Debutante Ball

Last Friday night I had the pleasure of attending the Deb Ball at the Commercial Club. An enjoyable evening was celebrated by family and friends of the nineteen debutantes and their partners. Special thanks to Simon Webb, Karen Robinson, Darren Miles, Sheri Parkhouse and Cass Walters who lead the organising committee, attended the rehearsals and were involved in making the night such a great success. Thank you to all staff who supported this important fund raising event for the Chaplaincy fund.

End of Term

Thankyou: As this is the last Newsletter for the term may I express my gratitude to everyone for their help. It has been a very hectic term and I believe we are all in need of a break. Many staff need to be individually and collectively thanked for their contributions in making the College a better place and going that extra mile for both students and staff. Moving into a new building, Trade Days, Building openings and Back To events, as well as music, drama, dance, inter school sport, outdoor education trips, University partnerships, special days, themed social issues, Peppers Restaurant, Debutante Ball, student after school tutoring, are just some of the activities you have been involved in to increase student participation and engagement.

Student Tours

A number of student tours headed off last Sunday. The fourteen day tour of Japan tour left from Melbourne and thirteen day tour of Central Australian left for its first night in Renmark on Sunday. Twenty nine Malaysian students will arrive for a weeks stay hosted by the Middle Years and Senior Colleges this week. Please make them welcome if you see them touring the College.

Vern Hilditch
Principal
Macleay College offers the one year Diploma of Journalism and the two year fast tracked Bachelor of Journalism at the South Melbourne campus. The College is running an Industry Day on Saturday 25th October between 10.00am – 1.00pm. The day is for students who are interested in the following careers - newspaper journalist, magazine editor, sports reporter, fashion writer, and/or TV, radio, or online producer. To register to attend, go to www.macleay.edu.au/. To view the student run newsroom, go to newsroom.macleay.net/.

Each year, two Australian students are selected to complete an undergraduate degree at either Duke University or the University of Northern Carolina, both in the USA. The program seeks to assist students who have demonstrated passion and potential to become great leaders in college and beyond. The scholarship is worth $200,000 and is organised through UNSW. For more information and to apply, go to www.unsw.edu.au/scholarships.

The University of Melbourne’s Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences recently launched a new website that presents all the courses on offer in the fields of agriculture, veterinary and food science. Through the website, students in Years 9 – 12 who are interested in agricultural sciences can join the new Pre-Ag Club! To view the website and to find out more, go to http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/.

Did you consider applying for a gap year with Lattitude Global Volunteering earlier in the year but didn’t end up applying? Staff at Lattitude would love to know what may have been a barrier to you applying and have asked for any interested students to fill out the following survey www.surveymonkey.com/s/TWXM6MR.

Reach for the Sky Aviation Services have released a book called “The Complete Flight Attendant Career and Interview Preparation Manual”, Australian Edition. It is 274 pages and covers everything from aviation careers to living in Asia and the Middle East to applying for jobs. The book costs $90 + $20 postage to ‘early birds’. Please email Denise Burns to place your order- denise@reachfts.com or go to www.reachfts.com.

World Peace Flame
Rebecca Willcox is leading a student run impact project in support of the World Peace Flame. In cooperation with two community leaders pioneering the World Peace Flame here in Albury/Wodonga Maggie Baker and Carmie Piergrosse, the project is working towards holding a Ribbons of Peace Walk to be held in November this year. The walk will incorporate approximately sixteen schools from across the upper Hume region who will walk from both sides of the Murray and then join together for a ceremony and performance to celebrate what the World Peace Flame means. Rebecca is also working alongside these schools about incorporating the World Peace Flame into their schools culture.

Captain Nominations
Nominations for the 2015 School Captain and Vice Captain positions are now open to year 11 and 10 students. We are looking forward to seeing a new breed of year 10 into 11 students step up and take leadership roles within the College.

Jacob Mildren
SLC Committee
State Baseball
Congratulations to the Senior Boys Baseball team who competed in Melbourne at the State Championships earlier this year. Unfortunately poor weather meant an early finish to the day’s competition. Thanks to the coach Mr Lamb.

State Cross Country
Congratulations to Matt Williams, Matt Robin, Jacob Scott, Ted Elkington, Jason Colombera, Melinda Gray and Rachael O’Callaghan for qualifying and competing in the State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne, a terrific achievement.

Pierre De Coubertin Award
Congratulations to Kristen Wright (Indigo House Captain) for being awarded the 2014 Pierre De Coubertin Award.
This is in recognition of her sporting achievements and demonstration of those endeavours which are consistent with the aims of the Olympic Movement.

Special Thanks
A special thanks to Ted Elkington (Patterson House Captain) for his enthusiasm and organisation of our Cross Country and Athletics teams who trained during graduate program time last term. We had five out of six relay teams win at interschool level and seven members of the school qualify for cross country. Well done Ted!

Meghan Cockayne (Fraser House Captain) has been involved with training the schools hockey teams. She has demonstrated outstanding leadership and a very high level of skill as a player also. Many students benefited from her direction and teaching. Well done Meg!

Thank you both for outstanding contributions to sport at WSSC. This is the sort of leadership and contribution expected of high performing WSSC House Captains. Nomination for House Captains have been called for (check your email) nominations close on 19th September.

Derek Bowey
Sport Coordinator
The Wodonga Senior Secondary College equestrian team successfully competed in their first interschool equestrian competition. On Sunday 18th May 2014 six of our Year 10 and 11 students represented the school in The Scots School Equestrian Challenge.

From weeks of planning and organising for the equestrian team impact project, team captain, Matilda Anderson took the team to their first competition. From designing their uniform to organising the entry fees, the girls decided together to start at a local competition in Albury.

Those competing were May, Matilda Anderson, Jessica Jon, Hannah Donlen, Maisie Donlen, Jessica Banaszczyk and Keisha Follett endeavoured to their first competition. The morning began early with a 5:30am rise, then the horses were prepared for competition. The events started from 8:00am, from here the girls had to warm up and go into their rounds and the designated times for the disciplines they entered. Jessica Don and Hannah Donlen competed in the preliminary dressage. Jessica Banaszczyk and Maisie Donlen competed in the Preliminary Dressage and both 75 show jumping rounds. Keisha Follett Competed in the 75 Show jumping and Matilda Anderson competed in The Preliminary Dressage, Mounted games and Handy Mount.

Overall the girls had a great day and went away not only with smiles all round but a 3rd place ribbon.

Since then the team has been organising their calendar of events not only for the team but for themselves. The teams goal for next year to compete in the Victorian Equestrian Interschool Championships, held in the July school holidays as well as to recruit as many new members as possible!

Some other personal success and up and coming events for the girls have been Jessica Don competing in the Pony Club Interzone Horse Trials placing 10th overall and 7th in her Zone helping her zone to win the shield, Jessica Banaszczyk has the Yarrawonga dressage and show jumping championships, Wodonga, Benalla and Ballarat Show jumping Championships and the Moyhu Horse Trials. Matilda has the Jindera Equestrian Association Dressage Championships coming up as well as the NSW Young Rider Dressage Championships in September.