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senior school

The second cycle of the 2016 academic year has seen the Senior School continue its busy start with the completion of SACs being accompanied by House Athletics on Thursday 11 February and House Swimming on the Thursday 18 February.

While the winners of these competitions will be celebrated and recognised (see below), we believe that the real purpose of the House Competition is to provide an opportunity for learning. It is about students being willing to stand up and compete in events that are beyond their comfort zone for the good of their House. So while there were some terrific individual performances on both days, the real highlights in terms of learning was watching Anita Craggs courageously compete for Henderson in the 800m, Ross Murphy enthusiastically compete in numerous swimming events for Elliott, and the male students of Walker combine to make up for their lack of numbers.

One of the key things that we want students to understand is that effort always makes a difference. While this may not be in the form of ribbons or medals, putting in and trying your best allows you to contribute positively to your community - in this context, your House.

As the year progresses, both David and I look forward to watching more of our students step beyond their comfort zones in the multitude of House Competitions.

In the fortnight ahead, we are looking forward to two key events. First, the Head of the Lake on Friday. The timing of this year’s event means that all Senior School students will have the opportunity to show their support on the day. The rowers have been working hard over the course of the past three terms and the rest of the school community can’t wait to cheer them on and celebrate their achievements.

The following week will be the Senior School Play. There are four performances starting on Thursday 3 March, Friday 4 and on Saturday 5 will see both a matinee and evening performance. This year, one of our students, Damian Muir, has taken on the role of Co-Director – this is an exciting departure and demonstrates the commitment of the Performing Arts department to maximising learning opportunities for our students and allowing them to grow. Each year the Senior School Play showcases some of the exceptional dramatic talent we have at the school and I am confident that this year will be no different.

Tickets can be purchased from http://www.trybooking.com/179180

Senior School Athletics and Swimming Results

Swimming:
1. Sloss – 393 points
2. Henderson – 381 points
3. Elliott – 352 points
4. Cairns – 307 points
5. Godbehear – 294 points
6. Walker – 274 points
7. Garbutt – 271 points
8. Kennedy – 238 points

Athletics:
1. Garbutt – 554 points
2. Sloss – 442 points
3. Elliott – 436 points
4. Cairns – 423 points
5. Kennedy – 405 points
6. Henderson – 377 points
7. Godbehear – 371 points
8. Walker – 367 points

David Parker & Laura Brady
Co-Heads of Senior School

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It is difficult to believe that we are already half way through Term 1. It has certainly been an action-packed couple of weeks with so many events occurring in a relatively short period of time.

**House Swimming and Athletics**

The swimming and athletics carnivals both provide an opportunity for students to engage in activities that complement their learning in the classroom. Many students were challenged during their events and it was fantastic to see many of them achieve personal bests. These activities not only provide the opportunity for students to push their own personal comfort zones, but they also allow for other qualities, such as team support and leadership, to shine through. We saw this when students encouraged one another during a race or organised their team members to ensure that all races were filled. It is events like the Swimming and Athletics competitions that certainly help foster a sense of personal responsibility and provide an opportunity for all students to develop their role in their House community. We congratulate students on their efforts in these events and encourage them to build on them in the House competitions to come.

**House Performing Arts**

This week sees the beginning of the House Performing Arts Competition. All Houses were provided with the theme ‘History Repeats’ at the beginning of the term and Houses have been allowed to write scripts, choreograph dances and select songs for their performances. Now, the action really starts as all House can start collectively rehearsing. We have many extremely talented performing artists in the 9/10 school and no doubt others will be looking toward them for guidance and support. It is an opportunity for them to show significant leadership. For some other students, singing and dancing in front of their peers is a daunting experience and they will be challenged by this event. Hopefully, all students can work together as a group, supporting one another and developing their understanding of teamwork and community.

**Pastoral Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to attend the Pastoral Parent-Student-Teacher interviews last Friday afternoon and evening. Whilst this time provided a formal occasion for contact with your child’s House Teacher, please do not feel that you must wait for such occasions to contact pastoral staff. If you have questions or concerns about your son’s or daughter’s schooling please feel free to contact their pastoral teacher to discuss the issue. It is only through teachers, students and parents working together that we can achieve the best educational outcomes.

**King Island Information Night**

On Monday night, Jason Hutchins presented an overview of the King Island program to Year 9 parents. Luke Caldwell will also conduct parent information sessions for each King Island group in the weeks before they depart.

If you have any questions or concerns about King Island, please do not hesitate to contact us or to give Luke a call. We understand that it is a significant time for many students and parents and are willing to help out where possible.

**Head of the Lake**

For many months now, on any given morning or evening, you may have noticed a College crew out on the Lake. Students have put in many hours training and competing in the lead-up to the Head of the Lake this Friday. Whilst winning is not the reason we row at College, we do wish all the students involved the best of luck and every success.

*Jen Bourke & David Struth*

Co-Heads of 9/10
**Sporting Pursuits**

It has been a particularly exciting couple of weeks for the Middle Schoolers as they participated in the House Athletics and House Swimming events on consecutive Thursdays. Both days were a testament to the qualities we love to see in our students: having-a-go, as students who had never swum butterfly before headed down to try in a 50m race; House spirit, as students lined the sides of the pool during the swimming relays; and resilience when, after a full day of running and competing, students, parents and siblings set about competing in a massive Beep Test.

The aims of the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals are student participation and challenge. We want our students in the Middle School to run and swim in multiple events; every student swam the 50m freestyle and backstroke and ran in a 100m and 200m event. Seeing students cheer each other on from the sidelines, colours dancing in the air, is what the days are all about.

Although it is nice to win, it is most important for us that our Middle Schoolers challenge themselves in the Athletics and Swimming. Degrees of challenge are different for different people. Some are looking for a PB in the 800m or to improve on a placing in last year’s 50m freestyle. For other kids, completing the 1500m run without stopping to walk was a challenge they had set themselves and they headed home to recline on the couch and beam with pride.

All up, they were fantastic days. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to make it and cheer on family and friends. The atmosphere at both events was fantastic.

**Should students ‘drill’ skills and concepts?**

One aspect of education that is contentious in some circles is the role of ‘drilling’. Drilling is the deliberate practice of a particular skill with the aim to master it before combining it with another, related, skill. The aim is that we would practise over and over again until the skill is mastered. Some would argue that once the skill has been demonstrated by students several times then it is a cue to move on, and that practice wastes time that could be used learning new information.

At College we believe that considered, discrete practice of skills is essential for our students as they encounter more and more complex ideas. When we first begin to learn a skill and demonstrate it successfully several times, a neural connection is formed. However, in these early stages of learning the mental effort required to replicate the skill or retrieve information is significant. It is even more effortful to recall and apply new skills while trying to do other things simultaneously. We only have limited reserve of space in our working memory and much of that space can be used trying to remember and apply a skill that has yet to be mastered properly.

For example, when we construct a piece of persuasive writing we are applying a number of different skills simultaneously. We are working with the technical aspects of writing (punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, sentence structure, etc.) while also trying to apply persuasive techniques and best express the argument or central contention of the piece. When students are still developing one or more components of writing, any one of them will require a significant amount of concentration to get right. Meanwhile, some of the other aspects of writing, which may also not be mastered, suffer as the limited reserves of mental effort are being used for one component of the work.

One way to reduce the effort required for students to use a skill or recall some information is to practise the elements independently. Just like riding a bike, as we practise something it requires less effort and less of our attention as neural connections are strengthened. This allows us to consider other aspects of the task. In writing, we may spend some time deliberately practising with punctuation exercises, making sure that students have control of their sentence structure. This practice means that the next time they are faced with a piece of writing, the work of punctuation will require less effort and concentration than before, leaving room to consider the other elements of writing.

Shaune Moloney & Reid Smith
Co-Heads of Middle School

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Sports Carnivals
The past two weeks have been extremely busy with preparations and organisation of the Sports Carnivals. Across both days, the four carnivals were very successful. It was fantastic to see so many students participating in physical activity, supporting one another and having a great time. It was also fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents at all carnivals supporting their children.

Thank you to all teaching and non-teaching staff that contribute to the success of these carnivals. In particular, Drew Rickard from the IT Department, McLeans and Central Administration. Special mention to our Sport Assistant, Carly Twaits, who was responsible for most of the preparations leading up to these carnivals.

RESULTS
MS Athletics:
1. Waters – 1899 points
2. Polson – 1826 points
3. Horner – 1787 points
4. Ross – 1662 points
5. McPherson – 1506 points

*Year Level Champions will be announced this week.

MS Swimming:
1. Horner – 675 points
2. Waters – 613 points
3. McPherson – 583 points
4. Polson – 548 points
5. Ross – 490 points

*Year Level Champions will be announced this week.

9/10 Swimming:
1. Cairns – 362 points
2. Garbutt – 337 points
3. Henderson – 302 points
4. Elliott – 253 points
5. Walker – 241 points
6. Godbehear – 235 points
7. Kennedy – 228 points
8. Sloss – 189 points

*Year Level Champions will be announced this week.

9/10 Athletics:
1. Elliott – 598 points
2. Garbutt – 529 points
3. Cairns – 463 points
4. Henderson – 460 points
5. Walker – 409 points
6. Sloss – 386 points
7. Godbehear – 354 points
8. Kennedy – 295 points

*Year Level Champions will be announced this week.
9/10 Combined Swimming + Athletics:
1. Garbutt – 866 points
2. Elliott – 851 points
3. Cairns – 825 points
4. Henderson – 762 points
5. Walker – 650 points
6. Godbehear – 589 points
7. Sloss – 575 points
8. Kennedy – 523 points

11/12 Swimming:
1. Sloss – 393 points
2. Henderson – 381 points
3. Elliott – 352 points
4. Cairns – 307 points
5. Godbehear – 294 points
6. Walker – 274 points
7. Garbutt – 271 points
8. Kennedy – 238 points

*Year Level Champions will be announced this week.

11/12 Athletics:
1. Garbutt – 554 points
2. Sloss – 442 points
3. Elliott – 436 points
4. Cairns – 423 points
5. Kennedy – 405 points
6. Henderson – 377 points
7. Godbehear – 371 points
8. Walker – 367 points

*Year Level Champions will be announced this week.

11/12 Combined Swimming + Athletics:
1. Sloss – 835 points
2. Garbutt – 825 points
3. Elliott – 788 points
4. Henderson – 758 points
5. Cairns – 730 points
6. Godbehear – 665 points
7. Kennedy – 643 points
8. Walker – 641 points

Upcoming Events

BAS Head of the Lake
Friday 26 February 12pm onwards
On Friday, approximately 31 BCC crews will compete on Lake Wendouree in the BAS Head of the Lake. The first event is set to commence at 12pm, with the final event, Boys Open Div 1, racing at 3.00pm. More details, including the timetable of events can be found on Connect > Rowing. The rowers will celebrate their season at the Annual Rowing Dinner, which is to be held at Bray Raceway on Friday 26 February.

BAS Swimming
Thursday 3 March
Results from our Swimming Carnivals will be analysed and our BAS Swimming Team will be announced early next week. Students who have made this team will be contacted via email.

BAS Singles Tennis
Monday 7 March
Thursday 10 March
Trials for this event will take place on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 February. Students have received this information from their House Teachers and Learning Mentors.
**Term 1 Sport and Physical Activities**
All Term 1 BAS Sport and Physical Activities have been well under way for the past two weeks. Please refer to the weekly Sport Travel Details on Connect for additional information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Co-Curricular program, please contact me.

**BAS Results**
All BAS Sport results/fixtures/ladders/rules etc. can be located on the BAS Website: [http://bas.vic.edu.au/](http://bas.vic.edu.au/)

**Sport Page on connect@clarendon**
All other relevant notices will be posted on Connect. Week 5 Travel Details are now available on Connect and the Clarendon Phone App.

**Contact Details**
If you have any questions regarding the Sport & Physical Activity program at BCC, please contact me via email macdonaldle@clarendon.vic.edu.au or on 5330 8157.

**Leah Macdonald**
Head of Sport

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Dance

Schimm Dance Company
Schimm’s Platforms Youth 2016 Program is an invitation only initiative by Schimm Dance Company that is held every second Sunday from 10am to 5pm, culminating with a 6-day professional show week in October. The program focuses on the genres of jazz and contemporary dance and is made up of elite dancers from all over Victoria. Auditions are held each year and we congratulate April Prato (Year 10) who has been selected for a second year to take part in this program.

Dance Captains 2016
It is with great pleasure that we announce that Sammy Mitchell and Beth Tucker are Dance Captains for 2016. Both girls have been instrumental in the success of our Aerobics program and are also heavily involved in the choreography of the upcoming Senior School Musical. I believe that they are both fantastic ambassadors for the Dance program and look forward to working with them in the year ahead.

Australian Ballet Extension Program
It has been brought to my attention that Ava Skinner (Year 7) and Gabriella Fitzpatrick (Year 8) have also been invited to partake in the Australian Ballet School extension program as mentioned in the last issue of College Connections. Congratulations girls on this wonderful achievement.

Drama

2016 Year 10-12 Play – We'll be right back after this Murder
Hampton Bellamy is dead. In fact, he’s deader than dead, considering he was shot, stabbed, poisoned, clubbed, AND run over by a truck. ‘I like things simple,’ says police captain Bogie, but at this point, everyone in Bellamy’s household is now a suspect. Could it be one of his sisters, Dorthella or Darnella? What about his gambling nephew Percy, who takes odds on who’ll be next? Or niece Cherise, who plans her future by the stars? When Bogie says the murderer was stupid, vain nephew Carlton protests by exclaiming, ‘I am not!’ While it seems that he walked right into the captain's trap, the others aren't off the hook yet, considering there's now another victim thanks to an exploded landmine. Between an inept 'bomb expert' who swings her metal detector wildly and a narcoleptic life insurance agent who shares details about Bellamy's million-dollar policy between naps, there's no end to the hilarity! Clues pile up as fast as victims in this topsy-turvy comedy where everyone suspects everyone. This fast-paced farce is loaded with comedic characters, amusing scenes, and tons of wonderful stage action.

The Senior School Play will be performed in the Coltman Theatre on:
- Thursday 3 March at 7.30pm
- Friday 4 March at 7.30pm
- Saturday 5 March at 2.30pm
- Saturday 5 March at 7.30

Tickets can be purchased from http://www.trybooking.com/179180

Please click here for further details

Music

Company
Company cast are reminded to check the schedule and updates about when they are required at rehearsal.

PA Social Afternoon
The social afternoon was held on Sunday afternoon on the front lawn near the PAC. It was a welcome to the Performing Arts new year. The Performing Arts leaders hosted the event and Friends of Performing Arts supported.

Click here and here for photos
**Ensemble rehearsals**
Ensemble rehearsals are well under way. It’s a busy first half of the year with camp and performances coming up soon.

**Assemblies**
We have started the year with some great performances at assemblies. We’ve seen a flute duet, voice, guitar and keys, dance duet, piano improvisation, dance composition, and guitar and singers across the three schools. These students did such a wonderful job in entertaining us with their talents. If you’d like to perform in assemblies, please come and see us in the PAC.

**Music Camp**
Members of the following bands are reminded that the annual Music Camp is coming up soon on 18 March. It will be held again at Rutherford Park and the notice is on the College app. We encourage all members to attend as it is invaluable time to prepare for our big performances. It’s also a fun time for all involved! This year we have a guest conductor for a few of the bands and some new learning activities.

Intermediate Band  
Geoff Smith Jazz Orchestra  
Show Band  
Barry Currie Stage Band  
Year 10 contemporary band  
FEET  
String orchestra  
MS strings  
Senior Brass Ensemble

**Sarah Barlow**  
Head of Music

**Carroll Byrne**  
Head of Drama

**Lauren Young**  
Head of Dance
AGM
The Parent and Friends will hold the 2015 AGM on Tuesday 1 March in Macfarland Hall at 7pm, to be followed by a general committee meeting.

Committee membership is open to all members of the school community. The committee consists of an executive and up to 8 general committee members. The executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are elected by the committee for a period of 2 years.

If you are interested in joining the committee we invite you to attend the AGM. Nominations for the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer and currently being sought.

If you are interested in nominating for one of the vacancies, please fill out the nomination form and send it to The Secretary, Parents and Friends, (cooinbil25@bigpond.com) or Ballarat Clarendon College, 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat 3350 by 4.45pm on Friday 26 February, 2016.

Please click here for Parents & Friends Committee Nomination Form

Jenni White
President Parents & Friends
Friends of Performing Arts Hollywood Ball

Saturday 16 April
Ballarat Golf Club, Sturt St, Ballarat
7pm for 7.30pm start

Please [click here](http://www.trybooking.com/182522) for further information

Tickets may be purchased through trybooking [http://www.trybooking.com/182522](http://www.trybooking.com/182522)

Judi Eppingstall
President Friends of Performing Arts

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Would you like to be a part of Ballarat Clarendon College History? Don’t delay; support the project now!

For those that drive by Wanliss Road for their daily student drop-off, you will be aware of the giant hole that has emerged on the corner. This hole symbolises the start of some incredibly exciting new structural developments at the school... our new Fitness Centre & Rowing Tank.

At the end of Term 4, 2015, construction commenced. The construction crew started by draining the pool. You can see a time lapse video of the construction here. Many of you will know that David Parker is a keen swimmer and was officially the last person to use the pool. In its place, a new infinity pool will emerge, along with a dance/spin room and upgrades to our existing basketball court among other improvements. Of course, the most exciting feature will be the construction of a new rowing tank – the first tank of its kind in Australia. And it’s coming to Ballarat Clarendon College!

There is still time to support this wonderful facility by making a donation. Donors are also given the opportunity to ‘purchase’ rowing tank seats. There are only two seats left, so if you and your family would like to celebrate your connection to the school or perhaps commemorate a loved one, this is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the history.

Please click here to view a virtual demonstration of what this wonderful facility will provide for our students. If you are interested in supporting this project, please visit our How to Donate & Contact page.

Emily Roffe-Silvester

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Ballarat Clarendon College has an onsite uniform shop run by Dobsons. A percentage of every purchase is returned to the School.

**Location and contact details**
The Uniform Shop is located at 16 Ajax Street, Ballarat. The Uniform Shop is located next to the Health Centre. A map of our new location can be found on the Clarendon App.

Telephone:  (03) 5330 8305
Email: bac@dobsons.com.au

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

**Modified Hours**
**On Friday 26 February, Head of the Lake Rowing Regatta - Open 2.30pm to 4.30pm**

**Do you need an appointment outside of our Trading Hours?** We also 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.

**PE Uniform – Socks and House Polos**
In stock - plain white sport socks and a small range of House Polos.

**Winter Uniform**
Currently available - a full size range of kilts, tunics, blouses, trousers and shirts.

**School Bags**
In stock - backpacks and trolley bags.

**Payment Facilities**
EFT and Credit Card facilities are available. You can also apply, in store or online, for a Dobsons Account. Credit Card Authority forms are available at the Uniform Shop. Cheques are not accepted.

**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, Knitted Beanies, Parents & Friends Caps, Rowing Caps, Rowing Badges and Rowing Polar Fleece Vests.

**Buying or Selling Second-hand Items**
Dobsons also sell, in store, a range of second-hand uniforms on behalf of parents. A donation will be given to the Parents and Friends for each sale of second-hand uniforms. Please contact us to discuss. For online buying or selling, please visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au
German Exchange Host Families Required
We have eighteen German students arriving as part of our German Exchange Program at the start of March and we are looking for 3 more hosts for male students. The students are currently in Year 10 in Germany. They all speak English and are here to speak English with you.

You would be asked to host them as a member of your own family and they will attend school during their time here, as well as travel on a group tour of their own.

The students will be with us from Sunday 6 March until Thursday 31 March.

This can be a very powerful and beneficial experience for the whole family, as you have an instant contact in Germany and someone who often becomes another member of the family.

For any further details or if you are able to help in any way, please contact Jen Tischler on (03) 5330 8200 or at tischler@clarendon.vic.edu.au
Home-stay required
A home-stay is required for a 12-year-old girl, who is currently in Year 7, for Monday – Thursday nights. She is awaiting a position in the Boarding House and is currently travelling four hours each day to attend school. Payment is negotiable. Please contact Rob Leonard on 0450 093 990.

Traffic warning: school crossings and pick up/drop off areas
Every school in our region has been contacted by the City of Ballarat explaining that the Council’s traffic unit will be actively enforcing school crossing areas and pick up and drop off areas to ensure safety for students, staff, motorists and school crossing supervisors.

These inspections are being conducted randomly within Ballarat throughout the school year.

This notice serves as a timely notice to all of us to be careful during the peak traffic times in a morning and afternoon. We especially warn those who park on median strips as traffic officers will book those who have parked illegally.

If you have any queries about this enforcement program contact Amy Boyd, Manager Local Laws and Parking Enforcement at the City of Ballarat on 5320 5570 or anyboyd@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Important Information for Parents from Public Transport Victoria
Public Transport Victoria has recently issued important updates for parents regarding travel. Please download the attached document for the full details. Below is a brief summary of announcements (please note it is not an exhaustive list and parents are encouraged to review the attached document).

Proof of Concession Entitlement:
Students aged 17 years and over or those requiring a Student Pass (regardless of age) are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession. School issued student identification card are not accepted.

2016 Victorian Student Pass:
2016 Victorian Student Pass provides travel for student on all Metro trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services.

How to apply for 2016 VPTY Student Concession Card &/or a Student Pass:
Please see the attached document for details.

2016 Regional Transit Student Passes:
2016 Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in Geelong, Ballarat & Bendigo but limited V/Line rail services.

How to purchase a Half Yearly ($285) or Yearly ($546) Victorian Student Pass:
Please see the attached document for details.

Register your child’s myki card:
It is optional to register a myki card but by doing so you can;
- Protect the balance on the myki card if lost or stolen
- Option to manage myki with online account
- Option of auto top up for ‘set & forget’ convenience

Additional Information:
For information regarding specific student travel arrangements, please visit:
http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/concessions/students/

For information regarding non-myki Regional Transit Student passes, please visit:

Please click here for further information