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## WCB VISION

WE CARE ABOUT OUR STUDENTS AT  
WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO AND  
WE HELP THEM TO THRIVE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### OPEN HOURS

#### SCHOOL

Start 9.00am  
Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm  
Recess 1.45pm - 2.05pm  
Finish 3.15pm

#### OFFICE

Monday – Thursday  
8.15am – 4.15pm  
Friday  
8.15am - 4.00pm

#### UNIFORMS - BOLTONS

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm  
Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm

57 Williamson Street Bendigo.  
(03) 5440 5600

#### DATES:

##### June

24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 Work Experience  
28<sup>th</sup> – Last Day Term 2 - 2.30pm finish

##### July

15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day Term 3

##### September

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Year 10 Sydney & Tasmania Camps  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Year 9 Melbourne Urban Camp  
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Campaspe & Year 8 Lorne Surf Camp

## CONTACTS

#### PRINCIPAL

Leanne Preece

#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Jason Bysouth  
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**Chaplain** | Carl Rusbridge  
**Nurse** | Tammy Nancarrow

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**L7B** Matt Reeves  
**L8A** Meryl Hayes  
**L8B** Michael Wood  
**L9A** Sarah Davis  
**L1A** Brian Edebohls  
**L1B** Nadine Harper

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**W8B** Paul Oshea  
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**M8B** Sarah Trew  
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**M9B** Jian Luo  
**M1A** Chris Emond

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Ryan Pollard

##### LEARNING ADVISORS

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**K7B** Sarah Baldwin  
**K8A** Liam Ireland  
**K9A** Geoff Dempster  
**K9B** Leigh Schroeter  
**K1A** Tara Pocklington

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

To all members of our school community,

Term 2 has been a very busy and productive term and I thank all staff on your behalf, for their contributions. A highlight has been the introduction of Yindi, our new school dog. Yindi has been warmly welcomed by students and staff alike. We have all really enjoyed watching her grow and seeing how she responds when in class or working with small groups and individuals. Julie Nicol, Yindi's primary carer, is doing a great job of training her and arranging her weekly timetable. Grant from Dogs Connect is a great support as we learn about how to utilise a dog to support students to be connected to school and achieve improved learning outcomes.



### Victorian Certificate Applied Learning

The Bendigo Education Plan 2018-2028 has subcommittees looking at each of the goals and targets of the plan including provision of education in our city as well as options to support students 'at-risk' of leaving school early. At last week's school council, a recommendation was made for Weeroona College Bendigo to proceed with the planning for the introduction of intermediate VCAL in 2020. Bendigo Senior Secondary College staff are very supportive of this idea and are willing to provide curriculum materials and advice as required.

Our Pathways team is currently interviewing students in year 10 who might be interested in staying at WCB in 2020 and starting a (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) Intermediate VCAL course. VCAL aims to provide the skills, knowledge and attributes needed to enable students to make informed choices about employment and educational pathways. The VCAL has four curriculum areas, called strands.

- Literacy and numeracy skills
- Industry specific skills (Vocational Education & Training – VET)
- Work related skills (Work placement one day per week)
- Personal development skills.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vcal/vcal-curriculum/Pages/Index.aspx>

If you are a parent or carer of a student in Year 10 and would like to know more, please contact Sue Pollard or myself.

### Casual Vacancies on the Weeroona College Bendigo school council

A reminder to parents/carers that I recently called for expressions of interest for two casual vacancies in the Parent Member category for the Weeroona College Bendigo School Council. Our School Council meets twice a term from 5:30pm to 7.00pm on a Monday evening. If you are interested, or want to know more about these positions, please contact me at the college.

*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Leading Literacy

Throughout this semester Bree McKern, Christine Edgar and I have been involved in a professional learning opportunity offered through Bastow. Bastow is the professional learning arm of the Victorian Department of Education and Training. This group supports early childhood services, schools and other education and training providers to deliver high quality services and outcomes across Victoria. Their work is critical to increasing the number of high quality leaders at every level across the Victorian Education system. They support leaders to drive sustained improvement of learning outcomes of children and young people.

The course that we are participating in is Secondary Leading Literacy. The focus is to work on understanding the latest research-based knowledge about literacy and how to teach it to our students. We are also exploring strategies for leading literacy initiatives in our school and sharing experiences so that we can learn from each other and be better equipped to support our students to maximise their potential.

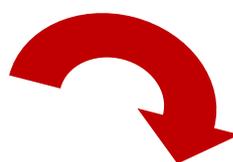
Here at school we are working with students to support the development of vocabulary, writing and reading skills. When reflecting upon our learning so far, it stands out to me how important it is that students are reading at home for 20 minutes every night. Encouraging this and discussing with your children what they are reading would be a great way for you to support and become involved in their learning.

If you would like to know more about Leading Literacy or how to help your student to learn, please don't hesitate contacting me.

*Jason Bysouth*

Assistant Principal

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY



WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** to **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

## ADMINISTRATION

Family Statements and Student Absence Letters were posted to families last week.

A reminder that the \$50.00 camp deposits for Years 7, 8 & 9 are due by **16/07/2019** (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Term 3).

Year 10 camp deposit of \$150.00 is due by the **21/06/2019**.

CSEF can be used towards both the deposit and balance

Balances to be paid in full prior to attending camp.

Student Absence Letters are issued monthly to families of students who have unexplained absences. To the families who have received this letter, could you please complete/explain the absence and return it in the supplied, replied paid envelope, or alternatively you can come and see staff in the Administration Office if you have any queries.

### **CSEF (Camps Sport & Excursion Fund)**

Any Parents/Guardians who hold a current, means tested, concession card are encouraged to apply for CSEF to assist with the payment of Camps, Sporting Events and Excursions.

If you have received CSEF in 2018 at WCB, (and providing you still meet Centrelink qualifications), you will automatically receive CSEF in 2019.

If you have already applied for CSEF in 2019, you will not need to reapply.

Applications for 2019 close on 28th June – no late applications can be accepted.

If you would like to know what CSEF credit you have available to put towards the upcoming camps, please contact the office on (03) 5443 2133

## HEAD START

Weeroona College is one of the first schools in Victoria to participate in a new model seeking to increase the number of students taking up school-based apprenticeships and traineeships whilst completing VCE or VCAL.

The Head Start program is a new state government initiative seeking to increase the number of students taking up school-based apprenticeships and traineeships across the state and will focus on increasing the amount of time that students from Years 10 – 12 will spend on-the-job undertaking their training.

Tara Kirk has been appointed as the Head Start coordinator for the Loddon Campaspe cluster, specifically working with: Weeroona College, Bendigo South East College and Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

Tara is one of 50 Head Start coordinators now in place across Victoria and is excited to introduce the program at WCB.

“We are looking to have students start their industry training through their apprenticeship or traineeships, while also keeping students at school to the end of their Year 12,” she said.

“We want students to move full time into their industry careers with strong literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills. These are the essential skills our young people will need within a modern, rapidly changing employment environment. I am really looking forward to providing support to students to move into their preferred industry pathways and to also connect with local employers to provide them with work ready young people, who will become valued employees within their business or organisations.”

Tara’s role is to case manage and support students through their apprenticeship or traineeship and completion of VCE or VCAL.

Tara will work with the existing careers team at WCB to provide students with the knowledge required to make informed decisions about their future learning opportunities.

If you would like more information about Head Start you can contact Tara on 0407 459 079 or [kirk.tara.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:kirk.tara.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)



**DEPOSIT DUE 16 JULY**

# Adventure Camp

**WCB CAMPS 19**

**WHO**  
YEAR 7 STUDENTS

**WHERE**  
PGL CAMPASPE DOWNS

**WHEN**  
SEPTEMBER 4TH - 6TH

**COST**  
\$260

**DEPOSIT DUE 16 JULY**

# Lorne Surf Camp

**WCB CAMPS 19**

**WHO**  
YEAR 8 CAMP

**WHERE**  
LORNE SURF CLUB, VICTORIA

**WHEN**  
SEPTEMBER 4TH - 6TH

**COST**  
\$325

**DEPOSIT DUE 16 JULY**

# Melbourne Experience

**WCB CAMPS 19**

**WHO**  
YEAR 9 STUDENTS

**WHERE**  
MELBOURNE CYC, VICTORIA

**WHEN**  
SEPTEMBER 2ND - 4TH

**COST**  
\$250

**DEPOSIT DUE 21 JUNE**

# Interstate Camps

**WCB CAMPS 19**

**WHO**  
YEAR 10 STUDENTS

**WHERE**  
SYDNEY AND TASMANIA

**WHEN**  
SEPTEMBER 2ND - 6TH

**COST**  
\$650

## Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Premiers' Reading Challenge is well and truly underway for 2019. The Challenge doesn't end until the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, so there is plenty of time for students to read and record books to meet the 15 titles required to complete the Challenge.

Presently, students of WCB have recorded a total of 1,212 books and 17 students have already completed the Challenge. Student usernames and passwords for the online recording system can be obtained from

English teachers or the librarians.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1>

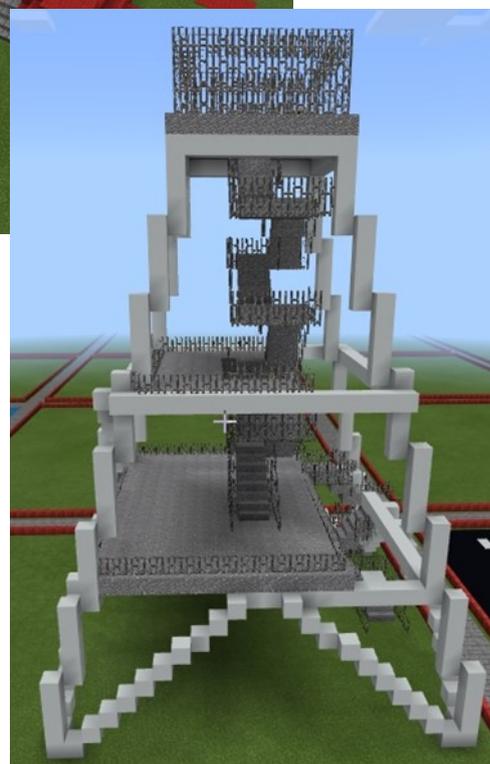
## Books and Bikkies

The GLC played host to the last Book Club meeting for Term 2. Students enjoyed light refreshments while browsing new reading material. Students also listened to part of a short story written by Nicola Yoon titled 'The Department of Dead Love', a few reviews of new books and then they had time to construct a scratch art bookmark. Book Club will return next term, with the first meeting being held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.



## Weeroona Building Challenge

In the Makerspace during lunch and recess times, students have begun a new Minecraft Educational Coding Challenge. Minecraft Education is a game-based learning platform with standards-aligned content across subjects Prep-Year 12. Students have been asked to self-select a building or landmark within Bendigo area and use this program to construct it. Small teams and individuals are busily constructing: The Conservatory, Alexandra Fountain, Commonwealth Bank Building, Lake Weeroona and the Chinese precinct's lotus flower statue. This challenge will run for approx. 6 weeks.

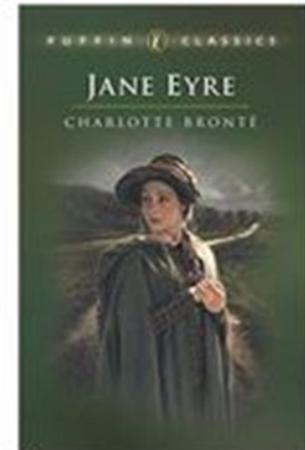
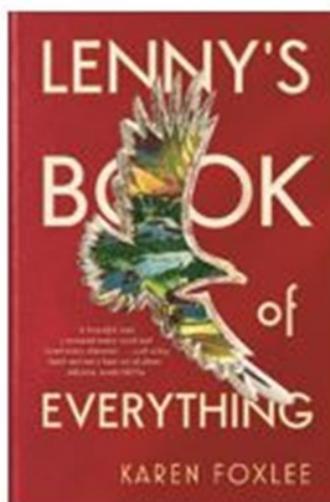
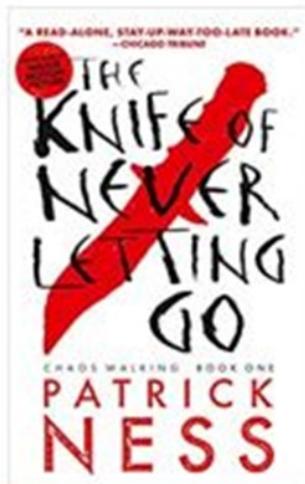


## Earn and Earn

The end of Woolworth's Earn and Learn initiative is fast approaching. The 25<sup>th</sup> of June will be the last day for collecting the stickers. To those community members helping WCB collect these stickers, thank you very much. Stickers can be dropped in the boxes located at the Epsom and Marketplace Woolworths or at the General Office.



To date, we have amassed over 9000 stickers which will be used to obtain some much needed consumable and STEM resources for the library's Makerspace.



## Book Club's Best Books

The following novels were voted the best books read this year, thus far, by some of the members of Books and Bikkies (WCB's Book Club).

'The Dark and Hollow Places' by Carrie Ryan – I chose this book because of its storyline. The use of adjectives and how they help you picture the surroundings is really good.

**Bailey W9A**

'Once' by Morris Gleitzman – One of our librarians recommended it. It is an interesting novel with a good plot. **Emma L7B**

'Save the Date' by Morgan Matson – The novel's cover looked interesting and it has great writing and vocabulary. **Serava M7A**

'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte – I chose this book because I saw part of the movie and it was interesting. This novel was good because the characters were well written and the plot was full of twists and turns. **Destiney K9A**

'Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe' by Benjamin Saenz – This book kept me interested and it had good character development. **Blodan M8A**

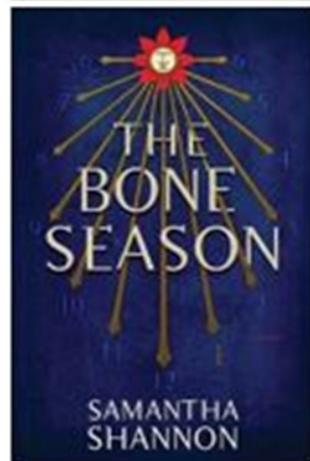
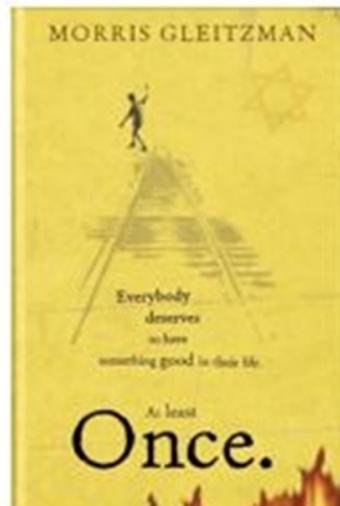
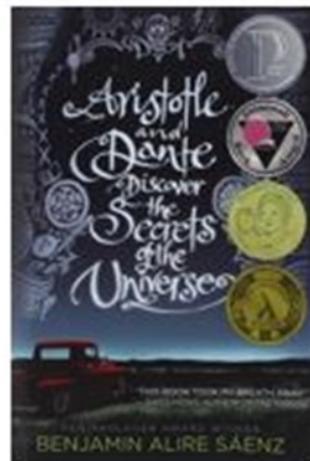
'Lenny's Book of Everything' by Karen Foxlee – This was one of the new books that Ms. Oliver recommended and it sounded good. I like the way it described the life of the characters and how one character's illness affected the life of others around them.

**Charlie W7A**

'The Knife of Never Letting Go' by Patrick Ness – Heaps of people recommended this book to me and it is well written. The characters are loveable and the storyline is unique. **Daisy K9A**

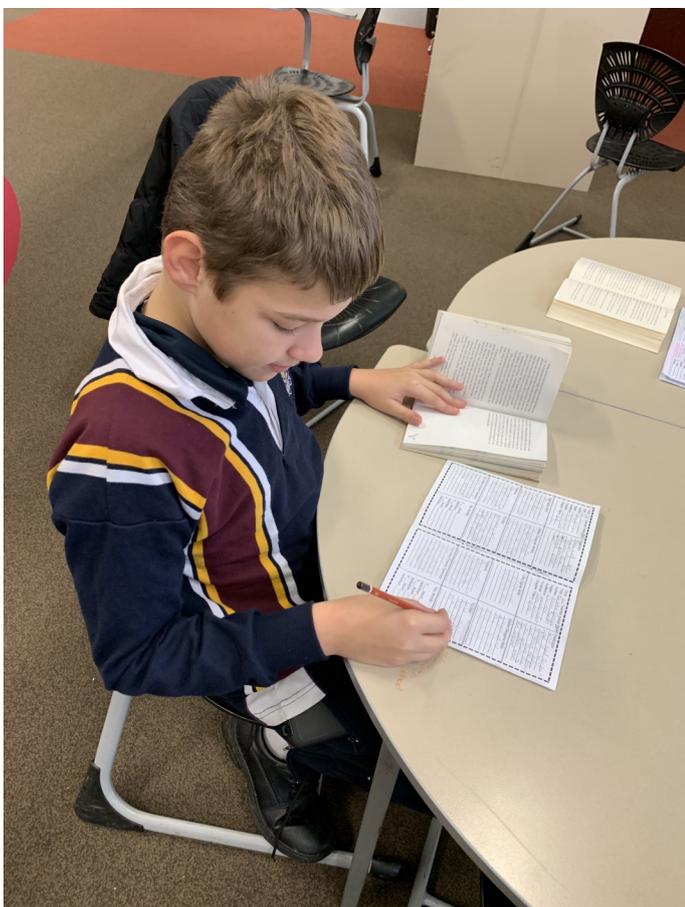
'The Bone Season' by Samantha Shannon – The author did an amazing job of mixing fantasy with futuristic sci-fi. The writing is beautiful as is the character developments.

**Carlia W1A**



## LITERACY NEWS

This Term, our Year 7 and 8 English Teachers have been working hard to incorporate reading groups into our reading units of work. Groups are based on On Demand reading test scores and teacher judgments. Students are reading a set few chapters of their novels independently and keeping notes in their R.E.A.D books. Each week the group meets with their teacher to discuss certain elements of their novel. If you have a student in Year 7 or 8 ask them to show you their R.E.A.D book to check it out.



We have had a number of students submit entries into our school writing competition on the theme of 'Lost'. Thank you to all students who have submitted entries. Currently, the judges are reading all the fantastic work and prize winners will be announced soon.

A reminder to all students to log into their Premiers' Reading Challenge account and add books they have finished reading. If you have forgotten your log in please ask at the Library or see your English teacher. The Challenge finishes in September, so there is still plenty of time to reach the target of 15 books.

Our Creative Writing students have been working on analysing poetry and song lyrics. We encourage the students to write about issues that teenagers face as a way of exploring these issues and expressing themselves creatively. Below are some poems that were written by our talented students.

## Creative Writing L1A

### I REALLY LIKE GARLIC BREAD FROM PIZZA HUT

Do I look strange today?

Do I look smaller to you, weaker, slower, more tired?

I feel it.

I could count the seconds in between each breath my body takes.

Breathing hurts, because my stomach is empty.

My intestines feel so hollow and clear, no food being digested.

I am like a squirrel, I take all the food I can then I go and hide, only the food doesn't stay in my stomach.

I would call myself a bear, because bears do that too, but I am not strong like a bear, I am not big like a bear.

I really like the garlic bread from Pizza Hut.

Salty, doughy, warm, yellow and lovely.

My parents took me out for dinner there 2 weeks ago, I ate everything I could.

Then I got home and it all came out.

Small again.

Thin again.

Like a tree.

Like a twig.

Smaller than.

I really like cobs popcorn, easy to eat, it makes me feel good inside to be full.

Then it all comes out again.

Little.

Weak.

Like a squirrel.

Slow.

Tired.

Like a turtle or a sloth.

I'm craving garlic bread from Pizza Hut.

But no.

I must be small.

I must be little.

**Marnie Coulson**



## Creative Writing M9A

Pick a life, any life,

What was I supposed to do?

Pick a parent, any parent,

It was never mine to choose.

Running time, running time,

The screaming just gets louder.

Beating time, beating time,

One more word and it'd ignite her.

Choices left, choices right,

She's reaching for her shoes.

Choices go, choices stay,

Out the door with nil to lose.

Name in vain, name in vain,

They say it's all my fault.

Name in flames, name in flames,

Without me they'll all unfold.

**Mia McKenna**





## Sandhurst Division Cross Country

Well done to all students who participated in the Sandhurst Secondary Schools Sports Association Cross Country event held at Sebastian.



Congratulations to Brent White who produced an outstanding result in the Loddon Mallee Cross Country event held in St Arnaud in early June. Brent ran exceptionally well, to the extent that he was the overall winner of the Under 14 boys event. Well done Brent, a fantastic achievement. Brent will now represent the college at the School Sport Victoria State Finals to be held at Bundoora Park, Melbourne on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>.



Brent White – Loddon Mallee Winner 14 Boys Cross Country

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## YR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June the Year 8 Boys competed in the Sandhurst Division Football Carnival. The team had a good day compiling victories against Victory College and East Loddon P-12. Well done to all involved.

## BADMINTON

Well done to all the Yr 7/8 boys and girls who represented the college in the Sandhurst division Junior Badminton carnival. All conducted themselves in a fine manner and enjoyed the experience.



## ADP PROGRAM

Semester 2 will see a pilot program ran by the Bendigo Education Plan which gives participants from all year 7/10 State schools in Bendigo the opportunity to be involved in a sports program designed to enhance their development in their particular sports. 2019 is as stated as a pilot program. This semester will see the program take place at the Bendigo South East College precinct. Primarily the sessions will take place prior to school.

Congratulations to the following students who will take part in this Pilot Program:

Kealie Lambert  
Jesse Gill  
Lachlan Ross  
Sienna Hobbs  
William Beaton

## Sportsforce /Advance Program

Throughout the course of the semester a large amount of students have been involved in assisting, co-ordinating or umpiring at a broad range of sporting activities at primary and secondary level. All students involved have been fine ambassadors for the College.



Students from the Sportsforce Advance Program assisting at the Huntly Primary School Athletics Carnival held in early June.

*Shawn McCormick*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JULY – Term 3

Wednesday	17th July	-Sportsforce Advance - Primary Netball Carnival
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	-SSV Cross Country – Melbourne
Tuesday	23rd July	-Year 9/10 Girls Football
Wednesday	24th July	-Year 9/10 Boys Football
Monday	29th July	-Sportsforce Advance - District Primary Football Carnival
Tuesday	30th July	-Sportsforce Advance - District Primary Football Carnival

#### AUGUST

Thursday	8th August	-Basketball -Yr 7/8 Boys, Yrs 7/8 Girls -Hockey -Yr 7/8 Boys, Yr 7/8 Girls -Table Tennis -Yr 7/8 Boys, Yr 7/8 Girls
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> August	-Basketball -Yr 9/10 Boys Yr 9/10 Girls -Hockey -Yr 9/10 Boys, Yr 9/10 Girls -Table Tennis -Yr 9/10 Boys, Yr 9/10 Girls

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> September	- Sportsforce/Advance- Sandhurst Primary Division – District Athletics
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## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

