

PRINCIPALS REPORT

What a year 2020 has been!

Australia continues its battle with the Coronavirus which has temporarily re-shaped the way we live. A quote that I used in a letter to parents summed up the approach taken by our school community, a community of which I am proud.

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

Helen Keller

The Covid-19 restrictions presented challenges at a personal level where: social activities were curtailed, parents/carers/kin were not only caring for young children – they were also helping school-aged children with school work, supporting teenage children. We were apart from older children, unable to see elderly parents/grandparents, unable to attend gyms etc.

Whilst every person has in some way been affected by Covid-19, there have been none more so than our Year 12's.

To say 2020 was a challenge for them is an understatement. Congratulations to each and every one of them on the completion of a very busy and stressful year. Good luck Class of 2020 and on behalf of school staff, I wish you all the best with future endeavours and hope your dreams are fulfilled.

I also acknowledge Year 12 subject teachers for their commitment to their students, teachers who have gone above and beyond to provide quality instruction, encouragement and support to achieve success despite the challenges remote flexible learning presented.

Almost all of our students, Years 7-12, conquered the challenges that confronted them. They developed resilience, became confident learners, improved communication skills and importantly, found a way to overcome the trials of 2020.

It is gratifying to be part of a school community that remains positive and optimistic.

I acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the teaching and support staff at Casterton Secondary College. The achievements of 2020 are not possible without them.

Throughout the year, Casterton Secondary College staff met the daily challenges of remote flexible learning. Although the planning/correction of student work for remote learning was challenging and the daily remote contact with classes/students was sometimes interrupted when the internet dropped out, staff were committed to ensuring every student was supported to achieve success.

The median VCE Study Score for 2019 was 32, an outstanding achievement!

Our school was the best performing school in the Casterton/ Hamilton area. This is an achievement the community can be proud of.

Special congratulations to: 2019 (inaugural) VCAL DUX: Morgaine Delahoy and **2019 VCE DUX:** Leah Kerr

Casterton Secondary College's proud record of success is testament to the opportunities for all students to complete VCAL, VCE and VET courses.

2020 School Captains: Holly Sambell and Kaden Humphries; and Vice-Captains: Chelsey Galpin and Lachlan Sheppard have presented themselves as fine role models for our student population and it has been a pleasure to work with them. They have demonstrated the values, behaviours and responsibility required to lead the student body during very challenging times. The college thanks the student leaders for their support of and contribution to Casterton Secondary College.

Thanks to the Casterton Secondary College Council, sub-committees and parent volunteers, for their work and commitment to the college during 2020. I particularly thank Council President, Greg Johnson, for his leadership and work throughout the year.

Greg is retiring as Council President at the end of 2020 after four years in the role. On behalf of the college community I thank Greg for his commitment to and advocacy of the school in the local and wider communities, both as a parent and Council President. Greg's optimism models the type of positive attitude we encourage at Casterton Secondary College.

The strength of the relationships between staff, students and parents/carers has helped us cope with the difficulties that have confronted us in 2020. We have as individuals and a community adapted and grown stronger; we have discovered what we are capable of, and we have developed and tapped into our strengths.

On behalf of our school staff, I thank students for their resilience and determination throughout the year during remote flexible learning, and parents/carers/kin for the reassurance and guidance provided to their children.

Although it hasn't been easy for any of us, through our collective efforts students made valuable progress in their learning.

I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but they whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves their conduct, will pursue their principles unto death.

Leonardo da Vinci

To the staff, students and parents/carers/kin, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas as well as a prosperous and rewarding 2021.

Meridith

PRESENTATION AWARDS

John Webb

Despite the easing of a number of COVID -19 restrictions, we decided not to hold our Presentation of Award Ceremony in the usual manner at the Town Hall this year. This ensured we continued to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our school community.

Our Presentation of Awards Ceremony was held on the front lawn of the College on Wednesday December 9. Unfortunately parents / caregivers, friends and guest presenters were unable to be in attendance to celebrate the achievements of our students.

The awards ceremony provides an opportunity to reflect on the events of the year and to recognise and reward a large number of students who have achieved at a high level in a wide range of pursuits.

We would like to thank the following organisations for their generosity and support of the college in making a number of awards available:

University of South Australia, Trotters Coaches, Westvic Staffing Solutions, South West TAFE, Glenelg Veterinary Services, Australian Defence Force.

Award winners for 2020

College Council Award: Chelsey Galpin

University of South Australia, Year 12 Diligence Award: Jasmin Woolley

Australian Defence Force Leadership Award: Holly Sambell

Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award: Hayden Munro

Year 7 – 10 English and Mathematics Aggregate Awards (Donated by Trotters Coaches): Chelsea Hulm, Zoe Betinsky, Madeline Patton, Maddy Robinson

VCE Science Award (Donated by Glenelg Veterinary Services): Hayden Munro

Westvic Staffing Solutions Award for VET Excellence: Charlie Jarrad

South West TAFE Award: Zac Nash

Academic Diligence Awards

Year 7: Rankin Cleary, Amy Crauford, Emily Eastman, Chelsea Hulm, Indi Longhurst, Matilda Thompson

Year 8: Zoe Betinsky, Ella Kerr, Ivy Lane

Year 9: Madeline Patton

Year 11: Eloise Hippert, Caeleigh Humphries, Chloe Humphries, Chloe Kerr, Kate Tomkins

Year 12: Chelsey Galpin, Tamiaka McLean, Madi Mutch, Jasmin Woolley

Academic Excellence Awards

Year 7: Amy Crauford, Emily Eastman, Chelsea Hulm, Indi Longhurst, Matilda Thompson

Year 8: Zoe Betinsky, Selena Black, Ivy Lane

Year 9: Makayla Hutchins, Madeline Patton, Amber Spratling

Year 10: Maddy Robinson, Jessica Sambell

Year 11 Subject Awards

Eloise Hippert: Agriculture and Horticulture, Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematical Methods

Chloe Humphries: Foundation English, Foundation Mathematics, Personal Development

Chloe Kerr: General Mathematics, Health and Human Development, Outdoor and Environmental Studies (Joint winner)

Georgia McPeake: Product Design and Technology

Zac Nash: Industry and Enterprise, Outstanding VCAL Work Placement

Kate Tomkins: Outdoor and Environmental Studies (Joint winner), Studio Art

Year 12 Subject Awards

Chelsey Galpin: English, Health and Human Development, Psychology (Joint winner)

Tamiaka McLean: Outdoor and Environmental Studies, Physical Education, Psychology (Joint winner)

Hayden Munro: Biology, Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Product Design and Technology

Madi Mutch: Business Management, Intermediate Literacy, Personal Development, Studio Art, Outstanding VCAL Work Placement

Will Rowland: Agriculture and Horticulture

Will Stewart: Intermediate Numeracy

TAFE Certificates

Certificate III in Agriculture: William Rowland

Certificate II in Automotive Vocation Preparation: Caelen Kensen, Jarvis Parsons

Certificate III in Carpentry: Charlie Jarrad

Certificate III in Education Support: Madi Mutch

Certificate II in Hospitality: Dakota Crawford

Certificate II in Kitchen Operations: William Stewart, Tylar Vise

Certificate III in Screen and Media: Ryan Hegarty

Champion House: Glenelg

Olympic Change Maker Award: Madi Mutch, Kaden Humphries

2021 College Captains: Eloise Hippert, Lily Pilmore

2021 College Vice-Captains: Chloe Kerr, Zac Nash

2021 House Captains

Glenelg: Selena Black, Ivy Lane, Josh McPeake, Georgia McPeake, Jackson Fitzgerald

Muntham: Phoebe Carlin, Mav Parsons, Caeleigh Humphries, Kate Tomkins, Kais Parsons

Wannon: Indi Longhurst, Aaron Jeffrey, Amber Spratling, Josh Jeffrey

John Webb

9/12/20



Yr 7-9 Academic Excellence Award winners



Yr 7-12 Diligence Award winners



Yr 11 & 12 Subject Award winners



Jackson Fitzgerald & Jasmin Woolley accepting the trophy for Glenelg House Championship 2020 winners from College Council President Greg Johnson



Chelsey Galpin,
Receiving the College Council Award
from Greg Johnson



Holly Sambell receiving
ADF Leadership & Teamwork Award
from Greg Johnson



2021 House Captains



2021 College Captains & Vice Captains



2020 College Captains & Vice Captains



Presentation on the lawn

2020, YEAR 12, GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



BACK- Bailey Boxer, Will Stewart, Jarvis Parsons, Kaden Humphries, Lachlan Sheppard, Hayden Munro, Charlie Jarrad, Caelen Kensen, Glynn Egger, Will Rowland

FRONT- Madi Mutch, Chelsey Galpin, Jayda Hanson, Jasmin Woolley, Tom Anderson, Tamiaka McLean, Holly Sambell, Dakota Crawford

United Way Glenelg has kindly donated cookies to the Year 12 students as a small gesture to acknowledge the resilience they have gained during a challenging year. The staff at Casterton Secondary College have watched with pride as our Year 12 students have grown from tentative Year 7 students to confident, resilient and courageous young adults. Thank you, United Way Glenelg, for your generous gift.



Renae Newell & Nicole Carr



WOODWORK, Year 7

Steve Rathmell

The Year 7 students were asked to design a jigsaw puzzle for children aged 3 to 5 years old.

The students created their own designs using digital software, which was then transferred onto plywood for the final cut-outs.

Well done to the class on your finished product.



Year 7 showing their jigsaw creations

Kira Charlton & Ricky Kaliebe



Ben Rafferty-Heaton



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION, 2020

Chelsea Carter

At the end of August, 88 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. We were extremely pleased to see that 33 of our students received certificates.

We had one student receive a distinction which ranked him in the top 20% of students sitting this Australian competition. This was awarded to Aaron Jeffery.

Eight students received a credit which ranked them in the top 55% of students sitting this competition. This was awarded to Rankin Cleary, Indi Longhurst, Jedd Rhook, Kaidee Sambell, Georgia Taylor, Sid Herbert, Riley Munro, and Madeline Patton.

We had 24 students receive certificates of proficiency, these students were Emily Eastman, Chelsea Hulm, Riley Hutchins, Dylan Munro, Reghan Parsons, Savannah Schurr, Zoe Betinsky, Daniel Boxer, Phoebe Carlin, Paul Ferreira, Felicity Hall, Alex Hornibrook, Riley Hornibrook, Ella Kerr, Ivy Lane, Jesse Luers, James Mason, Ebany Jarrad, Trystin Cocking-Gage, Ivy Stewart, Georgia McPeake, Lily Pilmore, Hayden Munro, Tylar Vise.

I would like to congratulate all students that took the time to sit this competition.



L to R- Madeline Patton, Indi Longhurst,
Georgia Taylor, Kaidee Sambell



L to R, Rankin Cleary, Sid Herbert, Jedd Rhook
Riley Munro and Aaron Jeffery in front

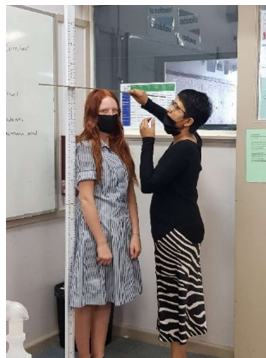
YEAR 7 MATH, STEM AND LEAF PLOTS

Indu Yadav

Students learned about making a Stem and Leaf plot and how to analyse it by doing a measuring activity. They measured first their arm length (cm) and Height (cm) and worked out on finding Mean, Median, Mode, and Range.



Matilda Thompson



Kira Charlton

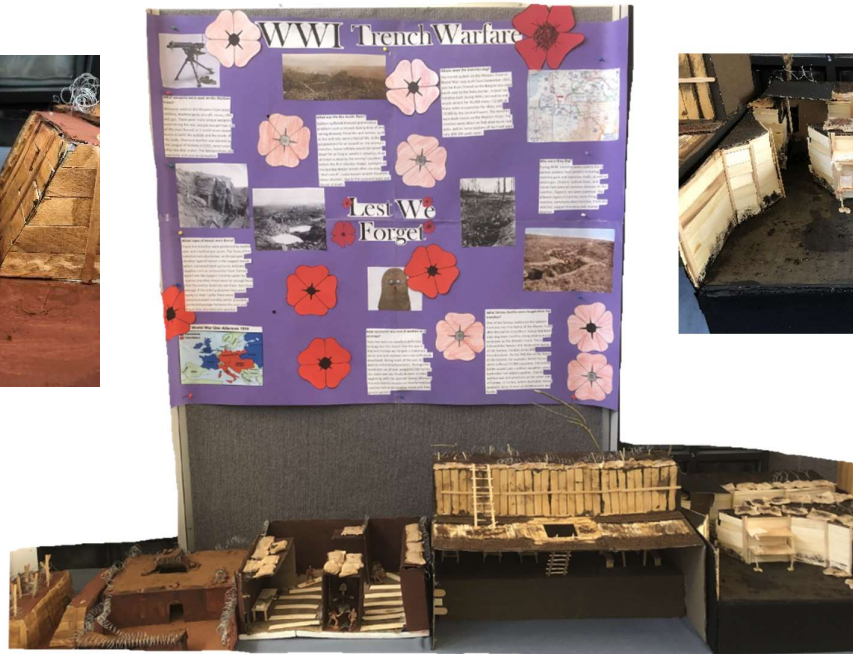


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HUMANITIES

Jal Nicholl

On 11 November Casterton students and staff commemorated Remembrance Day. Year 9 students Marissa Jamieson and Sophie Hart led proceedings as students and staff observed one minute's silence. In Year 9 humanities, students had been busy creating dioramas to represent life in the trenches of the Western Front, and these were displayed in the school foyer.



Year 9 AG-SCIENCE ENTERPRISE, LIP BALM

Annalee McKinnon



Year 9 Agricultural Science students at the Casterton Secondary College this semester were required to come up with a plant enterprise that they could investigate and carry out the care of a particular plant of their choice. As part of this enterprise, they had to come up with a product that they could market and sell to the school community. Ebany Jarrad, Madeline Patton, Riley Munro and Makayla Hutchins decided on growing the plant Aloe Vera, and as their product to sell, they produced an Aloe Vera Lip Balm. This particular year 9 group looked at the growing requirements of Aloe Vera, how to harvest the Aloe Vera and how to value add the product to make it into something that could be marketed to the community.

Paddock to Plate, Cheese Making

Annalee McKinnon

2021 Year 10 Agriculture students have completed a goat paddock to plate cheese making exercise where the students milked, pasteurized and made cheese with the milk collected. After a taste test by the students, it has been agreed that the goat's cheese was a success!



Dylan & Mathew with the finished Cheese



Amber doing the taste test

LIFE ON THE FARM



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Year 10, MIXED MEDIA CLOCKS

Faith Roper



The year 10s have managed to complete their mixed media clock projects in Art. They developed their designs whilst learning from home and were able to put it all together when face to face learning resumed. All students completed their work and are very proud of the end results. Many of the clocks are on display in the school and have received a lot of attention from passers-by.



Here are just a sample of the clocks the students have completed.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR OUR 2021 Year 7 students

We had two classes of new, excited year seven students join us on Tuesday 8th of December for orientation day, where we introduce them to the school and their new teachers, prior to joining us next year.

They were involved in a number of classes during the day, including Science, Maths, English, Art, Food Technology and Indonesian. Once again, the manners and behaviour of the students was excellent.

It was great to see so many eager young faces at the school and we are looking forward to next year when we can share our learning experiences together.

The students were presented with a new school bag as a welcome to Casterton Secondary College.

We also awarded our 2021 scholarships for year seven students on orientation day, as we are still operating under COVID-19 restrictions. The well-deserved recipients were Olivia Nolte, Alex Hill, Caitlyn Gorman, Airiz Jane Dela Cruz, Tamsyn Black and Abby Black.

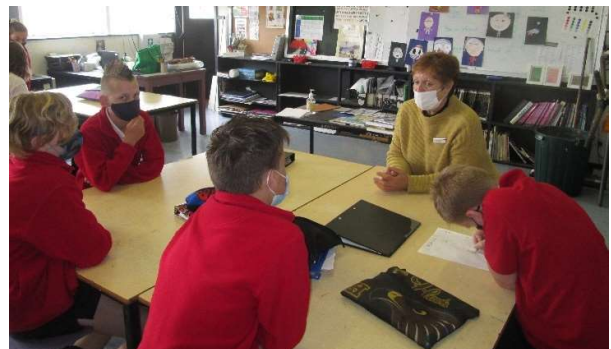
Thanks for all the support we receive from the primary schools, our staff for volunteering to run classes and the peer helpers who gave up their day to help our newest school members.

Enjoy the festive season,

Mrs Barton.



Scholarship recipients.



Art with our Principal Mrs Walker.



Maths with Mrs Yadav.



Science with Mr Webb

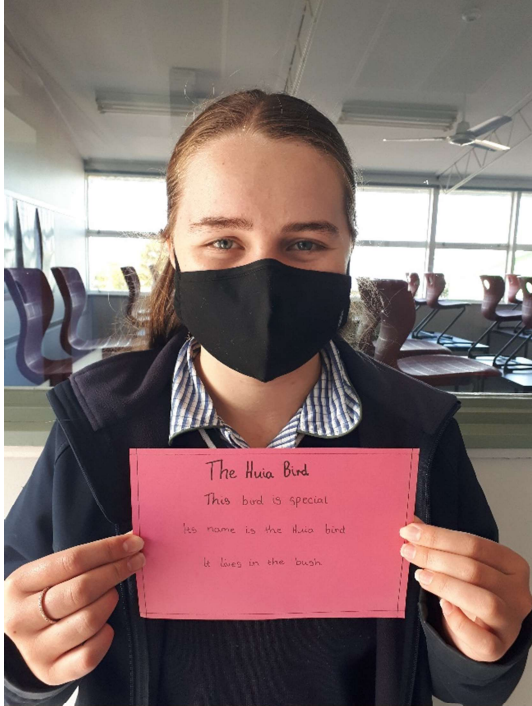


Cooking Mini Pizza's

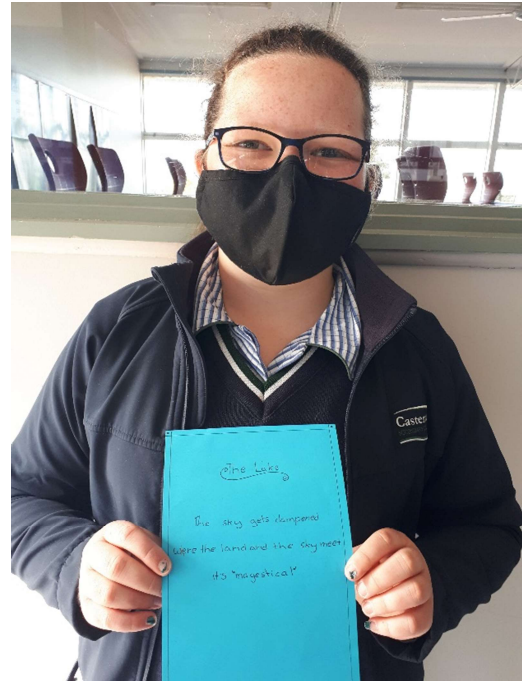
ENGLISH Year 9

Sally French

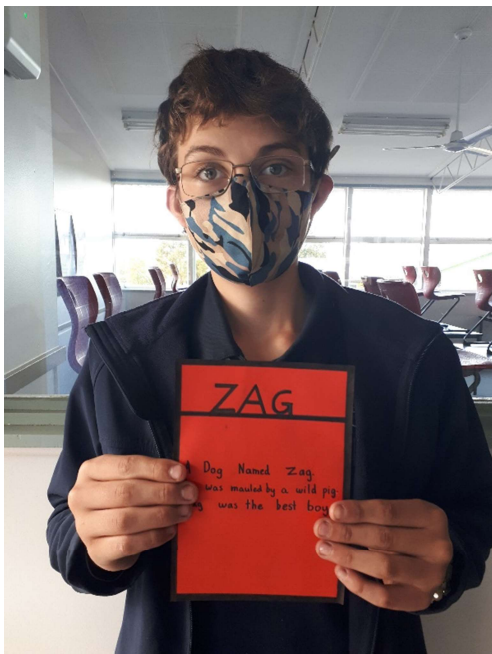
As their first unit for 2021 English, our new Year 9s have been studying Taika Waititi's film *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*. As part of this study, students have written their own haiku-inspired poems. Creating phrases that followed the strict syllable requirements could be a bit difficult, however the students rose to the challenge and have written very creative haikus.



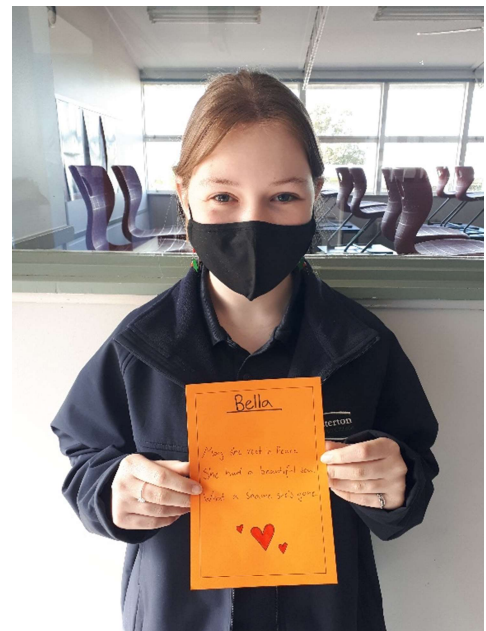
Ivy Lane



Ella Kerr



Paul Ferreira



Selena Black

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021

PUPIL FREE DAY 2021, WEDNESDAY 27th JAN

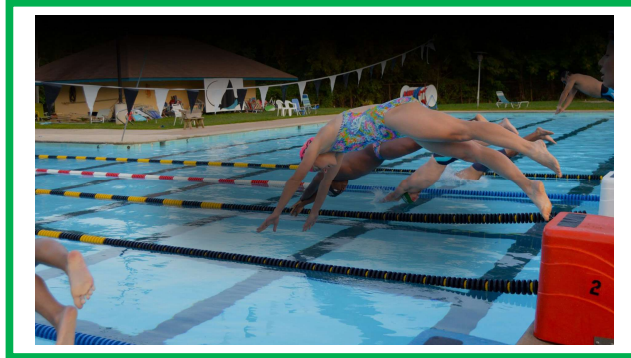
Years 7, 11, 12 BEGIN THURSDAY 28th JAN

WHOLE SCHOOL BEGINS FRIDAY 29th JAN

**THE STAFF OF CASTERTON SECONDARY COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO
WISH EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A**

HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR





Casterton Swimming Club Come & Try Day

Want to find out more about swimming club?
Then we'd love to see you at the Casterton Pool
Come along and shake off the months of inactivity

Sunday 6th December

10.30am - Bring your Bathers

BBQ Available

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mark Nolte on: 0407 873 925

Welcome back to all returning members!

