

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Our Vision

Mercy Regional College serves a wide rural community which values growth and diversity in Catholic Education in the Mercy tradition.

Our Mission

In the Spirit of the Gospels we commit ourselves to the core values of community, inclusiveness, learning, care, justice and mercy, excellence and achievement.

Our Focus for 2015

"Through the Mercy tradition we encourage our community to seek knowledge, to nurture curiosity and to love learning".

From the Principal

With the June holidays almost upon us, many families will be taking the opportunity for some time away but for others, work or farm commitments mean that the two weeks will be spent at home. For many people, the mist, rain and short days that signify winter are important times, opportunities for reflection, contemplation and inside. Today's prayer calls us to similar quiet times:

*God help us to live slowly
To move simply
To look softly
To allow emptiness
To let the heart create for us.
Amen.*

Feast Day Mass and Battle of the Bands

A reminder that the whole College will come together next Tuesday 23rd June in the de Chantal Stadium at 11.20am for our Feast Day Mass. Parents, families and members of the College community are warmly invited to join us for this important school celebration. Tuesday afternoon will see many students performing in the Stadium as part of the annual Mercy Battle of the Bands.

Mercy Regional College IT Review

In recent months, a committee (Chris Grant, Daniel Beard, Lynn Wadley and I) has been exploring the provision of digital devices for students over the next five years and beyond. The College introduced iPads to Years 7 – 10 in 2011 through the iPads@MRC program with the rollout completed by 2013. After exploring a range of alternatives and the provision of digital devices at other like schools, the committee has produced a discussion paper that was tabled at this week's College Board meeting. A summary of this paper will be included with reports at the end of next week. We hope to make a decision with respect to the provision of digital devices at MRC by early August.

Use of phones in class

The College has had a firm rule for a number of years that students should not have phones with them in class or in the yard. A small number of students have permission to carry their phones under circumstances arranged between parents and the relevant Head of School. Unfortunately, an increasing number of students are using their phones in class to text parents or other family members. This practice has put teachers and the College's Reception staff in the difficult situation of having parents arrive to collect students with the College being unaware.

Offsite Evacuation

As well as the opportunity to celebrate Mass as a whole school and to enjoy student's talents at the Mercy Battle of the Bands, we will be undertaking a trial offsite whole school evacuation. Together with St Patrick's School and the Nicholson Construction workers, all students, staff and visitors will move briefly to the areas surrounding St Patrick's Church on the eastern side of Walls St.

Start of Term 3

School concludes for all Mercy students next Thursday 25th June at 3.05pm with the following day an RE PD day for staff. Term 3 commences on Monday 13th July. In the student diary, there is a staff PD day listed, **this is not occurring on this date**. Parents will be notified of the term 3 staff PD days in the first newsletter next term.

Mercy Parents' Consultative Group

Over the last twelve months, the Mercy Parents' Consultative Group has met every term to provide parents' input into a range of issues and initiatives currently under discussion and review. The meetings occur on the last Monday of each term from 5.00 – 6.30pm. I encourage any parents who would like to contribute to this important group to make contact with my secretary, Mrs. Sue Bohm at the College. Our next meeting is next Monday 22nd June in the McAuley Campus Board Room.

Mercy Regional College Car Raffle

Preparations are already underway for this year's Mercy Regional College Car Raffle. Tickets will go on sale a little earlier than normal to coincide with the August performances of the College's 2015 production, *High School Musical*. Full details will be mailed out to all parents and families.

The Car Raffle committee is looking for a couple of new members from the Terang area. If you would like further details on what is involved, please call Mrs. Maureen Adeney at the College.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

From the Director of RE

Dear Parents,

Each year in the final week of school at Mercy Regional College, we gather as a school community for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the year that has been. As a Catholic School we always mark important times with the ritual of the Mass and Eucharist. Following the Eucharist we have our Awards Ceremony. At this time, students from Year 7 – 12 are honored for their commitment to excellence and achievement in our school. Awards cover each subject and each class within the school and include Awards for both consistent commitment to schoolwork and then standards of Achievement.

This Mass and Awards Ceremony has traditionally been held at St Thomas' Church Terang as it is part of our Region and one of the Parishes with whom we are linked. Our school community is too large for St Patrick's Church at Camperdown. It is currently held in the evening so that parents can be present to support and congratulate their children and the whole school community may celebrate the year together.

The Mass and Awards Ceremony is always followed by a social gathering and very tasty supper supplied by families at the school. This supper is held in the St Thomas' Parish hall across the road.

We have noticed a decline in the number of families attending this Mass and Awards Ceremony. This is very disappointing as the event is not only for students who gain awards, rather for the whole school to celebrate together on a number of levels. It is in many ways very important for all students to appreciate the hard work of their fellow students in all pathways of education offered in our school. In order to encourage families to

attend this event we ask that you take time to complete the survey. This will help in our discussions about how to make the Mass of Thanksgiving and Award Ceremony a stronger profile and for us to maintain the sense of tradition the Mercy Regional College has built up over many years.

Please send the completed survey through as an email to jsaunders@mercy.vic.edu.au or leave a hard copy at the school office.

Many thanks for your time and thoughts on this important matter.



Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders



MERCY
Regional College

**ALL PARENTS, FAMILIES
AND STUDENTS
Are cordially invited
to the**

**Mercy Regional College
2015
FEAST DAY MASS**

**To be held in the
De Chantal Stadium,
McAuley Campus**

**Tuesday 23rd June @
11:30am**

End of Year 'Mass of Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony'
SURVEY

Q1. How often have you attended the end of Year Mass of Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony?

Q2. How did you know this Mass and Awards Ceremony were on? E.g. newsletter, your child informing you or word of mouth from other parents, school calendar/diary etc.

Q3. Did you know that all families are welcome to the evening and encouraged to attend? (Yes/No)

Comments

Q4. Would you be more available as parents/family to attend if the Mass and Awards Ceremony was held?

- a) During the day in St Thomas' Church? ☐
- b) During the evening at St Thomas' Church? ☐

Comments

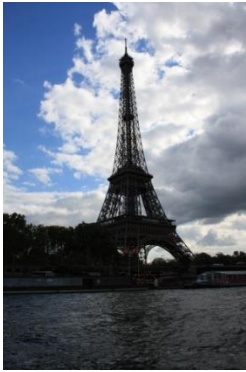
Any further comments regarding how we might invite parents and families to the event with more success:

Thank you for your time and valued thoughts.

France and Belgium Battlefields Tour 2015

Mr. Lachie Lee

As we approach the departure of our tour I am really pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the students in their research of their soldiers. Some quite interesting stories have been unearthed. Sam Bond from Ecklin has found that his soldier David Edgar Taylor who came from Ecklin, enlisted in the 6 Battalion in November 1915. He was one of twelve children and the family grew potatoes and other vegetables at Ecklin. His family home was just around the corner from where Sam's family live now and this was only discovered during this research project. The descendants of the Taylor family now live in Queensland but Sam has found plenty of information about David which he will share with us.



David Edgar Taylor was killed in action during the great Somme Offensive of 1916. He was killed on the 5th August 1916 probably around the Windmill on a low rise of land outside of Pozieres. The memorial at this site has the dedication, "The Windmill at Pozieres...lay at the heart of the battle which raged here in July and August 1916 in this part of the Battle of the Somme. On 4 August 1916 it was captured by Australian troops but on this hilltop they lost more men than on any other battlefield throughout the war". Some of the bombardments that the Australians suffered under in this period were among the most violent of the war. On the night of the 5-6 August the Australians were "subjected to an extreme bombardment". Such conditions would mean that anyone killed or wounded might be hit multiple times. Bodies might be buried and then dug up again. It is no surprise that so many would have simply been "missing". In seven weeks in 1916 the Australians lost 23,000 casualties of whom 6,700 were killed. David Taylor was one of these men.

David Edgar Taylor is remembered at the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux. On this memorial opened in 1938 are the names of 11,000 Australians killed in France who have no known grave. The names of many from our district are inscribed here and it has become an important pilgrimage site for Australians visiting the battlefields of the Great War. Over the past few years the Anzac Day service here has become increasingly well attended but when I attended Anzac Day here in 2004 and 2005 I found it to be a very special and quite poignant opportunity to remember the sacrifices of men such as David Taylor and their families.



We will visit Pozieres, Villers Bretonneux and other sites of importance to the Australian effort in the Great War. Villers Bretonneux was of such importance to Australians in the aftermath of the war that Australians contributed to the rebuilding of the community and Victorian school children contributed money to the rebuilding of the school. Today this school is named Victoria School and signs around the buildings declare "Never Forget Australia". In an upstairs space at the school, is a museum containing photos and memorabilia of the Australians. We will take with us something from our school as a memento of our visit.

On the 21st March 1918 the Germans broke through along the old Somme front line and advanced over the ensuing days over territory which had been so painstakingly taken by the Allies in the preceding two years. Australian soldiers were brought south to help stop the breakthrough and on the 24-25 April 1918 the 5 Division attacked the Germans in a brilliant attack around Villers Bretonneux. Thereafter, the Australians fought around this town and forged a strong bond with the local people. In the years after the war the bodies of many Australians were brought to the Adelaide Cemetery outside of the town. This is a quiet place which contains the remains of hundreds of Australians killed in this area in the first half of 1918. From here was exhumed the body of the Unknown Soldier subsequently interred at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The two small French towns of Villers Bretonneux and Pozieres are tightly woven into the story of Australia in the First World War. Thousands of Australian families have a permanent and sad link here.



Cyberworld

As we know the digital world is upon us and it sure takes some keeping up with. As parents of children who live and love the digital world it can be often hard to grasp the interest and the need that young people have to be on a digital device. With this in mind we thought it is a timely reminder for both parents and students to be refreshed with some cyber world tips and strategies and also non negotiables eg. Legal age limit for various social media sites.

We as a school take cyber bullying and issues extremely serious and are more than happy to hear from you if any issues arise with your child. Please read below a reminder of some cyber world do's and don'ts.

Signs a child may be being cyber bullied?

- Change in mood and/or behaviour
- Lowering of grades at school
- Not wanting to go to school / sport etc
- Not feeling 'well', headaches, stomach-aches
- Being extra secretive in online activities
- 'jumpy' when text messages arrive
- Not putting their phone down
- Wanting to be online all the time....or never
- Changes in their online habits
- Upset, angry, teary.....rebellious when not previously
- Change in friendship groups
- Spending more time with family instead of friends

What can I do if my child is the cyber bully?

- Support the child, they are probably feeling awful too
- Talk to them about their actions
- Try and find out why they behaved in this way
- Ask them to imagine they were the victim...how would they feel (empathy)
- Work together to improve the situation....apology etc
- Work towards preventing further incidents
- Enlist the help of school, welfare staff, local GP or child psychologist

Term 3 Dates

Tuesday 23 June

- * Year 10 - Deakin University Warrnambool Science & Engineering Challenge

Thursday 25 June

- * Term 2 concludes for students

Friday 26 June

- * Term 2 concludes for staff

Monday 13 July

- * **Term 3 commences for staff and students**

Thursday 16 July

- * State Cross Country

Wednesday 22 July

- * Year 8 Football. Warrnambool
- * Year 11 Street Retreat

Thursday 23 July

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- * Chemistry Quiz
- * ANCQ Chemistry Competition

Friday 24 July

- * Greater Western Netball - Senior & Intermediate

Monday 27 July

- * Basketball - 10 to 12
- * VCE/VCAL Information Night 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

Tuesday 28 July

- * Outdoor Ed Ski Camp
- * Year 7 Enrolment Interviews 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

Wednesday 29 July

- * Outdoor Ed Ski Camp
- * Year 7 Enrolment Interviews 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

Thursday 30 July

- * Outdoor Ed Ski Camp

Friday 31 July

- * Outdoor Ed Ski Camp

Head of Sport

Mr. Matt Harkin

A quieter fortnight on the sports front at the college as we load up for a busy term three. Well done to all students this term on their sporting efforts in and out of school. It is terrific to see so many MRC students representing the College, clubs and themselves so well.

A gentle reminder that when we are competing at interschools level it is an expectation that students wear our sports uniform. I understand there has been inclement weather but we would appreciate an effort made to wear full uniform. Currently our sports uniform doesn't include skins or visible hoodies under sports jackets. Most students have been fantastic in following these instructions and thank you for that.

The introduction of our rugby top will add a layer of warmth to our uniform which is exciting. Please find a copy of the order form for these rugby tops on the next page.

Greater Western Cross Country

A strong team went to Warrnambool last Friday to represent the College at the Greater Western Cross country. There was plenty of strong competition on the day but our competitors did very well. Students who made it onto the state finals on July were:

Brie Reichman
Kate Hallyburton
Hannah Justin
Claudia Lee
Nick O'Connor
Tully Watt
Elly Harris
Stephanie Hibburt

RUGBY JUMPERS



Dear Parents,

The College is in the process of introducing new Rugby jumpers to be part of the sports uniform. These jumpers will be worn in PE classes and on representative sports days out of school. We see the rugby top as a warmer, longer lasting and more practical option for our uniform at this time. Orders for the College's new Rugby Jumpers will be placed 2-3 times a year, students will need to pre-order if they would like to purchase a Rugby Jumper.



We will be having a size fitting day for students on [Monday 22nd June](#)

- O'Keeffe Library at Noorat during recess.
- De Chantal Stadium in Camperdown during lunchtime.

If your child is unable to be fitted for their size on that day please send them to the uniform shop before the end of Term 2.

The Uniform Shop is open [Tuesday & Thursday 12pm - 2pm](#) during the school term.

If you wish to place an order for the Rugby Jumper, please complete the order form below and return with your payment on the fitting day.

All orders must be in by Wednesday 24th June.

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	MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE RUGBY JUMPER ORDER FORM				
	Nicola Fletcher (Uniform Shop Manager) Phone: 0481 311 701 Email: uniform@mercy.vic.edu.au				
Rugby Jumper	Available Sizes	Select Size	Qty	Price	
	8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 20, 22, 24, 26, 28			\$60.00	
TOTAL COST					

PAYMENT DETAILS (Parents to Complete)

☐ **CHEQUE** (enclosed is my cheque to **Fashion Club Wear Pty. Ltd.**)

☐ **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

CREDIT CARD NO: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____ - _____ Please charge my: ☐ Visa or ☐ Master Card

AMOUNT: \$ _____ SIGNED: _____

PARENT NAME: _____ MOBILE NO: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ YEAR LEVEL: _____

I wish to pick my order up from (please tick a box):

☐ **McAuley Campus, Camperdown**

☐ **O'Keeffe Campus, Noorat**

Raising funds for Nepal

Student Leadership and Social Justice go hand in hand at Mercy!

Over the past two weeks our students have worked hard to raise funds for the Nepal Appeal. A great collaboration between our school Student Leadership Team and the Social Justice Team has meant we enjoyed Soup and Rolls at the McAuley Campus and Yummy Hot Chocolate at the O'Keeffe Campus. Graham Arkinstall, spoke to our Year 12 cohort two weeks ago about the urgent need for support in smaller villages and in particular the link to Camperdown through the PR Open Heart Nepal Appeal.

All up we raised \$540 for the cause and there is a movie night coming up (see advertisement attached) to support the program as well.

Pictured are members of the Junior Social Justice team who served hot chocolate and made biscuits to sell to the Year 7 and 8 students on possibly the coldest and wettest day this year! Special thanks must go to Mrs. Berni Sinnott for her support and expert soup coordination.



Pictured are members of the Junior Social Justice team who served hot chocolate and made biscuits to sell to the Year 7 and 8 students on possibly the coldest and wettest day this year! Pictured are Abbey Lucas, Monique McKay, Rysher Swan, Hannah Whytcross, Stacey Riches and Tully Watt.

Special thanks also to Jessica James who made the biscuits but could not be there on the day.

Communications Captains Report

Sam Watt & Laura Kemp

As another term passes by, the Year 12 leadership team has had another busy term coordinating student initiatives. Meeting bi-weekly and always keeping a keen interest in improving student life at the school.

With the formation of a Year 12 area (a place to heat up lunch and a classroom to spend recess and lunch time in) and other projects having great success, we look to other big aspirations in the pipelines from the meetings to check off in Term 3; which is our last term as leaders of the school. Our last available window to leave our mark as leaders and a year 12 group. Much planning from the meetings shall hopefully come to reality.

Plans for the Lake to Lake fun run are already in full swing. This year we are once again raising money for a local hospital with a fun run between Camperdown's two major lakes to take place one Sunday during the Term 3 holidays (which is a while off yet, but definitely worth thinking of attending now). Another great term for the leadership group, hopefully another one coming.

Music Coordinator

Mrs. Janet Backhous



Students in picture

Back row left to right
Demby McKenzie,
Alexis Thornton

Front Row
Laura Hickey, Polly
Moloney, Luke
Lenehan, Abbey
Tobias-Richardson

Absent – Tate Tregear-
Copeland

The Kingdom of Rhyme

On Friday 5th June my Year 9 Drama group performed 'The Kingdom of Rhyme' for the Prep and grade 1 & 2 students at St Pats.

Our play was a Monty Python Style take off, of a fairy tale.

In the Kingdom of Rhyme you rhyme all the time, and so should a stranger to stay out of danger. Except of course, for Prince Charming, who doesn't have any idea how to rhyme. Despite this, he still manages to win the heart of the Princess. Yay!!

We loved performing for the students at St Pats, and they all appeared to enjoy our show.

Well done Year 9 Drama!!! It has been fabulous to work with you, and I was rapt to play Prince Charming at the last minute.

The show must go on!!!

Weekly Career News

TERM TWO

Tuesday 10 June 2015

FOCUS ON CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE

Agriculture isn't just farming-

It is focused 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 is growing. Enrollments in agricultural courses rose between 15 – 20% nationwide in 2014 demonstrating an increased interest in the industry.

There is also an ongoing demand for agricultural science graduates with economics and management training, source- <http://bit.ly/1FGtcP0>

With four jobs for every graduate, 1 in 6 jobs in agribusiness and a starting salary on average of \$60 000, studying agriculture is a very attractive option for students, source- <http://bit.ly/Lu8cFR>

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, and
- Rural business practices

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

- **La Trobe University:** You can study Agriculture and Technology and Agricultural Sciences, <http://bit.ly/1FGtcP0>
- **University of Melbourne:** You can study the Bachelor of Agriculture, <http://bit.ly/1BWdaib>
- **University of Tasmania:** You can study Food Science and Innovation, Agriculture, Agricultural Science, and Animal Science, <http://bit.ly/1cleoa4>
- **Charles Sturt University:** You can study Agriculture, Agricultural Science, Agricultural Business Management, Ecological Agricultural Systems, and Animal Science etc., <http://bit.ly/1MkDAj6>
- **University of New England:** You can study Agribusiness, Agricultural and Resource Economics, Agriculture, Agrifood Systems, Animal Science and Rural Science, <http://bit.ly/1KSOTZc>

Resources

- Career Harvest, <http://bit.ly/1f0m8iW>
- Agrifood Careers, <http://bit.ly/1MEcG6D>



Download the Science: Taking you places resource, which has a focus on primary industries-

<http://bit.ly/1clun8h>

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Meet Shaun Darmody

1st year Bachelor of Agriculture Business Management, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga

Subjects studied in the VCE- English Language, Mathematical Methods, Further Mathematics, Physics, and VET Engineering.

Why did you want to study agriculture? I completed VCE in 2013 then took a year off and worked on a sheep and beef property in North East Victoria. It wasn't until later during my gap year I realised I wanted to study agriculture and make it my career. Until that moment it was a passion for me that I did in my recreational time.

Like all Ag students say 'we do it because it's in our blood'. So I am currently studying what I love and am making a future out of something I love doing. Does it get much better?

What is your course like? Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga is a fantastic place to be studying agriculture. There are endless amounts of opportunities in the local area; this means lots of field days out to talk to farmers and those involved in the industry. It also allows students to undertake placements throughout their studies.

Why should young people consider studying agriculture/ agribusiness? As I like to say, if farming stops, the world stops. Agriculture is the backbone of the country. For that reason it is an exciting industry to get involved in. It is rapidly changing and young people are the ones who need to be aiding the innovations in the industry.

Below: A picture of Shaun's family property



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Meet Monica Ley

3rd year Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga

Subjects studied in the VCE- English Language, Media, French, Further Mathematics, Outdoor and Environmental Studies.

Why did you want to study agriculture? Why not? I am a fourth generation farmer who could not spend a day working indoors to save my life. It's all I've wanted to be since I was around five years old and I haven't dreamt of doing anything else.

Creating new life is also a beautiful thing, both animals and plants. Going into agriculture during my VCE years and in tertiary education also is a way of being able to care for the environment and be sustainable at the same time.

What is your course like? It's challenging but broad in terms of being able to specialise in a particular sector of the agricultural industry, covering both management and finance, livestock and pastures, cropping, and weed and pest control.

What subjects and experiences have you enjoyed the most? I have enjoyed the more practical subjects such as crops, pastures and weeds, with a high focus on plant identification and what affects growth and yields. Having little to no experience in anything other than livestock and machinery when coming to university, I enjoyed expanding my knowledge on agriculture as a whole. I have enjoyed the experiences of networking through career expos, attending conferences and networking through being on committees for events such as the Women in Ag Day.

Why should young people consider studying agriculture/ agribusiness? With a rapidly increasing population, farmers will still need to feed and clothe the world. Studying agriculture can also open up many more doors. You don't just have to be a farmer. Career opportunities include property development, management, finance, research, agronomy, extension, consultancy, teaching and many others.

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Meet Jaimi Brown

Bachelor of Agriculture
Business Management,
Charles Sturt University.

Agribusiness Analyst,
National Australia Bank

Subjects studied in the VCE- English, Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Product Design and Technology.

Why did you want to study agriculture?

Because it promoted a healthy life work balance whilst working in small rural communities with lots of networking opportunities. I believed in studying a degree that could not only help myself forge a career but also help people in communities. Without agriculture, we wouldn't have food and fibre to feed, live and grow. I believed and still believe agriculture in Australia still has a lot of growth in it. It is no longer about the mining boom in Australia- it is the agricultural boom.

What was your course like? I loved my course. Whilst my class was small with 10-15 people in each subject, you engaged in proper discussions. Lecturers were so supportive and had an open door policy, they were always there to bounce ideas off and guide you in your learning. I was fortunate enough to travel with the University to China, and study the agricultural industries and techniques in a developing country.

The theoretical knowledge I absorbed helped me to gain an understanding of the development we as a country have made in agricultural techniques. But, the cultural experience I received was invaluable. We are continuing to grow our agricultural trade with China and I now understand all the difficulties we experience as exporters to such a closed economy like China.

I engaged in livestock management, plant growth, cropping, finance & economics and human resource subjects. The education I received in my degree made me a well rounded graduate. It also provided me with all the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in any career within the agricultural industry.



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What is your graduate position like? I began a journey into the agribusiness world with a position as an Agribusiness Analyst with the National Australia Bank's agribusiness department. My day consists of talking to farmers about financial lending and deposit products, going to farms to discuss future opportunities for the client, seeing clients at livestock sales and general administration roles.

Why should young people consider studying agriculture/ agribusiness?

There are so many opportunities within the agricultural industry to travel and see the world whilst being employed. You have the opportunity to study a degree that will continue to feed and clothe the world. Business, finance and science students can all forge successful well-paying careers in agriculture. Agriculture is no longer just about a farmer burning diesel in the paddock.

It is about innovation growth and strategy to reduce carbon emission, feed the world and ensure we maintain a natural environment. The agricultural industry has evolved so much that you can work anywhere in Australia and the world, from a paddock, to the office to the science lab all in one day.

The agricultural industry has been at the forefront of adaptation and technological innovation, so it is quite an exciting industry to be apart of. Anyone considering a degree in business, finance or science should consider a career in agriculture. You could be the next face of agriculture in Australia.



Meet Luke Visser

Bachelor of Agriculture
University of Melbourne

Agronomist
Murray Goulburn Co
Operative Co.

Subjects studied in the VCE- English, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, French, Chemistry, Outdoor Education and Environmental Studies.

Why did you want to study agriculture? I was pretty unsure exactly what I wanted to do. I had always worked on farms while I was at school and was always interested in the industry but I think the main thing was I didn't want an office job but still wanted to do something where I'd use my brain.

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What was your course like? I enjoyed the spread of practical and theory based work. However, one of the best things about the course was the small circle of people and therefore the social aspect.

What is your graduate position like? I work for Murray Goulburn Co-Operative Co. as an agronomist. I enjoy being out and about talking to farmers and helping them solve problems in their paddocks on a day-to-day basis and helping them to achieve their goals and improve productivity.

On a typical day, I visit a number of farmers to look at paddocks and find solutions to crop/pasture selection and weed/insect/disease identification. Basically my role is to try and get dairy farmers to grow as much grass as efficiently as possible to best achieve productivity.

Why should young people consider studying agriculture/agribusiness? The industry is growing short of younger people. There is an incredibly broad range of careers possible after graduating and there is a huge potential to swap and change between pathways. For example, within the company I work for alone there are Field Officers, Agronomists and Nutritionists and it's not uncommon to switch between.

After studying agriculture, you can go anywhere from big offices in the cities, to scientific research, to on-farm advisory roles to farm management itself. It is very important to think of the industry as being far greater than farming alone.



VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Are you interested in apprenticeships and/or traineeships? The Australian Apprenticeship Pathways website is fantastic! You can research career pathways and courses, undertake literacy and numeracy aptitude tests in your area of interest, and contact apprenticeship and group training centres in your local area. Go to www.aapathways.com.au

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Business at Victoria University: Did you know you can undertake a year of paid full time employment as the third year of a four year business degree through the Cooperative Education program at Victoria University? For information about the program and stories from students who have participated in the program, go to <http://bit.ly/1BWdBJr> You can also check out the business programs at Victoria University at the upcoming Be You at VU day on Wednesday 8 July, <http://bit.ly/1GwDdE8>



Are you interested in studying at the University of Melbourne in the future? You can subscribe to the 'My Melbourne' monthly newsletter for future students. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening at the University, learn about courses, and find out about upcoming events. To subscribe, go to <http://bit.ly/1dZXV2B>

Apprenticeships through Swinburne University: A team of 7 advanced building, carpentry and plumbing apprentices from Swinburne University got to spend several weeks volunteering their time to assist with building projects at the remote village of Jamnya, India. Through an AsiaBound scholarship, the students worked alongside students, teachers and skilled local labourers to construct new school facilities and living quarters for teachers and families. For information on the program, go to <http://bit.ly/1f0hlok>

Fashion at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS): UTS fashion graduates recently made up 9 out of 12 young fashion designers to exhibit at the Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival in the National Graduate Showcase. According to UTS, never before has one educational institution secured the majority of these highly coveted positions. The other three graduates were from RMIT. You can watch highlights from the Graduate Showcase here- <http://bit.ly/1AZVvHz>

Reminder: Applications for the Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship at University of Technology Sydney close 19 June. The three year fast tracked course is industry sponsored and valued at \$46 500, <http://bit.ly/1KBXpSP>

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Have you considered arts and cultural materials conservation? If you enjoy art, history and science this may be the career area for you. The Grimwade Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation has recently been launched is the only centre of its kind in Australia. The Centre features research and teaching labs with cutting edge analytical equipment to detect the paints and pigments used by artists and to examine drawing underneath paintings. The Centre has the responsibility for the conservation of The University of Melbourne's vast collection of cultural material. To view a video about this amazing centre, go to <http://bit.ly/1f0dB6c>

Do you have a passion for graphic design? Aaron James Draplin is an American graphic designer. He has undertaken work for major companies such as Vans and Nike and will be teaching a master class for high school students at JMC Academy, Melbourne campus on Friday 31 July. He will be talking to participants about the role of the graphic designer in contemporary times, how design can influence, how to start your career, and how to deal with clients etc. For information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/1KmFtxl>

Interested in design? A University of Canberra Industrial Design graduate- Dylan White has been awarded both the 2015 Object Design Category winner and Overall Award of Excellence winner in the Australasian Graduate of the Year awards, by the Design Institute of Australia. To see Dylan's designs, go to <http://bit.ly/1F6cZ3R>



Are you in Year 12 and considering taking a gap year? Antipodeans Abroad is running important GapBreak Application Days from Tuesday 30 June – Thursday 2 July. Students interested in applying for a volunteer or paid work travel program in 2016 can select a 25 minute Application Meeting on one of these days, which will occur over the phone. For information on Antipodeans Abroad and GapBreak, and to book an Application Meeting, go to <http://bit.ly/1GoxQom>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events: June

- **MyDays, Charles Sturt University:** Communication & Creative Industries (23), Policing & Criminal Justice (29), www.csu.edu.au/go/myday
- **Information Evenings, Monash University,** various dates and locations, <http://tinyurl.com/n2dlulx>
- **19: Experience Day, La Trobe University,** Albury-Wodonga, www.latrobe.edu.au/experience
- **19, 20: Open Day, Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne,** <http://tinyurl.com/7nk2vrc>
- **24: 2015 Environmental and Marine Careers Expo, Melbourne Aquarium,** www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/schools
- **24, 25: Focus on Melbourne, Music (24) and Fine Arts (25), University of Melbourne,** <http://tinyurl.com/pcscqof>
- **27: High School Workshops, JMC Academy, Melbourne,** www.jmcacademy.edu.au/
- **29: Science in the City & Laboratory Tour, RMIT, Melbourne,** <http://tinyurl.com/pvsg8fj>
- **29, 30: Experience Days, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne (29) and Ballarat (30),** www.acu.edu.au/97108
- **30: Discover Deakin University, Melbourne Campus,** <http://tinyurl.com/q3yaqln>
- **30: ENGenUty, Engineering and IT day, Monash University, Clayton,** www.eng.monash.edu/engenuity
- **30 June – 1 July: Science Bootcamp at the CSIRO, Clayton,** <http://tinyurl.com/jvm32an>

Upcoming events: July

- **1: Discover Deakin University, Geelong Campus,** www.deakin.edu.au/discover-deakin
- **4: High School Workshops, JMC Academy, Melbourne,** www.jmcacademy.edu.au/
- **6 – 8: Year 8 ChaliENge, Monash University,** <http://eng.monash.edu.au/challenge>

Uniform Shop Changes

Dear Parents,

From Term 3 the uniform shop will be located in the house at 50 Walls Street, Camperdown (on the corner of Dimora Ave and Walls Street.

Entry will be via the front door. The uniform shop will be in the first room on the right.

The Uniform shop will be closed on

Thursday, 25th June.

Dinny's Diner

CANTEEN PRICE LIST TERM 3

HOT FOOD

Sweet Chilli Roll with lettuce, cheese & sweet chilli sauce	\$4.50 *	[Price rise]
Loaf and Lounge pies and pasties	\$4.00 *	[Price rise]
Loaf and Lounge chicken pies	\$4.50 *	[Price rise]
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00	
Nibble Pies	\$1.50	
Ham and Pineapple Pizza	\$2.50	
Streamed Dim Sim	\$0.80	
Hot Dog (in bread) \$2.00 (in a roll)	\$2.50	
Toasted sandwich (ham & cheese or chicken & cheese)	\$3.00	
Toasted Foccacia Small \$3.00 Large	\$4.00	

ROLLS & SANDWICHES

Salad roll or sandwich (chicken or ham)	\$4.50
Salad roll or sandwich (no meat)	\$3.50
Egg and Lettuce sandwich	\$3.00

FRUIT

Various fruits	\$1.50
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CAKES

Small donuts	\$1.50 *	[Price rise]
Muffins	\$2.20	
Coffee Scroll	\$2.00	
Homemade Hedgehog	\$1.50 *	[Price rise]

DRINKS

Big M's Small \$2.00 Large	\$3.00	
Fruit Box	\$1.20	
Cool Ridge Water 600mL	\$1.50 *	[Price rise]
Fresha fruit juice varieties Small \$2.00 Large	\$2.50	
Nippys milk varieties	\$2.50 *	[Price rise]

*** Denotes price rise**

Parents please note that from the beginning of Term 3 students are to take their lunch orders directly to the Canteen before school commences.

NOTICES



Department of
Education & Training

Financial Assistance

Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

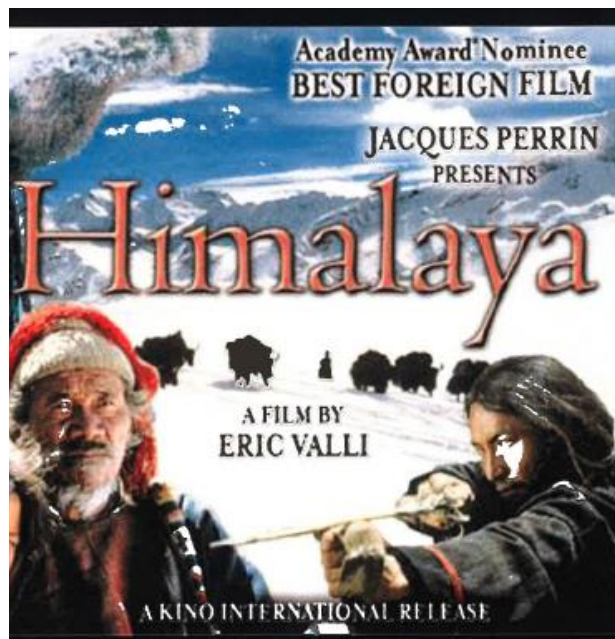
How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Screening of Eric Valli's Film *Himalaya*

Wednesday 24 June, 7pm

Theatre Royale, 218 Manifold
St Camperdown

Tickets \$15 incl supper

All funds will go to Nepal earthquake relief projects

For more info please contact Belinda on 0419 847 449 or Graham on 0418 377 293

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