Year 9 Student has a bright future

KSC year 9 student Bill Smart has recently salvaged scrap metal to construct a very ‘smart’ trolley to transport our large indoor soccer goals. The goals have been very awkward to move, particularly difficult for our year 7 students. From a minimal brief, Bill drew up plans and used his considerable welding knowledge to put the trolley together in just over a week. The PE department is very appreciative of Bill’s skills and effort. Thanks also to Mr Steve Carr for giving up his time to supervise the workroom while Bill constructed the trolley.
Welcome to the final newsletter for 2014.

It has been a pleasure getting to know the school community this year and working with such a dedicated staff and School Council. Next year will be a big year for us in designing the new buildings and the contemporary curriculum that will engage our students with their learning and the school.

The end of the year also comes with farewells. We have three long time staff retiring this year Graham Wightman, Tony Heys and Gary McGrath and I would like to thank them for their contribution to the school and State Education. Congratulations also go to Steve Brew who has been appointed to a position in another school. Steve has also made a significant contribution to the school and we wish him well on the next chapter of his career. Samantha Brown will be leaving the College after 7 years. She has been a valuable member of the Integration team and more recently the LINK program. We wish Samantha good luck in the future. We are also farewelling Cameron McFarlane who has had a short stint at the school for Semester 2 and we wish Cameron well in his future teaching career. Heather Wilkinson, the coordinator of the LINK program will not be returning at the start of 2015 as she will be on leave and we wish her all the very best for that.

In 2015 we will have two new staff coming on board, Amy Lowe who will be leading the Music program and Emily Cottrell who will be teaching English and Humanities. I am sure the school community will welcome them into Korumburra in the same way that I have been received this year.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish all of our students and families a safe, happy and restful holiday season and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Abigail Graham
Principal

Assistant Principals Report

Congratulations to all our students and families for their efforts on a fantastic year. We have had a great year at Korumburra Secondary College and have much to be optimistic about for the future.

Over the next few days our year 12 students will receive their final results. I’m sure all results will be a good reflection of the time and effort all our students have put into their final year of studies this year. I would also encourage all students to remember that there is far more to your capabilities as a person that what can be represented by a single number.

Well done also to all staff and students for their efforts through our Headstart program. This program where all students were able to work in the 2015 classes with their 2015 teachers has allowed us to make a good start on next year’s work. It will also ensure that everyone is in the best possible position to start work from day one next year.

I am looking forward to the KSC 2014 Presentation Night which will be held next Wednesday evening. This is an opportunity for parents and families to celebrate and support students’ learning and achievements. The night starts are 7.15pm and I encourage all families and students to attend and enjoy the music delivered by our school band and help to make the night a huge success.

A very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year for all our staff, students and parents and I look forward to working with everyone again in 2015.

John Wilson
Assistant Principal

Students school reports will be available on the parent portal from Wednesday 17th December.
Proposed tracksuit pants for 2015 introduction.
Modelled by Yr 12 students Gemma Dixon, Georgia Chiavaroli and Yr 9 students Jye Celebrine & Jai McNaughton.

South Gippsland Schools Music Concert Photos
KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Senior School News

This is the last senior school report for 2014! The senior school would like to wish everybody a safe, happy and restful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing all students on Friday 30th January refreshed and ready to go.

2014 has been a busy year with many highlights in the senior school, from camps, fetes, sports day and many other events. I’d recommend reading through the school magazine to see the highlights of the year.

Our 2014 Year 12’s are nervously awaiting their results that are due to arrive on Monday. A reminder that even though these results are important, there are many different ways to achieve your goals. We look forward to celebrating all students’ success with the annual presentation evening on Wednesday. Whether or not your child is receiving an award it is a great evening to attend.

Today marks the end of head-start. Students have made a fantastic start to their 2015 classes, with many students already completing assessments. For students who have absences during this period there is an expectation that you will catch up on work missed, much of this would have been emailed out to parents to pass on.

Our 2015 Year 10 VCAL class showed a great deal of initiative during the last few weeks by organizing, preparing and running a “tough man challenge”. The students set up a number of different challenges, including a ropes course, tyre challenge, and the very popular water slide.

Our 2014 Year 10 students are completing work experience this week, again the feedback from employees is very complementary. The employees the students are with range from Melbourne Aquarium, to bike shops, schools and various other trades. It’s a timely reminder to 2015 Year 10’s to organise your work experience over the school holidays.

Ryda Excursion

On Friday 28th November, 25 new Year 12 students attended Gippstafe, Leongatha for a Road Safety Education Program (Ryda). This program is designed to “equip young people with the knowledge to stay safe on our roads.” Areas covered including having a Plan B – focusing on the impact of alcohol, drugs and fatigue on driving ability. A powerful presentation from Matt, a young man who suffered a spinal injury due to a vehicle crash. Many students were surprised by the stopping distances seminar. Students had the opportunity to sit in a car, and estimate the stopping distance travelling at different speeds. Student feedback included “very informative, worthwhile, if you get a chance to go next year do so, I now leave a bigger gap between my car and the one in front”. Thanks to Ms. McCarthy and Mrs. Taylor for taking the students.
HEADSTART PROGRAM –
The Headstart program provided students with a great start to their next year level and the staff at KSC were very dedicated in ensuring that all students were provided with the best learning opportunities to ensure that they continue to succeed in the future. Students who were unable to attend the Headstart program are expected to plan their time at the start of next year, to complete the tasks that they missed which form a part of their assessment for their next year level. A big thank you goes to students and parents for supporting this important program.

CHANGES TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM
As previously advised, there have been some changes to Leadership roles within the school, including the Middle School Team.

Year 7: Ms Susan Lloyd has been successful in being appointed in a Leading Teacher role for 2015 and as such, has moved on from the roles she has played as the Year 7 Coordinator. Susan has done an amazing and highly professional job in enhancing and developing innovative learning programs for Year 7 students with her exceptional team of Year 7 teachers. Her impact in this area will be long felt and she will continue to be a part of this team in 2015. We thank her for her dedication and input into the transition program which has greatly impacted on how quickly students have settled into their new learning environment. We therefore welcome Mr Brock Churchill in the role of Year 7 Coordinator who has been an integral part of this team for the past two years while he was also the Humanities Domain Leader. Brock’s experience, skill and depth of knowledge in a range of curriculum and wellbeing areas, will ensure that our new cohort of students are well supported.

Year 8: Mr Matthew Smith will remain in the Year 8 Coordinator role for 2015 and will continue to also provide the experience, skill and knowledge in a range of curriculum and wellbeing areas for our Year 8 students.

Year 9: Mrs Rebecca Anthony has been successful in being appointed as the Humanities Domain Leader for 2015 and we thank her for her dedication, professionalism and care in supporting the 2014 Year 9 students. Her impact on the lives of these students has been outstanding, as has her leadership in providing them with many opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. Ms Cass Burdett has moved into this role and has seamlessly taken over the reins during our Headstart program. Cass comes to the Middle School Team after having the role of ART Domain Leader and has been an active member of the Year 9 team for a number of years. We welcome Cass into the team and know that 2015 Year 9 students will continue to be well supported and challenged to reach for the stars.

GRADE 6 – ORIENTATION DAY – TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER
Orientation Day began in the PAC from 8.30am with a hot breakfast and then an official welcome. Students, parents and teachers mingled over egg and bacon toasties and nerves were settled once class formations were announced. Students experienced a typical Year 7 day in a range of subject areas. A big thank you to our KSC Peer Support Leaders who supported Grade 6 students throughout the day by cooking a scrumptious breakfast and then running Peer Support during the last session of the day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – SCHOOL SHOES – MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS SAFE.
As the end of the year draws near, the number of students wearing canvas shoes to school has certainly increased. Please be aware that these are not appropriate for everyday school wear and are not part of our uniform policy. Canvas shoes do little to provide the support needed for growing and developing bodies and do not provide protection when students are working in our Technology, Kitchen, Science or Gymnasium rooms. Please ensure that your child begins 2015 with the best foot protection and support possible.

The past and present Middle School Team wishes all the students at KSC, but especially those in Years 7, 8 & 9, a very happy and safe holiday season. We look forward to working with you all again next year.

Year 7: Miss Lloyd, Mr Churchill; Year 8: Mr Smith; Year 9: Mrs Anthony, Miss Burdett
Linda Jennings
Middle School Coordinator
Enrichment & Career News

Reflections
Coming up to Christmas tends to get me reflecting on the year that has been and looking at the good, the bad the ugly. Especially as my role changes a bit in 2015. I am so proud of our students and the many achievements they have had this year. Whether it is a formal award, an acknowledgement from another or just a sense that you have given your best, every student at this school is unique and awesome in their own way. As a mother, I know that it does not matter to me whether my son gets the highest mark in a test, it only matters that he gave his best. I don't care whether his football team win or lose, I only care that he was a good sport and a good team player. I don't care whether he is Dux of his school, I only care that he was respectful, gave things ago, and showed those in our community the best he can be. As a teacher, I feel the same. I don't care whether our kids win, I only care that they tried and to each student at KSC, I hope you feel just as proud of being the best you can be, the most respectful, the team player, the good sport and the good friend in 2014.

Change of Preference.
Monday is a big day for our 12s as their ATARs come out but as I have said – its not a measure of your ability to be respectful, be a good friend, that you have done your best or your ability to succeed. Congratulations to all of you who did the best that you could with the resources you had at the time and I look forward to working with you on ensuring your plans for your future come off….. If the score is not what you thought, I will be ringing you to offer help but please feel free to come in and share.

Change of Preference and Unis
All Universities offer course counselling next week and open days. If your plan A looks unlikely after you get your ATAR, do something about it. Contact them, contact me and explain what you want, and what alternative pathway you need to make it happen.

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education degree offered by Deakin University is a four-year undergraduate course (which can be fast tracked in two years), available to holders of a Diploma of Children's Services or equivalent, and international students. Students may study full time or part time. The program is being offered in selected regional TAFE and community partner sites across Victoria, including Chisholm Institute Wonthaggi campus.

The Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care is offered at Chisholm
The Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care is offered at Chisholm Institute Wonthaggi campus and provides a direct pathway into the Bachelor degree. The Diploma is open to school leavers.

For further information on the Diploma of Children’s Services from Chisholm please contact 5671 2300.

INFORMATION EVENINGS
Bass Coast
Tuesday 9th December, Wednesday 21st January, Thursday 5th February
6pm – 7pm
Chisholm Institute
South Dudley Rd,
Wonthaggi

Save the dates:
- Cerebus Visits – 17th or 24th March. For students looking at careers in Defence Force
- Year 12 VCE Information Night – 19th February – Year 12 VCE students
- VCE and Careers Expo – Friday 8th May – Year 11 VCE students

Jodie Matthews
Pathways & Transition Co-ordinator

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015
The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015
The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’
We wish all the families of KSC a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS
“The Pernickety Princess of Poowong & Other hairy tails!”
Performing at Korumburra Secondary College
DECEMBER 20 @ 7PM – ONE SHOW ONLY!
BOOKINGS 0425 714 944 OR SSOMERVI100@BIGPOND.COM OR at the DOOR!

South Gippsland Youth Theatre will be performing its second production “The Pernickety Princess of Poowong & other hairy tails utilising 16 talented performers aged 8 to 15 years! An original adaptation to many familiar fairy tales it includes characters including the ‘Princess Poowong,’ Lady Koringal, Little Miss Understood and Australian animals...
Come along & enjoy a fun filled evening with family & friends and support your local community & youth!

Tickets Adults: $12, Concession $10 & kids under 5 years free! Tickets include a light supper after the show.