A big welcome to Nikki Fraser, who joined us just over a week ago. She will be Business Manager for the school for the next 12 months while Julie Birt takes long service leave. Nikki comes to us from private industry where she spent 20 years in various leadership roles in Finance. She is looking forward to the change in professional environment and is busy trying to get her head around Cases21, the Departmental accounting package. I am sure that the next few weeks will be busy as she settles in.

Amadeo Ferra (Principal), Kathryn Henderson (Assistant Principal), Brendan Hickey (International Student Coordinator) and Hisae Hatigan (Japanese Teacher) are currently leading a group of 20 students around Japan on a school tour. They left Saturday after much organisation and last minute packing and I am sure they are enjoying the sights, the warm weather and lots of food. In Amadeo’s absence, I am Acting Principal.

For those families experiencing VCE, the end is in sight but I do urge all our VCE students to spend the holidays studying and maximising the opportunity to do practice exams.

The school will be open to students during the break, so that they can seek assistance from their teachers and/or utilise the quiet study areas and I would like to thank all the teachers who are volunteering their time to come in to school to help their students.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday and hope that the good weather that we’ve experienced over the last few days continues.

Karin Miller
Acting Principal

I am excited to be working at McClelland College and have had a fabulous welcome by everyone I have met so far. This is my first foray into the field of education and it is a career change for me but one that I have actively and enthusiastically pursued. My background has been mostly working in large corporates such as Patties Foods as Group Financial Controller and in large not for profits such as WISE Employment as well as some time in an Aboriginal Cooperative. For the last five years I have been CFO for local business, The Diggers Club. I am on numerous sports and fundraising committees and I have been heavily involved in creating a garden program at my children’s school. I have 2 young children aged 5 & 9, a happy hubby and a dog called Stout! Outside of school you will find me cheering on the Bombers, coaching my daughter’s netball team, squeezing in a good book, firing up our wood fired oven and indulging my passion for cooking! I look forward to meeting you all and working together for the coming year.

Nikki
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Year 7 News
Passions Expo

Congratulations to our year 7 students on completing a successful Passions Expo! The students entertained their fellow students from across all year levels along with staff, parents and grandparents. Well done to all involved!

Band Performance

Our year 7s were amongst numerous talented McClelland College musicians who ‘wowed’ the audience with solo, duet and big band performances to a packed out McClelland Performing Arts Centre. The growth in the students from the beginning of the year has been fantastic and speaks of the hard work they and the music staff have put in.

Year 7 Sports Results

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams who were crowned Regional Premiers! According to Mr Byrden this is the first time this has happened in over 20 years! Best of luck for all involved in the next round of competition, you’ve already made the school so proud!

Furthermore well done to the year 7 Table Tennis teams! Year 7 Girls are Northern Peninsula Division Table Tennis Champions! Great effort by all students!

Also our students participated in the inter-school athletics day and according to our PE staff represented the school with great pride and sportsmanship. We had numerous students come first, second and third and got involved in all possible events.
Year 10 News

It has been a very busy term for our year 10’s. Many have done us proud in the sporting arena as competitors and as coaches. This leadership is great to see as the group moves into their senior years at McClelland. We also have a number of year 10 students in Japan at the time of writing this entry, experiencing Japanese language and culture first hand. These experiences are sure to last a lifetime and perhaps shape future career pathways.

As we move into our final semester, it is really important that year 10 students remain focussed and work to finish the year on a high. All students will complete an English and Mathematics exam at the end of the year. The exam week will begin Tuesday 10th of November. Students completing a year 11 subject will also have their exams in this week.

The 10+ students recently had the opportunity to participate in a Melbourne experience. This involved visiting RMIT, re-enact a court case at the old Magistrates Court and find major landmarks around the city. The day culminated in a tour of Parliament house. The amount of gold got the attention of all students!
**Senior Formal**

On Thursday 3rd September the Senior Formal was held at The Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club. 230 students from year 10, 11 & 12 including guests and 23 staff danced the night away to DJ Dan. An enjoyable night was had by all.

Jas took on Year 7 Environment Captain, where she diligently carried out any tasks set for her by the senior captains, to being School Environment Captain for the last two years, taking the lead in her team. In this role, Jas has engaged the entire school community in events and activities around environmental issues, especially related to climate change and biodiversity. This includes Earth Hour, National Tree Day, the school Litter Action Plan, Green Week and many, many more! Under her leadership, the team has been finalists in the Resource Smart Action Team of the year two years running and have reduced litter by 60 per cent, amongst many other things.

Jas has attended Kids Teaching Kids conferences for the last four years and has presented to other schools at two of them on waterway health and marine biodiversity and human impacts on it. Jas frequently represents the school at external events in the local community too, such as student conferences and events run by Frankston City Council.

Jas is a very worthy recipient of the prestigious award and as past recipients have stated:

I feel confident that Jas will continue with her passion of caring for the environment.
Senior News

Year 12 Valedictory

Year 12 Valedictory is on Thursday 22nd October. The day will be a celebration of Year 12’s final day at school before starting end of year exams. Students will enjoy a breakfast at 8am and participate in an assembly highlighting the fun and frolic of their final year. Students will return to school in the evening for a cocktail party and nibbles before the awards ceremony in the Information Commons. Students will then be transported to the Kingswood Peninsula Golf Club for a dinner and disco. Students are invited to the sleepover at the school to finish off a fantastic night. A reminder all forms and $80 payment for dinner must be paid by 8th October to the general office. No late payments will be accepted.

September Holiday Practice Exams & Study Times

For all Unit 3 & 4 subjects, practice exams including an English SAC will run from Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd September in the PAC. Students must check their exam timetable. The Senior Centre will also be open during the second week of the school holidays from Monday – Wednesday 9am-1pm for supervised studying.

VCAA November Exam Timetable & Exam Navigators

All Unit 3 & 4 students should now have their published exam timetables and Exam Navigator for the November exam period. If you do not have this yet, please see Mrs Bucher on return to school in Term 4.

VTAC Applications

Timely applications close on 30th September at 5pm. Ensure all course preferences must be completed by this date. SEAS applications due on 6th October at 5pm and Scholarship applications must be submitted by 16th October at 5pm. Consideration for early offers must have payment of $20 paid by 4th November.

Bully Zero Presentation

All Year 11 and 12 students will be required to attend a Bully Zero Presentation in the PAC on Thursday 8th October Period 2.

40+ Club meeting

Wednesday 9th September

Students working together to identify exam command words to improve study tips & completing their study score goal planners.
GYM MAKEOVER

Year 12 VCAL students have spent many hours working in the school’s gym to give it new life and make it more appealing to the people who use it. This has involved stripping down walls, repainting the walls, making how to use equipment signs and providing posters for motivation. Exercise equipment has been refurbished so that it is safer for everyone. TAFE P.E. students are now working to utilise the gym for their sport work and the aim is to make personal programs for as many students and staff, who would benefit from its use.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE INFORMATION COMMONS

Opening Hours: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.

Services Available
Laminating $1 A4 + A3
Binding $2

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK August 22-28 2015
Celebrate the best of Australian children’s authors shortlisted for the prestigious Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Awards.

The theme this year is:
“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”

Winner of The Shortlisted books for older readers:
The protected by Claire Zorn

TAKE THE LIBRARY CHALLENGE

Many students entered the completion and were rewarded with prizes of books, movie passes, chocolates and highlighters.

Winners
Caitllin Anderson
Shani Bartlett
Tanya Borg
Shanise Bosmans
Tahlia Boden &
Ashlee Collett
Cody Carter
Dakota Craig
Chavi Dale
Cameron Dewhurst
Monique Fara

BAILEY HENDERSON
MASON LASZUK
KEITH MORRIS
CAMERON NOWILL
DANTE RUA
HAYLEY TUMER
BRIALLEN VERTY

LIBRARY NEWS

The reading classes have been held each week and this has been reflected in the number of students who are well on their way to achieving 800 pages or more for Second Semester.

Amy Bricknell was presented with a trophy for reading over 17,000 pages at an assembly at the end of term and we wish her all the best at her new school. A fantastic achievement.

BEST READS OF THE MONTH

The 65-storey treehouse by Andy Griffiths

Andy and Terry’s amazing 65-Storey Treehouse now has a pet-grooming salon, a birthday room where it’s always your birthday (even when it’s not), a room full of exploding eyeballs, a lollipop shop, a quicksand pit, an ant farm, a time machine and Tree-NN: a 24-hour-a-day TV news centre keeping you up to date with all the latest treehouse news, current events and gossip.

Footy dreaming by Michael Hyde
The final battle Book 3 (Brotherhood of thieves series) by Stuart Daly
Frankie and J oely by Nova Weetman
Extraordinary Means by Robyn Schneider
Are you seeing me? by Darren Groth
Vietnam: The story of a marine by Dee Phillips
Heart of the enemy (Bloodlines series) by M. Zachary Sherman
Wow, what a great couple of weeks were had at Camp Mahaikah and Mt Buller! Nearly all lifts were running, the snowboards were waxed and tuned, the students were warm and the snow was fresh, what more could we have asked for? Maybe a little bit of blue sky would have topped it off, however all students had a fantastic time.

The first camp was the Yr8 and 9s followed by the Yr10 – 12 group. The determination and persistence of all students was phenomenal. To see the students fall and get straight back up to continue down the mountain and not give up is great. Some student’s goals were just to get down the slopes without falling down too many times while others were to be able to safely go over jumps and rails in the terrain park.

On camps students not only learn to snowboard but they also learn to cook from scratch and clean with detail, make new friends and socialise without the use of technology! The students work in groups to cook each other’s dinners and clean up afterwards as well as cleaning the entire camp from top to bottom. They also have game time where they interact with others playing board or card games and just good old fashioned socialising.

Thanks to all of the students that made it a memorable experience and to the staff, Steve Shaw, Ray Boulter, Paige Rizzo, Sam Watson and Danielle Harry for giving up their own time to attend and help with the smooth running of camp!

Mr Malcolm

School Holiday Program

Sept/Oct School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

Sept/Oct school holiday dates:

Week 1: Monday 21st to Friday 25th September
10am – 4pm

Week 2: Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October
10am – 4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
Open daily between 10am and 5pm
The SLC have begun a new tradition where each year 7 cohort from now on will have a reflection capsule to fill with items including: letters to their future selves, mementos, creative work which students have done, photographs, USB’s with PowerPoint presentations, and documents containing information about trends of 2015, the cost of basic necessities in 2015, statistics of boy to girl ratio, nationalities and height of students. The Reflection Capsule will be kept locked away in a cabinet in the senior centre waiting to be opened by the same cohort when they’re in year 12. When our 2015 year 7 students are close to finishing their schooling at McClelland College, they will then be able to retrieve the Reflection Capsule from the Cabinet, and the items within, to celebrate and reflect on their time at McClelland College.

On behalf of McClelland College I would like to thank Mr. Scott Cartwright (S.M.E Constructions) for building our very first Reflection Capsule for our year 7 students of 2015. Photos will be uploaded to the McClelland College Students, Staff, and Parents Official Facebook page after the Reflection Capsule Presentation has occurred.

College Captain of 2015, Louise Holtzinger

For any carpentry or building requirements, please contact Mr. Scott Cartwright on: 0449 195 527