

PRINCIPALS REPORT

You have recently received a message through XUNO with a letter attached and below is an excerpt from the letter.

As we begin a new week in Term 2 and Australia continues its battle with the Coronavirus, and we manage the impact Stage 3 restrictions have had on our daily lives, I'm reminded of the quote by Helen Keller:

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

The Covid-19 stage 3 restrictions present challenges at a personal level where: social activities are curtailed, you may be caring for young children whilst helping school-aged children with school work, you are supporting teenage children, you may be apart from older children, you are unable to see elderly parents, unable to attend gyms etc.

Be assured that Casterton Secondary College staff are meeting the daily challenges of remote flexible learning. Although the planning/and correction of student work for remote learning is challenging and the daily remote contact with classes/students is sometimes interrupted when the internet drops out, please know that staff are committed to ensuring your child/children are being supported to achieve success.

I am proud of the high level of cooperation, shared responsibility and collegiate support of CSC staff. The school is taking a staged positive approach to remote online learning and I believe we are successfully supporting our students with their learning whilst the quality of teaching and learning is not being compromised, due to the individual and collective efforts of staff, parents and students.

The school continues to provide ongoing support through:

- IT assistance provided by Aaron McKinnon
- Members of leadership being available during the day to answer questions and chat
- Front office staff being available to respond to queries, etc.
- XUNO messaging to CSC staff – you will receive a response within 24 hours
- The CSC Website which provides user guides relating to online learning and a dedicated Covid-19 link.

Leadership Team: Meridith Walker (Principal); John Webb (Assistant Principal); Jo McKenzie (Director of Teaching and Learning); Carina Barton (Middle School Leader); Renae Newell (Senior School Leader) and Renee Jukes (Business Manager).

Internet Support

The Department ordered 21,000 internet dongles, with delivery of the first 11,000 to eligible families commencing 27 April 2020.

The South West region, last week, received notification the allocations for Tranche 1 for devices for students – device and hotspot – had been allocated. Unfortunately CSC wasn't a recipient. Hopefully we will be included in the second tranche, which does not commence until at least Week 5, 14th May due to international supply issues.

Given the school may not receive the number of internet dongles requested our priority will be for families with the highest need.

In the event the school does not receive any internet dongles we are recommending families investigate relief packages available from internet service providers that have established this service. Attached is an information sheet. The use of USBs for students without a viable internet connection will continue.

Nbn Relief and Assistance Package

The nbn™ has recently announced a \$150 million COVID-19 relief and assistance package, which includes a range of initiatives to support the community during this difficult time. Approximately \$50 million will be directed to helping

Internet providers support low-income households with school-aged children who do not currently have an active nbn™ connection at home.

To help unconnected low-income families with school children get connected, the nbn will be waiving its \$37 monthly wholesale charge for internet providers for many services on the 25/5 Mbps speed tier between April and September. This is intended to enable internet providers to create more affordable offers to connect these families

Am I eligible?

To be eligible to receive support through this program, families must meet the following criteria;

- Families who are currently receiving Family Tax Part A or B
- Have a school-aged child living at their address
- To ensure that this support makes it to those who need it the most, service providers are working with schools to assist with identifying those who need the support and organise the connections.

It is gratifying to be part of a school community that remains positive and optimistic. I am confident that the structures the school has in place to support remote online learning will ensure a smooth transition to on-site learning when the Victorian Chief Medical Officer and Government deems it safe to return.

Meridith

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Accessing the NBN Education Internet Access Package for Families

The Department has placed orders for 21,000 internet dongles. The first 11,000 of these will be available for distribution in the week commencing 27 April. However, due to international supply issues, availability of the second 10,000 will not commence before week 5 of term. In the meantime, there is an alternative for families to access an internet service where they live in an area with NBN and should be encouraged to do this.

NBN Education Package

NBN Co announced that they would be waiving access fees for internet service providers (ISPs) to enable the ISPs to provide disadvantaged families with internet access at significantly reduced or no cost.

The families need to meet certain criteria, including:

- they reside in an NBN serviced area
- they do not have an existing NBN service
- they have school aged children living at the residence
- they are in receipt of a Job Seeker Allowance or Family Tax Benefit

Advantages of the NBN Education Package

Having the NBN service will provide WiFi internet access to all students in the household. This is a considerable advantage over a dongle that needs to be assigned to individual students. Even though the dongle may be used for multiple students, the service will degrade considerably if this is done.

Accessing the Education Package

To date there have been two ISPs who have established this service for disadvantaged families.

These providers are:

Superloop - <https://www.superloop.com/education/>. This service can only be accessed by the family.

Aussie Broadband - <https://www.aussiebroadband.com.au/>. This service requires a school to register interest before families can access. Schools should ensure they maintain compliance with the [Privacy Policy](#) and not provide sensitive information to any vendor.

It is expected that other ISPs will offer similar packages over the coming weeks.

Any Associated Costs

If there are any charges for the education service, they are expected to be considerably lower than normal internet access packages.

Additional Support and Information

Queries in relation to additional devices and internet connectivity should be directed to learning.from.home.technology@education.vic.gov.au

CAREERS- SHIRE VISIT

Delma Fidler

The students and staff of Casterton Secondary College enthusiastically accepted an invitation from the Glenelg Shire to attend their Casterton Depot Open Day, and were the first visitors to arrive. The students listened as presenters spoke about the many career opportunities within the Shire's workforce, including several current construction and horticulture traineeships.

Presenters Jason Gorman, Dean Munro, Matt Killey and Damien Carter answered questions about the opportunities for females in the Shire, job descriptions, call outs and the daily operations of the depot. Many of the students were impressed with the Road Mapping App that Matt uses to identify and log jobs. The talk gave the students an insight into the day -to -day running of the depot including their emphasis on professional development and OHS.

Following the talk the students were given a tour of the depot and viewed some of the machinery that employees use on a daily basis.



Pictured are the Year 10 and staff member Scarlett Jarrad

At Casterton Secondary College we have excellent relationships with employers both locally and in the surrounding areas. We are grateful to the Shire for hosting the tour and look forward to working with them, as we pursue a common goal, providing career pathways for our local students.

GD SWIMMING- 2020

Joseph McArlein

GD Swimming 2020

A select group of our young budding swimmers competed in the Glenelg District swimming held in Portland on the 20th of February. With low numbers compared to other schools, magnificent participation and success still came from the day. Riley Munro found success throughout with 2nd place in 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke! With the conclusion of the day, Riley came away with 2nd in Age Group Champion points for the U15 Boys. All students on the day demonstrated our school values of Respect, Accountability and Persistence by making sure they gave their all.

A special mention to the staff and parents/carers who helped out on the day. Without this, these days are simply not possible. This is especially evident in Beryl Camilleri for taking on the role of team manager and Hayley Rhook for doing timing all day.



ARTIST VISITING

Faith Roper

Well renowned local artist, Ron Penrose, is working with Year 11 & 12 Art students to learn more about how artists work and what inspires them. Ron is an accomplished portrait artist from Harrow who works primarily with a palette knife to capture the essence of his subject. His use of colour and textures bring a sense of energy and excitement to his artworks. Over the next few weeks, with guidance from Ron, students will be creating self-portraits using his techniques. Tylar, Bailey, Will, Maddie and Jack are all responding positively to the project even though it is quite confronting painting themselves. We look forward to seeing what they produce



Ron Penrose with one of his artworks



FOOD TECH WITH YR 10- DANISH PASTRY

Sally French

Danish Pastry

Week 4 of Pastry Making saw the Year 10 Food Technology class tackle Danish Pastry. The importance of eating unhealthy foods only occasionally was certainly highlighted.

The students made buttery apple Danishes with the School Farm apples, the layers that were produced looked very professional.

Students and Parents are reminded that containers are required on prac days.



Choux Pastry

Today the Year 10s tried their hand at choux pastry. Despite the aching shoulders, the keen pastry chefs were able to produce smooth, silky dough to form into crisp, golden brown profiteroles, ready for filling with whipped cream. Well done chefs!



Jess Sambell

GAMING WORKSHOP

Carina Barton

On Tuesday the 17th of March all 7-10 students had the opportunity to attend a gaming workshop held by Brophy and the Institute of Games. The purpose of the workshop was to focus on practical strategies that can be used to keep video games fun, safe and healthy.



Discussion points included: why video games are so captivating, whether video games can lead to aggressive behaviour, how video games fit into today's youth culture and opportunities and benefits of gaming. The students asked lots of questions and were engaged in the workshop.

NOORLA YO-LONG EXCURSION

Rena Newell

The Year 11 cohort participated in a team building, leadership program at Noorla Yo-Long. The students worked together to provide communication to one another in a number of exercises. These included; leading a blind folded partner through a maze and an obstacle course. They then had to work in groups to come up with solutions to tackle problems they were faced with. Finally, the students participated in a high ropes course. The program encouraged the students to work together and show how important precise communication is to be effective in achieving a common goal. They developed tactics they can use in situation where they might be out of their comfort zone, feel fear or anxiety and hopefully can transfer these skills to areas of difficulty faced in the future, like exams. Overall, the students had a fantastic time and displayed fantastic leadership and team work skills.



HOUSE SPORTS – 2020

Joey McArlein House Athletics

On the 6th of March the weather produced, a spectacular day of athletics at Island Park. The traditional fight between three houses was a magnificent sight with great participation of all students throughout the day. With 12 different stations for field events as well as a busy track schedule we were set for a demanding athletics timetable. With students giving their all throughout the day, the age group champions were close as always, they were:

14 Girls: Indi Longhurst

14 Boys: Ricky Kaliebe

15 Girls: Zoe Hill

15 Boys: Riley Munro

16 Girls: Georgia McPeake

16 Boys: Nathan Jones

17 Girls: Chelsey Galpin

17 Boys: Bailey Boxer

21 Girls: Madi Mutch

21 Boys: Charlie Jarrad

The next to come was the overall house aggregate, past trends would say that Glenelg were hot favourites. At the end of the day the final scores were:

3rd: Wannon 1165

2nd: Muntham 1347.5

1st: Glenelg 11683.5

A big congratulations to Glenelg and their competitors as well as the overall age group champions. This event is a massive effort that needs many thanks handed out to willing staff, student helpers and enthusiastic volunteers that make a day like this both efficient and enjoyable.



Jasmine & Jackson



Tylar & Lachlan

HOUSE POINTS AT THE END OF TERM 1

GLENELG-2137.5

MUNTHAM-1655.5

WANNON-1602

BOTTLING THE 2019 WINE

Brett VanAs

As part of their Science studies our Year 10 students are learning about winemaking. This week they bottled the 2019 vintages of Shiraz and Cabernet. This involved adding carbon dioxide to the empty bottles to expel all oxygen, pumping the wine from the barrel into bottles, topping the bottles up to the correct level by hand and then "corking" the bottles with screw-top caps, now ready for bottle ageing.

The students were impressive in the way they worked as a team.



Kais Parsons



Tyson Polden



Cruz Tucker

GOATS MILK SOAP

Annalee McKinnon

The Year 11 Agricultural and Horticultural students attended the Primary School Gala day last Saturday to showcase the goat milk soap they have been making. Students were pleasantly surprised at how well-received it was with all 78 bars of soap sold on the day. Students have been busy this week making more so we can fill orders that were placed on the day. Unfortunately, at the moment, we are unable to attend any more markets for the foreseeable future. Still, if people are interested in purchasing soap, we will be popping up the scents that have been made each week, and they will be available for purchase through the front office.



Jayda & Caeleigh



Lily and Mrs McKinnon

VCAL Venture- Steaming Mugs

Steve Rathmell & Joey McArlein



Braeden Marett

Casterton Secondary College VCAL students are all involved in running three business enterprises. Students gain skill in business planning, entrepreneurial endeavours as well as teamwork and communication. At the Glenelg District Athletics day, our 'Steaming Mug' business students were kept busy all day making hot chocolates and coffees.

The constant feedback from very happy customers proved positive throughout the day, the quality of product was consistently high even under busy circumstances.

AQUAPONICS

Steve Rathmell

VCAL students have been completing the set up and construction of an enclosed, organic -cooperative produce farm. This will run using an aquaponics system. This is the 2nd year of the project, last year students designed and built a self-contained hot house that now holds 12 square meters of vegetable production growing space. The enclosed growing space has been designed to maximize a northerly aspect and allows students to grow seasonal vegetables throughout the year. We currently are starting to grow corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, peas and strawberries. Students have also be involved in the setting up of a non-profit business model which is being developed to be a part of our local community. The main aim of the non-profit business is to promote healthy eating and provide fresh, organic produce to the wider community.



Bailey Boxer



GD ATHLETICS

Joey McArlein

Every year Casterton Secondary College hosts the Glenelg District Athletics Carnival, this year it was held on Friday March 13.

The day was a success with Island Park filled with cheers of support from all eight schools. Casterton students participated with sheer desire to win and great sportsmanship and those who weren't competing provided support to fellow students competing and to staff on all events. Congratulations to Indi Longhurst who took out age group champion for the 12-13 year Girls. Another accolade Casterton Secondary should be proud of is taking home the STAR award, which is a measure of success calculated on student numbers. A big thank you goes out to the staff and students of Casterton Secondary College and a massive thank you to all the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help at the athletics. Without these people the day would not go ahead as smoothly as it does.

The overall winner of the grand aggregate was Monivae College, taking it home with a small margin over the 2019 winner Hamilton College.



Ricky Kaliebe



Indi Longhurst



Marissa Jamieson



Riley Munro

Term 1 Citizenship Awards

Throughout the year many of our students become involved in activities both at school and in the wider community.

This term students have assisted at the Casterton Primary School athletics, Coleraine Primary School athletics, Combined Primary Schools athletics, our House athletics and the GD athletics. In addition to these sporting events, other students have been involved in milking our goats at lunchtime, selling soap produced from the goat milk assisting with BBQ at the House aths and coffee making at the GD aths.

In recognition of this involvement, students receive Citizenship Awards. These certificates are normally presented at an end of term assembly. However all schools have been directed by the Department of Education and Training not to run whole school assemblies as part of its social distancing advice in relation to COVID - 19.

Certificates will be mailed to recipients with their Interim Report.

Term 1 award recipients:

Trystin Gage, Ashley Hornibrook, William Jackson, Nathan Jones, Hannah Munro,

Jess Sambell, Daniel Boxer, Braeden Marett, Dylan McGregor-Rhodes, Gypsy Milton, Angel Pedrick-Stewart, Tom Roland, Jack Smith, Thomas Anderson, Charlie Jarrad,

Zac Nash, Jarvis Parson, Will Rowland, Tyler Woolley, Oscar Barden, Phoebe Carlin,

Sophie Hart, Alex Hornibrook, Lachlan Humphries, Makayla Hutchins, Ebony Jarrad,

Amber Spratling, Rankin Cleary, Jack Wombwell, Ebony Mutch, Zoe Betinsky, Sam Patton, Josh Jones, Bindie Nash, Milly Campbell, Genevieve Sellers, Eloise Hippert, Aaliyah Young, James Mason, Shiloh Kurzynski, Paul Ferreira, Maddy Robinson, Ivy lane, Ella Kerr,

Selena Black, Josh Jeffrey, Kais Parsons, Reghan Parsons, Chloe Humphries, Kodi McLean, Chloe Kerr, Caeleigh Humphries, Lily Pilmore, Shae Ryan, Hayden Munro, Hannah Luers.

TERM 1 ATTENDANCE LADDER

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	Average Days Absent per Student
YEAR 9	0.43
YEAR 7	0.82
YEAR 8	1.13
YEAR 12	1.25
YEAR 11	1.26
YEAR 10	1.5

Winning Middle Years: Year 9

Winning Senior Years: Year 12

TERM 1 ATTENDANCE AWARD NOMINEES

Term 1 Values Award Nominees

Twice each term, the Welfare committee of Mrs. Barton, Miss Newell and Mr. Webb nominate a student from each year level in recognition of their work ethic and commitment to our school values of Respect, Accountability and Persistence.

Congratulations to our term one nominees:

Year 7: Reghan Parsons and Ricky Kaliebe

Year 8: Alex Hornibrook and Milly Campbell

Year 9: Marissa Jamieson and Tom Rowland

Year 10: Cruz Tucker and Cory Wombwell

Year 11: Titan Smeaton and Jack Smith

Year12: Chelsey Galpin and Caelen Kensen

Tern One 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% attendance in term 1:

Yr7: Rankin Cleary, Amy Crauford, Ricky Kaliebe, Reghan Parsons, Genevieve Sellers, Matilda Thompson

Yr8: Zoe Betinsky, Phoebe Carlin, Ella Kerr, Angel Pederick-Stewart

Yr9: Lachlan Humphries, Tom Rowland, Amber Spratling

Yr10: Tyson Polden, Cory Wombwell

Yr11: Eloise Hippert, Josh Jeffrey, Jack Smith

Yr12: Glynn Egger, Kaden Humphries, Lachlan Sheppard

Annual privacy reminder

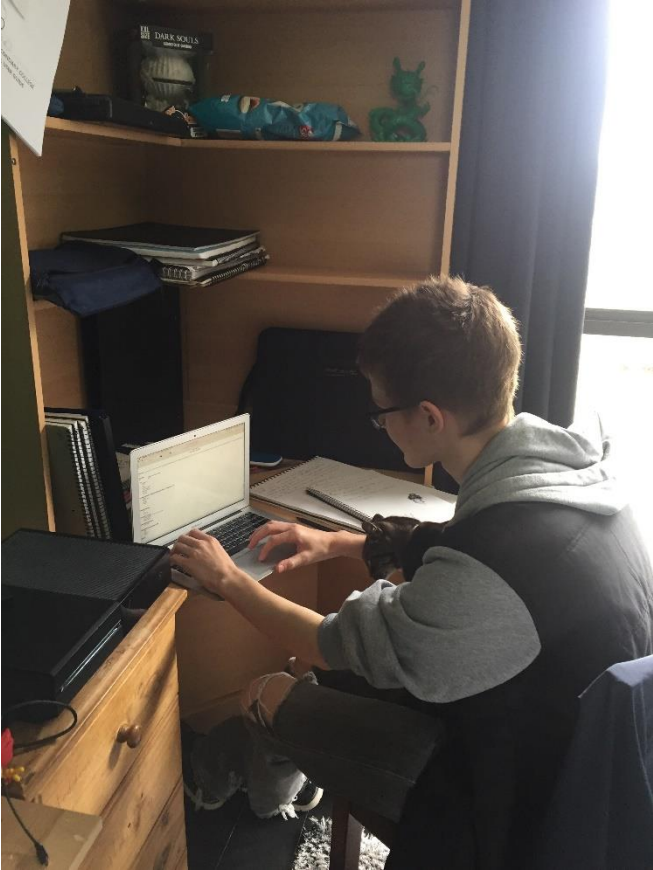
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<http://www.castertonsc.vic.edu.au/policies/Privacy/SchoolsPrivacyPolicy.pdf>

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STUDENTS LEARNING FROM HOME



Jack Smith



Ebony Jarrad



Indi Longhurst

COOKING FROM HOME

Sally French

Lockdown hasn't stopped our Year 7 Food Technology students from baking up a storm! Despite a change in location, our junior chefs have been honing their skills at home, whipping up a batch of scones and even a lemon slice!

This was a great exercise in using skills they had learned in Term One, particularly the rubbing in technique. Hopefully this also includes cleaning up. Thank you to families for your cooperation and enthusiasm.

Thanks to Kaidee, Chelsea and Jedd for your baking contributions.



Jedd Rhook





What a fantastic first week of online Food Technology! It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic the Year 10 chefs have been in completing practical work in their kitchens at home. Here are just a few samples of the omelettes whipped up by Year 10 students. It's fantastic to see that the skills they have learned are getting put to use. Hopefully their cleaning skills are also being utilised. Thank you to families for their support and encouragement. Thanks to Cruz, Cory and Jess for sharing their home cooking



Sam Patton with his scrumptious ANZAC biscuits

VINTAGE 2020- Picking of the school grapes



Meredith, Delma and Rob sorting through the grapes

With our Year 10 and other students learning from home, it was up to staff to pick the grapes for our 2020 Harvest. About a dozen of us gathered (while maintaining social distancing) on the Friday before ANZAC day. After picking the vines almost clean, the grapes were crushed, yeast added and then left for initial fermentation. Many thanks go to the staff involved, especially Jake Balzan for organising not only the staff, but all the equipment set up and then clean up.



Our staff picking the next prize winning wine



Sally is enjoying the picking of the grapes

CSEF- PARENTS AND CARERS

A reminder that many parents will now be eligible for CSEF. Your eligibility may change as a result of COVID-19, so please be aware during the term.

The applicant must be one of the following:

1. A parent/carer (of the relevant student) who is:
 - On the first day of term one or the first day of term two an eligible beneficiary of either a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card; or
 - An eligible beneficiary of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card; or
2. A temporary foster carer: or
3. The parent/carer of a student who is 16 years or older and who holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card)

The parent/carer must submit an application to the school prior to the end of term 2.

Provided the above conditions are satisfied, the amount payable is \$225 for Secondary school students.

If you would like an application form or need to check if you have already applied this year please ring to the front office on 55811588. Forms will be sent out if requested.