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NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Congratulations to James Gillespie who impressed Alexandra Rotarians last Wednesday with an excellent presentation where he shared his experiences from his time at the National Youth Science Forum in Brisbane during January.

As well as having the opportunity to stay on campus at University of Queensland with 200 other like-minded students, James was able to attend sessions at world class laboratories and meet leading scientists. His focus was IT and robotics and he saw a variety of robots in action and learned about their development, including ‘cobots’ that target the crown of thorns starfish on the Great Barrier Reef and agricultural robots that target weeds in food crops.

James also thanked Rotary for providing the support and sponsorship that enabled him to attend this session. We look forward to hearing more of his experiences in the coming weeks.
We had a wonderful day on Wednesday at our College swimming sports. We really appreciated our parents who came along to watch and help. There was the usual colour, fun and healthy competitive spirit. The new addition of house volleyball in the junior pool was a huge success. We have a strong collection of excellent swimmers but it is also always a highlight watching students who participate and get involved for their house especially if swimming isn’t a particular strength of theirs. It is an admirable quality in life, being able to push yourself outside of your comfort zone and “giving things a go”. Congratulations to Mr Davies and Mr Francis on a well run event and a huge appreciation to our hard working staff, Electroheads and House Captains for their contributions to a great swimming carnival. We also must congratulate the Year 12s for beating the staff in the annual relay and Cumming for winning the carnival.

Our Year 7 Barbeque on Tuesday night also went really well. It was nice to meet a lot of the parents of our Year 7s. Research tells us parents are responsible for up to 50% of student success in learning so we love and welcome our parents being involved with us. It was also great to hear that many Year 7s have joined the music program, which is a strong source of pride in our College. Thanks to all those who attended, especially to Bron, Mr Lester and Mr Mithen for running the evening.

Our Year 12 Theatre Studies students went to an open-air performance of “Picnic at Hanging Rock” last Sunday. Despite it being “a little scary”, it was a motivating experience for our students. Thanks to Mr Nadj for organising and providing the opportunity.

Our Year 11 VET Construction students all successfully gained their “white cards” at a full days training on Thursday. Thanks to Mr Crowley for his organisation and GoTafe for their delivery of the course.

House Leaders are a great first point of call for parents with queries or concerns about their children. Mrs Rice is the house leader for Long. Mrs Collett is in charge of Weinberg, Mr Davies looks after Bainbridge and Miss Steuart takes care of Cumming students. Bron Howell, the Wellbeing Coordinator, is the first person to contact for any wellbeing concerns. They all enjoy working with families to improve students’ experience at school, so please always feel free to contact them.

Every day of learning has a positive impact on students. Having an attendance percentage exceeding 90% is essential for success at school, keeping in mind that a student with exactly 90% attendance would have missed 4 weeks of school for the year. Each term we award 100 points to the House with the best attendance, 60 to the 2nd best House and 40 to the third.

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Sue Malcolm
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Many records were broken yesterday, details below:

F 14Yr 25m Freestyle GESLER, Jorja BAIN 17.88 2017
**New Record:** Sierra Pammer 16.43
F 15Yr 25m Freestyle CARPENTER, Siobhan B LONG 16.71 2014
**New Record:** Jorja Gesler 16.51
F 20Yr 25m Freestyle MORTON, Stephanie C 16.93 2011
**New Record:** Amber Miller 16.50
M 16Yr 25m Freestyle Burchall, Braydon WEIN 13.98 2016
**New Record:** Mitch Grotaers 13.50
M 20Yr 25m Freestyle Alleway, Murray 14.28 2011
**New Record:** Braydon Burchall 13.72
F 16Yr 4x25m FStyle Relay Bainbridge BAIN 1:12.44 2017
**New Record:** Bainbridge 1:11.68
F 20Yr 4x25m FStyle Relay Bainbridge BAIN 1:14.18 2014
**New Record:** Bainbridge 1:11.72
M 20Yr 50m Backstroke WATKINS, Matthew S CUMM 39.75 2014
**New Record:** Braydon Burchall 39.62
F 15Yr 50m Breaststroke MITCHELL, Alex C 46.38 2008
**New Record:** Jorja Gesler 45.22
F 16Yr 50m Breaststroke EVANS, Jessica B 49.66 2008
**New Record:** Shona Gesler 49.07
F 14Yr 50m Butterfly Pammer, Leila LONG 44.56 2016
**New Record:** Amanda McDonald 41.03
M 16Yr 50m Freestyle GRAHAM, Shaun B 30.86 2008
**New Record:** Mitch Grotaers 28.40
PEER SUPPORT

James, Ryan and Annabelle take the 7A class for life skills.
2018 INVESTITURE

**Bainbridge house**
Senior Boys: Ben Thomas  
Senior Girls: Stacey Cashion  
Junior Boys: Oscar Draper  
Junior Girls: Jess Webber - Lally

**Cumming house**
Senior Boys: David Ray  
Senior Girls: Amber Miller  
Junior Boys: Toby Prothero  
Junior Girls: Lariza Saerang Robinson

**Long House**
Senior Boys: Hamish Dunsford  
Senior Girls: Shae Markesic  
Junior Boys: James Geldert  
Junior Girls: Vanessa James

**Weinberg House**
Senior Boys: Jackson Harris  
Senior Girls: Jamaya Hoornweg  
Junior Boys: Jayden Arnett  
Junior Girls: Caitlin Turner

**Hall Crew**
Cooper Grotaers  
Grady Keating  
Joss Lopez  
Daniel Renfrey

**Bus Captains**
Shannon Carey  
Jenna Matcham  
Dean Malley  
Amber Miller  
Daniel McFadzean  
Jarod Perry  
Ash Wilson

**Electroheads**
Alex Mulhall (captain)  
Yolanda Vinycomb (captain)  
Daniel Renfrey  
Oscar Draper  
Nick Teklenburg  
Angus Stevenson  
Bowen McCarthy

**Peer Support**
Amber-Rae Armstrong  
Bree Capp  
Emilah Cashmore  
Shona Gesler  
Jackson Harris  
Zarli Hoornweg  
Mack Ingram-Smith  
Annabelle Love  
Emma Marshall  
Ryan Mortley  
Megan Rice  
Maddy Richards

**Alice Sloan Leaders**
Alexia Andreou,  
Georgina Beggs  
Chelsie Witnish  
Jas Chomiczewski  
Megan Gilmore  
Matilda Walker  
Chelsea Callander  
Sienna Wakefield-Dick  
Kim Webber-Lally  
Sophie Bowe  
Tamara Wilson

**Year 12 Committee**
President: Shae Markesic  
Vice President: Jade Marshall  
Secretary: Stacey Cashion  
Treasurer: Lachlan Ingram–Smith  
General Committee Members:
Maya Lineham  
Jamaya Hoornweg  
Will Nash  
Jessica Tate  
Jess Bellman  
Joshua Humphries  
James Gillespie  
Zac Horton  
Somer Anderson

**Year 12**  
Class of 2018
Parents & Friends First Meeting of the Year

Supporting our students and staff through P&F is a great way to know what’s going on, and to feel connected.

Parents’ efforts are really appreciated and we kick high as a parent group. It’s also a great way to meet other parents & carers - and very helpful for the teenage years!

Venue: ASC Staffroom
Time: 7pm - 9pm

All parents are invited to attend.

Come to hear about, and contribute to, plans for this year’s parent body action.

Get an idea what the major projects & events are for school in 2018 (there are so many!)

Note: There is no onus to come to every meeting throughout the year - we know life is busy for everyone.

Be in touch if you can.

From the P&F Committee

We even laugh at our meetings.

Parents of the future...
**Year 7 - 9 Mathematics Homework**

Year 7 students are expected to complete a Maths Mate sheet each week. We feel that these homework sheets help students to improve their skills in a range of Mathematical concepts.

Maths Mate Sheets can be accessed online through the website sQuizya

www.squizya.com

Students can log in by entering these details:

Username – school email address LogonName@schools.vic.edu.au

Password – pass

When a sheet is made available to them a notification will appear on the lightning bolt symbol.

Students must complete the questions without a calculator and should have a piece of paper to write their working out on. The working out sheet must be handed in to their teacher.

Students need to make sure that they click on submit answer at the end of every question. If submit is not clicked then it will look like they have skipped the question and not completed the work. Some questions contain a hint that may help students with the question. Students do not have to complete the work all in one sitting. They can save their work by clicking on the “save & exit” button that is on the top right of the screen. Once all questions are completed the worksheet will be submitted to the teacher. Once submitted, changes cannot be made to the work.

Sheets are made available to students early Monday morning and will be available until 11pm Sunday night. A new sheet will be issued after this time and students cannot re-access the other one. If students do not complete the weekly work they will be required to attend a lunchtime detention on Tuesday.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your student’s Mathematics teacher.

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Apprenticeship and Traineeship Opportunities:

Cert. 3 in Civil Construction—Echuca Region (NW230118)

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:
Cert. 2 Automotive Servicing Technology—Shepparton (NW150118)
Cert. 3 in Business Traineeship (2018 School Year) —Kyabram (NW150118)
Cert. 3 in Wall & Floor Tiling Apprenticeship —Echuca (CC041217)
Cert. 3 in Engineering Fabrication Apprenticeship — Picola (NW051217)

For further information please contact Felicity Wilmot, Careers Coordinator.

Employment Opportunity:
Alexandra Community Pharmacy are seeking a new junior staff member to join their team. Successful applicants would be required to work 3hrs each Saturday morning as well as additional shifts after school on week days and more hours on school holidays. Staff who work at the pharmacy are required to undertake professional pharmacy qualifications which are nationally recognised. Interested applicants should register their interest with Felicity Wilmot in the Careers Office as well as develop a resume and cover letter to submit to Linda Davis at the Pharmacy.

Steel Pan and Marimba Ensemble for Children and Parents

The Alexandra Secondary College Music Department will this year be starting a Steel Pan/Marimba ensemble for student’s Year 2-12 and their parents. No prior musical experience is necessary and this year there will be no cost whilst we assess the viability.

We believe community music, and parents and children learning and having fun together is a very valuable and rewarding experience. Tuned percussion is exciting, physically engaging, a great workout for the brain, and a relatively easy way to learn the basics of music making, and to develop on these skills. Rehearsals will be held in the ASC Hall, 5:30-7pm each Tuesday of the school calendar. We ask that if you want to be a part of this new project, you commit to 80% of rehearsals and contact Nick Lester to enrol.

Nick Lester
Music Co-ordinator at Alexandra Secondary College
Phone/SMS – 0409 196 542
Email – lester.nicholas.c@edumail.vic.gov.au
14 Hour—Youth Mental Health First Aid Courses

Victorian School offerings—Term 2 2018

A highly practical course teaching evidence-based strategies that are effective and easy to implement.

A highly engaging presenter with over 28 years experience working in secondary schools and youth organisations.

- Alexandra Secondary College—Alexandra (Rural Central Victoria)—Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April—8.30am to 3.30pm Term 2 Week 1
- St Peter’s College—Cranbourne West Campus (Metro South)—Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th April—8.30am to 3.30pm Term 2 Week 2

Topics Covered in this training:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Psychosis
- Substance use problems
- Eating disorders
- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Non-suicidal self-injury (or deliberate self-harm)
- Panic attacks
- Traumatic events
- Severe effects of drug or alcohol use
- Severe psychotic states

YMHFA is a comprehensive course for all adults who live or work with adolescents or young adults—Staff, parents, youth workers or other adults in the school community are most welcome to attend.

Fees: $250 / $180 (Pensioner/unemployed)

For more information or to make a booking

Phone: 0413 684 350
Email: NRMHFA@gmail.com
Website: http://safercommunitiesau.weebly.com