On Sunday the 15th of May, 47 Year 10 students met early in the morning in the bus at Western Port Secondary College to go on the Queensland Camp. We were travelling by plane to Sydney to spend one day exploring the city and stayed in a back packers over night. In the morning we caught another plane to the Gold Coast. When we arrived in Queensland, we took the bus straight to Wet'N'Wild theme park where we spent the day under the sun going on many water slides and attractions. Afterwards we went to our accommodation "Treasure Island" where we settled into our cabins and looked at the facilities they had available. The following day we went to Movie World, where we saw lots of Warner Bros movie characters. The Superman escape seemed to be the best ride at Movie World while others seemed to like the Hollywood stunt show. They had the most thrilling rides in Dream World and a lot of us didn't get to fit all the fun into one day. On the fourth and final day the hot weather seemed to have given up, with the rain accompanying us all day. We walked to the Harbour Town shopping complex where we spent sometime shopping then caught the bus to the airport to catch our plane home to Melbourne. On the camp we all became closer and got to know each other out of the College environment which was good.

By Bryn Parkinson

This Year was the first time we flew rather than travelled by bus. The camp was a great experience in so many ways for all the students. The group of 47 students were a fantastic group of people, they were always polite, on time and had a lot of fun as a group.

Thank you to Tim Ward, Gina Mathers and Sam Asaad for giving up their time to help out on camp.

Carol Gudgion
Hello to the Western Port Secondary College community. We are now starting semester two and students will have recently finished exams. When students are given their results they need to reflect on areas for improvement and set goals for semester two. If you have any concerns about a particular subject please contact your child’s subject teacher for assistance.

Recently four students attended the Mindshop Excellence Program at BlueScope Steel. I would like to congratulate Mitchell Bell, Rhys Bolitho, Max Ogier and Shae Soden on completing this challenging program. This program gave these students an insight into the workings of a major employer, and in particular focussed on improving safe work practices based on information students gathered during their time at BlueScope Steel. The company will now look at implementing some of these recommendations. This placement is an important commitment from a local employer as part of our Beacon Program and I would like to thank Kristi Beaglehole who helped facilitate this opportunity for our students.

The Beleza uniform shop is now open in Somerville at Shop 8-13 Eramosa Rd West. We have been pleased with uniform compliance this year. We would like to remind parents that shoes must be plain black polishable lace up or T-Bar style. If you are buying new shoes please contact the College if unsure, we have printed photographs of approved shoe styles, and these are also published on the College website.

NAPLAN tests were recently completed and it was pleasing to see many students making every effort to do well. Individual student results will be available in September and the College will use the trend data to identify areas of need and individual student support.

The progress of the building works has been wonderful to see and the College looks forward to having improved student facilities. Currently we are looking at gaining access to the new gym and hospitality wing in late July so the disruption has been minimal. Unfortunately the main landscaping works in the central courtyard won’t be ready until late Term Three, but we look forward to a much improved outdoor environment. The College is keeping the community informed of progress via the new website under the Building Project link.

Organisational matters
Mobile phones at school

While we are living in a rapidly changing world and understand that many students carry these devices on them it is important they are respectful regarding their use during class time. The College does not tolerate student’s texting, ringing or receiving calls during class time for any reason and will support staff who encounters problems with this. This can mean that a phone will be confiscated and stored in the front office for collection via the student or parent. If you have an important reason to ring during class times it is asked that you contact the office, not your child directly as this can cause unnecessary conflict and disruption in class.
The Building Project is progressing full steam ahead. Internal work on the gym and food tech facility are well underway and equipment is being installed and walls painted. Two classrooms have been gutted to make way for our new canteen and staffroom and two of our old toilet blocks have been demolished in readiness for landscaping works to commence. The old canteen will be internally demolished and converted to new student toilets.

Last week 9C and 9D worked like Trojans with students from our environment team to plant out our new wetland. They were assisted by Cassie from Kareela Nursery, who gave us good advice about planting and the importance of creating indigenous habitat. The students planted over 400 grasses, groundcovers and trees. Our resident ducks looked very happy about progress made.

Hannah Lewis
Assistant Principal

Western Port Secondary College Wetlands

On Tuesday 24th May 9C, 9D and a group of students from the environmental group started planting at the kitchen garden wetlands. We planted some plants that were indigenous to our local area which is important as it helps shelter local animals. We enjoyed getting muddy and learning the facts about the wetlands. In our science class we have been working on a project about wetlands. We have learnt that we have wetlands to:

- Protect shores from wave actions
- Reduce the impact of floods
- Absorb pollutants
- Improve water quality
- Support animal and plant species

By Keisha Densley, Monique Freeman-Wright and Zane Cargill

College Uniforms: If anyone has College uniform they no longer need we would greatly receive them. Bring items to the General Office.

Thank you
Last week students in Year 10 and 11 completed their end of semester exams and this week we began the Semester 2 timetable and associated subjects and curriculum. This provides all senior students with a valuable opportunity to pause and reflect on how they are travelling this year so far; are students achieving what they set out to achieve, what they want to get out of this year and how could things improve whilst there is still the opportunity to do so? It is a good time for each students to reflect on their performance to date in these areas:

**Organisation**
- Am I planning well and organised?
- Am I prepared and in the “learning zone”?
- Am I sticking to my Homework / Study Timetable?

**Effectiveness**
- Am I building my lifelong learning habits?
- Am I giving my learning my best shot?
- Am I completing all set learning on time?

**Commitment**
- Am I focused and enthusiastic?
- Is what I’m doing going to get me what I want?
- Is my education a high priority in my life?

**Goal Setting**
- What is my purpose and intention for being at school; should it change?
- How can I improve my efforts?
- What do I want to achieve in the next term?

**Behaviour**
- Am I behaving in a way that inhibits my learning?
- Does my behaviour reflect that of a positive committed student?
- How could my behaviour improve?

I would strongly encourage all students to take the time to reflect on the above areas and consider the questions asked. Hopefully this will then translate, if necessary, into improvements that could be made to ensure improved outcomes for students next semester.

Michael Devine
*Assistant Principal*
Middle School

Year 8 and 9 Harassment and Cyber Bullying Performance – ‘The Hurting Game’

Brainstorm productions performed ‘The Hurting game’ for all Year 8 and 9 students on Friday the 20th May. The performance focused on harassment and cyber bullying and the effect that it has on young people. The concepts explored in the performance were discussed in the following footprints classes to maximise the students understanding of the importance of the program and why it was organised it for the Year 8 and Year 9 students. Student quotes following the performance -

“It was a good wake up call for everyone to show how bullying hurts people” - Brooke Lymer
“I liked the way they used real life situations” – Alex Carey
“They made the point that bullying effects people both mentally and physically” – Brydee Lemon

Help the Gorilla’s

Many Gorillas are getting killed each year, due to the high demand of Colton and the destruction of their habitat. They need our support. In phones there is a mineral called Colton so that means the gorillas habitat is being torn down, to make way for Colton mines. This is a huge problem because more Colton mines means the reduction of the habitat of the gorillas. If our community can donate any phones that are not being used, then we can reduce the demand for the mineral. All phones that are donated will go along with helping the gorillas.

Any phone will be greatly appreciated, please leave at the General Office.

By Sam Hodic, Matt Perrott and Trent Wood 9C

Year 9 REACH session

On Monday the 30th of May the whole of Year 9 were gathered in room 22 for a surprise guest. The surprise guest’s name was Tom from the REACH Foundation. He talked to us about confidence and our comfort zones. He caught everyone by surprise when he challenged us to prove our confidence. In front of the whole year level we had to say our name and to sing our favorite song, on a chair while everybody watched. Tom waited till someone brave enough came forth to give it a go, after a couple of people got up and sung, Tom explained to us that your confidence boosts when you’re in an environment you’re comfortable with. He got us to think about a time when we remember being super confident with ourselves (e.g. when we were young). He said that over the years, our confidence decreases because of negative experiences such as bullying. We closed our eyes and imagined what it is like to be bullied and the impact it has on people. When we opened our eyes, we were given 3 options. We could identify a hidden gem in the room, we could thank somebody for being a great friend or to take the opportunity to say sorry to someone. This experience allowed us to put ourselves in other peoples shoes and see how they feel when they are bullied and also that we need to appreciate our friends.

By Zane, Dayna and Bianca. 9C
VCAL TRIVIA NIGHT A HUGE SUCESS

On the 3rd of June 2011 the VCAL class held a trivia night at Western Port Secondary College, teachers, students, family and friends attended on the night. It was a lot for the VCAL to put together the night but they successfully managed to have a fun night, some of the student went down the street and sold tickets while others got donations from stores all around Hastings.

Before the trivia night happened the VCAL students came to the school early to help Ms Geritz set up the room and prepare the food and prizes. By 7:30 guests started to arrive at WPSC where some students directed the cars where to park while the students in the room showed the guests their seats. When everyone arrived and everything was organised Miss Dunstan and Mr Belkin stepped up and kept the night rolling as MCs.

The class managed to fill up about 10 tables, a couple of tables of friends and family, others students and teachers. Overall the night was a huge success, raising over $1,100 which will now go towards our Camp in Term 4 and possibly some VCAL jumpers.

Thank you to everyone who helped us make the night a success. A special thank you needs to go to our major sponsors; Contours Gym in Hastings, K-Mart Hastings, Digger’s Take Away and Ritchies IGA.

Article by Katrina Neary and Storm Dennis

Beacon

Mindshop Excellence Program@ BlueScope Steel Western Port

On Monday, 30th May to Friday, 3rd June, three Beacon Student Ambassadors; Rhys Bolitho, Shae Soden, Mitchell Bell along with Max Ogier all Year 10 students from Western Port Secondary College took part in a Mindshop Excellence work experience program at BlueScope Steel Western Port.

On the Monday we completed an induction on safety at the plant and training on the Mindshop Excellence Program.

The program was based on improving our ability to communicate and work effectively as a team. We were given an assignment which was to improve existing safety communications throughout the plant. They also wanted us to come up with new ideas to lower their loss time injury (L.T.I) frequency rate.

This project helped to improve our ability to survey and collate data and gave us the confidence and determination to present a detailed account and PowerPoint to an audience.

This was followed by three and a half days of dedicated teamwork. On the Friday our team presented the findings using a PowerPoint slide, hand out sheet and we spoke to the audience which consisted of the General Manager, twelve employees, parents and teachers.

The recommendations from the report will be followed up at the next BlueScope safety meeting. Everyone was invited to stay and enjoy an afternoon tea at BlueScope Steel.

The experience is one that we will never forget!

Mitchell Bell
Student
Japan Tour Postponed - New Dates; March 23rd - April 4th, 2012

The Japan Cultural Study Tour has been postponed in response to the Tsunami which struck the north-eastern coastline in early March this year. We were originally intending on traveling in mid-September but, as a precaution, have re-scheduled to the end of Term 1, 2012. We have therefore decided to open up places to any interested student. If you would like to attend an "Information Evening" to discuss the tour please contact Mr Tim Ward or Ms Thuy Ta by the end of Term 2. We will schedule the session for early Term 3.

If you have any queries feel free to contact me (Mr Ward) on Ph. 5979 1577.

Japanese students require Home Stay

Any parent/family interested in hosting a Japanese student in late July/early August please let Ms Thuy Ta know as soon as possible.

Name of school: Okayama Saidaiji HS
Date of visit: 29 Jul – 8 August, 2011
Number of students: 13 / 14 students + 1 adult.

If you have any queries about the Home Stay feel free to contact Mr Tim Ward or Ms Thuy Ta at the college on Ph. 5979 1577.

Friendship in Kanji
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Reporting Semester One

Report writing was on Friday 10th June this was a student free day.

End of Semester One reports have been written and will be distributed to students at form assembly on Friday 1st July. These reports are end of unit reports and will indicate to you how successful your child has been in his/her studies for the semester. Students at Years 7 – 10 will receive reports based on VELs levels highlighting their academic abilities in each of their subjects. Students at Year 11 and Year 12 will receive end on unit reports indicating a pass or fail in the subject and grades to indicate their exam results for all their subjects.

Please take the time to discuss the report with your child. This may be timely to determine how best to approach your child’s second semester studies. For the student who has done exceptionally well – how to achieve even better results, for others how to build on the positives and improve results for next semester.

Does your child need a work space set up at home specifically for completing work, does your child need to read more? Does your child need to revise more regularly or set up a study program? Semester two studies commence for all students except Year 12 who will sitting mid-year exams on Tuesday 14th June.

If you have any questions or concerns re your child’s progress please contact his/her footprints or form teacher during office hours.

Jill Mathers

Please be aware that Rollover begins on 14th June

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Monash University Parent Information evening
Tuesday 26th July 6.30pm
Monash University Peninsula Campus

The evening aims to provide information and advice to parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students about university study opportunities and Monash courses.

Areas to be covered will include:
- the Monash environment including campuses, faculties and courses
- applying
- learning environment, expectations and transition
- fees and costs
- alternative entry opportunities including the Diploma of Tertiary Studies
- scholarships
- tips for parents

The evening will be held in F building, opposite the George Jenkins Theatre at 6.30 pm. This is a free event but registrations are essential at:

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Have your say on training courses provided in Hastings!

As the employment and learning coordinator at Hastings Neighbourhood Renewal I am researching what training courses local residents would like to see run in Hastings.

To have your say all you need to do is type this website address into your browser http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DHCH8MF press enter and the survey should appear.

This is a very short survey and should only take a minute to complete.

The survey will ask you what type of courses you are interested in, when you would like them run and how much you can contribute financially. Your answers will provide us with the information needed to work with training providers at increasing the availability of courses for adults in Hastings.

If you have any questions regarding the survey please don’t hesitate to contact Mandy on 5979 2375 for more information.

The more responses we receive from the survey the better information we have to ensure local residents can access training in Hastings.

If you do not have access to the internet, hard copies of the survey are available at the Hastings Community Hub, 1973 Frankston Flinders Rd, Hastings.

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**Mornington Peninsula Hockey Club** is desperately looking to recruit some more students to play hockey on Friday nights in our Under 13 Girls, Under 13 Boys and Under 15 Boys teams.


Training for the boys team is Tuesday Nights and the girls train on Wednesday night.

For further details interested students please contact Cheryle Bishop 97667478 or email morn_pen_hockey@optusnet.com.au, club website is www.mphc.org.au.

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**HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

**Mega Swim**
Start: 12 noon on Saturday 18 June 2011
Finish: 12 noon on Sunday 19 June 2011

Pelican Park Recreation Centre
Hastings Foreshore, Marine Polo Hastings, Vic

Register online at: www.megaswim.com

For more info phone MS Australia - ACT/NSW/VIC: 03 9845 2966
**Term Dates:**
Term 1  1 February—8 April  
Term 2  27 April—1 July  
Term 3  18 July—23 September  
Term 4  10 October—22 December  

**June**

14th  Rollover begins  

**July**

18th Term 3 begins  

**August**

5  2nd Semester EMA Applications close  
27  Debutante Ball  

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| Form Assembly      | 8.45 am - 8.55 am  
| Period 1           | 8.58 am - 9.55 am  
| Period 2           | 9.58 am - 10.55 am  
| **Recess**         | 11.19 am - 12.16 am  
| Period 3           | 12.19 am - 1.16 pm  
| Period 4           | 2.03 pm - 3.00 pm  

Please ensure your student is here before form assembly or a note will be required to explain absence, and an *SMS WILL* go out.