

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The past 5 weeks to close out our first term have continued to be busy. The College has most successfully delivered Carnivals such as Swimming, Athletics and continued to provide our students competitive opportunities in Cricket, Volleyball, Rugby and Tennis. On the final day of term, the College's Cross Country Carnival will be conducted.

From a Performing Arts perspective I had the opportunity at a lunchtime recently to visit a rehearsal in the PAC by the College's Symphonic Wind Ensemble led by Teacher, Alyce Yeoman. It was a pleasure to watch the 35 students from years 8-12, playing concert band instruments including the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums and percussion. Ms Yeoman informs me the ensemble performs works such as The Greatest Showman, Moana, Aladdin and Jackson 5 to name a few. These highly skilled and dedicated musicians rehearse every Tuesday at lunchtime. I believe they will be performing for an audience of G6's in week 10. I can assure these staff and students they are in for a real treat. Further, College Bands continue to take the opportunity to perform outside B Block of a lunchtime to the enjoyment of many students and indeed staff on Duty!

The School Council met on a Wednesday evening in Week 8 and I am pleased to announce Mr Greg Bailey has again been co-opted back as our Community Representative and was elected unopposed as the President in 2021. He is joined by Parents, Steeve Florent (Vice President), Erina Hamilton (Secretary/Minutes), Alfred Matthews, Christine Sayers and Nabisat Abbas. Our staff were very well represented by Simone Giulieri, Adi Allan and Joe Wilson. Kennedy Sin, our student advocate, continues to contribute most comfortably in this setting.

The College's Tutors (32) who have been selected as part of the DET's statewide initiative and response to COVID 2020, have been onboarded and will assist those identified students requiring additional support in Literacy and Numeracy. Their formal induction took place in the PAC. The vibe in the PAC was impressive and so it is a pleasure having these talented individuals onsite and commencing their duties alongside Teachers in our classrooms. As part of their induction, they received presentations from Veronica Edmonds (OHS), Jo Keating (College Operations), Jess Podgorski (Numeracy), Izzie Postma (Literacy) and Francis Thompson (P-6). Ursula Guerin, the College's HR Manager did an amazing job getting us all to this point.

Mr Tori Mulligan, our new Head of Teaching and Learning P-12, has been onsite for parts of week 9 and 10 as part of his induction. Mr Mulligan brings significant, grounded leadership to the College with particular academic experience and strengths in senior school settings and more broadly the 7-10 cohorts. He is looking forward to formally meeting staff and students on the first day of term 2. On behalf of the P-12 community I wish Mr Mulligan every success in his new role.

In addition, the College's Facilities Program continues to drive projects such as the provision of 3 new Volleyball Courts and a Boxing/Martial Arts program set for the GYM; both of which should be ready for student use for the beginning of T2. Year 8 and 9 break out areas for students have

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Dates to remember:

Thursday 1 April

Term 1 students
dismissed @ 2.30pm

Monday 19 April

Term 2 students return
8.45am start

been completed and are now operational.

In closing, I would like to wish all families a safe and enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to greeting students on their return to school on Monday 19th April.



My very best wishes

PETER THATCHER College Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2021

Our annual school photos have been taken and are now ready to order.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them. You will require this 2021 code to register online and view your photos.

If you have already registered, you will receive an email or SMS from Arthur Reed Photos with a link to view your photos.

If you have not yet registered, please go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 or customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Please note that you will need to register online with your 2021 photo code to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages are being sent home in 2021, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 or email customerservice@arphotos.com.au

IMPORTANT REMINDERS – DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please be mindful of the local residents when dropping off your child to school and picking them up. The College has received numerous phone calls from residents complaining their driveways have been blocked and they are unable to access their property.

Please also ensure children use the school crossing to safely cross the road.

The City of Casey have been notified and local traffic patrols will commence.

PRIMARY UPDATE

What a massive Term 1 we have had! There have been several fantastic events and activities over the past few weeks, and we are pleased to share some highlights of these below. Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter and school holidays, we look forward to seeing our students and school community back for Term 2 at 8:45am on Monday 19 April.

Appointments with Teachers & Staff

A friendly reminder to parents wanting to speak with staff requires reporting to Primary Reception first. While our staff are delighted to welcome parents/guardians into the classroom or for you to pop in to speak to Mrs. Allan, Ms. Adams, or Ms. Thompson, staff are not always available for an immediate appointment and may be occupied. If you require an appointment, please don't hesitate to email the relevant teacher/staff member or call our Primary Reception in advance on 9704 3325 so that we can accommodate you.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

On Friday 19 March, our School Captains and Student Voice representatives led the National Day of Action Against Bullying. Students and staff embraced the opportunity to recognise and celebrate our differences by wearing odd socks, hair ties, or ribbons.

All students completed anti-bullying activities throughout the day signed a pledge using their handprint, and joined the "no bullying" chant at the school assembly.

Grade 1 Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Thursday, 25 March, all Grade 1 students participated in the annual "Teddy Bears' Picnic." This year's picnic was a small affair, with students decorating cookies in their classroom and bringing a favourite teddy (or another soft toy) to share their lunch with, and with some classes going on a "bear hunt." Students will use this event as a springboard for their writing in their Writers' Notebooks over the coming weeks.



Launch of the "Better Buddies" 2021 program

On Tuesday 30th March, our Grade 1 and Grade 5 classes launched the "Better Buddies" program for this year. Students enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked by the excellent Mr. Turner, Miss Lylak, and the Student Voice team and were entertained by a guest performance by "Captain Eric," the magician.

Unlike in previous years, the Buddy program will focus on select year levels working closely together each term. The Grade 1&5 classes will spend Term 2 getting to know one another and working on a range of activities from the "Better Buddies" program based around creating respectful environments; developing empathy, compassion, and skills associated with caring for others. Our PRIDE values will strongly underpin it.

PRIMARY LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY



ADRIANA ALLAN Assistant Principal Primary

7 & 8 SUB-SCHOOL UPDATE

I want to thank all students and teachers for their outstanding work throughout term 1.

The Year 7 camp was a huge success, and everyone had a fantastic time.

Our Year 7 immunisation program took place on Tuesday, 23 March. Well done to all the students for getting on without any fuss. Big thanks to Betty Symms for her efforts to coordinate and support students.

Year 7 & 8 Class Captains and Student Voice Leaders have been assigned, and we look forward to working with the student leadership group throughout the year.

On Wednesday, 31 March, period 1 & 2, year 8 students will participate in a 'let's embrace multiculturalism' incursion. Guest speaker and Soccer Player Craig Foster will be speaking to the cohort, and there will be an African music/acrobatic dance performance.

Our 100% attendance lunches will take place this week - year 7 students Tuesday and year 8 Wednesday.

Students have had the opportunity to participate in a term 1 survey and the Year 7 & 8 Student Engagement Leaders have some exciting plans for term 2, including Wellbeing Days.

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing everyone when we return on Monday, 19 April.

2022 Year 7 Enrolments

If you would like to arrange a college tour, please contact Di Davies to register for one of our below tour times.

Wednesday 21 April 11:30am

Wednesday 28 April 11:30am

Wednesday 5 May 11:30am

If you would like to schedule an alternative tour time, please advise.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Information Packs will be available for download from the Department of Education and Training website and Primary Schools in term 2.

Special Program application details will be available on our website in term 2, June.

Kind regards,

LEAH HANNAS Assistant Principal (year 7 & 8 sub-school)

9 & 10 SUB-SCHOOL UPDATE

Congratulations to all Year 9&10 students and staff on what has been a hectic but productive Term 1. While the term hasn't been without its challenges, our students have shown incredible resilience and perseverance to settle back into the routine and rigor of onsite face-to-face learning after a very turbulent and disruptive 2020.

I'd like to recognise all of the Year 10 PRIDE award winners for leading their year level by upholding the College values of Respect, Integrity, and Dedicated- Teamwork.

Furthermore, I'd like to commend the 9&10 students on their conduct and participation in several important events this Term:

- Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals
- Year 9 Mock Interviews
- Year 10 Wellbeing Day
- Year 10 Awards Ceremony

As we head into Term 2, there will be a greater focus at Years 9 and 10 on careers and pathways. Students are starting to consider VCE carefully and VCAL pathways and post-secondary courses and destinations.

Important Term 2 Dates			
Year 9		Year 10	
Date	Event	Date	Event
10-14 May	NAPLAN	19/20 April	Careers Information Sessions
17-21 May	Careers Action Plans	27 April	Careers Expo
21/22 June	Morrisby Profile Testing	3 -7 May	Careers Action Plans
		13 May	Immunisations
		17 May- 11 June	After-School Exam Preparation Classes
		3/4 June	Attitude to School Survey
		15-18 June	Semester 1 Exams

I'd like to wish all students, families, and staff of Narre Warren South P-12 College a safe and enjoyable break. I am looking forward to seeing you all back with a renewed enthusiasm for the start of Term 2.

RICHARD ALLAN Assistant Principal (year 9 & 10 sub-school)

SICKBAY UPDATE

If your child is unwell, keeping them home from school can help them recover faster. It also helps prevent the virus from spreading to other children at school, which is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible.

Healthcare professionals recommend that sick children stay home until they're well enough to go back to school. This is typically about 24 hours after symptoms begin to improve. In some cases, however, it can be difficult to determine whether your child is well enough to return to school. Consider the following signs as you make your decision.

A persistent cough is likely to be disruptive in class. It is also one of the primary ways of spreading a viral infection. If your child has a severe sore throat and a lasting cough, keep them home until the cough is nearly gone or easily controlled.

The fever has been controlled for over 24 hours without medication, the child is usually safe to return to school. However, your child may still need to stay home if they are continuing to experience other symptoms, such as diarrhea or vomiting.

It may be easy to know when your child is too sick to go to school, but it is often difficult to determine when they are ready to go back. Sending your child back too soon can delay their recovery and make other children in the school more susceptible to the virus as well.

Tips to keep your child healthy

Proper hand hygiene is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. Teach your child to wash their hands frequently, especially before eating, after using the bathroom or blowing their nose. It's also important to wash hands after touching desks, doorknobs and handrails.

To help prevent the spread of illness, teach your child to cough into their elbow or to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue before a sneeze. It's also a good idea to remind your child not to share food or utensils with classmates.



TERM 1 SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS







STUDENT LEADERS RECEPTION

On Thursday 18 March, Rosie Slattery, Joe Fraser, Tito Toleafoa, Shayna Young, and Jared Svay attended the Student Leaders Reception. They listened to guest speakers talking about practical strategies for creating simple change. Casey's Student Leaders Reception is an annual event to celebrate the appointment of school captains and student leaders from across the City of Casey.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Sunday 14 March, Caitlyn Smart, Hajar Bakhshi, and Gazala Mohammed participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day. Fourteen bags of rubbish, a bike frame, a shopping trolley, and a broken vacuum cleaner later, School Court looked terrific and free of litter.

