



Message from the Principal

"Too often, we miss out on opportunities in this life because we were too busy waiting for them to fall into our lap that we missed them tapping on our shoulder."

Daniel Willey

As a member of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia I have recently provided feedback into the *Independent Review into Regional, Rural and Remote Education* which is being conducted for the Federal Government.

The key purpose of this review is to explore the advantages and disadvantages for students who are educated in rural areas in comparison to their urban counterparts; the issues facing schools during the recruitment phase and the ongoing development of staff; and ways that the government might be able to ensure greater equity of access and opportunity.

It is important that for current and future Bayview College students that we have a voice in the political arena in relation to schooling, funding, access and equity. Bayview College is a small independent school in South West Victoria that is greatly impacted on by the decisions that are made in Canberra. Any time that we have an opportunity to influence those decisions it is vital that we take it.

More importantly though we, students, parents and teachers, all need to grasp hold of the opportunities that are available to us every day to grow intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. Every minute of every day is precious and we need to use it wisely because once that moment has passed it is gone forever.

At this time of the year as the Year 12s start planning for a life beyond

2017 TERM 3 DATES

**Sunday 17 - Saturday 30
September**

Japan Trip to Osaki Nishi High School.

Monday 18 September

PARTY Program for Year 11.
Wheel Talk Presentations Year 8-10.

Friday 22 September

Last Day term 3. 2.20pm finish.

**Monday 25 - Wednesday 27
September**

Year 12 practice Exams.

2017 TERM 4 DATES

Monday 9 October

Term 4 starts.

Friday 20 October

2018 Student Leadership

Applications close.

Valedictory Church Service
2.00pm.

Valedictory Dinner 6.00pm.

Monday 23 October

Year 11 Step-up day.

**Wednesday 1- Friday 24
November**

VCE Written Exams.

Saturday 4 November

Upwelling parade.

Sunday 5 November

3 Bays Marathon.

Monday 6 November

Student study day-No school

Tuesday 7 November

**Melbourne Cup Day-No
school.**

Monday 13-Fri 17 November

Year 11 Exams.

Friday 17 November

Bayview College Presentation
Night (Note change of day).

Thursday 7 December

Last day of term 4.

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Year 9 Circle program saw the students volunteering out on GSWW near the Point Danger Gannet Colony.

They spent some time removing the invasive Coastal Wattle and Coastal Tea Tree and got just a little wet.....

school applying for University and TAFE courses, Apprenticeships and work, and scholarships, it is vital that they grasp hold of every opportunity that is presented to them. The current wave of University Open Days need to be prioritised; the upcoming VCE Revision Lectures in the region must be considered; the practice exams and school holiday classes conducted by our staff are vital; and staying alert for the opportunity to apply for university and residential scholarships is essential.

The Year 11s, many of whom are undertaking a Year 12 subject, are also advised to take advantage of the aforementioned opportunities where relevant.

Our Year 10s and 11's are currently being encouraged to embrace the opportunities that come from being involved in Lions Youth of the Year Award. This fabulous program provides immeasurable benefits for all participants who give it a go.

The Year 10s are being encouraged to apply for the prestigious Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship which opens up doors over the next few years of their life.

We will shortly be seeking applications from students who wish to be considered for Middle and Senior School Leadership. And finally, every lesson every day students have the opportunity to embrace their learning opportunities with vigour and determination.

God our Father, you have filled our lives with opportunities. Help us to miss none of these opportunities when they come to us

Dr Michelle Kearney
Principal



STUDENTS DRESS-UP AND RAISE THEIR HANDS TO CLOSE INDIGENOUS LITERACY GAP

Students from Bayview College will celebrate Literacy week by dressing up in their favourite book character and raising funds for "Wall of Hands" program.

While the month of September is designated to recognise the importance of improving literacy rates in children globally, for Bayview students the spotlight has turned towards the growing literacy gap between Indigenous children and their non-Indigenous peers.

The growing gap has provided an impetus for Bayview College to collectively raise much needed funds to support the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation Wall of Hands program.

"We aim to raise funds to improve the literacy levels, lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions" said Ms Lindy Rose, Bayview College Library Manager.

"The funds are used to deliver literacy programs in Indigenous communities across the nation.

"For every 5 Indigenous children living in very remote communities, only 1 will be able to read at the minimum standard."

Education is the key to tackling social issues such as poverty, sickness and marginalisation and with good educational partnerships anything is possible" Ms Rose concluded.

For further information on Indigenous Literacy Day go to www.wallofhands.com.au



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CONSIDER A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE DURING YEAR 12

This year the Schoolies With a Cause team partnered with Da Nang based aid organisation World Relief for our program, and instead of going after final exams, made the trip during the mid-year study break. Travelling to Central Vietnam during July means hot, humid weather and lots of sun which certainly provided a strong contrast to our Victorian winter climate!

The team this year consisted of Amelia, Giaan, Campbell, Olivia, Lucas, Cody, Meg, Alysia and Nikea along with Bayview College staff Lindy Rose, David Hetherington and Mr Jeffries as program coordinator.

World Relief have been working in Vietnam for some 20 years now and in this time have built strong, healthy relationships with all levels of local government in their region. By partnering with World Relief, we become part of a long term solution to the needs of the communities they work in. Through our five days with World Relief we experienced a range of different programmes including swim safety training and life skills (English language, hygiene, first aid, road safety, safety from human trafficking and life choices). These programmes are run in schools and kindergartens as the need is identified. The SWAC team spent our first day in Vietnam learning a series of pre-prepared lessons in order to run them ourselves (with the help of some translators) over the following days. The lessons provided a meaningful and interactive way of connecting with Vietnamese children. We also ran an English language lesson at 'Vision Café' in one of our evenings with a group of young people of similar age to our team. This lesson took the format of structured conversations and made for many laughs as the team exchanged stories and experiences with the Vietnamese.

As part of this year's programme we also established a food growing program in a kindergarten in Tam Ky. 'Food Plant Solutions' is a Rotary initiative that World Relief run in Vietnam. The programme involves setting up a fruit and vegetable garden in a school or kindergarten, training up teachers on how to run the programme and helping them make affordable, healthy living a part of their everyday lives. As a team we raised the money to setup the programme as well as providing the 'muscle-power' to get the ball rolling on the physical setup. Over the coming months we will get an update on how it is now being used! The kindergarten hopes the garden will enable them to provide healthy lunches to the children so they do not need to continue the usual custom of going home for lunch which in turn disrupts their parents work lives.

Due to the amazing generosity of the Portland community, our fundraising this year went above and beyond our initial target. This meant we were able to contribute toward a number of other initiatives World Relief run. This included purchasing a much needed custom built mobility aid for a young girl with cerebral palsy, sponsoring two families to undertake a farming mentoring programme and contributing toward building a new swim training facility in an area where child drownings are far too common and swim safety training is needed. Being part of the mobility aid presentation and visiting an established 'adopt-a-farmer' programme helped the team see what exactly their funding was able to achieve.

After our time with World Relief the team spent three days in the ancient town of Hoi An, a beautiful historic area where motorised transport is not allowed and shopping opportunity abounds. Ordering custom made clothes, climbing Marble Mountain, exploring the ancient ruins of My Son Holy Land, cycling through the rice paddies and eating some great food (especially through our 10 course cooking lesson feast) made the end of our trip a memorable one.

After an incredible 10 days away from Portland, it was time for the team to return home and get back into the books for the second half of their final year of secondary education. Undertaking the 'SWAC' experience mid-year enabled team members to reflect on their future directions, evaluate their own attitude toward education and approach this season of life with a new appreciation for the opportunities they have in our beautiful country of Australia. We hope the stories they share with the Bayview College and Portland community will inspire all to live, give and travel with a fresh awareness of our responsibility to help those in need.

For photos go to <https://www.facebook.com/schoolieswithacause/>

For current Year 11 students interested in learning more about the 2018 SWAC program, an information evening will be held on Tuesday 19 September 2017, 7pm in the LOTE room at Bayview College.



BAYVIEW COLLEGE STUDENTS PACKED AND READY FOR EXCHANGE

Ten Bayview College students are looking forward to spending part of their Term 3 school holidays in Japan as part of the annual exchange program to Osaki Nishi High School.

The 15 day exchange program will allow students to take in Japanese culture, along with its rich history and unique traditions.

For the first week students will have the opportunity to visit historical sites, with a tour of Kyoto, visiting the Golden temple and Kiyomizu temple, Hiroshima City taking in the Bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Park, and the unique Hondouri Street. They will shop in the traditional craft markets, and taste the famous Miyajima delicacies.

During the second week the students will live with their host family from Osaki Nishi High School, while attending school. Bayview College students will immerse themselves into the daily routine of school life allowing them to better consolidate their language skills.

One of the principle highlights of the trip will be a visit to Universal Studios, Osaka, with their Japanese hosts.

For Catriona Alexander, 15 the main excitement will be in the second week when she catches up with her friend, Keishun.

"Keishun came to Portland as part of the exchange program last year. My family hosted him and I can't wait to see him again. We keep in touch through facebook messenger."

Students will fly out on Saturday 16 September 2017, returning on Saturday 30 September 2017.

The following students will be attending;
Catriona Alexander, Nick Errey, Mackenna Huf, Anise Stephens, Archie Silvester, Katie Mitchell, Taylah Nelson, Bayley Pappin, Beth Potter and Kaitlyn Wyckelsma.

The Japanese Exchange program started at Bayview in 1996 and continues to be strongly supported by students today.



Yr. 7/8 Interschool football

Bayview College's involvement in the annual Yr. 7/8 Interschool netball & football carnival was once again an eventful day with more than 30 students representing our school.

Played at Heywood Recreation reserve, Bayview College was represented by a combined year 7 & 8 netball team and a combined Yr. 7/8 football team.

The footballers started the day well matching it well with Clontarf College but were unable to maintain the momentum and went on to finish third overall.

Well done to all those student who were involved in the day and a huge thanks to Lindy Hernan who coordinated the netball teams throughout the day.

PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION TWILIGHT COMPETITION

Grades;- Open, 15/under, 13/under, 11/under and Net Set Go (grade 3 & up)

Registration night Monday 18 September 2017.

Team sheets available by ringing 5523 5140.

Net Set Go (Grade 3 upwards) and 11 & U registration will be 6.00pm

Junior teams (13 & 15 U) 6.30pm Senior Teams 7.00pm

If not in a team please come at the 6.00pm timeslot and we will hopefully place you in a team.

Competition to commence Monday 9th October 2017



**WEDNESDAY
25TH OCTOBER**
6.30 TIL 7.30PM

2018 VET IN SCHOOLS INFO SESSION

If you are planning to study a VET in Schools program at South West TAFE in 2018 it is highly recommended you attend this Info session with your parent/guardian.

WHERE: Skills and Job Centre
South West TAFE, Timor Street Warrnambool

TOPICS COVERED:

- Resources
- Attendance hours
- Support Services
- Bookshop
- Delivery style
- School & TAFE partnership

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