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Head Start is an exciting time for our Senior School students for many reasons:

- We have a new Year level joining the school.
- Our leadership team of Evan Sinclair, Shaiden Smith, Tilda Fletcher, Lucy Garner and Lachlan Taylor have an early opportunity to show leadership.
- We welcome 11 new Year 11 students into the School for the first time.
- There will be lots of interviewing taking place for
  - Leadership roles in the Senior School
  - The Cambridge/London and PNG Tours.
- We will also welcome some new staff.
- Germany Tour, 2016-2017, Information night will be held on Thursday 26 November at 6pm in the Coltman Theatre.
- Boarding closed weekend 28-29/11
- Year 12 Boarders Camp (BBH and GBH) on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December.

Please note that the 2015 Academic year concludes on Tuesday 8 December at 3.20pm.

Unit 3/4 VCE results are released to the students from 7am on Monday 14 December. See below the process from the VCAA for obtaining these results. Each of the students have been given a copy of this.

Finally can I thank each of the Senior School teachers for another excellent year of work and development. I want to personally thank the House staff, Laura Brady, David Shepherd, Jan McClure, Greg Ashman and Jennifer McGie in making the Senior School a dynamic, challenging and rewarding place to come to work each day.

Season’s greetings to you all. Have a happy and safe holiday period.

There is much to look forward to in 2016.

Please [click here](#) for 2015 VCE Results and ATAR Services information

**David Parker & Laura Brady**
Co-Heads of Senior School

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Christmas Hampers for Uniting Care
At the beginning of the year in College Connections we wrote that one of our goals was for students in Year 9/10 to develop a sense of community with within the school and within the broader community. We have seen this sense of community in many varied ways across the year and here again it is demonstrated by the students of Henderson House who have organised Christmas Hampers for Uniting Care. The hampers are to be distributed to those in the Ballarat community most in need. Recognition should not only go to Henderson for organising and prompting this charity, but also to all the students in 9/10 and their families that have supported them through their donations.

Such things, no matter how small, bring communities together and promote good will and for this we thank Ms Hart and Henderson House.

Pictured above right: Ms Hart and Year 10 Henderson students with the Christmas Hampers

King Island
Our final group of students return from King Island this week concluding the Year 9 program for 2015. King Island provides our students with a terrific learning opportunity that can be very rewarding yet highly challenging at the same time. Importantly Luke and his team on King Island do their best to make the experiences on King Island memorable and worthwhile, so we would like to thank him and the other staff on King Island for their constant and dedicated work with our Year 9s.

Year 10 Examinations
Well done to our Year 10 students who have completed their examinations and are in the process of attending classes where these exams will be returned and performances reviewed. Unlike Year 12 exams where final results provide a summative assessment of a student's performance, examinations at Year 10 are different. Like all other assessments in the 9/10 school examinations should be seen as an opportunity to gauge the level of current understanding so that we can identify areas requiring attention and seek to improve these areas. For this reason, the classes between the exams and Head Start are of great importance and should be engaged in with the same rigor as any other class. It is only through finding out where we have gone right and wrong, that allows us to make changes for the better. Exams allow this to occur both in a broad and specific context and are therefore very valuable learning tools when appropriately applied.

Head Start
Head Start is the real beginning of the academic classes of 2016. All classes will cover assessable content and many classes will have important assessments. It is therefore important to stress to all families that this time should be considered as important as any other week during the school year. Head Start is the beginning of VCE for our Year 10s and the start of Year 10 for our current Year 9s. So it is with some sadness that we wish the year 10s all the best for the future, confident in the knowledge that they have developed socially, emotionally and academically, over the past two years to stand them in good stead to face the challenges that the VCE will throw at them.

We would also like to welcome the current Year 8 students into the 9/10 school. We have heard terrific things about them and know that they will be made to feel welcome by our future year 10s.

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

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middle school

The last few weeks in the Middle School are always busy:

- We have our Year 7s on King Island for their camp. They go in three different groups for five days and have their first taste of life on the Island. This is part of our program as they will be back down there again during Term 1 as part of their Year 8 program. Of course, they then go to King Island for a term in Year 9.

- Orientation Day runs for all Year 5 & 7 (2016) students on Monday 30 November. The day involves a mix of get-to-know-you activities as well as some fun curriculum-based sessions for the students to enjoy. We are all very much looking forward to meeting the new students and welcoming them to the Middle School.

- Presentation Night is on Tuesday 8 December and involves students who have won an award as well as performers. Students and their families will be notified in the coming week if they are involved.

- Our Year 6 students have organised an end-of-year party after school next Friday 4 December. The students, with the support of their Learning Mentors, have done a terrific job of organising the evening and it should be a wonderful way to celebrate a good year.

Being in the Middle School is all about getting involved in things. Our observations are that students who see College as more than just attending classes do best. They appear to have the strongest engagement with school and exhibit a sense of belonging. There are many avenues to do this, including: after school sport in the BAS competition where we compete against other schools; participation in the intra-College activities which are non-competitive options run by the College such as walking group and social tennis; various ensembles, bands and dance groups as well as the Middle School Musical and, of course, there is the House Competition.

The House competition runs across the school year and involves every Middle School student. It includes events such as a Spelling Bee, Writing Competition, Downball, Football and Trivia. The focus of the House Competition is on maximum involvement. Students participate with a genuine enthusiasm – at times their zest for their House could almost be described as tribal. Of all the House activities, none generates more passion than the House Performing Arts Festival. No doubt parents will have heard about this late in Term 3 as their child was busy with rehearsals, costumes and preparations.

Shaune Moloney & Reid Smith
Co-Heads of Middle School

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BAS Sport (Y7-12)
Well done to all students who have participated in Term 4 BAS Sport. Last week was the final round of BAS sport for Term 4. Junior tennis was a popular option this term; with 4 junior boys teams and 2 junior girls team entered into the BAS competition. Thank you to all staff and external coaches and umpires for contributing to Term 4 sport.

Rowing has attracted high numbers once again this term; with 12 boys crews and 16 girls crews. Over the last month our rowers have been participating in a number of smaller BAS organised regattas, leading up to the BAS Full Course event held on Lake Wendouree on Sunday 22nd November. Good conditions resulted in many promising outcomes on Sunday morning and first time racing for our junior crews. Full credit to Ross and his team of coaches who have been quietly working away with approximately 150 students since the end of Term 3. All rowers will train until the end of the term before recommencing in the middle of January for Senior Rowing camp.

Important Rowing dates:
- 30 Jan Barwon Regatta
- 6/7 Feb Wendouree Regatta
- 13 Feb Firbank Regatta
- 21 Feb St Pat’s Regatta
- 26 Feb BAS Head of the Lake
- 4/5 March Head of Schoolgirls
- 16-20 March National Championships

*For more Rowing information, please head to the Rowing page on connect@clarendon

First XI Cricket – T20 Draw
Round 2 – To be played on Monday 23 November BCC v SPC at BCC
Round 3 (Split Round) – Friday 20 Nov – BCC v BHS at BHS
Play Offs – Friday 27 Nov – TBC

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 physical activities (Get Fit, Spin, Weights, Swim Squad) will run through until the end of Week 8.

2016 Sport Dates
Term 1

BAS Sport and Physical Activities
Round 1 BAS Sport and BCC Physical Activities commence in Week 3 (Monday 8 Feb) and run through until the end of Week 9

BCC Sports Carnivals
Thursday 11 February – BCC Sport Carnival – MS Swimming (Eureka Pool 1.15-5pm) / SS Athletics (BCC Oval 1.15-5pm)
Thursday 18 February – SS Swimming (Eureka Pool 1.15-5pm) / MS Athletics (BCC Oval 1.15-5pm)

BAS Head of the Lake
Friday 26 February

BAS Swimming
Thursday 4 March

BAS Singles Tennis Championships
Monday 7 & 10 March

BAS Golf Championships
Wednesday 16 March
2016 Term 1 Co-curricular Choices
2016 Term 1 choices will be available on connect@clarendon before the end of term. Choices must be made by Monday 25 January.

Sport Page on connect@clarendon
All other relevant notices will also be posted on Connect. Current Week 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
Drama
Congratulations to Damian Muir who was given a commendation from the Victoria Musical Guild for his performance in 'The Wedding Singer'. His outstanding achievement has now been formally recognised. A congratulations to Jessica Ryan for being nominated for 'Best choreography' in 'The Wedding Singer by the Guild. These are two major achievements. The Guild see hundreds of productions a year.

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.

Unit 1/2 Drama Solo Performances – Students performed to an appreciative audience in the Drama Studio. This is a very talented class with some outstanding performances.

Middle school presentation night – Rehearsals are well underway with selected songs from 'High school musical' being performed.

Dance
Our students selected among Victoria’s Finest
Current students Pippa Sutherland (Year 8), Bella Berberich (Year 7), Sophie Grima (Year 9) and Ada Sayasane (Year 9) have been selected as Cecchetti Scholars for 2016. This is a prestigious opportunity which allows these students to travel to Melbourne monthly and take class world renowned teachers and current dancers from different companies from around the world. This audition was open to any student in Victoria who received Honours in their Cecchetti examination in 2015. Only 16 students were chosen for these classes Victoria wide. An outstanding achievement for these students.

Kathleen Gorham Memorial Awards
The Royal Academy of Dance Kathleen Gorham Memorial Awards took place on November 8th in Melbourne. These awards are open to students who excelled in the RAD examinations in 2015 and are open to students from around Victoria. Congratulations to Annie Blenkiron (Year 7) for successfully making it into the final round of these awards for Intermediate Foundation students and to Ada Sayasane (Year 9) for receiving an encouragement award for Advanced 1 students.

Ella Graham ballet internship in Mumbai
Ella Graham (Year 9) has settled in to her ballet internship in Mumbai and is enjoying every minute of dancing and exploring. She is currently in rehearsal for "The Golden Age" 50th Anniversary Gala shows to be held over next weekend. This week Ella has performed for and taught the junior dancers at The School of Classical Ballet and Western Dance. Next week they will begin dancing and rehearsing with senior dancers. She has been fortunate to have had many opportunities to sample the sights, sounds and tastes of Mumbai and explore the different cultural experiences available to them. We look forward to hearing about Ella’s adventures when she returns in the final week of term.

Please [click here](#) and [here](#) for photos

Music
Feet Performances
FEET was privileged to perform as part of a fundraiser for the Madden family on the weekend. It was a great experience for the students, most of whom had graduated last month but returned for the performance. There were over 600 in attendance for this formal dinner and $150,000 raised for the family.

Please [click here](#) for photos

2015 FEET will also perform for the 5th year in a row at the Grow Master Christmas Shopping Nights in Week 8.
**Junior School Showcase**

It was a colourful celebration at the Wendouree Centre of Performing Arts last weekend. All classes from p-4 as well as the MS Strings, Novice Band, Years 3/4 Contemporary Band, Junior Guitar Ensemble, Junior Dance Group, Junior Choir and soloists from Clarendon Factor all performed at the Junior Showcase.

Please [click here](#) and [here](#) for photos

**Transition Week Performances**

Watch and listen out for our ensembles in Wanliss Square during Orientation Day and Transition week in Week 9! Ensemble members are reminded to bring their instruments and meet at 12.50pm with their lunch in preparation for the performances.

**Monday** – Novice Band and Showband  
**Tuesday** – GSJO and BCSB  
**Wednesday** – Percussion ensembles and FEET  
**Thursday** – Speak No Evil and Alex and the Mercenaries  
**Friday** – Intermediate Strings

**Auditions**

There will be auditions held for the 2016 Senior School Musical “Company” in Week 9. Please collect an information pack from the PAC and sign up in the foyer.

There will be auditions for the Senior Chamber Ensemble in weeks 8 and 9. Senior Chamber Ensemble is open to senior classical instrumentalists at Ballarat Clarendon College. As a guide, students are suggested to be of an approximate level of AMEB Grade 5 or higher on their audition instrument. Auditions will be held during Head Start, Term 4, Weeks 8 and 9, Friday November 27 and Friday December 4.

**Term Concert Series**

The final concert in our Term Concert Series was held in Week 6 with a lovely evening concert in the Barrie Coltman Theatre. Many of these students have been preparing for AMEB exams over the past few weeks.

**Farewell**

As the year draws to a close we say farewell to two of our staff members here in the PAC. Thank you to Fiona Wilson who has been with us Terms 3 and 4 in Years 5,6,7,8 and 10 classes and the Geoff Smith Jazz Orchestra. We wish Fiona all the best in her new post as Head of Music at St Patrick's College. We also say goodbye to Michael Harrop, who is moving to Geelong and taking up the position of Head of Drama at Geelong Grammar School. On behalf of all of us at the PAC, we wish Michael the best and thank him for the great work over the last 2½ years through multiple productions, classes and as Head of Drama. We will miss you both!

**Sarah Barlow**  
Head of Music  

**Michael Harrop**  
Head of Drama  

**Lauren Young**  
Head of Dance
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
Ballarat Clarendon College has an on-site uniform shop run by Dobsons. A percentage of every purchase is returned to the School. Thank you for your support this year. Best wishes for the festive season.

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

Trading Hours 25/11/15 to 8/12/15

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Opening Hours January 2016
Dobsons will reopen on Monday 18th January at 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. From 19 January to 29 January, 2016 open daily 9-4pm. Closed Australia Day Public Holiday.

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, Transition Week, P&F Second hand Book Sale and January 2016 can be located on connect@clarendon. We would be happy to email you a copy of our Price List and Opening Hours.

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](http://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.
**Second Hand Books**
The Parents and Friends book sales are well and truly underway. We will be selling books on the following days:

Friday 27 November  12.30–4.30pm  
Saturday 28 November  8.30am–12pm

We can be found in Room 708.

We ask that any unsold books be collected on
Thursday 3 December  2.30–4.30pm

We thank all parents and students who have to date supported us in this endeavour.

Our final meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 1 December in Macfarland Hall at 7.30pm. New members and interested parents are always welcome.

**Jenni White**
President Parents & Friends
It is nearly the end of Term 4 and the rowers have just participated in a mini Head of the Lake on the weekend. For some it their first experience of a real regatta which they all seemed to enjoy.

The Friday evening gathering at the boat shed has been cancelled for this Friday 27 November as there was a function booked prior to ours, but our final one will be on Friday 4 December, just before the end of term.

Also it would be beneficial to the 1920 Club, if parents, carers and past students whether they were rowers or not to pay the small contribution of being a member of the 1920 Club so as we can keep on supporting the rowers of the school.

We also require the assistance of volunteers to become Boat Race Officials (BRO) to help with judging and co-ordinating crews at regattas throughout the rowing season. We require at least two per regatta and at Head of School Girls we sometimes require four over that weekend.

**Tom Dowling**
1920 Club
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
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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