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Wodonga Camp
At the end of term 2, 11 students attended Wodonga TAFE and completed the majority of their Certificate 1 in Rural Operations. The students stayed in self contained cabins and cooked for themselves for the week. During the day they, hung gates, tested water, did a post mortem on a sheep, used GPS equipment, and completed complex lab work. The highlight for many students was working in the sheep yards where they wrangled and wrestled sheep. Well done to Nat, Cassie, Elle, Chrystal, Jake, Rhys, Robert, Chris, Shannon, Jesse and Jake. Thankyou to staff members Michael, Nim, Kate, Ewa and Stuart.

We will be running part 1 of Certificate 2 at the end of this term, dates yet to be confirmed. Part 2 of certificate 2 will be held in term 4 at Sunraysia Tafe.

Working Bee
Invitation to all Students and Parents to be a part of our working bee to be held Sunday 26th August 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Food and drink will be supplied. Hope to see you all here.
Staff attended two in-service activities during last month. The first was to prepare for the introduction of the new school reporting system for the mid term reports. Thanks to Yvonne Paulk, Drazen Stojakovic & Ken Coughlan, Principal of Abbotsford Primary School for assisting with the development of the new program.

The second in-service day was the community schools in-service day at the AEU offices, all staff attended and enjoyed the presentations from each community school setting. Our staff conducted a presentation on our VET & Vocational Educational programs such as the Wodonga/Sunraysia, VCAL Certificate courses.

Staff also attended the third “Success for Boys” in-service activity last Wednesday evening at Richmond Primary School and next week all staff will be undertaking a First Aid course on Thursday evenings for the remainder of this term, the course will be conducted by Mary Burns our school nurse, I would like to thank her for making the time to train our staff.

Yvonne Paulky (Educational Consultant) has interviewed all teaching and non teaching staff and is in the process of completing her review on “Whole School Improvement”. Yvonne is also working on recommendations for the development of the No 1 Annex “Learning Centre”, a detailed plan will be presented to the next school council meeting and Yvonne will be available to discuss the plan.

As part of our whole school improvement, I would like to recommend to council the upcoming two day in-service activity at Cumberland Resort, Lorne on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st August. A planning sub-committee has been set up and will meet weekly to plan for this very important event, all teaching and non-teaching staff will attend. The in-service will cover whole school planning for the remainder of 2007, 2008 and beyond, develop our 2008 Strategic plan, planning for the redevelopment of the No 1 school site, workforce planning & curriculum development.

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We were successful in gaining the Commonwealth Government School Chaplaincy Grant of $66,000 over the next three years ($22,000 per year) and Good Shepherd Family Services have been successful in gaining a grant of just over $100,000 to co-ordinate and introduce pre-driver education to years 10, 11 & 12 students at Lynall Hall Community School.

Over the school holiday’s we had a new staff office built on the first floor, both first and second floor corridors painted, the main office redesigned to allow for our new photo copy machine and to make office space for Yvonne to work in. The new bus shed will be built over the next couple of weeks, new seating around the bush garden in the yard is well underway, a new bike shed will be built in the yard and we have started the planning for the new music room on the second floor. The safety ladders and ladder locks have been installed on the roof and a new ladder installed in the store room in the gymnasium.

New furniture and computers have been purchased for the new staff office, the extra staff from No 1 & for classrooms to accommodate the extra students and to furnish the new music room.

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This term has been busy for our VET Hospitality students. During the holidays our students were required to participate in an 8 hour program where they had to gain experience in an industrial kitchen. This was conducted at Carey Grammar where they worked on their deep frying techniques.

On Thursday the 26th of July our students were asked to prepare dinner for 80 students and staff who participated in the Urban Camp Program. The menu consisted of pumpkin soup garnished with coriander, followed by oven baked vegetables served with chipolatas on a bed of tomato sauce and an apple crumble for dessert. The presentation of the food was commendable and from all accounts the students and staff enjoyed the meal.

Our students were very keen to take on this mighty challenge and they are to be congratulated.

On the 9th of August we visited the Langham Hotel in Southbank. This is a five star hotel with all the impressive trappings of luxury. The students visited the hotel to cover parts of our course which covers Hospitality Industry Knowledge. We were given a conducted tour of all the departments in the hotel. We then sat down to an amazing banquet. The menu ranged from a variety of seafood, antipasta, to duck crepes, chappati and Indian food to roast lamb. A variety of cheese and then finally an array of desserts, all exquisitely presented. We were impressed. We would like to acknowledge and thank Linda Hammond from Good Shepherd for helping us with the costs for this excursion.

Urban Camp
At the start of this term the Schools Community Water Resources Project team joined up with the Swan Hill mob to participate in the Urban Camp. We had a great time exploring the Yarra and checking out Melbourne Aquarium. We were well looked after by the VET hospitality students who cooked an excellent meal for all 70 of us. Thanks again to the VET students and staff and the school bands who entertained us and all the staff who helped make this camp such a success.

VCAL Structured Workplace Learning
As a part of the intermediate VCAL certificate, a number of students undertook structured workplace learning, with the work placements organised through the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster. Students spent a week learning on-the-job skills and got a taste of working life. All the students did really well and gained some valuable skills. Any other students interested in doing structured workplace learning should see Stuart, Fraser or Deb.

Student Workplacements
Caine and Vanya - Mechanics
April –Childcare
Adnan – Hospitality stokehouse
Esther – Hospitality Takeaway Cafe
Aaron – Retail Musicshop

Caine at Little Sam’s Workshop in Collingwood.

NMIT TAFE Tasters
Year 10 students, as part of their Personal Development Skills unit, were invited to visit NMIT TAFE for a day to experience different TAFE courses. The following students were involved and gained a certificate.

Tom Downs – Accounting/Marketing/International Business
Transport/Warehouse
Molly Mcqueen-Canty and Nat Fyfield – Hairdressing and Childcare
Matt Craig – Information Technology

Thanks to Youth Connect for assisting with the organisation of these placements.
Green-team Bird-watching Excursion

The Lynall Hall Green-team did a spot of bird-watching last Wednesday at a secret location close to Melbourne. Students were given special access to the restricted areas on the condition that they didn’t tell everyone how amazing and beautiful it was. (We want to keep it to ourselves!)

There were some very good sightings made, including the Cape Barren Goose (seen below nesting with its partner) TJ took some fantastic wildlife photographs, and Geoff recorded the greatest number of species, observing 12 of the 20 listed as well as another 6, including the white-fronted chat. Alex, Emily, Ari, Ryan, Alyx, Geoff, TJ, Stuart and Kate have now formed the Lynall Hall chapter of the Bird-Nerds.

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Alex Peel Year 9

The latest on Green-Team

Summary– Green-Team is a bunch of kids at Lynall Hall who are concerned about the environment and work on projects all over Victoria.

On Wednesday the 8th of August Green-Team had a special excursion out to Werribee wetlands for a spot of bird watching.

Stuart taught us how to identify each bird. For instance, the Musk duck is easily recognized by the flap of skin hanging under its bill, the Wedge tail eagle is recognized by its size, as it is the second biggest bird in the area and also because of its shades of browns and whites on its feathers.

Thanks to Stuart we got a nice close look at the birds and their natural habitat. Stuart had some strange stories about the birds but the weirdest one was when he claimed there was a bird that looked like a sheep. Emily’s reply to that was, “If we see a sheep on the water its not actually a sheep, unless it is a sheep in which case it is a sheep.”

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Home Group Teachers

A– Kate B, Peter, Kieran: Years 7 & 8
B– Nim, Phil & Barb: Year 9
C– Stuart, Brendan & Kate G: Year 10
D– Lambis, Kaye & Drazan: Year 11
E– Deb & Fraser: Year 12
G– No 1 - Terry, Michael Kate & Linda

Teaching Support Staff

Yr 7-8 Rylie
Yr 9 Shannon

Careers @ Work

The following students completed careers at work courses

Alex Peel, Jesse Gane, Daniel Millington – Panel Beating
Alex Peel and Ashe Zollar – Animation
Andrew Nyok, Alex Peel, Robert Lacey, Geoff Groughan – Sound production
Students interested in short TAFE courses please see Fraser or Stuart