



I recently read a fantastic quote from Olympic Champion Herb Elliot who said, ***"It is the process of striving that defines success"***. What he was saying is that you need to strive to do whatever is your best and you are measured against ***your*** effort.

The coming month is a very important time for all students particularly those in the VCE. It is a time when teachers are finalising assessments for students at the end of semester one and reporting commences. Our goal is for all students to do well, this only happens after a concerted, and consistent effort is made throughout the term.

The Senior School offers well-attended study sessions each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons that are available to help students with their class work and homework. Teachers are available to help in a variety of subject areas. In addition we are requiring some students in Year 11 to remain at school to complete missing class work.

The mid year exam period is approaching and students in Years 10 to 12 will have exams in a number of areas. Revision needs to be commenced now.

"You Can't Learn If You Are Not Here"

It is a challenge for students to do well if their attendance is inconsistent. We have a policy that students are required to attend all classes and if there is persistent absence then a student's enrolment is to be reviewed. Can I please seek your support to ensure that your children attend school each day? If you believe there is an attendance problem please contact the relevant Year Level Manager or Footprints teacher immediately.

We tell the students that it is "Not Ok To Be Away". Please support us by reinforcing this message at home. Enclosed with this newsletter is an absence sheet and accompanying pamphlet if attendance is an issue for your child.

Athletics Carnival

We held a fantastic Athletics Carnival on Friday April 28th. This annual event was once again an outstanding success due to the enthusiasm and competitiveness of the students and the fine organisation of the teaching staff led by Mrs Hall. At a special house assembly we presented the Age Group Champions Medallions and the shield to the winning House Leeuwin. A detailed report is contained later in the newsletter.

Staff Departure

Mrs Vaya Cross, the Leading Teacher responsible for the Senior School, has accepted a position in the Regional Office for the remainder of the year. Mrs Cross has made an outstanding contribution to the college and will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her new role. Mr Kevin Hall will fill this position until the end of 2006.

Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS)

An enormous amount of curriculum development work has been undertaken this year in preparation for the VELS in 2007. The teaching staff have already commenced professional development in preparation for reporting against these new standards in Semester Two this year. The college will have some curriculum days focused on this state government initiative later in the year.

Beacon Breakfast

Our college will hold the second annual Beacon Breakfast at the Hastings Club on May 17th. This program was one of the highlights of 2006, building highly effective relationships and partnerships with the business community. This years breakfast will be hosted by Mr Richard Butler, Manager of Telstra Countrywide and Dr Michael Kennedy, CEO, Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Parents and Friends Association

An initial public meeting was held on Wednesday April 19th at the college. We have decided to form an association for parents and friends of Western Port Secondary College to have an active role in the college. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 23rd at 7pm in the Conference Room. Further details are available from Ms Tanya Blanch.

Major Building Project.

Significant progress has been made with the building project with the slabs completed and much of the brickwork commenced. The builders have commented on how cooperative the students have been allowing them to progress works faster than planned.

It is hoped to have the new Arts and Technology wings will be completed in the second half of the year with the refurbishment of other parts of the school to immediately commence following this.

School Council have had the opportunity have a tour of the work and have been able to see the progress so far.

Simon Hamilton



IMPORTANT DATES	MAY	
	17	Beacon Breakfast
	22	Yr 10 Exams
	26	Yr 10 Qld Camp
	29 - 6	June Yr 10 Camp/Work Experience
	31	Integration Camp
	JUNE	
	1-6	Yr 10 Qld Camp
	1	Integration Camp
	2	Report Writing Day (No students)
	5	Yr 12 Exams
	7	G.A.T.
	12	Queens Birthday
	15	Report Distribution
16	Last Day Term Two	

Assistant Principals' Notes



UNIFORM

New Blazers are now available for students. The College Captains are now wearing them but others may order after being measured.

EXAMS

The term will end with the usual Year 10 Camp, Work experience and exams for all Year 10 to 12 students. Now is the time to start studying!

PERIOD 5

Many students are now using the extra period added on in the senior school for extra homework and study. Students are finding it easier to stay and study than try to 're start' at home later in the evening. Please feel free to join in!

BEACON BREAKFAST

On May 17th the College will be hosting breakfast with local Businesses and Agencies from the community sponsored by the Shire. This will be the start of a special program called Beacon where we attempt to fight Youth Unemployment in the local area. Last year the event was highly successful and businesses donated many helpful skills such as interviewing practice, work placement and Apprenticeships. If you know of a business which might like to attend please contact Mrs Sue Iles in the Office.

VCE STUDIES

Course selection will commence early next term. In the mean time I urge all Year 10 students to commence visiting the Careers Pathways Centre and talking to staff there. With work experience and the Queensland Camp, many Year Tens will not have that long to go before the end of semester.

Kym Bridgford



Sustainable School initiatives

It is an exciting time at the College as we watch the construction of our new Visual Arts and Technology wings take place. The frame for the Visual Arts wing has been completed and bricklayers have started work on the walls. New heaters have been installed in classrooms, replacing the old and antiquated boiler system.

Since the installation of a new central switching system we have reduced our energy costs considerably. Our energy auditor estimates that as a school we can anticipate savings of nearly \$10,000 a year.

We have recently undertaken a water audit and hope to implement some of the changes recommended as well as fix leaks and problems as they are identified. As part of the new building project we are installing a rainwater tank that will supply water for the cisterns in two of the student toilet blocks.

In the Kitchen Garden students from the VCAL class are helping John Eldridge with the construction of poly-tunnels in the propagation area. The foundations and frame have now been completed.

Mr Sheridan's class have commenced mulching around the frog bog and will be lining the bog and planting the perimeter over coming weeks. 8C have also been supporting Hastings Rotary by raising funds for wheel-chairs for people in the Pacific.

Three classes, 7A, 9B and 10B won the award for keeping their yard duty areas consistently clean during term one. Thank you to Miss Hodgins, Ms Miller and Bu Thuy for supporting the new system and encouraging their students to do their bit for our school environment. Each class will be making pizzas with visiting chef Mrs Marlene Hoff and cooking them in our outdoor oven as a reward for their efforts.

It is heartening to see students getting involved in a wide range of ventures that benefit not only our school but the broader community.

Hannah Lewis



Being a parent (and of course a teacher) is a wonderful occupation and a great responsibility. We all, over the years, develop our own values, goals and ideas. As adults we act as role models for our children.

It's OK for you to be needed by your child, the challenge is to learn *when* you're needed. Instead of dictating values, goals and ideals, listen to your child's goals and aspirations. Help make available opportunities for reaching the goals, and provide support where you can. Never suggest you'll be disappointed if your teen doesn't reach a goal. Above all, be available! There are many times when teens may want to talk, to get help with a problem, or to ask advice. By watching their parents and other significant men and women, children form ideas about the roles of adults. Children observe how adults behave, their attitudes, and the kinds of behaviour that seem to be effective in various situations.

For example, we frequently use anger to get what we want and a child sees how well this works, the child may choose to act the same way. It's important that we be keenly aware of the behaviours and attitudes we are modelling.

Mike Brinkman

BUS POLICY

Safety Code and Guidelines

The contract bus service, managed under the Public Transport Directorate Guidelines and D.O.E. regulations is to provide for the safe transport of students from their residence to and from Western Port Secondary College. The service cannot be used for travel to and from employment, or for social, domestic or sporting purposes.

- ♦ Students are permitted to travel on a school bus only on days when they are attending school.
- ♦ Students may only travel on the designated bus where their names are on the bus roll. This safeguard is necessary to stop overloading of buses.
- ♦ The D.O.E. regulations cover the eligibility to travel on the service, and the conditions under which they travel.

School rules apply to all students whilst traveling to and from school, and students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that projects a positive image to the Community. Permission to travel on a school bus is a privilege and not a right; permission may be withdrawn if a student's behavior is unsatisfactory, raising a safety issue for all travelers on that bus.

School bus services are designed to ensure students are safely picked up at stops as close to their homes as possible, to arrive at school in sufficient time to prepare for school program.

The following Bus Safety Code has been produced by students and bus drivers to ensure safe travel. This Code applies to all bus travel on any College excursions, camps, and tours.

Bus safety code

- ♦ Students to stand back one metre from any moving bus.
- ♦ At the school, students to stand back on the larger kerb, instead of standing in the "middle" bus aisle, until all buses are in.
- ♦ No ball/active games to be played in the bus area.
- ♦ All students are to be seated on bus seats.
- ♦ Students to stay seated until bus is stopped.
- ♦ When getting off the bus, students are not to cross in front of a bus, but are to wait at the kerb until the bus has moved off.
- ♦ Designated bus monitors will be on each bus to assist the driver with bus rolls and safe bus travel practices.

Guidelines

Misbehavior

The driver has complete authority to discipline students whose poor behavior jeopardises the safety of other students. The driver or bus monitors will report serious incidents to the Assistant Principal. Students may be suspended from using the bus service.

Missing the Bus

If a student misses the bus, parents/guardians will need to make the necessary arrangements for transport to or from school.

Changing Buses

If a student moves to a new residence, or is temporarily required to live elsewhere, a note explaining the circumstances should be given to the Assistant Principal, who will advise of the appropriate bus changes.

Breakdowns

Students should remain with the bus until it is repaired or replaced. If a bus fails to arrive at a bus stop, students should remain there for 30 minutes after pick up time before returning home. In ALL cases, students should follow instructions of the bus driver and monitors as to safe courses of action.

Bus Safety Practices

Pamphlets and other literature of bus safety practices will be distributed to parents and students each year, and bus safety workshops organised for monitors to ensure that **Bus Safety** is paramount.

Seating

Current practice is for seating plans where senior students are in the back seats, then each year level progressively towards the front of the bus where the year 7s are placed.

Kym Bridgford
Assistant Principal

Senior School Report

Mid Year exams are rapidly approaching for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. In the lead up to exams all students should be studying regularly and revising for their exams.

The Senior School have been following up mid semester report results over the past few weeks. To help improve their results students in Years 10-12 can study Mon-Wed after school in the Senior Learning Centre. This is a supervised class and provides a warm, quiet place to study. Life is really all about making the most of your opportunities. You get back what you put in! To do well at school, the sure fired recipe for success is as simple as doing your best and giving everything a go. Goal setting is also important, we all feel much more motivated when we know why we are doing things.

A reminder that there is Year 12 English tutoring Tuesdays after school.

VET and VCAL is going extremely well this year with a large number of students involved in VET courses. It has been a huge benefit to our school to be able to offer so many VET subjects here at school. Well-done to all the students involved in these subjects.

The BEACON Breakfast is on the 17th May. The support we received last year from the business community has been great for our students. We look forward to another successful event this year.

Mrs. Vaya Cross
Head of Senior School



Work Experience

May 29th - June 3rd It is compulsory for all Year 10 students not attending Queensland camp to participate in a week of work experience. The aim of this program is to get students out into workplaces to get a taste of the kinds of jobs they would like to do in the future. It is not appropriate for students to work full time in their current part time job. If they have a job in the career they wish to continue with it is recommended that they try a different employer to get a different perspective.

Carol Gudgion
Yr 10 coordinator



The Briars - Environment Week

Primary School students from across the Peninsula certainly enjoyed themselves during the Environmental Week festivities held at The Briars in Mt. Martha at the beginning of April. Students who attended the event, were able to enjoy a range of stalls and displays, as well as participate in a diverse number of hands on activities relating to science, agriculture and community based services. From a work perspective, Western Port Secondary students from Years 9 – 12 provided the labour by assisting stall vendors over the course of the week. Reports from these students certainly had an extremely positive vibe, with an enjoyable community experience had by all.

This is an excellent ongoing community event that has been exceptionally well run by the committee of volunteers, with many groups from around the Mornington Peninsula donating their valuable time and resources. The staff and students from Western Port Secondary College would particularly like to thank the Police from the Hastings Police station for being such a positive influence for the students living in the local area. The Briars annual event is a great opportunity for the police and students to interact in an extremely positive light and the school hopes that they are able to continue with the same level of involvement in the future and beyond. Additionally, other major groups like Bunning's Warehouse and Hastings Safeway made major contributions to the event, providing gifts for the student workers and healthy fruit on each day. Without the support of the local community, such events like The Briars would not be possible.

Tanya Blanch

Parents and Friends Association

Wednesday 19th April saw the official launch of the new Parents and Friends Association. Whilst the number of parents who attended was a great deal lower than anticipated, it was an extremely positive meeting with a very pleasing outcome. The wine and cheese were also enjoyed by all!!! The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 23rd May at 7:00pm at Western Port** and the group will be deciding on what will be the focus in both the short and long term. We are seeking the help from a range of parents to be involved in a range of activities across the school. Please note that the purpose of the Association is not to concentrate all efforts on Fundraising. Additionally, a greater level of support from the parents and the community helps to build a strong and nurturing culture around the college.

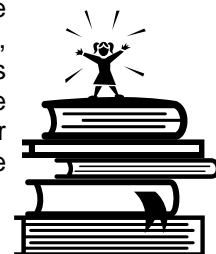
At the conclusion of the night, the group agreed to act as the interim committee to get the ball rolling for the up and coming Open Night, which will be held on the 10th May. On this night, the parents will be trying to drum up support from the prospective 2007 parents by surveying them on the skills that they will bring to the college, as well as the level of support that they would be interested in. Please be on the lookout for mail at your home concerning support of the new Parents and Friends Association.

If you would like to attend the next meeting mentioned above, please contact the college's front office on 5979 1577 or speak to Tanya Blanch to register your interest in helping out in the activities around the school.

Tanya Blanch

ARE YOU GOING TO BALI?

WPSC has a sister-school in Kuta, Bali. The school is in desperate need of books for their library. We have collected a large number of books, and are now in need of a way to get them to Bali. If you are planning a holiday in Bali this year, would you consider taking some books over to our sister-school? They will be collected from you in Bali by a teacher from the school. If you can help, please ring Linda Drewitt at the College on 5979 1577. Thankyou



Reading Support

Have you ever considered supporting the college and the reading programs by donating a new book or a magazine subscription to the Library? Book prices have gone up a lot over the past few years and unfortunately our budget hasn't. New books and second hand books in as-new condition will be gratefully received. No old books please, teenagers won't touch them. Students love magazines in particular and we can only subscribe to a limited number. Perhaps your son or daughter would like to choose the book or magazine. Please include your details when making a donation and we will put your name on a plaque at the front of the book. On behalf of the students, thank you for your support.

Ms Joanne Thompson
Head of Library and Information Services

COMMUNITY NEWS

BITTERN SUNDAY MARKET
Every Sunday 8am - 1pm Bittern Railway Car park

SPORTS NEWS

House Athletics 2006 Results

On Friday April 28th the annual House Athletics sports were held on the Athletics track. The weather was kind to us with a beautiful sunny autumn day. Attendance was about the same as last year with large fields of competitors and spectators. The day ran smoothly with many students excelling in track and field. It was a colourful and enjoyable day for all students and teachers. The year 12 students led the day brilliantly with excellent participation in all events.

AGE CHAMPIONS were;

	Boys	Girls
OPEN		
U/17		
U/16		
U/15		
U/14		
U/13		

Athletic House Totals

Leeuwin	564	Cerberus	532
Huon	423	Encounter	383

Congratulations to Leeuwin and the medal winners. Thanks to staff, students and parents for their support to make this day a success. The next stage is on Tuesday September 5th in the Peninsula District competition at Ballam Park. We hope to achieve an even better result than last year. A special thanks to ???, ????, ??, ????? and his father for preparing the track.

Mrs Hall

SOUTHERN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

??? competed in the Southern Zone Swimming Carnival on April 13th at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre as she came first in Breaststroke and Freestyle at the Peninsula Carnival. Stephanie swam her personal best gaining a first place U/14 Breaststroke and 3rd in Freestyle. She was presented with a gold and bronze medal that now entitles her to compete in the State finals on Thursday April 20th. This is a tremendous achievement and we congratulate ??? on her success. Thanks also go to ????'s parents for their support.

Southern Zone Lawn Bowls Championships

The Southern Zone Lawn Bowls Championships was held on Friday April 7th at Cranbourne bowls Club. The team consisted of ?????, ?????, ???? and ??? . There were two pools of four teams in a round robin competition. We were in pool one and played two Gleneagles teams which were won quite convincingly but against Bairnsdale after six ends the scores were equal with only one end to play. Unfortunately they won the last end but it definitely was a final between the two top teams of the competition. We finished third overall in a consolation play off against Rosebud. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Parkinson for your support.

SENIOR SPORT: FRIDAY MAY 19th

SOCCER	GIRLS	Mr. Asaad
	BOYS	Mr. Quinn
TABLE TENNIS	GIRLS/BOYS	Mrs. Davey
HOCKEY	GIRLS	Ms. Brabham

CASUAL/PART TIME
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Would you like to manage the On-Campus Uniform Shop?

If you're passionate about uniforms and seeing the students looking fantastic, and are able to manage the uniform shop for a few hours each week on a permanent basis—we need you. This is a salaried position.

You will require to do some book-keeping and PSW will assist you—should you need it. No experience or qualifications are necessary - simply a friendly, outgoing nature and the desire to help your school community and enjoy it in the process.

If you are able to commit a few hours each week and are keen to help all the students look great in school uniform, please email our Human Resources Manager at jobs@psw.com.au, or telephone Karyn Dais on 9581 3333. You must contact PSW using the information provided, the college cannot assist you with any enquiries at the uniform shop is run by PSW.

PSW Pty Ltd ACN 007 423 627
347 Warrigal Road, Cheltenham, Vic. 3192

[Peninsula Events 2006 World Industries Australian Schools Skateboarding Series](#)

The Skateboarding series annual event was held on Monday May 8th. Transportable ramps are brought in and set up in the collegel gymnasium. The beginner's workshop was conducted by a qualified skate coach from recess through to the lunch break. It was a highlight for the inexperienced skaters. Meanwhile the other skaters were practising for the main competition on the ¼ pike and mini street.

At lunchtime the amateur skate competition was staged at a small admission charge of \$1 in front of a large audience. Additional highlights included prizes, giveaways, free stickers and music. The skateboarding was fast paced, entertaining with some spills and nothing short of a blast for everyone involved.

The winners were:
U/14 1st ??????, 2nd ??????
U/18 1st ?????, 2nd ?????

Prizes consisted of skate packs, caps and skateboards. Thanks to the students ????, ???? and ????? who helped set up and dismantle the ramps. This was the best turn out since the series started, the closest in talent and the most successful.

Debutante Ball 2006

Dance Lessons commence on Monday 22nd May. The cost of the dance lessons will be \$60 per person. Please ensure that the money is paid to the bursar **prior** to dance lessons commencing. Students doing the Deb on the Friday, lessons will start at 4:00 and finish at 5:00. Students doing the Deb on the Saturday your lessons will start at 5:00 and finish at 6:00, and are held in the school gym. There is a possibility that the groups will be combined for a few lessons and students will be advised in advance. If any student has not yet received a timetable, please collect one from Ms. Tsousis. The Debutante Balls will be held at the Grand International, Dandenong on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th August.

Ms Tsousis
Debutante Coordinator

Andrjes Everitt

On the 10th of April I set off to Melbourne for our fourth and last AIS AFL Academy Camp. It was a nervous wait until the first test squad was announced. Seven of the thirty boys missed out. I was picked and played my first match at Telstra Dome against Ireland. It was a good game. We had a guy named Ryan Normington who had a shot after the siren to win us the game and he missed, ending in a draw. Afterwards I received a 7-11 squishy with the squishy brotherhood. The next day we flew over to Adelaide. I got picked again and that game also ended with a draw. That day we flew to Perth. Then the third and final game I had already played two games so I wasn't expecting to get a game but I did and we dominated the play with us running away with a fifteen point win and the trophy was back in OZ for the first time in three years.

Western Port
Secondary College
Presents



SEUSSIGAL



Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS



Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
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July 20th, 21st, 22nd at 7.30pm
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