

# PRINCIPALS REPORT

## KEY DATES

<b>Jun 24</b>	End Term 2 - classes end at 2.30pm
<b>July 11</b>	Start Term 3
<b>July 18</b>	College Council
<b>July 21</b>	SLP 5 Available on Parent Portal
<b>July 25</b>	TIS Tour - Parent Session
<b>July 29</b>	Year 10 Transition Visits to MSC
<b>July 31</b>	MSC Open Day 11.00am to 2.00pm
<b>Aug 8 - 12</b>	VCAL Intermediate Work Placement Australian Business Week
<b>Aug 15</b>	College Council
<b>Aug 18</b>	SLP 6 Available on Parent Portal
<b>Aug 22</b>	PST 4 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Aug 22 - 26</b>	Year 12 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp
<b>Aug 31 - Sep 2</b>	Year 11 Tertiary Trips
<b>Sep 7 - 9</b>	Year 11 Outdoor Ed Eco Challenge
<b>Sep 11 - 16</b>	Avionics Trip
<b>Sep 15</b>	SLP 7 Available on Parent Portal
<b>Sep 16</b>	End Term 3 - classes end at 2.30pm

All students have now commenced their Semester 2 studies. Yet again, I would urge those who have been working well to continue the good habits you have established. Attending all classes, being at classes on time and prepared and completing all set work are the basics that set you up for a successful semester of learning. For those students who perhaps did not achieve the results they wanted in the first half of the year, take the opportunity to turn things around as early as possible. The starting point is to use feedback you received and seek out the support of your classroom teachers as early in the semester as possible.

### Staffing

From the 20<sup>th</sup> June until the 12<sup>th</sup> August I will be undertaking a regional role as a Senior Education Improvement Leader. This valuable experience will allow me to gain a greater understanding of how our regional support team works and is a rare professional development opportunity. During my absence, Mrs Belinda Hudak will be the Acting Principal. Also during my secondment, the following staff will be in acting leadership roles; Ineke Rogers – Acting Assistant Principal and Brooke Summers – Acting Leading Teacher.

I would also like to formally welcome Taryn Morrison (Hunt) to our staff for the remainder of the year. Taryn will be teaching in the VCAL Literacy area and we are excited to have her join our teaching team.

### Open Day

Coming up on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July we will again be holding our annual Open Day. We predict that in excess of 500 people will visit our College and we have always had a very positive response to our range of programs and expertise in delivering senior school education. We are confident that this day kicks off a successful transition program for prospective students in 2017. The format of the day is that from 11am till 2pm prospective students and their families can undertake a guided (or unguided) tour of the school and visit all of the subject areas of interest to them. During this time we also have displays, performances and a free BBQ running and many staff available to answer general questions about our College.

**Andrew Ough**  
 Principal



# Assistant Principals' Report

## Semester Reports

Semester Reports for all students are included in this mail out. The reports show the level of achievement/understanding each subject, as well as mentioning strategies for improvement.

Parents are reminded that we are now into the second week of the new Semester. Information about 'passing' VCE, VET and VCAL subjects was included in the last Newsletter. It is worth noting that once we return after the holidays, Year 12 students have less than 13 weeks of classes remaining for the academic year.

## Parent/Student/Teacher Conference # 4

This will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. It will be the final formal PST for the year. Parents are welcome to contact teachers and Sub School Leaders after this date if they have concerns about student progress. We will have a small number of students who must pass all their subjects in Semester Two to complete their Certificate this year, or be eligible to complete their Certificate next year. It is important that communication between home and school continues after August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bookings will open approximately one week prior to this date.

## Student Learning Profile (SLP) # 5

This will be completed early in Term 3 and will be available online on Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>. It will show student progress in the first 4 to 5 weeks of the new Unit.

## MSC Website

Our website contains a lot of information for parents, especially the Key Dates section. There is also a link for our 2016 Newsletters. Please check this on a regular basis. [www.milsen.vic.edu.au](http://www.milsen.vic.edu.au)

## Parent Portal

Our portal in Compass is still not being accessed on a regular basis by all of our parents. It is important that this happens as it is a major source of communication for issues relating directly to students, such as attendance, reports and PST Bookings. If you are in need of a new password or unfamiliar with log in details in general, please phone the College on 5021 2911 and press 5 for assistance.

## Subject Changes

Change of Subject Night was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> for late subject changes. We changed over 130 students programs in the subject change period and were able to assist students with new text book lists. If students have changed subjects please ensure new text requirements have been organised to assist them to have a smooth start to the subject. Please enquire at the Front Office for details.

## Mid-year Exams

Our students sat Year 11 Exams and/or the GAT (General Achievement Test) between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Results for Yr 11 exams will be on the Semester Reports. The GAT results are outlined to students in the end of year results from the VCAA.



## Parent Reminder

A reminder to parents and visitors to the College, that upon arrival we ask that you please present to reception at the front office.

## Student Services Centre

Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Sub School Leaders and Attendance Officer. If students have questions about their program or completing their Certificate, Attendance queries or just need general help they should go to the Student Services Centre for advice.

**To speak with a student's Sub School Leader, please call the College and follow the prompts or email them on:**

Jim Blue	<a href="mailto:bluej@milsen.vic.edu.au">bluej@milsen.vic.edu.au</a>
Reg Byrne	<a href="mailto:byrner@milsen.vic.edu.au">byrner@milsen.vic.edu.au</a>
Lucinda Englefield	<a href="mailto:englefieldl@milsen.vic.edu.au">englefieldl@milsen.vic.edu.au</a>
Craig Irvin	<a href="mailto:irvinc@milsen.vic.edu.au">irvinc@milsen.vic.edu.au</a>
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Ineke Rogers	<a href="mailto:rogersi@milsen.vic.edu.au">rogersi@milsen.vic.edu.au</a>
Brooke Summers	<a href="mailto:summersb@milsen.vic.edu.au">summersb@milsen.vic.edu.au</a> <i>(replacing Ineke Rogers for 8 weeks)</i>
Graeme Smyth	<a href="mailto:smythg@milsen.vic.edu.au">smythg@milsen.vic.edu.au</a>
Marg Wilson	<a href="mailto:wilsonm@milsen.vic.edu.au">wilsonm@milsen.vic.edu.au</a>

## Special Provision

Students with medical conditions, disabilities and exceptional personal circumstances are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision and/or Special Exam Arrangements. Students must see Marg Wilson, Leading Teacher - Student Wellbeing for further information as soon as possible. All students who are already on the Special Provision list will have received letters.

## Tri-Star Medical Services on Site

We have a Doctor (General Practitioner) as well as a Mental Health Nurse available on site each week. Students who would like to make appointments should see the Wellbeing Team. Parents can also make appointments for their students by contacting the Front Office. Hours are 9am – 3:30pm.

## Student Drivers

If students are driving independently to school they should register their car with the Front Office. There is a short form to fill out that indicates who the car belongs to in case of an emergency or accident.

Students Drivers are reminded they are not permitted to transport other students during the school day. This includes lunch and recess time.

## Holidays

A reminder that 'holidays' are a great time to recharge. However, it is also a great opportunity for the following:

- Students enrolled in a year 12 subject to go over Unit 3 course work and previous Assessments in early preparation for the end of year exams. Every minute spent now is a valuable head start compared to leaving all revision to Term 3 and 4.
- Students completing a VCAL Certificate should be organising their Work Placement arrangements
- Student exclusively involved in Year 11 VCE should take the opportunity to develop a manageable revision schedule, build their networks and think about volunteer work.

**Belinda Hudak,**  
**Mark Tracy,**  
**Deanne Marr (Acting)**  
Assistant Principals'



## Year 11 Food & Technology

For Year 11's final Assessment Unit One Food & Technology students are required to respond to a design brief, produce a suitable finger food item and photograph the styled finished product.

An amazing range of finger food was produced by our Year 11 Students. Nikkita Fuda made mini chicken burgers with lime aoli. Courtney Sandiman created a pear and blackberry crumble slice and Molly Hancock produces a roasted tomato tart with pesto.

**Melissa Davies**  
Food & Technology



## General Information

### Student Achievement

If you are achieving fantastic things in your sporting or community involvement, please make sure you let us know about it. We would love to include details of the event and your achievement in our Newsletter and celebrate your success. Please contact your Student Coordinator or an Assistant Principal with details of your achievement.

### Year 12 Ball

The Year 12 Ball was held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June at Club Di Vinci, it was well attended by Year 12 students from all over Sunraysia. A big thank you to all of the staff who assisted on the night particularly Colin Cole!

### Market Day

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, the Year 11 Business Management students displayed their leadership, organisational, and teamwork skills. They prepared and sold a range of delicious foods to the school community.

On offer were hotdogs, pizza, pasta, donuts, subway cookies and subs, pancakes, egg and bacon rolls, steak sandwiches, sausages, smores, chocolate brownies and lots more. It was part of their assessment task to prepare a business plan, complete a partnership agreement, register their business name and market their business.

The students did a fantastic job and managed to make a combined profit of over \$350 which was donated to the early intervention and youth mental health service, Headspace.

**Kim Bathe**  
Business Management



# From the Careers Centre



I conduct Career interviews throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3 with Year 12 students from the 20 Pathways Groups. I book in students a Pathway Group at a time although any student can come in and make their own appointments to see me to discuss Tertiary Education possibilities. If your son or daughter would like to see me, they can come to the Careers Centre and make an appointment, or email me at: [hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au](mailto:hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au)



## Mildura Senior College careers website

[www.milduraseniorcollegecareers.com](http://www.milduraseniorcollegecareers.com)

Mildura Senior now has a website dedicated to careers information. Check out messages, calendar of events, Career News newsletter, and links for both parents and students to a whole range of study and work possibilities.

## Career News

Newsletter is emailed out to parents fortnightly. Look for Career News No 8. News about career activities in Victoria.

Another way to find out about career news is to [register for the Career NewsLetter Service](#) below. Between the two services you should be able to keep up-to-date with Career events that are coming up.

MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE Careers Centre has joined the school up for a Career Newsletter Service.

Go to the website: [www.mhscareers.com](http://www.mhscareers.com)

Please log on as follows: **Login:** Mildura - **Password:** mda77

To view the Newsletter for Victoria click on Victoria. You can also view the news pages and calendar on the website - Like the mhscareers Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mhscareers> to see any late breaking news.

If you do not wish to receive messages from [mhscareers.com](http://mhscareers.com), please reply to this message with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

## Tertiary Applications



An important focus of the Pathways program in Term 3 will be Tertiary Applications. All Year 12 students who are considering applying for University and TAFE courses will receive time and assistance in their Pathways classes with this process, including online applications (completed in August/Sept.). Pathway teachers and the five Sub School Leaders and I will be available during this time to help students with their Applications.



**SATAC guides will arrive in the school in late July.** Students who are applying for courses in South Australia will receive a blue course guide.



VTAC is only providing an electronic course guide. Go to [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and keep up-to-date, by following VTAC on their blog, Facebook or Twitter feeds.

A small number of UAC (NSW), QTAC (QLD) course guides will arrive at The Careers Centre as well. Students wishing to apply interstate can borrow these.

Students will receive a copy of the Careers Calendar in their Pathways class in Week One of Term 3. This calendar has all the important dates to complete applications through both VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) and SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre).

## Victorian Tertiary University Expo for parents of year 12 students

On Monday, 25th July there is a parent/student information session run by a VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) representative. He will deliver a comprehensive presentation

about the course application process, special entry access scheme, VTAC Scholarships etc. There will also be 20 Victorian & the some of the SA universities in the Mildura Senior College Gym from 6.00 – 8.00 pm. Parents will be able to visit and ask questions and collect course guides from the 20 Victorian Universities, TAFE and Private Colleges.

## TERTIARY STUDIES & CAREERS EXPO

### Year 12 student victorian tertiary information session

The next morning Tuesday, 26th of July, Year 12 students applying for Victorian courses will be required to attend an information in the school gym which will run from 11.00 am – 12.30 midday. Students will find out how to make a Victorian course application, Uni and TAFE information, hear about University life and things like Scholarships and accommodation options and visit the 20 universities to ask questions and collect course brochures and guides.



### UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test)

A reminder that students undertaking the UMAT test will sit this test on Wednesday 27th July. Students will receive their UMAT number 2 weeks prior to the test – they will need to print their Admissions Ticket after receiving the email - to sit the test and take along suitable identification such as passport, driver's license or photo bearing learner's permit or a certified letter of identification from the school or workplace. The exam venue should be on the Admissions Ticket.



### Accommodation application

AQUINAS COLLEGE in Adelaide - IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

If you are coming to University in Adelaide and considering residency at a Catholic Residential College in 2017, you are invited to submit an application as soon as possible and certainly before 31st July 2016.

### Aquinas open days

SATURDAY 13TH & SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST 2016  
9AM – 4PM

You are invited to meet with the Head of College, Br Paul Gilchrist and tour the College with current students.

For applications and/or enquiries: Jo Brauwers, Admissions Officer, (08) 8334 5001

email: admin@aquinas.edu.au

APPLY ONLINE AT: www.aquinas.edu.au

For applications and/or enquiries, contact Ms Judith Kirby, College Secretary, 08 8334 5001 or Mobile 0412 345 635

**Lavina Hamilton**

Careers/Pathway Co-ordinator



### Mildura Eisteddfod

Our College has had some fantastic results from the Mildura Eisteddfod this year. Levi Smith, Tyson Whitford, and Wade Smith all competed and represented Mildura Senior College with distinctions.

Levi won the guitar open section and Tyson received an honourable mention. Tyson and Wade won the Arthur McWilliams Award for best duet across all instruments. Well done to these students.

We will acknowledge all Eisteddfod student achievements in the next Newsletter.

**Marcus Hennig**

Instrumental Music Coordinator - Sunraysia District

### P.A.R.T.Y. Program

Prevent Alcohol & Risk-related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.), is a Trauma Prevention Program delivered by health professionals from The Alfred Hospital and The Royal Melbourne Hospital in collaboration with Mildura Base Hospital, Ambulance, and police services.

The Program was a full day trauma prevention experience for over 120 of our VCAL students and other students from across the region. It was a program which sought to reduce the overrepresentation of youth in the trauma statistics. It gave participants a snapshot of the possible traumatic and often preventable consequences of risk-related behaviour and aimed to build awareness of options to risky behaviours that can lead to traumatic injury. Follow up classroom reflection, discussion and evaluation was extremely positive.

We hope to repeat or enhance this workshop in 2017.

**Roz Devilee**

College Nurse

# Sports Report



**Front Row:** Jackson Pallot, Dallas Holmes, Nick Zappia, Matt Hren, Abe Kortekaas, Jordan Tatchell, Tyler Dowdy, Austin Walker  
**Back Row:** Baseball Victoria Representative, Jordan Fleri, Anthony Carroll, Ben Walker, Amos Fabich, Riley Law, Kelly Morrison

## Boys Baseball

History was made at the Knox baseball grounds on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> as the Boys Baseball from Mildura Senior College won their third straight State Championship to legitimately claim what has become a baseball dynasty.

The boys and supporting staff arrived at the grounds full of enthusiasm after an early morning flight and over an hour in a taxi only to be told their first game was to be a bye as Warrnambool decided not to make trip, so on to the second game it was where we faced Wodonga.

Establishing our dominance early our batters took a heavy toll on their pitchers scoring freely while Tyler Dowdy shut them down from the mound. As we steadily built our lead the team stopped stealing bases and running home if the catcher misfielded to avoid grinding the opposing team into the dirt and turning the game into a farce.

After a 15-1 win was sealed the umpire made a point of gathering the boys together to congratulate them on their attitude and the spirit with which they played the game.

Game 2 saw us up against Mill Park who we needed to beat to go through to the Grand Final. Anthony Carroll started on the hill for us and in two innings threw a mere 24 pitches to strike out all six batters that faced him. He was then taken off to save up his pitches as there was a 120 pitch limit per pitcher for the day.

MSC got in front early but Mill Park rallied and several pitching changes needed to be made before we finally put the game away with a solid 10-6 victory. Next was Strathmore in the final.

Anthony Carroll again started on the mound for us and again asserted his dominance early with strike outs and excellent support from the field shutting Strathmore out for the entire game. However our batters continued to assault the scoreboard and when time was called we were again crowned State Champions with a 12-0 win.

Big congrats to all the boys and the way they played. Even the opposing coach during the presentations said that the "Sunraysia Boys" had now set the standard at a level above everyone else and that the way they presented themselves, the way they play, their attitude, their coaching and support staff all set the example for others to follow.

Special thanks to Amanda Morrison for coming down to be our scorer and we even had some family of players that drove down from Mildura to support the boys.

THREEPEAT!!

**Kelly Morrison**  
Coach

# This year, **Shine Bright**

Join our **'Fitness Group'** for

**30min of Personal Training**

*Gold coin donation, which will be distributed to a nominated charity.*

*So you will be doing something for yourself and helping others at the same time!*

Runs for 6 weeks commencing on Tuesday 12th July at 4pm

At **headspace Mildura** (2/125 Pine Ave, Mildura)

Ring on 5021 2400 to **book your place!!**



What the our PT, Megan Johnson will help you with:

*"Staying active is so important, not only for your health but also for building inner strength- that's what keeps us feeling confident and happy.*



*My aim is to inspire people to achieve their best in life through regular exercise, eating healthy nutritious food and keeping positive thoughts constantly flowing.*

*I understand that exercising isn't always easy, but I will be there to help keep you motivated along the way.*



*'A negative mind will never give you a positive life'*



headspace  
Mildura

# MSC Calendar 2016

## June

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## July

11 Start Term 3

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## August

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