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Principals Report

I hope that this newsletter finds you well during these ever-changing times. The year continues to unfold with surprises at most turns and we all continue to need to be flexible as we adjust to the changing restrictions.

Thankfully it seems as vaccination rates across the state rise, restrictions ease and we can move back to something which looks and feels more normal than our experience of the past eighteen months.

Given the easing of restrictions, the College can confirm that we are now able to hold the Year 12 Valedictory. This has looked very unlikely until now. This is fabulous news and allows us to celebrate the Class of 2021 alongside students, parents and guardians, albeit within the current community restrictions. As a result of the Victorian Government roadmap out of COVID-19 restrictions and the density quotient associated with indoor events of one person per four square metres, the event will be outdoors. The 2021 Valedictory will subsequently be held at Bennett's Winery on Wednesday 17th November between 6.00pm and 9.30pm. This is a change of venue which has come about as a result of the need to relocate outdoors to accommodate the required numbers of students and parents/guardians.

Given the outdoor setting at this venue, the density quotient remains at DQ2 (one person per two square metres) and can accommodate 350, **where staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.** This is a requirement of the hospitality sector given Victorian Government regulations at this time. Cover will be provided in the case the weather is inclement, in the form of a marquee. At the time of the Valedictory, masks will be mandatory indoors but are no longer required outdoors. Given the capacity of 350, each student will be limited to a maximum of three tickets. Due to this limitation, students may only be accompanied by two parents/guardians.

Please note that all in attendance will be required to carry a mask and provide proof of identity and vaccination on arrival.

Year 12 Exams began today with the first of the written examinations (English) conducted this morning. As usual there was an anxious quiet amongst the students as they waited to move into the exam room

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24 Hour Absence Line

5251 9010

All student absences must be reported to the College the day of absence.

Absences can also be updated via Compass Parent Portal

College Principal
Wayne Johannesen
Assistant Principals—Drysdale
Luke Swekes & Damian Marra
Assistant Principals—Ocean Grove
Pierre Grzybek & Sarah Foley

Year Level	Leader of Learning	Corio	Lonsdale	Nepean	Swan
Junior 7 & 8	Kane Dougherty	Bob Marmion	Esther McRae	Justin Crisostomo	Kelly Clitheroe
Middle 9 & 10	Andrew Grimshaw	Mel Di Niro	Patrick McIntosh	Louise Campbell	Barry Davies
Senior 11 & 12	Vanessa Wedding	Terri-Anne Finch	Kristie Miles	Sue Blacket	James Rollinson

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and I am sure they now feel better now given the first of the examinations has been completed.

As you would expect there are very clear protocols that govern the conduct of the examinations and I thank our team of supervisors, headed by Jan Lane. Jan has been the Head Supervisor for some years now and I thank her for her commitment to this role and her support of our students throughout these important examinations. I also acknowledge and thank Damian Marra (Assistant Principal), Vanessa Wedding (Later Years Leader), MS Jan Morgan (Education Support), and the Senior House Leaders in Mrs Miles, Ms Blacket, Mrs Finch and Mr Rollinson for their support of students at this time.

On behalf of the College community I wish our senior students well in their final examinations and trust their work across the past year, and indeed their schooling, is suitably rewarded! Good luck!

As the restrictions under which the College and indeed our community currently are experiencing ease, there have been some significant changes which will help to support students and their learning.

As of November 1st incursions and excursions are able to occur, this will also see the return of inter-school sport. We will also see a return of visitors to schools and we will be permitted to conduct school tours. Of course, in each instance we must comply with COVID-Safe practices and., where applicable, must align with public gathering limits and density requirements.

We certainly welcome the easing of restrictions but ease back to some relative normality with caution given the risk of infection and school closure.

While we expect to be able to conduct the normal Grade 6 Orientation Program over two days in December (Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th), we must wait until closer to the date before we are able to confirm what we will be permitted to do as part of these days to support students to make this transition successfully.

I thank students and their families for the manner in which students have complied with the require-

Important Dates

Date	Event
November 2021	
Now until Wednesday 17th	Year 12 Exams
Monday 1st	Last Day Unit 1 & 2 Classes (Year 11)
Friday 5th—Friday 12th	Year 11 Exams
Thursday 4th	Last day VCAL
Friday 5th—Friday 12th	VCAL Work Placements
Monday 15th	Year 12 2022 Commencement
Wednesday 17th	Year 12 2021 Valedictory Evening at Bennett's Winery
Tuesday 23rd	Year 7 Immunisation—2nd dose
Wednesday 24th	College Council—Ocean Grove Campus
Thursday 25	Year 12 2022 Course Sign off
Friday 26th	Student Free Day—Staff Professional Learning
Monday 29th	Last day Year 10 classes
Tuesday 30th	Year 11 2022 Commencement
December 2021	
Wednesday 1st	Year 9—Gordon Tertiary Futures Program
Friday 3rd	Year 11 2022 Course Sign off
Tuesday 7th	Year 7 Excursion
Tuesday 7th—Wednesday 8th	Year 6 to 7 2022 Orientation at Ocean Grove Campus
Tuesday 7th—Thursday 9th	Year 8 into 9 2022 Orientation at Drysdale Campus
Wednesday 8th	Final College Council 2021
Monday 13th	End of year Activities
Thursday 16th	Administration Closes
Thursday 16th	Virtual Awards Ceremony

Save the Date

Year 12 2021 Valedictory Evening

Wednesday 17th November 2021

Bennetts Winery from 6pm | Tickets $45

Tickets on sale now through your Compass Portal

Compass

Click the Compass Icon to log on to your portal.

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ment to have and wear a face mask. The requirement to wear a mask will be adjusted according to DET requirements as the restrictions ease and will be informed by the instructions of the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the resilience of the College community over the past 18 months. Staff, students and families have been terribly resilient as we have all navigated the ever changing landscape. It is now important for us to learn from the experience and move forward with this learning as we address any gaps in learning that appear as a result of the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Class teachers and Education Support staff look forward to working alongside students and their parents/guardians to focus strongly on future learning and support the wellbeing of our students as young learners.

Wayne Johannesen
College Principal

Bakers Delight SBAT opportunity

A school-based apprenticeship opportunity exists to commence as soon as possible at Bakers Delight Ocean Grove.

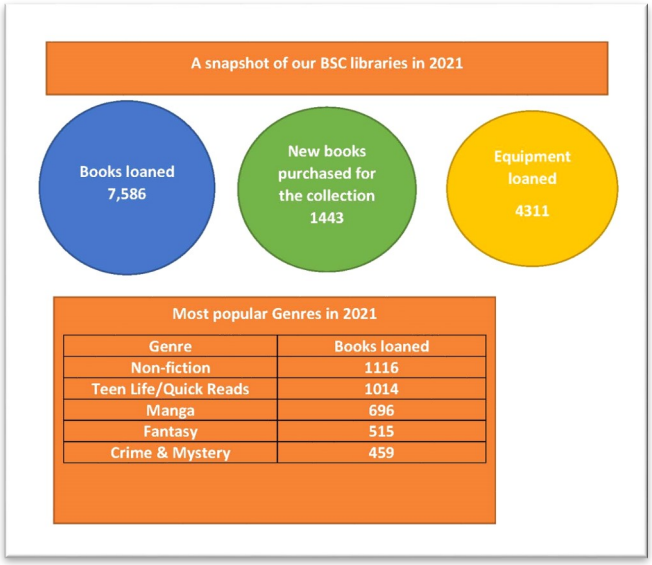
This would be a Certificate 3 in Baking. It would require the students to start work at 5am and finish 1pm one day per week (minimum) and up to two days of work. The training would be delivered by MEGT.

If interested, please speak to Scott McDonald or Tara Lynch.

Barwon Health

Year 7 Immunisation—2nd Dose

Tuesday 23rd November from 9am



It is great to have students back in the class room!

Pictures are Mrs Blacket's HHD class exploring the areas of development through childhood. Social, intellectual, emotional and physical.

Congratulations to Kirah and Lily for completing the 'make a toy' remote task. They were excellent.

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2022 Student Leadership

We are currently seeking applications to be a student leader in 2022. There are a number of positions that are new next year and we encourage all students to apply.

To find out more information about student leadership for 2022, please click the link below which will take you to the application form – this will provide some more information about student leadership roles on offer for 2022 and will allow you to apply.

Ocean Grove Nomination Form: Click HERE

Drysdale Nomination Form: Click HERE

Why should I be a student leader? There is lots of rewards:

⇒ Develop Leadership Skills

⇒ Opportunity to have a say in the way the school operates

⇒ Represents your friends and classmates in meetings

⇒ Attend Leadership Training events

⇒ Catered Meetings

⇒ Positive reference for after-school.

You can also see Mr.Mitri or Chani in the library for more information

Roles and Responsibilities

All students elected to leadership positions are expected to attend regular lunchtime meetings at their campus, as well as attending important school events (Information Nights etc.) In meetings, Students are expected to represent the wishes of students in their house, year level or campus. Student Leaders are expected to be role models who regularly demonstrate our expected school values.

There are specific roles that each leadership position has – which are listed below:

Year 7 and 8 Ocean Grove Class Captains - New

⇒ Provide a support person to the class and teacher.

⇒ Communicate with House Leaders about class-related issues.

⇒ Lead a student voice activity once a term in their class.

⇒ Support your House MUFTI Day.

You must apply to be Class Captain first, with an election of House Captains and Campus Captains to occur later this year.

Year 9, 10, 11 - Drysdale Student Voice Representatives - New

⇒ Represent student voice of your year level in meetings with key staff and students.

⇒ Lead action projects that support your year level.

⇒ Helps collect student voice data from their year level.

Year 10 and 12 - Intermediate and Senior House Captains

⇒ Leads organisation of House MUFTI Day

⇒ Supports House Leaders with organisation of Athletic and Swimming Teams

⇒ Regularly meets with House Leader

⇒ Represents house at assemblies and other events.

Year 12 College Captains

⇒ Lead assemblies

⇒ Represent the school at a variety of events and in media opportunities

⇒ Lead a group of students and collect student voice from all year levels

⇒ Meet regularly with Mr. Johannesen

⇒ Represent student voice of your year level in meetings with key staff and students.

⇒ Lead action projects that support your year level.

⇒ Supports MUFTI Day organisation.

We welcome all student applications. Applications close on Friday November 5th.

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Wellbeing Report

Mental Health Week is an awareness week that was first held in 1985 and is now a National annual event. This year, we thought it was important to celebrate the resilience of students and our school community by providing fun activities, spreading kindness, and practicing mindfulness and gratitude.

At the Senior campus the wellbeing team supported students with fresh fruit, icy poles, half-court shot competitions, friendship bracelets for reflection and creating something special for someone you appreciate. Ocean Grove campus ran a basketball hoop comp, drum beat, handball comp, origami, dream catcher making, mindfulness painting and a ping pong competition. Some classes across year 7's to 9 also had a mental health Kahoot to test their knowledge and create awareness about mental health. The kids enjoyed the prizes and getting involved in the activities.

Don't forget, prevention is better than cure, so look out for your mates, have a healthy balance of exercise, food and sleep, and ask the simple question RUOK?

The Student Wellbeing page has also been updated and now includes valuable links to not only the wellbeing team across the college, programs and information how to access team members but external supports and fact sheets about mental health, strategies, stress, mindfulness, yoga and lots more. This page is a great resource for parents and student encompassing information, links and supports for the whole family. The below QR code is the link to the Student Wellbeing page that will also be made available in 2022 school diary. Please check out the page as it will be regularly updated with events and information.

Click Here

2022 year 7's will be getting a keyring at their orientation in the coming month. The key ring will have student art on one side and the QR code to take them to the Student Wellbeing page/ community resources. Please encourage your child to enter the art competition that is running this week. The winning entry will be the art piece on the student key ring. Entries to be emailed to nicole.wirth@education.vic.gov.au

Thankyou

Student Wellbeing Team

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Important changes to the Bellarine Peninsula Public Transport Ticketing System for 2022

Ahead of the 2022 school year, we ask families to please familiarise themselves with the bus routes and timetables to ensure all students arrive on time in the morning and depart safely in the afternoon. It is important to note that bus times are subject to change and may vary depending on weather, public events and traffic conditions. In the event the bus service is significantly delayed, Bellarine Secondary College will notify the community via Compass and the college Facebook page.

Important Change – McHarry's Buslines

Bellarine Secondary College students are served by multiple dedicated public bus routes provided by McHarry's Bus lines, which service the Bellarine Peninsula. These buses are controlled by Public Transport Victoria (PTV) and travellers require a valid Transit Student Pass (TSP) to travel on all of these buses. Please ensure your child carries their valid Transit Student Pass (TSP) when travelling on public transport. Any student that applies to travel to/from school on the following buses* will need to purchase a Geelong Transit Student Pass (TSP) in 2022.

*D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8 and SI3

*OG1, OG2, OG3, OG4 OG5 and OG6

To determine which bus your child will be able to travel on, you can search the timetables / maps found on the McHarry's website at https://mcharrys.com.au/school-bus/ or contact McHarry's on 5223 211.

How Do Families Apply for a TSP? –

Purchase a Transit Student Pass (TSP)

If your child has a Bellarine Secondary College Student ID card - they take their ID card directly to the Geelong V/Line Train Station or the PTV Hub in Westfield Geelong to purchase a Geelong half-yearly or yearly pass.

If your child does not have a Bellarine Secondary College Student ID card please complete the PTV School Student ID and Student Pass application form available from the Ocean Grove and Drysdale office or online at https://bit.ly/3bAtNLF. To complete the form, you will need to obtain two passport photographs before the form can be validated. Take the completed form with passport photos to either administration office at Bellarine Secondary College for validation and then take the validated form to purchase a Geelong half-yearly or yearly pass to the Geelong V/Line Train Station or the PTV Hub in Westfield Geelong.

Families may be eligible to claim a reimbursement for the costs of the TSP from the Department of Education and Training. **Eligibility refers to families residing more than 4.8km** by the shortest practical route within the closest zoned school according to Find My School https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/

Claim for Reimbursement

Complete a Conveyance Allowance application and a reimbursement form available from the school website or from either campus then submit to the Administration Office, with an attached copy of the ticket purchase receipt. Bellarine Secondary College will then apply for a conveyance allowance reimbursement via DET on the families' behalf. Reimbursements will be completed in January the following year.

Public Transport

The most economical public transport ticket for most families to purchase is likely to be the Geelong TSP which in 2021 cost $353 (yearly ticket) or $177 (half-yearly), we recommend a Yearly Ticket. A benefit for families is that Geelong TSP allows for unlimited travel on all bus services in the Geelong area including the Bellarine Peninsula, Torquay & Jun Juc, and on V/Line trains between (Zone 4 + 5) Marshall, South Geelong, Geelong, North Geelong, North Shore, Corio, Waurn Ponds and Lara train stations.

Bellarine Secondary College coordinates this program as required by Department of Education and Training and Public Transport Victoria. Decisions made on bus services are not a school decision. We will relay all concerns to PTV and DET and continue to work on getting better services for our growing population.

Need Help? If you have questions or concerns relating to the School Bus Program please email our Bus Coordinator, Shae Dunstan at shae.dunstan@education.vic.gov.au

Regards,

Wayne Johannesen
Principal

Shae Dunstan
Administration Leader and Bussing Coordinator

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The eSafety commissioner's office has just released some great parent sessions around understanding how online activity can affect young people's mental wellbeing. Follow the registration link below.

eSafety parent guide to digital technologies and mental health

Between 19 October and 18 November, the Australian eSafety Commissioner's office is offering a series of webinars to provide parents and carers with an understanding of how online activity can affect young people's mental wellbeing.

These webinars will cover:

- current research on young people, time online and mental health
- what do to about accidental exposure to content about suicide, self-harm or eating disorders
- using games, apps and social media to support mental wellbeing
- the pros and cons of digital mental health platforms

strategies for young people to support friends online.
Registration (gotowebinar.com)

It is time to have your say

NORTH BELLARINE AQUATIC CENTRE SURVEY

North Bellarine Aquatic Centre ADVOCACY GROUP

The North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Advocacy Group (NBACAG) are an independent group of volunteers who are interested in advocating for a suitable aquatic centre to be built at the Sports Precinct in Drysdale that meets the needs of all the community.

Your input is vital and valued and will mean that we can keep advocating for an aquatic facility that meets the community needs.

To complete the survey (less than 5 mins)

- scan the QR code (above) *or*

- go to our Facebook page North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Advocacy Group and the link is in the news feed *or*

- follow the link: **https://www.menti.com/yua8rwv95h** and type into your browser code **9818 5415**

We thank you for your contribution

Community Noticeboard

Parenting Kids Who worry: Share some information and strategies to help kids worry less alongside how to develop an action plan for helping them move from feeling anxious to feeling more empowered and able to act when they are uncomfortable. The webinar will be recorded but you can stay to chat which will not be recorded.

Date: Wed 3rd Nov. 12pm 90minutes. $10 or free concession

Register online so you can either join us or be sent a later recording.

drummond street Parenting Children Who Worry - drummond street

.FREE webinar with Paul Dillon + help us improve! (mailchi.mp)

Join us for our next FREE webinar with Paul Dillon! This webinar is for school staff, parents and guardians who are looking for information about teens and risk taking.

Using the latest research on the developing brain, the webinar will discuss why adolescence is a period of 'risk-taking' and the reasons why young people make the decisions they do during this time. Sleepovers, parties and gatherings provide teens with valuable opportunities to develop important socialising skills but are not 'risk-free'.

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Community Noticeboard

Are you aged between 12-17 and interested in having a platform where you can use your voice to represent your peers, make a difference and learn more about local government decision-making?

We're looking for 12 passionate new members from across Greater Geelong to join the 2022 Youth Council.

If you are someone with great ideas, a desire to make a change and would like to represent your peers, put your hand up as a 2022 Youth Council candidate!

If you have any questions or require more information jump on to our Instagram- @geelongyouthcouncil and send us a DM. **Nominations are open from 15 October – 12 November 2021 so keep an eye out on our socials for more information about how to apply.**