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From the Principal's Desk

Upper Yarra and Lilydale Schools Education Plan

As many of you will be aware the State Government announced funding for a review of the Upper Yarra and Lilydale schools. At this stage, final details are still unclear; however this represents a great opportunity for our school.

We have a meeting at the Minister's office in June to discuss the opportunities this will present for Upper Yarra SC. We remain hopeful this will be the start of new facilities. The process will involve large scale community consultation regarding the community's needs.

Open Evening/Information Night

Thanks to all the students and families who were able to attend our Open Evening. We are buoyed by the mood on the night and the overwhelmingly positive feedback about our students and our school. It was great to see so many fresh young faces interacting in fantastic educational activities with our staff and students. A reminder that if you know family or friends still looking for a school, please encourage them to make contact with us.

NAPLAN

Year 7 and Year 9 students undertook NAPLAN testing last week. Congratulations to all the students that gave it their best efforts. NAPLAN testing forms an integral part of our school's accountability; however, I encourage families not to read too much into it on a personal level. By the time results are returned to you, your child will have progressed further and the memory of how they were feeling on the day will be long gone.

Professional Learning Day

Last Friday staff were engaged in a Professional Learning Day directed at improving our capacity to work collaboratively through Peer Observation and to improve our teaching of reading. Students will begin to see two teachers in the classroom more frequently as this will assist in improving our consistency and desire for continual improvement.

We also spent time improving our teaching of reading. Reading is the most important activity to engage children in, when improving Literacy. I strongly encourage families to support their children with regular reading.



Friday 26th May
Year 7 Immunisations

Friday 2nd June
Presentation Ball

Monday 5th June to
Friday 9th June
Year 10 Exams

Monday 12th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th June
GAT Units 3 & 4
UYSC Library 10 am

Tuesday 13th June to
Friday 16th June
Unit One Exams

Monday 19th June to
Wednesday 21st June
Year 7 - 9 Exams

Monday 26th June to
Friday 30th June
Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 30th June
Last Day of Term Two
2.30pm Finish

Monday 17th July
First Day of Term Three

Thursday 27th July
Curriculum Day
Students not required at school

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

...recognising excellence.

RESPECT · RESPONSIBILITY · EXCELLENCE · RESILIENCE



For making excellent use of the Library and reading a book a week!:

EMILY HAY

Year 7



For excellent work in his music lessons:

JOSH PITTS

Year 8



For challenging himself to try new things at Bogong Camp:

NIKOLA VLASIC

Year 9



For her assistance with the organisation of the Year 10 Formal:

CARLA ZEKAS

Year 10



For being focussed and working extremely well in class:

SALLY MCINTOSH

Year 11



For his detailed, insightful work and excellent behaviour:

JAMES VAN WAGENINGEN

Year 12

Building Improvements

Many of you will have noticed the improvements we have made to our buildings over the course of 2017. We are in a process of continually updating our facilities to reflect the outstanding education occurring within the classrooms.

So far this year the year 7 building has been refurbished and new furniture installed, the VCE Centre is currently being refurbished and new furniture should arrive by the end of next week. Cosmetic improvements to the Library have also been undertaken. We will continue to invest in our facilities for our students.

Scott Tully | Principal



RACV GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE

FANCY 9 DAYS OF BIKE RIDING AND CAMPING WITH YOUR MATES?

Then join in the fun and sign up for the **Great Victorian Bike Ride!**

It runs from November 25th – December 3rd 2017 and winds through magnificent Gippsland starting at Wilson's Promontory.

This event is open to all students at UYSC and also meets the journey requirements for our Duke of Edinburgh participants.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

A working bike with gears (no BMX), some camping equipment and a really big smile.

WHAT ABOUT FITNESS?

There will be after school training offered leading up to the camp to make sure we can all go the distance.

The event is professionally run by Bicycle Victoria with support vehicles, ride marshals, bike mechanical support, dedicated campsites, entertainment and an amazing spread of food.

INTERESTED?

Please give your name to your home group teacher or Miss Foley to receive an expression of interest form and further details re costs and important dates.
foley.bronwen.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

CHECK OUT the Great Vic Website for more details:
<https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/racv-great-victorian-bike-ride/>



IN 2017 THE **ROLLING BIKE Festival** IS GOING TO GIPPSLAND
 Sat 25 Nov to Sun 3 Dec



Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Phillip Island Trip



A couple of weeks ago, from the 26th to the 28th of April, the Year 12 Outdoor Education class took their studies to a more practical level with a surf camp down at Phillip Island. The camp aimed to allow us to compare and contrast different contemporary societal relationships with outdoor environments, develop water safety skills in an open water environment, to be taught and develop the skills necessary for surfing as well as developing greater confidence, class relationships, and knowledge of coastal environments for our upcoming SACs and end of year exams.

Despite the cold and wet weather, we packed the bus and travelled down on Wednesday with a surfing lesson at Smiths Beach at 12'o'clock, which proved to be quite an interesting couple of hours due to the weather. Nevertheless, we finished up and went for a visit to the Bunurong Marine National Park. When we returned in the evening, we set up camp in Kilcunda and went on a trestle bridge sightseeing walk, where much to our excitement, Mr Blattman took us to a famous trestle bridge from the good old days and reminisced of the past...

Thursday's itinerary boasted a number of attractions and activities with the day consisting of some bird watching, a visit to the Koala Conservation Park, Sutherland Estate, Churchill Island and a coastal walk at Cape Woolamai Conservation Reserve where we saw the 'Pinnacles', which were formed 360 million years ago from molten granite.

To end the big day, we headed to the Penguin Parade, an example of eco-tourism, where we sat on the beach and watched the little penguins arrive home to their burrows at sunset. Phillip Island is home to approximately 32,000 little penguins and with the help of the funds raised through the Penguin Parade attraction, we are able to assist Phillip Island Nature Parks in protecting this precious species from habitat loss, man-made disasters (such as oil spills) and the effects of introduced foxes and other pests that would otherwise have a devastating effect on the little penguin colonies survival. As Thursday came to a close and many chips, cheese and gravy packs later, it was the last night of the trip.

For the last day of the camp, we enjoyed another surfing lesson (this time with a bit better surf conditions) before heading back home to Upper Yarra.

This camp was a fun and exciting experience for everyone that attended, as well as a great asset to our studies in Outdoor Ed this year.

On behalf of the whole class, we'd like to say a big thank-you to Mr Blattman for volunteering his time and taking us on the camp, as well as for Carla, our student teacher, for joining us.

Clare Kandybko College Vice Captain



Bus Driver Appreciation Day!

Thursday May 4th was Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

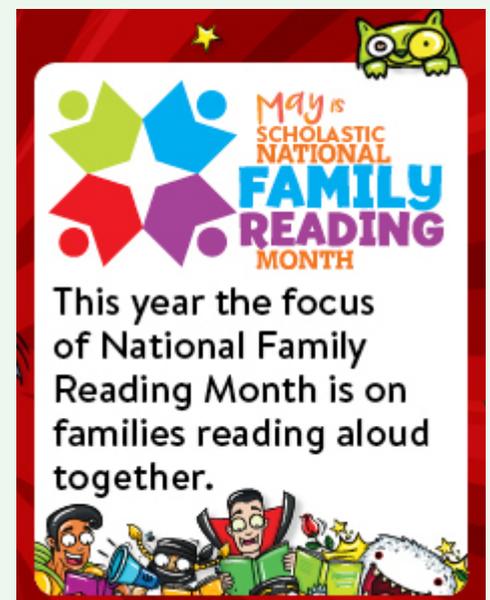
Upper Yarra Secondary College recognises the outstanding performance of our school bus drivers from the Martyrs Bus Company and the McKenzie's Tourist Services, as well as the staff members who support them.

Our school bus drivers are a vital part of our school system.

It takes a very special person to drive a large vehicle safely and professionally, remaining calm, patient and friendly, while safely manoeuvring an extra-large vehicle through unpredictable traffic, tough weather conditions and some really tight spaces.

We thank these dedicated individuals for their efforts to keep our children safe.

Joanne Bishop | Bus Coordinator





Indigenous@Upper Yarra

Worowa Reconciliation Sports Day

Any girls still interested in playing a football match at the Worowa Reconciliation Sports Day on 23rd May please see myself or Ms Mooney.

Girls playing in our intermediate football team have now been added to the event on Compass. Any other girls are welcome to play.

Lake Mungo Camp

Just a reminder to students going on the Lake Mungo Camp to please return all of their completed forms as soon as possible. Flights have been booked!

Denise Muir | Indigenous Liaison

HOMWORK HELP

Attention Year 9s!

Need extra help with homework?

Looking for a supportive space to study?

Come to E6 after school every Wednesday *until* 4:00pm for some extra assistance.

See you there!

All enquiries Ms Beatriz Dichtl



RYDA Road Safety Education (RSE)



On Tuesday 9th of May, the Year 11s went to the Boxhill Institute in Lilydale to attend a car safety program known as RYDA. Andrew Morley, an actor from Home and Away and Neighbours, was there and he gave a powerful speech about his car crash which could have ended a lot worse. We then split off into our groups and headed to our activities.

There were 6 activities:

1. A car braking test, where we saw how far a car travelling at a certain speed would go when emergency braking in wet conditions.
2. A talk about hazards, distractions and risks, where we learnt that when we eliminate distractions and risks within our control, we only have to focus on hazards outside the car.
3. A short movie about a young probationary driver, Genevieve, and her friend who were killed on a rural road while overtaking another car, and the effects of their crash on their friends and family.
4. A program called 'The i in Drive', where we took a test to see how some of our personal factors affected our driving and how we'd react in an unsafe situation with other novice drivers.
5. A slide show that talked about the effects of car crashes and also contained an awareness test.
6. And lastly, A man named Antonio, told his story about his car crash which left him as a paraplegic, which in my opinion was the most powerful and inspirational part of the whole program. He spoke about the deep depression that he sank into after hospital and how he managed to pull himself out by giving himself purpose, and rebuilding his life.

Overall, the day was very enjoyable and I believe that everyone learnt a lot about road safety.

Nikolas Hay 11B



On Tuesday, the 9th of May, all of the Year 11 students from Upper Yarra went to a car safety awareness program. The organisation, Road Safety Education (RSE) called this program RYDA.

In the beginning, we were all introduced to the staff behind making the event happen, one of which was an actor from Home and Away and Neighbours, Andrew Morley. He spoke about a car crash he was in, giving a great introduction into the realness of the day. We were split into groups, and went off onto activities, each focusing on unique parts of road safety. The first lecture I went to was with a woman who had 30 years experience in the CFA, and now works with RSE to spread awareness about road safety.

Following that, our group moved through other lectures and activities, of which some had more impact than others. One was based on our risk-taking tendencies, and identifying our personalities based on these. Another was a spinal injury victim, Antonio, who told of his story about his crash and recovery. He explained how different his life has become as a result of it, and took questions from students. Another activity was two men showing how even 10 km/h can change the outcome of a pedestrian's life in a crash, as well as showing how quickly cars brake going certain speeds.

Rhyder Coshutt 11C



GTAC - Gene Technology Access Centre

On Monday 8TH of May the Year 12 Biology students attended GTAC - Gene Technology Access Centre in the City.

The students investigated how pathogens (bacteria or a virus) affect animals and specifically how the immune system responded to combat the infection. Students were on time for the 7.45am start, were enthusiastic throughout the day and were commended for their laboratory skills. Well done and thank you Mr Cook.



"I learnt that Bacteriostatic refers to bacteria that are inhibited from spreading and the term bactericidal refers to the killing of bacterial cells. I enjoyed the first part of the experiment where we found whether or not the tetanus toxin was present in the different cows. Overall I had fun! It was different from what we have previously done at GTAC."

Caitlyn Muir 11B

"I learnt that breaking the agar gel ruins results. I enjoyed using the multi-channel pipette. Overall I enjoyed the practical work."

Harry Bray 11B



"I learnt that cows can get sick. I enjoy stopping cows from getting sick by finding out which bacteria the cow was infected with. Overall it was an interesting day."

Jasmine Maassen 11A

"I learnt about bacteriostatic and bactericidal. Bacteriostatic stops them and bactericidal kills it. I enjoyed using the multi channel pipette. Overall it was interesting to learn about it all."

Tiffany Oliver 11A



"I learnt about immune responses in more depth. I enjoyed discovering what bacteria was killing the cows. Overall it was a cool day!"

Meghan Mock 12A

"I gained a broader and clearer understanding of immunity and the effects of antibiotics. I enjoyed the hands on experiments. Overall I really enjoyed my experience and the people were really nice and enthusiastic."

Maddison Horsley 12A



CHEFS OF THE WEEK



Featured Photo

Riley McNiff 9C had a photo he had taken of recent storms featured on the Channel 7 News.



He took it using his own camera set on sports mode and was fortunate enough to capture this moment.

Riley has a love of photography and has captured some amazing images.

Congratulations Riley!



Year 8 News - Waratah Beach Camp

Last week Year 8 students attended camp at Waratah Bay, near Wilson's Prom.



"For Year 8 Camp we went to Waratah Bay. We did lots of activities including; the giant swing, surfing, obstacle course, beach walk and rock pooling. It was a very fun and educational time. Thanks to all the teachers who went and helped organise it. We really appreciate it!"

Paige Burns 8A



"On the 3rd of May forty-eight year 8s went on camp to Waratah bay near Wilsons Prom. There were four activities on camp. The ropes course, giant swing, aero ball and rope swing.

At night we sat around a campfire cooking marshmallows, and went for a night walk along the beach.

The next day we went down to the beach again and did a big walk to Chook Rock. We went rock pooling and we even found an octopus. Later a few people went surfing and the others played at the beach. That night we had a disco and then watched 10 things I hate about you and went to bed.

The next day we packed up in the morning and then went down to the beach for 2 hours. When we came back, we cleaned up a bit more and then said our farewells to Waratah Bay. It was a great camp and we all had lots of fun."

Tahlia Bextream 8B



"Last week, from Wednesday until Friday we went on camp. We did a lot of fun things just on the bus trip there. We were singing and having a great time.

As soon as we got there we went straight into activities. On the second day we got to go surfing. It the most fun I've ever had. On the last day, after packing up, we went for the walk along the beach. I had a great time on camp, and can't wait until I can go on another one."

Jack Anderson 8C



"Last week, on the third of May forty-eight year 8 students went off to camp at Waratah Bay. Waratah Bay is near Wilson's Prom. My favourite part about camp was the disco that we had. It was great to see everyone having fun, and enjoying having themselves. The staff were really friendly, and made sure that we had fun while we were there. It was a really good camp, I had an awesome time."

Hayley Piggott 8B



"This year the year 8s went on camp. The camp was at Waratah Bay. We stayed there for two nights and three days. We did heaps of fun filled activities. These included beach walks, surfing, giant swing, finding creatures in rock pools and loads more.

My favourite activity was surfing. The surfing group was around 30 people. When I did surfing, it was a thrill, it got your adrenaline pumping. We were all focused on just standing up on the board. The instructors taught me heaps of useful techniques, as well as, the teachers. The instructor had to quickly teach me how to paddle over the waves out the clam area of the ocean or back behind the waves as I could not touch the bottom of the ocean, as I was so short.

Another thing I loved about the camp was the FOOD! It was delicious and as some of my friends know, I love my food. Overall camp was a great experience and I really enjoyed it!"

Kirah Pascoe 8C



"On camp we went to the beach and we looked at all the different sea creatures. Then after that we went back to the camp grounds and we did fun activities as a group. Camp was a great experience that I will remember forever."

Melanie White 8A