Dear Parents and Students,

I am pleased to report that after a comprehensive selection process, the School Council has appointed Alan Morton and Peter Dunn as the school architects. The company of Morton Dunn Architects is a Ballarat based partnership who specialise in civic and educational buildings. They came to us highly recommended for their sensitive handling of heritage listed buildings and for their ability to respond to client needs. When Alan and Peter spoke to the school staff on Monday, they appeared genuinely delighted to have been commissioned and to have the opportunity to work with such aesthetically and historically significant buildings.

I would like to thank the School Strategic Development Committee for working through the process of selection so thoroughly. All decisions have been considered and then reconsidered to ensure that at all times the educational needs of our staff and students remains the highest priority.

The committee members are:

• Mr Jeremy Johnson Chairperson
• Mr Barry Smith Council
• Mr Geoff Stevenson Business Manager
• Mr Neil Eastwood Parent
• Mr Peter Eddy Parent
• Mr Robert Grubb

I look forward to working with these people closely as we enter into this next exciting stage of our consolidation/redevelopment process. By its very nature the redevelopment will be slow and as I advised at the time of the decision, I believe that we will remain a two campus school until at least 2008. In the interim, the Dawson Street Campus will be maintained to a very high standard.

I will keep you informed as further progress is made.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
PRINCIPAL

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

| Monday, June 11 | Queen’s Birthday Holiday |
| Thursday, June 14 | Sturt Street ONLY classes finish 2.30pm |
| Tuesday, June 19 | Parents’ and Friends’ Association Meeting 7.45pm |
| Tuesday, June 26 | Years 7-11 classes finish |
| Thursday, June 28 | Unit 3 classes finish |

STURST STREET REPORT
Pat O’Shea

A reminder to parents that all Sturt Street classes only will finish at 2:30pm on Thursday, June 14. Teachers will use the extra time to collate Unit 3 reports.

The GAT examination is also next Thursday, June 14, for students doing Unit 3 subjects. Students sitting the GAT will not be required at school until 9:45am. Normal classes will be held for other Year 11 students.

Students are not permitted to have the Wednesday off in preparation for the GAT.

The other Year 12 exams are:
Tuesday, June 12:
Psychology, Chemistry and Accounting.

Wednesday, June 13:
Biology and Physics. Biology and Physics students may stay home to study on the Tuesday but should attend classes after their exam. Most Year 12 classes will still be held.

Year 11 exams will be from Friday, June 22 to Tuesday, June 26.

Year 10 students will have core subject exams on Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26.

Years 7-11 students finish term on Tuesday, June 26.

DAWSON STREET REPORT
Helen Weir

Interviews for new families continued on Thursday, May 31 and Saturday, June 2.

Once again, a wonderful group of students volunteered to show parents around the school. Many parents remarked on their friendliness and enthusiasm.

Thankyou to Sarah Orr, Alicia Ryan, Samantha Kellett, Clare Ryan, Kate Moss, Nicole Irvin and Bridie Rantall who were tour guides on Thursday.

On Saturday our tour guides were: Danielle Ritchie, Bianca Ripani, Danielle McVeigh, Bianca Weyer, Genevieve Rix, Steffani Del Din, Ashleigh Wilkie, Justine Crameri, Elizabeth McKenna, Susan Crebbin, Jessica Haintz and Madeleine Wright.

Congratulations to:
Hilary Goodson (Year 11) who has been offered a place in the Rural UniExperience Program to be held from July 12 to July 13. Hilary was chosen from 220 applications. Well done!
Last Friday a green Student Information Booklet and Timetable was distributed to VCE students. This booklet MUST be destroyed as it contains incorrect information about examinations. Could students please bring the green copy to the General Office as soon as possible. VCE students will receive a beige coloured booklet this week.

ROSTRUM PUBLIC SPEAKING
Jacinta McArdle

Congratulations to Jessikah Rau who won the Ballarat Regional Heat of the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. Jessikah spoke fluently and confidently on her chosen topic “Energy” and was very articulate in her impromptu speech. Well done, Jessikah!

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY
QUEENSCLIFF REPORT
Lauren Giles/Rosemary Little

Imagine a mini bus packed to almost bursting point - literally – full of excited Year 11 Biology students. Yes, that is right, the Annual Biology Camp was under way. This camp runs every year and provides a chance for aspiring Biologists to learn about the ecology and marine life of Swan Bay and Port Phillip Bay.

We went out on Port Phillip Bay on a little fishing boat where we were able to see and touch many weird and wonderful species, including; seahorses, pygmy squid, poison cnidarian, fish, snails, pipe worms and great big lumps of smelly seaweed. The highlight of the trip may well have been seeing the Australian fur seal colony at the Chinaman’s Hat.

After a windy night in tents, we awoke to find the tide had come in too far, so the morning mudflat walk was abandoned. Instead we went for a coastal walk discovering native species and weeds in the area.

Finally we all loaded back on to a big bus this time, and after a quick stop at McDonalds for supplies, we were home again in Ballarat. Tired, but none the worse for wear after two days with no hair dryers or make up, we all shuffled home to bed.

Thanks to Mr Leask and Ms Howard for supervising and a big thank you to Ms Porter for organising this great trip.

2030 AUSTRALIA’S IMMIGRATION CHALLENGE
Bridget Little/Laura Fraser

The Minister for Immigration Affairs Mr Phillip Ruddock, the concept of detention centres and more importantly Australia’s Immigration Program were all part of the 2030 Australia’s Immigration Challenge. Year 9 students Laura Fraser, Bridget Little, Katrina Vlachek and Caitlyn Birkett were selected to attend this national program aimed at Australia’s youth.

It was a day of confronting issues, feisty debates and eye-opening statistics. All students were given the opportunity to voice their opinions, direct questions at Mr Ruddock and perform role-plays around the theme of Immigration.

The day was not only a fantastic chance to make youth’s voice heard on the immigration policy it was also a day designed to mix with students from other schools and form new friendships.

All the students who were involved thoroughly enjoyed the day and with recent changes made to detention centres one can only hope that Mr Ruddock was actually listening to the concerns raised.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP
Trudy Nicholson

Thankyou to all who participated in the Shopping Trip held last Saturday. A magnificent sum of $700.00 was raised. The Tubular Bells have been purchased to the value of $7000.00 to which the Music Support Group contributed $3500.00 and the music banners are nearly finished. A wonderful effort by all who have helped with fundraising so far.

The Mid-Year Concert will be held on Wednesday, June 20, so please keep this date free in your diary. More details will follow.

It was great to see new members at our meeting which was held on Tuesday – more are welcomed.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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