



Principal's Piece

As they say, time flies when you are having fun. It has been a great term and first half to the year. It has been fantastic to see the learning and growth of each of our young people, coupled with some great community activities. God is doing good things at Shepparton Christian College.

It is reports time, and written semester reports will be emailed to parents on the last day of term (Friday 29/6). These reports not only contain summative grades for the semester, but also have some valuable feedback for students and parents on how to improve your child's learning in Semester 2. I encourage each of you to take the time to read the reports with your child, and discuss the things that teachers have written.

There are two staffing changes happening as the semester draws to a close. Bethany Edgar has been a learning support staff member for around 6 years. She has recently obtained a full time role in a different profession. Victor Zhao, who has been teaching secondary maths in the College, has also submitted his resignation. We thank both of these staff members for their contributions to our College and wish them both God's richest blessings in their future endeavours.

It was a real privilege last week to attend the Music Tuition Soiree. It was fantastic to see the growth in the musical talents of our students. Congratulations to all the students who presented, and keep up the good work. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our music tutors who are so gifted and professional in teaching our young people in this area. Thanks to Mrs Asten Peric, Mr Daniel Fenby and Mr Philip Tan.

The first 2 days (Mon 16/7 & Tue 17/7) of term 3 are student free days to allow our staff team to attend some professional development. We will be heading to Bendigo for these days with the Monday being a retreat day for staff and Tuesday the Christian Schools Australia Conference day. These are important days in continuing to feed into and develop our staff team.

Over the term break, and into week 1 of term 3, we have a group of 10 students with 2 staff heading to Thailand for our bi-annual missions trip. Please keep this group in your prayers. There is more information about this later in this newsletter.

Education is about many things. At a basic level is it about pure academics. This is important and our team do an excellent job (backed by solid data) in the area of academics. But, education is about more than academics. It is about the development of the whole person. The most significant part of this is the development of character. Our College values assist us as to focus on the areas of character development that we see as vital.

Upcoming Events

July

Sun 8 - Fri 20	Thailand Mission Trip
Mon 16 - Fri 20	Yr 10 Work Experience
Mon 16 - Tue 17	Staff Development Days
Wed 18	Term 3 Begins

As a reminder, the values are Compassion, Humility, Respect, Integrity, Service and Truth (CHRIST acronym).

In the last newsletter I wrote about Compassion. This time, I would like to briefly explore the idea of Humility. The Bible talks about humility in a number of ways. It talks about putting God first, about trusting in God rather than man, about serving others.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

The Bible also talks about being bold and courageous. It talks about soaring on wings like eagles. It talks about the believers being honoured as sons and daughters of the Father God.

For me, humility is about knowing who we are in God, being confident in that, and seeking to build into the Kingdom of God through showing God's love in action. This is the attitude and character we seek for our young people.

I wish you all a happy and safe winter holiday and I look forward to all the exciting learning and growing that will take place in Semester 2.

God Bless



Important

Term 2 finishes on Friday 29 June at 2.15pm (bus pick up will also be at this time). This will be a casual clothes day. Please bring a gold coin donation to go towards our sponsor child. Semester 1 reports will be emailed out on Friday.

Students commence Term 3 on Wednesday 18th July.

Black Dog Institute visit



On the 15th of June, Dale Skinner from the Black Dog Institute came to our school to talk about the issues young people face with depression, anxiety, suicide and other mental health problems. Dale also shared some of his own personal experiences of living with mental health issues. The statistics and examples that Dale presented to us were devastating, especially the fact that 7 people commit suicide every day, 6 of whom are men. But the presentation was not all doom and gloom. Dale also taught the students how to seek professional support, create a great friend support group, and how to keep a positive mindset when things like depression and anxiety afflict you.

On behalf of the students, I would like to thank Dale and the Black Dog Institute, for coming to our school and educating us on the real issues young people face with mental health.

Jonah Green, Year 11

Dale spoke to us about the importance of and being aware of anxiety, depression and suicide. He also spoke about how we can have a fit mind for when anxiety pops up. The speaker was really thorough and gave a clear message about being aware of anxiety, depression and suicide.

He shared how it is really important that teenagers are informed of these things even though it may not seem relevant to them, because more and more teenagers are committing suicide each year. He enforced that it's obviously not just teenagers that have suicidal thoughts, there are many people of different ages that make an attempt and/or die from suicide. This information that he told us was shocking and made me more aware of suicide.

In conclusion, I really believe that we should be more informed about mental health, anxiety, depression and suicide, not just for your own self awareness but also so you can direct a friend to seek help.

Thomas Honey, Year 8

Missions Trip

On the 8th-20th of July, a keen group of 12 Shepparton Christian College members, 10 students and 2 staff, will embark on the biennial college mission trip. Similarly to 2016's trip, we will be headed to Thailand to outreach to schools, churches and villages sharing not only physical funds and resources, but the word of God to those who need it most. Months of preparation and planning including fundraising events such as Mission Matters/ School Fete have already been undertaken in order to best prepare the students on what should be a life changing experience.

Upon arrival in Chang Mai, we will be staying with and working alongside The River, a local outreaching organisation situated in Hang Dong. We hope to share God's love with anybody and everybody we meet along the way. As well as working hard to help and serve their local communities, plans of shopping trips at night markets, riding elephants, going to the Grand Canyon Water Park, heading on a night safari tour and visiting The Flight of the Gibbon adventure facility are also included to make sure the trip is constantly full of exciting and new experiences.

As a group, we would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, money and prayers in order to see us succeed. A special shout out to those who donated funds raised from BBQ's and the selling of icy poles. We would still ask however, that you would keep us in your prayers for a safe, efficient and effective trip. We can't wait to come back and share the success of what is shaping up to be yet another great SCC Mission Trip!

Nekija O'Shannessy, Year 11



Staff and students attending Missions Trip 2018 - Mr Arnold, Caiden Spencer, Dan Hall, Riley Larcombe, Ben Green, Josiah Mioni, Nate Green, Kate Pearse, Georgia Larcome, Nekija O'Shannessy and Mrs Harland.

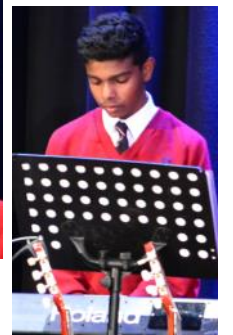
SCHOOL NEWS



On 20 June 2018 (Wed) the music tuition department held its 3rd annual **winter music soiree** at the Encounter Christian Church. The event featured solo and group performances of various instruments such as piano, violin, guitar, bass, drums, and vocals. The huge variety of repertoire was very impressive, consisting of jazz, rock, classical, musical, pop genres etc. The soiree was well-supported by the huge attendance of parents, relatives, friends and school staff. Our music tutors have invested much effort into preparing students' performances and organising the whole event with such enthusiasm and joyous spirit. Thank you to all who have made this occasion a meaningful, musical and God-glorifying event!



Mr Phil Tan
Music Coordinator



Book Week

In August our the primary students will be participating in Book Week. The theme for this year is “Find Your Treasure.” We will again be having a much loved dress up parade. The school holidays are a great time to put some thought and planning into costumes. Please remember creative but inexpensive is often the best. We request that students DO NOT dress up as, witches, warlocks, ghosts and zombies.

Grade 2/3 and Mrs Squiggle

Grade 2/3 were privileged to have Mrs Squiggle (AKA Mrs Teena Caiafa, one of our fabulous grandmothers) come and share with them. Mrs Squiggle demonstrated solving squiggle puzzles. The students drew their own shapes and squiggles for each other to solve by turning them into a picture. We are all made creative, sometimes we just need to keep practising. Thank you Teena for coming into our art class.



College Commendations

As part of our annual review process, we survey students, parents and staff about how things are going within our College. One of the areas that we felt we could improve upon was in recognising student achievements on a more regular basis. As a result, we are instigating a “College Commendations” programs. Staff will nominate students for a College Commendation that will be presented at the fortnightly assembly. Parents will be notified by text message late in the week prior to a College Commendation being awarded if their child is a recipient of this award. This program will link in to our house points system, with points being awarded for each College Commendation. The aim here is to recognise the good things that our students are doing, whether that be in class, in their learning, in serving others or in personal achievements. The first College Commendations will be awarded at the first assembly in Term 3.

Study Skills Tip For July

Sometimes students think that ‘study skills’ is just something you need to be concerned with when you are at school. This is not the case at all. For example, most jobs will require learning and training, certification and assessment. Planning, managing workload and good time management skills will also be essential when students leave school.

One of the many ways our school supports the development of independent learning skills is through providing access to the online study skills handbook site: www.studyskillshandbook.com.au. Parents should encourage their students to sign up for the tracking system in the handbook so they can easily keep track of the units they have completed. It is a good idea for students to choose different units to work on over time (maybe try a new unit each month?) so they can develop their understanding of these important skills and reflect on the areas they need to work on. This specialist resource complements the skill development that takes place in our classrooms.

The study skills tip for this month is taken from the unit that looks at the reflection process after a test is returned to students. One of the concepts outlined in this unit is that of ‘kaizen’. The word Kaizen itself is derived from two different Japanese words, ‘kai’ and ‘zen’. KAI, meaning: to change or modify; and ZEN, meaning: to improve. Small constant changes can make a huge difference to students’ results. Only by reflecting on the way they learn and making changes can students improve the way they approach their work for school. The study skills handbook is a great tool to assist in this process.

This month’s new resource is a handout – Student Holiday Planner. This helps students determine what work, if any, they need to complete in the holidays. You will find it at the bottom of the THINGS TO PRINT page.

Our school’s subscription details to this online study skills website for high school students are -

User name: scc Password: luke631

SCHOOL NEWS

Under 10 Team

Shepparton Christian College

Date: 16/06/18
Game: Shepp Christian v Shepp Soccer Club
Result: Win 4 - 0
Captain: Clyde Masilang
Encouragement: Qadosh Scanlan
Player of Game: Emme Cole

It was quite a wet and cold game, with umbrellas, rain coats and gumboots as far as the eye could see. Despite the bad weather it was a great game and Maria Masilang surprised the kids and parents with some hot food at the end of the game.



Date: 23/06/18
Game: Shepp Christian v Congupna Cruzers
Result: Win 3 - 2
Captain: Finn Reinhardt
Encouragement: Yi Reh Tay
Player of Game: Jackson Evans

It sure was a whirlwind day, however the team delivered with a great win. **We will now be on a break for the school holidays, returning on 21st July.**



Under 12 Team

Orrvale /Shepparton Christian College

Date: 02/06/18
Game: Orrvale/Shepp Christian v Gowrie St
Result: Loss 5 - 2

Due to there being no subs Aidan Ross and Qadosh Scanlan helped the team out.



Date: 23/06/18
Game: Orrvale/SC v Shepp Christian College
Result: Loss 3 - 0

This was the ultimate game of brother against brother today with a win to Shepparton Christian College. At least one family was going home saying they won no matter what happened.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out on the 21st July setup. It is amazing to have all spots filled so far in advance to the day – our soccer community (and SCC) is truly supportive of each other and a great community to be a part of.

Amanda Evans



INTERESTED IN CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE



Agriculture isn't just farming- It is focussed on “the entire food chain, managing the environment and minimising the impact of human endeavours on natural resources”. About 50% of all jobs in the agriculture industry are in capital cities. These jobs include environmental management, research, development, agribusiness and education. The demand for agricultural science graduates grew strongly over the past 5 years and around 6000 job openings will be available by 2020, <https://bit.ly/2HZWFel>

Experts are needed in the areas of:

- Sustainable farming practices
- Land management
- Land conservation
- Climate change practices
- Food security
- Agricultural research and policymaking.

Students can specialise in areas such as:

- Economics, marketing
- Animal and plant biotechnology
- Catchment management
- Climate change impacts
- Crop management and production
- Plant and soil science
- Nutrition and feed production
- Sustainable production and consumption
- Water management

Courses: The following are examples of agriculture courses you can study:

La Trobe University: You can study Agriculture and Technology, Agricultural Sciences, and Agribusiness, <http://bit.ly/1FGtcP0>

University of Melbourne: You can study the Bachelor of Agriculture, <http://bit.ly/1BWdaib>

Charles Sturt University: You can study Agriculture, Agricultural Science, Agricultural Business Management, and Ecological Agricultural Systems etc., <http://bit.ly/1MkDAj6>

Resources

Career Harvest, <http://bit.ly/1f0m8jW>

Agrifood Careers, <http://bit.ly/1MEcG6D>

FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT



Do you need a Tax File Number (TFN)? If you are planning to get a job or if you would like to study at university or TAFE next year, you will need a TFN. You will need to apply for a TFN – these aren't issued automatically. To start the application process, go to <http://bit.ly/2aLCSjI>

Need help finding a job? The Youth Central website has excellent resources to assist young people in finding casual and part time employment. Go to <http://bit.ly/1T6hG57>

Are you under 15 years old and would like to work? Find out about employment laws at this link - <https://bit.ly/2JWhdcP>

Find out about your rights at work: learn about your rights, responsibilities, how to resolve issues in the workplace and rules about unpaid work, <https://bit.ly/1SvI7DP>

Learn about safety in the workplace: your rights and responsibilities - <https://bit.ly/2K2AYPK> and how to stay safe - <https://bit.ly/2JJUEc1>

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

2 – 4: ConocoPhillips Science Experience, Federation University, Mt Helen campus, Ballarat, <https://bit.ly/2j7QvNC>

3, 5: Australian Catholic University Experience Days, Melbourne (3), Ballarat (5), <https://bit.ly/2pb23CK>

3, 5: Deakin Inspire Day, Deakin University, Melbourne Burwood (3), Geelong Waurn Ponds (5), <http://bit.ly/2rOrbh5>

3, 4, 5: VCE Study Skills Day, Federation University, Gippsland (Churchill) (3), Berwick (4), Mt Helen (Ballarat) (5), <https://bit.ly/2s3DKKP>

4, 6: Experience Clever, La Trobe University, Bendigo (4), Melbourne (6), <http://bit.ly/2rOrbh5>

4: Year 10 Day, Monash University, Clayton campus, <https://bit.ly/2yEaek9>

7: A Day in the Life, Billy Blue College of Design, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/1Sj8y2K>

9 - 11: A day in the life of a fashion designer, Box Hill Institute, <https://bit.ly/2JSjRwR>

12: Inside Monash University Seminar, Science, <https://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

13: A Day at Melbourne, The University of Melbourne, Parkville, <https://bit.ly/2Fgsq3b>

18 - 25: Health Information Sessions, Deakin University, <https://bit.ly/2qHNIHe>

29: Open Day, Swinburne University, Hawthorn, <https://bit.ly/2KKiQHQ>



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FOR MORE INFO:

- > Entry forms and how to enter all at www.TheCommunityFund.com.au

> COMPETITION OPENS: Monday 14th May, 2018

> COMPETITION CLOSES: Friday, 20th July at 12pm



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