Important Dates:

18th September—End of Term 3
TERM FOUR BEGINS
5th October—TERM 4 BEGINS
8th October—Regional Track and Field
8th October—Southern Metro Regional Track and Field
10th October—Casey HPV
22nd October—Year 8 Science Works
30th October—Project 9 City Experience
16th November—ROLLOVER
28th to 20th November—EXAMS

BELL TIMES 2015

Warning Bell 8.45am
Period 1 8.50 am - 9.47 am
Period 2 9.51 am - 10.48 am
Recess
Period 3 11.12 am - 12.09 am
Period 4 12.13 am - 1.10 pm
Lunch
Period 5 13.58 pm - 2.55 pm

RU OK?
See page 2 for more RU OK Day fun!
Term 3 is fast drawing to a close and it has once again been a busy term. You will find lots of detail in this newsletter about the various events and activities that have taken place and I hope you will find it interesting reading!

**R U OK Week**
There have been many activities and events this term to celebrate R U OK day. This important initiative raises the awareness of mental health issues and strategies for support. Year 10 Leaders and in particular Donna Nairn have done a fantastic job organising and co-ordinating this program – Well Done!

**Grade 5 Discovery Day**
Last Tuesday we hosted over 260 Year 5 students from local primary schools as part of our Grade 5 Discovery Day. The day was a great success and there was a very positive and excited vibe coming from our visitors. I would like to thank the many leaders from different year levels who were involved in the day and special thanks to our Transition Co-ordinator Chantelle Steffens who organised and ensured the smooth running of the day.

**Trade Skills Centre**
Our Trade Skills Centre continues to advance and is on track to be ready early next year – see the latest progress:

**Deb Ball 2016**
Once again the traditional WPSC Deb Ball was a fantastic night! I am sure I can speak for all present when I say it was a real treat to see the Debutantes and their partners in their ball gowns and tuxedos perform both traditional and not so old dance routines at the City Hall in Springvale. This event takes a lot of work and I thank Kara Dunstan and Jane Evans for all their hard work.

**Keep Informed:**
**Website** - [www.westernportsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.westernportsc.vic.edu.au)
**TiqBiz** – register via the website
**Facebook** – friend us via [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

The College does have a Facebook site – please join this for College updates via social media.

**Feedback:**
I always welcome feedback from our parents and the wider community. Please feel free to contact me via phone or arrange an appointment via the office.

I hope all students and their families enjoy a safe and happy Term 3 holiday, and I remind Year 12 students to stick to their study routines during the break!

Michael Devine
*College Principal*
Spring is in the air!!

With Spring in the air students have been busily involved in a range of outdoor projects to beautify the College grounds. SBAT Parks and Gardens students have pruned the fruit trees in our orchard and planted six more trees. They are learning how to grow a lawn and have planted out a new lawn next to our Bush Tucker garden. VCAL students have designed and are constructing a large timber sculpture to be installed in our ‘Western Port Sculpture Park’ next to the playground. Students are welcome to borrow picnic rugs from Ms Lewis at lunchtime to enjoy this new space.

We are working with students to design and create a Learning Stones space. The Learning Stone initiative is the combined work of school and community groups to build stronger ties and greater awareness of local indigenous culture. Please visit the website and have a look:

www.learningstones.com.au

The design will include four bench seats painted four colours: Yellow to represent family, red to represent community, brown to represent students and green to represent the College. The yellow seat also reflects our commitment to the RUOK? Program which is about caring for your friends, family and the community, touching base and checking in with them to see that they are OK. This seat was painted and installed by Liam, Bailey, Nick, Josh and Harrison who worked with John Eldridge to create it.

Last Tuesday Grade Five students participating in Discover Day experienced a short meditation/mindfulness activity in the Spiral Mediation Garden as part of the day’s program. They enjoyed the perfume from fresh lavender cut from the garden and listened to the sounds around them which included wind in the trees, birds, our rooster crowing and drills and saws from our new engineering building work site. They were reminded that in the busy schedules of our daily lives, it is important to take a deep breath, stop and experience some quiet and tranquility and look after ourselves as well as each other.

Hannah Lewis
Assistant Principal

CENTREPAY

WPSC would like to announce that we now offer Centrepay as another means of payment. This is a system to assist families with automatic deductions from their Centrelink payments that can go towards College charges. There are no fees associated with this arrangement and the General Office is happy to assist with registration
Big Day Out – Year 9

It was all about a first-hand look into careers in a range of industries for the Year 9’s. We had the amazing opportunity to tour places across different industries and ask questions to people working in various professions on the countless possibilities available. A really big thank-you to Gina for organising these industry visits and to all of the businesses and people that shared their time, knowledge and experience with us today.

The lifestyle bus visited the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and Tennis World – Melbourne Park.

Right: The practice and trades bus visited a CFMEU worksite and toured the Melbourne Port district.

Above left: The tourism bus visited Lindenderry at Red Hill and Ashcombe Maze.

The art and culture bus visited the National Gallery of Victoria, Hosier Lane and Potter Gallery.

Western Port Secondary College is now using an App to communicate with you

Please install this free app onto any device to see all the college news and information. Information from us, our Website, Facebook and soon the parent’s portal are all at your finger tips from this one great App. Available for Iphone, Androids, tablets and Ipads and PC’s.

Visit www.tiqbiz.com.au for more information
Round 3 of the Victorian HPV Series found the Western Port SC HPV team heading north on the Calder Highway to Bendigo for the 10 hour Bendigo HPV Grand Prix. Arriving on the Friday night for scrutineering, all was going well until the newly designed brake test, requiring trikes to remain stationary on a ramp at a 20° angle. This new test was catching numerous teams out including us. As Isaac sat in the trike and applied the rear brake for a 2nd attempt the trike slowly rolled down the ramp, however, the rear tyre held tight and we passed scrutineering.

Saturday morning arrived and the mayhem that was pit straight greeted us at 8.30am. Teams of Primary schools, secondary schools, community teams and elite riders arriving with trailers of trikes and wheels, gear, tents and buses crowded the Pit area. By 10.45am practice started with 15mins to determine the starting grid for the race.

Due to safety concerns with the track barriers, the race was delayed for an hour as track marshals ensured the safety for riders and spectators. This delay resulted in the race being shortened to 9 hours.

Aaron Whitford returned to the starting rotation and completing his fastest lap of the race on lap 1 at 2.18min for the 1.3km course. For the next 9 hours the team of 8 riders rotated riding duties to ensure that Western Port SC HPV team completed the race.

Highlights along the way included; Alex Monk’s fastest lap of the race of 2.12min, Isaac Cunningham’s spectacular roll on lap 77 after being collected by another trike and Ruby Heald Cargill’s roll on lap 122 at turn 1 after being sandwiched between multiple trikes. Our biggest incident occurred during an unpredicted wheel change which cost the team 20mins on lap 126.

Throughout the 9 hour race, the HPV team was sitting between 7th and 9th however a puncture with 3 laps to go resulted in a 11th in the Middle Secondary category and 51st overall. The team covered 210kms during the 9 hour race, the equivalent of Hastings to Bendigo.

Congratulations to all riders; Aaron, Noah, Chloe, Beth, Georgia, Alex, Isaac and Ruby, and to the parents who attended the weekend, without your support these events would not be possible.

Our next race is on Saturday October 10th at Casey Fields. During this event we welcome our second HPV team to the program in preparation to the RACV Energy Breakthrough 24 hour event November 19th – 21st.

Most significantly I would like to thank our sponsors Bunnings Hastings, Signforce and our newest sponsor Hillview Quarries for their generous sponsorship of the Western Port SC Human Powered Vehicle team.

Andrew Aldham – Team Manager


Below: Chasing down arch rival ‘Drouin SC’

Left: working Bee in preparation for Bendigo HPV 10 Hour race. Special thanks to the ‘Walker Family’ for their contributions
**Tidy Towns Awards**

Congratulations to Luke Reardon and Alfie Hainsworth who picked up awards at the Tidy Towns Competition. Luke is now a finalist for Your Environmental Leader of the Year and Alfie represented our Environmental Team who are also state finalists in the Active Schools category.

**Project 9 Dreaming Big**

The Year 9’s took inspiration from a visit to the Melbourne Ice House, Melbourne Star and Etihad Stadium to explore the big scale ideas that have been made into a reality in a bid to reinvigorate a location. The trip forms part of their individual Feasibility Study that focuses on identifying a need within the local community and has them ‘dream big’ in creating and critically evaluating their ideas.
Mr Assad’s question corner:

Hi all, my name is Sam Asaad, I need your help, could you help me to solve this Mathematics Question.

For my literature course, I have to choose one novel to study from a list of four, one poem from a list of six and one short story from a list of five. How many different choices do I have?

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YEAR 12 PAJAMA DAY!
Please be advised that Beleza have produced a new summer material skirt and it is now available in their Somerville store.
The cost is $50 for all sizes.
DENTAL NEWS

Just a reminder that our Community Dental Service has the capacity to see anyone in either the public or private practice. The Community Dental private practice offers dental services at veterans affairs rates which are very affordable!

Children and young people up to the age of 13 years receive free dental care.

Children and young people aged 13 years to 18 years who are eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule receive free dental care.

If you would like to make an appointment, or know someone who needs an appointment, please follow this link.

All the best

ITS ON AGAIN!
HASTING S FIRE STATION CAR BOOT SALE
SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2015
8.30AM OT 2.30PM

Plenty of bargains to be found
There will be a sausage sizzle and soft drinks bar
All proceeds go to Hastings Fire Brigade

Book your stall TODAY!
$10 per car or $15 with a 6 x 6 trailer
Ring: Len on 0427 376 530

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*Conditions Apply – Limit – 1 X P8 Per Student

Is teaching your learner Driver turning you grey?!!
Have a free lesson on the Government and take the stress out of driving. Contact Michelle for more information on the Keys2Drive Program.
Once a day, twice a day, all day!
Protect your teeth and follow these simple steps to set yourself and your child up for good oral health habits.

1. **Floss daily**
   Build flossing into your daily routine to protect your mouth from decay. Flossing everyday will get food out from between your teeth.

2. **Brush twice a day**
   Brush teeth at least twice a day.
   Help children brush their teeth, up to the age of 8. It helps for a better clean and reaches all the tricky areas children may miss.
   Children only need a pea sized amount of toothpaste.
   Children under six years old should use low-dose fluoride toothpaste.

3. **Drink tap water all day**
   Tap water is best for your teeth.
   Fluoride is added to tap water to help protect your teeth.
   Drinking tap water regularly will neutralise the acid on your teeth.
   This will help repair developing cavities.

4. **Refer yourself or a family member today**
   Did you know children should see a dentist from the age of 2?
   Jump onto the Peninsula Health website and refer yourself or a family member into Community Dental today.
   Annual dental checks are a great way to keep up good oral health habits.
Tips for Staying Quit

Did you know that over the last 30 years there has been a 50% reduction in the number of people who smoke in Victoria (Quit Victoria, 2015), Congratulations on giving up smoking. As we know, staying a non-smoker can be challenging at first but it gets much easier over time. Did you know that the Quit Victoria website now has fantastic resources for people who have quit smoking and want to stay that way?

Check out Quits Tips for Staying Quit resources [www.quit.org.au/staying-quit]

This website also offers excellent information about:

- Managing the first few days
- Managing nicotine withdrawal
- Managing routines
- Managing stress
- Risky situations
- Rewarding yourself
- Managing weight gain
- Seeing yourself as a non-smoker
- Triggers

Local quit smoking support services are available at Peninsula Health. Simply call 1300 665 781 to make an appointment or contact Quitline on 137848 if you would prefer to chat to someone on the phone.

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tinaglassglazing@hotmail.com.au  

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- **NO INTEREST**

Maximum loan amounts may vary, but credit can start from $300 up to $1,200 for essential goods and services. These may include household items such as fridges, washing machines, stoves, dryers, freezers, some furniture and education essentials such as computers and text books.

Once an application is approved, affordable repayments are set for a six to 18 month period.

With NILS, no credit checks are made as this program is based on trust and respect.

Please contact Gaynor on 5970 7002 or Stacey on 5970 7008
Wallaroo Community Centre
6 Wallaroo Place
Hastings Vic 3915
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE CSEF FUND

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to notify you of a new Funding scheme provided by the Victorian Government. The funds are to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The annual Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) amount per Secondary Student is $225.

Students must be attending a government Primary School or Secondary school and be between the ages of 5 and 18 inclusive, and hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent. Forms and more information can be obtained from the school office, Compass, our school website or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef).

The closing date for a CSEF application is 26th June, 2015. We require a copy of your concession card with the application. The funds are paid to the school for eligible applicants and credited to the family account. Schools have strict criteria as to what the funds can be paid towards. We will communicate with the eligible parents/guardians to advise how we intend to allocate the CSEF payment for the benefit of the eligible student.

Please go to the government website [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) or contact the college with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Devine
Principal

Margaret Jolly
Business Manager

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**Social networking tips for parents**

Social networking is a great way to keep in touch with friends and family as well as meeting new people with similar interests and hobbies.

Here are some tips to follow when you feel your child is ready to begin engaging with social networking sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter:

1. If you haven’t already got an account, set one up so that you can understand what your child can and can’t do as well as learning how to adjust the privacy settings. You can use fake information if you aren’t comfortable using your own.
2. Make sure your child is old enough to use the site. Sites like Facebook and Instagram require users to be 13 years or older.
3. Tell your child to keep their passwords a secret otherwise other people may log on and pretend to be them. It is important that you know your children’s password however.
4. Advise your child to set their account to private so that they will only interact with people they know in real life and aren’t approached by strangers.
5. Encourage your child to think carefully before they post any information online. Things they post on social networking can have an impact on them even after they delete it and long into the future.
6. Help your children to set up their location services on their device so that they aren’t broadcasting their location to strangers.
7. Remind children to be careful when making new friends online as some people may not be who they say they are and ensure your children never arrange to meet an online friend unless accompanied by a trusted adult.
8. Make sure you know how to report inappropriate content on social networking sites and show your child what they should do if they come across anything inappropriate.

The ‘Strong Culture, Good Health’ Koorie holiday program is funded to provide young Aboriginal people with the opportunity to participate in social and physical activities that are inclusive of culture.

**Week One**
21-23 September 2015
BOOKINGS CLOSE 16 September 2015
UNLESS BOOKED OUT PRIOR

**Monday and Tuesday 21st and 22nd September**
Darranggeet Festival of Tennis
Venue: National Tennis Centre, Melbourne Park
Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Cost: Free
Lunch and transport included
BYO bottle of water, hat and snack food

**Wednesday 23rd September 2015**
Unlimited Rides at Luna Park
Venue: Luna Park, St Kilda
Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Cost: Free
Transport included
BYO LUNCH or spending money, snacks and bottle of water

**Week Two**
29th Sept. 1st October 2015
BOOKINGS CLOSE 25th September 2015
UNLESS BOOKED OUT PRIOR

**Tuesday 29th September**
Learn Circus Skills and Fun @ Circus OZ
Venue: Circus OZ, Coleygwood
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Cost: Free
Lunch and transport included
BYO bottle of water and snacks

**Wednesday 30th September**
Indoor Sports Day
Venue: Casey Indoor Sports Centre
Cost: Free
Lunch and transport included
BYO water bottle and snack food

**Thursday 1st October 2015**
Yarra River Boat Cruise
Venue: Yarra River, Southbank
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Cost: Free
Transport included
BYO LUNCH, snacks, hat and bottle of Water

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN
For more information and to book in please contact the City of Casey on 9705 5200
www.facebook.com/caseyyouth