

NEWSLETTER #2 MARCH 2022

Principal's Reflection

Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences are coming up next week on 7 & 8 April. Have you booked in your appointments? Two years ago, we mandated that all VCE students and their parents / carers should have a conference with each of their teachers in Term 1 to go over the student's learning habits, achievements and areas for improvement early in the year so that they have time to address any needs. A very important aspect of these conferences is that students are expected to be present so they can share in the discussion and articulate the strengths and weaknesses of their learning habits and skills. The best student outcomes happen when we have an agreement between the school, the parents and the students about what the student's potential is and how to ensure they achieve it. If you cannot get a booking, please email the teacher and they will organise a phone or online meeting with you at another time. This is consistent for parents of students in any year level who are unable to book a suitable time. All staff are happy to call you back or give detailed feedback via email. We are eager to get your feedback on our conferences as processes can always be improved.

Over the last two years, young people have made enormous sacrifices in order to keep their families, elderly relatives, friends and the community safe. They have had extended periods of remote learning away from their social connections and the 'best' teaching and learning methods. They have been locked down and prevented from participating in many activities that sustain a physically and mentally healthy and active lifestyle. They have not been able to participate in music, bands, local theatre (FAMDA), in fact, any community group. An example of this is junior sport and specifically, team sport. Many social commentators said that after the isolation of lock downs, kids would flock back to team sports to catch up on what they had missed; that they would be eager to return to community activities. Only some have. Too many children and teenagers are choosing to live in front of their screens. Some commentators are now blaming parents who have become complacent – it is far easier to let children have devices than to drive them to training once or twice a week and to games on weekends. Children need encouragement. Team sport, a collaborative, social, healthy activity has never been more important for young people. Whether this activity is Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Netball, Footy or any other sport is not important; it is participation in an activity that has great benefit for themselves, other young people, their families and the communities they live in. It is often said that the Football / Netball clubs are the lifeblood of the towns, from training nights and Thursday night dinners (where it feels like half the town is at the rooms), to match day and social functions where half the town is a volunteer manning the gates or the canteen or the scoreboard, umpiring, being trainers, team managers etc. Young people who do not participate in team or club sports do not get to feel this sense of belonging. While I am specifically talking about sport, of course there are other ways for young people to participate – community theatre, music groups, etc. which are very important as well.

A former President from one of our local clubs, when faced with some club members calling for a child to be expelled from the club for inappropriate verbal abuse of an opponent, resisted the emotional response, explaining that, "It takes a village to raise a child". He recognised that local clubs can be a guiding and supportive institution that assists children / youth to navigate the difficult concepts of respect, responsibility and acceptable standards of behaviour in growing up. Without the influence of his local sporting club, that child would have been left behind.

Please consider encouraging your children to participate in the community, be that artistic, volunteering or in team sport. There are many clubs across regional Victoria that are being forced to merge due to low numbers or even worse, disband altogether. Some young people do not realise that choosing not to participate also robs their peers of the choice to play. Team sport helps to teach young players to win with humility and to cope with loss. It builds resilience and extends friendships with others outside of home towns. Team sport builds personal fitness and health. Sport releases endorphins that make people happy and content. I can't think of a single reason why a young person should not play a team sport.

Dean Duursma-Acting Principal

2022 TERM DATES

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| Term 1 | Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April |
| Term 2 | Tuesday 26 April – Friday 24 June |
| Term 3 | Monday 11 July – Friday 16 September |
| Term 4 | Monday 3 October – Tuesday 20 December |

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday 28 th March 2022 | Interschool Athletic Sports |
| Wednesday 30 th March - Friday 1 st April 2022 | Year 9 Hike 1 |
| Thursday 31 st March 2022 | Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisation |
| Monday 4 th April 2022 | VCAL Food Handling Course |
| Tuesday 5 th April – Thursday 7 th April 2022 | Year 9 Hike 2 |
| Tuesday 5 th April – Wednesday 6 th April 2022 | Gippsland Tech School (selected students only) |
| Thursday 7 th April – Friday 8 th April 2022 | Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences |
| Friday 8 th April 2022 | End of Term 1- No formal classes-students are only required for their interview |
| Monday 25 th April 2022 | ANZAC Day Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 26 th April 2022 | Term 2 Starts |
| Wednesday 27 th April-Friday 29 th April 2022 | Year 11 & Year 12 VCE Melbourne Camp |
| Thursday 28 th April 2022 | State Swimming |
| Friday 29 th April 2022 | Year 10 VCE Careers Expo Excursion |
| Monday 2 nd May 2022 | Year 9 Morrisby Profiling Assessment |
| Thursday 5 th May 2022 | Girls Football & Boys Netball |
| Friday 6 th May 2022 | Caulfield Grammar Music Workshop and Performance |
| Tuesday 10 th May 2022 | Boys Football & Girls Netball |
| Wednesday 11 th May 2022 | Year 9 First Aid Course |
| | Year 11 Wilson Promontory Hike |
| Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th May 2022 | Year 10 Work Experience |
| Monday 16 th May 2022 | Interschool Cross Country |
| Wednesday 18 th May 2022 | Year 9 First Aid Course |
| Friday 20 th May 2022 | Student Productivity Report Published |

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

CSEF is a program provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school camps, sports and excursions. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, sports and excursions for the benefit of your child/ren. The annual CSEF amount per secondary student is \$225.00. Please contact the office for an application form.

MUSIC FEES

All music fees are now on your account and have been emailed to you. Please ensure that you use the BPAY details as per your statement. Note: Primary School and sundry debtors have different BPAY codes than family codes. These fees are payable by 1st April 2021. Students who withdraw from Music after 1 April will be charged for the full year as fees are already forwarded on to SGSMP.

VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM LEVIES

A big thank you to those families who have paid the 2022 Voluntary Curriculum Levy.

We cannot stress how important this Voluntary Curriculum Levy is to the running of our school programs. These voluntary financial contributions assist us with the ability to provide additional resources to what is provided for by Government funding. A copy of our 2022 fee structure is on our website.

If you haven't made a voluntary contribution this year and would like to, it's never too late. Payments can be made at any time via Direct Deposit into our school bank account, details are as follows:-

Foster Secondary College
BSB: 06 3820
Account No: 1002 4280

Please do not hesitate to contact the office should you have any queries.

SCHOOL SPORTS TOP

School sport tops will again be available to purchase this year.

Cost per top is \$40.

Custom name and number.

\$40 to be paid to the office.

Great for PE classes and Interschool sports days.

See Mr Hawking for more details.



SURFING CHAMPIONS



What a weekend for our very own Surf Champs.

Eva Basset, Lily Basset, Rye & Jarrah Cicero competed at the Victorian State Championships where we had two champions and two runners up.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Well done to everyone who participated in the House Athletics Carnival. As with our swimming sports the weather was fantastic, making it a terrific day of participation and fun for all involved. Brooks took out the overall competition, closely followed by Howard, Heathcote, then Wilson.

A special congratulations to our age group champions:



Emily Wallis and Cody Gerretzen

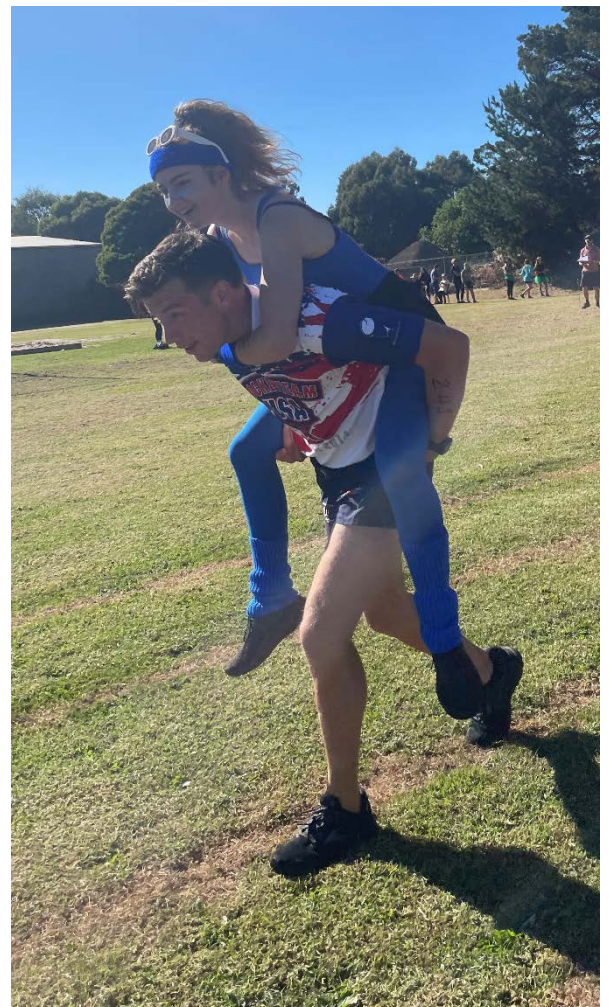
Ellie Bowman and Rye Ciccero

Faith Park – Deere and Willem Duursma

Chelsea Brown and Tom Milton

Bree Allan and Zane Duursma

Yasmin Duursma and Toby Mitchell



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

THE WOMAN WHO INSPIRES ME

Judy is my next-door neighbour and has lived there before I was born. She would always change our nappies when our mum was working, and dad was out surfing. Her son went over to Cambodia to live for a few years, and she went over to visit. They built a school there for the kids and brought them clothes that we didn't use anymore as well as others. She always fills up the green bins with her weeds and ones that are in the way to take them out and in. She inspires me because I know I can help people a lot if I just give them something little because there are so many people in the world that have so little and would be over the moon if they got a pair of runners. Judy by Indy

The woman who inspires me risks herself for me and my family. She works hard to provide the family money and listens to me about my problems. Although when she is injured, she still finds a way to take care of us and is still able to work. She is always there when I need someone and gives me a good laugh when I need it.

That woman is my mother. I find her inspiring with the things she does for us. When we are sick she will take care of us until we feel better. Even if she's tired of work, she comes home still able to clean the house and take care of us. She is someone who thinks of me and my sibling first, rather than herself. She understands us when we are going through tough times and helps us go through it. She loves us for who we are and strongly denies when I talk bad about myself.

She is that one person that I don't want to leave. Sometimes she is strict but it's understandable because we need to be taught well. She inspires me to work hard at school and to be as good as a mother like her in the future. She also understands other people for what it's like to live in a tough environment because she's been through that situation too. She cheers for me when I'm doing well or having a hard time in school. She is everything I want to be when I grow up. By Marielle

My mum pushes me to do things and do my best to make me a better person. She pushes me to move schools, get new friends and learn more. By Ryder D

Someone who inspires me is Ellyse Perry. I chose her because she is a sports legend. She not only won a Cricket World Cup she also won a Soccer World Cup and she is only 31, She is one of the 9 people who has made a double century in women's cricket When she was younger she looked up to Belinda Clarke Who scored a double century in ODI before Sachin Tendulkar. Her Soccer debut at the age of 16 13 days after she got signed by Cricket Victoria. It was funny because they had the scoring wrong on the scoreboard. When she scored the double century she celebrated 2 runs before she made it. She was born in Sydney, New South Wales. By Tex

The Scott sisters documented the flora and fauna of their island home. They were famous for their illustrations of the natural beauty of the island's flora and fauna. But not many people know about how they were able to change and preserve the beauty of the island known as ash island.

In the year 1846, Harriet and Helena were 16 and 14 living with their parents Harriet Calcott and Alexander Walker Scott. They lived in Sydney for most of their lives and then moved to Ash island. When they moved the island was untouched and unspoiled so it would obviously be the perfect place for rare and beautiful flora and fauna to flourish. Here is where their father an artist himself told his two daughters to go for a walk and draw every animal they see. They did this for the next 20 years every day and every day they find a new species of animal. Now their illustrations have been found and this tells us about all the creatures and plants that were around in the 1800s I believe we can all take a note or page from the Scott sisters on how persistence will pay off and passion will last forever. By Lewis S

Foster Football Netball Club

Training Commenced for



13 & under, 15 & under Netballers

Day: Thursdays

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Are you at the age of 11, 12 and 13? Or are you at the age of 14 and 15?

Are you looking to play a team sport with your friends?

Why not join our family club, who thrive on developing young and upcoming Netballers!

With experienced and accredited coaches, children will learn the fundamentals of netball, whilst having fun and making new friends.

Rock up to our junior trainings and see if this is the sport for you!

For more information,

Contact Nicky Roffey 0427821257 or Deb Davy 0448832666



Mt Eccles Netball Club

2022 NETBALL TRAINING NIGHT STARTS

Thursday 17th March between **4:00pm to 6:00pm**

at Leongatha and District Netball Courts (LDNA), Leongatha

We welcome players from all over South Gippsland

Age groups: U11 (boys & girls), U13 (boys & girls), U15 (boys & girls), U18 (boys & girls), B Grade and A Grade.

Junior Training on Thursday Nights. Under 11's and 13's 4pm – 5pm and Under 15's and 18's 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

Season: April to Sept with all games played at same times on Saturdays at the 1 central location.

For queries and registration information contact the Club on munteccles@gmail.com, visit our clubs Facebook page 'Mount Eccles Netball Club' or call Barb Challis (President) on 0403 047 902.

Come and join the teams
at
Prom Coast Soccer Club
for
2022 GSL season.



Junior and Senior competitions commence
Sunday 10th April

We are looking for players to fill these teams:

U12 mixed (Players born in 2010, 2011, 2012)

U14 mixed teams (2010, 2009, 2008)

Women's teams (suitable for girls over 15 yrs)

Training at Arthur Sutherland Rec Reserve,

Welshpool

Wednesday 9th March at 5pm

To register your interest please contact the club on
0419322384.