Principal’s Report

School for Student Leadership – Gnurad Gundidj—Term 4, 2012

We have just received notification that we have the opportunity to select a team of 3 boys and 3 girls for the School for Student Leadership program at the Gnurad Gundidj Campus for Term 4 2012. This is very exciting news in that we have had at least one team each year from Year 9 participate in this great leadership program for the last six years.

The Year 9 students who were in the 2011 program will give a presentation to the current Year 8 students later this term. The selection process will probably take place in early 2012 so as to include the level of commitment and involvement in the Year 9 Alive program.

Musical Performance

Last Friday, the band Conspiracy Plan performed live for our students in the Community Centre. The performance was part of a program sponsored by Haworth Guitars. While the musical performance was great, the bigger picture was that the band was supporting ‘Youth Beyond Blue’ and the ‘Make a Wish Foundation.’ Band members spoke about the importance of talking to someone if you feel anxious, depressed or bullied and also of the importance of doing things you enjoy such as music and looking after your mates. Mental health is often overlooked but can have a major impact on your overall welfare. Don’t try and hide your issues – speak to someone and get help.

Self Review

The school is currently undertaking a process of self evaluation prior to establishing the Strategic Plan for the years 2012 to 2015. The drafts and data will be considered at the next Education Committee which will be held on Thursday 18th August at 6:30 pm. If you wish to be involved, please attend this meeting.

Work Experience

Virtually all Year 10 students have been on Work Experience placements over the past two weeks. The reports we have received have been very positive and students have greatly enjoyed a view of life after school. Special thanks to the local employers who have taken our students for a placement.

One of the more unusual opportunities from Work Experience has been experienced by Kieran Johnson. During his work experience week at Megas Music, he had the opportunity to play guitar live on National ABC Radio in an Open Mic session on Monday morning. He played 2 songs, one of which was an original written by his cousin, and had a brief interview with the announcer, during which Rutherglen High School was mentioned. It was a fantastic and unexpected experience for Kieran and he certainly performed and spoke very well.

Healthy Food at St Mary’s

As part of the Senior VCAL Personal Development class, Jess Bramwell, Sheridan Meyer and Allyra Vyner are working with students at St Mary’s Rutherglen. The girls are helping the primary students prepare healthy foods and snacks. It is proving to be a good case of cross-age learning for both our students and St Mary’s students.

A reminder that a change of $15.00 per student for the School magazine, Warrillal, will appear on your statement. If you wish to purchase a copy you will need to pay this before the end of Term 3 (23rd September) as this will be our cut off date to place an order. If payment has not been received by this date, it will be assumed that you do not require a copy.— Thank you.
Over the past 2 weeks a small group of student have been working on a program we won in 2010.

It has taken some time for it to be installed but it is now up and running. It allows students to speak into a microphone and have the program convert their speech to text.

It is very similar to training a pup. You need to train it to understand your commands. This can be a very frustrating and time consuming task but most students completed this section within half an hour. After this time they could start work on different tasks.

Overtime and with more training the accuracy of the software will improve. The students involved in this trial run have been fantastic (Shannon & Freddie, exhibit A, pictured above...) Their patience has been tried at times but trial run have been fantastic (Shannon & Freddie, exhibit A, the software will improve. The students involved in this work on different tasks.

It is very similar to training a pup. You need to train it to understand your commands. This can be a very frustrating and time consuming task but most students completed this section within half an hour. After this time they could start work on different tasks.

Overtime and with more training the accuracy of the software will improve. The students involved in this trial run have been fantastic (Shannon & Freddie, exhibit A, pictured above...) Their patience has been tried at times but trial run have been fantastic (Shannon & Freddie, exhibit A, the software will improve. The students involved in this work on different tasks.

The idea of the camp was that as a group the class had to plan, cost and organise the excursion. Students had to book the bus, accommodation as well as Box Hill TAFE and RMIT tour guides. Each member of the class was designated a task to organise and then report back to the group what they had achieved. Lou Webb and Chris Phillpot went with the students and were impressed with the students cooperation and enthusiasm.

The trip down was extremely interesting as Todd Hayes and Kyle Cofield kept us entertained with their singing ability. Of course the breakfast stop at maccas helped make the early start bearable. We arrived at the Richmond Hill Hotel and checked out the dorm style accommodation and then it was back on the bus and off to Box Hill TAFE where the student guidance officer chatted to the group about all the possible pathways for a student and how to make the most out of the tertiary education system. On to a tour of the facility and everyone was impressed by the scale and quality of the TAFE.

From Box Hill it was back on the tram to make our way to RMIT campus. We finished RMIT and Sheri-
dan’s eyes lit up when it was announced they had 2 hours of free time in Melbourne’s CBD.

Whilst Lou and CP found a coffee shop, students headed off around the Bourke St mall. The boys soon returned, however Sheridan made sure she shopped for the full allotted time.

With a huge storm gathering we quickly hopped on the tram back to get the bus home. We drove out of Melbourne in the midst of a torrential downpour, just in time to head back to sunny Rutherglen!

It was a fantastic trip and all students commented on the quality of the facilities they had seen and, most of all, the opportunities that exist for students who study the VCAL, which was pointed out at length by both the Box Hill TAFE and RMIT Uni guidance officers. They were both very impressed to hear from the students the VCAL program that currently runs at RHS.

Thank you to Lou for being our lady staff member, and thank you to all students for your cooperative and positive attitudes. Both presenters from RMIT and Box Hill TAFE commented on the mature, responsive attitude of our students.

Chiltern Rutherglen Continuing Education

Take advantage of Opportunities for Learning in your local Community ...

| It’s Movie Time again at Chiltern’s Star Theatre Saturday 20th August at 7pm Featuring the films “Crackerjack” (2002) & the short film “Smitten” (2008) Come along for another memorable night with Guest Speaker Andrew Gilmour from Chiltern. Andrew is a local Chiltern identity who starred in ‘Crackerjack’ and won the 2008 Tropfest award for ‘the best male actor’ in the film "Smitten" A wisecracking layabout, Jack Simpson (Mick Molloy) joins a lawn bowls club in order to be allowed to use a free parking space. When the club enters financial difficulty, Simpson is forced to play lawn bowls with the much older crowd, with hilarious consequences.

Also stars Bill Hunter, Judith Lucy, John Clarke.

The Corowa Bowls Club was one of the locations used in the making of the film.

Cost: $20 includes BBQ tea, film showing, discussion and supper. Or come along at 8.15pm for film showing etc, without BBQ tea – cost $10.

Children half price. Bookings essential for catering

Other Movie nights for your diary:

- Saturday 17th September 7pm "Looking for Alibrandi" (1999) M
- Saturday 15th October 7pm "Love's Brother " (2002) G
- Saturday 19th November 7pm "They're A Weird Mob" (1967)

- Fast, Fresh and Healthy With Tutors Lorraine Foster & Brooke Rasmussen Date: Wednesday 24th August Food Technology room, Rutherglen High School Time: 7:00pm – 9:30/10:00pm Cost: $30:00 Time is of the essence and so is the hunger for fast, fresh, healthy and appealing meals. We will show you short-cuts, tricks of the trade and ingenious ways to make simple, great-tasting and good-looking meals on a budget.

Bookings essential by Friday 19th August please for catering purposes.

- Masterclass with Chef Sean Morris of the Victoria Hotel, Thurs. 8th September at Rutherglen Memorial Hall kitchen. Cost: $30 6.45pm – approx 9.15pm Menu :Coq au vin / Tarte au tatin

Involves a cooking demonstration and full course menu tasting. Enjoy a refreshing drink followed by a foodie quiz. Participants then work with Sean who will discuss and demonstrate ingredient choice, preparation and cooking, and provide serving suggestions. An important part is the tasting, and the evening finishes about 9.30 pm. Bookings essential by 2nd September please!

Other dates for the diary in this series are: Thurs 13th October & 3rd November.

- Brush up or Extend Your Computer Skills with Michael Leverett at Rutherglen High School 5 x 2 hr sessions Wednesday nights 24th August to 20th September. 7.30pm – 9.30pm Cost: $90 Includes Word, Excel, Email, have some fun with Windows Moviemaker plus suggestions from the group.

- Creative Writing with Marilyn Scarfe at Rutherglen. 10 week course 10am – 12 noon Thurs 13th October – 15th December

- Introduction To Welding with Chris Phillpot at Rutherglen High School 6 x 2hr sessions Wednesday 19th October to 23rd November 7.30pm – 9.30pm Cost: $105 includes most materials Chris Phillpot has been teaching Metalwork since 1987. He will lead you through the basic skills required to successfully use the Oxy-Acetylene, Gas metal arc (MIG) and manual metal arc (stick) welding units. As well as how to cut metal using the Oxy-Acetylene unit. Safe work procedures and personal safety will be a key component of the course.

Students will weld readily available metal such as angle iron, rectangular hollow section (rhs) and plate steel. This introductory course is designed to allow people to develop confidence and skills in basic welding techniques.

- Introduction to Mosaics : with Lucy Porter

Learn how to create mosaic pieces for indoor and outdoor areas. Workshops to be held on 3 consecutive Sundays: 16th & 25th September, & 2nd October at Chiltern. 10am to 4pm each day Cost: $120 includes some materials.

Please register your interest for any of these courses...

Enquiries & Bookings to Lois Hotson – Ph (03) 57 261 358 or email hotson@westnet.com.a

Bookings also available : with Emma & Matt at Chiltern Post Office

& Kathy & Tony at Gillman Real Estate, Rutherglen www.crcceg.com.a

STAR THEATRE Chiltern invites you to a concert by ISSIE DYE on Sunday August 14th at 2pm

Issie has entertained in Australia for over 35 years often sharing the stage with Molly Meldrum, John Farnham, Johnny O’Keefe, & toured with many international names like Roy Orbison, Ray Charles.

In Chiltern he will be singing Dean Martin, Bobby Darin & Frank Sinatra songs among others.

$20 each or $30 a double or $15 group bookings

For Bookings phone Rhonda or Charlie Summerfield (03) 57 261 395
SECOND HAND
UNIFORMS NEEDED:
jumpers, school dresses,
PE shorts, grey polo tops
and girls’ shorts.
All donations to the
General Office—thank you.

Wodonga Softball Club
Registration Day.
Saturday 27th August, 10am to 12pm.
Gayview Park, Serpentine Ave,
Wodonga. Mixed junior competition
- Under 12, 14, 16, and Seniors.
Come along and register your inter-
est for the upcoming season starting
15th October.
Queries to
tracey.chadwick@swiftdsl.com.au

HOST AN
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT AND LEARN
ABOUT YOURSELF!

Carefully selected students will
arrive in February for one or
two semesters from France,
Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan,
the U.S.A. and Canada. They
will live as a local, attend a lo-
cal secondary school, are fully
insured and have their own
spending money.
Call S.C.C.E now on 1800 500
501, email
scceast@scce.com.au or visit
our website (www.scce.com.au)
to be part of this rewarding ex-
perience. Request our booklet
of student profiles, and capture
the spirit of family and friend-
ship.

WODONGA
SUSTAINABILITY FAIR
Sunday 21st August
10am to 3pm
at La Trobe University,
University Drive, Wodonga
More info @

HUME REGION
BADMINTON

Earlier this week we had two teams
to travel to Wangaratta to compete in the
Hume Region Badminton finals.
The Intermediate Boy’s team con-
sisting of George Woods, Harley
Maloney, James Cooper, Tyler
Lowe, Adrian Oates and Andy Fung
played some highly competitive
games and looked like they could be
contenders, until they faced up to
some exceptionally talented players
from Wanganui Park (Shepparton).
As it turned out, the Wanganui
boys have been State finalists for
the last three years so that soothed
some egos slightly.
The Senior Girl’s team, comprising
Felicity Webster, Laura Seymour,
Eve Lowrey and Annie Pettersson
also made good use of their day
away from the classroom. The girls
fought hard to come in second
place for the day and it was pleasing
to see the improvement from their
first games at the end of last term
to the standard they were playing at
the end of this competition.
Well done to all players.

DATES TO
REMEMBER...
AUGUST

Thurs 11th/Fri 12th
Poets!!
Fri 12th
Yr 9 Urban Field Trip
Wed 17th
Yr 9 cheese making
Art workshops—DK
Army Careers Day
Thurs 18th/Fri 19th
Poets!!
Fri 19th
Psyche excursion—CS
RSA, Yr 12
DJ Clash
Fri 26th
Yr 9 running The Caf

Social Networking, such as Facebook.....
Social networking sites such as Facebook provide the
opportunity for friends to stay in touch and share their
thoughts and experiences. However like most forms
of technology, there are some negative aspects as well.
Parents and students should be aware of a number of
facts and pieces of advice.

1. Once a comment or posting goes onto a social
networking site, you need to assume it is public
knowledge. Do not assume it is a ‘private conversa-
tion’ because anything can be forwarded or depending
on your privacy settings it may already be publicly
accessible.

2. Once something goes onto the internet you can-
not call it back or delete it. It is there permanently and
can reappear at any time and cause embarrassment
and distress. This is particularly true of embarrassing
or personal photos such as ‘sexting.’

3. Comments or postings can be retrieved by the
police or courts and can be used as evidence. It is an
offence to post comments or items which are de-
meaning, offensive or threatening. Recent court cases
make it clear that harassment or bullying through so-
cial networking sites, SMS and emails are a growing
concern throughout all levels of society.

4. The permanent nature of postings, comments and
photos are coming back to haunt jobseekers. Recent
news reports concerned employers paying consultants
to search social networking media in order to conduct
character checks. Some people missed out on their
dream jobs because of a posting or photo put on so-
cial networking media several years earlier which the
employer found offensive or felt displayed poor judge-
ment.

Experts in this area stress the importance or parents
being aware of what their teenagers are up to. It has
always been recommended that computers are kept in
family rooms rather than bedrooms. With social net-
working now available on mobile phones, parents
should consider whether their teenagers have access
to these sites on their mobiles. At the very least,
psychologists recommend that when teenagers go to
their bedrooms, they should not take their mobiles
with them. In this way they get a night of uninter-
rupted sleep.
Various ‘gossip’ sites exist in which students and even
some teachers are mentioned. We will of course be
monitoring the situation and suggest all parents should
be doing the same.
Parents and students can also obtain more information
and advice from www.cybersmart.gov.au
BLUE
Blue is the colour of the sky
And the colour of a soft blue blanket.
It is really blue.
But what will I do with it?
Blue is the colour of a blue texta
And the colour of a blue folder
Blue means blue shoes
And the blue rain
Blue is the colour of the sky before a storm
Or a blue sea
Blue reminds me of my family and I going
to the beach on a beautiful and sunny day.

by Kate Wilson

GRAY
Gray the colour of hate.
The colour of a shark ready to attack.
The colour of a tombstone hiding behind
a patch of moss,
The colour of depression,
The colour of a broken sole,
How do you feel?
Gray the colour of sadness,
Gray makes me feel sad,
Like the end of time.

by Allie Lewis-Carmichael

Red
Red is the colour of the fiery hell below us.
We go there when our life has expired and we
have led a bad one. He whom we all know by
thy name will decide our fate... he the evil one.
Why is thy evil one so evil?
Maybe thy evil one is so evil thy on above cannot ouch with good spirit.
So the one above sent him in a ditch of fire
called hell to be punished with his own misery. And to be cursed with the colour red.

Chelsea Rae Alexandria Bird

I love dogs... I hate foxes
I love painting nails... I hate my toenails
I love fish... I hate sharks
I love colours... I hate shadows
I love buying clothes... I hate money
I love monopoly... I hate taxes
I love English... I hate French
I love heaven... I hate hell
I love writing... I hate blank pages
I love laughing... I hate crying
I love climbing... I hate falling
I love life... I hate death

Grace Schmidt

Green
Green is the colour of grass
And the colour of our school uniform.
It is the colour of our school diaries
I wonder why the grass is greener on the other side?
The colour of a green pencil,
The colour of green eyes,
Green is the colour of my favourite nail polish,
Green as a footy field,
Or a pencil case.
I love the colour green.

- By Caitlynn Anderson

RED
Red is the colour of blood
And the colour of a blooming rose
It is the burn of your skin
What can I do?
Red is the fires of hell
Or the colour of a fire extinguisher
Red is left after wars
It is also left from the French royal families heads
Red is the colour of Uluru
From the pits of hell to the gates of heaven red is the colour left after this epic battle.

By Brandon Gillman 7Q

YELLOW
Yellow is the sun on warm summer’s day
And the flowers blooming.
It is lemons on a tree
When will they fall?
Yellow is a happy bee
That dances across the sunflowers.
Yellow means a happy beginning
And the daffodils in the spring.
It is canaries and the colour of daisies.
It is the sunlight coming through the window.
Yellow is a happy and bright colour;
It brings joyful thoughts.

By Emma King

BUSY PEOPLE
Busy people going to work
trucks, buses, trains and trams
all things from the city.
Beeping
horns and people
Yelling: going to be late, hate
the traffic.

On the weekend
waking up
having breakfast
toast goes Pop.
At the park playing games,
see a tree; lots of names.

Meet friends
going shopping;
stopping spending; have no
money.
Weekdays back to back—to the city.
I think it’s a pity.

By Casey Wallis
School uniforms

The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kid’s school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.

What do I need to do and when?

From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?

Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school — but are not limited to items bearing a school crest. For example:

1. A public school has a policy which states that students should wear yellow shirts, blue hats, grey shorts or skirts and black leather shoes to identify the students as attending the school. However, while wearing these colours is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys items which fit within this policy from a store unaffiliated with the school. None of the clothing items contain the name of the school or school crest. As the items, including shoes, are approved or recognised as part of a distinctive school outfit and fall under the policy, they would be eligible expenses. This applies irrespective of where the clothing was purchased or the fact the uniform was not mandatory.

2. A school has a dress code where students are required to be dressed in a neat and presentable fashion, but which does not indicate a more specific colour or style that the clothing should take. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys clothes which they intend to wear to school. The items would not be eligible expenses. While the clothing meets the school’s dress code, they lack the sufficiently distinctive quality of a uniform, and could not identify the child as a student at the school.

For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit

www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
Blind Awareness Day

Group:  Andrew Douglas, Hayley Reeves and Sarah Webster.
Helpers: Mitchell Connell, Chloe Wallace, Emma-Mae Schmidt and Jack Buckingham.

On the 21st of June, Hayley Reeves, Andrew Douglas and Sarah Webster, got together and held a Blind Awareness session for 2 periods, for their Own Project in the 9Alive Connect program.

The day worked with the Year 7 students being split into 4 groups, blind folded and then taken through different things such as an obstacle course where they had a line of things to get through like a mat, hurdles, a crazy pit and more.

There was drawing where they were taken through step by step to draw a picture. There were ball games where they played poison ball blind folded and T-ball.
We also had a talk with an RHS student, Emma-Mae Schmidt, and lucky dip bags.

The activities were around 15 minute rotations, each a little different than the last. We decided to hold it at the Community Centre and also had a BBQ lunch cooked by Brooke Rasmussen.
Rutherglen High School is a member of the Safe School Coalition. This means we openly support same sex attracted and gendering questioning students. Currently, there are over 35 member schools. Rutherglen High was the first school in the Hume region to sign up to the coalition.

Visit [safeschoolscoalitionvictoria.org.au](http://safeschoolscoalitionvictoria.org.au) for more information.

**DJ Clash is coming!!**

Feature artists include Dan Blomley from Groove Saint & Melb DJ Courtney Mills!!!!

..... AT COROWA R.S.L ON FRIDAY 19TH OF AUGUST—FROM 7:30 TO 11:30PM.
DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT—
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RUTHERGLEN AND COROWA HIGH SCHOOL OFFICES, AND TIMMY G’S SKATE SHOP IN ALBURY FOR ONLY 10 BUCKS!!!!
(TICKETS WILL COST $15 AT THE DOOR)
GLOW STICKS, DRINKS AND SOME SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT.

COME ALONG & CLASH WITH THE DJS...

---

**Rutherglen Football & Netball Club**

Invite you to STEVEN SPELLMASTER HYPNOTIST

**When** - Saturday, 13th August 2011
**Venue** - Rutherglen Memorial Hall
**Time** - 8pm onwards
**Cost** - $30

Tickets available at the door
Bar available - drinks at bar prices

2 hour show followed by 3 hours of music
Come along for what promises to be an hilarious night.