After a wonderful start to the School year we now continue with many significant events in the Senior School in the next couple of weeks.

These are:

1. **Friday 27 February – Pastoral Care interviews**  
   David J Sewell Pavilion  
   4-8 pm

   These provide a wonderful opportunity for the families to meet with their sons and daughters’ pastoral care providers. The students generally meet with their House teachers twice a day. I encourage all families to make themselves available for the interview. Please book interviews through connect@clarendon [click here].

2. **Head of the Lake – Sunday 1 March**  
   8.20am–12.10pm

   The college has many crews rowing in this marquee event of the BAS sporting calendar. All students (non-rowing) have the opportunity to be in the official BCC spit crew and have to register their name (to receive a ticket) with Helen in the Senior School Office.

   The theme which the Year 12’s will be wearing on the day is “Mexicans”. Students in Year 9-11 have to wear their BCC Sports Uniform.

   Please make sure that the students wear a hat, bring sunscreen and water.

   The crews have been working extremely hard since Term 3 last year and deserve our support. BCC will be on the northern end of the spit.

   I wish each and every rower and their coach all the best for the 2015 Head of the Lake.

I would like to congratulate:

- John Morley, our new Head of Physics, who gave the inaugural Science Lecture on 19 February “Are we alone”. John spoke for nearly an hour to a packed McClure Lecture Theatre in the new Coutts Science Centre. I speak on behalf of the audience in thanking John for bringing the enormity of the Universe to us all. Please look out for details of other lectures later in the year.

- Jan McClure was awarded the “Senior Educator of the Year” within Ballarat district. The award is made on behalf of the Australian College of Educators and was presented to Jan at a Civic Reception at the Town Hall on Thursday 19 February. (P.S. David Shepherd and Jan’s husband John who was Principal at Sebastopol Secondary College for many years, have also won this award).

David Parker  
Head of Senior School
Surely one of the most inspiring things to watch is when someone struggles and grapples with a challenge and then finally succeeds. This occurs countless times in life and it is indeed a goal of every teacher in every class to plan for these challenges and successes. Yet the place where it is perhaps most obvious to the onlooker is during the athletics and swimming carnivals. For some, the challenge is to break a school record or beat their best time. For others, the challenge can be simply finishing the race, or stepping in when their team needs them. There is no doubt that during the last two weeks at the athletics and swimming carnivals the Year 9/10 students faced challenges and found success. The evidence was in a grimace or a groan as the students stretched towards finishing lines. It was in the smiles or the looks of relief or exhaustion as they touched the end of the pool. So many of our students faced challenges and so many found success.

Congratulations to all those who achieved personal success and well done to all those who pushed beyond their comfort zones to support their House. It may not be obvious to some, but the true measure of a sporting carnival is not how fast a person swims or runs, but how much each individual student pushes themselves and supports their team. On this measure, I believe the sporting days were very successful for our Year 9 and 10 students. Thanks to all the parents who were able to take the time to come and watch their children. This really adds to the occasion.

If you haven’t heard your son or daughter discussing their House Performing Arts competition yet, no doubt you will over the coming weeks. All Houses are now busily preparing for their performance and the preparations are accompanied by the usual excitement and anxieties that are a feature of any show. The Performing Arts Competition again provides a wonderful opportunity for students to expose themselves to experiences that they might not otherwise have. It also provides another avenue that students can work together to support their in-school communities. Parents are warmly invited to attend the performances which take place in the David J Sewell Pavilion on Friday 6 March.

The Melbourne Experience preparations are now well underway. Students have met with their groups and clusters and will have homework over the next few weeks that involves planning their experience. We ask that parents of Year 10 students talk with their son or daughter about how their planning is going, asking questions that prompt the students to carefully consider the details of their plan. In this way it will support the work of the House teachers during the planning sessions over the coming weeks.

On Friday 27 February we have our pastoral care interviews. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with the House Teacher of their son or daughter. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress or if you would just like to put a name to a face and open up communication lines then this is a perfect opportunity. If you have not yet made a booking click here.

Jen Bourke & David Struth
Co-Heads of 9/10
middle school

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. Both days presented challenges: an electrical storm at the swimming delayed the start by almost two hours and the heat and humidity at the athletics meant that the students were careful with hydration and sun protection. Both challenges showed the quality of the kids in the Middle School. Students waited patiently under cover for the swimming sports, and to see hundreds of students participating in the House Beep Test at the end of a long, hot day was fantastic. 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 Schooler 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 800m run without stopping to walk was a challenge they had set themselves and were pleased as punch to achieve.

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.

Pastoral Care interviews
This Friday evening, from 4 until 8pm, we will be holding our Pastoral Care interviews on the bottom level of the Middle School building. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s Learning Mentor to discuss the start of the year, the goals for learning over the next 12 months and any questions you may have about the Middle School and its events.

Students are most welcome to attend the interviews; in fact, the interviews are more effective when students are present as the partnership between the school, parents and the students is an important one and the students need to be involved in the discussions about their learning. If you have any questions about the night please contact the Middle School Office on 5330 8366. If you have not yet made a booking click here.

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 then allows us to consider other aspects of the task. In writing, we may spend some time deliberately practising using 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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Welcome back to BCC Sport and Physical Activities for 2015. I am very excited to be back as Head of Sport and PA. It has been five years since I undertook the role and I am keen to continue to provide opportunities for students to be involved in a variety of sports and physical activities.

I would like to thank Richard Schomburgk for the work he has done over the last five years. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that students have had the opportunity to experience a range of sporting activities and also promoted lifelong wellbeing through sport. I wish Richard all the best and look forward to working closely with him this year as a coach within the sport program.

**Co-Curricular Activities**
Term 1 Sport and Physical Activities are well underway. School training and matches have already commenced with large student participation across all year levels.

Draws and other relevant information have been circulated to students from coaches. If your child has any questions or concerns about their BAS sport or co-curricular activity it is important that they contact their coach or the person in charge of the activity. Weekly Travel Details will be posted on the Sport page on connect@clarendon, providing information regarding games, opposition, venues and transport.

Parents should note that it is the expectation of the school that students who are involved in sport at outside venues should wear a sunhat and sunscreen and that both will need to be provided from home. For students who have forgotten to bring sunscreen to school, each team will be given a tube of cream for the students to use.

Parents also need to be aware that for health reasons students will need to bring their own water bottles to practices and to matches to keep hydrated.

Furthermore, parents are reminded that strapping for contact sports will need to be paid for by the student. More detail will be provided as the winter season approaches.

Exemptions – Please make sure your son or daughter hands in their exemption forms for co-curricular activities (Music or Sport).

Parents and students should be aware that exemptions are only given in exceptional circumstances.

**Swimming and Athletics Carnivals**
Planning for the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals commenced in Term 4 last year, with the aim of increasing participation and creating an exciting inter-school house atmosphere. The Middle School Swimming Carnival was a success, despite a lengthy delay to the program due to an electrical storm. Students, staff and parents dealt with the situation extremely well and once the students were allowed in the pool, the program ran like clockwork. The Eureka Pool provided an ‘electric’ atmosphere and students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to swim in the 50m pool. Likewise, the Middle School Athletics Carnival ran smoothly under quite steamy conditions. All students had the opportunity to compete in a 100m and 800m event, with many students also competing for their house in additional track and field events. Once again, with the support of all the Middle School staff, the event was a success. Results for both the Middle School Swimming and Athletics will be announced at assembly this Friday.

The 9/10 and 11/12 Athletics Carnival provided some impressive individual and team performances. Highlights for the afternoon included the 100m events, 1500m events, High Jump and of course the relays. Once again the Senior School staff rallied together within their respective Houses to ensure the Athletics Carnival ran smoothly. The same was said for the 9/10 and 11/12 Swimming Carnival. Apart from a minor hiccup regarding transporting the students to the pool, the carnival was up and running kicking off with newly introduced events, the mixed medley relays. Performances at the pool were quite impressive, many of which I’m sure will gain BAS Swimming selection. Results for both the 9/19 and 11/12 Athletics and Swimming Carnivals will be announced at assembly this Friday.

The results from these events along with trials conducted in Physical Education classes will help with the selection of the BAS Athletics and Swimming teams. Students who have been selected for the BAS Swimming team will be informed this week. Students who have gained selection for the BAS Athletics team will be informed towards the term. If you have any questions regarding BAS Athletics or Swimming, please do not hesitate to contact me.
First XI Cricket
The calendar year, which has seen the advent of the longer form of the game, has started well for the Ballarat Clarendon College Boys 1st XI Cricket side. It has been a busy initial four weeks for the squad with numerous demands placed on the players, but they have operated professionally at training and their commitment to the contest during the games has been thrilling to behold. (A recent description by an opponent that the BCC players were “crazy” in the field was a great compliment to receive!)
There was little time leading into the first day of Round 1 two-day encounter against Ballarat Grammar School at BGS. Having started school on the Thursday, the team had training that night in order to ready themselves for the Friday. A small group gathered, one of quality consisting of those with 1st XI experience and 1st XI potential. The session was a solid one. To be fair, it did not set the world on fire, but a reasonable job was done with the running, bat, ball, and fielding drills.

The commute to BGS on that first Friday could only be described as a nightmare. Traffic, traffic, and more traffic greeted the team bus at every turn. In the end, the team was compelled to walk the remaining part of the journey. Adding to the challenge was the fact that, upon reaching the ground, there was very little time to warm-up. However, it must be said, these challenges were handled exceedingly well by the players.

BCC made 186 in its innings, with Benallack (47), Mayne (41), and McCluggage (39) contributing with the bat. BGS was restricted to 101 with Hallett, Matheson, Blackwood, Joyce, and Benallack sharing the wickets.

Highlights included a solid opening stand when things could have gone awry; signs of maturity at the crease; disciplined bowling to the field; and exceptionally clean ground fielding and safe catching—each player was desperate to be in on the action.

A new initiative was implemented at training in the week prior to the Round 2 clash against SPC. One or two bowlers per session broke away from the confines and protection of the nets to work on their lines and lengths on the centre wicket. On the Tuesday, the boys were fortunate enough to have curator and East Ballarat seasoned veteran Jeremy Collier provide some guidance and advice. Jeremy was thrilled with the effort of those under his tutelage and the quality of the output. He was particularly happy with the bowlers’ willingness to listen to advice.

In the second round encounter, SPC made an imposing 4/252. BCC tried hard with the ball and in the field, but performed below its best. In reply, BCC was 3/50 (having had a very pleasing opening stand of 41 between Ray and Knight) when an enormous storm came over the ground. While it is always disappointing to have a game abandoned, this result was of enormous advantage to BCC in the context of its season. The few points gained saw it sharing equal first place on the BAS ladder.

At the time of writing, the BCC 1st XI is halfway through a tussle against BHS. BHS was sent into bat at BCC and made a commendable 140. Honours were even at the end of this first day and the scene is set for an exciting conclusion.

In addition, following on from the success of last year’s event, the 1st XI has also played an Old Collegians side made of players predominantly from the early-mid 1980s. This year, the boys came out on top, having made 181 with bat (Ray and Knight again performing well as an opening partnership) and taking some early wickets with the ball (Blackwood being the pick of the bowlers). That said, the occasion was enjoyed by all.

Up and coming Events
Head of the Lake – Sunday 1 March
BAS Swimming – Tuesday 3 March
Tennis Singles (Preliminary Rounds) – Monday 16 March
Tennis Finals – Thursday 19 March
BAS Golf Championships – Tuesday 18 March TBC

Additional Information
In 2015, Paul Stephens will once again look after Sport in the Junior School (years P-4) and Josh King will co-ordinate 5/6 sport.

Carly Twaits, current 3rd Year B Ed (PE) student and past Collegian will be my Sport Assistant in 2015. Carly will take over from Zandria Malone who was Sport Assistant last year. She has commenced a full time teaching position in Beulah.
This year we will continue to keep you up to date with results and other necessary information. All information and latest news will appear on the Sports page at connect@clarendon.

Student Achievements

**Alyssa Britten – Year 9**
Alyssa competed in the 2015 National Futsal Championships in Sydney. Joint captain of the Under 15 team which won their category. As a result of her performance she was invited to be part of the Australian Futsal team to tour Brazil in November/December 2015.

**Kate Lyons – Year 10**
Kate competed in the 2015 National Futsal Championships in Sydney in the Under 15 team, winning her category and being crowned U15 Girls Australian Champions. Kate has been selected to tour Brazil in the Australian team in November/December 2015.

**Katherine Dowie – Year 10**
Katherine qualified for the Nationals competing in the 3000m and 2000m Steeplechase for Victoria in Sydney at the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships from March 11-13.

Please email me student achievements so we can recognise outstanding performances in our school community.

**Melbourne Rebels – Regional Roadshow**
The RaboDirect Melbourne Rebels will be coming to town on Wednesday 4th March on a Regional Roadshow. The Rebels will be visiting 3 major regional centres in one day, being Ballarat, Geelong and Shepparton.

We would like to invite your students, whether they are rugby enthusiasts or not, to join us at St Patrick’s College to take part in a fun, interactive clinic facilitated by a host of Melbourne Rebels players, Rebels coaching staff and professional development officers.

This Clinic will be provided absolutely free-of-charge to all students/participants that wish to participate between the ages of 6 – 18 years. Parents are also invited to come along and watch.

The Ballarat Rugby Union Club will be supporting this event, and guests will enjoy a BBQ and refreshments provided by the Club to raise money for local rugby.

The clinic will be followed with a signing session, an opportunity for the kids to meet the players and get some autographs.

**EVENT DETAILS – click here for flyer**

**When:** Wednesday 4th March 2015  
**Where:** Ballarat Rugby Union Club  
St Patrick’s College  
1431 Sturt Road, Ballarat  
**What:** Clinic facilitated by a host of Melbourne Rebels players, Rebels coaching staff and professional development officers  
Melbourne Rebels players signing session  
**Who:** Participants aged 6 years to 18 years – no prior rugby experience necessary  
**Cost:** Free of charge

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

Leah MacDonald  
Head of Sport

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### Dance

**April Prato accepted into Schimm Contemporary Dance Company**

April Prato (Year 9) was selected for Schimm Platform Youth Company. April auditioned with 135 other students from all over Victoria and is now a member of 30 company members. The students that were selected for Platforms will work with Schimm dance company’s leading choreographers and external choreographers to create a professional show that will be open for the general public. Amongst the choreography and performance aspect of platforms, the selected dancers will have the opportunity to work with industry professionals in tailored workshops of different genres. Dancers work over twelve Sundays beginning in March and ending in the culmination of a short season show that will be launched in September.

**Dance Troupe: Co-Curricular**

This year, due to overwhelming numbers, we have had to split our dance troupe into a Year 5-8 dance ensemble and a Year 9-12. Each group comprises of about 20 – 30 students and it is so exciting to see the numbers in our dance program continue to grow. To think that we have around 100 students representing BCC through Dance Aerobics or Dance Troupes is fantastic and is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our student’s talents in the wider community.

**Henry Wright and Ruby Moore on the International stage**

Henry Wright and Ruby Moore (Year 9) were invited to perform at the ICC World Cup opening ceremony last week. This event was televised worldwide and involved many celebrity performers. It was also great to see photos of both students in The Courier and the Herald Sun as part of this sporting celebration.

**Drama**

‘Avenue Q’ – our Senior School Musical is currently in rehearsal and will be playing March 12, 13 and 14 at 7pm and a special matinee on March 14 at 2pm. With a double cast consisting of 30 students and our live band this show is sure to please. Performing in the SSLT at BCC tickets are available through Trybooking.

‘Reception’ – the musical is a touring one woman award winning show that will be playing in our Senior School lecture centre on the 10th of March. This is a one off performance for Ballarat, tickets are available through Trybooking.

‘The Wedding Singer’ – another of our senior school musicals is currently in rehearsals, and with a cast of 50 students and a full band this is sure to be a great show.

VCE drama will be off to see the production of ‘Cut Snake’ 26th February, at Theatreworks in St Kilda as part of their VCE studies.

Jess Carbone, one of our performing arts teachers will be performing in the Lyric Musical – Legally Blonde. We wish her all the best.

**Music**

**House Performing Arts Competitions**

If you wander around the school during 9/10 or Senior School Study time this week, you will hear snippets of singing, drama and see some fantastic choreography throughout many rooms. Both the 9/10 and Senior Schools are busily preparing for their annual competition. Performing Arts students and House leaders are writing, rehearsing, adapting and leading to create a piece that incorporates music, dance and drama to represent their theme. What makes it such a wonderful competition is that it is all-inclusive - those who are very new to the performing arts stand alongside those who are very experienced. Come along and see their finished products on March 6.

**Music Lessons**

Did you know that there are 27 different instruments, music theory and Speech Art on offer as private or paired lessons in the PAC? We have 20 specialist instrumental teachers, some of whom also take ensembles. If you have thought of learning an instrument, get a lesson application form from Helen in the PAC office.
Assembly Performances
Performing Arts performances are a part of assemblies each fortnight. We’d love to hear from those who are keen to step up and perform. If you would like to present a performance, come and see Mrs Barlow, Mrs Young or Mr Harrop in the PAC.

Music Camp
The Annual Music Camp is drawing closer, and forms have been sent out to members of the relevant ensembles. If you haven’t received one as expected, please contact the PAC office. This year, it will be held 20-22 March at Rutherford Park. It is imperative that all members are in attendance, as this weekend provides the greatest time and focus for the entire year of ensemble rehearsals. We will make a start on South Street and Performing Arts Showcase pieces, as well as other fundamental ensemble skills. There is a camp concert on Sunday 22 March after lunch for those parents keen to see what we have been up to on the weekend. The ensembles involved are:
- Showband
- Geoff Smith Jazz Orchestra
- Novice Band
- Barry Currie Stage Band
- Feet
- 9/10 Contemporary Band
- Senior Chamber
- Intermediate Strings

MS Strings Performances
The Geoff Smith Jazz Orchestra and MS Percussion Concert was held on Tuesday 24 February. This is the first of a series of ensemble-specific concerts throughout the year.

Unit 3 Music Performance students Lachlan Mansell (Year 11) and Louis Edwards (Year 11) performed as part of “Amped”, a VCE Music Concert Series at Sutton’s House of Music. There will be more from our VCE Music students throughout the year.

Noah Heys (Year 12) is currently performing in the orchestra for Lyric Theatre’s “Legally Blonde”. Tom Hallett (Year 11) and Jack Quail (Year 11) attended the Geelong Summer Music Camp earlier this year.

The Term Soiree and Lunchtime Concert will be held in Week 8 of this term. If you would like to perform, see Helen in the PAC office.

If there are any music performances that you have been a part of, we’d love to hear from you.

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Sarah Barlow
Head of Music

Michael Harrop
Head of Dance and Drama

Lauren Young
Head of Dance

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Over the past few weeks, Year 11 Art students have undertaken the challenge of using the artistic device of ‘foreshortening’ to create energetic compositions focusing on depicting the figure within real space. Foreshortening of the figure, technically linear perspective, was perfected during the Italian Renaissance and since then it has been a standard part of the training for art students. Over time it has been employed very effectively in a range of artworks. Who remembers the dynamic foreshortening so obvious in superhero cartoons such as Superman and Batman? Coupled with word art such as the essential ‘POW’ or ‘SMACK’, the foreshortening employed in those action frames added to the exciting scenarios presented.

In image making, foreshortening is a wonderful tool that allows artists to create an illusion of depth within their artworks helping them to achieve an element of realism and real space. The artist records, in varying degrees, the distortion that is seen by the eye when an object or figure is viewed at a distance or at an unusual angle.

Using the contemporary media of photography, Year 11 art students experimented with the device, and also used a little artistic licence along the way. Posing their models to accentuate the effect of foreshortening within initial images, and then applying digital manipulation, they have succeeded in creating lively images which present life from a very interesting angle.

Please click here for the works of Milly Kimpton, Liv Cunningham, Rory Elliott and Sophie Doddrell.

Sandra Sanders
Visual Arts Teacher

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Ballarat Clarendon College has an on-site 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 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat. The Uniform Shop is in the building in front of the Girls Boarding House adjacent to the Tennis Courts.

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

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

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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.

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

**House Polo Tops**
A range of House Polo Tops currently available. Orders also taken.

**King Island Polar Fleece**
Just arrived – a full size range of King Island Polar Fleece.

**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 and Rowing Caps.

**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

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Parents and Friends AGM
Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 3 March in Macfarland Hall followed by our General Meeting. We invite any interested members of the school community to come and join us.

Anyone interested in nominating to join the committee can do so with Kizanne Davies via email kizanne@ElysiumDaySpa.com.au or on the night.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Macfarland Hall and would welcome new members.

New Parent Mentoring Program
Our annual New Families Mentoring Program has been completed, making contact with all new families for 2015. Parents and Friends volunteers made phone calls to 65 new families welcoming them to the Ballarat Clarendon community. A huge thanks must go to Lucy Quartermain, who coordinated the program for this year, and to all the parent volunteers who made the phone call. Parents and Friend really do appreciate this as do the newest members of our school community.

Social Function
On behalf of the parents & friends auxiliary, we would like to invite you to a social evening to meet with new parents and catch up with old friends. The evening will be held at the David J Sewell Pavilion on Friday, 20 March 2015 from 7-9pm. The cost is $15 per head and finger food will be provided. Drinks available at bar prices. Tickets can be purchased online before Wednesday 11 March for catering purposes.

Year 5-12 Welcome Function – Please note amended time
We welcome all parents to the Year 5-12 Welcome Function hosted by Parents & Friends on Friday 20 March in the David J Sewell Pavilion from 7pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March, Macfarland Hall at 7.00pm

Jenni White
President Parents & Friends

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The St Patrick’s Regatta was held on Sunday 22 February with College winning 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 8 Bronze. A great result and regatta for all those who participated.

The Head of the Lake is the feature event of the year for the school, which will be held on Sunday March 1 and I trust many parents of the rowers will be there to cheer on all our hard working crews.

On Sunday night the Annual Rowing Dinner will be held and which is always a great event for all crews, especially those that have finished their rowing for the term and for those that still have regattas to go to knowing that College is with them all the way.

The 1920 Club’s major fundraiser this year is a McCain’s food tasting to commence from April for 6 weeks on a Tuesday night. We need 60 food tasters each week for times between 6pm and 8pm. It would be easy to fill all the spots with the rowers, but unfortunately only people over the age of 18 are permitted to taste the food, so I encourage all the parents of rowers to participate in this fundraising event.

Our next meeting is the day after Head of the Lake on Monday 2 March at 7.30pm at the KD Baird boat shed. All welcome to attend.

Tom Dowling
President 1920 Club
Host Families Wanted
AIIU are bringing a group of 21 Japanese students to Ballarat from the Monday 16 March to the Saturday 28 March, 2015 to study at Federation University SMB campus.

All these students need a family to stay with during this time.

[Click here for more information]

Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival

You are invited to participate the Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival.

The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival is one of the biggest annual Japan-related events in Victoria. The Festival will be held at Federation Square on Sunday 8 March, 12-6pm.

Enjoy delicious Japanese food and cultural experiences!


Masako Kennedy
Head of Senior Languages

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YMCA Outside School Hours Care to Primary School
The YMCA of Ballarat are the leaders in providing quality, fun and fulfilling Outside School Hours Care to Primary School aged children in the Ballarat region. With our services, families can have the peace of mind knowing their children are cared for in a safe, fun and stimulating environment.

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YMCA Swimathon - Sunday 1 March

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Walk4BrainCancer Port Fairy
Come and Walk 5kms Together

Date: Sunday 8 March
Time: 8.00am start
Location: Fiddlers Green, Sackville Street
Port Fairy

Registration from 7.30am
$10 per person or $20 per family, pay on the day