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Principal's Piece



Principal Chris Aiton

As 2020 comes to a close, it is an excellent time to pause and reflect on the year that has been. Although full of unexpected challenges, the year has also been filled with many things of which we can be proud.

I am most proud of our community and way our staff, students and parents have been able to learn, grow and adapt to the many and varied requirements of the year. Our team of staff were quick to click into the new technologies required to continue to connect with students during periods of remote and online learning. Our students were quick to adapt to new ways of engaging in school. Our parents were patient, understanding, flexible and helpful as we worked through the challenges of learning from home, with the one interest at heart, keeping our children and young people safe, connected and learning. Well done to all.

We were so pleased when we were able to welcome students back on campus as all of our staff have such a passion for working with young people, and this is best-done face to face.

The challenges faced by our year 12 students were significant across this year. They have now completed their final assessments. Results will come out on the 30th of December. I am proud of our graduating students. I am proud of their achievements. I am proud of their learning. Most importantly, I am proud of who they are, as young men and women of great character. We wish all our graduating students all the best in their future endeavours.

In 2021, our school is the introduction of a second class of year 7 students. Along with this comes the need to establish new classrooms. We are currently working with builders and council to finalise the much drawn out portable renovations, which will give the school 4 new classrooms and a more suitable staff room space. We are working with an architect on a grant application for a proposed building project in 2022, which will include 3 new classrooms and a woodwork room. I am looking forward to an exciting time of development in our school in 2021.

Christmas is now just around the corner. I love Christmas, catching up with family and friends, the giving and receiving of presents, fantastic food and a great time of community spirit. Most importantly, Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. As you enjoy this festive season, always keep in mind that Christmas is about Christ, the son of God, restoring our relationship with our Father God.

Isaiah 9:6 New King James Version

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Have a very merry Christmas, and safe holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

God Bless

C. Aiton

Chris Aiton

YEAR 7 WATER WEEK WINNERS

In Term 3, GV Water ran a competition in the lead up to Water Week (19 – 25 October 2020).

The competition coincided with the Water in the World (Geography) unit our Year 7 students were completing. Students were invited to submit an entry into either (or both) competition categories. The Categories were:

- Poetry
- Photography

For both categories, the theme was 'I Water'.

All students had to create a submission, and we recently found out that our students had made a clean sweep in the 'Secondary' category.

Photo Category

- 1st Caleb Close
- 2nd Josiah Moore
- 3rd Avah Bowles

Poetry Category

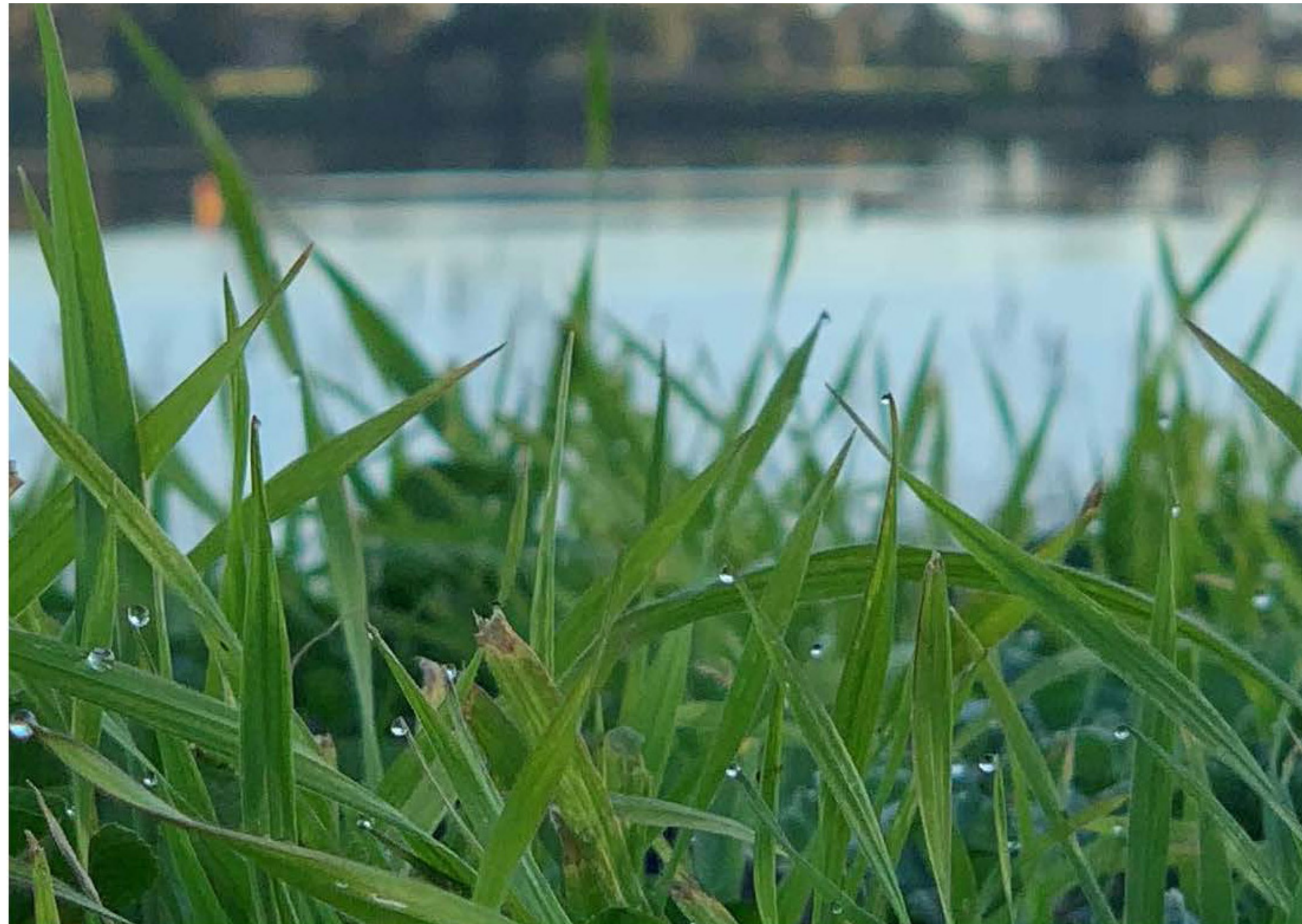
- 1st Emma Coral Hutchison
- 2nd Josh Rogers
- 3rd Josephine Varapodio

Along with a certificate, the winners received a gift voucher for JB HiFi

(1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$20)

Congratulations to all students for their participation, and a special mention to the place getters! Well done!

Thanks also to GV Water for running this competition!



Caleb Close- 1st Place Photograph



Competition Winners
Missing-Caleb Close & Avah Bowles

Emma Coral Hutchison - 1st Place Poem

Imagine falling into a rough river's waves.

Loving the feeling of the rough water as it pushes against my skin, making me swirl around in its current.
One wrong move and I would be pushed down the river and be scratched by the rocks that lined it.
Venture into the vast world under the clean, crisp ripples.
Everyone would wonder where I went, but I was dancing among the currents.

Wonderous lands lie beneath the water's surface; my skin runs along the scales of fish that swam by
And after I would lie on the sandy bank and let the sunlight sink into my skin.
To then listen to the river's inviting roar, almost challenging you to go back in.
Even if it was dangerous, I liked the feeling of living on the edge,
Remembering the feeling I once had of dipping into the river of doom.

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Secondary - Mr Clark

Year 10 Home Group set out on an exciting activity day to Woolshed Falls. En route, we visited the township of Beechworth where we bought treats from local stores and investigated the history of local buildings and parks. We learnt about the significance of the area during the gold rush, and admired the amazing Giant Sequoia Trees growing in the park. At Woolshed Falls we explored the Granite Race and rock pools. We also had opportunities to participate in some landscape art. Mrs Bryan, who now works for Shepparton Arts Museum (SAM) made a special guest appearance to show us how to draw natural landscapes. It was a great day, and we were thankful to our teachers (Mr Hickingbotham and Mr Clark) for making it a relaxing and exciting experience.

ART



PREP - YEAR 10

ACTIVITY WEEK





ACTIVITY WEEK Continued

Secondary - Mr P Tan

The years 7 and 8 students have a competition of creating a vehicle made out of newspaper. And they had to carry their vehicle around the school to race each other.

Their performance was judged by the looks of the newspaper-made vehicle before the race and the condition of the vehicle after the race.

Primary Murchison Pool Activity - Mrs King

The primary classes had a wonderful day at the pool. The day started a little chilly, but the students made the most of it and had lots of fun.

The older students were great leaders helping the younger ones in the pool.

There was lots of fun in the pool and at the games and activities area on the lawn. The bus trip and the kiosk proved to be popular with many of the younger students enjoying the experience.

We want to thank all those who came along to help; you are much appreciated. The pool trip was a great way to end the year of 2020.

Year 10 T-shirt Tie Dying - Mr Hickingbotham

Our Year 10 Class enjoyed Tie Dying t-shirts on Thursday 10th December and enjoyed wearing them on today's out of uniform day.



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POEM GRADE 4/5

Come on and see Australia

The sun is bright!
the sky is blue,
the red soil is really true,
Come on and see Australia!
There are tons of poppies,
and lots of gum trees, any kind is fine you see,
Come on and see Australia!
Uluru's a big rock,
It's said to be good luck!
Come on and see Australia!
Have a sausage or two,
Eat all the fresh produce.
Come on and see Australia!

A poem on natural feature of Australia
By Athena and Bellah, Grade 4/5



9/10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Term 4 2020

As part of the Year 9/10 Outdoor Education Elective, the students enjoyed two sessions on the Shepparton Lake learning how to use a variety of kayaks. The students had a lot of fun paddling around the lake on single or double kayaks, playing paddle soccer and other water based games. During the two sessions students improved their technical kayaking skills and water confidence.

Mrs Kirk



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Prep BOWLING EXCURSION



The Prep class enjoyed an excellent morning bowling on the 2nd of December. Everyone participated and enjoyed themselves bowling. The highlights from the students were watching the machines returning the balls and pins to the start positions, the ride on the big bus and knocking over the pins. It was a great day by all. Thank you to the Grade 6 school leaders who came along to help with the day.
Mrs King



I went to the bowling game today because I love the bowling game.
Keren Moananu - Prep

I went Ten Pin Bowling and it was fun.
Liam Geerling - Prep



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Today the Prep Class went to Ten Pin Bowling. We had a competition. It was so fun. I even saw the machines. It was so cool. I got sixty-two points. I loved it
Bea Magro - Prep

GRADE 3 STRAWBERRY FARM & DOOKIE EXCURSION



On Thursday 26th November it was quite a warm 36 degree day when our Grade 3 class went on an excursion. The class explored Mt Major at Dookie and toured the Kialla Strawberry Farm.

The view from the top was amazing. All the different farmlands from wheat, canola and dairy farms were visible.

The strawberry farm was a great reward for the students after the hike. Students explored the farm and picked a punnet of fresh strawberries to take home. Many strawberries were eaten before they made it home!

A great day was had by everyone.



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Year 12 Class of 2020

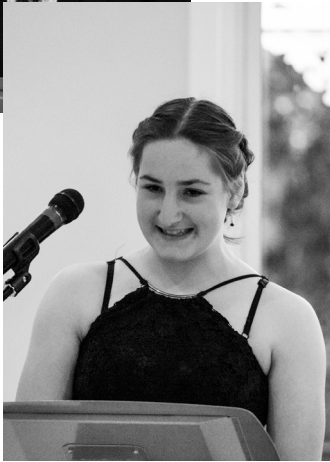
Last Day, Exams & Graduation Dinner

The final class period of 4th Nov 2020 marked the conclusion of all Year 12 classes for our cohort. The Year 12 online assembly was streamed via Zoom for the whole school community to witness. There were Speeches and awards by the school leadership team and college captains. Our beloved Year 12 students were given a farewell as they walked around the schoolyard one final time while being cheered on by staff and students lining up outside of their classrooms.

On 5th Nov 2020, our Year 12 students celebrated their final day at school with a mouth-watering BBQ breakfast which was prepared by the school staff. Following breakfast the year 12's headed toward the Victoria Lake for canoeing activities. The Year 12 cohort had loads of fun on the water and enjoyed each other's company over KFC meals at the playground. Although the weather was extraordinarily cold and windy, we thank the Lord for keeping us safe and healthy while entertaining each other with loads of laughter.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our Year 12 VCE students were required to sit for their end-of-year exams in school, which is a better venue as our students were more familiar with the environment. The exams were conducted successfully with minimum disruptions. We thank the school and VCAA for the support given to our students in ensuring that this year's VCE examination was a successful one.

Lastly, the 2020 Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held at Olivehouse Event and Function Venue on the 2nd December. It was a meaningful and God-glorifying event where families, friends, staff and board members of Shepparton Christian College celebrated the relationships that have been fostered within the community. During the event, there were speeches, a showcase of Year 12 memories presentation, prayers of thanksgiving, gift presentations and photo sessions. On behalf of the 2020 Year 12s, we thank Shepparton Christian College, Parents & Friends, families and friends, as well as all the organisers of such a marvellous celebratory event.



PRIMARY ATHLETICS

PREP - GRADE 6

The day finally arrived when the Primary athletes were given the opportunity to demonstrate their athletic prowess. Students performed brilliantly throughout the running, jumping and throwing events. Many ribbons were awarded as well as the year level champions listed below. Well done to all the students for your sportsmanship and participation a special thank you to all the year 9 students plus Iamolua Ani and Shekinah Scanlan (Year 11) for assisting in the running of this wonderful day!



Female Prep Champion	Niya Blessan
Male Prep Champion	Levahnjre Fili
Female Grade 1 Champion	Semilore Awosolu
Male Grade 1 Champion	Zachary Ferguson
Female Grade 2 Champion	Faitele Scanlan
Male Grade 2 Champion	Jack Mallon
Female Grade 3 Champion	Shema Scanlan
Male Grade 3 Champion	Amani Ngando
Female Grade 4 Champion	T'Shuva Scanlan
Male Grade 4 Champion	Zayne Willaims & Jayden Ong
Female Grade 5 Champion	Libby Mallon
Male Grade 5 Champion	Isaac Aiton
Female Grade 6 Champion	Emme Cole
Male Grade 6 Champion	Qadosh Scanlan & Marcus Perry



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All of the Primary students had a wonderful day participating in the Athletics Day. A huge thank you to Mrs Smither-Shaw and the Year 9 students who managed the day and made it fun to all. The students enjoyed high jump, long jump, vortex, shotput, sprints and distance running. Mrs King



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AWARD ASSEMBLY & CELEBRATION EVENT

This year has been a challenging year, a year we will never forget. Due to Covid-19 our annual award presentations had to be modified to suit Government requirements. Our Awards Assembly was streamed live on Youtube and Last night our Celebration Event premiered on Youtube and Facebook.

Although this has been a challenging year with uncertainties, many of our students worked hard to improve themselves by gaining new knowledge in their subject areas. There were other students who matured in their attitude toward studying as they took responsibility of their learning while not at school. Other students grew in their Christian experience and demonstrated compassion, humility, respect, integrity and a love of Bible truth. Awards were given to many students to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements in 2020 for which we congratulate them.

Mr Gjokola





Celebration Night Award Recipients

Year Level	Award Type	Student Name
Prep	Academic	Sky Narrazee
	Effort	Elisha Day
	Christian Character	Tom Finster
Grade 1	Academic	Semilore Awosolu
	Effort	Ace Seligbon
	Christian Character	Dustin Fletcher
Grade 2	Academic	Lev Curtis
	Effort	Will Rinaldi
	Christian Character	Shreyan Adhikari
Grade 3	Academic	Hannah Geerling
	Effort	Stevie Rey Fox-Campbell
	Christian Character	Melanie Iskander
Grade 4	Academic	Athena Low
	Effort	Clara Takla
	Christian Character	T'Shuva Scanlan
Grade 5	Academic	Yi Reh Tay
	Effort	Imke Magro
	Christian Character	Gracie Lloyd
Grade 6	Academic	Stephanie Ong
	Effort	Kadie Doherty
	Christian Character	Katelyn McGowan
Year 7	Academic	Joshua Rogers
	Effort	Josiah Moore
	Christian Character	Erin McKenzie
Year 8	Academic	Amber Mallon
	Effort	Daniella Jegede
	Christian Character	Isaiah Day
Year 9	Academic	Christiaan Buys
	Effort	Madellyn King
	Christian Character	Jackson Morgan
Year 10	Academic	Paige Rudd
	Effort	Natalia Collins
	Christian Character	Alexander Aiton
Year 11	Academic	Dale Costello
	Effort	Lucas Fenby
	Christian Character	Iamolua Ani
Year 12	Academic	Luan Theart
	Effort	Elzaan Etsebeth
	Christian Character	Jason Dann

Important Dates

Primary & Secondary

December	
17th	School Office Closes
January	
25th	School Office Opens
February	
1st	First Day of Term 1
9th	Welcome BBQ - Parent Information Sessions
10th	Grade Prep-3 Swimming Carnival
12th	Grade 4 - Year 12 Swimming Carnival
17th	Primary Swimming Divisional Carnival
18th - 19th	Year 11 Study Camp
	Year 12 Study Camp
	Year 9/10 Camp
22nd - 24th	Year 7 & 8 Campaspe Downs Camp
22nd-26th	Primary Swimming program at Aquamoves
26th - 28th	Vetamorphus Retreat #1

We ask all parents to stay connected over the Christmas holidays to School Stream for all the latest information.



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