SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8.00AM—4.00PM
SCHOOL HOURS: 8.30AM—2.50PM

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Monday 12th March | Labour Day Public Holiday—No students
Thursday 15th March | College wide Multicultural
Tuesday 20th—Friday 23rd March | Year 12 Legal Studies Canberra Excursion
Thursday 22nd March | Year 11 Theatre Studies Excursion to West Gippsland Art Centre
 | Year 12 Outdoor Education Excursion to Walhalla
Thursday 29th March | Biology / Psychology Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

“The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all – doing nothing.”
Benjamin Franklin

GPA DREAMTEAM 2012
The GPA Dreamteam for 2012 will commence with the next progress report and entries are now being taken. Students enter a team of between 4-6 players and compete using their combined average GPA scores. There are prizes for the team that makes the most improvement between progress reports. The concept is designed to encourage students to work together to improve their GPA scores which should also enable them to improve their overall results. We have promoted the idea of synergy at assemblies and through the Motivational Days to remind students that the combined efforts of a group of students will result in better outcomes than by just relying on one’s own resources and efforts. The GPA Dreamteam is a fun and rewarding way of approaching study at the GEP. Every student participating will also earn points for their House. Students who would like to enter a team can see Lisa in Student Services for an entry form.

GEP CAMPUS FOOTY TIPPING
As the AFL season is about to kick off it is time to consider challenging your football knowledge and insight in a fun tipping competition. There is no cost for students to participate and you can possibly collect a prize or two along the way. Every student participating will also earn points for their House. Any student interested in participating in the Campus Footy Tipping competition can get an entry form from Lisa in Student Services.
NEWSLETTERS
We will soon begin distributing the Campus Newsletter electronically and in preparation we ask all families to ensure they have supplied the school with a current email address. We have many addresses from the enrolment forms however it is not a complete list at this stage. There will still be some hardcopies of the newsletter available from the General Office for students to collect if emailing is not convenient.

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY - INSTRUMENTAL ANALYSIS WORKSHOP
Year 12 Chemistry students attended Monash University Gippsland to participate in a workshop that showcased a number of analytical instruments. This provided an introduction to analytical chemistry, a major part of their Unit 3 studies. A number of post-graduate science students acted as mentors during the workshop, highlighting what each instrument can be used for in Industry. Our students used the High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (HPLC), Atomic Absorption Spectrum (AAS), Infrared Spectrometer and UV-Visible Spectrophotometer to gather data on a number of different samples. For example the AAS was used to determine the Calcium concentration in bottles of water. The Monash staff were very impressed with the behaviour of our students and said that they asked great questions during the session.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE VISITS LOY LANG
The Unit 34 Environmental Science class visited Powerworks and Loy Yang powerstation last Thursday. We learnt how 90% of Victoria’s electricity comes from the Latrobe Valley coal power stations. We also learnt how the chemical energy of coal is transformed into electrical energy and heard about the trial projects of; Carbon capture and gasification of coal and how they hope to reduce the CO2 outputs of our power stations. Even though the weather was wet and cold, it was an interesting day and we witnessed water falls in the coal mine itself.

Thanks to the tour guides Michele and Gary, we learnt many aspects of Energy and the Greenhouse effect which will help us with our upcoming SACs.
On the 20th & the 21st of February the Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students attended a trip to Wilson Promontory to learn about the past users of the ‘Prom’ and how its outdoor environment has become altered over time. Students also participated in two days of surfing lesson where they were taught how to surf, as well as some knowledge about surf awareness. Sadly there was very little surf present for our visit however the students did a wonderful job at making use of the small waves they had been provided with by developing new surfing skills.

The trip was a great success with all students participating to the best of their ability and working well together, may it have been cooking on the camping stoves or setting up tents of the evening, even with the rain the students attitude continued to stay positive allowing them to make the most of the experience.

I would like to thank the Year 12 O.E.S. class for their involvement and look forward to our next adventure together. Mrs White.
If you hope to study at university you will be wanting to get a degree. While studying your first degree you will be an undergraduate; if you do further study later on you will be doing postgraduate study. So look out for undergraduate courses for now. There are several universities in Victoria –

⇒ Australian Catholic University (known as ACU) with campuses in Melbourne and Ballarat
⇒ Ballarat Uni - Camp St, Melbourne Institute of Technology, Mt Helen
⇒ Charles Sturt Uni (CSU) - actually a NSW uni but with a campus at Albury-Wodonga
⇒ Deakin Uni - Burwood, Geelong, Geelong Waterfront, Warnambool
⇒ La Trobe Uni - Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Bundooma, Mildura, Shepparton
⇒ Monash Uni - Berwick, Caulfield, Clayton, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula,
⇒ Melbourne Uni - Parkville, Southbank – VCA
⇒ RMIT Uni – Brunswick, Bundoora, City,
⇒ Swinburne Uni - Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran
⇒ Victoria Uni - often known as VU; City, Footscray, Melton, St Albans.

University study is required to fully qualify for many careers such as engineering, medicine, physiotherapy, teaching and accounting.

If you study at TAFE you will obtain a certificate, a diploma, an advanced diploma (or in a small number of cases), a degree. You can complete pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships at TAFE as well. TAFE Institutes are located throughout Victoria. Many students start their tertiary studies at TAFE and then articulate (with credits) to university.
DO YOU WANT TO STUDY A MONASH UNIVERSITY MEDICINE OR HEALTH SCIENCE DEGREE?

If so, you may need to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of the application process. The test is required for Monash University medicine, pharmacy, pharmacy/commerce and physiotherapy degrees. Selection for medicine uses the UMAT result, an interview and ATAR. Pharmacy uses the UMAT and the ATAR. Selection for physiotherapy uses the UMAT result, an interview (some applicants only) and the ATAR. Some interstate universities also require the UMAT.

The UMAT us being held on Wednesday 25 July, 2012. Applicants for the test will need to register on line from a date yet to be announced. The test is administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).

The UMAT is a multiple choice test. There are practice tests available for purchase online; courses are also available that may assist you in preparing for the test.

FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES

Many design courses at university and TAFE require applicants to present a folio of their work as part of the application process for their courses. They want to find out about your ability and creativity. If you think you could use some assistance with your folio you might want to consider RMIT short courses. Some of these are held in the evening and some in school holidays, covering things like AutoCAD - QuickStart, drawing techniques, folio preparation in fashion drawing, in textile design, in graphic design, in interior decoration and in visual/fine art. There is also a career discovery course in building design. For more information: www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au, or phone 9925 8111
College Council Elections

Congratulations to the following parents on their successful election to the college council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

* Stephen Van Rooy
* Meredith Downes-Smith
* Penny Solomon
* Michael Radford

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Karen Anders from the Morwell Campus and Adam Hogan from the Churchill Campus have been declared the DEECD Representatives. A big Thank You to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

There are a number of initiatives currently taking place in preparation for a number of student performances and recycling fundraising ventures.

Fundraising

**Drink cans** – being collected. Bag of cans can be placed in the Can Bin located at the front office at Churchill Campus OR taken to the Hexagon on a Tuesday morning OR Morwell campus on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

**Vehicle Battery drive:**
- **Churchill campus:** 2nd last week of term 1 (Mon 19th, Tue 20th and Fri 23rd March);
- Drop-off point at front of school – see Music Trailer.
- **Morwell campus:** Last week of term 1 (Wed 28th and Thur 29th March)
- Drop-off point at rear of school (Technology Side) – see Music Trailer.

Drop-off times are from 7:45am til 12 noon

**Kurnai Idol Auditions: For all students!**
Get those vocal cords warmed up because it is audition time. Auditions will occur in the Music/Theatre Studies area (Hexagon) during lunchtime, on Monday 19th and Monday 26th March. Part of song only required without accompaniment. If successful, competitors will participate in knockout heats in term two. You must be in it to win it.

**Public Performances**
- **Gippsland Multi Cultural Schools Concert @ Kernot Hall, Morwell**
  on Thursday 15th March – College Big Band performing;
- **Rhythm and Roses Festival @ Rose Garden, Morwell**
  On Sunday 25th March Starts 1:30pm
  Featuring Latrobe City Brass Band (Morwell), South Gippsland Brass Band (Leongatha) and
  Kurnai College Big Band
- **Generations In Jazz Festival @ Mt Gambier, South Australia**
  Friday 4th May till Monday 7th May
  College Big Band performing