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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MATILDA has arrived! Have you got your tickets yet? There are still a few available in the front office for purchase until the end of today. Opening night is tonight! And then a second performance on Sunday. The staff and students have been working so hard on this production. The sets are amazing and the cast is brilliant so come along and support the cast and crew.

Subject Selection

We are well on our way now with subject selections. If you have any concerns at all about subjects or understanding VCE/VM/VET, be sure to ring our Careers team. Year 8 had their information night this week and it was great to meet so many families who are all thinking ahead to their child's future. It is never too soon to start.

End of term assemblies

Now that we are back into the normal routine of assemblies and not having to distance ourselves, it would be wonderful if parents started attending our end of term celebrations again. September 13th will be the date of our final assemblies. Stay tuned for times of each year level in the up and coming newsletters, and mark them on your calendar to attend.

De Rosewarne – Acting Principal

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 18th July saw 4 College students travel to the Yarra Valley Racecourse for the SSV Cross Country. In muddy and slippery conditions Kye Fleming and Tyler Marold competed in the 15 year old boys, whilst Sam Laughlin and Milla Stewart took on the 16 year old girls. A magnificent effort to compete at State level in any sport, with Kye finishing 52nd, Tyler 59th, Sam 64th and Milla 73rd, in their respective events. Thank you to the parents who travelled with the students on the day, which wrapped up the cross-country season.



James Downing – Sports Coordinator

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Matilda Wormwood is an amazing five-year-old girl with special gifts, who loves reading, overcomes obstacles caused by her family and school, and helps her teacher to reclaim her life. Come and see her battle against the Trunchbull and triumph with her fellow Revolting Children!



Tickets available at the College reception or at the door. Performance times: Friday 2nd, 7pm. Sunday 4th, 1:00pm.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS' REPORT

As we kickstart what's set to be a busy Term 3, it has been a privilege to see everyone enjoying themselves as we prepare for the second half of the year. This year Intermediate and Senior Boys Netball teams travelled down to Bendigo on Thursday 25th July, in what was a fun day had by all. The boys pushed through the crazy weather and gave it their all to match it with some very handy teams. Although unable to come away with a win, both teams should be very happy with how they conducted themselves as they represented our school proudly.

Some very exciting events happening in the near future with the VET Sport and Rec classes heading down to Melbourne for their camp, and after the huge success last year, Mr Downing has once again confirmed that the House Basketball tournament will be happening. This will see all 4 houses competing for the win in what's sure to be a popular watch for students during lunchtime.

I wish everyone the best for the remainder of the year.

Koben Ryan – Senior School Captain

It's been a good term so far with many exciting events happening. The girls footy went ahead on Wednesday 30th July, with the girls representing our school proudly. Subject selections have now taken place for Year 9 and 10 students, where they had the opportunity to pick some new subjects they enjoy, in preparation for Years 11 and 12. Upcoming events for this term include the Year 9 Formal, as well as the Year 9 Camp.

I look forward to continuing these reports for the remainder of the year, as our Year 12 Captains prepare for a busy last term.

Lachie Heil – Junior School Captain

PREMIERS SPIRIT OF ANZAC

During the recent school holidays, Bayden Matthews was one of 13 students selected from around Victoria to take part in the Premiers Spirit of ANZAC Prize. This meant Bayden had the opportunity to travel around Turkey and got to see all of the places Australians fought during the war. Upon his return I asked him these key questions:

What was the most memorable location?

The most memorable location by far on my trip would have to be Lone Pine. During the tour at Lone Pine, I located a family member on the wall, for me that was the most moving experience of the trip and one that I will remember forever. Overall, the trip was amazing and I will definitely have to revisit in the near future.

What is the difference between learning about war by being there, verses what you learn in class?

The difference between learning about Lone Pine and ANZAC Cove in the classroom compared to standing on the battlegrounds that the soldiers once stood, is the ability to see the intense terrain that was fought on, which is hard to comprehend in the classroom, if never visited. The moving and emotional side of standing where soldiers once stood could never be reenacted in the classroom or anywhere except the locations themselves, and that's what makes the visit to these locations some of the most surreal and emotionally moving experience that a person can experience.

How has this trip impacted your life?

To say it has had a change on my life is an understatement. Walking the battlefields and seeing the memorials, I felt an overwhelming sense of reverence and sorrow for the soldiers who fought and died there. The stunning landscapes, along with stories of bravery and loss, instilled in me a deep appreciation for peace and the human cost of war. This journey not only broadened my historical understanding but also enhanced my perspective on resilience, courage, and the enduring impact of conflict on society.

Would you recommend that others apply for this prize?

I would highly recommend this experience to every student that is eligible for this trip. I would also love to broaden my recommendations to the whole population of Australia and New Zealand to show their respect to what these brave men did for our Nations. Unless you go and visit these places first hand you will never be able to comprehend what these soldiers went through, along with nurses.

What is next?

After visiting Turkey and Gallipoli, I would now love to walk the Kokoda trail after completing school. To see the sheer difficulty of the trek and how, on such difficult landscape, Australian soldiers held off against a Japanese army that not only outnumbered Australians, but outnumbered us 5 to 1. As for a career path, I can confidently say I will be joining the military after school to become an officer, whether I do that in a gap year or do that in the Australian Defense Force Academy, is still undecided.



Bayden Matthews, Year 10 & De Rosewarne – Acting Principal

SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2024

August 2	School Production – Matilda, 7pm
August 4	School Production – Matilda, 1pm
August 11-12	VET Sport & Rec Camp
August 15	Consent Talks
August 16	Year 9 Formal
August 21-23	Environmental Science Camp
August 22	Student Free Day / Staff PD



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