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from the principal

What a rich and varied lives Clarendon students are able to lead!

Reflecting on what has happened, or is about to happen, demonstrates the diverse opportunities which exist within our program, and the high standards achieved by so many of our students, while at the same time being committed to achieving success in their studies.

Last week the Senior School Musical *Little Shop of Horrors* was presented to excellent audiences. Writing in the program, Head of Performing Arts Steven Belcher said, "The students ... have taken a risk and risen to the challenge. They've taken an opportunity, they've put themselves out there and they've gained much from the experience.

One member of the audience described the show as “Fabulous! A triumph all round!” In addition to the students involved, I acknowledge the work of the Director and Choreographer Jessica Ryan, her assistant and Musical Director Louise Emery, Choral Director Dani Fry and Stage Manager Katie Lee, as well as stage and front-of-house crews.

In sport, students participated in the BAS Athletics, with particular mention of the achievements of Stewart McSweyn and Courtney Scott in their races. Many students achieved PBs. The Boys 1st Football side notched up their 25th consecutive win against Ballarat Grammar.

Meanwhile Year 11 students are polishing their footwork in preparation for this week’s Presentation Ball.

Steven Belcher also wrote that “... the cast and crew of the musical become the epitome of a tight-knit community. They share the trials and tribulations of the journey, they take care of each other, and they help each other shine and be the best they can be.”

That is a spot-on description of what happens at Clarendon on a daily basis, and we have FUN doing it!

David Shepherd
Principal

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I could not be happier how the term has progressed thus far; however, the weather has turned now and we are into the longish grind till the next term break. (Don’t forget us parents when at school were in a period where there were only 3 terms in our Academic year).
The majority of our SS students all received a new locker this week and we are very fortunate to put the old wooden lockers behind us. There are still some students with an old locker but we have ordered some extra new ones.

Having been to our musical Little Shop of Horrors, I could not have given a more glowing report in Assembly last week. There are so many people to thank and congratulate. I really do not want to miss any out; however, it is important to acknowledge the talents of a few.

These are:

Director & Choreographer: Jessica Ryan
Assistant Director & Musical Director: Louise Emery
Choral Director: Dani Fry
Stage Manager: Katie Lee


With the departure of so many extremely talented actors at the end of 2012, it is so heart-warming to see the next generation of BCC stars create their own limelight. I am sure those who went to any of the sessions would agree with me just how tremendous the 2013 Senior School Musical was.

Congratulations to Tessa and Bridie Armstrong who recently competed in the Victorian State Championships for polocrosse. Bridie’s team won their division while Tessa took out “Best Lady player” in the open division!

So far we have held 4 major events in the Senior School House Competition:

Performing Arts
Athletics
Swimming
Biathlon

The House Chess Competition is being held on Wednesday 8 May.

After the first 4 events the House order is:

1. Cairns
2. Walker
3. Kennedy
4. Godbehear
5. Henderson
6. Garbutt
7. Sloss
8. Elliott

As per my letter last week, I will be taking 3 weeks of long service leave from 11 May where I will be heading to the United States to compete in the Real Tennis Masters World Championships in Philadelphia and New York. Greg Ashman and Laura Brady will be the acting Co-heads of the Senior School in my absence. I am sure they will do a wonderful job. Thank you to those for their best wishes. I will be back at work on Monday 3 June.

David Parker
Head of Senior School
middle school

In Term 1 we held a Middle School Leadership Assembly where we inducted our student leaders for 2013. A number of our Year 9 leaders missed that occasion as they were on King Island. Last week at our regular assembly we inducted those leaders as well. We think a lot about what leadership looks like in the Middle School and the role it plays in contributing to our community, as well as the opportunities our leadership program affords our students. Whilst we have some students who have been formally recognised as leaders and therefore hold a leadership position, we encourage all College students to embrace the daily opportunities for leadership that come from being part of a school community.

Our current Head of English, and former Head of Middle School, Jen McGie, spoke at our Leadership Assembly last term and really caught the essence of what we aspire to in terms of leadership in the Middle School. I have included her speech so that our entire community may share in her sentiments.

Today we come together as a community in our 2013 Middle School Leadership Assembly.

Let’s pause to reflect what that means. What is leadership in the Middle School? Perhaps a good place to start is to determine what leadership is not.

Leadership is not a glossy certificate, a shiny badge, blazer pocket embroidery or a polished speech delivered at a formal occasion – like today. Please understand, I wouldn’t want to diminish any of these factors. All are certainly associated with leadership and are important.

Leadership is also not simply a ‘position of responsibility’; it’s much more than a title by which you can define yourself. So… if leadership is not those factors, then what is it? I’m thinking we expect leaders to lead, but what exactly does that mean? I think I know…

Leadership is what individuals do… it’s how they choose to act or behave; it’s their attitude to challenges and problems; it’s the words they choose to use; it’s the way they think about themselves in relation to those around them.

If, by your behaviour, you can inspire others to do more, behave differently, think more deeply, or consider other perspectives, then you might be considered a leader. Leadership need not be dramatic or theatrical; it does not need a fanfare or a drumroll...

At College, I think leadership is stepping up in the Café when the duty group needs a hand; I think it’s taking the time to help another student who has misread their timetable or dropped their books on the McKinnon Wing; I think it’s about settling rather than stoking a dispute in downball; about encouraging participation in the House Spelling Bee; supporting others to care more for the Middle School spaces; identifying an injustice and working to correct it; building commitment in the Middle School student body for environmental or service causes... it’s as simple as stopping to pick up that ball of gladwrap discarded after lunch... And the type of person who does those things... whether they are being observed or not... is today .... or could be one day, a leader at Ballarat Clarendon College.

A leader gets the right things done in the right way. And a leader does these things with honesty and integrity. For me, I choose to describe leadership as an opportunity to learn.

And for those 60 Middle School leaders being presented today, your learning will be guided by your Heads of School, your Learning Mentors, your classroom teachers, your sporting coaches and, more significantly, your peers. You will be encouraged, supported, mentored and counselled as you undertake the important work of leadership in the Middle School.

In interviews and in applications, these 60 Middle School leaders, not all of whom are here today, have expressed their high expectations of themselves and their high aspirations for the students in the Middle School.

I know that you will join me in congratulating them...

Shaune Moloney
Co-Head of Middle School

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SENIOR SCHOOL MUSICAL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
Last weekend the Senior School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors was performed at Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts. It was a huge success and the Creative Team of Jess Ryan, Louise Emery and Dani Fry were very proud of the cast. Thank you to all who supported, helped out and came and saw the show.

Click [here](#) for photos

COMMUNITY BALL
Sound Support will once again be hosting their annual Community Ball on Saturday 22 June. The theme this year is a Masquerade Ball and you should already have received your invitation. Keep this date free for this wonderful event.

Click [here](#) to view invitation

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS
Auditions for the 2013 Middle School Musical, "Beauty and the Beast" will be held Tuesday 21 May – Friday 24 May, and will be open to years 5-9. Sign-up sheets will be available from the PAC shortly.

SOUTH STREET
Entries for South Street have now been entered and we look forward to many students performing in several sections.

UNITING CHURCH SERVICE
Please note that the service originally booked for Sunday 19 May is now on Sunday 23 June. Information will be forthcoming for the Middle School Choir.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
In late November, Xanthe Hadfield and her dance partner won the National Championship in their category in both Ballroom and New Vogue, and were runners-up in Latin. This season they have already had wins in the Ballarat Dancesport Festival (where they also won Latin and the adult ballroom competition) and at the Crown International Championships. In fact in their youth category they have been undefeated in both Ballroom and New Vogue since they started dancing together in September last year. Congratulations Xanthe!

Click [here](#) for photo

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Sarah Barlow
Acting Head of Performing Arts
The school sporting term is now back into full action and in the next edition there will be a very extensive cover of the results of the Senior teams.

In the next week or so we are going to be putting up the results of each of the games up on connect@clarendon to help parents, students and friends keep up to date with the latest information on College performances on the sporting field.

The first rounds of the Senior Boys and Girls Football competitions have been played. I was privileged to see some of the boys game on the Wednesday and see the lads convincingly beat the Ballarat Grammar side at the main College Oval. Our boys were most impressive and the report for that game is shown below. Our girls similarly played with real commitment and a sense of team plan against Loreto College. Congratulations to all concerned. Both coaches would be very happy with the performances of their sides. New challenges await both teams this week. The times and venues for games can be seen on connect@clarendon.

The school participated in the BAS Athletics Carnival on Tuesday May 1. Although not able to win any major awards on the day the school took a large contingent of students to Llanberris Oval and competed strongly against all of the other participating schools.

Moving through the College last week and around the various grounds of the BAS schools, I was so pleased to see so many of our students in action. The Year 7 Physical activity programme is now available to many of our students at other levels of the school and to see these students at work on their personal fitness and physical well-being, as well as witnessing so many of the kids playing in sporting teams and learning skills and having fun playing with “their mates”, left one with the feeling that our co-curriculum programme is extensive, contemporary and relevant for the needs of students in the 21st century.

First XV111 Football

Round 1. BCC v BGS at BCC
Clarendon 16-19- 115 defeated Grammar 2-3-15
Goals: Hinkley 6, Wilson 3, H. Bennett 2, S. Bennett, Fisher, Harrison, Grant, Sharrock.

In our first official contest for the season we were able to put into practice the things we have been focusing on over the pre-season which allowed us to score highly and win well. We knew Grammar were going to be keen for a contest and that every player had to be competitive in order for us to be able to play the way we want to. It was great to see most players thinking about their starting positions before the contest began in order to put themselves in the best position to win them. There were also good examples of body work and most importantly of tackling.

The first quarter was a brilliant example of how to maintain spacing in the forward line and at most stoppages by having a good structure. With the mid forwards taking their men up the ground and out of the key forwards’ way we were able to get the ball deep inside our forward 50 to one on one situations. We knew if we could do this often enough that we had the talent to kick the goals and Hinkley, Wilson and Bennett demonstrated this ably.

It was a really positive start and the boys should be congratulated on their commitment to the program thus far. For most of them this is the most structured football they have ever played and they are learning to play their role well.
BPSSA District Cross Country

On Wednesday 1 May some of Ballarat Clarendon College’s finest cross country runners competed in the BPSSA District Cross Country at Victoria Park. We had rain and we had sunshine!

Ballarat Clarendon College compete in the Sturt Division against both Norman and Eyre Division. Our students performed exceptionally well not only in our respective division, but overall. Students competed in both 2km and 3km events against students from all around Ballarat; the competition was fierce. Congratulations to all students who ran on the day. Ballarat Clarendon College was extremely well represented.

The following students will now complete in the Division Cross Country Championships
GOOD LUCK GIRLS – Olivia Moneghetti, Matilda Pearce, Katie Ling, Ruby DeRuiter

Click here for photos

Individual student achievements

Courtney Scott – Year 12 – Bacchus Marsh

I was very privileged to represent Australia at the World Cross Country Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland late March. I competed in the Under 20 6km women race which had 22 nations from all over the world. I came 59th out of 88 women in a time of 21.11 mins. The weather was minus 8 with snow and ice on race day, which made the conditions very tough and nothing like I had ever experienced before. The friendship and camaraderie of the Australian team, both junior and senior was amazing. I have come away from Poland with many memories and friendships.

Click here for photos of Courtney

On behalf of the school Courtney we would like to congratulate you and Stewart McSweyn who also competed on your accomplishments over the course of the last year. Well done!!

Tess and Bridie Armstrong – Year 12 and Year 10

On the weekend both girls competed in the Victorian Polocrosse championships. Bridie played a woman ranked number one in C division and her team won the title. According to all reports she played really well although she copped some really hard hits on her hand. Tessa won the best lady player which is pretty amazing as it is an open age award and women who have represented Australia were playing. Mum is very proud of both girls and is really happy that polocrosse is now over for the year and they won’t be quite as busy!!

Furthermore, if you know of any student, who has achieved excellence in the area of sport please contact me and give me the details of their success. I will endeavour to acknowledge their performance in College Connections and in assemblies during the course of the year.

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Richard Schomburgk
Head of Sport

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Scholastic Book Fair 2013

The book fair last week was a resounding success, thank you to all that attended and purchased items, the library received a percentage of the profits and this will be put towards adding new items to the Junior School library so that is very exciting. Once again the children’s enthusiasm far exceeded my expectations and I thank you all for waiting patiently to make your purchases. A big thank you goes to the JSPG volunteers who helped me out this year, Sally Howe, Michelle Ward, Jane Faull and Jo Dixon, I certainly think that things went smoothly and the queue progressed quickly due to their assistance. I look forward to a bigger and better book fair happening again next year!

Michelle Thomason
Librarian

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Normal Trading Hours (during School Term)
Tuesdays 1.00pm – 4.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30am – 11.30am
Fridays 1.00pm – 4.30pm

In addition to these times, we offer individual fitting appointments. Please contact Leanne on (03) 5330 8305 during Trading Hours or via email bac@dobsons.com.au to arrange a suitable time. Both new and second hand uniform is available.

Location

Dobsons is located on the Sturt Street Campus, 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat Please click here for map.

Kilts and Pinafores

New stock of Kilts has arrived. Orders are being taken for Pinafores.

Shop on Line

You can also do your Uniform shopping online. Please contact us for details.

JSPG, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club Merchandise

We have various items for cash sale on behalf of the Junior School Parents Group, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club. The items available include Organisational Bags, Parents & Friends Caps and Rowing Caps.
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Years 5 – 8 students studying German and their families are invited to attend Bunter Abend on Friday 24 May.

Middle School parents  Click here for Invitation
Senior School parents  Click here for Invitation

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