................................................................................. Date .....................

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on ................................................

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent member on the McGuire College School Council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS

Name .............................................................................................................................................

Residential address ..........................................................................................................................

Contact phone (mobile or landline) .................................................................................................

Email ..............................................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of , ........................................ who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not
engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator ..........................................................................................................................

Signature of Nominator Date ..............................................

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school
council. I hereby declare that I am not:
• an undischarged bankrupt
• of unsound mind
• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate.......................................................... Date ..............................................

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