On Friday 13th November, Camperdown College opened its third annual art exhibition at DJ’s Café. The exhibition was formally opened by Ian Currell and showcased the diverse artworks created by our students from Year 7 – 12.

DJ’s Café once again provided a fantastic backdrop for the creative works and enabled us to share the diverse talent and skills of our students at Camperdown College with the wider community.

I would like to congratulate all the exhibiting students for presenting a fantastic body of work that clearly shows their dedication and commitment to the Arts. I would especially like to congratulate our VCE students for completing a mature folio of work that clearly reflects a year’s worth of exploration, devotion and refinement of their skills and technique.

Chelsea Fox, Year 7 – 12 Art Teacher
I would like to take this opportunity to alert families to changes to the delivery of Special Religious Instruction in schools next year. On Monday 9th November 2015, the Minister for Education approved a new Ministerial Direction which removes Special Religious Instruction from core learning time.

Respectful relationships, ethical capability, tolerance and understanding will continue to underpin the Victorian curriculum and will remain absolute priorities at Camperdown College. However, from 2016 the explicit delivery of Special Religious Instruction in state schools may only be offered during lunchtime, or in the hour before or after school, for a maximum of 30 minutes. Our SRI providers have acknowledged that these times will not be convenient for the school and this is consistent with the decision I have made to discontinue SRI at the Junior Campus in 2016. While not all students are currently participating in the program, I do understand that this may be disappointing news to some College families.

On behalf of the Camperdown College community, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our SRI instructors Ian Davis and Louise Walmsey. Ian and Louise have enjoyed the opportunity to work within our school and wish to pass on their thanks for the warm welcome and wonderful support they have received from students, families and staff, both past and present. The 2015 SRI program will culminate in an end of year Christmas celebration at the Uniting Church on Friday 4th December at 11.15am and parents of participating children are welcome to come along and enjoy items from students in Prep – Year 4.

Families will shortly receive information about 2016 parent payments. School Council has spent considerable time examining our current payment expectations and ensuring that they are consistent with Department policy. Your letter will clearly outline the expenses associated with your child’s schooling next year, and will categorise each expense as an essential item, an optional extra, or a voluntary contribution (for example to the College Building Fund). This letter will not be a request for payment as you will receive the same information with a payment request at the start of the new school year. Your letter will explain the various payment options. We understand that some families wish to pay for most items at the beginning of the year while others prefer a staggered payment plan. If you have any queries or concerns about parent payments at Camperdown College please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager Mardi Johnson or make an appointment to see myself or an Assistant Principal.

As you can see from the reports in this week’s newsletter, this has been a very busy time at the College, with a number of significant rites of passage and transitional activities taking place to support students in their next stages of learning. Congratulations to our Year 12 graduates whose efforts and achievements were celebrated at last Wednesday night’s Formal, and best wishes to all Camperdown College students as they put the finishing touches on what has been, for many, a very successful year.

Ms Cherie Kilpatrick
Principal

From the Principal’s Desk…
Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars:
We are delighted to announce that Bridget Moyle has been selected into the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program at Melbourne University. There were 1800 applications from students across Victoria and adjoining border regions with 700 students selected for the program. Bridget will participate in her first event on Tuesday 8th December.

Booklists & Transition:
Booklists were distributed to students last week. Year 6 students received a booklist and information regarding the Year 7 transition on Tuesday 8th December. It is an exciting time as our Year 6 students move towards the end of their primary education and prepare for next year. Students are encouraged to hand in second hand books to the Senior Campus Office so that they can be sold. I strongly encourage parents to contact Christine Esh before filling out their booklists as many second hand books are available. Booklists must be submitted by Thursday 3rd December.

Elective Selections for 2016:
Students in Year 8 and 9 completed an expression of interest sheet to enable us to set up the electives which best suit the students’ interest for next year. As a result of this, the elective blocks have been established and students need to make their selections by today.

End of Year Program:
The end of year program for students in Year 7 – 9 commences on Monday 14th December. Information about the program will be sent home early next week.

Year 12 Step Up:
Our Year 11 students have been participating in Year 12 Step Up activities this week. Students have gained a taste of what is to come in Year 12 and have been set many tasks to complete over the holidays to prepare themselves for next year.

Year 10 Exams and Step Up:
The Year 10 exam program concludes tomorrow with the Business Studies exam scheduled in the afternoon. The Step Up into Year 11 program will be held next week.

HSSSA Sports Day:
Students in Year 7 – 9 participated in soccer, cricket, tennis and golf competitions yesterday at various locations throughout the district. It was wonderful to see so many students involved in this competition.

Year 12 Formal:
Our Year 12 students celebrated their formal at the Five Star Function Centre last Wednesday evening. The centre was decorated by Maggie McLean, Haylee Finlayson and Sue Maskell in a classic white theme and set the scene for what was a most memorable evening for students and their families. A scrumptious meal was prepared by Lisa Jones and a variety of helpers including parents and VCAL students. College Principal Cherie Kilpatrick and School Council President Mel Micallef spoke to the students thanking them for their contributions to the College and both provided them with wise advice for their futures. Teacher presentations were made to each student that reinforced the student’s future aspirations. These proved to be very entertaining. Congratulations and thank you must go to Sue Maskell for organising and chairing such a wonderful evening.

SRC:
SRC fundraising continues for Stacey James with the first of the teacher challenges occurring this week. Ben McKenzie looked resplendent in his gown and bright red lipstick. Likewise, Ashleigh Bloomfield and Nicole McNlellan looked beautiful in their deb gowns. However, their high heels had taken their toll by the end of the day. Principal, Cherie Kilpatrick then donned a chicken suit and had the Chicken Dance song perfected by yesterday afternoon! See photos on the right.

Vicki Angus, Senior Campus Assistant Principal

Triathlon:
Well done to the sixteen students (Ruby Bennett and Benedict Leonard-Pekin pictured right) who participated in the Australian Schools Triathlon in Warrnambool last Friday. It was wonderful to witness the eagerness of our students trying their best in the gruelling swim, ride and run. This was the first time that our students have participated in this type of event with over 700 students from district schools competing on the day. Thank you to the parents for supporting this event, as without your assistance of transport, the day would not have been possible. Overall the day was a great success and I know many students are keen to participate next year.

Transition:
Last Tuesday, we welcomed our 2016 Prep students and their parents into Camperdown College. The eager kindergarten students spent the morning at school under the guidance of Jacinta Tolland and Sal Sutterby whilst their parents joined Cherie and myself for morning tea and an information meeting in the staffroom. Our final transition day for our 2016 Prep students will be held on Tuesday
Excellence ~ Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Caring ~ Honesty

8th December from 9.30am until 2.30pm. Information regarding this day will be posted out next week.

Religious Instruction:
I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Louise Walmsley and Ian Davis for volunteering their time to conduct Religious Instruction sessions with our students in Prep – Year 4 throughout the year. All students who participate in our Religious Instruction classes will attend a Christmas break up at the Uniting Church on Friday 4th December at 11.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Year 6 Graduation:
The Year 6 students will graduate at a ceremony at the Senior Campus Hall on Monday 14th December commencing at 1.30pm. All students from the Junior Campus will attend. Families and friends of Year 6 students are encouraged to attend and stay for afternoon tea after the ceremony.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea:
On Thursday 10th December at 2pm there will be a special afternoon tea for our helpers and volunteers. Our College programs need the assistance of all our volunteers to run successfully. There are many occasions where we simply would not be able to provide certain programs without this extra support and supervision. We can assure you all that your help never goes unnoticed and is always appreciated. Invitations will be sent out by teachers in the next few days.

Walk to School:
Yesterday was our last Walk to School event for 2015. The number of students participating increased each week with over forty students joining us on the last two weeks. It was a lovely way to start the day with a walk and lots of chatter from the students. Thank you to all the families who supported this program by encouraging their children to join us and to those parents who joined us on our walk.

Clare Monk, Junior Campus Assistant Principal

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Junior Campus communication sent to parents this week:

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Senior Campus communication sent to parents this week:

Junior Campus Working Bee
Tomorrow, Saturday 28th November from 9am.
We will be working on the bike shed.

Senior Campus Presentation Evening
Tuesday 15th December
In the Senior Campus Hall
Beginning at 7.30pm

Year 6 Graduation
Monday 14th December
From 1.30pm
In the Senior Campus Hall
All Year 6 families & friends welcome
This year, the Year 7 students are selling their lino prints for $25 each. The students are raising money to donate to Stacey James’ recovery at The Royal Children’s Hospital. This is such a generous contribution and already, our Year 7 students have raised over $300 by selling their artworks!

The exhibition is a celebration of our students’ artistic achievements throughout the year and I am so proud of the level of creativity and commitment that they have expressed in their works. The exhibition will run until mid-December, so if you haven’t already seen the work, I strongly recommend that you get down to DJ’s and check it out!

Chelsea Fox, Year 7 – 12 Art Teacher
Camperdown College is holding a **Twilight Fair** next year on Friday 26th February from 4.30 to 8.30pm with an outdoor cinema to follow. This year is racing by and we are looking for expressions of interest from our families to create or help out on various attractions and stalls. In particular we are looking for people to run food stalls, for example: baked potato, paella or something that you have a love or expertise in. We are also looking for youth musicians who would like to come and play a set and showcase their talents.

We will also be asking each family to assist on a stall or activity for one hour on the day. A roster will be drawn up early next year and we thank you in anticipation of your support.

To help minimise our expense for the Twilight Fair, we are inviting each family to donate a different item each week that we can use as a prize or part of a stall. **This week's item is one packet of lollipops per family.** Next week’s newsletter will have a different request item. To say thank you for helping us, as the items are dropped off at either the Junior or Senior Campus, your name will be recorded to go into a draw for a free wristband for the rides.

To complete a very successful year of fundraising, the Camperdown College Parents & Friends Committee is once again running a **Christmas Hamper**. Raffle tickets went home last week and prices are $2 per ticket or 3 for $5. We would be very appreciative of your family's support in selling a book of tickets and donating an item for the hamper. Please drop off your donations at either campus office. The hamper will be drawn at the Senior Campus Presentation Night.

**Wrist bands** are now able to be pre purchased just in time for Christmas from the Junior or Senior Campus Office for $20. Alternatively, they can still be purchased on the day for $25. The rides that are run in conjunction with the wrist bands are the Zorba Balls, Big Twister, Hero Kids Sumo Suits and two jumping castles. Please note when you pre purchase a wristband, you will receive a certificate to present and receive your wristband on the day.

**Main attraction: Bucking Bull!**
Thank you,
Parents & Friends Committee

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**Prep – Year 4 Special Religious Instruction**
Christmas Break Up
Friday 4th December from 11.15am
@ the Uniting Church
Parents welcome to attend

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**Dancing In The Dark**
Junior Campus Concert DVD's still available from the Junior Campus Office for $10

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**WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY SNACK?**
Here are some simple ideas for healthy snacks that you can make at home or add to lunchboxes:

- Fruit muffins or slices
- Fresh, frozen, canned or occasionally dried fruit
- Raisin or fruit toast*
- Toasted English muffins, preferably wholemeal or wholegrain*
- Rice crackers or corn cakes
- Plain popcorn
- Scones or pikelets (plain, fruit or savoury)*
- Snack-sized tub of yoghurt
- Cubes or wedges of cheese with wholegrain crackers
- Potatoes, topped with cheese and baked in the microwave or oven
- Corn on the cob*
- A boiled egg.

*Use spreads in small amounts

Sourced from Healthy Kids at www.healthy-kids.com.au
Cobden Amateur Swimming Club invites all new swimmers to a COME AND TRY NIGHT at the Cobden pool on Monday 30th November from 5.30pm until 6.30pm with head coach David Robertson. Swimming Club runs from Monday through to Thursday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Ability to swim one lap is recommended. Primary school age and up are welcome. Swimming Club also recommences on this night for returning members. Registration forms and season calendar for the 2015/2016 season will be available. Feel free to contact our President if you require any further information: Matthew Coverdale 0417 650 026.
**TIMBOON RAIL TRAILERS & LIONS RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM OPEN GARDEN**

Enjoy a day at Princetown’s Best Kept Secret Yvonne & David Lawson’s beautiful coastal garden, overlooking the Princetown Headland.

1208 Old Ocean Road, Princetown.

**Sunday 29th November 11.00am – 4.30pm**

$10.00 entry includes Devonshire Tea & Musical Entertainment

Bring a chair if you fancy

Light lunch available

Follow the signs from Princetown

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**2015-16 NIPPERS**

A 10 week program for 6-14 year olds aimed at surf awareness, skills development and fun!

Activities include beach running, flags, surf swimming and board paddling.

**Saturdays from 1-2:30pm on Port Campbell beach**

**Starts Saturday 28 November**

- Membership and uniform sales from 10:30am ($50 per child, Nipper cap $20, Hi Vis singlet $15, sunhat $10)
- Sign in from 12:45pm
- Program starts at 1pm sharp

Contact Brooke Barnewall
Junior Coordinator on 0438 580 419
or ajandbrooke@bigpond.com

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**New families welcome to come and try out on the day**

**To all parents**

Are you interested in getting your Bronze Medallion?

We’re looking for parents who are keen to help out with Nippers and learn rescue techniques, basic first aid and surf awareness.

We need more parent volunteers with their Bronze Medallion and this is a great chance to get involved and help us deliver a quality Nippers program.

You can volunteer as little or as much as you like. To register your interest and find out more contact James Green on 0418 529 201.