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From the Principal's Desk

Term One

The term is drawing to a rapid close as Easter draws near. It has been another term of learning opportunities, filled with many extra-curricular activities. I'm very proud of our students so far, the way they began the year and the effort they have put into their studies. There have been a number of events such as Pink Stumps Day (congratulations to the Year 12 VCAL class on an amazing day!), the Swimming Carnival and Staff v Student games, that highlight the wonderful atmosphere and relationship around the school. I have had numerous school tours lately for prospective families and all remark on the calm nature of the school and the high levels of engagement amongst students in class.

The College is also very proud of the progress of the VET Aviation students. Last week students dual-controlled a \$50,000 DJI Matrice drone, with the trainer Tracy Shiffman from the Drone Institute of Technology. The DJI Matrice operates with 6 motors - 6 batteries - two cameras, one can detect infrared light and the other is a 360 degrees high resolution camera for photography. Students enjoyed using this technology and we thank Mr Marcus Cook for providing this opportunity.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

A very big thank you to all the families that were able to make the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. We experienced the highest numbers of family attendance and all reports are, that the night was productive and beneficial to both families and the school. We had almost 1000 bookings on the day and a number of families managed to squeeze an interview in where they could!

Open Night - Save the Date!

Our Open Night for prospective families is **Tuesday May 1st, 7:00pm** starting in the UYSC Theatre. If you know of any family looking for a school, please pass this information on. We would of course, love you to pass it on with a strong recommendation! We will be showcasing student work, and this year we have asked many more of our students to attend, as they are the reason we are here and the source of so much of our school pride.

On behalf of the school community, we wish you a very safe and enjoyable term break and look forward to seeing you all refreshed on the 16th of April.

A reminder that this term finishes at 2:30pm on Thursday March 29.

Scott Tully | Principal



Key Dates

Monday 26th March to
Thursday 29th March
Duke of Ed Canoe Trip

Thursday 29th March
Last Day Term One
2.30pm Finish

Monday 16th April
First Day Term Two

Monday 16th April to
Wednesday 18th April
Year 7 Camp Phillip Island

Thursday 19th April
Years 7 & 10 Immunisations

Tuesday 1st May
Information Evening
UYSC Theatre 7pm - 9pm

Monday 7th May
Parent Info Night
Healthy Body Image/ Healthy Eating
7pm

Tuesday 8th May
Athletics Carnival
Morrison Reserve Mount Evelyn

Friday 1st June
Presentation Ball

Monday 11th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th June
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Friday 29th June
Last Day of Term Two

ANZAC DAY Band Can you help?

Calling all parents and students! If you play an instrument and are able to attend the Anzac Day Ceremony in Yarra Junction to play alongside our students, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ms Kellie Woollard for more information asap on 5967 1877

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

...recognising excellence.

RESPECT · RESPONSIBILITY · EXCELLENCE · RESILIENCE



For excellent effort in attending After-School classes to improve her English:

LAINE BERG

Year 7



For displaying responsibility and maturity in his Maths class:

BLAKE SYKES

Year 8



For consistently displaying our school values and demonstrating excellence in her Maths test results:

AYLA TSOUMBAKOS

Year 9



For consistently trying his best:

NIKOLA VLASIC

Year 10



For consistently displaying school values and remaining focussed in all areas of study:

JAYDEN AUBERT

Year 11



For their excellence and persistence in organising **Pink Stumps Day**: 12 VCAL

Year 12



Year 12 Camp 2018



On the 15th of February, we went on our last school camp together where we were immersed in city and university lifestyle. We travelled into the city via public transport and after dropping off our bags, ventured off to Melbourne Central for lunch before heading to Melbourne University. While at Melbourne University, we were taught about entry

schemes, potential courses, scholarships and university open days. This offered invaluable advice for us as we need to think about university courses and potential career pathways. After receiving the lecture, we were given a tour of the Melbourne University grounds - which are a piece of history in themselves! To wrap up our day, we then travelled to RMIT to hear about the variety of university courses offered at their Melbourne campus and we participated in the 'Race around Melbourne'.

Finally, we ended the day with some fun at Strike Bowling where we played bowling, laser tag and pool. The following day we ate breakfast at the Queen Victoria Market and proceeded to do some shopping before having free time at Melbourne Central. We then travelled back to Lilydale station where we were dismissed.

Caitlyn Muir & Nikolas Hay | Vice Captains



VCE Showcase 2017

Jaclyn Ritchie 12A, recently had her work exhibited at the Red Earth Gallery in Mooroolbark as part of the 2017 VCE Showcase. "Completing Year 12 art with the theme of anatomy was really enjoyable and challenging, I hope in the end I can get people to enjoy themselves in seeing the beauty of creativity. I hope I can intrigue them and even inspire others to create." Her painting of a Blue Whale was recently exhibited at the Kalorama Gallery.

Well Done Jaclyn!



Pink Stumps Day at UYSC

The Year 12 VCAL class would like to thank everyone for their support of Pink Stumps Day. It was great to see so much pink around the school! With everyone's help the VCAL class were able to raise \$720 for the McGrath Foundation and we are still counting smaller donations that have come in after the day. The money raised will help support women facing breast cancer - specifically breast care nurses to help them through their treatment. The cricket game was very successful. Thank you to everyone for playing - it was great to see you having fun for a good cause. For all those interested and guessed in the "guess the number of lollies in the jar" competition. The Lolly Guess winning guess was 583 and the number of lollies in the jar was 588.

Thank you to everyone for participating in such a great day.

Megan Sloan | VCAL

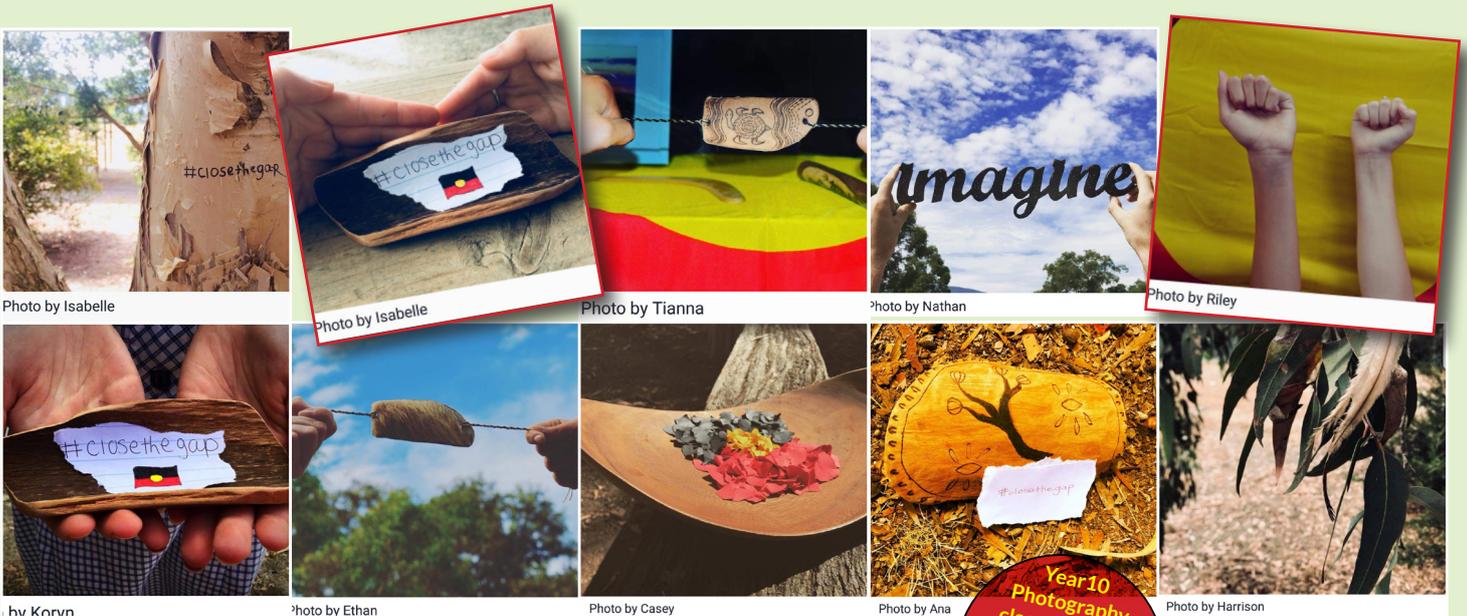


Photo by Isabelle

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Photo by Tianna

Photo by Nathan

Photo by Riley

Photo by Korvn

Photo by Ethan

Photo by Casey

Photo by Ana

Photo by Harrison

Indigenous @Upper Yarra

Thursday 15th March was Close the Gap Day. Staff enjoyed a morning tea of scones, Indigenous jams and cream as well as wild tomato relish and biscuits. These were served on traditional coolamons, which our students made in Lake Mungo. The coolamons feature individual stories through symbols on the bottom made with wood burners.

Students participated in the Close the Gap Instagram challenge and two of our Year 10 students were featured in the photo of the day. Congratulations to Riley Mc Niff and Isabelle Spencer. Thanks to Ms Molan and the Year 10 Photography class for their participation.

<https://www.instagram.com/closethegapcampaign/>

Reconciliation Week is coming up in May and we are looking forward to the annual Reconciliation Sports Carnival at Worawa (May 22nd). Any girls interested in playing in the Netball Round Robin, please see me and look out for the event on Compass. This is an amazing day filled with culture, sport and fun. Also keep an eye out for news about our Indigenous camp later in the year in conjunction with Swinburne Marngo Designing Futures.

Denise Muir | Indigenous Liaison Leader

Year 10 Photography class took part in the National Close The Gap Day Instagram Challenge



Staying Fit and Healthy

Secondary School can be a stressful time for students. Some reasons for this stress include; homework, friendship groups, puberty, relationships and family life. With all these factors (and more) to navigate, it can be hard to priorities staying fit and healthy.

It is important that parents encourage young people to form healthy lifestyle habits and support them in having a healthy body and mind. You can help to promote healthy eating, sleeping and physical activity by:

- Talking about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle
- Providing young people with knowledge on how to create a healthy lifestyle
- Providing a range of health foods
- Encouraging and supporting them to break bad habits.

There are also a number of free, easy to use apps that can help students maintain a healthy headspace.

Encourage your child to check out; Smiling Mind, Headspace, ReachOut WorryTime, and Calm.

For further information please read the articles below.

<http://au.reachout.com/articles/how-to-get-a-good-nights-sleep>

<http://au.reachout.com/articles/how-to-make-healthy-food.choices>

<http://au.reachout.com/articles/the-haters-guide-to-exercise>

Courtney Coxford | Adolescent Health Nurse



Our First Outdoor Education Overnight Trip.

On Thursday the 8th of March to Friday the 9th, The Year 9/10 Outdoor Education class went to Kurth Kiln, for an overnight stay. We started our first day with a walk around Tomohawk Creek, and then that followed with an education session about the park from Ursula and Alfred who were part of friends from Kurth Kiln.

We then started for our 8km hike with everything we needed on our backs. We arrived at camp a little early so we played some group games until dinner. The next day was an early 6:30am start and we left at 8am to start our walk back to the bus. When we arrived at the bus we started driving to Trees Adventure. Trees Adventure is a high ropes course that includes, Zip lines and Obstacle courses.

Everyone enjoyed the camp and had a really good time.

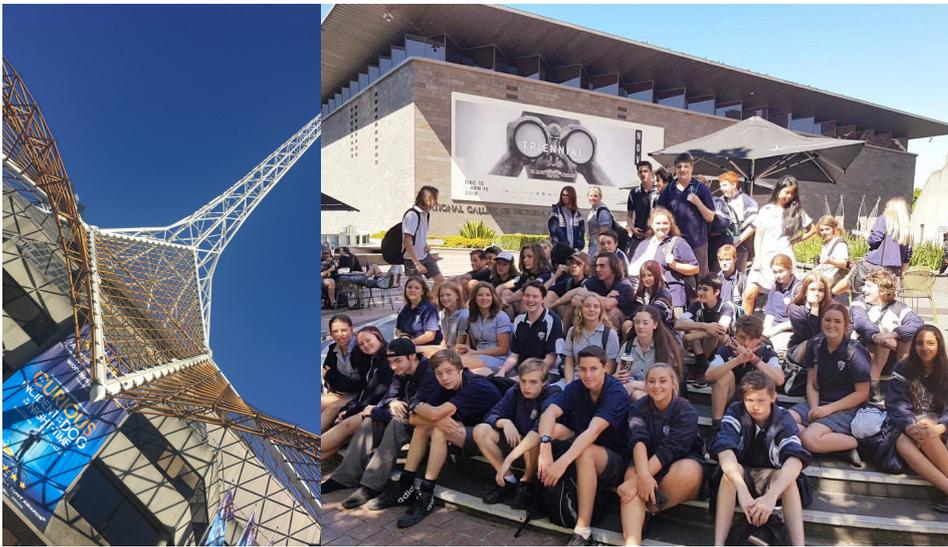
Hayley Piggott 9C

Year10 Coaching Class



We have completed our Term One Round Robin Basketball Tournament (SEPEP). Every session the students cast peer votes based on their performance. Hayley Theobald (most improved), Trey Morrissey (most valuable player) and Leroy Nisbet (best team player).

Liam O'Dea (most valuable player) Jack Anderson (best team player), and Jazmin Radford (most improved)



'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'



On the 20th February, sixty Year 10 students ventured into the city to watch the play 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'. The play was based on the best selling book by author Mark Haddon that all the year 10 English classes are studying.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a story about a dog that had been murdered and found by a boy named Christopher who has autism. Christopher puts on his detective hat and asks his fellow neighbours in Swindon "Who killed Wellington?". His journey takes him to find the truth about his Mother being alive.

During the show the stage set-up stayed the same throughout the whole play. Scene changes were done with lighting and a few props that always stayed the same but had a different use. The actors played various roles but making small costume changes and they rarely left the stage. The play was very exciting, intense and emotional. It was awesome.

Ashlee Shoter 10C

The Theory of Observational Learning - Year 12 History

The class observed how to make balloon animals and then taught themselves how to make them.



Library News

What an outstanding first term this has been! So many students are making good use of this space, continuing to visit to read and borrow books and make recommendations (our book request wall is filling up!) chat, do a 3D print, play games at lunchtime, play chess on Thursdays or even practise their dancing.

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new Year 7s and so excited about how much they love reading and how often they visit the Library. Our 2018 VCE students have been very studious making the most of their Private Study sessions. Have a relaxing break and don't forget to borrow a book for the holidays!



Photography

"Fruit Salad"

Katrina Taeuber, Tamin Crunden, Kira Ellis, Chantelle Hermansen, Abby Dunn

Artist Statement: Katrina Taeuber

We used different colour leaves and thin bushy branches in a circular shape and each layer was a different shade of leaves. My artwork is an Andy Goldsworthy inspired ephemeral art piece made of red and green leaves.

I made this artwork because we have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy and ephemeral art and how he used only nature to create temporary artwork. This artwork is a circle of different types of leaves and different colours and shapes. If people are viewing this artwork they should say it's pretty and colourful and creative.

It fits into current contemporary practice because our art was only very temporary and could be destroyed by people and nature. I wasn't inspired by any other photos or anything, I was inspired by a picture in my head. I was influenced by Andy Goldsworthy's artwork. A certain technique is important so it stays constant and even. This artwork is colourful and made of only nature and temporary items. I had thoughts of my own and made them into art.



In photography, we have been coming up with some interesting ideas to create unique and quirky photos. Each week we are set a task to follow. Here are some cool photos we have taken these past few weeks.



Ceramics

In Year 8 Ceramics we have been learning about clay and how to construct a 3D Coil pot. This process was more difficult than we thought, but we have had an absolute blast in making our pots and some of them have turned out really well.





The Recycle Team

A select group of boys from Year 8 have been initiated into the Recycling Team. The boys have been selected to allow them to take on some extra responsibility around the school.

Their job includes: collecting the bins on a Wednesday afternoon from all over the school and placing them on Little Yarra Road for collection by the council. They then retrieve the bins on a Thursday and return them to their designated spots. At the start of the year the boys met to decide which spots would be the most effective for the bins to reside.

The crew captain is Max Paisley and the rest of the crew members are: Conner Ryan, Riley Wallis-Hasell, Blake Charlwood, Markus Kostroa and Mat Galea.

The boys are taking a very active role in making sure other school members are recycling the right way.



Year 8 Science

"What have you enjoyed this term?"



"We have done many pracs classes such as obtaining hydrogen looking for similarities. We have looked at the periodic table. We learnt about atoms, elements, compounds, and the carbon cycle. One prac that I enjoyed was the experiment where we were looking for carbon in many different objects, such as biscuits and sugar. A prac that I would like to do is the Elephant Toothpaste."

Brodie Voce Yr 8



"In science this term we have had to do a lot of experiments and learnt the periodic Table. I enjoyed looking for carbon and I would like to do more exploding stuff."

Tarkyn Osborne Yr 8



"So far in science this term we have learnt about the periodic table and elements in them. I enjoyed the prac where we made an explosion. I think its called Hydrogen Pop. I would like to make bath bombs and see how different chemicals react with water."

Bridie Smith Yr 8



"This term in Science, we have worked on elements and compounds. One prac that I enjoyed was the Hydrogen Pop. I would like to dissect some animals one day."

Dylan Seward-Prior Yr 8

Year 8 Captains



Sophie Gray

Makayla Peers



Riley Wallis-Hasell

Amy Morris



Lily Smith

Layne Morrissey

Leadership Group



Carla Cadle

Emily Hay



William Hartley



CHEFS OF THE WEEK

Wellbeing 2018

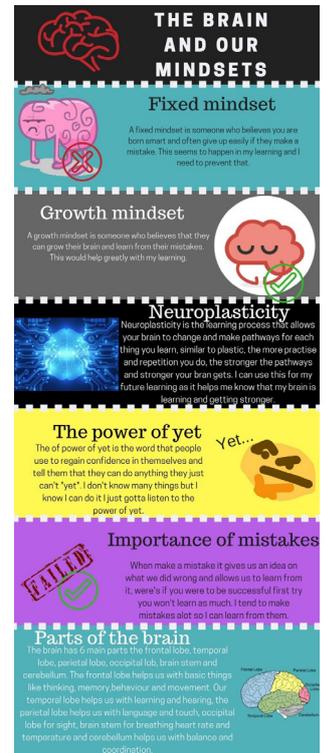
The Upper Yarra Wellbeing Team is available to students throughout the year.

Please contact Carley Linley-French at the College or any of the Wellbeing Team if you wish to discuss concerns or family issues that may impact on your child's learning and wellbeing.

- Carley Linley-French
Wellbeing Coordinator
- Steve Listopad
Chaplain
- Courtney Croxford
Adolescent Health Nurse

FLIP – The Brain

Students in both Years 7 & 8 have just completed a unit on the brain. During this unit, they learnt about the importance of having a Growth Mindset and of understanding that they can learn or do anything if they persevere and commit to practising different skills. The culmination of this unit was either a letter to their teachers explaining what they have learnt (Year 7) or an infographic that would display all their learning in a visual way (Year 8).



Year 7 Captains

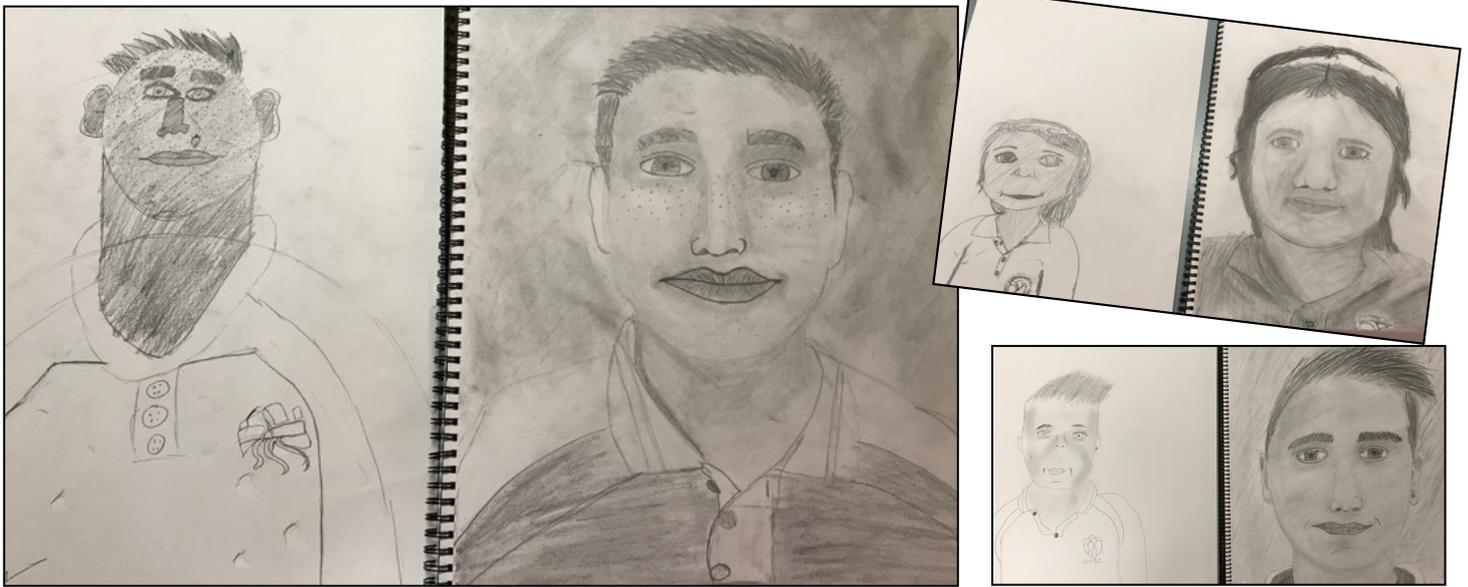


FLIP – Self-Portraits

Year 7 and 8 students are learning about Art and working towards exhibiting their work at the 'IT'S ALL ABOUT ME' showcase on **Thursday the 26th April 4pm - 5pm.** The Year 7s are learning about the artists: Freida Kahlo, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh. They are learning about the artists' life, materials and techniques and will then produce a self-portrait in a similar style.

The Year 8s are learning about different art movements: Impressionism, Street Art, Realism and Dada. They have analysed artworks and learnt about the different artists who worked during these movements. They too will produce a self-portrait using similar materials and techniques. We hope to see as many parents as possible at the showcase next term.





Year 7 Art

Art classes have been learning how to draw themselves realistically. They have been taught about the rules for drawing a face that were discovered when Da Vinci realised that human faces followed proportional rules. They have then been taught how to use tone to make themselves look three-dimensional on a two-dimensional surface. These are some before and after photographs. The before drawings were completed without any instruction.

Interschool Sport Wrap Up

Term One was a great term for Interschool Sport. We had students go out and play cricket, volleyball and tennis across all year levels. All students played to the best of their ability and had a great time representing the school.

A big congratulations goes to the Year 9/10 tennis team who won their round robin get to compete at the next level Interschool Sports later this year.

Swimming Sports was also a hugely successful day, and all involved had lots of fun. The sun came out for us which made the day even better. All students competed well for their respective houses with Yarra House winning on the day with a total of 646 points.

There is a lot to look forward to in Term Two with a number of sports going out across the year levels. Make sure to see Ms Sloan in the Year 9 Office if you would like to participate in any of the following sports Netball, Football, Soccer and Badminton. The VCE students also have Basketball, Hockey and Table Tennis going out in Term Two as well.

Megan Sloan | Interschool Sports Coordinator



Year 7 Cricket

Our Year 7 boys and girls cricket teams went to Silcock Reserve in Croydon to play against other local secondary schools. The boys finished top of their pool and beat Lilydale High School in the semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost to Emerald in the grand final. The girls made it to the grand final but also unfortunately lost to Lilydale High School.

Standout players on the day were Matt Milkins and Lachlan Rogers. Ashlyn Hermansen was best on ground for the girls. Special thanks must go to Mr Cliff's helpers: Max Berry and Angus Smith.



Intermediate Volley Ball



Intermediate Tennis



Yarra Regional Swimming Competition



CALLING ALL MOTORBIKE RIDERS!

This is an exciting opportunity for Upper Yarra Secondary College MotorBkie Riders. to take part in an Interschool Grass Track Motorbike Competition on Friday the 11th of May.

INTERESTED?

Please see Ms Sloan at the College for more detailed information.

**Interschool Dirtbike Team
Grasstrack Competition 2018**

Now here's a real school team sport! Are you going to be part of the best ever school sport comp or what? This is for motocross riders and 'just' riding around on the farm people. If you know how to ride your bike, this is for you. There's absolutely no jumps, just a grass circuit. This is the perfect introduction to motocross sport. Come and join us on

Friday May 11th

Bennett's place, Laang-Panmure Road, Panmure
(Signposted)

Gates open 8.00, racing concludes 3.30pm
\$20 cost to cover insurance

Details from your school's sports coordinator or school Dirtbike Team representative.

Register online*

<http://interschooldirtbiketeams.weebly.com>

* Can't see your school name? Your school needs to contact us on 03 55951202

- 150-250 farmbikes
- Up to 150 farmbikes
- 65cc (TBA)
- 85cc
- 125cc
- 250cc junior
- 250cc senior
- All powers
- Open
- Relay

**Interschool Dirtbike Team
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Friday May 11th
Contact us: Mr. Bouman or Miss Windon at Cobden Technical School on 03 5595 1202



COMMUNITY READING AT UYSC

Calling Mums, Dads, Nans, Pops, Aunts, Uncles and community members who would like to show our students the wonder of being "lost in a good book"!

UYSC are seeking expressions of interest from passionate readers to help improve ability and cultivate the love of reading in our students by reading one on one. Training will be provided.

Please call Ms Lisa Vanderkolk or Ms Tracey Smedley at UYSC on 5967 1877 for further information.



TUESDAY MAY 1ST
7.00pm



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