

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3 and our Year 12 students only have 12 days left of scheduled classes. It can be a challenging time for many students as they balance completion of this year and start planning for 2019. Many students can feel unsettled by the upcoming change.

It's important during this busy and sometimes stressful period to focus on wellbeing. There are great resources online at Headspace and our Wellbeing Team is also here to help.

<https://headspace.org.au/news/dealing-with-exam-stress/>

Student Achievement

The Term 3 holidays are a time of study and revision for students undertaking Year 12.

Exam Tips sheets are a great source of

guidance for parents to know how to assist their students with Year 12 subjects with exam preparations. These are available through our COMPASS portal.

Homework Club will run in the second week of the holidays from 8.45am – 12:45pm in the College Library, it's a great way to stay in a routine, complete work and kick start the exam period.

Students are encouraged to review the most recent SLP and use the time over the holidays to catch up on any overdue work.

The Sub-School leaders are also focused on communications with parents of students that are finding school difficult and support them with intervention strategies and modified programs where required. If you have any concerns please contact us.

Staff

Candice Burley has taken family leave pending the birth of her baby. We wish Candice and her family all the best and look forward to meeting the new addition.

Grant Van Looy was honoured last month by the Department of Education & Training for 35 years of Service to the Education Department. Grant has contributed significantly to schools in our area. We congratulate Grant on this special milestone.

Belinda Hudak
Principal

KEY DATES

Oct 8th	Term 4 Commences – 9am
Oct 23rd	Last Day for Year 12 Coursework and Assessment
Oct 24th	Celebration Day
Oct 25th	Revision Classes commence
Nov 2nd	Deadline for Year 11 Coursework and Assessment
Nov 11th	Last day of Year 11 classes
Nov 12th	Year 11 Examinations commence



Assistant Principals' Report

End of Term 3

Term 3 ended at 2:30pm on September 21st. Included in the Term 3 mail out is important information about our Term 4 arrangements which differ significantly from other schools. Please read this document carefully and ensure it is displayed in a prominent position.

Important Information Year 11 and 12

In the term 3 mail out you will receive important information about the end of year process and enrolment for Year 11 students going into Year 12 in 2019. Current year 11 students have now made their subject selections for 2019. Also included in this mail out is a copy of the selections your son/daughter has made. The Year 12 mail out contains information about Exams and other important events. Please read all of the information carefully and contact the college if you have any questions.

Term 3 Holidays

Students undertaking Year 12 VCE examinations should use these holidays as preparation time for their examinations.

Completing past examination papers is proven to be the quickest way to raise your study score. Marking your papers and taking note of the examiner's comments will further improve performance.

Year 12 VCE Exam timetable

The 2018 VCE examination timetable is now available on the VCAA website at <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx#timetable>

Students will have received their individual exam timetables and can also refer to this site to access the times and dates of their end of year exams. Students who have a clash will be contacted by Jim Blue in regards to individual arrangements.



Term 4 Arrangements

Term 4 commences at 9:00am on Monday October 8th. Important dates to remember are included in this envelope. Please take note.

Student Work

The end of Unit deadlines are strictly enforced - students must complete all the set work/assessment tasks by the due date - for Year 12 this is Tuesday 23rd October and for Year 11 Friday 2nd November.

Year 12 Study Options

Parents are reminded that students have a variety of options for Study and Revision Sessions:

- Revision Lectures run by Access Education at La Trobe University in October
- MSC Library is open during the second week of the holidays from 8.45am to 12:45pm for individual or group study
- TSFX and NEAP are running lectures in Melbourne if students require additional revision (flyers in MSC Library)
- MSC will run Revision sessions for students during class time early in Term 4, also during the exam period commencing October 25th - students will receive a copy of this revision timetable.

Student Services Centre

Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Sub School Leaders and the 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:

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Attendance

Attending school every day is the best way for your student to achieve success at school. Missing classes puts pressure on them and makes it more difficult to complete all classwork and assessment. Texts are being sent if a student misses a class. Feel free to contact the Attendance Officer to confirm. We wish to support families to improve their student's attendance and open up more opportunities for them. Please contact the Sub School Leader for assistance.

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. Students are encouraged to seek support from their teachers or see Marg Wilson if they are unsure how to best utilise their special provision in their exams.

Student Safety

Students who drive to school are reminded they should register their cars at the front office by filling out a Student Driver Form. Student drivers are also reminded that transporting other students in their vehicles is not permitted. Students are not to congregate in the parking area.

Parent Portal on the College Website

The Parent Portal is active on our College Website and parents are reminded they can access the following information;

Student Timetable

- Attendance Data
- Student Calendar
- Parent Messages
- Student Progress Statements

If you are in need of a new password or unfamiliar with your log in details please phone the college on 50212911 and press 5 for assistance



ADVANCE NOTICE

Homework club will run in the library during the 2nd week of the next holidays:

8.45 am - 12.45pm

Ineke Rogers (Acting) and Andrew Banks
Assistant Principals

The Beat

On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September, the Beat 2018 – 'The World Is A Stage' took place at the Mildura Arts Centre. This year's show included 14 schools and over 370 students from both primary and secondary schools.

The Beat is a showcase for schools to put forward their best acts focussing on Dance, Drama and Music. From the two evening performances and one matinee performance, almost 1000 people attended. The Beat showcase is coordinated by Instrumental Music Teachers and Staff and Mildura Senior College student volunteers who take on roles backstage and MC the night, giving up their time for concerts and rehearsal sessions.

Stand out performances by Senior College students came from the Mildura Stage Band, Paige Lang, Meg Richardson, Chloe Niutta, Kane Midgley, Elise Riordan, Jodine Closter & Nathaniel Rothwell and the Mildura Senior College Choir.

Thanks to all involved.

Bianca Deckert
Instrumental Music Coordinator



Biology experiments run by GTAC scientists

Over the Open Day weekend this year (3-5 August), our Year 12 Biology students were able to attend practical sessions run by the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC). GTAC is a facility in Melbourne where Victorian schools are able to attend for Life Sciences learning and education. For rural students however this is difficult, and so GTAC travels to our district each year as part of their Outreach program.

Two sessions were run each day for our students, as well as Year 12 students from Red Cliffs, Sea Lake, Manangatang and Ouyen. The sessions were about disease diagnosis and drug design, incorporating techniques such as polymerase chain reaction, gel electrophoresis, and Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assays. Students were also able to explore 3D imaging of the structural characteristics of proteins, shedding light on their functional properties. Scientists use these properties to then design drugs to inhibit their function, if they are linked to a particularly disease.

It is a highly valued experience as students gain access to world-class scientists and equipment. The sessions are designed to prepare students for specific assessment tasks, however it also gives students insights into the various areas of science and research.

Kate Bouchier
Science Coordinator

La Trobe University Outreach program – Year 12 Biology “Get into Genes”

Our Year 12 Biology students were fortunate to be able to access the La Trobe University “Get into Genes” program. The DNA manipulation workshop was designed to help students gain the knowledge required for their Unit 4 Biology laboratory investigation assessment.

The workshop highlighted the application of biotechnology in facilitating improvements to dairy cattle and crop production in the Australian environment.

Students were able to analyse the processes and effects of changes in technology, as selective breeding has evolved through to genetic modification and genomic selection.

This was a great opportunity for our students, as they were able to access University-level equipment, as well as meeting scientists who have worked in various fields. Applying their DNA manipulation knowledge to real-life scenarios also assisted them to see how the technology can be applied.

Kate Bouchier
Science Coordinator



Nominations for Sunraysia VETis Awards

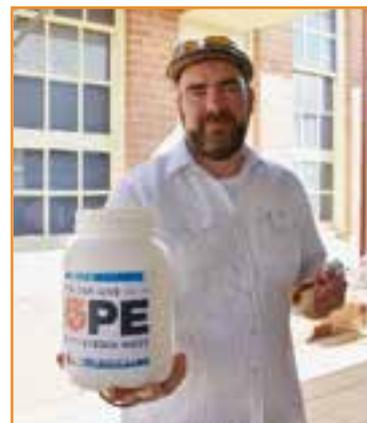
Congratulations to all students nominated for the Sunraysia VETis Awards

2018 VetDSS Awards Category's	Student Name
VET Community Services	Aleisha Schreiber
VET Community Services	Isobel North
VET Community Services	Louise Conner
VET Community Services	Tyler James
VET Community Services	Alana Linklater
VET Automotive	Thomas Schwarz
VET Fitness	Chloe Hoyle
VET Fitness	Joshua Taylor
VET Engineering	Liam Mason
VET Engineering	Pat Thomas
VET Engineering	Mortaza Azizi
VET Engineering	Timothy Macgillivray
VET Hospitality	Jakob Clarke
VET Hospitality	Michaeylah Arnold
VET Kitchen Operations	Rebecca Hopton
VET Kitchen Operations	Shakira Robinson-Thomas
VET Kitchen Operations	Gemma Monteleone
VET Building & Construction	Brad Ricardi
VET Animal Studies	Tanya Holt
VET Animal Studies	Emma Healy
VET Beauty Services	Laura Ricardi
VET Beauty Services	Jodine Closter
VET Salon Assistant	Cloe Petty
VET Patisserie	Levanah Lowes
VET Patisserie	Shakira Robinson - Thomas
VET Retail	Ebony Kilaris
School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships	Joshua Grzan
School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships	Connor Adams
VET Furniture Making	Elliott Driscoll
VET Furniture Making	Jacinta Saunderson
VET Music & Performance	Chloe Nuitta
VET Music & Performance	Paige Lang
VCAL Foundation Special Needs	Steven Szilada
VET Screen & Media	Dylan Stewart
VET Screen & Media	Jake Vincent
VET Screen & Media	Shane McGaffin
VET Information, Digital Media & Technology	Lachlan Steer
VET Information, Digital Media & Technology	Markus Bjerregaard
VCAL Senior	Kira Leksas

Linda Snoxall
VET Coordinator

Op Shop Day

On Thursday 23rd August, the SRC students held "Op Shop" day. As the name alludes, students were encouraged to attend school wearing clothing purchased from a local Op Shop. Those who made the effort showed some definite bold statements. A number of students performed under the COLA, along with the obligatory sausage sizzle. Our College Vice-Captain, Lily Tindall hit up the staff for donations. We raised \$270, with proceeds going to the Salvation Army. Staff and students were also encouraged to bring along any old clothes, which will also be donated to the Salvos.



Lachlan Lean

Skill Womens Workshop

Four Mildura Senior College students (Emma Martin, Sinead Collins, Jade Johnstone & Ethicah Evans) attended a Skillwomen Workshop at Sunitafe yesterday.

Skillwomen Workshops are designed to give women and girls of all ages, experience in using basic hand tools and small power tools. All materials and tools are provided with one on one support for power tool use. Each participant takes home the item they made that day.

This unique workshop is facilitated entirely by qualified tradeswomen. saltaustralia.org.au

Nick Goodieson

Work Place Transition Coordinator



Sports Report

SSV Senior Boys Squash Competition 2018

This year Mildura Senior College was able to enter the Senior Boys State Squash Competition with a very strong team of 4 students at the school currently playing squash. The students were Michael Penna and Eamonn Whyte, who have been playing squash in Mildura for a number of years and are both in Division One and Izaak Luitjes and Daniel Harberger who both started playing squash about 1 year ago and are in Division Two. After an early rise and a 6.30am flight we caught a maxi taxi to the stadium and arrived at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at Albert Park.



The boys started off with their first games against Gladstone Park.

Daniel gave his left handed serve a real workout and his opponent could hardly return it.

A great winning start 51 to 9 points. Eamonn then stepped in to the second spot and easily won 50 to 6.

Then Michael faced their top opponent who was no match and won his game 29 to 14.

The next team to play was Girton Grammar.

Izaak stepped in to take on their 3rd player and had a great game winning 31 to 21 points.

Then Daniel came in at number 2 and smashed out some great serves 58 to 9 and left

Eamonn taking on their number 1 and winning easily 39 to 10.

The third team to play was the slightly tougher team from Balwyn.

Izaak started off with a win of 37 to 11 points, Eamonn played a steady and calm game just winning 25 to 23 and Michael had a pretty tough game losing 13 to 32 points.

Mildura Senior College won their Pool and with 4 other pools was in the top 8 ready for playoffs and finals. For the Playoffs we had to take on St Kevins,

Daniel won 33 to 17, Eamonn won 24 to 16 and Michael had an easy win of 52 to 5.

Smashing the Playoff we had to take on St Arnaud in the Semi Final.

Izaak lost 26 to 15 and Eamonn won 25 to 20. This left Michael to try to get the team through.

The game was tough and went point for point until the last 2 calls and he lost by 1 point, 19 to 20. This means we missed the final by 1 point but were very impressed with the boys and how they played.

There were 18 teams in the competition and Mildura Senior College was place 3rd overall. Congratulations to the boys on their outstanding effort. This is an excellent achievement as many of these teams have 2 or 4 squash courts at their school. These boys were a wonderful group to take away and represent Mildura Senior College. They were respectful, responsible and should be very proud of their effort.

We need 1 or 2 new players to go again next year (and beat St Arnaud), see Heather Laity if you are interested in learning squash next year, or have a great tennis serve!

Heather Laity
Coach

Boys AFL

On the 20th August the Senior College Football team set out with high hopes in Ballarat to face the late yet competitive Horsham College football side. Despite the cold dewy conditions the senior boys persisted, and out scored their opponents in 3 out of 4 of the 15 minute quarters.

The first quarter commenced with an abundance of free kicks awarded by a Johnny Knoxville 'Bad Grandpa' look-alike central umpire. Brady Rowles showed his strengths with various pack marks spoiling Horshams forward entries, while Callum Brookes proved to have almost inside knowledge racking up a bag of intercept marks. With Josh Taylor and Jeremy Rodi being the stars of the game - according to their peers. Heading into the final quarter 3 goals down, a masterclass of ruck work from Patrick Keogh who served the ball up effortlessly to an above average midfield, the captain Jeremy Rodi pulled an on the run 45m bomb to spark a comeback, with Locke Thornton adding to the momentum with a major. However the end result showed Horsham who being more accustomed to the wet weather style of football in front by 2 points, proving their performance in the premiership quarter, too good for senior to recover.



Team photo

William Hand and Nathan Pinchbeck Players

Boys Hockey

No doubt, by now, you have probably heard that Mildura Senior College hockey team are the School Boys State Champions - that's if you are a Facebook fan or seen Heather running around with the flag.

The boys did us proud – what a fantastic group to take away. For 4 years now, that I have been directly involved, we have made it to the final, trying to win that elusive gold medal.

First game - Wodonga 0 MSC 3

Wodonga had driven down for the day – left at 4:30am – this was probably a little detrimental to their game, because our boys were not necessarily playing well in game 1. The MSC boys pressed hard, and within the first few minutes, some good passing and team play, Michael Penna had scored our first goal for the day. All the goals were scored in the first half, with Lynkon Thorpe sending a beautiful ball into the goals with a drag flick, and Jayden Curtis following soon after with a field goal to bring the score at half time to 3-0. Good defence from Wodonga caused the score to remain at 3-0.

Second game - Maribyrnong 1 MSC 2

Wow! This was like our grand final game – the boys really had to fight hard for this one. Maribyrnong was just coming off a very easy 13-0 win over St Helena, so were feeling very confident, scoring the first goal within the 1st two minutes of the game. Our boys held their heads high, and really started to work brilliantly as a team, to even the score by a goal from Lynkon at approximately the 15 minute mark. MSC gained a short corner soon after, and after executing a brilliant trap, and hit into the goal from Will Smith, we thought that we were going into half time up – it was disallowed on a technicality – the ball was not trapped outside of the circle. Our boys could have been rather annoyed at this stage, but they held it together – a great half time speech from our captain Will Smith, saw every member of the team going into the second

half even more determined to work as a team, and beat this side (which had about 4 premier league players). With some sensational team work, lots of communication, brilliant skill work from all the boys, Michael Penna was able to score another goal early in the second half with a field goal and win the game.

Third game – a forfeit win against St Helena – they only had 6 players left, 2 were off to hospital with concussion

Grand Final Game - Brighton 0 MSC 2

We had observed this team, and knew that their goalie was the tough point in the game – he was very good, and Heather told the boys it was going to be hard to get around him. Goal surprise was the plan.

Lynkon scored early in the game – the ball was driven up the pitch from deep in defence by Will, across to Jamie Hood, and then into Lynkon – a fantastic team effort to score – the boys were on fire. MSC had most of the play – pushing high – our defenders, Thomas Nicolls, James McGregor and James Crowhurst, were strong with their channelling, and repelling the ball back, not only into the mid fielders of Jayden Curtis, Will Smith and Izaak Luitjes but also through to the front line of Jamie Hood, Lynkon Thorpe, Michael Penna, James Perry and Luke Perry. 30 seconds to go before half time, and Michael Penna seals the game, with a sensational high goal – he bounced it up and spun around to smash it in - off a ball received from a great pass in from Will Smith.

Lots of loud cheers from Heather! In the second half the Brighton team just didn't know what to do. Everything they tried was quickly shut down and our boys just outplayed them with an awesome team game, finally winning the State Championships.

Brilliant result – Brilliant group of boys, who really did do Mildura Senior College proud and brought home GOLD.

Lisa Crowhurst (Team Manager)
Heather Laity (Coach)

State Champions Hockey Results 2018



Chances for Children is a fund that aims to remove financial barriers for young people in the Mallee to achieve their potential. Chances is set aside from other funds and programs, in that it is locally based, established by the local community and supported both financially and in kind by local individuals and businesses.

The Keeping Kids at Secondary School scholarship is targeted specifically at supporting students in Years 11 and 12 to remain engaged with school. Applications are open year round, and applicants can seek assistance with the cost of materials needed to complete their HSC including text books, uniforms, compulsory subject fees and camps, as well as equipment such as calculators, or tools for arts and photography.

The Tertiary scholarship supports youth aged up to 24 years to further their education at University or TAFE, or to complete apprenticeships. It assists with living expenses for those moving out of Sunraysia, necessary travel for study, text books, course required equipment, and some VET fees.

The Non Tertiary scholarship supports youth aged up to 24 years who are interested in developing leadership skills, who excel in sport or music at a state or national level, and who may be looking to pursue this avenue as a career. It assists with requirements such as tuition fees, coaching, travel, accommodation and uniforms, and to attend leadership camps.

Students from NSW are also eligible for a scholarship funded by the Wentworth District Community Bank, for up to \$20,000 over four years.

The next funding round for Tertiary and Non-Tertiary awards will close Friday, 19th October 2018.

For more information, and to apply, please visit our website:

<http://www.chancesforchildren.com.au>

MSC Calendar 2018

October

- 8 Term 4 Commences – 9am
- 23 Last Day for Year 12 Coursework and Assessment
- 24 Celebration Day
- 25 Revision Classes commence

November

- 2 Deadline for Year 11 Coursework and Assessment
- 11 Last day of Year 11 classes
- 12 Year 11 Examinations commence

WE RESPECT YOU YOU RESPECT US

we are a
**RESPECTFUL
COMMUNITY
organisation**

Respecting each other.
Keeping our **homes**
and **workplaces** safe.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW 'LIVES IN FEAR' OR 'IS VIOLENT TOWARD OTHERS' CONTACT

The Orange Door
1800 290 943

Mallee District Aboriginal Services
5018 4100

In Emergency situations
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Mallee Domestic Violence Service
5025 5400

Sunraysia Community Health Services
5022 5444



Body Esteem Project

Mildura

Locally supported by:



Body Confident Children & Teens for Parents & Community Members FREE (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)

Join the Butterfly Foundation for a relaxed and informative seminar for parents of primary and secondary age children to give knowledge, information and tips to help you better understand and promote positive body image in the home.

Topics covered include:

- Background on body image and the importance of prevention
- Key influences on body confidence, including social media
- Importance of role modelling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Reducing appearance based talk and handling 'stuff' they say
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Referral and support information
- *Please note this session does not cover fussy eaters.*

Date: Tuesday, 16th October

Time: 7 - 8.30pm

Venue: Quality Hotel, Mildura Central, Seventh Street, Mildura

Register: [HERE](#)

The Butterfly Foundation is Australia's largest charity supporting those affected by eating disorders and negative body image. We are bringing our unique whole community program to young people, parents & professionals in Swan Hill between the 11th and 12th September.

Butterfly acknowledges the support of:

