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achieving their heart’s desire
Graduation 2015
What an amazing few days we had with our graduating students (and families) last week!

I have always said that Clarendon celebrates Graduation in fine style where each student is presented at least on 2 occasions to the community.

Each event is totally unique

- The “formality” of the Presentation Night at Wendouree Centre of Performing Arts.
- The “developing tradition” of the Valedictory Breakfast which is just the students and their teachers.
- The “iconic” Valedictory Assembly which is a totally unique event to any school
- The “relaxing” lunch back at School with families and staff.
- The “thought provoking” Chapel Service where Andrew Boatman always challenges us.
- The “celebratory” Graduation Dinner which this year was for just under 500 students, families and staff.

We could not be happier and prouder of our community – this year’s group is an exceptional one! This is well known and documented. The students have led the school in so many ways and it is entirely fitting that we thank each and every one of them for their genuine efforts over such a long period of time. They have been competitive but in a very healthy way.

Now with Graduation behind them, they will move quickly to their next significant challenge with the exams commencing this week. On behalf of Laura and I, I wish them the very best in facing these. They are ready!!

I would like to thank the following people in no certain order for their work to make the Graduation week so successful in 2015.

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Thank you once again

Australian Mathematics Competition 2015

Year 12
Certificate of High Distinction
Christopher Darveniza
Jordan Le
Nicholas Liubinas
Benjamin Newell
Joseph O’Donnell

Certificate of Distinction
Thomas Callahan
Peter Chen
Thomas Eason
Makayla Grant
Yuhao Jian
Fergus McLaren

Year 11
Certificate of High Distinction
Mason Miller

Certificate of Distinction
Andrew Collins
Tom Hallett
Ashley Kaufmann
Lachlan Taylor
Stewart Todd

David Parker
Head of Senior School

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Valedictory Assembly
Last Thursday all Year 10 students joined the students from the Senior School in attending the Valedictory Assembly held at the Regent Multiplex. The reports we have received back from both staff and students was that this event was very worthwhile. It was valuable for our Year 10 students to hear some of the challenges that our Year 12 students have faced over the past 12 months. Yet, perhaps more importantly, the year 10 students heard important value statements repeated over and over by so many of the 12s. Statements that demonstrated an overwhelming sense of love for family, gratitude for the opportunities afforded them and a recognition that they are the beneficiaries of a whole community of hard workers, including their parents, their teachers and themselves.

For 9/10 we would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2015 and we look forward confidently in the knowledge that our current Year 9 and 10 students will continue on their own pathways toward becoming thoughtful, caring and hardworking adult member of our community, just like many of our Year 12 students.

Trivia Night
The Student Leaders of 9/10 have been working hard behind the scenes planning a social get together for the 9/10 School, which will double as a social welfare fundraiser.

A Trivia Night will be held in Memorial Hall between 6pm and 9pm this Friday 30 October. All monies raised will go toward World Vision. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased from the 9/10 Office. The Trivia Night should be a lot of fun for the students, and is for a worthy cause. It offers quite a rare opportunity for students to socially interact without the normal "party pressures" of fancy clothes or awkward dance moves. It is intended to be a relaxed, enjoyable evening, so please encourage your son or daughter to attend.

If you have any questions about the evening please feel free to contact us in the 9/10 Office.

Christmas Hamper
Henderson House are organising Christmas Hampers to help local families who may be struggling in the lead up to, and throughout the Christmas period. They have organised a number of baskets which are kept in the 9/10 Office. All families are being asked to contribute some non-perishable items that can be added to this collection. If you are able to contribute something please ask your son or daughter to place it in one of these baskets. All contributes will be handed over to Uniting Care for distribution.

Year 10 Key Dates
A reminder to all Year 10 Parents that a number of important dates will be occurring over the coming months.

These include:

- Friday 6 November Last day of Year 10 and Unit 2 classes
- Monday 9 November Year 10 and Unit 2 examinations commence
- Tuesday 17 November Year 10 and Unit 2 examinations conclude
- Wednesday 18 November Year 10 students not required to attend school
- Thursday 19 November Year 10 students not required to attend school
- Friday 20 November Year 10 classes recommence
- Wednesday 25 November Head Start commences with new Year 11 classes starting
- Tuesday 8 December Term 4 classes conclude, 3.20pm
- Tuesday 8 December Year 5-10 Presentation Night, WPAC
- Monday 14 to Friday 18 Work Experience for interested Year 10 students December (inclusive)
- Second hand books sale
  - Saturday 21 November 9am-12pm
  - Tuesday 24 November 10.30-12.30pm and 2.30pm-6pm
  - Friday 27 November 12.30-4.30pm
  - Saturday 28 November 8.30am-12pm
Study at Home
During the Year 10 examination period, students will have times when they have no examinations scheduled, during which they are welcome to study at home. As a family you will need to decide if studying at home is the best approach for your son or daughter. For some students, those who have appropriate study regimes at home, this option can be advantageous. For others the distractions of home may interfere with their exam preparation. If a decision is made to study at home, we suggest that some clear guidelines are agreed to, so that everyone in the house is aware of the expectations. As suggested in our last edition of College Connections, some sort of agreed study plan or timetable posted in a prominent position within the home, can be a good starting point.

If students decide to stay at school during the times when they do not have examinations, they will be expected to be engaged in quiet study in either the library or the 9/10 study area during the times where they would under normal circumstances have class. Breaks will be held at normal recess and lunch times.

If students decide to study at home they must inform the school of their intention to do so. This of course is essential information for our attendance records and emergency procedures.

Please click here to submit the Year 10 Permission to Study at Home for your child by Friday 6 November.

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

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In recent times all Middle School students have participated in what we call ‘AAS’ assessment. AAS stands for Academic Assessment Services and is an external provider we use to assist us in gathering information about our students. It involves students completing a Mathematics and English paper. The papers are taken away and marked and the results are provided to the College.

We have explained to the students that we participate in these ‘external’ assessments in order to gather more information about what they currently know and can do as well as what they don’t yet know or cannot yet do. This information is important in allowing us to plan the next steps for our students as whilst we believe our internal measures are robust and reliable, the AAS results allow us to check our judgement and assessment of where students are at in their learning.

Perhaps the most powerful use of the data we gather through AAS is the between-class comparisons. By comparing outcomes in this way, we’re able to identify areas of strength as evidenced by strong outcomes for students as well as areas that have not been as strong. We find that the most effective way of using this information is to scrutinise it in as much detail as we can. This is best done by tracking back through unit plans, lesson plans and even student work books to establish how the instruction students received impacted their learning and ultimately the outcomes they achieved. The model works best when we identify the effective practice and instruction used by the teacher and then have it shared with the other teachers in the team. This is done through documenting the specific strategies in our curriculum and building understanding and agreement around exactly what it should look like in the classroom. This might be a line of questioning to lead students through worded problems in Mathematics or a particular task selected for teaching the difference between word classes in English.

In terms of preparing the students, we explain that the AAS papers are a regular part of our program and complement what we do. We explain to them how we use the data and simply ask that they do their best.

Shaune Moloney & Reid Smith
Co-Heads of Middle School
Greater Western Athletics Championships

On Friday 16 October College had 12 representatives from Years 4-6 compete at the Greater Western Primary School Championships. It was a tremendous effort to reach this stage. The competitors had been through two previous qualifying events to reach this level. Hundreds of competitors from regional areas around Victoria had come together for this competition. As usual, the College competitors gave it their all, some had the anxious wait to compete, whilst others were first up on the day. One thing that was very clear on the day was the support, no matter which College participant was on show, all College athletes were there watching and cheering, you could tell they were all very proud College students.

Congratulations to the following students who competed with heart in their respective events: Lily Dwyer, Ben Locke, Flynn Cruickshank, Kate Thomas, Fred Valpied, April Crumpler, Matilda Pearce, Ashwin Spencer, Annie Cowan, William Talbot, Freya Valpied, Loki Baker-Radford. An extra congratulations must go to William Talbot who finished third overall in Long Jump and Ben Locke who qualified for the State Championships after finishing 1st in Shot Put and Discus.

BAS Sport (Y7-12)

A successful start to Term 4 BAS Sport, with students participating in Junior Boys and Girls Tennis, Intermediate Boys Volleyball, Year 10 Netball.

Senior Boys Cricket commences this week. The Seconds play their first match on Thursday afternoon against St Patrick’s College at BCC and the First XI will play Ballarat Grammar at BCC on Friday afternoon. The Senior Boys Cricket coach Mr James Couzens, has recorded unprecedented numbers this term. With over 30 boys signed up and competing for a spot in the Second and First XI teams. I would like to wish James and his assistant coaches, Mr Michael Cachia and Mr Ben Hay, all the best for the season.

BAS Results

All BAS Sport results/fixtures/ladders/rules etc. can be located on the BAS Website: http://bas.vic.edu.au/.

BCC Physical Activities

All Term 4 physical activities including Get Fit, Spin, Weights and Tue/Thu morning Swim Squad, will continue to run at Sturt Street in either the fitness centre, spin lab or pool. Information will be circulated later this term regarding the changes to certain activities for 2016 during the gym/pool redevelopment period.

Term 4 Co-curricular Choices

All students in years 7-10 must be participating in a co-curricular activity. If your child has not yet registered for an activity they must speak with their Learning Mentor.

Sport Page on connect@clarendon

All other relevant notices will also be posted on Connect. Week 4 Travel Details are now available on Connect and the Clarendon Phone App.

Contact Details

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

Leah MacDonald
Head of Sport
Camp Rock
Last weekend saw a number of our students performing in BLOC Juniors production of Camp Rock. Congratulations to Dominique Souter, Imogen Bedggood, Tallulah Jakins, Lucas Black, Lila Fields, Kira Mason and Callan Barclay on an entertaining performance. Well done!

Drama
Senior School presentation night was a great success. The students from Dance, Drama and Music performed to a high standard which was well received.

Senior School production – ‘We’ll be right back after this murder’ has now been cast and rehearsals are underway for a March performance. This fast moving murder mystery with a cast of 19 is sure to entertain.

The DVDs for the musicals and showcase are ready for purchase. See Helen McIntosh in the PAC.

Unit 1/2 Drama will be performing their Solo Performances in the Drama Studio on Tuesday at 6pm. All are welcome.

Coming soon:
Y5-10 Presentation Night
Junior School Showcase.

Dance
Xanthe Hadfield success
Xanthe Hadfield (Year 12) has had an outstanding past few months in competition within the Ballroom dancing world.

Last weekend saw Xanthe's last competition at Youth level in Brisbane, finishing this level superbly with a win.

In the last year she has succeeded in winning the South Pacific Ballroom title, the Crown International title, the Queensland open, the South Australian open and the World Dance Council Luna Park Championships and so currently holds four national titles.

In addition she was Australia's highest ranked competitor at both Under 21 and Adult Rising Star levels in the World Championships in Blackpool in May.

We congratulate Xanthe on a hugely successful year and we look forward to hearing about her achievements in the years to come.

Aerobics 2016
Our 2016 packages have arrived and it is with great excitement we begin training for our first competition early next year. Students are to be reminded that training is Tuesday 1-2pm and attendance is essential. This is a team effort and training is difficult when group members are absent.

Dance for a Cure
Dance for a Cure is being held on Tuesday 3 November at Her Majesty’s Theatre. Many of our students are involved and performing in the fundraising event in support for Breast Cancer. Tickets are now on sale from MajesTix.

Music
Barry Currie Stage Band
Information has been sent out to the members of the 2016 Barry Currie Stage Band about an exciting event in May. The Generations in Jazz event sees 100 secondary school jazz groups visit Mount Gambier for a weekend of competition, workshops and concerts, all hosted by James Morrison. Please register your interest by 20 November.
Individual achievements
Ashlen Plumridge (Year 11) and Rebecca Clarke (Year 10) performed as part of the Archibald Prize exhibition last week.

Noah Heys (Year 12) was nominated for the Performing Arts award for the City of Ballarat Youth Awards. Lucas Black (Year 11) performed as part of the pit orchestra in the recent BLOC Junior production of Camp Rock.

Lunchtime concert
The Term 4 lunchtime concert was held in Week 2 of Term 4 to an appreciative audience. Congratulations to the performers, all who did an excellent job. Many of these students are currently preparing for AMEB exams.

2016 Ensembles
The list of many 2016 ensemble members have been posted in the PAC foyer. Details have been sent out about this. Showband, Barry Currie Stage Band, FEET, Senior Percussion Ensemble and Senior Choir all start with these new members in Week 4. New members are invited to rehearse in addition to their current ensembles. Auditions will be held for Senior Chamber and Chamber Choir will be held in Head Start.

Upcoming performances
Year 10 Music Showcase 6pm Wednesday 4 November PAC
Unit 2 Music Performance Showcase 6pm Friday 6 November PAC
Term 4 Evening Concert 7pm Wednesday 11 November GC Lecture Theatre
Novice Band and MS Percussion Ensemble tour Thursday 12 November
Lunchtime concerts (various ensembles) Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December

Sarah Barlow  Michael Harrop  Lauren Young
Head of Music  Head of Drama  Head of Dance

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visual arts

VCE Art, Media and Design Exhibition
The VCE Art, Media and Design Exhibition was a resounding success. This is the first year that the 3/4 Media class has exhibited their work alongside that of the Art and Visual Communication Design students. Their participation made for an even more exciting atmosphere as people flooded in to watch the films before wandering around the gallery with a glass of wine.

Our guest speaker Kiri Smart, Functions and Project Co-ordinator at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, spoke of the importance of following your dreams; a concept that sits well with Clarendon’s commitment to students achieving their heart’s desire. We hope her words encourage our senior artists to continue making art now that they have left the security of the classroom.

We expect the Art Studios will seem a lot quieter and calmer since the departure of our Year 12s; but anticipate reuniting with students as they come in for advice and help with revision before their Unit 3/4 examinations. We wish our Art, Studio Arts and Visual Communication students all the best in the upcoming examinations.

There are two further highly anticipated exhibitions to round off 2015:

Middle School TriArt Exhibition
The final Middle School TriArt Exhibition is on Thursday 19 November from 6-7pm. Students currently studying Art will be exhibiting their work at this time.

Junior School Visual Arts Exhibition
Our exhibition space will then be turned over to Year 3 and 4 students from the Junior School, with ELC to Year 2 work being exhibited in the corridors of the Junior School. The Junior School Visual Arts Exhibition for ELC to Year 4 is on Tuesday 24 November.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Michelle Green
Head of Visual Arts

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The final Year 9 group is now halfway through their eight weeks on King Island. They have undertaken many challenges during the term to this point and have many more ahead. Within the program, students are extended in many aspects, including physical, emotional and mental means. This may occur in many of the indoor and outdoor settings the students are exposed to. Along the way staff use classes to build up the skills of students to have the capacity to deal with the challenging situations.

Each student will find their own way in which they are extend themselves and spend their time reflecting how to make themselves more comfortable in the setting. For example, next Monday 2 November, the students will begin their northern journey, a six day hike around the northern coast of the island. Within this setting, students will undoubtedly be pushed physically as they carry all of their belongings for the entire journey. They will be pushed emotionally as they get through this physical challenges, including living without the day-to-day amenities we come accustomed to. Mentally, students are stretched as they have included responsibilities of leadership, navigation and overall group management.

Within this setting all students are extended outside of their comfort zone. The reflection that follows is aimed at increasing student’s ability to take responsibility for their learning and take the most from all lessons and experiences. While we cannot predict every one of the challenges we face, it is intended that students develop more skills to cope along the way.

During the early stages of the program, a student reflected that they are competent in physical activities due to their upbringing, but struggled with leadership and areas of communication. Positively this student has sought opportunities to work on this and develop the skills to tackle it in the future. The staff are looking forward to the final four week of the program and the student development along the way. With this last Year 9 program wrapping up towards the end of November, we are eagerly looking forward to the Year 7 program and introducing students to the King Island program and content. It is the beginning of a 3 year connection with King Island.

**Luke Caldwell**  
Head of Grassy Campus, King Island
annual giving

This year’s annual giving program has focused on raising funds to help develop a brand new Fitness Centre and state-of-the-art Rowing Tank. It’s a project that is in line with the school’s ‘Fit for Life’ plan, where the school takes an active role in providing learning opportunities for students to give them the knowledge they need to make positive health and lifestyle choices such as fitness both now and throughout their life.

It’s an incredibly exciting project which will commence its construction at the end of the year. Here are some of the highlights of the new Fitness Centre and Rowing Tank;

- The Rowing Tank, will be the first of its kind in Australia and has been designed by an internationally acclaimed rowing-tank architect.
- It will be motorised to generate water currents which simulate outdoor water conditions, and regulated by a remote-control system.
- It can accommodate 16 rowers, with two parallel pools, but can be used with as few as two rowers. Donors have the chance to ‘purchase’ a rowing seat and we only have 5 left! Please download the brochure for more information.
- Clear window along Wanliss Street will give bystanders a glimpse into the movement of the water.
- The new infinity pool will be heated using sustainable solar power.
- The new spin room will accommodate 30 spin bikes for group lessons, including early-morning sessions such as Pilates and yoga. The floor will be fitted with a ‘spring floor’ and mirrors along the wall, ideal for dance classes.

As the beginning of the construction for this project draws closer and interest from across the community grows, please contact the Communications Office if you are interested in a chance to learn more about the Fitness Centre & Rowing Tank from the Project Architect at a reception on Wednesday 16 December from 5.30 to 7pm.

Emily Roffe-Silvester
Director of Development
communications@clarendon.vic.edu.au

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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 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat. The Uniform Shop is located 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)**  
**Tuesdays**  1–4.30pm  
**Wednesdays**  8.30–11.30am  
**Fridays**  1–4.30pm

**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.

**Price List and additional Opening Hours**
Our Price List and details of our additional Opening Hours for Orientation Days, Head Start and the P&F Secondhand Book Sale can be located on connect@clarendon. Please note that we will also be open on Ballarat Show Day (Friday 13 November) and Saturday 14, 21 and 28 November. We would be happy to email you a copy of our Price List and Opening Hours.

**Buy Early and Save Promotion**
Our Buy Early and Save Promotion has commenced and will be available on purchases made before Wednesday 25 November, 2015.

**Summer Uniforms**  
In stock, a full size range of dresses, shirts and shorts.

**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
For buying and selling your child’s requirements for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au

Buy and sell: uniforms, books, sports equipment, musical instruments, camera and film, art supplies, electronics, CD and DVDs.

All sales assist YOUR School community and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

Easy to navigate, easy to buy, easy to sell. 24 hour access to goods.

No commissions - 100% of money received by the seller.

Try it today: www.uniformswapshop.com.au
parents & friends

Senior School Presentation Night
It was with mixed feelings that I attended the Senior School presentation night last week. It was a great honour to present each of the 144 Year 12 students with their Valedictory Books and a commemorative book to celebrate 150 years of Ballarat Clarendon College but sad as a parent to be farewelling BCC after 15 years. The Parents & Friends are proud to be able to fund the printing of the Valedictory books which provides each student with a memento of their Year 12 experience, a wonderful collection of their stories and something I am sure they will treasure forever.

Second Hand Books
The Parents and Friends will be once again conducting the second hand book sales in Term 4. We have set aside one day for the receiving of books only in order to maximise the stock we have for sale.
We will be opening on the following days:

Tuesday 17 November, 12–4pm
Please note we will be receiving books only, no sales on this day.

Saturday 21 November, 9am–12pm
Tuesday 24 November, 10.30am – 12.30pm and 2.30pm–6pm
Friday 27 November, 12.30pm–4.30pm
Saturday 28 November, 8.30am–12pm

The book sale will be situated in Room 708.

We ask that any unsold books be collected on Thursday 3 December 2pm–4.30pm

We hope parents and students will support us in this endeavour.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 November, Macfarland Hall at 7.30pm. New members and interested parents are always welcome.

Jenni White
President Parents & Friends

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student withdrawals

Important Notice

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS – FEE IN LIEU OF NOTICE
Families are reminded of an important section of the College enrolment policy:

A term’s notice in writing must be received by the Principal before a student leaves, or a boarder becomes a day student; otherwise a charge of up to half an instalment’s fees will be levied. Notice of withdrawal ideally should include the reason for withdrawal.

Therefore if anyone is planning on a change to their current enrolment status notice is required in writing to the Principal before the end of this term to avoid possible penalty.

Denis Moneghetti
Registrar

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Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience
The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience tells the story of Australia’s involvement in the First World War and the ensuing century of service of our armed forces.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be open to the Ballarat community from 8–14 November 2015. The event takes place at the Ballarat Exhibition Centre and runs daily from 9am–6pm.

The experience provides an immersive and interactive way for Australians to commemorate the First World War. For school students it provides an invaluable learning opportunity, with direct links to the Australian curriculum. It’s recommended for students from Year 5 onwards and a range of downloadable teaching materials are available online at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

Follow us on social media and find out what previous visitors have said about us on Facebook by searching ‘Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience’.

Click here for further information

Crockers School Wear Sale
Crockers 10% school wear sale is now on and will continue till Saturday 19 December. Lay by welcome.

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