Bayview College Newsletter To believe. To think. To achieve.









ISSUE 1



Message from the Principal

"What day is it?" "It's today" squeaked Piglet "My favourite Day" said Pooh

You may think that quoting from A.A. Milne's 'Winnie the Pooh' is an unusual way to start the first Newsletter article for the year. And you are probably right. However, this quote is quite powerful. Winnie the Pooh always has an optimistic outlook on life and remains calm when faced with a problem sure in himself that he will find a way to solve it. We can all benefit from adopting this outlook on life. If we embrace the attitude that today is our favourite day, then every day becomes our favourite day and our mind is pre-disposed to adopt a positive attitude. At the first assembly last week I encouraged the students to think in this positive way.

Research on the role of emotions in learning shows that while negative emotions tend to make us clearly remember data and facts including the minutest detail, positive emotions tend to help us remember more complex things. If learners feel safe, happy, and fulfilled, they will actually enjoy learning. Without positive attitudes and perceptions, students have little chance of learning proficiently. Our emotions are affected by those around us, however, we alone are responsible for the emotional stance we bring to each day and each situation.

Throughout 2017 we are going to continue to encourage our students to be positive in their outlook, their relationships, their goal setting, response to learning challenges, and their reaction to setbacks.

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2017 TERM 1 DATES

Thursday 9 February

School photo day

Tuesday 14 February

Inter-house Swim Carnival. Parent Volunteers welcomed.

Wednesday 15 February

Year 7 Welcome BBQ 6.00pm.

2018 Year 7 Information evenina.

Thursday Feb 16 at 9:00am

Please note change of date/

Commencement Church Service All Saints Church

Sunday 19 February

Bayview College OPEN DAY 2.00-4.00pm.

Friday 3 March

World Day of prayer. Service in Bayview Gym 10:30am

Wednesday 8 March

Inter-house Athletics. Parent Volunteers welcomed.

Friday 17 March

Year 11 Retreat.

Grade 6 Discovery Day. Year 9 Circle Program.

Tuesday 21 March

Harmony Day.

Friday 24 March

Reports distributed. 2017 Year 7 Scholarship Applications close.

Thursday 30 March

Students dismissed at 1.00pm Year 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews, 2.00pm onwards.

Friday 31 March End of Term 1.

Front cover photo:

Declan Goldby, Ben Van der Linde, Jacob Travers and Paul Nguyen at back making friends at the Year 7 camp.

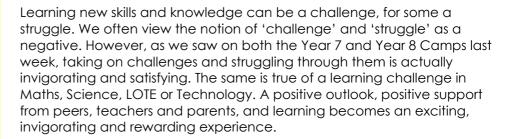
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"The spiritual journey is like an upward spiral. we all know that our advances do not shoot up straight like a rocket, but rather slowly spiral upward. we may face something again but we will not face it exactly the same way, for we have been lifted up in our perception and are viewing it from a higher vantage point."

Christopher Ian Chenoweth

Dr Michelle Kearney Principal

New staff profile

Name: Warrick Bottrall (B.Ed, M.Ed)

Position at Bayview: Wellbeing Coordinator / VCE Psychology and Physical Education / Year 7 Physical Education and Health.

Are you a former Student? No (sadly not)

Previous positions:

Movement and Wellbeing faculty developer and House Master at St Gilgen International School, Austria. Head of House and Head of Faculty (Health and Physical Education) at St Patrick's College and Phoenix College, Ballarat. Throughout these experiences I have always taught VCE units 1-4 as well as higher level I.B. (International Baccalaureate).

What are you most looking forward to at Bayview?

- Creating positive outcomes for the students and parents of Bayview and contributing to the ongoing development of the College and its teaching / administrative teams.
- Becoming part of Bayview's culture and history.
- The activities and camps program
- Living by the beach.

What do you think you bring to Bayview?

A breadth of curriculum and teaching experience in both formal and informal mediums. Specific knowledge in the areas of Wellbeing and whole school development of staff and students. Multiple capacities in theoretical and practical learning environments from an international perspective.

Any miscellaneous info you wish to share, such as family, education, where you grew up, hobbies

I have relocated to Portland with my family. My wife Trish Gray (who is also teaching at Bayview) and my three children (Bailey 10, Mika 9 and Zali 6). I have a passion for water based activates (Surfing, sailing, fishing, swimming) although mountain biking and motorbikes also take up my time.

I am an Alpine ski coach / leader and have spent many years in Alpine Environments.

I have been heavily involved in outdoor education and enjoy exposing people to the value of such forms of physical movement and exploration.

And just for fun......

What three things do you always have on your refrigerator?

My wifi password, a recent photo of the kids and my timetable.

What was your favorite birthday present as a kid?

A sailing trip to Greece with my family.

What is your favourite time of year and why?

I honestly like all the seasons and I change my activities to suit. This means I have way too many toys!

What is the best piece of news you've heard lately?

I got a job in Portland!



Eilish Drought named as Bayview College class of 2016 dux

The hard work and dedication of The Class of 2016 has paid off with outstanding levels of personal excellence achieved. We are incredibly proud of our students with all students who completed the assessments for VCE and VCAL passing.

Bayview College is proud to share with you the many wonderful results of our Year 12 students.

Our congratulations go to our 2016 Bayview College Dux Eilish Drought with an ATAR rank of 93.9. Her subject results are a testament to her excellent work ethic and her passion for learning. Eilish undertook advanced entry to VCE and achieved two scores above 40 in 2015 for Health and Human Development and Psychology, and this year achieved a score over 40 for Further Mathematics. Her consistent application over the last 2 years has certainly reaped rewards.

Eilish has not made firm plans for the future at this time but stated "With this rank I now have lots of options to choose from."

All of our graduating students have been exceptional leaders within the school and broader community.

Significant achievements this year include:

- 3% students achieved an ATAR above 90
- 12% students achieved an ATAR above 80
- 35% students achieved an ATAR above 70

A range of subject areas saw remarkable results which deserve mention:

- Further Mathematics: 13% of study scores 40 and higher
- Physics: 33% of subject scores 40 and higher

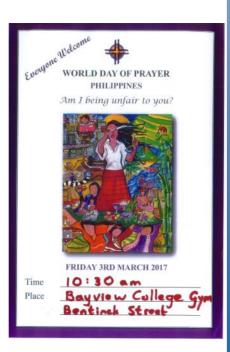
Our congratulations go to four students who successfully secured apprenticeships

Liam Nelson Josh Annett Oliver Outtram Brooke Stiles

Bayview College is indebted to the staff who worked tirelessly with the students to inspire and motivate them throughout the year in order for them to achieve personal excellence in all their endeavours.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical initiative. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The day for 2017 has been planned by the WDP committee in the Philippines and Bayview is hosting the service in Portland. The theme is "Am I being unfair to you?" The illustration being used on booklets and posters is a painting by Rowena 'Apol' Laxaman-Sta.Rosa and is entitled "A Glimpse of the Philippine Situation". Everyone is welcome to join us in the Bayview College Gym on Friday 3 March at 10:30am. Some refreshments will be served after the event.



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Bayview College students set career course with University offers

The Bayview College Class of 2016 has celebrated the release of the first round offers and look forward with anticipation to the next phase of their education.

78% of Bayview College students applied for tertiary placements through VTAC in 2017, several also applied interstate, with other graduates choosing to take a gap year, or pursue full-time employment.

Of the students who applied for University 96% received a first round offer, with the majority of these students gaining an offer into their preferred university and field of study.

Bayview College Principal Dr Michelle Kearney said students can now start to think about and picture their pathway with the release of first-round

"It is wonderful to see the class of 2016 achieving this success and now on the pathway of their choice. This is the real measure of success at the end of secondary school.

The Class of 2016 course selection was extremely diverse with students receiving offers to study Property and Real Estate, Entrepreneurship, Game Design and Production, Science, Interior Design, Criminal Justice, Education and Nursing."

Rachael Roberts, 18 was thrilled to receive two offers; one from Flinders University in Adelaide to study Science (Honours)/Hydrology; as well as Environmental Science at Charles Sturt University. Rachael has decided to accept the Flinders University offer.

"It was after studying Murray Darling Basin in Geography that I confirmed I wanted to pursue a career in Hydrology.

"I wanted to study at Flinders University and knew the score needed to get in. I was confident I would get my first preference after I received a better than expected ATAR," concluded Rachael.

Rachael is now looking forward to her move to Adelaide.

Deputy Principal, Ms Leah Kelly said there is clear evidence showing that regional students remain under represented at Tertiary level with only 7% coming from remote areas.

"Bayview College graduates buck this trend and we are proud of the

large number of our Alumni who have completed tertiary studies over the years."



Vietnam opens the minds and hearts of "SWAC's"

In November 2016 our annual Schoolies With a Cause program took on a new direction with two new partners, World Vision and World Relief, and in a new location, Central Vietnam.

Many people know of World Vision through TV advertisements and school fundraising events such as the 40 hour famine but not as many people know of their Area Development Program (ADP) model. This model aims to help whole communities get back on their feet after setbacks such as natural disasters and war; break the poverty cycle of hand-to-mouth subsistence and in the long run, rely less (if at all) on any form of foreign aid.

The APD visited by our team was in the mountainous district of Tra Bong where a number of ethnic minorities make up the majority of the populace. These minority groups in many ways are overlooked by government when it comes to support and so for our students to see firsthand the work of World Vision in this community was indeed, eye-opening. It was also encouraging to see the diverse ways our fundraising was used in the community to meet their different needs such as quality schooling, safe housing, sustainable farming practice and maternal health care.

Our other program partner, World Relief is certainly less known in Australia due to the fact they only work in Central Vietnam and not globally. World Relief arranged a diverse program for our team to give us hands-on, interactive time in the various programs they run, again, to meet the diverse needs of the people they work with. Activities included teaching first aid to a group of teachers and students, playing games in a rural kindergarten and running a life-skills program in a primary school.

Our donation to World Relief went toward the purchase of first aid kits, training mannequins and textbooks as well as motorbike helmets for school children. In Vietnam it is law for adults to wear helmets but not children and so many children are at risk every time they venture onto the road! To conclude our time in Vietnam, the team spent three days in the beautiful ancient city of Hoi An where we learnt to cook authentic Vietnamese cuisine, had clothing tailor made, explored the area by bicycle and spent some quality time with each other to end off thirteen years of schooling. As always we as teachers were incredibly proud of our students and the way they represented us as a College, they left a positive impression wherever we went.

For 2017 we have an exciting program planned, building on the success of our already strong program. Join the Facebook page "Schoolies With a Cause Bayview College" for ongoing updates. If you have signed up for the 2017 program, our first information evening is on Tuesday 21st February from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the LOTE room at Bayview College.







How you can volunteer at Bayview College

Research has repeatedly shown that children succeed academically, socially and emotionally and become more well rounded and balanced human beings if their parents are involved in their education and school activities in some capacity.

Bayview College is committed to, and highly values, parental involvement. All parents have knowledge, skills and resources that support their children and have a strong complementary role to play in their children's learning and behavior.

Bayview College understands that busy working parents can find it difficult to become involved in the school community so we have provided a range of options that is sensitive to the different needs, lifestyles and demands of families. Even an hour a month can be a fantastic contribution to the school community. Remember that volunteering is not compulsory but you will find it rewarding!

- Join the Parents and Friends Association or assist with a fundraising activity
- **Accompany** students and teachers on excursions
- Donate materials to the school
- Become an ambassador on behalf of the school
- Support and assist students' community involvement i.e. Relay for Life
- Support the sport and camp programs, particularly if you have specialized sporting skills (remember students do love to have their parents cheering them on)
- General Administration assistance
 - -laminating class work / certificates
 - -uniform shop
- Food & Nutrition department
 - -Cleaning cupboards and fridges
 - -Returning items back to the pantry
 - -Labeling storage jars



Tuesday 14 February



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Teaching & Learning

When Bayview College formed some 130 years ago as the Loreto Portland School, one of the first newspaper articles to be published locally described the school as a place to encourage creativity, work with the young mind and appreciate the beautiful surrounds. Today, this desire is very much at the heart of our educational program. The continual development of a culture of thinking based on the work of Harvard University, a unique wellbeing and inclusion program along with a dynamic camps offering all contribute to the outworking of this mission. This year, 21st century learning skills have taken the floor with a fresh focus on flexibility, problem solving skills, entrepreneurship, collaboration and literacy;



written, verbal, digital, social and creative. As part of the belief that every student should be pushed at a rate and level suited to them as a unique learner, new approaches to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education and Digital Literacy have been explored and will become part of the 2017 learning program at Bayview College.

In the maths domain, the innovative online program "Math Pathways" has been deployed as a radical new way to promote numeracy skills. Math Pathways is a responsive program meaning the program itself changes according to how a student performs in regular tests. This means that areas of weakness are carefully targeted and areas of strength can be built upon. This program will enable students, parents and teachers to receive regular feedback on student progress as well ensure everyone is pushed to their learning potential.

SIMON will roll out to the next phase this year with the introduction of Learning Area Pages. These pages are subject specific and will be where learning and homework tasks are published, documents shared and assessment tasks logged. This is a crucial step toward online reporting which will also be introduced this year as part of the SIMON Learning Management System.

Year 7 students will be receiving their new Chromebooks over the coming weeks to broaden the eLearning environment in which they learn. These Google designed machines are a new way of computing and are tailor made to the educational setting. Their capability sits between a traditional laptop and a tablet device making them a highly adaptable tool for school students. Skill sessions will be run with students later this month once all students have received their device to ensure everyone can use them to their potential.

With so many changes in the pipeline we ask for student and parent patience as we learn to effectively use these new and exciting educational tools. We have much to learn and are sure there will be teething issues to attend to but believe strongly that these changes will set Bayview College apart as a leading secondary educational provider in our Portland region.

Grab a friend and join the Bayview team!

To be held on **Friday 17 February 2017** at Nelson Park from **7.00-10.00pm**.

Registration forms available at Bayview College from Monday 6 February 2017.

There will be a fundraiser sausage sizzle lunch on Friday 17 February and Casual Day. Wear purple or yellow. Gold Coin Donation for casual day.

Photo: Last year our students had a blast dressing up in 80's theme.

College "Relay for Life"

Kris Kringle offers an alternative gift for Christmas

Writing journals, pens, pencil and candles were just some of the items to be donated to a classroom in Cambodia this year.

Late last year Bayview College staff made a decision to forgo Kris Kringle, instead donating the money to purchase classroom supplies.

Humanities and physical education teacher Leanne Outtram was accepted into a World Vision program in Cambodia and was able to see

first-hand how they are empowering local communities to improve their education.

Ms Outtram felt this was a better way to give back to those who have so little.

"These supplies offer an opportunity to increase the limited resources available to teachers in the classroom, improving the environment for learning."

The following items were purchased in Cambodia and donated to the Rukh Kirki commune.

One 50 kg bag of rice, three sacks of candies, two water bowls, one plastic waste bin, two journal writing books, 40 pencils, 40 rulers, two water jars, one Backpack, plastic tubing, ten marker ink pots, one English-Khmer Dictionary, 40 pens, 40 writing books and five whiteboard markers.

2017 Student Diary now features dedicated wellbeing pages

The Bayview College student diary is one of the most important tools for organization a student can possess,



providing students/teachers and parents with a simple means of communication.

The **NEW** dedicated wellbeing pages cover topics such as time management and planning, relationships and community, academic tools and skills and wellbeing and self-care.

Proving to be very popular in 2016 and returning in 2017 are the customized diary dates located on the left-hand side. Very useful for forward planning.

Week 1 and Week 2 are again identified by colour coding (Week 1 yellow, Week 2 blue). To compliment the colour coding we've also included the printing of

Week1/Week 2 on top left-hand side of each page.

We encourage all students and parents to turn to page 10 where we have identified key staff within the school who will support you throughout the school year.

We work hard to make improvements to the student diary every year and hope you welcome the new changes.

Kenyan students thrilled with donated books

Class of 2016 student, Laura Kelly gained a greater understanding of the challenges facing women and children in Kenya by assisting the voluntary care work team of non-profit organisation Projects Abroad. The aim of the team is to improve conditions and levels of education for disadvantaged local children.

Prior to leaving, Laura called-out to the Portland community for the donation of educational books to line the shelves of school Libraries in some of Kenyans poorest schools. Over-whelmed with the generosity of donations, Laura was able to gift the books and has "never seen kids so happy to get books . Everyone is so appreciative."

Congratulations to Laura for making a positive difference to the educational outcomes of children living in Kenya.





DON'T MISS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY TYRENDARRA SHOW

Not long now till the 100^{th} Tyrendarra Show – 11 February. This will be a bumper show, continuing into the evening to celebrate this momentous occasion.

There will be lots of attractions and competitions to enter. Make sure you go to our website –

<u>www.tyrendarraagriculturalshow.com.au</u> to look through the schedule. There will be lots of entertainment –

- a Punch & Judy puppet show,
- George the Farmer (morning only),
- Red vs Blue pedal-powered puppets,
- Norm & Elsie's Art Safari,
- The Connies plus pet & scarecrow competitions. And there are lots of sections the kids can enter.

Contact Show Secretary Robyn Nunn for further information – 0427295271.

TYRENDARRA FEB 11 S H O W 2017 Portland Signworks

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Miniroos Soccer commences

Miniroos is starting again soon at the Portland Soccer Club! This

Kickstart soccer program is for airls and boys aged 4 - 9 years. Children learn som

Kickstart soccer program is for girls and boys aged 4 - 9 years. Children learn some basic skills, play small sided games and have lots of fun.

Go to www.miniroos.com.au to register for the 13 week program starting Saturday 11th February and finishing on 3rd June. The sessions will start at 11am and finish at 12pm. Contact Les on 0414559106 or Tracy on 0417374784 for more information.

Portland Soccer Club Training has begun for the 2017 season - We welcome new players in all age groups. Training for Under 12 and Under 14—5:00—6:15pm Tuesday and Thursday nights, U17 and Seniors—6:00—7:30pm on Tuesday and Friday nights in February and Women—6:00—7:30pm on Wednesday and Friday nights in February. For more information please contact David Stafford on 0409419813.

A Fine Romance – the Magic of Fred Astaire

'Can't sing, can't act, slightly balding, can dance a little' Morning Music

This all singing, all dancing tribute to the man who went on to become the most famous dancer of all time brings back the old world glamour and charm of a bygone era with plenty of toe-tapping tunes and legendary dance routines. A Fine Romance takes the audience from Fred's humble beginnings on Broadway, all the way to his Hollywood days and on screen romances with his many leading ladies, including Ginger Rogers, Judy Garland, Audrey Hepburn and Rita Hayworth. Audiences will love the costumes, the songs, the glitz, the extraordinary dancing and of course, the music. This show has something for everyone. Songs include: The Way You Look Tonight, They Can't Take That Away From Me, Let's Call the Whole Thing Off, Cheek to Cheek, Puttin on the Ritz, Top Hat, That's Entertainment, S Wonderful, Night and Day and many more.

Portland Arts Centre Wednesday 8 March 10.30am Casterton Town Hall Thursday 9 March 10.30am ALL TICKETS: \$15

Duration: 65 minutes



Mini Movers

Dance/Movements Classes

For toddlers/preschool kids (And their grown ups) Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.00am Portland Calisthenics Shed 4/102 Browning Street

\$5 per week (insurance \$38, payable on 2nd lesson)
Contact Sharryn 0427074248 Kym 0417824922

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We like to share the success of our students and invite contributions from the Bayview Community for our Newsletter. A brief overview and a photo can be emailed to nicole.angelino@bayview.vic.edu.au

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