

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Unfortunately, during the latter part of this term, our Principal, Meridith Walker has been unwell requiring two short stays in hospital. It is pleasing to report that Meridith is at home resting and recuperating and we all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return and continued leadership and commitment to CSC at the start of next term.

As the term draws to a close, it is opportune to reflect on how much has been achieved in such a short time, and how fortunate we are to have such a hard-working staff who provide our students with so many opportunities as well as a high standard of education.

Throughout the term students and staff have engaged in a variety of activities, including:

- Staff and students have been busy with the Writing/Reading programs.
- Staff have provided input into the Annual Implementation Plan monitoring process which maps the progress of the school's 2024 Key Improvement Strategies. We are on track to meet our targets.
- The Student Council approved some changes / additions to our Uniform Policy. These changes were sent by XUNO message to all parents / cares, students and staff prior to being adopted. The revised policy can be found on our website.
- Staff peer observations were completed. These provide teachers with an opportunity to observe best practice regarding providing student feedback.
- Students completed the PIVOT survey for each of their classes. These surveys provide teachers with feedback from a student perspective.
- All students completed the Student Attitudes to School Survey. We look forward to receiving the results of the survey which gives us feedback on whether students feel safe at school, are engaged with their learning, and enjoy school. We will then "unpack" the survey results to make changes where necessary to our present practices.
- Year 12 VCE students participated in revision lectures prior to their End of Semester exams.
- Year 10s attended a TAFE taster session in Hamilton.
- Year 9 students participated in the Year 9 Future Me program and Morrisby Careers Profiling.
- Year 11 students participated in the Money Matters program.
- Year 7-10 Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) testing have been completed.
- We also welcomed Grade 5 and 6 students from our feeder schools for two very successful Partnership Days.
- All students have participated in end of semester exams which have been marked and will be included in reports.

Excursion this term include:

- Our year 8 students and our Crew attended The Live 4 Life launch in Portland.
- Year 8 students visited Budj Bim as part of their Humanities studies and our Outdoor Ed students also visited Budj Bim.
- All year levels have attended the Noorla Yo-Long Adventure Camp which takes the students out of their comfort zone and develops resilience, teamwork and leadership skills.
- Our year 7 & 8 debating teams went to a training session in Hamilton.
- Year 7, 8 and 10 students visited the Casterton Wannon Water facility.

Sporting commitments this term include:

- Our House Cross Country
- The very successful Glenelg Distract Cross Country which we hosted on a challenging track involving our school farm.
- The Greater Western Region Cross Country.

Students will receive their End of Semester Reports on the Thursday (year 11 & 12) and Friday (years 7 – 10) of the last week of term. These reports provide students and parents / carers the opportunity to celebrate successes and also to look at ways to improve where deemed necessary. Staff provide information in the Areas for Improvement / Future Learning section of these reports for this purpose.

I would like to wish our students and staff a happy and safe break and look forward to your return in term three.

Keep safe and well.

J. Webb

TERM 2 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The following students were nominated for Citizenship Awards this term.

Abby Black: Assistance at Combined Primary Schools Cross Country

Myles Black: Assistance at Combined Primary Schools Cross Country and Grade 5 & 6 Partnership Days

Nicole Cornish: Assistance at Combined Primary Schools Cross Country and Kelpie Festival Working Bee

Amelia Bailey: Assistance at Combined Primary Schools Cross Country and Kelpie Festival Working Bee

Caitlyn Gorman: Assistance at Combined Primary Schools Cross Country and Grade 5 & 6 Partnership Days

Kaitlan Johns: Assistance at Combined Primary Schools Cross Country and Kelpie Festival Working Bee

Amelia Richardson: Assistance at Grade 5 & 6 Partnership Days

Archie Lane: Assistance at Grade 6 Partnership Day

Henry Robins: Assistance at Kelpie Festival Working Bee

Billy Rhook: Assistance at Kelpie Festival Working Bee

Kirby Vise: Assistance at Kelpie Festival Working Bee

Riley Winters: Assistance at Kelpie Festival Working Bee

Start of Term 3

Monday July 15: Professional Practice Day for staff. **Students are not required at school.**

Tuesday July 16: First day for students.

House Points at the End of Term 2

Wannon: **2719.67**

Glenelg: **2572.33**

GWR CROSS COUNTRY-Warrnambool

Ann Hirst



Archie Lane came 3rd in the GWR cross-country held in Warrnambool.



L-R, Indi Longhurst, Ylana Grigg, Makayla Rees & Archie Lane

ABSENT- Ashley Barker & Renee Gorman.

Our Glenelg District cross-country age winners recently competed in the highly anticipated Greater Western Region competition. This was held in Warrnambool on Monday 27th May, in surprisingly sunny conditions. We are thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of Archie Lane, who showed incredible determination, skill, and sportsmanship, securing an impressive 3rd place finish.

Special congratulations go to all our runners, pushing their limits and setting personal records on the day. Their perseverance and teamwork were evident as they tackled the challenging course and represented our school with pride. This is a remarkable achievement for a school of our size to have so many talented competitors that can reach this level of competition.



L-R, Abby Black, Myles Black, Kaitlan Johns, Caitlyn Gorman, Amelia Bailey

F- Nicole Cornish

Students who helped at the Primary school District Cross Country held at Merino on the 7th of May.

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WHOLE SCHOOL NOORLA YO-LONG EXCURSIONS

Ann Hirst

The excursion to Noorla Yo-Long is designed to challenge students through a series of carefully curated activities, and scenarios. Noorla Yo-Long is run by the South Australian Police and is aimed at education, recreation & self-discovery. It is the most advanced life skill training facility in Australia. Students engage in different exercises aimed at enhancing their problem-solving abilities, communication skills, and leadership potential. From trust-building games to strategic planning sessions, every moment was an opportunity for growth and pushing personal boundaries.

One notable activity is navigating the high ropes where some students must overcome their fears to get off the ground and step upward to some great heights, but seeing the look of success when they have made it to the top and crossed the rope is fantastic. Another activity is the "Leadership Labyrinth," where students had to navigate a complex maze using only verbal instructions from their team leaders. This exercise emphasizes the importance of clear communication, trust, and collaborative problem-solving.

YEAR 7-



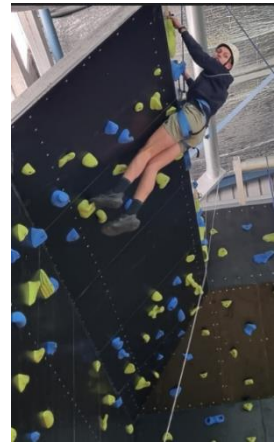
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YEAR 11



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CAREERS NEWS

Delma Fidler

On the 25th of June Year 10 students will be attending a **VET Taster Day** in Hamilton. This day is designed to give the students a brief outline of the courses available for them consider in 2025. The students have indicated which workshops they would like to attend (four in total)

Year 11 students participated in a Money Matters session with Deakin university, which was aimed at providing basic budgeting information. Many of the students were surprised at the cost of living, particularly groceries.

Open Days are now being advertised. Sometimes they are University or TAFE focussed other times they are facility focused, they can be online, or campus based. Please check **XUNO** for the websites for further information and registrations. As more dates become available details will be sent out on XUNO.

FUTURE ME-Year 9

The year nine students have completed three Future Me sessions conducted by Deakin university. These sessions sparked in-depth conversations about our ever changing world of work and how to recognise and develop employability skill. Many thanks to Kane Forbes- Casterton Pharmacy, Jason Gorman -Glenelg Shire, Josh Praolini- SA Forestry, Leanne Nelson- Victoria Police, Nathan- Fidler Casterton Shearing and Guy Seviar- Headstart for sharing their career journeys with our students.



Casterton Pharmacy
Kane Forbes

Glenelg Shire
Jason Gorman



*L-R, Jason Gorman- **Glenelg Shire**, Josh Praolini- **SA Forestry**, Kane Forbes- **Casterton Pharmacy**
Guy Seviar- **HeadStart**, Leanne Nelson- **Victoria Police**,
Missing from photo, Nathan Fidler- **Casterton Shearing***

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WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK-Year 10

Congratulations to the year 10 students who successfully completed the first of their two work experience blocks. The second week of work experience is in August and many of the students have already begun securing their placements. These placements are to be away from the local area. Please research possible placements over the holidays. All students have access to their resumes.

Many thanks must go to our generous employers who continue to host our work experience, Structured Work Placements and School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships. Employers this year include:

**Kathleen Millikan Centre
Moto-electrics
Goat Farm
Catching Pen
Paul Murphy Chimney
Sweep
Casterton Agriculture**

**ABC Construction
Davidson Engineering
Casterton Auto
Element Café & Larder
Edgarley Assisted Living
Casterton Primary School**

**Rick Killey Building
Paul Kiley Electrical
DC & TM Auto Electrics
Cranix Hydraulics
Coleraine Primary School**

**Leigh Killey Plumbing and
Gas Fitting
Sacred Heart
McKenzie Agriculture
Kavanagh Steel Fabrication
McDoanld Rural Services
Richardsons Butchery**

**Cloven Hills
Vintage Café Penola
Western Van Lines
Mane on Henty
Galpin Electrical
Concept Salon and Spa**

**Coleraine Post Office
David Bunnik Plumbing
St Joseph's Coleraine
Boonaroo Pty Ltd.
Michael Jarrad
Mr. E Edge**



BUNNIKS PLUMBING
Myles Black



**SACRED HEART
CASTERTON**
Abby Black



CASTERTON AGRICULTURE
Riley Winters



KATHLEEN MILIKAN CENTRE
Kirby Vise, Nicole Cornish, Caitlyn Gorman

WORK PLACEMENT



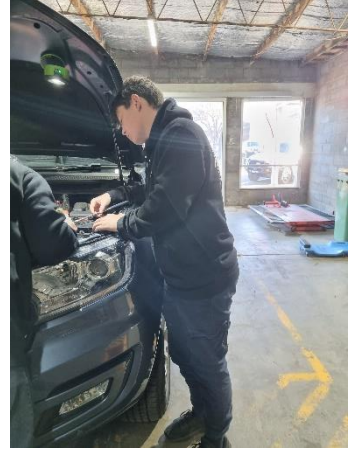
Sam Patton
DC & TM
AUTO ELECTRICS



Savannah Schurr
CASTERTON
AGRICULTURE &
MACHINERY



Kaleb Sneddon
CRANNIX HYDROLICS



Reghan Parsons
MOTOR ELECTRICS

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Malcolm Jones



The latest Portland Outdoor Education Excursion proved to be a truly enriching experience for students enrolled in the Outdoor Education and Environment class. They relished a personalized guided tour of both the Portland visitor information centre and the picturesque Portland waterfront. More than just a typical field trip, this excursion served as a pivotal educational endeavour. Students delved into the history of early pioneers and delved into the unique environmental features of the Portland region. Rather than mere spectators, students actively engaged with the evolving landscape. A standout moment was the extraordinary opportunity to sit down inside a whale's belly, offering a firsthand encounter and a truly memorable study experience.

L-R. Rachel Townend, Riley Hutchins, Alex Hornibrook, Rankin Cleary, Matilda Thompson.
F- Zoe Betinsky.

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FOOD STUDIES

Gil Russell

Year 7 have been cooking some delicious food since the changeover in term 2 to Food Studies. The students are learning valuable skills such as following instructions, precision in measurement, teamwork, and the importance of cleanliness and organization in the kitchen. We have trialled classic favourites with scones and then used up an excess in farm eggs, with meringues and then put their newly acquired skills into making fried rice. I am certain the families at home enjoyed tasting these treats.



Annabell



Georgia



Brooklyn & Isabella



Mrs Russell



Anna



Darcy



George



Brody, Darcy, George & Mitchell



Ebony, Holli, Georgia & Sway



Anna, Grace, Charli & Chiyoka



Isabella & Stella



Coopa, Jakob, Annabell & Ruby

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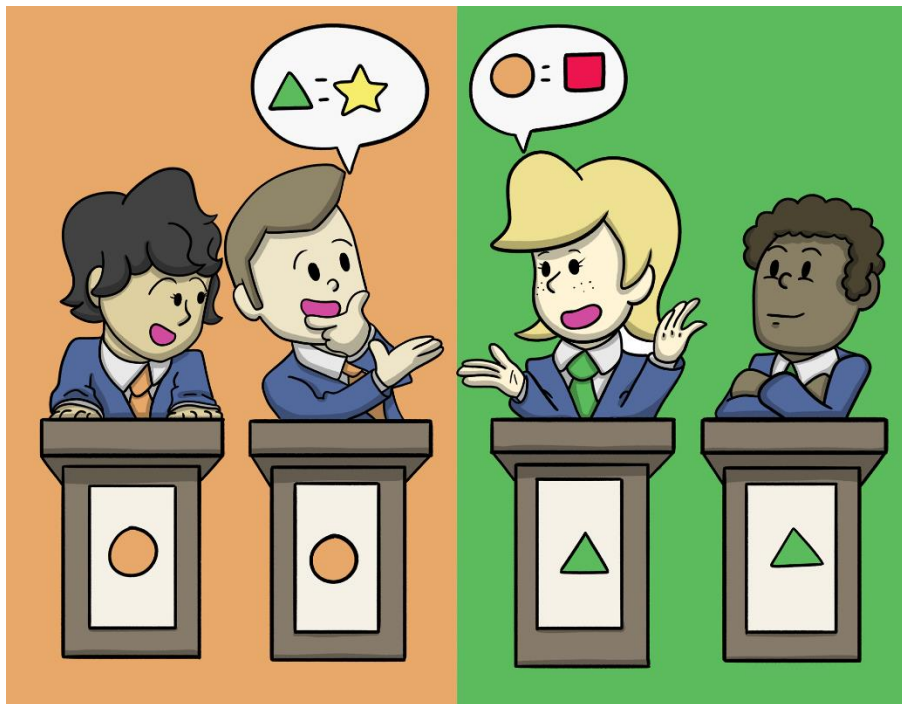
DEBATING

Jal Nicholl

This term has seen the formation of a debate club for Year 7-8 students at CSC. Club members meet at lunch to practise their skills and prepare for debates, with a view to engaging in competition opportunities as they arise.

Debaters went on excursion to Baimbridge College for a training day organised by the Debaters' Club of Victoria (DAV) on Monday 3rd of June. The presentation was engaging and taught students how to prepare for a debate with minimal time, to think on their feet and to evaluate the pros and cons of any proposal. These are great life skills as well as crucial for successful debating.

The debate club is currently on hiatus during the exam period but will soon return to stage its first proper debate at CSC, with a panel of staff and students to moderate. Next Semester there will be a wonderful opportunity to join in the DAV's Online Debating Competition against schools from all over the State.



AGRICULTURE

Gill Russell



Our Year 10 students were once again excited to have Nathan and Sharna Fidler to instruct them on the finer points of the shearing industry. The students were very focused during the lesson and then had the opportunity to put what they had learnt into practise. The college is extremely fortunate to be able to enlist Nathan and Sharna to share their knowledge and expertise with our students and we'd like to thank them for their time and effort, which does help promote the rural industry.

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BUS INFORMATION

OFFERS FOR SCHOOL BUSES NEED TO BE ACCEPTED

Casterton Secondary College bus operations have moved over to the DET bus management system called the 'Student Travel Assistance Portal'.

As part of this system, parents and guardians are required to accept bus offers made to their children for the following term or year. The student transport team sends regular reminders and emails to parents to do this.

<http://studenttravelassistance.educationapps.vic.gov.au>

Hold down Ctrl & click on the address Portal to access the site

[Quick Reference Guide School Bus Applicants and Travellers.pdf](#)

If you have received an email from Student Transport, could you please log in and accept the offer for your child to travel on the school bus as soon as possible.

The date that this needs to be done will be found on the acceptance email sent by Student Transport.

Please direct any concerns regarding this to schoolbus@education.vic.gov.au or PH_1800338663

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible for the conveyance allowance a student must travel 4.8km or more by private car to reach their school or nearest pick up point on a school bus route. Please see the school your child attends.

Grade 5 Partnership Day.

Carina Barton



Students from primary schools in Casterton, Coleraine and Hamilton were present and once again demonstrated excellent manners and behaviour. Their day began in the Art class where they made picture stories and twisting paper spheres which they really enjoyed.

They then went on to the Science faculty where a treat was in store as they fed the Rainbow Trout. This brought smiles all round as they experienced this innovative aspect of our Science program. Maths, Humanities and English classes finished off the day with games and tasks that tested their competitive spirit, this was enjoyed by all, and brought a perfect day to a close.

Thank-you to our staff who willingly gave up their time, our student helpers Amelia, Caitlyn and Myles and all the primary schools for their invaluable assistance. **Our grade four partnership day is next on the calendar on August 16th.**

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WANNON WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXCURSION

Claire Kilmartin & Jal Nicholl

This term students from Years 7-10 visited the Wannon Water plant in Casterton to find out about the water we use every day: where it comes from, how it's treated and what we can do to use it more efficiently. Wannon Water opened this facility to the public to celebrate World Environment Day. The excursion was an eye-opening look into a complex process that we take for granted every time we turn on a tap.

Students learned about how in our region mineral-rich water comes from an aquifer and must be purified via several stages. The process of coagulation was demonstrated and explained on a small scale before students went on a tour of the plant, looking into the huge vats and storage tanks where water is treated and stored. Perhaps the biggest surprise was that it passes through a big "geobag" that slowly fills up with sediment until it begins to look like a cross between a garden and a trampoline pillow!

The excursion supported the science and humanities programs and was a valuable contribution to students' understanding of chemical processes and the water cycle.

Pictured right is the **Geobag** where the sediment collects.





Depression in adolescence and young people

This fact sheet by the Black Dog Institute provides information about the signs and types of depression experienced by adolescents and young people, and where to seek [help](#).



Use the QR code to access this [information](#)

This health content is brought to you by Doctors in Secondary School (DiSS).

For further discussions about this topic, or to make an appointment please contact the DiSS GP and Nurse at your school.

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To access this link, press & hold control then click on link.

DOCTORS IN SCHOOL

Just a reminder that we have a doctor that comes to the school every Wednesday, and if your child needs to see a doctor an appointment can be made at any stage up until recess of the Wednesday. It would be of benefit for students to access this service to ensure it remains available for the school.

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CASTERTON SECONDARY COLLEGE CANTEEN MENU 2024

Recess specials Daily

Please refer to specials board

Sausage Rolls \$2.50

BBQ Chicken Pizza a slice \$3.00

Ham and Pineapple Pizza \$3.00

Gluten Free Pizza \$3.50

Yoghurt and Granola \$2.50

Fruit Tub \$2.00

Salad and Chicken \$5.00

Hot Chicken Wraps \$6.50

With Mayo or sweet chilli sauce

Toasties \$5.00

Ham/Cheese/Tomato

Cheese Burger \$5.00

Chicken Burger with salad \$6.50

Hamburger with salad \$6.50

Egg and Bacon Slice \$5.00

Hot Dog with sauce \$4.00

Garlic Bread \$3.00

6 Nuggets, chips & gravy \$6.50

4 Nuggets, chips & gravy \$5.50

Chicken and Gravy Rolls \$6.50

Beef and Gravy Rolls \$6.50

Party Pies each \$1.50

Party Pies 3 for \$4.00

Croissants cheese and ham \$3.50

Fish & Chips tartare sauce \$6.50

Chicken and Salad Wrap \$6.50

Tuna and Salad Wraps \$6.50

Ham and Salad Rolls \$6.00

Chicken and Salad Rolls \$6.00

Sandwiches \$5.00

Choose from: Egg and Lettuce

Ham and Cheese

Chicken and Mayo

Homemade Biscuits each \$1.50

Cupcakes each \$2.00

Banana Muffins each \$2.50

Hot Chocolate \$4.00

Steamed Dim Sims each \$1.50

Lasagne with garlic bread \$6.00

Vegetable Soup a cup \$3.00

Pumpkin Soup a cup \$3.00

Chicken Noodle Soup a cup \$3.00

Stuffed Spuds each \$3.00

MEAL DEALS

1 slice Raisin Toast/ Hot Choc \$5.00

Soup and Garlic Bread \$4.00

Toasties and Fruit Box \$6.00

1 stuffed spud/Coleslaw/ Fruit Box

\$6.50