

Bayview College Newsletter

To **believe**. To **think**. To **achieve**.



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Message from the Principal

Over the coming weeks Bayview College will be trialling a Therapy Dog program.

Over the years, numerous research studies have been undertaken that show the benefits of animal assisted activity and in particular the contribution of therapy dogs in educational settings. Empirical evidence has shown that therapy dogs can enhance young people's psychological development, improve their social skills, and increase their self-esteem. Dogs can also help in the development of responsibility, compassion, and respect for other living things. Dogs in the classroom can be used to calm fears, relieve anxiety, and teach skills.

Here is a summary of potential benefits (Data adapted from the Australian Companion Animal Council):

- Physical – interaction with a furry friend reduces blood pressure, provides tactile stimulation, assists with pain management, gives motivation to move, walk and stimulates the senses
- Social – a visit with a dog provides a positive mutual topic for discussion, promotes greater self-esteem and well-being, and focused interaction with others
- Cognitive – companionship with a dog stimulates memory, problem solving and game playing
- Emotional – an adorable four-legged visitor improves self-esteem, acceptance from others, and lifts mood often provoking laughter
- Environmental – a dog in a school decreases the feeling of a sterile environment, lifts mood and this continues after visit

Research has demonstrated that therapy dogs properly managed in the school setting make a measurable difference in terms of gaining various skills such as reading enhancement, and contribute critically to emotional and relational development. School wellbeing staff are finding that the presence of a therapy dog can decrease anxiety and enable students to work through issues such as anger management, bullying tendencies and others psycho/social problems.

The introduction of a non-threatening therapy dog can serve as a catalyst for forming adaptive and positive social interactions

2018 TERM 1 DATES

Wednesday 7 March

Interhouse athletics - All families welcome—Nelson Park

Monday 12 March

Labour Day - No School.

Thursday 15 March

All Saints Grade 6
Discovery Day.

Friday 16 March

Grade 6 Discovery Day.
Glenelg Division Athletics, Casterton.

Monday 19 March

GWR Golf, Hamilton.

Tuesday 20 March

Glenelg Division Senior 15/15
Cricket, Hamilton.
GWR Golf, Port Fairy.

Friday 23 March

GWR Swimming (Ballarat)
Year 7 Scholarship Apps close.
Interim Reports released.

Wednesday 28 March

Parent/Teacher/Student
Interviews from 2:00—8:00pm
(students dismissed at 1:00pm)

Thursday 29 March

Last day term 1.

2018 TERM 2 DATES

Monday 16 April

Term 2 begins.

SATURDAY 21 April

Bayview College OPEN DAY
10.00-11.30am.

Year 7 Scholarship Testing
9.00-11.00am.

Tuesday 24 April

Year 7 Scholarship Testing
3.30-5.00pm.

Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC DAY—No school.

Wednesday 2 May

Bob Templeton Division 2 AFL
Football Yr 9/10 boys.

Wednesday 2– Friday 4 May

Year 12 Career Expo & Uni visit.

Wed 9—Thursday 17 May

Big Science Competition.

Tuesday 22 May

MCC Herald Sun cup—Division
2 AFL Football Yr 11/12 boys.

Wednesday 23 May

Term 2 Church Service 9.00-
10.00am. All families welcome.

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Front Cover Photo:

Bayview College VCAL students have spent some valuable time revamping the sculpture courtyard at Bayview College.

The students have cleaned and planned the development of new garden beds, pressure washing of the sculptures and general beautification of the area as their first project of the year.

Students involved are Jack Gorry, Bre-Anna Wright,

Guided activities and group discussions help teach students how to handle interpersonal conflicts and develop constructive responses.

We will carefully monitor and review this pilot program and would welcome any feedback or queries from families during the trial.

Almighty and Generous Lord
how great the variety of living things,
You have put at our disposal!
You told our first parents:
"I give you all the animals of the land."
Some can be used as food,
or for labour or transportation,
but also for our companionship and recreation.
Bless our animals.
May they carry out the function they have been given
and may they aid us to think of You as their Creator
and give praise and thanks to You forever.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Dr Michelle Kearney

Bayview College Chaplain introduction

Since 2015 I have been very blessed and honoured to be appointed in this role at a school which has such a rich Christian heritage that has provided for many years such a quality education to the young people of our local Portland community.

I am a trained teacher and family counsellor and I have worked for over 30 years predominately in state schools around the Warrnambool district. Some of you may be aware I actually started my teaching career in Portland in 1986 at what was then Portland Technical School. It's very interesting returning to this community with another generation of children whose parents I may have taught as students.

As your Chaplain and part of a team of dedicated caring teachers, our desire is to partner with you in helping shape your son/daughter in becoming a resilient well rounded young adult who contributes and makes our world a better place.

Just this week I watched "Australian Story" episode on the ABC about Dr Dinesh Palipana. As a medical student he was left a quadriplegic after a horrific car accident. Unable to feel anything in his arms and legs, he knew that his spine had been damaged and his life had changed forever. Not even his best friends thought he would be able to finish medical school. Yet 8 years later, he's one of the top young medicos working in busy Gold Coast University Hospital.

This story made me think how we are equipping our young people to deal with this modern and ever-complex world we live in. Each of us in some degree will face trials in our lives involving disease, pain, heartache, abandonment or emotional trauma. It is through learning how to deal with this pain we learn compassion and empathy. To be 'human' is to face adversity as well as experience triumph in life's journey.

My heart as a Chaplain is to be as a 'shepherd' or a 'servant' to our College. With God's grace I am always seeking to be a positive, encouraging presence that will help contribute to the spiritual well-being of our school community.

My days of work at Bayview College are Tuesday and Wednesday. If you wish please feel free to contact me at the College or leave a message at the office to return your call.

Yours in Christ.

David Hetherington (School Chaplain)

Apprenticeships kick-start careers for Bayview College students

Apprenticeships are proving to be a popular career pathway at Bayview College with three students from the Class of 2017 accepting the opportunity "to get paid while you learn."

For some students, the University pathway is not always a good fit, with students preferring to learn a trade.

Aaron Shepherd, 18, who began his carpentry apprenticeship with Brian Smith at the beginning of the year is pleased to pick-up the much sought-after trade.

"It's awesome knowing I'm getting paid to learn. I won't have to worry about having a HECS debt or anything."

"I applied for University and received my first preference but I'd much prefer to do an apprenticeship." he said.

Bayview College Principal, Dr Michelle Kearney said for some young people University is not seen as the only key to a successful career.

"Research shows that in terms of employability, earnings, and relevance of skills to the contemporary workplace, one isn't better than the other with graduate outcomes."

"Gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship can be an ideal way to kick-start a career and avoid accumulating HECS debt and get paid while you learn." she said.

"We need to encourage young people to find out what truly interests them and play to their strengths." Dr Kearney concluded.

Harry McIntyre, 18, who recently received confirmation of his carpentry apprenticeship, after working as a labourer for Cameron Mather since finishing school last year, said it's a huge relief.

"When I was offered the apprenticeship there was no decision between it and University," he said.

Cody Driscoll recently gained an Electrical Apprenticeship with Laser Electrical Portland and is excited at the prospect of starting his training.



Aaron Shepherd happy to have secured a carpentry apprenticeship with local Builder Brian Smith.



Science forum exposes young minds to a world of possibilities

Young scientists of the future were exposed to infinite possibilities in the science sector by attending the annual National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), a program for Year 12 students.

The 10 day program is targeted at students who have a passion for science, with over 600 students from across Australia attending the annual forum.

Three students from Bayview College were selected, making it the biggest contingent from the college to participate.

Caitlin Billington, Maddie Bryant and Sidney Kerr, all 17, attended the forum; Caitlin and Maddie in Canberra at the University of Canberra and Sidney in Brisbane at the University of Brisbane.

All agreed the experience was fantastic and very valuable to their Year 12 studies.

"My eyes were opened up to the huge range of options for career opportunities in biological environmental science," said Caitlin Billington.

Caitlin said there were seven special interest groups to select from and she was lucky enough to participate in Environmental Science.

"All the activities were hands-on and practical and related back to the main topic." said Caitlin.

"I met a lot of great people who I plan to keep in touch with," concluded Caitlin.

Maddie Bryant said her special interest group was Health/Medical Science.

"Before leaving for the forum I was determined to do Psychology but after experiencing all of the activities I have definitely changed my mind and would like to study genetics." she said.

Maddie met students from all over Australia, with some students attending from New Zealand and Singapore. She couldn't recommend the forum enough.

Sidney Kerr was pleased to be able to hang-out with like-minded students, all who share an interest in Science.

"It was awesome. I met so many people." he said.

The students would like to thank Rotary Club of Portland Bay, Rotary Club of Portland, Bayview College and their families for their support in attending the forum.



Caitlin Billington testing some of the sample water during her time at NYSF

Math Pathways developing students growth

In line with our College focus of developing our student's growth mindset, students in years 7-9 are using the **Maths Pathway** program in 2018. This program allows students to have more time to work independently at their own pace and level. They may be filling gaps in prior learning, or working on extension activities.

Students in year 7 have completed a diagnostic test at the beginning of the term. This test may see students begin work at levels lower than their year, this is due to concepts needing to be mastered in order to move to higher levels. These gaps will be filled quickly and growth will be evident. Once concepts are mastered new modules are opened up for students to complete.

Students in years 8 and 9 will continue with the program as they left it in 2017, all data is carried over and they will continue to work on the modules they were on the path to last year.

Students will be working on a fortnightly cycle, in this time they will have a goal number of modules to complete, individualised test, feedback teacher conference and personal reflection to review their test result.

Math pathways have **updated the student interface** and therefore what your student is working on may look different from last year, however this is a change in formatting rather than content. The honeycomb configuration of modules has been replaced by gems.

Improvement and growth will continue to be a strong focus in 2018. Growth, effort and accuracy will be reported on, rather than just test grades. Focusing on growth allows all students to experience success regardless of their level. Students are celebrated for improving and challenging themselves. A positive mindset in maths will empower students and enhance their wellbeing.

We will continue to run **Wednesday afterschool (period 7)** classes in 2018 to give extra support when needed. Homework will still be given, but it will be specific to each student. Homework can be completed via the internet as students can access the Maths Pathways at home, or at times worksheets may also be used.

Parents have access to a **parent portal** on their student's homepage. Please ask your student to show you this portal and register your email address. Maths Pathway will then contact you regarding test dates and progress.

Students will also continue to be offered opportunities to compete in maths competitions and take advantage of other outside opportunities.

We are looking forward to a great year of maths in 2018!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Stacy Thomas by phone or email at the College.
Stacy.thomas@Bayview.vic.edu.au

Annie rehearsals well underway

Annie rehearsal are well underway with the cast now in place. It is an absolute pleasure to be working with students from All Saints Primary School and St Johns Lutheran Primary School as part of the Team.



Year 7 Camp - Dunkeld



Leila Edwards, Abby McFarlane, Jasmine Whitbourn, Jasmine Borella, Phoebe Rudge (obscured) and Macey Hockley



Talisha Hockley, Jorja Holt and Brayden St John



Cooling down in the pool



A quick snack break before the next activity



Zaine Reeves & Jett Piergrosse



Phoebe Rudge & Nixie Giampaolo



Zac Fell

Year 8 Camp - Pritchard's Landing



Green Group working out the tactics for their activity



Layla Sprague, Alexis Graham, Kiani Beavis & April Tiley



How many people can you fit on the board?



Time for the next activity at Pritchard's



Alexis Graham & April Tiley



Interhouse Swimming Sports - Portland



Kane Johnson, Zane Barker & Sam Hampshire



Paige Scott



Joseph Nguyen, Luke Schultz & Brock Fell



Catherine Broom, Jessian Borer & Ailish Duro



Tannar Stone, Joonas Kuitunen & Phoebe Rudge



WARD take home the 2018 Interhouse Swimming Trophy

Come and try table tennis—New Players most welcome

At Portland squash and Racquetball Centre Fitzgerald Street after 7.00pm each Tuesday evening.

Starting Tuesday 13 March 2018—Tuesday 17 April 2018.

All standards catered for, from those looking for a friendly new pursuit, to those wanting a more competitive experience. All ages—juniors, seniors and veterans.

For more information contact Brendan McMahon on 0408 342 625.



Interschool Swimming Sports - Hamilton



Charlie Harvey, Jamison Cram, Sam McFarlane & Brock Fell



Lillian Maas-Geesteranus, AJ Moss & Chloe Payne



Richard Mansbridge, Riley Gallagher, James Garside & Zac Fell

Students seek support for world's greatest shave

The 2018 Bayview College VCAL Class is currently raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation by participating in the World's Greatest Shave.



Our aim is to raise \$4000 by the 26th of March.

It would be much appreciated if others in the Bayview Community would donate, support or even join in with the event by either shaving, dying or waxing hair on your body.

If anyone is interested in donating or potentially wanting to participate in the event please contact the school on (03) 5523 1042 or via the front office. Each person participating is required to raise a minimum of \$150.

We look forward to the day, and raising the \$4000.
Thank you

VCAL students thanks business community for donation

The VCAL students would like to express a huge Thank you to **Darren Jacobson, Manager of Reece Plumbing Portland** for the generous donation of hoses and connections for the 2018 VCAL projects.

The wonderful donation of hoses and fittings will help with the restoration and maintenance of the Sculpture Courtyard to restore the area to its former glory, and the further development of the vegetable garden, recently built by the VCAL students.

We will have updates about these spaces throughout the year as we make progress. We would also welcome any suggestions and donations for the spaces.



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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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