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from the principal

Over the last few weeks significant events have occurred that have reminded me of what a wonderful school “family” I belong to, and of the diverse range of student offerings that exists at Clarendon from which students can choose.

On Sunday 3 March 130 Clarendon rowers, supported by hundreds of students, parents and friends, attended the 2013 Head of the Lake. The regatta was blessed with perfect weather and a terrific day was enjoyed by all those involved. We had 26 crews represent the school and all the rowers can be pleased with their performances. Six girl crews won their respective divisions and the girls were also successful in winning the Premiership by one point. This trophy is awarded for the performance of the whole team and was a great outcome for all the rowers in our shed. The students who provided support for the crews around the school the week leading into the event, and on the spit, were colourful and vociferous and, as usual, behaved in a manner that reflected credit on the school. The day concluded with a successful Rowing Dinner attended by over 350 guests.

Hot on the heels of Boatrace the Clarendon swimming team competed in the annual BAS (Ballarat Association of Schools) Swimming carnival at the Eureka Pool. In our most successful performance in recent years, we finished second overall, with many students recording personal bests.

In the Junior School a very successful House Athletics carnival was held last Friday, followed by a picnic. In addition to the athletics, there have been wonderful efforts by our youngest swimmers in the Midland District Interschool Swimming meet. A number of these students then moved on to compete at the regional championships in Warrnambool. We had considerable success in both individual events and the relays, with nine first places qualifying swimmers for the state championships later this month. On Friday 8 March the Senior School celebrated the House Performing Arts competition. This is a wonderful annual community event where every one of the 440 students in the Senior School jumps on the stage to sing and dance. Congratulations to Cairns House on their triumph in this event. Complementing this event was the season of the Senior School Play production Don Quick. The play was a world-premiere production written by staff member Chris Dickins, and was well-attended over its three-night season. It was staged in the Senior Centre Lecture Theatre.

Over recent weeks both the Middle School and the Senior School have held their Parent Welcome Functions with both well supported. These nights provide opportunity for parents, old and new, to meet each other and chat to the pastoral-care givers of their children. In both cases we have received positive feedback about the night.

I have only mentioned a snapshot of all the activities that have been occurring, but I think it shows clearly the range of activities available to Clarendon students. At the same time both students and staff are moving their learning forward at an optimum rate. This is evidenced in our VCE results and our NAPLAN outcomes. They show clearly that having fun, getting involved in a wide variety of activities and achieving excellent academic outcomes are not mutually exclusive. Clarendon students show over and over that it is possible to do it all.

The most recent version of the MySchool website was published last Wednesday and in all 20 criteria we performed well, but have room for improvement. It is interesting to note the comparison with local independent schools in the testing (#) and I believe we can be very proud of the students, staff and parents who contribute to these high-quality outcomes.
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Being involved in all of these events and opportunities means we maintain a busy and crowded schedule. The first seven weeks of Term 1 have been typically hectic and have produced excellent outcomes for students and the community. With two weeks to go before the Easter break I look forward to an engaging finish to the term, and I wish all in the Clarendon family a safe, relaxing and refreshing two-week break.

David Shepherd
Principal

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What a spectacular House Performing Arts Festival was held on Friday 8 March!!
This is always a special day in the House Events Calendar and over the last 3½ weeks all students in the
Senior School via the House system were all involved in rehearsing to the theme:

Learn from yesterday,
Live for today,
Hope for tomorrow.

Each of the Houses were judged on the following criteria:

Singing
Instrumental music
Drama
Dance
Involvement

The winners of each section were:
Singing – Kennedy, Cairns
Instrumental music – Cairns
Drama – Elliott
Dance – Garbutt
Involvement – Kennedy, Henderson, Cairns

The overall places were as follows:
1. Cairns  138 points
2. Kennedy 125 points
3. Elliott  118 points
4. Henderson 116 points
5. Garbutt  110 points
6. Walker  108 points
7. Godbehear 104 points
8. Sloss  103 points

I would personally like to thank our House Teachers and Parents for their attendance at the Senior School
Parents Welcome Function on Friday 15 March. I am sure we all appreciated each other’s company on the
evening.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the cast of the 2013 Senior School Play Don Quick, former teacher
Chris Dickins and Director Sean Gunn. I went last Thursday and really enjoyed the “world” premiere of
this play.

21 students were in the cast and it was great to see the old faces from 2012 together with a number of
new faces working well together to perform what was a challenging play.

I am sure all who saw it had a wonderful night. This is the last report for the term. Have a happy and
safe Easter and we will see the SS Community again at the Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews on the
15th & 16th of April.

David Parker
Head of Senior School

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middle school

You’re invited!
A number of events are occurring in the near future which will provide a wonderful opportunity for Middle School parents to come along and see their children in action.

Middle School Assembly
This Friday we’re inviting parents to our fortnightly Middle School Assembly. This will be the first one hosted by our newly appointed leaders James Kelly, Tilda Fletcher and Lachlan Taylor. These three have been busy preparing and are looking forward to our first gathering as a Middle School since our Leadership Assembly. At assembly you’ll catch up on some of the news from the Middle School as well as enjoying a performance from some Middle School students. This week we’re gathering in the gym from 1.35 – 2.05pm. There will be designated seating available at the rear of the building for parents and you will be warmly welcomed.

Sports Day
The annual College sports day is an occasion the staff and students are very much looking forward to. The sports are held all day next Thursday the 28th March and should prove to be a wonderful way to finish the term. The day is a community day where we enjoy our time together, strengthen House spirit and participate in a social and supportive environment. It is not about setting records or showcasing our finest athletes as there is opportunity for this at our BAS interschool competitions. With over 950 students in our Middle and Senior Schools there is a limit on the number of events students may go in; however, there is no limit on the amount of cheering and support they can provide while they wait for their event. Parents are very welcome to attend and are free to move around and enjoy the day. Students will not be sitting in set areas as they’re encouraged to attend a range of events in support of their House.

The College Head of Sport, Richard Schomburgk, has provided more information about the day in his article in this edition of College Connections.

Inaugural Yr 5/6 House Fitness Challenge
This year we have added an event to our Middle School House competition. We already have twelve events including activities such as House Downball, House Trivia and the House Spelling Bee. The new event will only be for our Yr 5 & 6 students and will be held from 3.30 – 5.30pm on Friday 19th April ((Term 2 Week 1). The challenge will involve our Yr 5s and 6s working together to accumulate House points across activities such as swimming, running, riding on the new spin bikes, rowing on the land-based rowers and skipping. Given the event occurs after school, there may be instances where students cannot attend; however, we believe most students will come along as the House spirit is strong. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend – we’d love to have you there. We want many families to come along and support the students as they run, swim, cycle, row and skip their way through an action packed afternoon. A sausage sizzle will be run throughout the afternoon so come along, grab a bite to eat and cheer for your House.

Reid Smith
Head of Middle School
performing arts

HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION
Performed on Friday 8 March in very hot conditions, the students (both on stage and in the audience) were fantastic. Congratulations to all. In every performance, students displayed great musical, drama and dance skills. We congratulate Cairns House on their success.

SENIOR SCHOOL PLAY - DON QUICK
Congratulations to Sean Gunn and the amazing cast of Don Quick. The students put on a wonderful show over 3 nights and it was great to see the writer, Chris Dickins there on opening night to see his work performed for the first time. The performances were outstanding and delivered some humorous and poignant moments.

Click here for photos from Don Quick

UNITING CHURCH SERVICE
On Sunday 17th March, at the Wesley Uniting Church the Jnr School Choir, members of the Year 10 Drama Class, Athalie Lawrie, Simon McWilliam, Fergus McLaren, Ada Sayasane, Laura Fritch and Annabelle Lee were a part of the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This is one of our two annual community service contributions to the Uniting Church Service and was a wonderful celebration.

175TH CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF BALLARAT – CIVIC RECEPTION FOR THE YUILLE FAMILY
On Friday 15th March members of the Senior Chamber Group performed at this important occasion.

BAND CAMP – 22-24 MARCH
On Friday 22 March we will once again be taking approximately 70 students out to Rutherford Park for the annual Music/Band camp. This is an important weekend in our calendar as it helps to cement the bands in preparation for upcoming events and competitions. We hope that all participating have a wonderful weekend.

SENIOR SCHOOL MUSICAL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
Rehearsals are continuing for Little Shop of Horrors. Next term will be a busy one for all concerned.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
This year we are looking forward to the Middle School performing Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jnr. Middle School students will have the opportunity to audition next term.

UPCOMING EVENTS
PAC Social evening – Wednesday 27 March
click here to view invitation

Song Writing CD Recording – starting now – see Lyndon Kriss if you are interested in being recorded!!!

Please take a look at our web page at https://connect.clarendon.vic.edu.au for information regarding all aspects of Performing Arts at Clarendon.

Steven Belcher
Head of Performing Arts

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**sport**

Over the past 7 weeks it has been a privilege to see our teams participate in various sporting activities after school. They have not always been able to secure victory but it has been very satisfying and rewarding to see the students active and obviously enjoying their opportunity to work together with others to improve their skills and be involved in robust competition with other schools.

However, some of our teams have been very successful. This week for example our very accomplished Girls and Boys Senior tennis teams will play for premiership honours on Wednesday and Friday afternoon respectively. Both teams finished on top of the premiership at the end of the minor round – a fantastic achievement - and will look to bring home the silverware to BCC in 2013. James and Meg Evans have both done a terrific job in preparing these teams for this week. We wish them well in their quest for victory.

**Swimming Success**

Over the past few years we have not been as competitive in swimming as we as a school would have liked. Last year the school began a relationship with the Ballarat Gold Swimming Club to try and improve the swimming experience of our students at College, improve our performance in the pool and enable Ballarat Gold to have a base closer to the town. That relationship has already turned to “gold” if you can excuse the bad pun. I am hearing some terrific things about the work of the Gold team at the school and the increased enjoyment and performance of our students as a consequence. Our performances in the Year 7-8 section of the BAS Swimming carnival for example were highly encouraging and in fact the school came second in both the boys and girls sections and first overall in the junior section of the carnival. Unfortunately, there was no trophy or shield for this success, but it does give us an incredibly strong base for our performances for next year and beyond. This is particularly the case because of the strength of our swimmers in Years 5-6 who will feed into our Middle School swimming programme over the next few years. Andrew Stewart is currently writing up a report on the Swimming carnival, which will appear in the next edition of College Connections. In this report he will mention some of the better individual performances at this meet.

**Inter House Athletics Swimming Carnival**

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and friends of the school to our Inter House Athletics/Swimming carnival on Thursday March 28. The carnival will begin at 8.45am and will see the Middle School students take to the athletics track on the Main oval in the morning and the Senior School Students at the pool. In the afternoon the schools will swap over and undertake the other section of the Athletics/Swimming carnival. A barbeque will be set up by the students undertaking the tour to Papua New Guinea to raise much needed funds for the trip.

The House Swimming and Athletics carnival is just one of many events the students will participate in during the course of the year. As a consequence this event is seen very much about participation, rather than an occasion where the day is dominated by a few select individuals. The aim of the day is to get as many students as possible involved in some form of physical activity, enjoy the camaraderie of the occasion and get students to contribute together to the success of their house. It is all about further developing house spirit and a sense of cooperation.

The philosophy of this occasion then is in very strict contrast to the BAS swimming and athletics carnivals where we as a school are in strict competition with the other schools involved in this organisation. At these inter school carnivals we want our very best swimmers and athletes to represent the school, perform to their maximum and individually compete in as many events as possible.

**The 2013 Bayside Boulder Bash** was held on Saturday and was a 2 hour pump fest climbing format. This is where competitors climb continuously for 2 hours, with their top 8 climbs counting to their result. Bouldering is a form of Sport Climbing with no ropes or safety gear, climbing to heights of 5 metres on climbs of varying difficulty.

Emily Benjamin (Year 7) decided this year to challenge herself and enter the Open Female Senior division as a 12 year old - competing against climbers of 18 years or older. Emily finished 6th with a score of 52. This score also placed her first in the Junior (under 16's) and Intermediate divisions.

This bodes well for Emily's preparation for the Oceania Titles in May in New Caledonia - where she will once again wear the green and gold for the Australian team.

Emily will be defending her Speed title and also competing to win the Lead title back from the Kiwis. Of course, this all leads to the Olympics in 2020 - where it is hoped that Sport Climbing will be a competing. The announcement of the list of sports will be made this September.
BPSSA Regional Swimming Championships
On Tuesday 12 March, twenty-one of Ballarat Clarendon College’s finest swimmers challenged the regions fittest and fastest athletes in the 37 degree heat down in Warrnambool… and what a day it was! Not only did we have success in our individual events, but our relays, which truly illustrates what a terrific team we were on the day. In large numbers, students and parents showed tremendous support towards every competitor, which made every lap swam more enjoyable to watch and such a memorable experience for BCC.

Congratulations to all competitors who qualified and swam in the Regional Swimming Championships. It was an absolutely fantastic achievement for these young athletes who have a bright swimming future ahead of them.

Individual Results: (Final)
Takumi Trevena – Freestyle 1st
Shogo Trevena – Backstroke 1st, Butterfly 1st
Joel Walton – Backstroke 2nd, Breaststroke 2nd
Ben Fritch – Freestyle 4th, Butterfly 3rd
Flynn Postlethwaite – Backstroke 7th
Holly Gottlieb – Backstroke 10th
Scarlett Nash – Backstroke 8th
Sophie Grylewicz – Breaststroke 7th, Butterfly 5th
Poppy Douglass – Butterfly 2nd

Relay Results: (Final)
u/10 Boys – 1st (Ben Grima, Liam Fitzpatrick, Tom Jenkins, Flynn Postlethwaite)
u/10 Girls – 2nd (Laura O’Brien, Scarlett Nash, Sylvie Widdison, Freya Valpied)
u/11 Boys – 1st (Takumi Trevena, Joel Walton, Shogo Trevena, Sam Duthie)
u/11 Girls – 2nd (Poppy Douglass, Sophie Grylewicz, Lily Drury, Amaya Postlethwaite)
u/12 Boys – 5th (Will McCallum, Ben Fritch, Jonathan Chester, Oliver Hodge)
Medley Relay – 1st (Takumi Trevena, Joel Walton, Shogo Trevena, Ben Fritch)

Good luck to the 9 first place getters who have now qualified for the STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS held at MSAC on Wednesday March 27.

Sports Photos
Photographs of the following teams will be taken on Tuesday 26 March from 1pm to 2pm at the front of the Sturt Street Campus. If the weather is wet, photographs will be taken in the gymnasium.

Students will be required to arrive on time in their full school uniform.

Please note sport team photographs will not be available for purchase in 2013.
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2013
The 2013 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge has begun and we invite your child to participate in what has proven to be an increasingly popular event. Literacy and English are of the highest priority at Clarendon and, this year, we have made participation in the Challenge mandatory for all students in Prep to Year 8 and optional for students in Years 9 and 10.

We believe that the Challenge promotes the importance of reading and encourages parents and families to support their children’s reading in and beyond school. It is not a competitive event, but rather one that emphasises individual challenge and participation.

A consent form is available from the Middle School page on connect@clarendon. Please print and return the completed form to your child’s learning mentor by Friday 29 March. Your child will then be allocated a login so their reading can be recorded on the Challenge website. If your child participated last year their login details will be the same and they can start recording their books here

If you have any questions about the Challenge please contact me.

Overdue library books
There are a number of students who still have books on their accounts from last year. Can I ask you to please encourage your children to have a look around at home and see whether there are any books with a Ballarat Clarendon College barcode on the back cover hiding anywhere. Any books found and returned will be gladly received, the students can return them anonymously through the return chute near the library door if they wish, we don’t have fines but we would like our books back for others to have the opportunity to read them!

Michelle Thomason
Librarian

thomason@clarendon.vic.edu.au
5330 8241

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parents & friends

SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT WELCOME FUNCTION
On Friday evening Parents and Friends hosted the Senior School Parent Welcome Function at the new Multi-Purpose Pavilion, a lovely space for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to all parents who attended this annual event to meet the Senior School Teaching Staff and other parents too.

Thank you also to Ross Henderson, Kizanne Davies and Desi Parasidis for organising the event and to David Parker and the Senior School Teaching Staff and our Committee members for helping on this lovely evening.

Click [here](#) for photos

Janine Balharrie
President
Parents and Friends

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Immunisation notice – Year 9 Boys
The first round of immunisations for Year 9 boys will take place on Thursday 18th April at 1.30pm in the Senior Lecture Theatre.

The following immunisation will be provided:

- Gardasil – HPV (first of three doses): for Year 9 boys

This is the first year that Gardasil – HPV has been offered to boys. For more information go to: australia.gov.au/hpv or call the Immunisation Information Line on 1800 671 811

Immunisation cards will soon be sent home to be completed and returned to school. It is important that all cards are returned promptly even if the student does not require the immunisations. If you have any concerns please call the Health Centre on 5330 8301.

Immunisation notice – All Year 10 students
The immunisations for Year 10 boys and girls will take place on Thursday 18th April at 1pm in the Senior Lecture Theatre.

The following immunisation will be provided:

- Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis – Whooping Cough) – single dose

Immunisation cards will soon be sent home to be completed and returned to school. It is important that all cards are returned promptly even if the student does not require the immunisations. If you have any concerns please call the Health Centre on 5330 8301.

Lisa Panozzo
Health Centre

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**Normal Trading Hours (during School Term)**

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Last day of Trade for Term 1 – Wednesday, 27th March, 2013 from 8.30am to 11.30am

Opening in the School Holidays – Friday, 12th April, 2013 from 11.00am to 1.30pm

Reopening for Term 2 with extended hours on Monday, 15th, 2013 from 11.00am to 1.30pm

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 now located on the Sturt Street Campus, 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat.

**Kilts and Pinafores**

Orders are now being taken for Kilts and Pinafores.

**King Island Polar Fleece**

Orders are now being taken for King Island Polar Fleeces.

**Shop online**

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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INTERVIEW with our Language Assistant- Isabel Rupprecht

What is your name and where exactly do you come from? Can you describe your town/ city?
My name is Isabel. I’m from a little village close to Weimar with only 85 inhabitants. Weimar was named a cultural city in 1999 and has a lot of history. For example Goethe and Schiller, two very famous German Poets, lived and worked there for most of their life.

How did you hear of this position at Ballarat Clarendon College?
After I finished university and before starting my practical training, I wanted to gain some more experience and also get to know another educational system. Therefore I searched the internet for possibilities to do so and found an agency, called NACEL who offered to organize a teaching assistant program, which sounded exactly what I was looking for.

What is your role at the school?
My role is to help the German teachers to prepare their lessons and to assist them during class. My main job is to talk to the year 12 students in German for 30 minutes a week. I want to encourage the students to learn German and also give them some information about the German culture, traditions and food. Because I have also been trained as a PE teacher I’m attending the girl’s tennis sessions in the afternoon and the weight sessions in the morning.

How do you find the school- is it different from schools in Germany?-How?
I like the school a lot. It’s different from the school I went to in Germany. First of all we did not wear uniforms and also had different subjects in secondary school. What I find is a lot different from German schools is the relation between the students and the teachers. At Clarendon students and teachers have a very good relationship. The teachers always want the best for their students and encourage them to ask questions. Nobody seems to be scared to ask questions. In Germany, classroom teachers usually feel the need to show their authority. Sometimes this results in students being afraid to ask questions, particularly if they did not understand everything. Another thing I find different is the food in the cafeteria. At Clarendon the food at the cafeteria is really good and most of the time healthy. In German schools the food at the cafeterias is usually not as good as it is here.

How do you know English?
I have learned English at school starting in year 5. After school I went to the US for one year as an Au Pair and that’s where I really learnt the language. I then decided to become an English teacher.

How long is your stay?
Unfortunately only for one term and I’m already shocked how fast time moves if you want it to go by as slow as possible.

What previous knowledge did you have about Australia and Ballarat?
I have heard quite a lot about Australia, because some of my friends went here to do work and travel. They told me it’s a beautiful country and I will love it. And so far, they were right. I didn’t know anything about Ballarat.

You have only been here for a short time- what have you seen of Ballarat? What are your impressions?
So far I have seen the Cinema, which I find really nice. I have been to some restaurants and I went shopping at the Bridge Mall. Ballarat seems like a nice little city to me. I really like all the flowers they plant everywhere!

Have you any plans to see more of Australia during your stay?
I will stay in Australia until the 10th of May. The term already ends on the 28th of March so I have 6 weeks to travel around the country. I’m planning to fly from Melbourne to Perth. In Perth I’ll take a three day tour that takes me south of Perth to Albany. Back to Perth I’m going to do a guided tour to Broome. From Broome I’m planning to fly to Cairns and then continue via train to Brisbane with a stop at the Whitsunday Islands and Fraser Island. In Brisbane I’m going to meet a friend from Germany and then travel by Campervan all the way down to Melbourne. I hope 6 weeks will be enough.

How are you finding the weather, food, the people and students?
So far everything seems just perfect. I enjoy every single day. The teachers as well as the students are all very friendly, helpful and a lot of fun to work with. The food is good and not that much different from what we eat in Germany. Compared to the weather in Germany right now, the weather here is brilliant. Sun, blue sky - what else can you ask for?
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