



# Macleod P - 12 College

Newsletter Issue 11, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**PREP - YEAR 12 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**  
**TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1pm - 5pm & 6pm - 7.50pm**  
**BOOKINGS AVAILABLE THROUGH COMPASS**  
**FROM FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**YEAR 11, 2017 (current year 10 students) PARENT INFORMATION**  
**NIGHT THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 7pm - 7.30pm**

**YEAR 12, 2016 - VTAC PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 7.30pm - 8pm**

**YEAR 10 INTERVIEWS**  
**BY APPOINTMENT WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Year 9 & 10 Sport**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Music Camp**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9.30am Secondary Tour**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Year 10 Assembly P1 & P2**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**7pm Parent Information Night**  
**Year 11, 2017**  
**7.30pm Parent Information**  
**Night – VTAC current Year 12**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Year 10 Subject Supermarket**  
**Later Years Formal**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Year 10 Interviews - All Day**  
**6.15pm College Council**

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Year 12 German Camp**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August -**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Various Music Groups to**  
**South Street, Ballarat**

**NOTE: ALL STUDENTS**  
**MUST BE IN THE NEW**  
**SCHOOL UNIFORM BY**  
**TERM 1, 2017**

**If your child is absent from**  
**school please record their**  
**absence by:**  
**calling 9457-0207**  
**or emailing**  
[absence@macleod.vic.edu.au](mailto:absence@macleod.vic.edu.au)

### NMR SENIOR BOYS SOCCER - RUNNERS UP



College Principal: Mario Panaccio

College Council President: Nicholas Abbey

Assistant Principals: Georgina Convery, Michelle Wallis

College Captains: Madeline Stier, Tom Abbey (Secondary) Ruby Gruer, Ben Virlios (Primary)

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## Principal's Report

### School Volunteer - Deborah Fu

Macleod College says a sad farewell to Deborah Fu, one of our invaluable parent volunteers who began volunteering at Macleod College when her daughter Clara was a senior student. Clara graduated in 2001, and in 2004 her son, Derek commenced as a Year 7 student. Deborah continued to help in the library during those years, even though she had no children at the school. Derek graduated in 2009 and now, 7 years later, Deborah is finally leaving us to move to Sydney.



During the last 16 years Deborah has been a reliable and tireless contributor to Macleod College library and has covered many of our books. She always took enormous pride in the tasks we would ask of her and even took books home to cover. When we were very busy Deborah would just quietly arrive and start covering and sometimes we would not even notice she had been. These qualities made Deborah an invaluable volunteer and we will miss her support and friendship. Clara is now a physiotherapist in Adelaide and she also volunteers, as a physio, and credits her mother as her role model and inspiration for giving back to the community.

On behalf of the College, we wish to thank Deborah Fu and acknowledge her 16 years of dedicated community work at Macleod College.

### Parent Opinion Survey

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey is currently being held. Parents were randomly selected to take part in this survey and envelopes were sent home last week with students to the families that had been selected.

This data is used as a measure of school performance and it is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be.

If you have received one of the surveys I would ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organization of the school.

It would be appreciated if surveys could be returned by Friday 29.

### Parent Teacher Interviews – Tuesday August 9

The parent teacher interviews will run from 1pm until 5pm and then from 6pm until 7.50pm. **Given that this is a variation to regular teaching hours no classes will be held on this day.**

Parents are able to book interview times through COMPASS from this Friday July 29. Students are to attend interviews with their parent/guardian.

Out of School Hours Care will be running, but please contact Julie (OSHC Coordinator) on 0401 991 093 and make your booking by Friday August 5.

All Year 6 students are to make an appointment with me as well as their classroom teacher.

If you have problems with your COMPASS login please contact the general office.

## Year 11, 2017 Parent Information Evening

Parents of current Year 10 students are invited to attend a **Parent Information Evening on Thursday August 11, from 7pm - 7.30pm** regarding the Year 11 program in 2017. On this evening parents will receive a copy of the Year 11 - 12 Senior School Course Guidelines 2017 - 2018 and Year 11 subject selection sheets. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS ATTEND THIS EVENING WITH THEIR CHILD.**

The Year 10 students will be having an **assembly on Monday August 8** to begin the process of subject selection followed by a **subject supermarket on Friday August 12** when they will receive subject descriptors from the different faculties.

On **Wednesday August 17, Year 10 interviews** will be held. Students will have no formal lessons that day but will attend an interview in full school uniform at an allocated time (interview times will be sent out shortly). Parents are welcome to attend this interview with their child.

**Year 11, 2017 subject selection sheets are due in on Thursday August 18 at the latest.**

## Year 12, 2016 VTAC Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information Evening for parents of current Year 12 students is being held on Thursday August 11 from 7.30pm - 8pm to advise on the VTAC process.

## Mario Panaccio Principal

### Year 3/4 Helpers in the Library





## Careers

### Reminders:

- **'INSIDE MONASH' SEMINARS** – Science - Aug 24; Teaching - Sept 13; For details, and to book go to: [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
- **NURSING AT DEAKIN** – Info session: Geelong 23 July; Warrnambool 22 July; Book: Ph 9244 6032; See: [www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery](http://www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery).



**OPEN DAY REMINDER** – University and TAFE Open Days are just around the corner. These are an opportunity to **check out campuses and courses** which interest you. **Year 10** is a great time to commence these visits. Some students will spend more time checking out a \$5,000 used car than checking out an investment in education.

### Some Open Day Dates for 2016:

- Sun 31 July – Swinburne University
- Sat 6 Aug – Monash (Peninsula)
- Sun 7 Aug – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Warrnambool); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

**GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS** – Don't wander aimlessly....try these ideas:

- Get an **Open Day Guide**, eg from [www.deakin.edu.au/openday](http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday), or [www.openday.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.openday.unimelb.edu.au), and be there when relevant **information sessions** are on
- Allow enough **time** for your visit, eg two hours
- Speak to **staff/students** about courses which interest you - note your **questions beforehand**
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Are there **Industry based-learning** (IBL) opportunities?
- Ask about **international study** opportunities
- Consider **transport** issues
- Check the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- What **facilities/clubs** are offered?
- Consider a **rural campus** - ATAR's are often **lower** at rural campuses and they often offer other advantages (eg smaller size/classes).

**NOTE:** If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/audition** as part of the selection process, **attendance is A MUST!** You may be asked what you learned at Open Day.

**YEAR 12's – APPLYING FOR COURSES** - Applications are usually made on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website, and open on **Mon 1 August**, with timely applications closing on **29 Sept** (see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). You can apply for up to **eight courses**, placing them in the **order you most want them**. You will be offered a place in the **highest course in your list** where you meet ATAR/Selection/pre-requisite requirements.

As we know, some **circumstances** can spoil a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions know this and offer **alternative entry schemes** taking into account **short- and long-term disadvantage**. While many are offered through the single **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** application process, others require **application to the institution**. **Note:** SEAS applications cannot be completed until a VTAC course application is made.

See: [www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html)

### MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –

- **MONASH GUARANTEE AND SEAS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS** – Monash operates two **access schemes**, the **Monash Guarantee** and the **SEAS** that can help students enter a preferred course, **even if your ATAR is below the clearly-in ATAR**. It is possible to be eligible for one or both schemes. The **Monash Guarantee** can get you into a course even if you don't reach the course's clearly-in ATAR. You could be eligible if you have experienced **financial disadvantage** or if you are an **Indigenous Australian** (Note: the Monash Guarantee also applies to students who **attend a Monash under-represented school**). Every course has a Monash Guarantee ATAR. For Info: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atars>.
- **SEAS adjusts your ATAR** in recognition of **circumstances** that may have affected your education. See: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme>.
- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA)** is holding **workshops** which offer a way to get tips on the **application process** for MADA courses. **When:** 26 & 27 Sept; **Where:** MADA (Caulfield campus); **For:** Year 11 & 12 students; **Book:** [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).
- **NEW VERTICAL DOUBLE ARTS DEGREES** – This will mean you can get a **Bachelor of Arts degree and relevant Master's degree in four years**. The offering will be accessed, either **commencing directly** into a planned vertical course program or **electing to move** into the double degree structure while undertaking the Bachelor's degree. Students will need to achieve a 75% average in their first two years (full-time) to progress to Master's level.
- **MONASH BUSINESS SCHOOL** – has a City location at **Level 7, 271 Collins St Melbourne**. Learn about their **B. International Business** degree at **Open House**, Sun 14 Aug. Register: [www.business.monash.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/find-out-more/business-open-house](http://www.business.monash.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/find-out-more/business-open-house)

**LA TROBE UNIVERSITY'S ASPIRE PROGRAM** – Applications are open. The program recognises the **positive impact** a student has had on their local community. To help you apply, La Trobe has updated the **'How to Apply'** page with tips and a **sample application**. **Frequently asked questions:**

- **What ATAR must I achieve for the Aspire program?** Most courses have a **minimum ATAR of 50**, although some professional degrees have higher requirements
- **Do I have to arrange anything for my school recommendation?** No, **La Trobe will contact the school** so you only need to advise which school you attend
- **Do I still have to apply through VTAC if I get an Aspire offer?** **Yes – your Aspire course should be your highest eligible preference.** If you list a different course that you are eligible for **above** your Aspire offer, you will be made an offer into the different course and your Aspire offer will become void.

**For Info and to apply:** [www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire)

**DEAKIN INFORMATION SESSIONS -Health Sciences:** Burwood Saturday 27 July; RSVP <http://www.deakin.edu.au/health-social-development/short-courses/short-course-details/school-events>

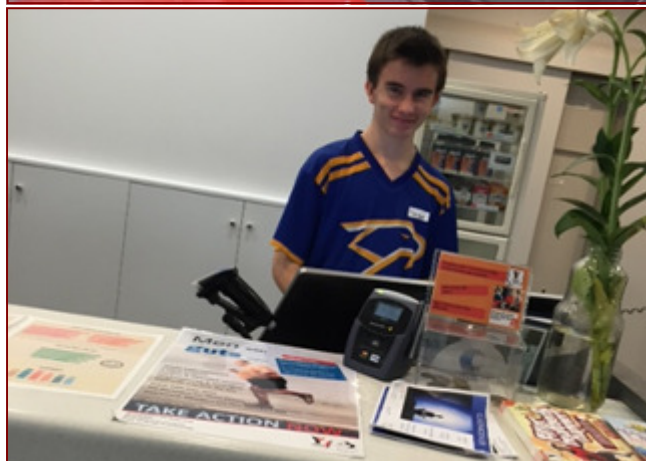
**Exercise & Sports Science**, Burwood Saturday 23 July; <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/deakin-university-exercise-and-sport-science-information-sessions-tickets-25717693313>

**MORE THAN YOUR ATAR AT ACU** – ACU's new **Passion for Business (P4B)** and **Passion for Law and Commerce (P4law-commerce)** programs are **not** just about your ATAR; they are about providing a **unique opportunity for students with a passion for business or law**. If you are in Years 11 or 12 and you want to get an early competitive edge with a guaranteed entry to ACU. See [www.acu.edu.au/P4B](http://www.acu.edu.au/P4B) or [www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce](http://www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce).

#### **Year 10 Work Experience 2016**

All Year 10 students have participated in our annual work experience program in the last two weeks of Term 2. There were 75 placements which varied with the largest being in the Retail sector. This has proved an excellent opportunity for our year 10 students to focus on their career interests and trial what employment and the world of work is all about. Most of our students eagerly ventured out into the community in search of their dream job: many have found this experience rewarding while others found it a real challenge. Some were successful enough to find placements in sought after industries including the medical field, hospitality, the legal industry and animal welfare.

The feedback received from both employers and teaching staff who visited students has been positive. Most of our Year 10 students, despite their age, handled themselves in a mature, respectable and professional manner. Congratulations to all Year 10 students for participating in a Work Experience placement and especially to those who have gained part-time work as a result of their outstanding efforts. I hope you gained valuable information about the world of work and the industry you are interested in.



**Penny Hysen - VET/VCAL/Careers**



## Chaplaincy & Wellbeing Support Group

### Election Day BBQ

Many thanks to all the great people who volunteered on our Election day Sausage sizzle on July 2<sup>nd</sup> – we had 18 people altogether! And didn't we work hard! We were there from 7.45am til 4.30pm and sold about 600 sausages, 40 cans of drink and a box of chocolates, resulting in a profit of \$1184.80. About 3000 people went through the polling booth. We received quite a lot of small donations (often from vegetarians!) which was lovely. A very big thank you to John Voykovic, who was there most of the day, and also to Ann-Marie and Karen Butterworth who put in some solid hours at the busiest time of the day. We were very appreciative of a \$50 voucher from Coles in Warrigal and a \$20 voucher from Woolworths in Heidelberg. A great day!

### Chocolate Drive

All chocolate money is due back now. We would appreciate it if those with money outstanding could return it as soon as possible. Thanks again to all those who participated – hopefully we will raise around \$1200 which is a great effort!

Thank you for all your ongoing support,

**Cathie Clarke on behalf of the Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group. Ph: 9459 2278**

### Biology

Macleod's Biology students visited Melbourne Uni this month as a part of their genetics studies. They assessed bacterial plasmids for the presence of recombinant DNA and traced the inheritance patterns of mutant mustard seedlings across three generations. Now they just have to write their reports!



**Belinda Moody - Biology Teacher**

## Community

### Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher's Aide) -CHC30213 - July 2016

**This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education, as well as Primary, Secondary and Special schools. Graduates work as education assistants/teacher aides and support workers (working with children with disabilities)**

**Enrolments now being taken for July 2016 course.**

**Starting:** 29th July

**Day:** Fridays 9.15am to 3.15pm

**Duration :** 24 sessions , 2 workshops + 100 hour practical placement.

**Cost:** Concession: \$180, Full: \$900, Fee For Service—  
Conc.: \$2,685 (limited places) + Service & Amenities Fee

**For more details please ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au)**

## Chaplaincy

Free Weekly Breakfast Program in G block every Thursday morning for all students from 8am to 8.50am. Cereal, toast, fruit, and hot milo. Please encourage your child to attend and enjoy a healthy free breakfast.



### Helpers needed for Breakfast club.

I am looking for secondary students to assist with the breakfast program. Please see me if you are able to help.

### Hope Tour - Year 7 to 9 students.

Hope tour spoke to Year 7 to 9 students last Friday. They are a group that has been formed to engage secondary students in an interactive and fun way to promote self-worth and resilience, and to share an anti-bullying message.

### Year 9 Soup Lunch

Next Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Year 9 food classes will be making soup. This will be served to all Year 9 students in the impact centre at lunch time.



**Can all Year 9 students please bring a gold coin donation.** Funds raised will be going to the Salvation Army who assist thousands of people every year that are homeless.

### Chaplaincy and Wellbeing support Group

Next meeting of the Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group is on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5.30pm in the social staff room. All welcome.

Please contact me via the office if you have any concerns, or would like further information.

**Anne-marie Fife - Chaplain**



**JOIN YOUR FRIENDS & PLAY WITH YOUR LOCAL CLUB**



**BANYULE HAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB**


**@ MACLEOD YMCA**


**BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS / AGES 6 - 19**

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 Tel: 1800-BANYULE



 **children's protection society op shop**



**Volunteer at the CPS Op Shop and help vulnerable children thrive!**

The CPS Op Shop in Rosanna is a local institution that has raised more than \$1.4 million over the past 32 years to support the life-changing programs of the Children's Protection Society.

We're seeking volunteers to join our friendly team who donate a few hours of their time each month. Volunteers who love the satisfaction of helping create safe, nurturing environments for at-risk kids in our community.

**Get in touch today!**

and be a part of something special.  
 Pop in and see us at 43 Beetham Parade, Rosanna  
 Call or text Nicole on **0403 258 046**  
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"A sense of connectedness to families and schools is the most significant protective factor for young people."  
(Resnick et al. *Protecting Adolescents From Harm*, 1997)

## SAFEMINDS: AT HOME

SAFEMinds is a partnership between:  
 **headspace**  
National Youth Mental Health Foundation  


Did you know that mental ill-health is the biggest health issue for young Australians today.

Do you want to some practical tips on how to identify when your child might need support with their mental health and wellbeing?

SAFEMinds At Home parent information sessions can help you with practical tips and resources to support your child through tough times.

### SAFEMinds Comes to Greensborough!

headspace Greensborough will be presenting a **FREE** session for parents to learn about early detection and support for young people through the SAFEMinds mental health training currently being introduced for schools and families across Victoria.

**Time:** 6:45pm for a 7pm start – 9pm.

**Date:** Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>

**Venue:** headspace Greensborough

Level 1, 78 Main Street Greensborough

To register, contact headspace Greensborough on 9433 7200.



Meet members of the headspace Greensborough team and learn more about the supports and services available at headspace Greensborough.

A panel of local services will be available to answer your questions about local support services for young people and families



SAFEMinds combines a range of targeted training and a comprehensive toolkit of resources, to support whole school communities apply the NIP it in the bud! early intervention approach.

SAFEMinds Online

SAFEMinds: In Practice SAFEMinds: At Home

 **headspace**  
Greensborough

# Words that Breathe: Open Mic

*Hosted by Poets@Watsonia*



**Watsonia Library**  
**Saturday 6 August**  
**2.00pm – 4.00pm**

This open mic session is open for **all ages** and writing styles. Experience the pleasure of sharing your stories and poems with a receptive audience. There will be winter weather and hot chocolate. Reading time is 3 minutes each, arrive by 1.40pm to get your name on the program.



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FRIDAY 29TH JULY



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ENTRY

PRESTON (DAREBIN)  
BLUE LIGHT

PRESTON TOWN HALL

274 GOWER STREET, PRESTON

6.30 - 9PM | 8 TO 14 YEAR OLDS

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# YOUTHFEST 2016

BIRDWOOD AVE, MACLEOD  
SUN 11 SEPT 12PM 5PM

Community Groups &  
Organisations

## GET INVOLVED

Being involved at YouthFest is a great way to promote your service to local young people. In the past, organisations who work with young people have come up with creative ways to add value to the festival whilst at the same time gaining access to a broad audience.

To register your interest in being involved in YouthFest 2016 please complete the Expression of Interest Form at:

[youthfest.com.au](http://youthfest.com.au)

