On Tuesday night we celebrated the achievement of many of our students at awards night, most notably our Dux of the College for 2015, Stacey Clough (we feature her in the Student Spotlight section) who has already been offered a scholarship to Monash University, ahead of any VTAC offers. Michaela Gabbe did a wonderful job conducting the band who played brilliantly and once again Olivia Ahem gave me goose bumps - such is the impact of her powerful and beautiful singing voice. It has been another great year for the College with strengthening of ties with our business partner Experian really embedded now in our curriculum and other programs. I would like to thank all members of the school community for their contribution to the school.

Staff leaving
We have a few staff leaving us mostly for family reasons. Derek Kirk who in recent years moved further down the peninsula has been appointed VCAL Leader at Rosebud SC. Emma Joseph, Lexie Irving and Kathryn Henderson are all commencing maternity leave and might find that the challenges of teaching aren’t as bad as the sleepless nights that lay ahead of them! Rachael Ellis has enjoyed her part time teaching in our local primary schools a little too much and has decided to try it out for a year at Parktone PS. Jodi Craig who has been Acting Assistant Principal all year at Frankston Heights PS has now been successful in picking up the position permanently.

We have a number of new staff commencing next year including a few in leadership positions. Replacing Mrs Henderson as Assistant Principal will be Mr Shaun Doherty who will oversee senior school. Jodie McCabe, coming from Cranbourne SC, is already an experienced Leading Teacher and will work alongside Mr Harms overseeing Year 7. Also an experienced Leading Teacher is Daniel Rogers who comes from Cranbourne East SC and will be working with Ms McDermott at Yr 8 as well as oversee Science and Maths. I would like to welcome them all to the McClelland community and wish them all the best as they transition to our wonderful school.

I wish all students, staff and their families a wonderful and safe break.
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Earlier this the Victorian Government announced a most significant scholarship for VCAL students in honour of the late Lyn Kosky the minister for education responsible for the introduction of the VCAL program.

The scholarship is worth up to $5,000 per year for 5 years to assist the recipient in their education and further training.

To put into context how special it is to receive this there are over 23,000 students in the state studying VCAL this year and only two were chosen to receive the scholarship.

I am very happy to say that a few weeks ago the minister for education The Hon. James Merlino handed one of the scholarships to our very own Aleks Radenovic.

Aleks is a very worthy recipient of this scholarship and embodies all that we value in VCAL demonstrating leadership, perseverance and pride in the work he does. We look forward to seeing what he achieves in the future.
MADELEINE HUGHES, YEAR 9 WINS PENINSULA HEALTH DONATE FOR LIFE WRITING COMPETITION

Year 9/10 English Studies classes participated in the Donate For Life learning sequence that introduces students to a range of issues relating to organ and tissue donation. The literacy activities are aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Students between years 7 – 12 from schools on the Mornington Peninsula were invited to think creatively and write a story to encourage people to register as organ donors and discuss organ donation with their families. Madeleine Hughes came equal first place with a Toorak College student and her prize was for Michelle Hamer a well-known journalist and author to present a writers workshop to the students at our college.

This occurred on Friday 4th December and Jodie Vuat from Peninsula Health, Michelle Hamer and Karin Miller (Assistant Principal) and classroom teachers, Leanne Corrie and Anthony Quon proudly presented prizes and certificates to winners and participants on this day. Jesse Small, year 10 came runner up and honourable mentions were awarded to year 9 student Jasper Cave and year 10 students Alyssa Paki-Anderson, Lachlan Linder-Saunders and Ishan Singh. Stories can be read at http://www.donatelife.gov.au/just-few-words-can-save-many-lives

Year 10

A great start to Headstart by our year 10 cohort!

The transition from year 9 to 10 can be quite a jump for students, though they have taken it in their stride and staff have been impressed with the attitude and learning habits of most.

Students and parents/guardians should regularly check Compass for details of student attendance and learning tasks. If students are absent, Alison Fox should be phoned on the day of absence so this can be authorised (97882046).

The Year 10 Team looks forward to an exciting year ahead!
Introducing Year 11 team 2016
Shaun Doherty – Assistant Principal
Robyn Andrews – Year 11 Leader
Peter Hunt – VCE co-ordinator
Alison Fox—Senior school administrator and VASS co-ordinator
Jackie Woods – MIP’s – Managed Individual Pathways

Senior school Captains
All year 10,11 and 12 students were invited to apply for Captain positions.
I am pleased to announce the following
College Captains – Kara Galea & Jacob Adams
College Vice Captains – Sabrina Fischer, Maddison Pym & Braden Newbold
Sports Captains – Kaitlyn Drew & Caleb Brown
Environmental Captain – Chloe Chambers
Music Captain – Olivia Ahern
Positions are still open for Science, Technology, Art, Theatre, International, Japanese and one more for environmental and Music. Any student interested in applying please see Mrs Andrews.

Orientation Year 11
On 16th November period 1. Year 11 2016 students were welcomed and participated in an orientation assembly. The agenda for the period included: Welcome to the senior staff, VCE requirements, Senior school Policy, Managing personal learning, Study habits, Support for senior students & Attendance policy.
As a result all year 11 VCE students are now fully aware of requirements to be successful at the VCE level and how we can support them.

A letter has also been sent to all Year 11 VCE families outlining the Senior school policy, attendance policy and special provision. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Robyn Andrews Year 11 Leader

Special Provision
Special Provision provides students in defined circumstances with the opportunity to participate in and complete their VCE, it is designed to help students achieve their VCE within the timeframe comparable to their peers.

Students may be eligible for Special Provision if, at any time while studying VCE they are adversely affected in a significant way by
- An acute or chronic illness (physical or psychological)
- Any factors relating to personal environment
- An impairment or disability, including learning disabilities

Special provision letters have been sent to identified students in Year 10,11 & 12 inviting them to apply for special provision for 2016. If you have any questions about your son or daughter’s eligibility for special provision and did not receive a letter please contact Robyn Andrews.
Year 11 AWARDS
Congratulation to the following students.

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Congratulations to our

College Captains 2016 - Jacob Adams and Kara Galea.

Vice Captains – Sabrina Fischer, Braden Newbold, Madi Pym

Sport Captain – Kaitlyn Drew and Caleb Brown

Environment – Chloe Chambers

Music – Olivia Ahern

This month we feature a profile on our College Captains and Vice Captains

PROFILE

Kara Galea

**VCE subjects**

- English
- Further maths
- Psychology (already completed)
- Australian History (already completed)
- Ancient History
- Legal studies

**Future plans**

I would like to study Nutrition and Food Sciences at university after I finish school as I’ve really come to appreciate the importance of a healthy lifestyle, which I would like to express to the wider community. Travelling is also high on the ‘what to do’ list. I hope to be able to visit Malta with my Nanna before she gets too old to travel. I’m also really keen to visit Asian counties like Bangkok, as I find them quite natural and earthy. I believe that experiencing is one of the best ways to learn, especially learning about yourself, so what better way than to travel!

**Vision**

My vision for McClelland is quite clear, it doesn’t have to be the best school on the Peninsula, but it should be the best school it can be to its students. This year I hope to be able to make the school a more appreciated place based on student desires and requirements. I also aim to improve learning areas in the school to help stimulate a good work ethic. The areas will be designed partially based on that year levels visions, so to include a personal touch. Going hand in hand with the school making it better for the students I would also like to encourage students to make the school better too, by getting more involved in school activities and fundraising. I think it’s also important that the year 12’s get more involved as it’s their last year and they should make the most of it!

Jacob Adams

**YEAR 12, SCHOOL CAPTAIN**

**A LITTLE BIT ABOUT JACOB**

Tall, mature and ravishingly handsome. He is the pinnacle of attractiveness. He is the specimen of pure intelligence. He is also extremely humble. Jacob has a witty sense of humour and a warm, cuddly personality. Jacob is no stranger to taking the role of a leader. He has been a primary school house Captain, year 8 Captain, and a member of the SLC for a vast amount of time. This year he has contributed much of his own time to the drama department, including taking on the role of Theatre Studies Captain and helping out at Themestock.
His interests include acting and filmmaking which he dreams of one day perusing as a career. Jacob believes that having a positive attitude is something that gains respect from fellow peers as well as forming a healthy atmosphere. One of the most important things about being a leader is the ability to relate to your peers and having a good relationship where one can trust and respect the other.

**GOALS FOR 2016**

One of Jacob’s goals is to introduce a functioning line system for the canteen. This needs to be done because the area gets clustered and it makes it difficult for some to buy food when students are constantly pushing in line. This wouldn’t be happening if there were a proper system to organise the line in a better organised way in the first place. This issue could definitely be achieved within a short amount of time.

Another goal that Jacob wants to achieve in 2016 is to reduce the amount of bullying. Jacob is aware that bullying is difficult to stop but he strongly believes that it can be tackled and managed in an effective way. Whether it is brought up at assemblies or over newsletters, Jacob has many ideas that relate to reducing this issue.

**Vice-Captain**

Hi! My name is **Braden Newbold**, and I - alongside Sabrina Fischer and Madi Pym - have the pleasure to uphold the role of one of McClelland College’s three vice captains of 2016. My current subjects for this year are English, Japanese, chemistry, biology and maths methods, but despite that mix, I can often be seen involved with the music and drama department.

Behind my name, I have an affluence of experience and knowledge of leadership due to being vice captain last year and science captain the two years before, which I feel will be a positive attribution to the school’s SLC in 2016, when encountering public speaking, teamwork and problem solving.

As vice captain, I wish to create a stronger connection between the VCE and VCAL stream, as well as strengthening the connectedness and culture amongst SLC. In recognition of the multicultural diversity, I would also like to propose an International day where various cultures that can be found at this school can be highlighted, as it will positively reflect our respect for the community. As well as those major projects, I would also like to subsidise some other projects such as revamping the amphitheater and possibly opening the idea for a pond.

I am enthused and intrigued as to what 2016 has to bring, and I wish to uphold the college’s name in a manner that respects the college’s values. I look forward to seeing you next year!

Hi my name is **Sabrina Fischer**, I will be one of McClelland College’s vice captains for 2016. I have a lot of ideas that will increase student’s school spirit and enhance the quality of student life.

I hope to be able to start a program for students to go out and help in the community, I will do this by organising volunteering opportunities and or excursions for the junior levels. I want to be able to make a difference within the school, I urge the students to rely on not only me, but the other captains too. For we are here to bring the students of McClelland College a voice.
Therefore if at any moment students have an idea to share, I am all ears. I look forward to supporting my fellow students as a member of the SLC, and as an active member of our Community. Thank you for a great 2015, and I look forward to making 2016 an amazing year.

Greetings members of the McClelland College Community,

My name is Madison Pym, I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to be one of three Vice Captains of the College as of 2016. My aim is to help create a better environment for everybody within the school community. I am passionate about whole school wellbeing, positive relationships and pastoral care.

It is important to me that all students and staff feel welcome, safe and accepted at McClelland College. I believe this is essential to providing students with the best possible environment, which will allow them to excel in all aspects of their schooling. My goals as a college Vice Captain for 2016 are to; support all students that are new to the college, ensure that all students know where to go for help, develop a buddy system that will allow senior students to provide friendly support and guidance to younger students, I also endeavour to assist students in developing a sense of belonging to the college by developing pastoral care programs tailored to suit student needs.

My personal interests are; environmental science, photography, nature and plant life, animals, and healthy living. I’m looking forward to working with the SLC team, School Captains, Jacob and Kara and most closely with Vice Captains, Brayden and Sabrina to make meaningful contributions to the college throughout the year.

Stacey Clough—DUX YEAR 12

Congratulations to Stacey Clough who was awarded DUX for 2016 with an impressive score of 93. Below is the speech she delivered at Awards Night on 15th December.

I would like to start off by thanking all the staff here at McClelland College for helping me survive my high school journey, and achieve the results I wanted, particularly I’d like to thank my senior teachers, without whom I would never have been able to achieve the results I have or perhaps even make it through the year. We’re really lucky here at McClelland to have such an amazing cohort of teachers and staff who are willing to go above and beyond and devote their own free time to ensure that we have a thorough understanding, to sit down and help us catch up when we fall behind or are struggling with a concept, to encourage us to, and provide us with the means to excel, and who always strive to make each class enjoyable, yet thorough and engaging. This is an advantage you may have over other students who may not necessarily have such a devoted team of teachers. They’re an invaluable resource so make use of them, there are no stupid questions, trust me, I asked a lot of questions leading up to the philosophy exam.

As I’m sure you all know, school can be really challenging, and, getting the results you’re aiming for requires a lot of hard work, persistence, and often some sacrifices—I know it sucks to be a season behind in The Walking Dead, or to have to wait to get Fallout 4, but I can guarantee you, as I’m sure you’re all feeling tonight with your awards, that achieving your goal results is worth all the hard work and potential spoilers for your shows.

I wish you all success in your future endeavours and congratulate you on your achievements this year, but please be sure to take care of yourself during your future studies. Sleep, physical activity, healthy diet and study breaks are so important to ensure you can perform to the best of your abilities.

Live long and prosper. Don’t let your dreams be dreams, just do it!
Science Talent Search Presentation

Below are photos of the students who received awards at the Science Talent Search presentation day on Monday 23rd November at Latrobe University.

All three students, Chloe Chilvers, Year 10, and 2 Year 9 students, Taylah Simpson and Tyson Murray received a Bursary.

All 3 students entered the competition in the Intermediate Research section and Chloe and Taylah received a Major bursary of a medallion and a cheque for $65 for their experimental research on ocean acidification during their 9/10 Science Elective on Climate Change in semester 1. Tyson received a Minor Bursary for his entry into the Working Models section for his model of a Van De Graff generator.

Well done to these three students.

Cec Bailey

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING PROGRAM (AIME)

Students from McClelland College have been participating in the AIME mentoring program at Monash University, Frankston throughout the year.

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING PROGRAM (AIME)

(Leanne Corrie (MCC) teacher and Antonia Stone accepting participation certificates on Celebration Day)

The AIME program engages indigenous students and gives the students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to finish school and connects students with post Year 12 opportunities, including further education and employment. We congratulate all those students who were involved and especially to Year 9 student Dylan Godfrey who was awarded a certificate for successfully completing all aspects of the program. Celebration Day in November was a huge hit with new students from the college joining the program and who are now all looking forward to being involved in 2016.

YEAR 10 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY TO EDUCATIONAL LEADER, DEREK KIRK AND YEAR 10 AWARDS CEREMONY

It was a fond and emotional farewell to Derek Kirk, 2015 Year 10 Educational Leader at the year 10 Awards assembly. Heart felt words were said and Derek himself made a rare musical performance to share these sentiments and farewell this amazing cohort and MCC College.
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Special mention needs to be made to Michael Ferdinand for his uplifting musical performances throughout the year.

Congratulations to all students who received an academic award or personal learning award for semester two. (Author Year 10 Co-Ordinator, Leanne Corrie)

SURF CAMP

From both staff and student reports, the Surf Camp was a major success! With some beautiful weather and a great group of students, the surfing was both skilful and extremely fun. The group surfed every day for hours, twice at Ocean Grove and once at 13th beach where the swell was a little larger. The surf conditions were great for learning in as the waves weren’t overly large, however we did have an onshore wind on all occasions so this made the waves a little choppy and bumpy. As always, our students behaviour and never give up attitude has to be commended as this is made the camp so successful. I would like to thanks all the staff for their help and all of the students for making it such a memorable camp.

Merry Xmas and surfs up dude!!
Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

Two out of three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they reach 70. We have one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world with over 750,000 Australians being treated for skin cancer each year— that's over 2,000 people every day. You are most at risk of skin cancer during times when the UV index is at 3 or above. You can check the daily UV index at [www.bom.gov.au/uvlive](http://www.bom.gov.au/uvlive).

The Cancer Council recommends these five simple ways to protect yourself from the harms of skin cancer:

1. **Slip on a shirt or other form of clothing that covers your arms**
2. **Slop on sunscreen that’s SPF 30+ and reapply every 2 hours**
3. **Slap on a hat with a broad brim or one that covers your face, neck and ears**
4. **Seek shade away from direct sunlight**
5. **Slide on sunglasses that are close fitting and have UV protection**

But what about vitamin D? During summer, most people can achieve adequate vitamin D levels by exposing their face, arms and hands to direct sunlight for just a few minutes most days of the week.

Remember, treating vitamin D deficiency is a lot easier than treating skin cancer! If you’re in doubt, speak to your doctor about getting your vitamin D levels tested. For more information about the dangers of skin cancer as well as information about vitamin D, go to [www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection](http://www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection).

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SEASON 2016
KARINGAL NETBALL CLUB

**Needs you!!**

Are you aged 6 1/2 & up

On-line registration available at

Training Tuesdays 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Game Days Saturday commencing March 2016

Jubilee Park Netball Courts

Training will be from February 1st Mondays at Somerville – Jones Road as Jubilee Park courts

Are having a restructure and when finished training will resume Tuesdays, once at Jubilee Park.

All new registrations welcome!


Manda: 0415 984 197
Kerrie: 0416 091 934
Vicky: 0404 093 969

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Christmas Cavities
Looking after your teeth these holidays

1. **Try to stay in a routine**
   - Trying to keep up with your day-to-day routine is hard during the holidays. This is a busy time of the year so it’s easy to forget to do the everyday routine. By keeping us the oral hygiene routine this will help maintain the health of your teeth and gums.

2. **Moderation is key**
   - You don’t need to avoid sugary foods altogether these holidays, it is about moderation, instead of drinking fizzy drink, drink water or milk. Swap the sweets bowl for the fruit platter.

3. **Avoid leaving sugar on your teeth**
   - If you do eat some high sugar foods try not to go too long without brushing your teeth afterwards. The longer you leave sugar on the teeth the more damage it does so brushing soon after eating sugary foods is highly recommended. Alternatively you can rinse with tap water.

4. **Brush right and morning**
   - Brushing first thing in the morning and the last thing before bed is a good way to make sure you stay in your routine and a good way to make sure sugar isn’t sitting on your teeth overnight.

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Quit for the kids

If you have children in your life, whether you like it or not, you are probably a role model to them. Quitting smoking sets a great example for your children, reducing the chance that they will take up smoking themselves.

Talking with your children about how hard quitting is will make them think twice about taking up smoking themselves. As a non-smoker you’ll also have more energy and more money to spend too.

Smoking kids are taught to smoke in middle age. This is the time when kids really need their parents. Quitting now will increase your chances of being there as your children become adults and have children of their own.

Protecting Others

The decision to quit smoking is a personal one but it is important to remember that your smoking also affects those around you.

We now know that children’s delicate systems are sensitive to smoke on clothes, hair and skin after you’ve smoked. It can be hard for parents to fully protect them from the harmful effects of smoking.

The number one way to improve your own health and ensure the health of your family is to quit.

For further information call 0800 QUIT NOW on Peninsula Health Quit Smoking Support Services on 1200 965 701.

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