**Principal’s Report**

**Remembrance Day**

On Wednesday, the 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains represented the school at the Rutherglen Remembrance Day service. Captains Alicia Leahy and Ben Jones spoke very eloquently on the significance of the day, what it means to young people, and in Alicia’s case, how her family was involved in both World War I and World War II and on both sides of the conflict.

Since Wednesday a number of members of the community have contacted the school to say how well they spoke and how impressive and articulate they were. Vice Captains Grace Schmidt and Pippy Gill assisted me in laying a commemorative wreath at the cenotaph.

Also present at the ceremony was a contingent from Puckapunyal including a colonel who served with Rutherglen local Stuart ‘Monster’ Jones, who served and died in East Timor. The colonel presented medals to Stuart’s mother in recognition of his service and sacrifice.

The Puckapunyal contingent had brought armoured personnel carriers with them and after the service they brought them up to school for our students to check out up close. The students found this to be a truly unusual and interesting lunchtime extra-curricular activity.

**Year 11 Program**

Year 11 students finish school on Friday 27th November. Between now and then VCE students have commitments in end of year exams whilst VCAL students have normal classes. Late next week VCE and VCAL students begin a Head Start program.

**Year 10 classes**

Year 10 classes finish on Friday 4th December as long as students have vacation employment.

**Presentation Evening**

Please keep Wednesday 16th December free for the school’s annual Presentation Evening.

Regards, Phil Rogers—Principal
SPORT REPORT

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EXTRA CURRICULA – ART AT LAKE KING

Last term, the high school was approached about contributing to a community project in Rutherglen. The Committee of Management of Rutherglen Park wanted to create more features around the park and in particular around Lake King.

A car park was created and 40 bollards were purchased for installation to prevent large vehicles from entering the park. Rutherglen High School, St Mary’s Primary School, Rutherglen Primary School and the Kindergarten were each asked to develop their own theme and paint a series of the bollards.

We selected animals common to our local area as our theme and students researched their characteristics and habitat. The brightly coloured designs were created using a street art technique of layered cut stencils and spray paint. The finished bollards were highly successful and we are very proud of the results!

Laurie Thatcher, chairperson of the Lake King Committee, says he hopes the painted bollards will be in position by the end of the year.

Di Kotzur and art students from Years 8, 9 and 10

Weeding An Important Part Of Any Farm

Year Nine Farm to Table students got a taste of a different type of farming over the past two weeks, that is, the importance of weeding. Over the year the vast majority of the Farm program has been dealing with sheep and cattle, however with the land comes the responsibility of having clean paddocks.

Students were given a talk on the different types of weeds they were to tackle with the majority of these being Artichoke Thistle. Students also had it explained that now is the time to attack these weeds as plants are about to flower and spread seeds which obviously makes more weeds.

Next students were taught about the different methods of eradicating weeds including sprays and mechanical control (chipping). Unfortunately for the students they had it explained that we would be using the mechanical control and thus many hours have been spent chipping the various weeds out of the paddocks.

Overall the students, whilst not particularly enjoying the task realised the importance of the need to keep on top of various weeds and completed the task in a dedicated manner.

Attached are some photos of students busy at work.

Farm to Table

Freddie Begelhole recently won several prizes with his excellent photography, at both the Corowa Spring Show and the Rutherglen Agricultural Show. As well as picking up 5 Firsts, 4 Seconds and 4 Highly Commended, Freddie also won Most Successful Exhibitor. Photography has been a hobby of Freddie’s for some time, and he hopes to forge a career in this area. Congratulations Freddie. Great work!

Year 10 Mock Job Interviews
Dear Parents,

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks. Rutherglen High School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home.

To help your children stay safe online, Rutherglen High School is hosting **Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations**. Designed for parents, teachers and students, these presentations are provided by the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner as part of a national program of Cybersmart initiatives. Rutherglen High students will be involved in presentations during class time and Staff will receive Professional Development after school.

**We would like to invite you to The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation for PARENTS.** This session is thorough, non-technical and covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content tips to help children stay safe online.

The **parent Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation** is conducted by a Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge. It will be held on:

**Tuesday 1st December at 7pm in the school library**

To register your attendance, please contact the High School office as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

*Regards, Julie Whitehead (Wellbeing Coordinator)*

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**St Stephen’s Debutante Ball**

If you are interested in becoming part of next year’s Debutante Ball, please contact Carol Fursdon on 0260 328 555

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**Kids Fun Ride**

**Movember 21st 2015 - 4.30pm**

Chiltern Skate Park

Dress up your bikes and yourself and come join us at the Chiltern Skate Park for a Kids Fun Ride around the lake.

Lucky dip and you will also have the chance to win one of three kids bikes!!!

On return join us for a BBQ, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Live Music and the Final of the NE Skate Park competition

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