



Principal's message

Community, Ownership,
Growth –a busy time for
McClelland College

As a school that prides itself on its community involvement, we know that there is always something happening for students and the last five weeks have been no exception. The Leadership Team have begun the important subject and course selection process for 2016. Over the course of this term students have been provided with lots of information that will assist them in making informed choices for the next year and beyond.

Our 10+ Club students (from Year 9 and 10) presented their business proposals to Experian leaders in their boardroom in St.Kilda Road. The presentations were of such a high calibre that the judges commented that our students were just as good and in fact better than many of the adults in the company. I was fortunate enough to witness the student presentations and totally agree. Parents and teachers should be very proud of these outstanding students and how they are representing the McClelland College community.

On Tuesday September 8th, John Merakovsky the Managing Director of Experian Australia and New Zealand, will be this year's ACER Principal for a Day.

John happens to also to hold a PhD in genetics from Melbourne University and amongst other things on the day, will give a guest lesson to our VCE Biology class. I look forward to providing a full report in the next edition of the COG.

Finally, we have been recognised for our McClelland Academy Program by being nominated in the Victorian Education Excellence Awards for the Outstanding Inclusive Education category. We should hear in the coming weeks whether or not we are shortlisted to the final three. Fingers crossed!

Kathryn Henderson—Assistant
Principal

Japanese Study Tour

The 2nd to 10th August was a fantastic week for the staff, students and some families of McClelland College. We were introduced to 19 bright, friendly, polite and fun young people from Chikushi High School, Japan. The students were on a study tour for the week and chose McClelland College as the school at which to gain this unique experience.

During their week, our visitors had the chance to hold Australian animals, bake Anzac biscuits, jump like kangaroos, have fun in the gym, try vegemite (not a crowd pleaser), pavlova and other Aussie delights, participate in various MAPs, have an afternoon of Hands on Learning, attend an Australian Art workshop as well as zip lining and tyre riding at the Enchanted Maze

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Additionally the students were part of 19 different families for the week and experienced a number of activities including fishing, dolphin spotting, going to an AFL game, animal parks, shopping and so much more. The students certainly had an entertaining and educational week.

As a Language teacher, this week has been extra special for me. Seeing first-hand the cross-cultural communication, understanding, curiosity, respect and friendships being developed between McClelland and Chikushi HS students was exhilarating and the visit has certainly illustrated the benefits of learning another language and embodied many of the reasons we encourage our McClelland students to learn Japanese.

Last Monday we officially farewelled Chikushi High School visitors. I sincerely thank the teachers of McClelland who contributed to the diverse itinerary and to the host families who so generously shared their homes and time with these young people. Judging by the tears I witnessed on Monday morning after the Farewell Ceremony, it is safe to say the Japanese students have left a strong impression on the families and the relationships formed will continue long after their plane departed Tullamarine airport a week ago. The students returned to Japan with some wonderful memories of a jam packed week, full of new experiences and everlasting friendships.

Any families interested in hosting an International Students for short term or long term visits should contact Brendan Hickey at the College on 9789 4544.



NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thanks to the McClelland College community for such a warm welcome over the past 4 weeks. I feel incredibly lucky to have this opportunity to work at McClelland in the capacity of Assistant Principal and I am dedicated to making a lasting contribution to the leadership team and the College. My personal ethos of putting the students at the centre of all decision making is reflected in the values of McClelland College and I am impressed by the staff that clearly have the same understanding and approach to teaching and learning. I am very impressed by the ethos "one size does not fit all" and believe every student has different learning needs and as a college we should do our best to address them.

A little about myself: I studied Fine Art Sculpture and Art History at the Victorian College of The Arts and then worked in the private sector in the area of steel fabrication for two years, I then returned to Melbourne University to study Education.

Over the past thirteen years I have led in the capacity of Leading Teacher across the year levels and I have also acted as Assistant Principal several times at Mornington Secondary College. I began my teaching career as Arts and Technology teacher then moved into the area VET Building and Construction, and most recent I have taught as a Generalist within the Junior School program. My passions outside of education are my family, making and creating (I still practice art, in particular sculpting) and as an owner builder have an ongoing project in building my home for my wife and three children.

My key responsibilities at McClelland College are the overall accountability for the Junior School 7 & 8, Wellbeing and all the special programs that sit under that umbrella (Flexible Learning @ McClelland, Connect, Integration, Outreach and Hands on Learning). I also will oversee the McClelland Academy Program such a great initiative for student choice and engagement.

Over the past 5 weeks my time has been spent meeting with the extended college community, local primary schools, college staff, the teams and students I will be working closely with into the future. Moving around the college I have observed the students to be happy, engaged and enthusiastic which is something the college should be very proud of.

I look forward to meeting more of our community over the coming weeks and further developing my understanding of the whole school and how it works. Please feel free to make contact at any time as partnerships in education are very important and directly influence student outcomes.

Todd Slater
Assistant Principal

Thur 20 Aug	Solo & Small Ensemble Concert St. Kilda Playground Excursion
Mon 24 Aug	AIME Excursion Creating the Future for Humanity Excursion SES Extensive Training
Tues 25 Aug	MAV Games Day SES Intensive Training
Wed 26 Aug Thur 27 Aug	Project Direct
Fri 28 Aug	Intermediate Boys Basketball Intermediate Boys Hockey Intermediate Girls Basketball Inter Boys & Girls Table Tennis
Tue 1 Sept	Term 3 Music Concert PAC 6—9pm
Wed 2 Sept	Progress Meetings 1pm-8pm
Thur 3 Sept	Themestock auditions 3.30-6pm PAC Senior Formal
Fri 4 Sept	Music Students—Aged Care Tour
Mon 7 Sept	Yr 7 Maths Games Day
Tue 8 Sept	NPD Athletics Yr 8 Maths Games Day
Wed 9 Sept	Europe Trip Information Night 6.30-8.30 pm
Thur 10 Sept	VCE Music Students Showcase 6pm-8pm PAC 10+ Melbourne Experience Point Nepean Kids Teaching Kids Conference
Fri 11 Sept	V8 Super Cars Sandown 500 Excursion
Sat 12 Sept	Japan Trip
Mon 14 Sept	Themestock Rehearsal
Thur 17 Sept	Themestock 6.30-9pm PAC
Fri 18th Sept	LAST DAY TERM 3 Early Finish 2.30pm
21-23 Sept	Unit 3/4 Practice Exams

Year 7&8 News

What's coming up in Year 7....

It will be an ever busy term 3 in the world of Year 7s with numerous events for which to prepare.

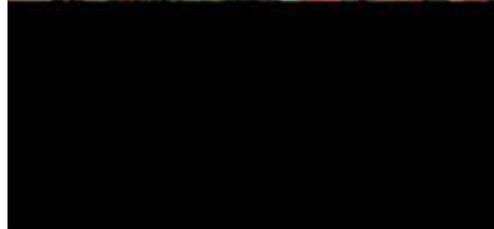
Passions Expo

On Friday 21st of August the students will be presenting on their passions to the whole school. They will be focusing on designing their expo stall to persuade, inform and entertain the audience on their chosen passion. Parents, teachers and students are encouraged to attend the expo and support our students' many and varied passions!

Careers Day

At the conclusion of term 3 students will be involved in the Year 7 Careers Day. The focus of the day is to immerse the students in a wide variety of different careers through the avenue of small workshops. These workshops are presented by outside professionals who currently work within these varied industries.

Celebrating Student Achievement



Year 7&8 News

YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8s have been very busy this month, and have been involved in a variety of different activities with many opportunities to learn (as well as enjoy themselves!).

On Thursday 30th of July, McClelland College students competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. 24 Year 8 students took part in the event and they should all be very proud of their efforts! Results will be released later in the year.

Ben Lanarus (807) gives us his insight into the global citizenship program High Resolves, and the learning that took place over Thursday 30th and Friday 31st July

"At High Resolves we got the chance to learn about a lot of things happening around the world. It was a great experience; we got to learn about how some people around the world are living, and how poor some people can be. It just gives us kids a better understanding and a bigger picture. They showed us how to help out, and make the world a better place for everyone to live in harmony. They told us about racism and what some people are going through when it comes to being discriminated. Overall, it was a very eye opening lesson for us."

There has also been room for a bit of team-building along the way, and Cody Clark (807) tells us more about a student-led Orienteering event.

"On Thursday the 13th of August 2015 the Year 8s had a little bit of a treasure hunt.

Basically, what we had to do was follow the clues from the start to the finish and at every clue you had to take a selfie. It was hosted by Alexis Gunn and Caitlyn Taylor who came up with the idea as part of their SRC responsibilities. The whole project was amazing everyone got involved with the idea and did what they were supposed to!"

Earlier this term, two teams of year 8 students went to Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School to compete against 100 elite schools in a Maths Games Day. The students were our best mathematicians and had a great day solving problems and competing in various games. Both teams performed well, but the small max team has bragging rights for their performance on the day, outperforming schools such as Melbourne Girls College, Wesley College and Oakleigh Grammar. Congratulations on their fantastic efforts!



Year 9&10 News

YEAR 9 NEWS

For the past few months, 10+ Club students have had the opportunity to work on the 'Fifty Challenge' with our community business partner Experian. In small teams, students were to come up with an innovative business idea, starting with \$50.

This project culminated in our presentation day on Tuesday 11th August where 8 groups of students presented their innovative ideas to senior members of the company.



All groups did a fantastic job and Experian and McClelland staff were completely blown away with the quality and creativity of the presentations.

Congratulations to the 10+ Club students for their participation and the relationships you have forged with your Experian mentors. The winner of the challenge will be announced soon.



YEAR 10 NEWS

As always, there is a lot going on at year 10. Many have been involved in the Snow Camp which is an amazing opportunity. Here are some things for parents to look out for:

Personal futures classes are currently looking at sexuality. This unit is **not just about the "mechanics"**, it is about understanding what makes the whole person and things to consider when making important life decisions. Students have been most engaged and the level of maturity has been impressive.

There is a 10+ excursion for Year 9- and 10's which is booked for Thursday 10th of September. Included will be, a tour of RMIT, a court case re-enactment and a state parliament visit so that students get an idea about how laws are made and implemented.

We are currently focussing on attendance and have been chasing up students with unexplained absences. The majority of unexplained absences are due to parents not calling in on the day. I know that mornings are busy with trying to get kids off to school as we go to work but please feel free to call earlier than 8.50 am. Alison Fox has message bank on the senior school absence line (9788 2046) and it gets checked every day. It is best not to call the front office due to the large volume of calls in the morning. Thankyou all for your support. It is important that we know where our year 10's are; **safety and engagement** are our primary concerns.

YEAR 11

On Thursday August 13th all year 11 students participated in the Fit to drive program. The day started out in the information commons with an introduction, followed by a viewing of TAC videos. Students then broke out into workshops and participated in values clarification activities.



Students then returned to the information commons to participate in a Young Driver facts – police presentation and a Fire Services Case Study then a follow up workshop.: After recess students participated in another workshop, where they discussed a range of scenarios in relation to driving and came up with strategies which were then shared with the groups. The morning session was completed with an evaluation and plenary session.

YEAR12

VTAC Applications 2015

VTAC applications are now open to all year 12 students. Thank you to all students and parents who attended the VTAC Information Evening on Wednesday 5th August. Follow up tutorials will occur on each Monday and Thursday at lunchtime in SIT 1 from 10th August until 20th August. Any student who is submitting SEAS documentation from the school must have already organized an appointment with Mrs Bucher or Mrs Andrews. No SEAS statement of supports will be provided after the end of Term 3.

September Practice Exam Period

All year 12 students and year 11 students completing Unit 3 & 4 are expected to participate in practice exams in the first three days of the September school holidays. Correspondence will be sent to all families detailing the exam timetable. Any alternative arrangements need to be organized through Mrs Fox before the end of the term. The College will be open during these times for study purposes. Access will be limited to the Senior Centre.

VCE Exams Navigator 2015

Any student completing a Unit $\frac{3}{4}$ VCAA exam must collect a VCE Exam Navigator from Mrs Bucher. VCAA exam schedules will be provided from Monday 8th September. All Performance and oral examination times have been provided to students. If any student has not received these details, please speak to your classroom teacher or Mrs Fox.

Valedictory 2015

Correspondence is being sent to all year 12 students and families regarding details for Final day and Valedictory on Thursday 22nd October. Any student who does not receive this important information, please see Mrs Bucher or Mr Richardson ASAP.

Revision Lectures

There are many organisations that are offering Revision Lectures over the September period. Vic University are offering a series of free VCE revision lectures, designed to assist Year 12 students to prepare for their exams. Attending will bolster their confidence and enhance their final results. Each session is delivered by VCE qualified assessors and teachers and runs between 3.5 and 4.5 hours.

They are offering the following lectures to prepare for the following VCE exams:

- Maths Methods
 - Accounting
 - Chemistry
 - English
 - Psychology
 - Business Management
- Legal Studies.

See <http://www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/free-vce-revision-lectures> for more information. Book early as these free sessions book out quick!

Senior Formal –

Reminder that tickets for the senior formal 3rd September at The Kingswood Peninsula Golf Club at a cost of \$40.00 are available until the 27th August. Students who are planning to bring a guest from outside of the College, should by now have given their completed application form to Mrs Fox.

Careers

During MAP Study Space afternoons throughout terms 2 & 3 we have had presentations from a number of tertiary representatives covering ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, RMIT, Vic Uni, Chisholm and the last one today was Monash.



This more personalised setting has allowed Year 11 and 12 students to ask questions of the representatives in a group format and a one on one situation. It has proved to be of greater value than the presentation being held during assembly as it was tailored towards students interested in those institutions. Students were encouraged to attend all presentations as topics discussed covered VTAC applications, Scholarships, SEAS, pathways, how to get to the institutions and most importantly the courses provided. Important information as it is now time for Year 12 students to seriously organise their VTAC preferences.

I am still trying to confirm one last presentation from AFL Sports Ready who offer traineeships in multiple areas, not just Sport, after Year 12.

Any student requiring assistance with VTAC preferences or applications please do not hesitate to see me.

Jackie Woods



VCAL Students Repair Decking at Camp Mahaikah

Just a few weeks ago a team of VCAL students braved the cold of winter to head up to Camp Mahaikah to carry out some much needed repairs on the decking that borders the sleeping cabins. It was so cold in fact that the nail guns stopped working in such extreme conditions.

Despite the weather, the VCAL students worked very well and completed the work they went up to do. It was a real team effort and everyone hit the ground running removing the old decking and fixing the new timber in just under twenty-four hours.



Well done to all the students: Jordan Adams, Mitchell Trewin, Aleks Radenovic, David Polhe, AJ Palmer and Brandon Jewell. Thanks also to the staff: Simon Church, Gary Hofert and Rowly Richardson

What's happening in

the Information Commons

Opening Hours : 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.

Services Available

Laminating \$1 A4 + A3

Binding \$2

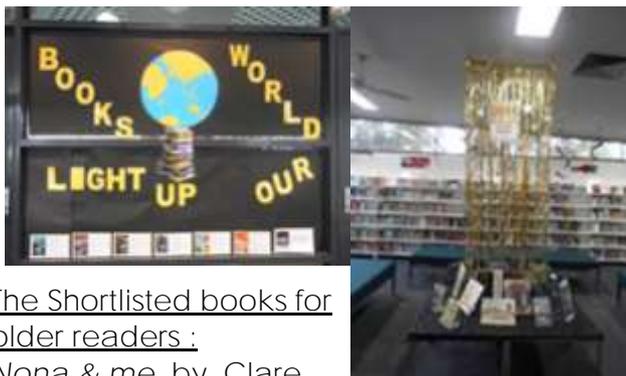
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK August 22-28 2015

Celebrate the best of Australian children's authors shortlisted for the prestigious

Children's Book Council of Australia Book Awards.

The theme this year is:

“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”



The Shortlisted books for older readers :

Nona & me by Clare Atkins

Intruder by Christine Bongers

The incredible adventures of Cinnamon Girl by Melissa Keil

Are you seeing me? by Darren Goth

The Protected by Claire Zorn

The Minnow by Diana Sweeney
can be borrowed after the winners are announced.

The Shortlisted books for young readers :

Two wolves by Tristan Bancks

The simple things by Bill Condon

Bleakboy and Hunter stand out in the rain by Steven Herrick

Figgy in the world by Tamsin Janu

Withering-by-sea by Judith Russell

We have a copy of all these books and many others that have been shortlisted in the library. Come and have a look.

They can be borrowed after the winners are announced.

TAKE THE LIBRARY CHALLENGE

We are running A competition for Book Week. The form is attached hereor can be picked up in the Library.



Prizes will be awarded for best

entries

LIBRARY NEWS

The ROK and ROK ON awards went very well at the end of last Semester with many students receiving certificates, medals and two trophies were presented for over 10,000 pages.



Students are well on their way to improving their reading levels for Second Semester.

BEST READS OF THE MONTH

Soon by Morris Gleitzman_(5th book in The Once series)

After the Nazis took my parents I was scared. After they killed my best friend I was angry.

After I joined the partisans and helped defeat the Nazis I was hopeful. Soon, I said, we'll be safe. I was wrong. Soon continues the incredibly moving story of Felix, a Jewish boy still struggling to survive in the wake of the Liberation of Poland after the end of World War 2

Eventual Poppy Day by Libby Hathorn

Hunter's Moon by Sophie Masson

Dishonour among thieves (The Luck Uglies) by Paul Durham

Malini : Through my eyes by Robert Hillman

The unlikely hero of room 13B by Teresa Toten



LIBRARIANS LIGHT THE WAY LIBRARY CHALLENGE

Follow the instructions carefully to reach a prize



1. What are the names of the Library staff

Mrs ----- Mrs -----

2. Which of the following tasks are done at the Library desk?

- A Borrowing of resources
- B Finding items placed on reserve
- C Requesting a new book
- D All of the above



3. Use the search computer to find the classification/ Dewey number for these non-fiction subjects.

Australian Rules Football ----- Cookery -----

4. When using the search computer, can you search by:

- A Title
- B Author
- C Keyword
- D All of the above



5. If you go to 133.1 shelf ----- might scare you!

6. Carefully examine the Fiction shelves. How are these books arranged?

7. Travel to the Library classification number 915.2

What language do they speak? -----

8. Where do we keep the Graphic Novels?

9. How do you know if a book is Junior Fiction?



10. Who is this person? Melvil -----

and what did he invent? -----

Please put all completed Challenge Forms in the box in the Library before August 26th

NAME:

ARE YOU COMING TO EUROPE?

January 2017 – Arts & Cultural Tour

This is a fantastic and unique opportunity for students of (or simply interested in) the Arts. The proposal is to take a group of McClelland students over to Europe for around 20 days in January of 2017.

We already have a group of over 20 students signed up and deposits paid (only \$100) but we're happy to take 30 students (or possibly more) – so there are still spots available, but not unlimited!

This tour will offer unique workshops and backstage passes, question and answer sessions with industry professionals, as well as the opportunities to attend many different musicals, theatre, galleries, museums, concerts and more. Students who study Art, Drama, Dance, Theatre and/or Music will be engaged by this tour, however, it is open to everyone who would be interested; many fabulous sightseeing and cultural opportunities are included; for example Eiffel Tower, Tower of London, Paris Disneyland and the Harry Potter Studio Tour to name just a few of the many, many other options.

This tour is open to any student currently studying at McClelland in years 7-12. Destinations will definitely include Paris, London and surrounding locations, e.g. a day trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of Shakespeare. We are also considering including Italy although we would need enough numbers in order to make the addition feasible.

The tour will be facilitated and accompanied by me (as well as other teachers); however, it is organised through the Educational World Travel company, the same company that runs *G'Day USA*. This is a tour that many McClelland students have experienced and enjoyed since our relationship with the company began in 2010.

Again, this tour is not limited to students of the Arts, it simply has an arts focus but with many other fabulous opportunities and experiences thrown in!



If you are keen to go or simply keen to receive more information, then I would love to hear from you as soon as possible please. Both parents and students are encouraged to contact me at the college. Parents can reach me via phone or email and students can come to my office, located in the PAC (go through the glass doors between the PE change-rooms and my office is on the right).

No student's place on the tour is confirmed until a \$100 deposit has been paid to the main office, however, I would encourage you to touch base with me first so that I know to expect your payment.

The information night with the company is in the Information Commons on Wednesday, September 9th, however, at this stage this will only be for the families who have paid the deposit – so please get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Emma Sproule
9789 4544
sproule.emma.ls@edumail.vic.gov.au

Social networking tips for parents

Social networking is a great way to keep in touch with friends and family as well as meeting new people with similar interests and hobbies.



Here are some tips to follow when you feel your child is ready to begin engaging with social networking sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter:

If you haven't already got an account, set one up so that you can understand what your child can and can't do as well as learning how to adjust the privacy settings. You can use fake information if you aren't comfortable using your own.

Make sure your child is old enough to use the site. Sites like Facebook and Instagram require users to be 13 years or older.

Tell your child to keep their passwords a secret otherwise other people may log on and pretend to be them. It is important that you know your children's password however.

Advise your child to set their account to private so that they will only interact with people they know in real life and aren't approached by strangers.

Encourage your child to think carefully before they post any information online. Things they post on social networking can have an impact on them even after they delete it and long into the future.

Help your children to set up their location services on their device so that they aren't broadcasting their location to strangers.

Remind children to be careful when making new friends online as some people may not be who they say they are and ensure your children never arrange to meet an online friend unless accompanied by a trusted adult.

Make sure you know how to report inappropriate content on social networking sites and show your child what they should do if they come across anything inappropriate.

More information for parents is available at www.cybersmart.gov.au/parents.aspx



Live Well with Asthma

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria provides **FREE** asthma education sessions for parents.

We will come to your school or children's service and share information about:

- What is asthma?
- How to recognise asthma symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to take them
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 9326 7088 to organise a session at your school or Service.

(Please note: we require a minimum of 5 attendees per session.)

This initiative is conducted as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program and supported by the Australian Government Department of Health.



Benefits of eating fruits and vegetables

The Dietary Guidelines for Australians advises that the key to eating well is to enjoy a variety of nutritious foods from each of the five food groups. Most Australians eat only about half the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables. You need to eat two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day (one serve is roughly a handful of fruit or veg).

Fruits and vegetables have many benefits:

- Reduce your risk of getting some cancers
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Keep you regular
- Reduce your risk of cardiovascular conditions
- Lower your blood pressure
- Boost your immune system

Try the following to get more fruit and veg into your diet:

- Eat fruit as a healthy snack
- Add pieces of cut up fruit to your cereal
- Blend different fruits along with a little bit of water and yoghurt to make a fruit smoothie
- Use carrots, celery, capsicum or cucumber with dips instead of crackers
- Add canned lentils to a curry or even a spaghetti sauce
- Have a warm vegetable soup in winter
- Have a refreshing garden salad in summer



For more great ideas on how to get enough fruit and veg, visit www.gofor2and5.com.au.



McClelland Market Day

21st November 2015 – 9 am to 3 pm

We need your HELP!

50+ Food and Craft Market Stalls
Fairy floss, Slushy Machine, Jumping Castle,
Face Painting, Mini Golf, Live Music and more.

**We are currently seeking volunteers
to help on day**

**Can you man a stall at Karingal Hub
the week before**

**We are also seeking donations of
Prizes for our Community raffles**

If you can volunteer on the day, make a donation
or would like to hold a stall please contact
Angela Malone on 9789 4544

SAVE THE DATE



Baxter Primary School CELEBRATING
125 YEARS

**SATURDAY 12th
SEPTEMBER 2015
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
OFFICIAL CEREMONY 11:30AM**

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE
STUDENTS
SCHOOL COUNSELLORS
STAFF
Please join us to
celebrate this most
auspicious occasion

WONDERFUL DISPLAYS OF YESTERYEAR AND TODAY
AND
OUR FABULOUS MARKET DAY
Plants, Produce, Cake Stall, Devonshire Tea, Showbags,
Side-Show-Alley and introducing "Laser Tag"
With lots of art and craft stalls and car boot bargains



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
The Mayor's Family
PICNIC**

Sunday 13 September 2015

11.30am - 3.30pm | Cruden Farm,
Langwarrin
Entry and parking via Cranhaven Road

More information 1300 322 322
or frankston.vic.gov.au

BYO picnic, or grab a sausage or hamburger
from our local community food stalls whilst
enjoying free entertainment, activities and
face painting for the kids. Learn more about
your local community groups and businesses
or stroll around the market stalls.

Join this free fun day out with your
family and friends!

Frankston Events



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Is looking for U16 and Senior Players
For the coming 2015/2016 Season
Junior Registration Day 5th September
Please look at our Website for more details
www.carrumdowns.vic.cricket.com.au