



**2016 ISSUE 5 Monday 19th September**

## **Principal's message**

While Amadeo Ferra is enjoying his long service leave touring Europe with his family, I have had the pleasure of being Acting Principal in his stead. I have gained a much greater understanding of the role of Principal in the last four weeks, and an understanding of the demands from all stakeholders in the School Community. I have attended various briefing sessions conducted by the Department of Education around such issues as Parent Payment Policy, OH & S requirements and compliance with the new State Government Child Safe Standards. There has been much discussion, both in and out of school, around the introduction of Victorian Curriculum for 2017 and the impact that will have on teachers and which subjects will be affected.

We held a successful Progress meeting evening 3 weeks ago and it was wonderful to see so many families coming along and demonstrating an interest in their child's education and progress.

As we draw to the end of term, we have celebrated our end of term 3 music concert, another successful Themestock performance and the EPP showcase where our EPP students in years 7 & 8 demonstrate their achievements in the year thus far. We have farewelled 36 students (including 4 International students) and 4 teachers to Central Australia for the biannual trip, we hosted 32 Japanese students earlier this term from Chikushi High School for one week and we conducted our annual Course Counselling sessions which are an integral part of our pathways support for our students.

As you will see from the above snapshot, we have been extremely busy and I believe the McClelland staff have done an amazing job of teaching and providing all these extra-curricular opportunities as well. I wish you and your families a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016, as we commence term 4.

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## Principal's message

### BYOD @ McClelland (Bring your own device)

We have currently rolled the BYOD pilot program out to years 7, 9, 10 and 11 and in the coming weeks will roll out the pilot to the remainder of the college.

#### What is the BYOD pilot @ McClelland?

Students will bring devices (including laptops, iPads and tablets) to school to access free Wi-Fi for the internet, word processing and the Compass school management system. This program will give all students access 'anywhere, anytime' to electronic resources to benefit learning outcomes.

#### BYOD Laptop/Netbook

This will replace students having to carry exercise books and textbooks; instead they will use their device to manage their own learning.

#### How will the students take part in BYOD?

The student and their parent/guardian will need to sign the BYOD user agreement and return it to their year level leader who will then provide the welcome letter.

If you require further information visit our BYOD website via the below link:

<http://byod.mcclellandcollege.vic.edu.au/>

This site also provides guides on accessing the schools resources including how to print and utilize Compass and Google Docs to complete classwork.

#### Why is BYOD important?

BYOD has been implemented in many schools across Victoria and has shown as a beneficial resource as it allows students to access information instantly, giving them the best possible access to computing technologies in the learning and teaching program. The program will allow all students to access this regardless of device price point and with limited parameters set by the college, most devices the students have will already meet guidelines.

### McClelland Values

McClelland College's values of Community, Ownership and Growth mean that students, parents and the school work in partnership to foster high levels of responsible use in computing technologies in the learning and teaching program and extend the use of ICT for positive impact on student outcomes.



## School Calendar

Frid 16 Sept	<b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b>
Mon 3 Oct	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 4</b>
Thur 6 Oct	<b>SMR Athletic Finals</b>
Fri 7 Oct	<b>Aged Care Excursion—all day</b>
Mon 10 Oct	<b>VCAL Race Against Time Excursion—all day</b>
Wed 12 Oct	<b>Art/Design/Tech/Media Exhibition 5-7pm</b>
Thu 20 Oct	<b>LAST DAY FOR YEAR 12 Valedictory Evening &amp; Dinner 6pm to 11pm Frankston Arts Centre</b>
Mon 24 Oct	<b>Presentation Ball Information Evening 6.30 to 8pm</b>
Wed 26 Oct	<b>VCAA Exams Begin</b>
Tues 1st Nov	<b>CUP DAY HOLIDAY</b>
Wed 2 Nov	<b>Year 10/11 Exams Begin</b>
Mon 7 to Wed 9 Oct	<b>MAHAIKAH CAMP for Connect Students</b>

# Senior News

For the last couple of weeks, starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, Braden Newbold, Ebonee Mckean, Kara Galea and I have been volunteering in rotations of two at the Frankston North Community Hall every Monday. Together we assisted in providing food for those in need and had the opportunity to partake in the evening's entertainment. We felt it was important to represent our school in the broader community in a positive light. It was a great experience that we Captains are delighted to be a part of, and we encourage others to do the get involved.

Jacob Adams, School Captain



## Senior Art Exhibition

Senior Art students from the Studio Art class, Visual Communication and Design class, Media and Technology classes will be exhibiting their final works on October 12th, 5pm - 7pm. The students have worked hard on their art and design pieces all year, it would be great if you came and showed your support.

We look forward to see everyone there!



## Wellbeing Messages

By kayla Plane

For the past 9 weeks all year twelve students have been given an opportunity to work with Miamba Health. This company have come weekly on a Friday and provided students with a free 30 minute massage by trained massage therapists. The aim of this program is to **reduce stress and improve student's wellbeing** by helping them find peace and balance within themselves. The results of this program are extremely beneficial to us as we are under a lot of stress with exams just around the corner. There is a group of 10 students, myself being one, selected by Wellbeing Coordinator and Senior Leaders as a student who would really benefit from this opportunity. We are lucky enough to get a massage every week however, other students just book a one-off time. For me the massage program is great, it relaxes me for the weekend and clears my mind completely. It leaves me feeling energised and ready to face the world. All students I have spoken to have been extremely impressed and loved their **sessions.**



## R U OK DAY

by Cara Hutson-Fillis

The 8<sup>th</sup> of September was R U OK? DAY. Students in year 8 and 9 spent a period doing activities to raise awareness for the day. The groups ran doing a variation of activities organised by some of the pre service teachers. The activities helped the students learn the value of being positive to one another and how they could go about asking if someone was okay. There was a short presentation explaining the history of the day as well as behaviours to look out for in others. One activity was a postcard activity, the students wrote a postcard to **someone to ask if they're okay and letting them know someone's thinking of them.** Another activity involved a student walking through a line of students who were saying encouraging and positive things about each other. The other activities discussed inappropriate and acceptable times to ask **someone how they're going.** Finally, the last activity explored the impact negative and positive comments on social media can **have on someone's wellbeing.** These activities raised awareness and taught the students about the importance of checking in with friends, family or loved ones



## Athletics Day

As Sporting Captains we are proud to say the rescheduled day for the Athletics event was a success! The day was amazing having many students participate in Track & Field events making the day fun and exciting for all! The results were immensely close, with the champions PRYOR finishing on 1087 points, close behind was ARMSTRONG on 1084 points, AMOR on 1005 points, followed up by KING finishing on 882 points!

Congratulations to all participants that gave it a shot and to all of the students making it through to District, and furthermore the Regional Stage! We were proud to see the effort put into the dress up costumes for the year 12's as we attended our very last Athletics Day, and the school as a whole for the house colour dress ups!!

We are excited to be able to incorporate many sport based, whole-school activities in the final week of term 3, including Staff V Student Dodgeball on Monday, Tuesday is a Staff V Student Dance Off in the PAC, Wednesday is Multicultural day, Thursday involves Primary School games in the GYM, and FOOTY FRIDAY! Come dressed in your footy colours for a fun day at the Oval wrapping up an awesome term! We wish everybody a safe and fun holidays ready for the final term of 2016!

Thank you,

Kaitlyn Drew & Caleb Brown

## Aspire Higher

The Aspire Higher program involves year 11 and 12 students who wish to achieve a higher study score and/or reach their goals in VCE. On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August some students in the group ventured over to Chisolm Tafe to participate in workshops from 4pm-6pm. The workshops involved time management; timetable making, coping with stress and we also heard from past students, including Stacey Clough (2015), Josh Hughes (2012), Kayla Pollard (2012) and Melissa Archibald (2012). The workshops were significantly helpful in the way that they really put exam life into perspective and demonstrated what everyone was heading into.



I particularly enjoyed hearing from the past students as their experiences were relatable and they were able to answer most questions us curious students had! It was really great to know what life could be like after school and the possibilities we could face, no matter the outcome. Having a program like this, open to any aspiring student is so helpful during VCE, and workshops, such as this ones are perfect to have before exam time, as many VCE students don't know how to tackle the exam life. I'd like to say thank you to Mrs Bucher, Mr Doherty, Mr M, and the past students for taking their time to invest in us, it means a lot!

By Kara Galea.





## Pride Squad—Rainbow News 101

By Braden Newbold

Here at McClelland College, we take pride in our community values and ensuring we have a strong support system within school so our students can feel comfortable, and safe and secure. Currently we have various programs throughout the school that accommodate for student's needs in both learning and leadership such as Connect, Aspire High, Hands on Learning and EPP. However, as society progresses, we start become more accepting of various communities such as the LGBTQI+ community. Amongst our local community we felt we had a lack of a support group that reflects that level of community. So after having decided that it was time the school had joined the Safe Schools Coalition, a working party teachers and students collaborated to initiate a support group for students in the LGBTQI+ community and allies.

After weeks of planning and work, we had our first successful meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September during lunchtime, where we had an attendance of 14 students and 4 supporting staff! During the meeting, the name "Pride Squad" was established, and potential aspirations for the group in the near future were also discussed.

Our next meeting will be held first Tuesday lunchtime back next term and we are hoping to see this program continue to grow! We've got a lot in stall for the rest of this year and the next years to come, so we hope to increase the support in this initiative.

## New Art Department Surecolour T3200 Printer

By Kayla Plane

After a long wait, the Art Departments new SureColour T3200 Printer is finally up and running. Students working in the Art Department will now be able to print in much higher quality and in a much a larger scale on surfaces such as canvas paper and gloss photo paper. This will be very beneficial for senior art students as they can now print their final artworks with great quality materials, ready for their exhibition.

Cara and I got to try out the printer Thursday afternoon with our own Studio Art finals. The quality our artworks printed out in was amazing and we couldn't be happier.

## Term 3 Concert 2016

By Michael Ferdinand

On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, the students at the McClelland College Music Department put on a showcase for the talents of the different music groups of instruments including clarinets, strings (violins and double bass), the Junior, Stage and Concert Bands came to play in the packed PAC on the night. Pieces being played included a few that I knew like 'Somewhere over the rainbow' played by the flute group, 'The lion sleeps tonight' by the Percussions Ensemble and 'Clock' (Coldplay) by the Strings Ensemble.



Apart from the pieces I had no clue about, there wouldn't be a concert without a few laughs by the audience from the student introductions and Mr Budd. I cannot forget the honourable mentions of students who were to have their last concert (that I won't mention) and percussion teacher Mr Braithwaite who learnt the trumpet. My favourite bit of the whole thing was the Concert Band did a piece called 'Cartoon Symphony' where the band played cartoon introductions from old cartoons including 'The Simpsons,' 'Pink Panther,' 'The Flintstones' and more. Everybody that performed including the teachers should be proud of themselves for putting on such a great showcase.





## VCAL Vision

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PENINSULA VCAL AWARDS 2016

Each year, the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula VCAL Association hosts its awards ceremony, celebrating many successful VCAL students from around 20 schools in Frankston and on the Mornington Peninsula.

Those students, who are nominated, demonstrate qualities of leadership, reliability, consistency and their contribution to their school and local community. This is shown through the school based subjects of Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills and Personal Development Skills, through their complex projects and through their VET/TAFE courses and Work Placements.



Congratulations to CURTIS MOANA and BRAYDEN FARTHING, who have been nominated for this year's awards. Both Curtis and Brayden have grown in confidence and expertise during their time in VCAL at McClelland College. They are always willing to help out others and show Initiative to take on tasks that need to be done, without question and with interest.



The boys have been involved in maintenance and building projects around the college, as well as being part of a team of students, who worked up at Camp Mahaikah, to improve its facilities.

Curtis has played a big part in helping to clean up, restore and paint parts of the new VCAFE in our college. We hope that this will be completed by the end of the year.

Brayden is becoming teacher/mentor to his peers, to help them build seating and tables for the new VCAFE area, having done so at Mahaikah.

This year's Awards Night will be held on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> October in Mt Martha.

We wish them both success in their endeavours. Congratulations, Curtis and Brayden!

## **VCAL Maintenance Camp at Mahaikah**

Every year the VCAL students as a part of their Personal Development Skill project, go up to the school camp at Mahaikah to do some renovations. The students were in charge of communicating with the maintenance manager at McClelland, Gary Hofert, and were instructed that the camp site needed park style benches.

There was 9 students who went up to Mahaikah on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of September to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September, these students were Caeleb Blackburn-Beswick, Jaidyn Corrin, Maddie Evans-Long, Brayden Farthing, Megan Hart, Natalie Macintyre, Curtis Moana, Aleks Radenovic, and Steven Tapolczay, along with Miss Letty, Churchy and Gary.

All students who attended this camp worked really well as a team, demonstrating effective communication skills and problem solving skills. By far the GREATEST team yet!!

Over the course of the three days, all students worked productively on the following tasks;



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of September:

- A group of students cut down large, unwanted trees out the front of the common room, which blocked off the view of the camp dam.
- After cutting down the trees, students then removed the tree stumps, which took a lot of problem solving skills, by all involved.
- Another group of students measured and cut the treated pine sleepers to start building the first park bench.
- The frame of this bench started taking shape as the day progressed.
- Cleaning the windows of the common room, inside and outside.



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of September:

- Finished building the first table
- Completed a second table
- Aleks and Caeleb build 3 chairs around the dam
- The garden group replaced the retaining wall around the garden bed, due to rotting timber. Students, along with Miss Letty, spent a lot of time levelling out the garden bed, and planting new, easy to maintain plants.
- Curtis and Gary started to work on a cross over bridge, as the dam has started to overflow, making it difficult to get around the dam.



Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September:

- ALL hands on deck to clean up the worksite, along with the cabins, common room, and bathrooms.
- Stringybark Creek - Ned Kelly trail
- Tired students (and teachers) headed home stopping off at Yea for a BBQ lunch.



## Camps and Events

### Snow Camps!!

In the Middle of winter and term there were two snowboarding camps that went and stayed at the College's camp site at Tolmie and then bussed up to Mt Buller.

The first camp was with a group of very keen Year 8 students. This group had the pick of the weather, basking in sunshine for all of their days on the mountain. This had made learning the skills a little easier for the students and also provide perfect conditions for the instructors and staff easier to teach. From all reports, the students and staff had a great time and the rapid improvement made by all was fantastic.



The second camp was a variety of year levels ranging from Year9 through to Year12. Although there was some age differences all students must be commended on friendly behaviour with all of their peers. Unfortunately this camp rarely saw the sun and the peaks of the mountain, however that did not slow the group down one bit! Even though the visibility was quite bad on most days, they charged through it like raging bulls. All students gave it their all and improved their snowboarding skills immensely. We as staff had numerous comments about the great behaviour of our students and we were asked numerous times what school we were from. Again all students and staff had a great trip with many saying they'll be coming again next year.





# Year 7&8 News

## RUOK Day - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

During the second last week in Term 3, RUOK Day took place to help spread awareness on mental health issues. Activities we participated in, were focused on positive attitude, spreading love, supporting, giving advice, and of course learning how to approach someone who is suffering from mental health issues by saying, RUOK? This was a beneficial experience as all who were involved are now confident and have strategies to approach others. All in all we are now aware of programs that run outside and inside of school to help everyone no matter what the problem may be. Don't forget to say RUOK, it can save a life!

Bela Cetkovic 801



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### Books for older readers :

Winner : Cloudwish by Fiona Wood



For Van Uoc Phan, fantasies fell into two categories: nourishing, or pointless. Daydreaming about Billy Gardiner, for example? Pointless. It always left her feeling sick, as though she'd eaten too much sugar. Vân Uoc doesn't believe in fairies, zombies, vampires, Father Christmas - or magic wishes. She believes in keeping a low profile: real life will start when school finishes. But when she attracts the attention of Billy Gardiner, she finds herself in an unwelcome spotlight.

### Honours : A Single Stone by Meg McKinlay



Jena is the leader of the line - strong, respected, reliable. And - as all girls must be - small; her years of training have seen to that. It is the way of things. And so a girl must wrap her limbs, lie still, deny herself a second bowl of stew. Or a first. But what

happens when one tiny discovery makes Jena question everything she has ever known? What happens when moving a single stone changes everything.

A Single Stone is a beautiful and delicate novel that tackles some big questions about gender and power in an interesting manner, entertaining the reader. With body image, women's roles in society, and government corruption all part of this powerful novel hopefully

this book gets young adults talking about these important issues.

### Books for young readers :

Winner : Soon by Morris Gleitzmann



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

### Honours : Sister Heart by Sally Morgan



A young Aboriginal girl is taken from the north of Australia and sent to an institution in the distant south. There, she slowly makes a new life for herself and, in the face of tragedy, finds strength in new friendships.



## ROK & ROK ON

Semester 2 finishes at the end of week 4, 28<sup>th</sup> October, Term 3. All students should be busy reading and conferencing to meet their reading goals for the year. Conferencing can be done before and after school, recess and lunchtime.

## READS OF THE MONTH

The 78-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

They've added 13 new levels including a drive-thru car wash, a combining machine, a scribbletorium, an ALL-BALL sports stadium, Andyland, Terrytown, a high-security potato chip storage facility and an open-air movie theatre. Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up!!

The power of dark. Book 1 by Robin Jarvis

Something is brewing in the coastal town of Whitby. To best friends Lil and Verne, it seems like a particularly bad storm. But Cherry Cerise, the last of the town's guardian witches, fears that ancient forces are at work, reviving the curse of a long lost magical artefact and a feud that has survived even beyond death...

Saving Starlight by Soraya Nicholas

Poppy's world is falling apart. Her aunt and uncle have had an ominous visit from the bank and they have lost an important riding sponsor. It means they might have to sell Starlight Stables. Could Poppy be about to lose everything – her beloved Starlight Stables, her beautiful horse Crystal, and her friends Milly and Katie? And will her aunt have to give up her Olympic dreams?

## VCE

The VCE shelves have been updated with new and current resources. These are available for all VCE students to access and we encourage you to come and have a look and borrow in your lead up to final exams.

*We wish everyone a safe  
and happy holiday.*



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

By Hao (Winifred) Wang and Jessica Costa



On 11<sup>th</sup> August, all the international students and some teachers gathered in SIT2 and celebrated “Christmas in JULY”.



The ELC students helped decorate the room before it started. The whole room looked gorgeous and they played some Christmas music when everyone came in. It gave us a cheerful feeling and everyone enjoyed this Christmas atmosphere.

**What’s more, our school served us an** amazing Christmas lunch, such as chicken, beef, pumpkin, potato and some vegies. They were delicious and everyone liked it.  
**Thank the school held “Christmas in JULY”** this sort of activities. it helped us know more about the traditional Christmas, and also completed our life in Australia.



## Annual Japanese Speech Contest

An annual Japanese speech contest run by Frankston Susono Friendship Association (FSFA) was held at Monash University on September 2<sup>nd</sup> last Friday. McClelland students participated in Year 7 & 8, Year 9&10 and VCE divisions at the contest. This year, a lot more contestants entered the competition and it was very competitive. With vigorous practice prior to the competition, the following students were awarded to the prizes.

Caitlyn Taylor 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the Intermediate division (Years 9-10)

Praj Ajjampur 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for the Senior division (Year 11-12)

Braden Newbold 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the Senior division (Years 11-12)



Congratulations to the winners and also well done to all the students who participated. It is not easy to speak Japanese in front of large audiences without a script nor a cue card.

I would like to thank the Japanese teachers, Tomoko Ikeda, Toni Osborne, Brendan Hickey and Japanese assistants, Keiko and Azusa who gave up their lunch time to support the students for the speech contest.

Hisae Hatigan

## Introducing the Victorian Maths Challenge

Families with children in Years 5 to 8 are encouraged to take part in the new Victorian Maths Challenge, a fun way to explore the links between mathematics and real-world situations.

Modelled on the hugely successful Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, it provides a range of captivating mathematical experiences that children and their families can participate in together.

Making paper planes, constructing and measuring paper towers, building boats and strategy games are among the eight exciting online challenges designed to make maths engaging for students and their families.

Created with the Mathematics Association of Victoria, the activities are linked to the Curriculum and are devised to promote problem solving, increase confidence and boost participation and performance in maths.

Each activity comes with an instructional video and explanation of mathematical concepts and terms.

Families can take on as few or as many challenges as they like and work together to find their own solutions. They can even share their responses, reflections and solutions online.

The Challenge is open for 12 weeks until 29 November 2016. To get involved and find out more, see: Victorian Maths Challenge .

## INFORMATION REGARDING DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

You may have seen the recent announcement from the Department of Education about McClelland College being one of the schools who successfully expressed interest in the Doctors in Secondary Schools program. This program will provide \$43.8 million over the next 3 years to fund GPs who will provide medical advice and health care to students most in need.

This is a departmental initiative that is at the very beginning of the planning stage. I stress that this is a pilot program and there will be many more details to come about infrastructure requirements, staffing, operational policies and legal issues over the next few months. As more details become available, we will be sure to inform our school community as we address any concerns that may arise.

We understand that concerned parents will be responsible for the medical needs of their children. This program is designed to assist those students in schools who, for whatever reason, do not have access to the medical attention they may need.



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