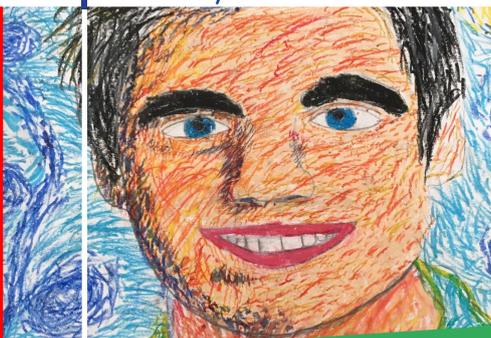


IT'S ALL ABOUT ME



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From the Principal's Desk

Two Weeks Full Of Activity

We are at the halfway point of second term and it has been a very busy couple of weeks at Upper Yarra Secondary College.

Physics students visited the Science Faculty at La Trobe University to explore Radioactivity. VCAL students travelled to Car City in Ringwood as part of their Personal Development studies and VCE students travelled to Karreenga Prison, Lara as part of their Legal Studies. Our year 9 student leaders practised their leadership skills at the 2017 ANZAC - related Primary School events, at Estia Health Yarra Junction with Aged Care and with the Prep -2 Photo Trail at Silvan Dam. Zoology students went to the Melbourne Zoo, Inter-school Sports Competitions took place and students attended Worowa Sports Carnival to play football as part of National Reconciliation Week.

In addition, last Thursday, UYSC hosted a Model UN Conference involving Healesville High School and Lilydale Heights College and also welcomed Woori Yallock Primary School as a regular part of our Primary School Transition Program.

We want to continue to provide opportunities for our students to develop their abilities and talents in keeping with our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Excellence and Resilience.

Looking ahead, the Presentation Ball takes place this Friday. Everyone is invited to attend the "It's all about Me" exhibition in our Art Gallery next **Thursday 1st June at 4pm**. Our senior students are preparing for their exams and year 10s are also finalising their Work Experience which takes place last week of Term 2.

Scott Tully | Principal

Key Dates

Thursday 1st June
"It's All About Me" Exhibition
UYSC Art Gallery 4.00pm

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

Wednesday 14th June
G V Bike Ride Parent Meeting
UYSC Library 6pm

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

National Reconciliation Week 2017
27 May to 3 June



Let's Take The Next Steps

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) runs annually from 27th May – 3rd June. These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: the 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision, respectively. In 2017, we reflect

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

...recognising excellence.

RESPECT · RESPONSIBILITY · EXCELLENCE · RESILIENCE



For being focused and working extremely well in Mathematics:
MAERYN BIRD
Year 7



For his enthusiastic attitude and helping in the Year 8 area:
ZACHARY LAWTON
Year 8



For his willingness to help others and behave respectfully towards his peers:
RYAN MURRAY
Year 9



For outstanding participation in the Model UN Conference:
MAX GEDDES
Year 10



For her exceptional work in Health and an amazing outcome result:
BRIANNA HAMNETT
Year 11



For her outstanding and persistent effort in all classes:
MEGHAN MOCK
Year 12

on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey – 50 years since the 1967 referendum, and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation's reconciliation journey.

We had a girl's football team competing at the Worawa Reconciliation Sports Carnival on Tuesday 23rd May and we are off to Lake Mungo with Swinburne University for a cultural camp in June.

Denise Muir | Indigenous Liaison



Worawa Reconciliation Sports Carnival

On Tuesday 23rd of May we competed at the Worawa Aboriginal College Reconciliation Sports Carnival. UYSC competed against Mount Lilydale College. They were awesome, they beat us 77 to 0, but we tried our best and had fun doing so. It was a tough game with a lot of tackles but not many injuries. We had a blast of a time and an amazing experience and we are keen to do better next year. Thanks Mr Gray for getting us over there and Ms Sloan and Ms Mooney for training us.

True Robinson 10A and Madeline Bennett 10A



Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies Excursion to Karreenga Prison

On Friday the 12th of May, a group of year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students travelled to Lara (near Geelong) to visit Karreenga Prison where we got the opportunity to interview prisoners, get an insight into life in prison and the legal system.



Once we arrived we were greeted by a large metal detector to enter the prison, when we got the all clear we were able to enter the prison. Two prison guards spoke to us about the prison and what the prison facilities are like. We were then split in to two groups, the first involved two men in for murder and the second group contained a drug dealer and two ex- drug addicts. They told us about their crimes they committed and didn't hold back on the details, we were also free to ask them anything. Their overall message was to not make the same mistake they had.

The day was an overall success which provided us with a bit of a slap in the face, it was confronting but very educational.

Megan Bennett 11A



Year 11 VCAL Car City Excursion

As part of the Personal Development Skills Unit of Intermediate VCAL, Year 11 students have been studying how to buy a car. They have been looking at the cost of cars including running costs. Students have researched insurance, registration, and safety ratings.

The learning outcomes of the unit involve students showing leadership skills, being able to communicate with others and work in a team. On Thursday the students travelled to Car City Ringwood to experience what it was like to buy a car. They chose three cars under \$10,000 and negotiated with dealers for the best price. They then worked in groups to work as buyers' advocates to represent others who wanted to buy a car.

The categories were:

- Young female driver who drives a very small number of kilometers each year. Only requires a small car and has a budget of \$5000
- Tradesmen requires a car that can hold his tools. Does a large number of kilometers each year. Budget \$20,000-\$30,000
- Retired man. Wants to buy a sports car. Unlimited budget.
- Family with five children plus two adults. Requires a car to fit the family of 7. Budget \$15,000.

Each group chose which person they would like to represent, the cars they thought best met the brief and then negotiated the best price for their client.

Students found talking to the car dealers very confronting at first but soon began to enjoy the experience and even tried to do a deal to buy the school bus! They all did a fantastic job and worked hard to fulfill all the requirements of the task.

Thank you to Ms Foley for driving the bus and Ms Stevenson for accompanying us on the excursion.

Tracey Shallcross | Personal development Skills/Intermediate VCAL



STE(A)M



So far in STEAM this semester we have built robots and have started to see how they move. We had a lot of difficulties in building them. The first problem we ran into was the pins that held the pieces together were different sizes and we found it confusing as to which pins to put into what hole. We also found out that the motors had to be set to specific positions in order to work correctly.

After we spent about 6 hours building and trouble shooting we have finally gotten a couple of them to work and we are now looking at how they could be used.

Jamin Hamnett 10C

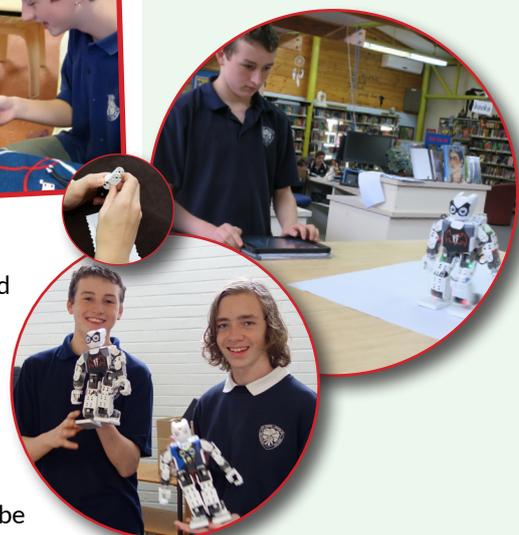


Year 11 Physics

The Year 11 Physics class went on an excursion to Latrobe University Physics Department last week. We learnt about radioactive decay and explored the half-life of radioactive isotopes and how a variety of materials can stop the penetration of alpha, beta and gamma rays. We worked alongside a group of students from Epping Secondary College.

Our trip was enhanced by having lunch at the "Agora", a huge treed courtyard area where an exciting range of food from was available at very reasonable prices. We are extremely grateful to Tracey Smedley who was willing to assist with transportation at the last minute when we ran into bus issues.

Mrs Morrish/Year 11 Physics Class



HOMEWORK 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

New Careers Advisor



Mrs Tracey Shallcross is now Careers Advisor at UYSC (Ms Meredith Nursey has moved into the role of Assistant Principal).

Year 12

All Year 12 students are attending Careers appointments to ensure they have registered with VTAC in preparation for their applications for courses at the end of this year. All students should have a VTAC I.D number and four-digit pin number which allows them to lodge their 2018 applications for University and TAFE(Monday 7th August). These interviews ensure students are on track with their Year 12 subjects and are beginning to plan for next year.

Any student in any year level can visit the VTAC site to search University and TAFE courses. It is a great way to start finding out what is available, the scores needed and subjects required for entry into tertiary places. It is never too early! www.vtac.edu.au

Important Year 12 VTAC Dates

Applications for Tertiary places open: **Monday 7 August 2017**

Applications close: **Thursday 28 September 2017**

SEAS closing date: **Tuesday 10 October 2017**

Scholarship closing date: **Friday 13 October 2017**

Release of ATAR and VCE results: **Friday 15 December 2017**

Change of preference closing date (round 1): **Wednesday 20 January 2018**

Release of Round 1 Offers: **Wednesday 17 January 2018**

Year 10

All year 10 students are participating in compulsory Work Experience as part of their Year 10 studies. All families of year 10 students are reminded that Work Experience arrangements need to be finalised this week, if they have not already done so. The dates for Year 10 Work Experience are Monday 26 to Friday 30 June (5 days).

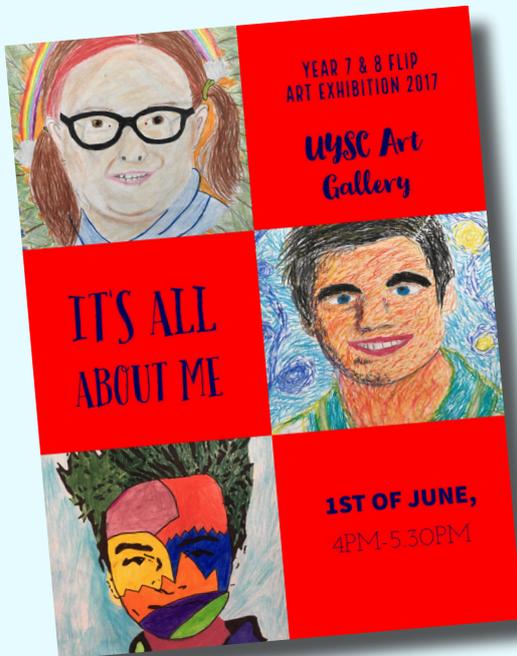
The following forms must be completed and returned to the school by all year 10 students. Copies are available from Tracey Smedley in the Careers Office.

- Work Experience Arrangement Form (signed by employer, parent and student)
- Work Experience Travel and Accommodation Form (signed by employer, parent and student ONLY if the student will be travelling in the employers car while on the job or if the student is required to stay in accommodation other than their normal family home while participating in work experience).
- Safe@Work modules (General and Safety specific) completed in Careers classes and certificates printed and handed in at Careers office.

Students who have not arranged Work Experience/completed the paper work will be required at school for the week.

Parents please support us with this and use your contacts to help gain your child this valuable work experience placement. If you have any questions about Careers or Work Experience, please contact Tracey Shallcross or Tracey Smedley at the College.

Tracey Shallcross | Careers Advisor



9/10 Leadership Elective

Brilliant things have been happening yet again in our 9/10 Leadership class. Students have been working at Estia with Aged Care as well as running the Prep-2 Photo Trail at Silvan Dam.

This has given our students an opportunity to lead and represent the school with both the very young and the very old.

Mitchell Gray | Junior School Leader

Model United Nations Conference

Upper Yarra Secondary College hosted the Model United Nations Conference run by the UN Association of Australia (Vic Branch). Healesville High and Lilydale Heights were also participants. Thank you to Mr Simon Tacey for organising this.



We Have Babies!

Mango and Dexter had a small clutch, of 12 eggs laid on the 25th January. On the 15th March two baby Bearded Dragons were hatched - Iggy and Dexter.

Thank you to the Lawton family for looking after the babies!

The reptiles always look forward to seeing Reptile Club members and new members are always welcome!

Please join us every Monday and Thursday second half of Lunch!!!

Joanne Cogan | Reptile Club Leader

Primary School Transition - Welcome Woori Yallock Primary!





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.

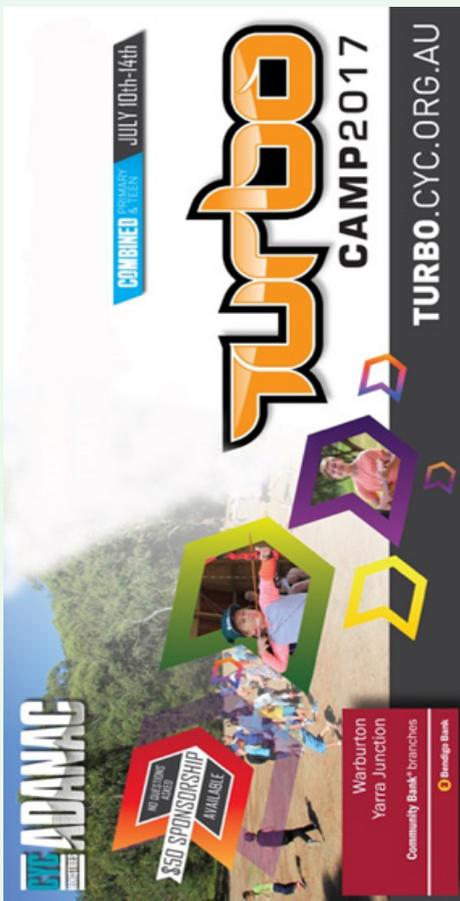
INTERESTED?

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



ANZAC Primary Schools Events



On the 2nd/3rd of May, five year 9 students attended the Primary School Anzac events. We started off the first day by helping set up a workshop, where all the schools would be making leaf wreaths. Each school was represented by a small group of grade sixes and one or two teachers.

After all the schools arrived we then started making the wreaths. The whole proceeds took around about 1 or 2 hours and was challenging but also fun. After everyone finished the wreaths the primary schools went home and we helped clean up.

On the second day was the ceremony. We started off the ceremony with a welcoming from Don Valley PS and then the Catafalque Party was asked to mount. After a prayer for peace, all the schools who made wreaths the previous day, were asked to lay down the wreaths they made. After various primary schools talked about different subjects about WW2, we had to read out the poem 'In Flanders fields'. Whilst we read out our poem and other primary schools read out their's, everyone was asked to place their crosses. After they played 'The Last Post' we then went on to have a minute's silence. We finished the day with the Australian anthem.

Overall the day was very influential and informative, and we were all very glad to be a part of the experience.

Katyayani Sagar-Gordan 9C

Save Our Species Zoo Tour



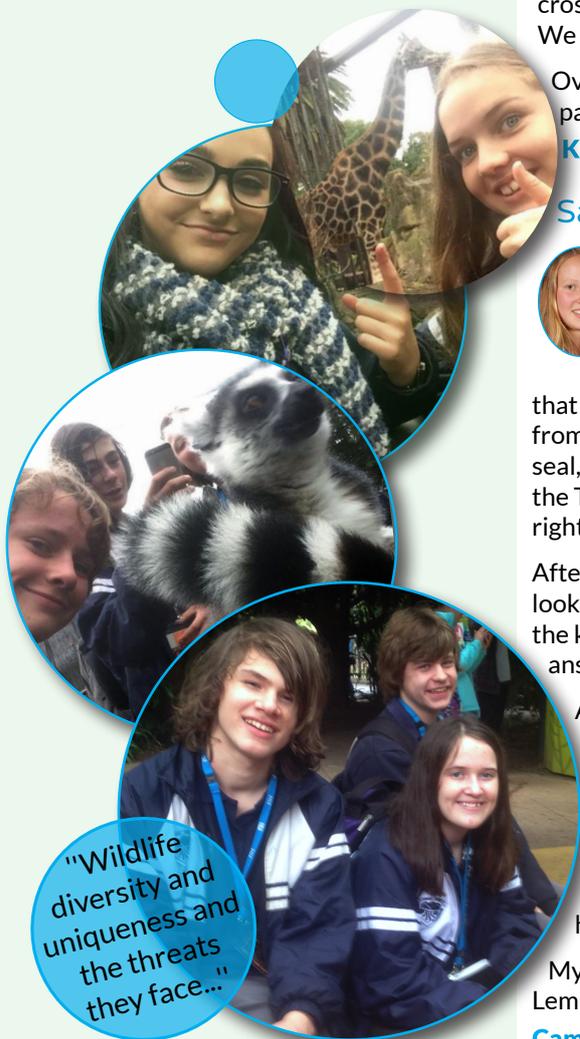
On the 17th of May UYSC Zoology students went to the Melbourne Zoo. We participated in a program called "Save our Species". At the start of the program we were given a piece of wood to use to vote for an animal and we had to place it in a cylinder under an endangered animal that we wanted to give our voice to. The ten animals we could choose from were the Baw Baw frog, Helmeted Honeyeater, orangutan, gorilla, seal, penguin, Lead Beaters possum, Asian elephant, Lord Howe Island stick insect and the Tasmanian Devil. I chose to give my voice to the seal because they should have the right to be alive and not be trained for human entertainment overseas.

After we did that short activity we had an hour and a half to go around and look at a list of endangered animals and we had the opportunity to attend talks from the keepers. At each talk we had to ask two to three questions and write down the answers.

After listening to all of the talks we met back at a meeting place and we were given another piece of wood to vote again for one of the animals. We then had another hour and a half to walk around and see whatever we wanted. During the hour and a half my group went to look at the Lemur enclosure. In their enclosure you could walk with them and they were running around and their little houses had heated pads in them. Our group got really close to one and it was probably less than half a metre away. We also went to the Butterfly House and it was really hot in there and there were heaps of different colours and species of butterflies.

My highlight of the day was being able to walk through the enclosure with the Lemurs.

Camryn Partel 9C



"Wildlife diversity and uniqueness and the threats they face..."





TROPHY HUNTING



Trophy hunting is considered a sport in which people pay large amounts of money for a wild animal to be slaughtered, taxidermied and kept as a trophy. In 2013 alone, there was approximately 800 lions and 650 elephants exported across boarders as trophies.

Lions are currently classified as 'threatened', which allows people to continue using them in trophy hunting. However, there are many conversationalists who are petitioning for lions to be classified as 'endangered' so that they can no longer be cruelly hunted in this unruly and horrendous sport as in 25 African nations, lions are already extinct.

This unnecessary, violent form of 'entertainment' rips animal families and ecosystems apart, and leaves many animals orphaned or injured when hunters miss their targets.

Keita Rostron 9C

HORSE RACING



The practice of horse racing has been a controversial topic with polarising views. The racing industry is well known for shady operations such as drugging and physical abuse. A whopping 90% of thoroughbreds never make it to the track, so what happens to these thoroughbreds and others that retire every year? So how can we bring upon change to an industry that is rigid in a long-standing tradition? The laws on drug abuse and the over breeding of thoroughbreds need to be stricter and regulated. Racehorses need to be drug tested all year round to prevent horses breaking down on the track. Currently there is an oversupply of racehorses because it is such a competitive industry where most fail to meet the high standards of today's requirements.

Alyssa Yeoman-Hand 9D

GREYHOUND RACING



Piglets, possums, rabbits and kittens are all victims of brutal live baiting. Despite how disgusting live baiting is, it is an accepted training routine in Queensland.

Investigators have documented piglets, possums and rabbits being tied to lures and trainers releasing dogs to chase the lure and then allowing dogs to catch and maul these defenceless animals. The animals are flung around at breakneck speeds and some animals who survived their first round are 're-used' and mauled again.

Live baiters will taunt and incite their dogs to chase, attack, and ultimately kill small animals. If they don't kill the animals, they too may be killed. We must do something to stop this. The laws around greyhound racing need to be changed.

Amy Spargo 9D

CHILD PROSTITUTION IN ASIA



In Asia, more than half of the working prostitutes are under the age of 16, many of those are under the age of 10.

You may be asking yourself why, why children?

There are actually multiple reasons none of which justify the act, but nonetheless, somehow in the minds of many these reasons seem logical. Many locals and tourists think that children are less likely to carry the AIDS virus, which is a misconception. It is estimated that 72.4% of the child prostitutes in Asia carry HIV.

Of course the main cause of prostitution in Asia is poverty. Many child prostitutes are sold by their parents for about \$350-\$600, others are lured by the promise of respectable work and others are kidnapped and held captive in brothels.

This image is a brutal and graphic one, but this image is the harsh reality of thousands of children and families in Asia.

Amber Grace 9D

PUPPY FARMS



Puppy farms have been around since the early 1960s, about 500,000 puppies are born in puppy farms and mills a year. They are kept in filthy, tiny environments from the day they are born. Female dogs are bred about twice a year, at that rate they usually burn out by the age of five.

Puppy farms are cruel and inhumane, how could you let these innocent animals live like this?

Jazmine Bull 9D



MARRIAGE EQUALITY



Treating someone differently to anybody else because of their sexuality is not ok. Why should they be treated differently because of who they're attracted to? People don't choose how their brains work, so why should they be mistreated for it?

Everybody deserves the same rights to marriage and engagement. In 1958 Martin Luther King Jnr declared

"When any society says that I cannot marry a certain person that society has cut off a segment of my freedom."

Denying someone their right to legally marry a person because of their gender is not any less discriminative than denying them that right because of their skin colour or cultural background. It is wrong and it is time for a change.

Koby Bremner 9B

PEER TO PEER



Sharing is caring as they all say, but peer-to-peer is illegal. If you have heard of Betternet, Kazza, Napster or use any of these sites you are one of the main reasons that the music business is falling.

What is Bit Torrent, Kazan and Napster. Well it is; BitTorrent is a communications protocol of peer-to-peer file sharing ("P2P"). Which is used to distribute data and electronic files over the Internet. In 2004, BitTorrent was responsible for 25% of all Internet traffic. Napster was the name given to two music-focused online services. It was founded as a pioneering peer-to-peer file sharing Internet service that emphasised sharing digital audio files, typically songs, encoded in MP3 format. Kazaa is described as "a proactive, virtual, global technology and publishing company, focused on delivering peer-to-peer software.

Ashlee Shotter 9C

"Humans of Upper Yarra Secondary College"



Mrs Kate Heintze

Tell us a bit about yourself.

"I have been an aide for about seven years, at Norwood Secondary College, Vermont Secondary College and Warrandyte High School, and love helping all students achieve their potential.

I am married with two teenage girls (14 and 15) living at home. We have recently moved to Wesburn so I am new to the area.

I enjoy renovating houses (mine is a major work in progress) and doing craft activities. I also enjoy time in the garden and relaxing with friends."



Year 8 Science News

This week in year 8 Science class students have been creating marble runs. Students had fun designing their own runs and then putting them into practice.



"We've been building marble runs in science. I was in a group with my friends and we had a lot of fun building it. It took us all of the lessons to build it but we achieved a seven second run. We had to make it run for ten seconds but ours kept on breaking and the marble fell off the tubes. It was a great experience and I had a lot of fun with it."

Jordynne Castleton 8D

"In year 8 science over the past few weeks we have been constructing 'the greatest marble run! It is a project that involves students being put into pairs/groups. We then put our heads together and designed a marble run.



When we finish these themed marble runs they will be put into categories, one for the longest time, one for the best looking design and many more. At the end the winners of these different categories will receive a prize.



Overall, it's been a very fun, successful and entertaining experience. We have learnt about different kinds of energies, team work and creativity. We all had an enjoyable time and have taken away many experiences from the project!"

Dayne Leeds & Oscar Daniell 8B

"In science we had to construct a marble run and make it run for ten seconds. We worked in partners and it was race to see who could get their marble run to go for the longest time.



It was really fun getting to design and then make it. I also liked getting to work with my friends. Thanks to all the science teachers for organising such a fun activity for us to do."

Tyran Tomic 8A





Senior Boys Netball/Intermediate Girls Football/Year 8 Girls Netball



On the 15th of May I went down to Pinks Reserve in Kilsyth with two teams that had a mix of year 12s and 11s. Our school had an A Grade team and a B Grade team. I was in the B team. The A and B teams had a bye first round and we sat together and watched another game between Lilydale High's 1st and 2nd teams. After the first round my team played against Lilydale High's 3rd team and Lilydale beat us by a few points. The next game we played was against Lilydale's 4th team. Our team won against them by a fair bit and they only scored 2 points.

My team then played in the final for the second division. I was playing Goal Defence in the first half until I jumped up, caught the ball then fell on my left ankle. I came off the court and my ankle was already swollen to the size of a tennis ball. I was out for the rest of the game and the team just lost by 2 points which was disappointing. The whole day was enjoyable and I had fun until I hurt myself!

Harry Bray 11B

On the 17th of May a group of year 8 girls went to Kilsyth to play netball. We played against other schools like Yarra Hills, Lily Dale High / Heights and Healesville High. Our school did pretty well. We didn't win but that was alright because we were out there just for fun. We had two teams the A team and the B team the A team won one game and the B team won 2 games.



Chantelle Hermansen 8B



Year 7 Girls Netball

The Year 7 Girls Netball team went out on Monday the 22nd and had a fantastic day. The sun was out, the weather was warm and the girls were in full spirits. Our inexperienced netball team made the final round coming home with Silver! This was loudly celebrated by the year 7s and 8s when we arrived back at school.

Everyone played their absolute best and were a great support to one another throughout the entire day.

Well done all the year 7 girls who joined in for the day!

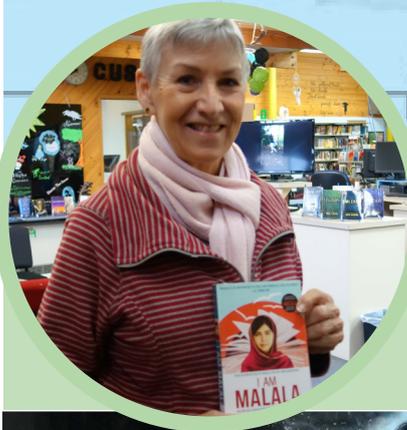
Casey Mayne | Art Teacher/Netball Coach



WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Maddison Riggins 7A, is reading **Slated (Slated #1)** the first book in the dystopian trilogy Slated by Teri Terry

SLATED



Ruth Park, our "painter extraordinaire", has just finished reading **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban** by Malala Yousafzai



After reading **Lady Midnight (The Dark Artifices #1)** Riley Foley 7C is now reading the newly released sequel **Lord of Shadows (The Dark Artifices #2)** by Cassandra Clare