Principal’s Report

Congratulations to our Year 12 students for their positive attitude and as outstanding role models in their approach to their end of school classes at Beechworth Secondary College.

We had some loud shirts appear as part of the year 12 uniform last Monday, followed by some curious mix of uniforms by some on Tuesday with a staff & student Volleyball match and a whole school assembly to farewell the class of 2019 on Thursday.

They had the students dancing to the “Maccarena” and The “Nutbush”, led by the Panda, for his last college event. They have finished their classes and are preparing for their exams which commence with the English exam on Wednesday 30th. A great way to end their years here, and we are looking forward to the parents and students, joining the teachers at the Valedictory dinner in November. Students are welcome to come to the college to study throughout the exam period. They need to sign in at the front office.

Staff Professional learning day  Monday 4th November

There are no students attending school this coming Monday. All staff will be attending and will be completing professional development in line with the work we are continuing on our teaching and learning programs. This is the last of our four professional learning days we are able to use throughout the year.

School for Student Leadership: We have been very fortunate to be offered another 6 places for the 2020 program offered to year 9 students through the School for Student Leadership. We have been allocated 6 places in the Young Leaders to China program in term 3. This provides an outstanding opportunity for year 8 students going in to year 9 for next year. For further details, please attend our information night on the 12th November, 7pm

The School for Student Leadership website can be found at http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/

Patricia Broom Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th November
Curriculum Day-Pupil free day

Tuesday 5th November
Public Holiday-Melb Cup

Wednesday 13th November
Yr 6 into 7 Information evening

Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd November
Year 8 camp

Thursday 21st November
VCE Arts Soiree at the Stone Church Beechworth 5-8pm

Friday 22nd November
Year 12 Graduation dinner

Monday 2nd December to 13th December
2020 Headstart

Tuesday 10th December
Statewide Transition Day

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th December
Activity Program

Please note:
There is a Pupil free day on Monday 4th November and a Public Holiday on Tuesday 5th November
Unit 2 Biology Camp

The rocky shore investigation was really great! I enjoyed finding creatures in rock pools. (Grace R)

One thing that I learned while on camp was what type of food snails eat by the shape of their shell. (Samuel C)

The best part of camp was......

Surfing and seeing seals because it was something new and it was really fun. (Georgia D)

The cruise because we cover so much in one trip, seeing the gannets, seals and various fish as well as learning some history about Port Phillip Bay. (Audrey C)

The fish dissection because it was very engaging and challenging at times which I liked. (Ivy K)

The marine cruise because seeing all the different creatures in the seaweed was amazing. (Owen C)
House Athletics
Athletic results

The College Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 17th October at the Albury Athletics track in testing weather conditions, with a persistent strong wind across the field and the arrival of, thankfully, only one of the predicted showers. Despite the uncomfortable conditions, there was a good level of participation across all events and age groups with a pleasing trend towards stronger numbers in both track and field events in Year 7, 8 and 9. In the final wash up it was **Buffalo House** who triumphed, the final totals were: Buffalo 1,383 points, Hotham 1,327 and Bogong 938.

The annual Champion of Champions Handicap Sprint event where all the 100m age group winners are given a start mark based on their time, was won in the girls by Rokia Diallo - Gladstone right on the line and the boys by Hallam Angelini by a wider margin. Congratulations to the Age Group Champions listed below and to all the students who took part and made the day such a success. Many thanks to all the staff who manned all the marshalling, recording and field event jobs and setting up which helped things run smoothly.

Our State Athletics representatives did the college proud the following day in Melbourne with Travis Dunkley finishing 13th in the 17 Boys 1,500, Sinead Lang was 3rd in the 17 Girls 800m and Hallam Angelini was 2nd in the 20 Boys 400m. These are fantastic results for a school of our size up against the might of much larger state and private schools.

**AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2019**

13 Year – Georgie McLaughlin, Kane Scott  
14 Year – Chloe Mulloy, Kade Parkinson  
15 Year – Oceane Dahlenburg, Will Tidball  
16 Year – Ella Cockfield, Degan Dolny  
17 Year – Lily McPherson, Connor Maher  
20 Year – Caitlin Hawker–Bailey, Lewis Webster

**Well done Hallam!**

Hallam Angelini pictured at the VSSA on Friday achieving 2nd place in the 18-20 year age group 400 metre sprint.

School Captain's Report

Exciting times for the year 12s, our exams are commencing, and we’ve never been happier! As this is the final captain’s entry for myself, I will leave you with some parting words of wisdom.

"Life is not about what you achieve, or don’t achieve, it’s about what you make of it".

I would like to thank the teachers and staff who have gone above and beyond to support us through this challenging year. To my fellow students, good luck in your future endeavours and I wish you all the best. Farewell, Jarryd Carr.
Mindfulness

Mindfulness...... is about making what you are doing RIGHT NOW the most important thing in the world! Students are learning many varied mindful meditation practices each Tuesday in class. They are beginning to successfully bring these practices independently into their everyday....

Solar Cars

Well done to our Solar Car Challenge team for 2019. The team came 6th out of a field of 12 school teams. Cloud cover had every team grind to a halt but all went well apart from a few minor hiccups. Thank you to Mr Hendriks and Mr Geoff Lucas for their support.
Breakfast Mornings
We had the pleasure of hosting two representatives from Red Cross at this week’s Breakfast Club, to present us with their kind donation in a cheque. They mingled with some of our students and were able to see first-hand how their donation is being put to good use, as well as a sample of one of Mr Jack’s delicious cheese toasties. Breakfast Club is able to run on a weekly basis thanks to ongoing donations from Food Share in Wodonga and discounted bread from Beechworth Bakery. The financial donation from Red Cross ensures anything that can’t be sourced from donations can be purchased instead. Thank you again Red Cross, we are extremely grateful for the support. For all students, don’t forget, every Tuesday morning from 08:30 onwards, free breakfast (including Mr Jack’s famous toasties). Come along and have a feed.

The Year 9’s have almost completed their GP Help 4 U program. Next Tuesday will be the last session. We have had some really engaging and informative conversations around accessing local health services and learning where/who to go to for support. A huge thank you to Dr Christie Rodda for coming in each Tuesday this month to deliver this program to the students. We are really appreciative of your support, expertise and all round good nature.
Sarah Williams
Adolescent Health Nurse

Good bye and Good luck to our Year 12 students.
We will miss you all....be happy and safe!
**Equestrian Success**

I was fortunate enough to compete at the National Championships recently at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre (the ah-mazing venue built for the Sydney Olympics!). This week long event was a fantastic experience and I made a bunch of wonderful new friends from all over – hanging out with them between the hard work was so much fun. There were almost 300 riders from all across Australia (and even a small International Team from New Zealand, France and China) competing in different disciplines (Showjumping, Eventing, Dressage, Games and Quiz) throughout the week.

After the spectacular Opening Ceremony on the Monday night, my team (Anabelle, Kira, Rose and myself) trained twice a day for 2-3 hours at a time and supported our other Team Vic mates in their events when we could – it was really busy all week! On the Friday was finally my turn. I was a little nervous but I knew that we had been prepared as best we could by our fabulous coach, Kim Ward, so went in feeling confident I could do my best. It was gruelling, some of the knowledge exams were pretty tough but overall I found I knew most of it okay. The games phase was also fun and a lighthearted way to finish up the competition after the theory and identification exams – it was quite hilarious in parts and even included using some breakdance moves in a charade-like challenge!

Then the long, nerve wracking wait… we didn’t have progress scores throughout the phases so we had to wait for over half a day till the final results were tallied. We were all blown away that Team Vic (juniors) had won by a considerable margin over Tasmania and the other states! It was also really exciting to find out that I had scored the highest of all competitors, making me National Champion in Quiz. Wow, I still can’t quite believe it. Our Victorian Senior Quiz Team also did well, coming 3rd overall.

In the Closing Ceremony I was asked to lead the Victorian Team with my team mates, proudly carrying the Victorian and Australian flags – it was a huge honour. I look forward to continuing my riding, training and certificate work and I will definitely be trying to get selected to represent Victoria again at the next Nationals in 2021!

My advice for anyone starting out in a sport, who dreams of aiming for the highest levels, would be to work at it with passion and be totally prepared for the hard work. Respectfully listen to advice from everyone, take and apply only what works for you. Surround yourself with people who “get it” and who understand what you are working towards – your support crew is everything; by your side they make the dream a reality and you can’t do it without them. Every small step you take is important and every setback is too – take every opportunity to learn something new about yourself or your sport. It doesn’t come easy so be prepared to work hard, and then a bit harder. Enjoy the journey along the way, make connections with other people, ask lots of questions. Put it all together as best you can - it will be so worth it!

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**Yr 7 Ancient Civilisations**

Our Year 7 students showed their creative side in Humanities.
Thank you Evan!

Evan has been generous enough to donate nearly $1100 to the school from royalties from the sale of his excellent book “20 Walks around Beechworth”. He has donated the remaining copies of the book to the school and they are available for purchase from the school office at the bargain price of $5. They would make a wonderful Christmas gift.

Thank you Evan for your generosity and support of the school.

Summit to Sea

Summit to Sea is a three week journey starting at Thredbo hiking up to the Mt Kosciuszko Summit which is 2228m high, camping at the Rams Head that night and sleeping in the snow. It was a great opportunity to soak in the beautiful alpine view. We headed down the mountain and hiked our way to the Snowy River, passing though some huts such as Tin Mines and Cascades Huts. There was a lot of wild life during the hike including wild brumbies, dingos and many native birds.

It was a relief when we hit the Snowy River after ten days of walking. We starting the rafting part of the journey. There were many fun rapids on the river to raft down including grade 2, 3 and four rapids. Sleeping under a tarp was a new experience for us all. We also saw a lot of wildlife on the river such as platypus, snake and a lot of fish.

It was a very good experience and we would definitely recommend it for anyone interested in getting out and exploring the new places and learning new skills and meeting new people.

Lukas Jackobsson and Jordan Eaton
The Year 12 novels being studied in 2020 will be the same as in 2019. These novels are: "Tracks", "Like a house on fire" and "The Golden Age". We have three second hand copies of these novels available in the library for sale for $10 each. If you would like to purchase these titles, please bring cash to the library. The current Year 12 students may be interested in selling their copies of these novels after their English exam.

We will be producing a list of these books so they can be ordered through Endeavour Education in time for Head Start to enable the books to be read over the school holidays.