



Zest



Social
Intelligence



Self-Control



Curiosity



Optimism



Gratitude



Grit

Leadership Report / Weekly Roundup

MISS WEDDING'S WEDDING!

We wish Miss Nadia Wedding and Adam Schumann all the very best for their wedding today! We hope they have a wonderful celebration as they embark on a future full of adventures as Mr and Mrs!



GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP DAY

From all reports this was a very successful day. This is the start of a more deliberate focus on student voice, agency and leadership in our school. The students worked through the Climb Your own Mountain Leadership workbook during the day and heard from a motivational speaker in Lorin Nicholson, who has less than 10% of his sight but has not let this stop him living an adventurous life. They also participated in a number of other activities.



Thanks to Mr Glover for driving the bus and Captain COVID (AKA Mrs Gregory) for ensuring that all our students wore their masks and were smothered in hand sanitizer at regular intervals!

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE #2 2022

The Schematic Design stage of the process is now nearly completed as we move into the costing phase of the plan. The designs are constantly being tweaked based on feedback and developing innovations.

The architects are starting to get into the nitty-gritty with questions on fire services and hydrant pressure.

Next week we will be visited by an acoustic consultant who will install some audio monitoring equipment at the school to measure noise levels from traffic etc. This assists them in identifying acoustic requirements for the new build.



Calendar

March

Week 5

Tue 1st

Pancake Day

Fri 4th

Little Desert Swim (Jnr)

Week 6

Mon 7th -

VCAL Job Camp (onsite)

Wed 9th

Week 7

Mon 14th

Labour Day Public Holiday
(No School)

Thu 17th

The Man Cave and
Flourish Girl (7-12)

Fri 18th

GWR Swim (Snr)

Week 8

Fri 25th

Photo Day

Week 9

Mon 28th

Immunisations (7-8)

Tue 29th

Senior Athletics (7-12)

April

Week 10

Fri 8th

Last Day of Term

Mon 25th

ANZAC Day (No School)

Tue 26th

Term 2 begins



Upcoming Meetings

**School Council - Monday 7th
March**

Leadership Report and Weekly Roundup continued...

COVID UPDATE

Thanks to all members of the school community who are being vigilant with masks and RAT tests.

Thanks also to the families of those students who have tested positive for their prompt actions and notification.

Masks will no longer be required for secondary students indoors from Monday 28th February. However, if as a student you feel comfortable in continuing to wear them please do!

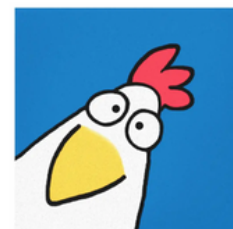


AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We unfortunately continue to receive minimal feedback in regards to the After School Program. At this stage we may look at putting a program in place at the start of Term 2.

WELLBEING ACTION TEAM

We are still looking for some interested and enthusiastic parents and carers to join our Wellbeing Action Team. This team includes staff, students and parents/carers who have an interest and passion in regards to student wellbeing issues and programs. The team usually meets once a term.



A big THANKS to the parent who has put up their hand to be involved.

We really do appreciate your willingness to get involved in our school programs and committees.

Please contact Mrs Petschel at the College if you are interested in joining our proactive team.

Production News

It's time to get our show back on the road!! After a false start last year, we are going to hold new auditions on Friday 4th March at lunchtime to finalise the cast.

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays after school.

Our production date is June 6th and 7th.

Library

It is always wonderful to see students borrowing books from the library and making recommendations to their friends.

Currently our borrowing system is on an honour system, and we would appreciate it if students could check at home and see if they have any library books that need returning.

Please see Miss Wizz if you have any book requests for the senior library.

Student Voice, Agency and Leadership (SVAL)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SRC: Today

JR SRC: Today

STUDENT FORUM:

March

FUNDRAISING: TBA



Junior School Talk Time

The topic for talk time in the Junior school this fortnight is:

COLLECTIONS

Students are asked to bring in something they collect (or part of their collection) to talk to their class about.

What's been going on around our school?

Showcasing Student Writing

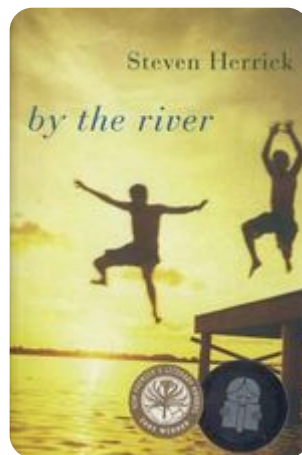
Over the past 4 weeks, the Year 8/9 English class have been writing creative pieces inspired by the Steven Herrick novel "By The River".

This novel is written in verse form, and writing in this style encourages students to choose their words carefully, considering the connotations of language and how it makes their audience feel about their characters and story.

We will be sharing these amazing pieces of writing that our students have created over the next few newsletters.

We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we have - the imagery, creativity and perseverance displayed by ALL students in the class has been outstanding.

- Mrs Leach and Miss Wizz



Soup

Me and mum in the kitchen with her favourite red apron on.
Barking orders at me like I'm in the army.
She turns on the old faithful stove.
I watch the flame dance under the pot.
Avoiding the hot water as mum pours in the vegies.
I can smell tender chicken in the air.
She gets me to taste it.
I say it needs more salt mum remembering dad likes it salty.
I hear it boil I know its ready.
I give her a hug not for the soup but because I love her.

By Kayden Kues-Sales

The Funeral

Dad, Keith, and me
sit in the front row
of the church,
tissues handy,
as Mum's coffin
lays
at the front of the church.
The Barlows are sitting
behind us,
and are crying silent tears.

The minister starts
the funeral,
about a mum who was loved,
and who loved.
Who had two caring
boys,
a hard-working husband.
Who lived in a
little town,
in an oil stained house,
had many friends,
and was diagnosed
with an illness
that ended up
taking her life.

As the funeral
ends,
there's not a
dry eye in the church.
Rest in peace, Mum,
I whisper to her
as we turn to embark,
on a life without
my Mum.

By Amelie Fuller



Sunday Supper

The scent of roasted chicken
and crispy vegies was more than enough
to make my mouth water.

Mum makes the best and greatest
roast in the whole wide world.

Me and Keith set the cutlery
and prepared the table.
Meanwhile mum carefully
brought in the plate
with her smooth delicate hands.

Dad came in and gave mum
a quick peck on the cheek
and whispered something
in her ear.

They looked so happy together
that it was like watching
two characters
from a love story.

We all sat down
on the hard and stiff wood chairs,
then began overloading our plates
with great chunks of food.

I asked my Mum
how she makes it so fantastic,
surely anything I made
would end up in flames.

She replied in her sweet gentle voice
One day you will have to
make your own food.

The room goes quiet
in an awkward silence,
until dad finally begins
to talk in a stern serious voice.

It looked like he had being
sucked dry of all happiness.

That night I lay for hours
on my bed
trying to process
the terrible truth.

It wasn't fair,
and it never will be.

By Zander Eckermann

The Colours of my Town

Orange-

The tinged colour of my room,
On a hot summer afternoon.

And the sun falling softly,
Behind the ivy we call a fence.

Brown-

The colour of the veranda,
On a raining summer morning.
And the river where we spend long sweltering days,
Floating for hours.

Yellow-

My sweet little marigolds,
Blooming neatly on my windowsill,
And dad's old work shirts,
That have long forgotten their original purpose.

Pink-

The dainty pale flowers,
That surround our house.
And the cats' noses,
Blocking the entrance,
Making sure to be fed.

Lilac-

The strange flower,
That appears singly,
Highly poisonous, according to mum.
My bag, sitting eagerly,
Waiting for me to wake.

White-

Our house, old and crooked.
The falling trimmings, the cracked path
And the mailbox, rusting and dented.
All matching.

Green-

The grass, long and uncut.
Surrounding the only tree,
That spikes all who dare to climb it.
And the street sign,
Bent and twisted,
Old and cracked,
But still showing me the way home.

By Faith-Anne Fornaro

What's been going on around our school?

Southern Mallee Lakes Swimming Sports



Team Rainbow



Our super fish!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the South Mallee Lakes Swimming Sports on Friday 18th February 2022 at Hopetoun. Your effort, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day was excellent to watch and something you should be proud of. Once again students were supported by a large crowd of parents, grandparents and siblings. Thank you to those who helped out with jobs at the pool and parents for transporting the students to and from the pool.



Championship medals (individual medley relay)

12yo girls – 2nd place Addison Fisher, 3rd place Annika Petschel

12yo boys – 2nd place Evan Keller

11yo girls – 2nd place Taylor Fisher

11yo boys – 1st place Edison Stasinowsky

10yo girls - 1st place Inara Petschel, 2nd place Pippa Fisher

The following students have qualified for the Little Desert carnival to be held in Horsham on Friday 4th March.

Taylor Fisher -freestyle, breaststroke

Inara Petschel -freestyle, backstroke

Harry Fisher -freestyle

Addison Fisher -breaststroke, backstroke

Annika Petschel -breaststroke, backstroke

Pippa Fisher -breaststroke

Evan Keller –backstroke



What's been going on around our school?

Science - Building DNA

You can imagine the fun that was had in this Science class as the Year 9 and 10 students learned about DNA by making models out of lollies!!



Charlie and Lilly displaying their DNA strand



Aiden carefully choosing DNA components



Chantelle and Breanna with their delicious looking DNA



Holly making the difficult decision between snacks and science

Electives - Cooking



Some excellent pizzas made by Faith, Sally, Lilly, Holly and Chantelle

Electives - Car Care

Mr Rob's Car Care group had fun in the sun learning the finer points of washing vehicles!



Electives - Ag and Hort

The Agriculture and Horticulture class have been running seed germination experiments



Fletcher



Evan and Lenny



Eliza



Baxter and Dustin



Part 1: Introducing The Resilience Project – Parent and Carer video series.

Starting this year we are pleased to be introducing The Resilience Project's online wellbeing curriculum in our classrooms.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

The Digital Program consists of online presentations and lessons for students, professional development for staff, and **a video series for our parent and carer community.**

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent and Carer Program with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

View the first presentation of the series here: Part 1: Meet Hugh and learn about The Resilience Project: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/>

In this presentation, Hugh shares a personal experience about his sister's battles with Mental Illness.

Note: This video contains a story about an Eating Disorder that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit The Resilience Project's Support Page.

We will be in touch weekly to share the remainder of the program, including research and wellbeing activities to integrate into day to day life.