PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Brad Madden

Term 4 of 2016
Already we have nearly two weeks of Term 4 completed and the remaining weeks promise to be very busy for students, staff and families. We have a social night coming up for Year 9 and 10 students next week and we have started to have visits from our next cohort of Year 7 students. Our Year 10 students have a condensed program that will see them complete their class work and assessments in time for exams and Bendigo Senior Secondary College orientation which starts late in November. Later in this newsletter, and in subsequent editions, will be full details of the many things happening for students in all year levels. The calendar in this newsletter outlines the dates of significant events and there will be specific reminders of events online and through notices delivered through students. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child's Advisor if you need further information about upcoming events.

Subject selections for 2017
The majority of students have made their selections for elective subjects for 2017. There are also a number of students who have not completed this process. As planning for next year advances, many of the subject offerings will no longer be available due to classes filling and timetable blocks being formed. There are also restrictions placed on students who have not made payments for materials in classes from 2016. Parents are asked to ensure that their student(s) has completed the appropriate selection forms and that all payments are completed. Account statements will be distributed to all families shortly but payments can be made in the office at any time. Please ensure that any outstanding payments are made by the end of this month so your child can be placed in their choice of elective for next year.

Are you departing in 2016?
In order to plan effectively for next year, we need accurate numbers of students at each year level. To assist with this, I would ask any parents who have students not returning for 2017 to notify me as soon as possible. This information will be treated as confidential unless I am notified otherwise. Similarly, if you know of families intending to enrol students at the College in 2017 who have not yet notified us, please encourage them to make contact as soon as possible.

Staffing update
At the end of Term 3, we were informed that Assistant Principal, Leanne Miller, has been appointed to the position as Principal of Rushworth P-12 College. Leanne was initially invited to fill the role for Term 1 of this year. Her tenure was extended and the community was sufficiently impressed with her work to offer her the permanent position. We offer our congratulations to Leanne for acquiring this role in what is another example of highly capable staff from Crusoe College being recognised beyond the College. We also welcomed Kerrie Lyons to the team in the College office. Kerrie, who has a long history in school administration, will be working at the front desk so students and parents visiting the office will get to know her quickly.

Bus travellers
Students who are travelling on school buses during 2016 will need to complete an application form for travel in 2017. The forms have been distributed to students and need to be returned to the College by Friday October 21 so they can be forwarded to the bus co-ordinators. The paperwork is available from the General Office for students who did not attend the Bus Travellers meeting. Students currently in Year 10 will need to lodge their applications through BSSC. Places will not automatically be allocated to 2016 travellers so please ensure that you return your forms as quickly as possible to guarantee a place for next year.

Student Leadership
The Crusoe College student leadership team worked with student leaders from eight of our feeder primary schools yesterday afternoon. They heard from guest speakers and discussed the skills and values of leadership and some of the ideas they could come up with to become better leaders in their schools and communities. Many thanks to Jack Lyons and Todd Broadbent who were the guest speakers and congratulations to all the Crusoe students involved who did an outstanding job in leading the discussions.

Social media alert
Last Friday, staff at the College supported students to deal with an uncomfortable online situation. A notice was posted to families through Compass. In the media, there was some attention over the weekend relating to the presence of clowns and some anti-social behaviour in other cities. The notice was re-posted in Compass on Thursday in case some families did not see it. While teachers will endeavour to support and educate students with responsible online behaviour, we would encourage parents to regularly discuss online habits with their children.

Updated policies
The staff at Crusoe College has been working to refine some of the policies that guide our operations with a view to improving practice and processes for 2017. We have considered policies to address issues such as students changing classes and subjects, parent payments and uniform. The updated uniform policy, which will be available shortly on the College website, provides more
2016 CRUSOE CALENDAR
IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS
Tuesday 18 October
Bendigo Show – Community Experience
9am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 October
Bendigo Show – Community Experience
9am – 1.30pm
Year 9/10 Social – Black Swan Hotel – 80’s Theme
Thursday 20 October
LMR Hockey Finals – 9/10 Girls team
Sunday 23 October
EBT Bunnings – Kangaroo Flat BBQ
Tuesday 25 October
Year 10 Loddon Prison Excursion
WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER
Bendigo Cup Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 2 November
Year 10 Whole Year Level photo
Friday 4 November
PAX program – Melbourne
Thursday 10 November
PUPIL FREE DAY - no students at school
Curriculum planning for teaching staff
End of Year Music Concert JB Osborne Theatre - 7pm
Friday 11 November
Remembrance Day Service – Yr 10 student leaders
‘Girls Night In’ – Year 10 Girls and female staff
Monday 14 – Thursday 17 November
Year 10 Exam week
Thursday 17 – Sunday 19 November
RACV Energy Breakthrough Maryborough
Monday 21 – Wednesday 23 November
Year 8 Camp Howqua, Mansfield
Monday 21 November
Yr 10 Work Finalisation Day
Tuesday 22 November
Year 10 Safe Parties Presentation by Victoria Police
Wednesday 23 November
BSSC Orientation Day for 2016 Year 10 students
Thursday 24 – Wednesday 30 November
BSSC Step-up Program for 2016 Year 10 students
Monday 24 November – Friday 2 December
Cruso Step-UP Program – week 1
Thursday 1 – Tuesday 6 December
BIMP Summer Camp
Tuesday 6 December
Orientation Day for incoming Year 7 - 2017
Monday 5 – Friday 9 December
Cruso Step-UP Program – week 2
Volleyballs National Championships
Monday 12 December
Year 10 Graduation & Formal
Thursday 15 December
Cruso College Awards Night – JB Osborne Theatre
Monday 19 – Tuesday 20 December
Pupil Free Days

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Curriculum Leader: Jill Clapham
Dyson Community Leader: Carole Waterson
Ipsen Community Leader: Sam Mills
White Community Leader: Colin McGregor
Yates Community Leader: Debbie Spencer-Jones

Business Manager:
Tracey Hughes/Rayma Evans
Student Administration:
Reception: Colleen Biggs

School Council President: Matthew Hague
School Council Vice President: Kris Connor
School Council next meeting:
Monday 17 October - 6.15pm - Boardroom

Parent Club President: Nicole Mayes
Parent Club Secretary:
Parent Club next meeting:
Wednesday 19 October @ 9am
Please meet at the General Office

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
03 4433 4455

Country Bus Travellers Information
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Email: buscoord@bse.vic.edu.au

Newsletters are emailed to families each fortnight, or hard copies are available from the General Office on the afternoon of publishing.

If you would like a newsletter posted home, please contact the General Office and leave your address details for the mailing list.

Next newsletter will be available on FRIDAY 28 October, 2016
Note Book Cabinets for Golden Square Primary

Some great outcomes have been achieved through a partnership between Crusoe College and our feeder school, Golden Square Primary over many years. A recent building project undertaken by our Year 10 Building and Construction students at Crusoe College, with the support of Bendigo TAFE staff and a local painter and decorator, has materialised into something pretty special.

Note book storage became a priority at Golden Square Primary School this year and before popular staff member, Mr Fiske, decided to tender the job to local cabinet makers, he approached Crusoe College instead. After drafting a plan for some cabinet storage, he presented the proposed project to the College during Term 2.

Once it was decided by supportive staff at the College that timber cabinets had some distinct advantages over steel cabinets, the project was discussed with Kevin Harrison who is a Building and Construction Trainer at Bendigo TAFE. Kevin supervises our Year 10 Crusoe College students enrolled in Certificate II Building and Construction classes at Bendigo TAFE on Wednesdays.

Kevin volunteered to co-ordinate the construction side of the project. He initially built a prototype and, when completed, this cabinet only required a few subtle changes, which saved on costs for the primary school as less timber was used in the construction of the remaining cabinets.

Students demonstrated their skills in building and construction by selecting the most suitable timber for the cabinets and organising the transporting of the building materials to Bendigo TAFE. The students assisted with the routing machine that was operated by a TAFE trainer to cut out the component parts prior to building the cabinets and also helped with transporting the cabinets to Jason Bull, a local painter and decorator who resides in Golden Square.

Jason volunteered to take on the responsibility of supervising students with the painting required to complete a first class job finally, before transporting the painted cabinets to the school.

A special thank you goes out to the special people who volunteered to contribute their time to this worthy cause.

Bendigo TAFE staff: Kevin Harrison and Ken Green

JA & PA Bull Painting & Decorating Pty Ltd: Jason Bull and staff

Crusoe College Building & Construction students: Harrison Chandler, Ashley Watson, Sam Hocking, Lachie Bull, Jared Redmond, Lachie Monti, Matthew Bradley and Jacob Draper

On behalf of Crusoe College congratulations to all participants on a huge team effort.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 10

Wednesday 19 October
Year 9/10 School Social – 80’s Theme

Tuesday 25 October
Loddon Prison excursion — Year 10

Wednesday 26 October
Bendigo Cup Day

Wednesday 2 November
Year 10 Whole Year Level Photo — Advisory & Session 1

Thursday 10 November
PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 11 November
Remembrance Day Service – Yr 10 student leaders
‘Girls Night In’ – Year 10 Girls and female staff

Monday 14—Thursday 17 November
Year 10 Exam Week

Friday 18 and Monday 21 November
Year 10 Work Finalisation Day

Tuesday 22 November
Year 10 Session 1 & 2 – Safe Parties Presentation by Victoria Police Community Liaison Officer
Year 10 Celebration Day

Wednesday 29—Wednesday 30 November
BSSC Orientation/Step-up Program

Thursday 1, Friday 2 December
BSSC change of subject days

Monday 12 December
Year 10 Graduation/Formal

Thursday 15 December
Crusoe College Awards Night
Work Experience — Chantelle McMillin
Careers and Work Experience Coordinator
Week One and Two

Work Experience and the 2016 Careers Expo was again very successful this year at Crucoe College with all Year Ten students picking up valuable advice and assessing their future plans based on their involvement in the two week program. It was great to see the positive responses from the students and wonderful to see some Year 10 students doing more than one work experience and using their own time (holidays) to participate in the program. Our students were proud ambassadors of our schools and many of the businesses couldn’t speak highly enough of how our students performed. One of my favourite parts of this program is visiting the students and checking in on how they are going. All students were very tired at the end of the week, indicating how hard they had worked and it was really interesting visiting the students in their jobs and finding out what they enjoyed and what tasks they saw as a ‘challenge’. This is a snapshot of some of the students out on Work Experience. Congratulations to all staff who were involved in making this such a rewarding experience and especially to the Year Ten Advisory teachers and David Pocock for their ongoing support and visiting their students whilst on work experience.

Jessica Robinson — Bendigo Animal Hospital
I had the most amazing time at my workplace working with animals and overseeing surgeries in a real life working environment. Learning and putting practical activities into place made me realise this is definitely a career I would love to pursue in the future and because of this I have basing my studies around the career I have admired for so long.
I definitely encourage people with a passion in this area to take up the opportunity.

Phoebe Jane — St John of God Hospital (Physiotherapy)
On my Work Experience I had the privilege to work at St John of God Hospital, in the Allied Health Department. Throughout my Work Experience I got to do a range of different tasks and jobs around the hospital in Allied Health. This included physiotherapy, occupational therapy and hydrotherapy just to name a few. I enjoyed every part of my Work Experience, especially the medical side of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy. I enjoyed helping the elderly and learning about many new and different things. This work experience opened my eyes to so many more opportunities to do in the future involving Allied Health.

Dakota Poole — ACE Laboratories
On my Work Experience I got a taste of what my possible future could look like. ACE Laboratories is a lab which provides pathological and biological testing for veterinary practices and farms across Australia. I got to work in several labs assisting in and looking at haematology and biochemical tests which is basically blood and biological testing, extraction of DNA, feed and soil testing, microbiology testing and vaccine making. This Work Experience showed me that this is exactly what I would love to do in the future and I got to immerse in the work place which I loved.

Emma Cooper — Bridgewater Bakehouse
I did my work experience at Bridgewater Bakehouse. I really enjoyed my work experience and I learnt how to make Lamingtons and Apple Pies, which was a real highlight. Everyone was really friendly and they helped me feel less nervous about being on work experience. My work experience was really worthwhile because it gave me more confidence in the real world of work.

Brad Woodward — Music Teaching at Primary Schools
For my week of work experience I worked with primary school guitar/keyboard teacher Leigh Turner at Maiden Gully and Big Hill Primary. The week’s tasks included assisting with lessons, helping to setup a performance at Ulumbarra Theatre and tuning a lot of guitars. I really enjoyed the week and appreciated the opportunity to do it.
Romea Kumar, Georgina Klemm, Ashlee Matotek - City of Greater Bendigo
During our time at Work Experience we worked with the Bendigo Council to develop a way finding plan for both Eaglehawk and Kangaroo Flat. We worked for three days creating destinations and surveying people and we presented our findings on the Friday to the Council. During our time we learnt lots of different skills in problem solving and had a great time working with the different people.

Dillon Gosuci - Bendigo Sheet Metal
During my two weeks at Bendigo Sheet Metal I greatly enjoyed my time. I learnt many new skills and a new look on the trade. I mostly helped out the other employees, but I learnt how to use the guillotine, folders and many other tools and machinery I hadn't seen before. I was taken great care of and got along well with all the other employees. In summary, Bendigo Sheet Metal was a great experience for me and I had blast working there for 2 weeks.

Sarah Farnell - Redline Studio (Photography)
For Work Experience I worked at Redline Studio. Some of the jobs that I participated in for the week were setting up for photo shoots and making sure all the props were in the correct places. Some of the things that we took photos of were baby shoots, which were lots of fun because they were small and cute and a pleasure to work with.

Jacob Draper - Carpet Court
I did two weeks of work experience at carpet Court. I really enjoyed my time working. When I was there I laid carpet and other floor coverings in different houses. It was great fun working in teams of 3 and building on my skills. I was very tired after each day of work and I learnt about the real world of work.

Shaun Hantas - Stewarts Accounting
During my time on work experience at Stewarts Accounting, I gained a great deal of insight into the life of accounting, having learned the daily practices in the life of financing. To begin with, I was more or less immersed in administrative tasks, such as opening and stamping mail, scanning documents, etc. However towards the end of each day, and later in the week, I became involved in more significant tasks shown to me by some of the accountants. Overall, it was an interesting experience that I enjoyed greatly, and helped to answer my questions regarding this field of work.

Matt Poulter - Robertson Hyetts Solicitors
I really enjoyed working at Robertson Hyetts Solicitors. It was a very welcoming but laid back experience. I learnt a lot about all kinds of law, like family and criminal. The best of the experience for me was my day in court where I got to observe multiple different cases. Overall, this was a very valuable experience and something that I would really like to continue with in my future studies.

Lachlan Hill - Maiden Gully Primary School
In my week of work experience at Maiden Gully Primary School I worked with children across all ages in the P.E department. I enjoyed my time at the school and thought it was an overall good experience.
Black by Fleur Ferris

Black is a page turning novel by Victorian author Fleur Ferris. Her previous book Risk, was very well received and proves that she is a writer to watch. Black is a story about a girl in the last weeks of her final year of school. She is a marginalised character because of a belief that she is cursed given the mysterious deaths of those close to her. This is a page turning thriller as the reader is taken on a journey to find the truth behind the unfortunate circumstances surrounding Black. All of the characters are memorable and well described. The pace of the book and the twists and turns of the plot will ensure that it is a popular read with students. Black is a strong character who bravely confronts her enemies and is an inspiration to those who read the book. Highly recommended! 4/5

Year 10 Students
The time is fast approaching when Year 10 students will be finishing up for the year. To that end we are seeking support from parents and guardians to encourage students to return all of the items that they have borrowed from the GLC. We usually have a good strike rate in getting items brought back so if we start now then this will ensure that any issues are avoided. Those items not returned will be billed to parents.

Over Due Items
There are a number of students who currently have items over due from the GLC. Students can log onto the GLC Webpage via Compass to either renew these items or return those that they no longer require. Students will be emailed via compass if they have overdue items.

New Books
Susan and I have been busy cataloguing and covering a back log of new books, all of which are on display in the GLC. Students are encouraged to pop in and browse the collection and be the first to read and hopefully review (via the library web page) these new reads.

YEAR SEVEN NEWS
Colin McGregor – Year 7 Coordinator

Year 7G “Student Voice” Interviews being held on Wednesday 19th October

We are keen to capture the “Voice” of our Year 7 students and their parents, as they move closer to completing their first year of Secondary College. We want to know:

- How do you feel about your Secondary experience so far?
- What would you change to make it better/more positive?
- Did you have a smooth transition from Primary to Secondary?
- How have you coped with the academic demands of Secondary College?
- How can Crusoe College improve?

On Wednesday, 19th October we will be holding 20 minute interviews with each 7G student and their parent/s. Interviews will be held between 1.00pm - 8.00pm. Bookings will be available on Compass at 4.00pm today.

Parents are encouraged to make a booking on Compass and contact Mr McGregor if further information is needed.

IPSEN Community News
Sam Mills - Ipsen Community Leader

As the year continues to progress quickly, it has been a great start to the final term from an Ipsen perspective. As I mentioned in our recent Ipsen Assembly it is an important time now for students to focus on setting up term four in the best possible way. This means planning for and completing all KATS and milestone tasks and begin thinking and planning towards their learning and transition into 2017.

This term our community kicks off the Ipsen Cup which is a weekly competition of different activities with teams made up of mixed year level students from within the Ipsen community. We are all looking forward to really getting into the Ipsen spirit of ‘participation’ and ‘having a go’ as well as having a lot of fun.

Well done to 9F student Caitlyn Steer who travelled to the Gold Coast and competed in the National Orienteering Championships over the holidays. Caitlyn placed second in the relay team as well as having success in the Sprint and Bush events.

Lastly I would again like to extend an invitation to any parents and guardians to contact the college to speak to me or any staff member with any questions or feedback from the year so far or looking forward.
DYSON Community News  
Carole Waterson – Dyson Community Leader  
Welcome back all Dyson students and families, to a very busy Term 4. Highlights this term include the Year 8 Camp, the finals of the Dyson Table Tennis championships, and farewelling our Year 10 students in November.

Families please note that all students not attending camp are expected at school during the three days (November 21, 22, 23) with classes running as per normal.

Year 10 students must ensure they continue to complete KATS to the best of their ability, and continue to uphold the school values for the remainder of the term. Leaving a positive footprint on Crusoe College is something to strive for in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to our three Bluey recipients:- Isabella Hantas, Ricky Monti and Ella Farnell. Isabella won the Karen Quinlan Award at the recent Bendigo Combined Schools Art Show with some impressive artwork inspired by Manga. Ricky and Ella both represented Crusoe College at the Loddon Mallee Athletics Carnival last week and came away achieving great results.

Ricky continued his excellent form displayed at the Bendigo School sports and came home with a bronze medal in the gruelling 800m event. Ella collected 4 medals, with a 1st in the High Jump, 2nd in the Triple and Long Jump, and 3rd in the 100 m sprint. Ella will now compete at the State Titles on Monday October 17. We wish her all the best!

Good luck to our Year 8 students, who have made it to the Grand Final of the Year 8 Dodgeball Championships being held on Wednesday October 19.

Curriculum News  
Jill Clapham – Curriculum Coordinator  
Terms 3 and 4 are busy terms from a Curriculum view point! Last term our students chose their subjects for 2017. Our Year 10s will have the opportunity to experience their subject choices later this term when they transition to BSSC. The information from students in Years 7 to 9 is now being used to build our timetable for 2017, based on students’ choices. Please check with your young person to ensure that they have submitted their subject choices online, via the College website. The subject selection option is found under the Learning tab.

Our web address is: www.crusoecollege.vic.edu.au

Many of our current Year 9 students have opted to study a unit from the Vocational Education and Training (VET) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) streams in 2017. Prospective VCE students have attended an information evening to learn about the expectations, while prospective VET students will have an information session and individual interviews in relation to their intentions for 2017. Having thought about next year, it is vital that all students now focus on finishing this year strongly and making the most of all learning opportunities. This means completing all tasks to the best of their ability. Please monitor your child’s progress by checking their Learning Tasks on Compass and feel free to email teachers if you have concerns. This is particularly important for Year 10 students, since failure to complete work will impact on their ability to achieve recognition of having successfully graduated from Crusoe College.

Teachers have been planning for 2017 and the introduction of the Victorian Curriculum. Working in teams, they have audited our current programs against the new curriculum. We have been proactive in the process of documenting and realigning our curriculum over recent years, meaning that only minor adjustments are needed in most Learning Areas. An area that will require some work is in the introduction of the Capabilities: Ethical, Intercultural, Critical & Creative Thinking and Personal & Social. Schools are required to teach, assess and report on students’ progress through each Capability every two years.

We have several teams or teachers working with colleagues beyond our College:

- Ms Lou Phillips and Dr Rob Sbaglia continue in their roles with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Lou and Rob were successful in gaining positions as “Specialist Teachers” with the VCAA, working to develop materials for the new Victorian Curriculum. While still teaching part-time at Crusoe, they will be sharing their expertise with teachers across the state.

- Mr Mark Wrzesinski and I are in the final stages of a joint research project with Deakin University and the Department of Education and Training (DET). This project has been focussed on best practise in Team Teaching.
We have based our research on the teams of teachers working in Crusoe’s Ignite Maths program. We have worked with a cluster of schools from Geelong and have received valuable feedback from their recent visit to Crusoe, as well as gaining ideas from our visit to one of their schools.

- Science and Art teachers, led by Mr Chris Musk and Mr Iain Stewart, are embarking on another research project with Deakin University. They are using our experience with the Art-Science Festival as the focus of their research.

In both of these research projects it has become apparent that Crusoe is a leader when it comes to teams of teachers working together to provide enhanced learning opportunities for students. We are continuing our long term educational research association with La Trobe University (Bendigo). In addition to the research projects, we also have three teams of teachers attending the Bastow Institute for School Leadership in Melbourne.

Our Community Leaders are working on projects to enhance “student voice” within the College, while two teams of our Learning Area Leaders are working to develop curriculum and assessment in line with the needs of 21st Century Learners. Each of the teams are sharing their learnings with the whole teaching staff at Crusoe. The involvement of our teachers in all of these programs, which they undertake in addition to their classroom responsibilities, is testament to the professionalism of teachers at Crusoe College.

Energy Breakthrough Team News
Mr Al Sharp – EBT Coordinator

Our EBT team have a big couple of weeks of training and fundraising ahead of them in the lead up to the Maryborough Energy Breakthrough 24 hour challenge. We have two fundraisers in the next fortnight. There is a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 23rd October at the Kangaroo Flat Bunnings, and then on Tuesday 25th October (night before the public holiday for the Bendigo Cup) we are hosting another Bendigo Stadium Dinner where all families and supporters are welcome.

Along with these events our athletes are gearing up their training in a last ditch effort to get prepared as best they can for the demanding nature of a 24 hour trial. Students are completing a variety of exercise circuits as well as time on bikes and in the trikes. The students are training and refining their skills as mechanics, engineers and fabrication specialists getting the trikes and canopies ready to race in this gruelling event.

All this work is not possible without the loving support of our families and staff of the college, plus Kangaroo Flat Bunnings, Flora Hill Bakery, Kenny Orthotics, Inflatable World, Online Laser and Ashmore Palms.

The team would also like to thank Jason (H) Treloar and Sam O’Dea for their support in the production and maintenance of our trikes.

STUDENT PROFILES

Ella Farnell – 10D

Congratulations ELLA!! Ella competed in the Sandhurst Division Athletics carnival at the end of Term 3 and won the medal for the 15 Girls Age Champion. Great effort Ella….

Ella has recently competed in the Loddon Mallee Region Athletics carnival and performed very well. Ella now has been invited to compete in Melbourne at the SSV finals on Monday October 17. Best wishes for the day, Ella.

Jess Maher – 10F

Jess is a motivated student who is always striving to attain her goals. At school she tries her absolute hardest in everything she does in the hopes of a pathway through to her future career, which is being a ‘criminal psychologist’. Jess’ extra-curricular schedule is full of Hockey, which she cannot get enough of. Jess plays Under 15’s for Strathdale. She competes weekly during the season, plus training for the different divisions that she plays in. Jess plays in the A grade women’s team as goalkeeper, on the pitch for the U15’s, and also has been selected to play for the Country Victorian reserves team which is commonly known as the ‘Blazers’. Jess is the goalkeeper for this team. At the recent presentation night, Jess was presented with the Best and Fairest award for her commitment and skill in the Blazers team.

Jess has had so many amazing opportunities in her hockey career which has helped her to improve and succeed as a player. Her hope is that in the future she will become the Australian goalkeeper and play in the Olympics.

Jess is a person who strives to be the best she can be and her wish for her future is that she will succeed and be proud of her accomplishments.
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
‘OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME’

In January 2017, we will be receiving exchange students from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, France, Finland, Germany, Japan and the USA. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local.

Below is a sample of students who will be arriving.

16 year old Victoria is a student from Argentina who is looking forward to meeting her new Australian family and friends, improving her English and broadening her mind. Whilst here she is hoping to play hockey, music, swim at the beach and do some sightseeing in the city. Victoria says that she is a cheerful and friendly girl who enjoys being with people and learning new and interesting things.

Lu is a 16 year old German student who also speaks French and is hoping to improve her English and gain new life experiences. Whilst in Australia, she is hoping to play soccer and piano. Lu loves sports and nature and describes herself as a friendly person, sometimes a little shy but also ambitious, open and honest. Lu’s parents describe her as - open, taking care of others, autonomous and she is a fast learner.

16 year old Saki from Japan is looking forward to living with her host family in Australia and doing Origami with you and cooking Japanese food. She loves playing Badminton and is currently the Manager of a team. Saki describes herself as full of curiosity and is looking forward to talking about many things with her new Aussie friends and family.

Kevin is a 16 year old student from the USA who enjoys soccer, fashion design and photography. He describes himself as creative, a deep thinker and mature for his age. He is looking forward to living in Australia to gain inspiration for his fashion design. Having hosted exchange students in his home before, Kevin has an understanding of the experience and is looking forward to having a second home here.

2WayExchange Experience - Now you can choose Italy, France or Canada

The 2WayExchange Experience is a unique exchange program where Australian students are ‘matched’, with a student in Italy, France or Canada. Students choose which country and spend 3 months with each other’s families and attend school. It amounts to twice the experience and at a fraction of the usual cost of a 3 month exchange program.

Students establish close ties with their host brother or sister and each other’s families. Plus the students avoid interrupting their schooling and will be back home in time to resume their studies.

Applications close for this program on Friday, 31st March 2017, but we encourage students not to leave it until the last minute to apply as there are limited places available on our 2WayExchange programs.

You can go online and look at our webpage:- http://studentexchange.org.au/
COMMUNITY MARKET
The Kangaroo Flat COMMUNITY MARKET will be a ‘Spring’ MARKET being held on Saturday 29th October at Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church, High Street, (opposite ALDI) from 8:00am - 1:00pm (if raining Garage Sale, Church Stalls & Devonshire Teas will be in the church hall).
This is a Community Market offering plenty to interest everyone with Trash & Treasure; s/hand furniture, Books, Toys, Tools, Clothing, Plants, Produce, Home-made Cakes, Handcrafts, Devonshire Teas and a Sausage Sizzle.
We will have “Sing Australia Bendigo” performing from 10am to 10:30am and again at 11am to 11:30am.
For further information or to book a Site please contact Max on 54431809.

Dyslexia Empowerment Week 16 -22 October.
Judy Stewart - BOLD
On ONE night only, you can see the Central Deborah Poppet Head and Girton Grammar’s Naunton Family building both lit up in Red.

Which night? Saturday 15th October

Have you gathered something purple for the Walk for Dyslexia? We will have purple balloons and wristbands available. Come along to see what else we will have this year and our plans for next year. Bring along your families, your teachers and anyone who helps or has a strong association or interest in dyslexia.
So remember to meet at 1.15 on Sunday 16th October the first official day of Dyslexia Empowerment Week. Meet at the BOLD banner near the playground at Strathdale Park on the corner of Crook Street and McIvor Road.
Have you booked for the free screening of an Australian film of Outside the Square on Thursday 20th October at 6.30 pm sharp followed by a discussion led by Nathalie Parry.

To register, please email info@bold.org.au. We will play a small part of the 1st film and all of the 3rd film.

Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club
Barefoot Bowls – Wednesday Nights in November
Barefoot Bowls is on again at the club.
Every Wednesday in November (2, 9, 16, 23 & 30)
$5 per player (single or team entries)
Bowls provided (flat soled shoes or bare foot)
This is a fun night for all players’ involved,
Great prizes available. Sausage Sizzle from 6pm.
Bowls start at 6.30pm with Novelty Events.

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After School Tutoring is available at the Kangaroo Flat Community House for students from Prep to Year 10. We offer tutoring in Maths, English, Spelling and Reading. If you are interested please call Michael 0413 116 096 for more information. Financial assistance may be available to students who qualify.