

Principal's Piece

This is our final newsletter for 2018. It has been a fantastic year. There has been so many highlights from across the year including:

- Great learning programs happening each and every day in our classrooms.
- Missions program, including the trip to Chang Mai in Northern Thailand
- The commencement of a College Playgroup
- Kingdom day – a conference day for secondary students lead by students, for students
- Camps across the different year levels
- College Showcase evening and Tuition Soiree presentation
- Leadership development of our students, including development of House Captain roles, SRC and students leading in the Kinder Science/PMP program.
- Lots of fantastic sporting events and achievements across the year.

As I chat with many prospective parents, I am pleased that our College has such a strongly positive reputation in the broader community of Shepparton. This is for a variety of reasons. We have a wonderful group of students in our College. We have parents who are supportive of the culture and vision of our school. We have a dedicated and talented team of teachers and support staff. Our students are blessed by the community that is Shepparton Christian College.

The concept of Christian Education is really important in our College. As a school, we are here to serve our young people, our community and our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to hold firm and strong to our Biblical foundations. Our staff are encouraged to find ways to continue to integrate a Christian/Biblical worldview into the curriculum.

At this time of year, we celebrate. We celebrate the year that has been. We get together with family and friends. We give gifts and enjoy feasts. The most important part of this time of year is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

December

Fri 7	Whole School Awards Assembly
Mon 10	Grade 6 Celebration
Mon 10 - Wed	Activity Days
Wed 12	End of Term
	Reports emailed out
Mon 17	VCE/VCAL Results available
Tue 18	Office closes at 12noon

February

Mon 4	First Day Term 1
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Isaiah 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Over the coming festive season, may you truly know the joy and blessings of Jesus Christ. Have a happy and safe break and I look forward to an exciting 2019.

God Bless.

Chris Aiton



Merry Christmas

We wish all of our families a safe and Merry Christmas.



Celebration Night

Shepparton Christian College held its 2nd annual Celebration Night at Eastbank on 3 Dec 2018. The event was filled with a variety of programs such as speeches, award presentations, musical and dance performances, and investitures of school and house captains. Guests, students and families also enjoyed viewing the art work displays of our talented school students at the foyer. We thank all staff, the school board members, students, volunteers for making the Celebration Night a success. Shepparton Christian College also would like to extend its gratitude towards the Goulburn Murray Local Learning & Employment Network, the mayor Kim O'Keefe, the ADF personnel—Lieutenant Zachary Sue, and Caltex for contributing to this night of celebration. Above all, we honour the name of Jesus Christ for leading the school throughout this year.



Last Day

Our last day of term for students is Wednesday 12th December. Dismissal time is 3:15pm. Buses will also run at this time.

Congratulations Grade 6 Class

Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students for their efforts throughout their primary education. We pray that they transition well into Secondary school and wish them all the very best.



Grade 6 Bike Ed Program

This semester, Grade 6 students have been participating in a Bike Education program designed to teach them about bike safety and on-road skills. They have discovered how gears work, emergency breaking techniques, how to navigate intersections and how to travel in groups. The program concludes next Tuesday with a ride to Mooroopna and lunch at McDonalds! Special thanks to Ryan McGowan and Alyssa Cooper for their help as support riders during on-road sessions.

Mr Cooper



SCHOOL NEWS



The **2018 Year 12 Graduation Dinner** was held at Olivehouse Event and Function Venue on the 22nd November. It was an absolutely meaningful and God-glorifying event where families, friends, staff and board members of Shepparton Christian College celebrated the relationships that were fostered within the community. During the event, there were speeches, musical performance, prayers of thanksgiving and blessings, gift presentations and photo-taking sessions. On behalf of the 2018 Year 12s, we thank Shepparton Christian College, Parents & Friends Association, families and friends, as well as all the organisers of such unique and marvellous celebratory event.



Prep—3 Dinner & Sleep Over

On Friday the 30th of November Shepparton Christian College had a sleep over. The Grade 2/3's got to sleep at school but the prep/1's went home at 6:00 pm. My second favourite thing was the movie. We also got to make cookies, do a scavenger hunt and make a paper flower card. After we all did that we had hot dogs for dinner and ate cookies. The best part about the sleep over was that we got to stay up till 10:00 pm. That was the best sleep over ever.

By Willow Peric

We had a sleepover on Friday night. Burpzilla was one book we read. My favourite part of the book was no one really remembers Samantha, Mark and Rob. In the book Frank ate them all, one by one, with potatoes and corn cob. It was funny. We read two books and Burpzilla was my favourite book. The Grade 2/3 had the sleepover.

The Magic School Bus was the movie that the Grade 2/3 watched. There was a girl who turned into a plant. It was fun. The next story was Duck! The story started with - It was a quiet afternoon on the farm, when suddenly... Duck! I found it funny when duck came running out of no where and yelled duck! I liked the sleepover.

By Danikah and Lilly

On Friday the thirtieth of November Shepparton Christian College had the school sleepover. The Prep/Ones did activities with the Two/Threes. The Prep/Ones had to go home at six. The Two/Threes got to stay overnight.

One of the activities was a scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt had really easy objects to find but really hard letters to find.

After that we rotated. I got to ice a biscuit and I put M&Ms and marshmallows on it. They were delicious!

Then we made flowers. We had to cut out the pieces. Glue them together and colour them.

Then we had dinner. Dinner was hotdogs. The hotdogs were delicious. Then we had our cookies and an icy pole. After we watched a movie. It was the Magic School Bus.

We had waffles and popcorn. The waffles were delicious.

Then we did Science. In Science we got to go outside and chose something to look at under the microscope.

Then we went to bed. Mrs Harland read a book to the girls. Mrs King read to the boys. Everyone was asleep by quarter past ten. It was the best sleepover yet!!!!

By Ruby P

On Friday, we had a sleepover. For dinner we had hotdogs, we would like to thank Mr Cooper and Mrs Cooper for making them. After dinner Mrs Harland gave us ice-poles. For breakfast Mrs Haland made us toast and cornflakes.

By Gracie

The boys were in the L.O.T.E. room. It was fun. The boys were loud. I was happy playing with the fun things I did. There were mosquitos in the L.O.T.E. room. My sleeping bag was nice and soft

By Patrick

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At the sleepover we made biscuits and Mrs Harland told us to make a flower on the biscuits with icing. The colour was red and green and we had some sprinkles, marshmallows and m&ms to decorate the biscuits, it was beautiful and after tea we ate the biscuits and they were yummy .

At the sleepover we had a barn dance. We partnered with lots of different people . Mr Tan said the girls won on the barn dancing, so we got a prize. The boys got stickers. The stickers were golden and had an eagle on it.

By Pershia and Anna



On Friday 30th the Grade 2/3 had a sleepover. At around 7:00pm we went to a science classroom. We were looking at the parts of the microscope. Mr Aiton wrote numbers on a piece of paper and we used the microscopes to look at them. After that, Isaac and I took an ant and put it in a petri dish. Everyone else found other things to look at. When we put the ant under the microscope it was blurry and bad but then Isaac made it way better by adjusting the microscope. We went to another microscope to look at the spider and Isaac also made it better. We also took a look at the sand. It looked like crystal and if we turned it to 40 times bigger it looked amazing. I liked it and I want to do it again next time.

By Yi Reh Tay

FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERING



The following article has been taken from the My Career Match website and has been adapted for the Weekly Career News, <http://bit.ly/2k2LN9g>

Volunteering is the single most overlooked skill on resumes.

If you knew that as many as 86% of influencers believe that volunteering would make you more competitive among a pool of job seekers, wouldn't you make sure to put that activity front and centre on your resume? If you are a student and are told that most scholarships are given to people who volunteer wouldn't you go out and volunteer?

According to the 2016 Deloitte Impact Survey there is a huge disconnect between how important it is to hiring influencers and how much candidates are leveraging their volunteerism to get jobs. Survey respondents found that only 30% of resumes list volunteering. In the recruitment world of jobs and job seekers, recruiters are overwhelmingly in favour of volunteering as a professional development tool. Among the findings:

- 92% believe volunteering expands an employee's professional skill set
- 85% are willing to overlook resume pitfalls when an employee includes volunteering on a resume.
- 82% are more likely to choose a candidate with volunteering experience
- 80% believe volunteering is an effective way to boost leadership skills
- 73% believe people who volunteer are more successful

These skills make young volunteers much more successful on the labour market, compared to their peers, who lack volunteering experience.

For students having volunteer experience on their resume is extremely beneficial and an advantage over those who don't.

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them.

For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is that they find it both challenging and rewarding.

Resource Links

- Deloitte's 2016 Impact Survey: <http://bit.ly/2m5QuyM>
- How to find volunteer work, Youth Central, <http://bit.ly/1T6hG57>
- Volunteering Australia, <https://bit.ly/2q8vqsy>
- GVI - Under 18 international programs, <https://bit.ly/2DKc18e>

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN HEALTH?



My Health Career is a fantastic website that has career resources such as information sheets and videos about careers in several health fields such as physiotherapy, optometry and occupational therapy, <http://bit.ly/23jzykd>

What is the difference between physiotherapy and occupational therapy? Professor Susan Brandis from Bond University explains in this fantastic article, <http://bit.ly/2A9qsRq>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

29: Open Days, Holmesglen Institute, various campuses, <http://bit.ly/1vxdZMy>

30: Graduate Exhibition and Fashion Runway, Whitehouse College of Design, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2E81RAj>

DECEMBER

4 – 8: Experience Monash Indigenous Summer Camp, Monash University, <https://bit.ly/2z6KGtO>

13: Information Night, SAE Institute, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2DTkqlc>

15, 22: UMAT Medical Interviews Workshop, NIE, Adara, <https://bit.ly/2lwOgJt>

JANUARY 2019

4 – 13: Filmmaking Summer School, University of Melbourne, www.summerfilmschool.com/

9: Open Day, JMC Academy, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2nRkDB4>

14 – 16: The ConocoPhillips Science Experience, The University of Melbourne, Dookie campus, <https://bit.ly/2ap3Cau>

7 – 18: MU Student Union VCE Summer School, <http://bit.ly/1NjTv31>

7, 15, 23: Keeper for a Day, Werribee Open Range Zoo, <https://bit.ly/2n79TeZ>

23: Information Session, The Hotel School Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2KwKY1u>

'Carols in the Park'



SATURDAY 8th Dec @ 6:30PM

John Gray Oval, McLennan Street, Mooroopna

Bring your picnic baskets, blankets & chairs with over 1.5 acres of lawn

Award Wining Local Artists and special guest, Santa Claus

- Dress-up Nativity Scene Photo Booth
- Jumping Castles • Face Painting
- Carol Songbooks • LED Candles
- Freshly Roasted Coffee
- Kiwanis BBQ & drinks
- Off-street Parking & more



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