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STAWELL SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO TERM 3: We had a great start to the term with our opening assembly featuring many reports from students and staff about events last term and during the holidays. Works during the holidays included the completion of a new music practice room developed from the former girls changing rooms, and the painting of the toilets following the installation of low water use cisterns. It is good to have continual maintenance and improvement of our school facilities.

LANGUAGE CENTRE to be CONSTRUCTED: During the holidays we received the exciting news of our allocation of almost two million dollars from the Australian Government Building the Education Revolution funding. We will immediately commence the planning and construction of a language centre on the corner of Patrick Street and Hastings Street. The centre will contain a number of flexible learning spaces and a range of specialist facilities for language education including a “virtual classroom” and interactive television for video conferencing. The centre will also feature a small catering facility and toilets so it can be used independently of the school for other community activities. As part of the economic recovery strategy of the Australian Government, construction should be complete by this time next year.

FACELIFT for the SCHOOL: Last year we were delighted with the improved look of the school when we had the external trim of the administration building painted. Plans are now being finalised for an extensive program for repainting external areas using the \$209,000 National School Pride funds also allocated last term by the Australian Government. The painting program is being staged into sections, and landscaping, parking and road maintenance is being considered for the rear of the school. These works are to be completed before school commences next year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kate Rethus who is in Sydney this week at the UBS Finance Academy. Kate is one of just 50 Year 11 students selected from three states to attend this academy which provides a week at Macquarie University learning about global financial markets in lectures, workshops, and site visits to see stock broking in action and media presentation. We look forward to Kate sharing her experiences on her return to school.

WELCOME to Mr Graham Trimble who will be replacing Mr Michael Sweeney who is enjoying long service leave this term; and congratulations to Mr Wes Illig who will take on the role of Year 8 Manager during Term 3. We also welcome Ms Laura McDougall as school nurse replacing Ms Leonie Cowey while she is on family leave.

SIMPSONS

...the labour hire specialists

**A Traineeship - An Apprenticeship
Holidays - Weekends - After school
Full-time - Part-time**

Whatever work option you choose, we can help!
Call in Monday to Friday from 9 to 5.

131 Main Street, Stawell 5358 1550

“YOU’RE HISTORY” rehearsals have continued during the holidays and have a full day tomorrow. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Peter Hilbig
Principal

FIVE STUDENTS OFF TO STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Ballarat turned on a freakish winter's day for the Western Zone Cross Country on the last Wednesday of term – June 24th. It was still, sunny and temperatures got to the point that 'bear skin' coats could be removed.

The hilly course at Ballarat Uni was wet with heavy dew which made it very slippery for the early runners. Over 1500 students were entered with the 13 Years Boys division having over 200 competitors.

Starts were congested with the runners crammed into a 20 metre wide starting gate. There were numerous 'tumbles' as students pushed, shoved and clipped the heels of slower starters.

We hoped to get some of our students into the first 20 places and thereby earn a spot at the State Finals at Bundoora in July. First to gain selection was Lisa Fleming. She ran on her own to record 18th place in the 14 Years Girls.

Next to qualify were Ash Cowen and David Morris. Ash ran a smart race. He stuck with the leaders in the first lap of the 1.5km circuit and daringly ran away from everyone on a long down hill section. His win was so convincing that there was no other runner on the final 150 metre finishing section when he crossed the line. David came in shortly afterwards.

Our 16 Years Boys team was expected to do well and get through to Bundoora. However, illness, football injuries and work experience decimated the team. Sean Mantell volunteered to fill in despite having five weeks off with a serious shoulder injury. Anthony Jamieson was our only genuine chance. Despite the pressure of having his mum and grandmother watching he ran courageously to claim 16th place.

Our final State Qualifier came in the Open Girls – Sarah Barham, running as a 17 year old, ran a determined race to finish 12th.

The return trip to Stawell was a very quiet affair. The students were 'spent' – they all had made a genuine effort to give their best on the unforgiving, undulating course.

Individual Placings:

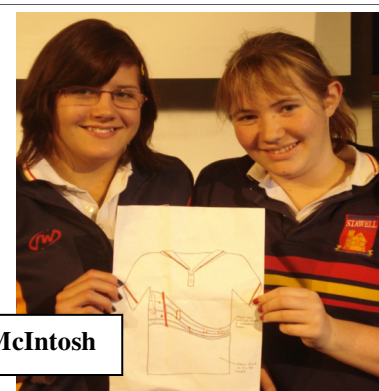
13 Years Girls [196]	16 Girls [102]	15 Years Boys [176]
Demi Tangey 34 th	Nellie Driscoll 25 th	Ash Cowen 1 st
Laura McClure 37 th	Bronwyn Harrison 34 th	David Morris 14 th
Lucy Pollock 60 th	Carly Walter 36 th	Nic Pridan 44 th
Lauren Knights 61 st	Amelia Pollock 37 th	Damon Folkes 64 th
14 Years Girls [155]	Leah Homden 38 th	Rick Oliver 88 th
Lisa Fleming 18 th	Open Girls [104]	16 Years Boys [142]
Courtney Morrow 65 th	Sarah Barham 12 th	Anthony Jamieson 16 th
Meaghan Armstrong 67 th	Jacinta Cameron 30 th	Sean Mantell 80 th
Bethany Griffiths 68 th	Sarah Morris 48 th	Open Boys [131]
15 Years Girls [137]	13 Years Boys [209]	Nathan Watson 38 th
Sian Wynd 46 th	Billy Parry 46 th	Lee Oliver 50 th
Kristy McEvoy 54 th	Ryan Folkes 52 nd	Best performed team
Charlotte Hilbig 55 th	Brody Stewart 76 th	15 Years Boys -3rd
Sadie Slorach 60 th	Hayden Thompson 79 th	

Highlights as seen by a random spectator on the hill:

- * Lisa Fleming's controlled solo run in the 14 Year Girls.
- * Rick Oliver's stoic run in the 15 Year Boys – thanks Rick for filling in at late notice.
- * The significant improvement made by Nellie Driscoll over the three levels of cross country.
- * The consistency of the 16 Year Girls – Nellie 25th, Bronwyn 34th, Carly 36th, Amelia 37th and Leah 38th.
- * Anthony Jamieson's strength and commitment against taller, specialist cross country athletes in the 16 Year Boys.
- * Sean Mantell's flying start. He led the Boys 16 Years for 200m.
- * Nathan Watson complaining of sunburn ...in Ballarat ...in the middle of winter.



Band Shirts At the beginning of Term 2, members of the school music program were given the opportunity to design a shirt for the music program. The shirt needed to be able to be worn by Combrio, the school concert band, Stage Band and the school choir. Each person was given a design template and a certain number of requirements the shirt had to cover. The shirt had to be on a black background and only use 2 colours. We were given a number of weeks to come up with a design. In the end it came down to 2 designs. My design won. It was drawn by Amanda Woltjen. The idea behind designing a shirt for the music program is to make us look more formal and more like a group when we do performances or compete in competitions. **By Shawnee McIntosh**



Pictured: Amanda Woltjen and Shawnee McIntosh

Girls Football - Thursday 25th June 2009

Year 7/8

Game 1

Stawell SC v St Brigids **SSC 6 2 38 def St Brigids 0 1 1**

Goals Bethany Griffiths 4 **Best** Ellen Williams
 Emma Dwyer 1
 Demi Tangey 1 Micheala Armer

Game 2

Stawell SC v Warracknabeal **SSC 4 4 28 def Warack 0 1 1**

Goals Bethany Griffiths 2 **Best** Danielle Taylor
 Ellen Williams 1 Courtney Morrow
 Demi Tangey 1 Ellen Williams

Game 3

Stawell SC v Murtoa **Murtoa 4 3 27 def SSC 0 2 2**

Best Meaghan Armstrong
 Courtney Morrow
 Ellen Williams

Semi Final

Stawell SC v Murtoa **Murtoa 2 3 15 def SSC 0 2 2**

Best Ellen Williams
 Demi Tangey
 Lucy Pollock

Best Player Medal **Ellen Williams**

Year 9/10

Game 1

Stawell SC v Murtoa **SSC 3 6 24 def Murtoa 1 2 8**

Goals Shae Hannett 2 **Best** Jess Stewart
 Lauren Armstrong 1 Brittany Tiley
 Elly Homden 1 Maddi Jelly
 Caitlyn Virgona 1 Elly Homden
 Leah Homden

Game 2

Stawell SC Ararat CC. **SSC 12 10 82 def Ararat 2 5 17**

Goals Lauren Armstrong 5 **Best** Jess Stewart
 Elly Homden 2 Lauren Armstrong
 Leah Homden 2 Elly Homden
 Jess Stewart 2 Leah Homden
 Maddi Jelly 1 Brittany Tiley

Game 3

Stawell SC v Horsham SC **Horsham 3 1 19 def SSC 1 3 9**

Goals Maddi Jelly **Best** Maddi Jelly
 Jess Stewart
 Brittany Tiley

Best Player Medal **Jess Stewart**

Year 11/12

Game 1

Stawell SC v Ararat **Ararat 7 3 45 def SSC 4 1 25**

Goals Caitlyn Murphy 1 **Best** Amanda Woltjen
 Sarah Alborough 1 Lisa Monaghan
 Shelby Grant 1 Alice Torpy
 Sarah Barham 1

Game 2

Stawell SC v St Brigids. **St Brigids 6 3 39 def SSC 3 2 20**

Goals Lisa Monaghan 1 **Best** Lisa Monaghan
 Shelby Grant 1 Bec Potter
 Amanda Woltjen 1 Amanda Woltjen

Game 3

Stawell SC v Horsham SC **SSC 8 6 54 def Horsham 1 1 7**

Goals Lisa Monaghan 4 **Best** Shelby Grant
 Shelby Grant 2 Amanda Woltjen
 Amanda Woltjen 2 Lisa Monaghan
 Caitlyn Murphy

Best Player Medal **Amanda Woltjen**



Mitch Olafsen with Yr 9 & 10 Team



Ellen Williams Yr 7/8 Medal Winner

Yr 7/8 team

David Morris
 Coach
 addresses Yr
 7/8 team



Celebrating 100 years of Distance Education

The Distance Education Centre Victoria (DECV) is celebrating 100 years of Victorian government distance and correspondence education. A celebration for past students, teachers and friends of the DECV and the Correspondence School will be held at DEVC Thornbury on the afternoon of **Sunday 18 October 2009 starting at 2.00pm**. We also seek memories or memorabilia of the last 100 years.

Please RSVP to centenary@distance.vic.edu.au or write to the DECV at 315 Clarendon Street Thornbury 3071.

CALENDAR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 17th School Production Practice –
Miss Lee & Miss Edwards
Mon 20th Year 11 Physics Excursion
– Miss Sestokas
Tue 21st Year 11 Physics Excursion –
Miss Sestokas
VCAL Tree Planting – Mr. Williams
Wimmera Yr 9/10 Netball—Mr Illig
Wed 22nd Year 11 Physics Excursion –
Miss Sestokas
Visiting Musical Group – Miss Lee
Thu 23rd GRAMPS Excursion –
Mr. Cameron
Year 10 ESL Excursion –
Mrs. Radovic
Fri 24th German Studies Excursion –
Ms. Smith
VSSSA State Cross Country Championships
Mon 27th Rubicon Camp – Mr. Malloy
Tue 28th Rubicon Camp – Mr. Malloy
Wed 29th Rubicon Camp – Mr. Malloy
Thu 30th Rubicon Camp – Mr. Malloy
Fri 31st Rubicon Camp – Mr. Malloy
Year 8.1 English Excursion –
Mrs. Kirsch
Jeparit Shoot – Mr. Sawyer

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year **do not need to lodge another EMA application** to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to apply for the Second instalment need to complete an application form available from the school office by 7th August, 2009. Applications close on **7 August 2009**.

To be eligible for the EMA:

- Your child must be under the age of sixteen; **and**
- Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, **27 February 2009** for the first instalment and **7 August 2009** for the second instalment; **and**

You must on **28 January 2009** for the first instalment and **13 July 2009**, for the second instalment:

- be a parent or legal guardian of the student; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder **or**
- be a foster parent.

Further information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information

Key Dates:

Eligibility day - **13 July 2009**

Parent applications close - **7 August 2009**

Census day - **7 August 2009**

EFT payments - **Mid August 2009** onwards

Cheque payments - **Late August / Early September 2009**

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BUS TRIP TO “JERSEY BOYS”

LEAVE STAWELL: 9AM

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2009

@ RETRAVISION CARPARK

(DRINKS & NIBBLES PROVIDED)

\$150

RETURNING TO STAWELL
APPROX 9PM

BOOKINGS WITH PAT @
SSC:5358 1700

\$50 DEPOSIT

