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ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

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WEEK 8



Wellbeing Wednesday Just what we all needed!

On Wednesday, Students and Staff alike, took some time to nurture their wellbeing. For many of our students this was an opportunity to help out family members, catch up online with friends for a game of uno, or get out and enjoy the stunning weather whilst enjoying some exercise. Inside we have some photos sent in by students and staff for you to enjoy. Page 6.

Dates to Remember

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Last Day of Term

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Lockdown Challenge

Encourage your kids to get involved in our wellbeing challenge.

Want something yummy to bake this weekend, find Trace's delicious Lemon Slice inside....

Principal's Report

We received our NAPLAN results on Monday. We are incredibly pleased with our results, which show that strong overall growth has been achieved from Year 7 to 9. We are particularly excited by our results in the "high growth" category. Our Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation were higher than the State Average. Our Numeracy results were outstanding, being almost 20% higher than the State. This is a positive reflection on the efforts of our students and teachers, particularly given the disruptions we have had with Covid over the last two years. We will be sending home individual results to parents in the mail on Monday. It is important to read these results as just one snapshot of many of a student's learning through a whole year. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews on Tuesday 14th September, are a good time to discuss these results, along with strategies for continued improvement in learning and personal development. Interview times can be booked through Sentral. This week our Year 11 students have been invited to consider running for School Captain positions. These roles provide students with a significant opportunity to make not only a difference in our college next year but for many years to come. One of our visions for the College is to continually grow student voice so that our students are true partners in their learning and in the improvement of our school. It is an ideal time for our Year 11s to discuss with their families how they can make a difference in their final year of secondary schooling. The contributions students make in their senior years both within the College and greater community can also significantly benefit individuals when they apply for jobs, scholarships and entry into some courses/programmes.

Wishing all our Dad's out there a very happy Fathers day weekend.

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Well done 7C for keeping your cameras on!!!

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Details for Upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Evening

Our Semester Two Interview evening, which is scheduled for **Tuesday September 24th** is rapidly approaching. Due to the current COVID restrictions, we will be running interview in the **online interview** format used previously.

Details are as follows:

The interview evening will run from **4:30-8:30pm**; however, some staff may allow interviews to be scheduled earlier from 4pm or later to 9pm for your added convenience

Interviews will run for 5 minutes

Interviews can be booked via Sentral

Interview bookings will go **'live' from Wednesday August 31st at 9am.**

Interviews will run via the **Teams app.**

Instructions can be found below. Please note that:

Sentral will not allow you to double book appointment times

You will have the capability to cancel a booking and select a new booking time if the original time no longer suits you

Options exist to print the screen showing all interview times, or alternatively to export to iCal

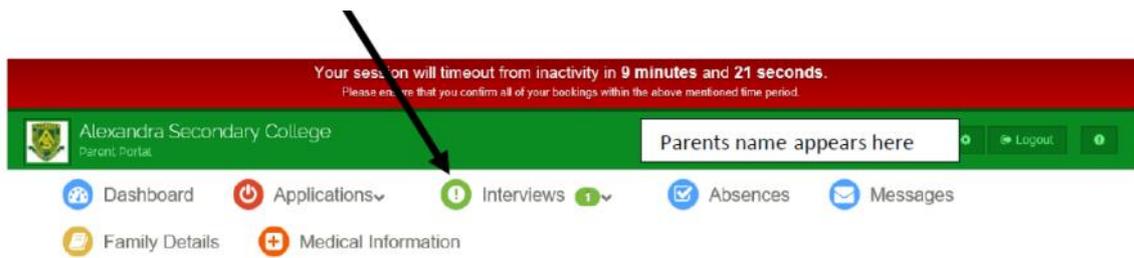
Sentral will automatically email you a copy of your confirmed interview times

If you have downloaded the Sentral app please note that interviews will only appear in Portal 1 and not in Portal

This is likely to apply to only a very small number of parents

Log in to Sentral

Click on the green 'Interviews' tab at the top of screen. This will only appear when interviews are live. Please note that instructions will appear on the screen to guide you.



All of your children's names and those of all of their teachers will appear on the one screen. Simply click on the drop-down box to secure a time.

We look forward to 'seeing' you on the night.

Should you have any questions regarding any aspect of online interviews, please do not hesitate to contact us at the College 0357702000.

Success for 2022 School for Student Leadership

It is exciting to receive good news during a lockdown, and do we have some good news to share with you!

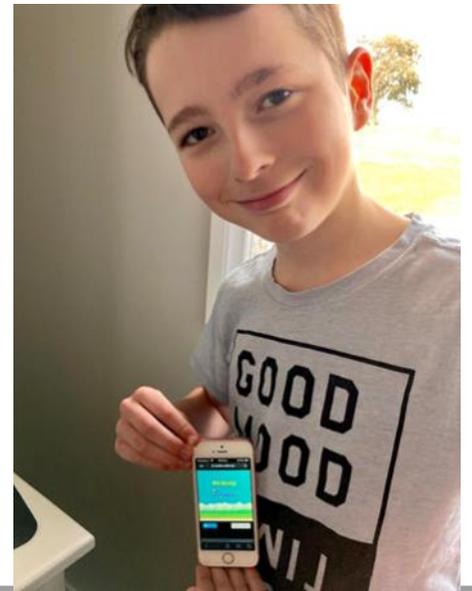
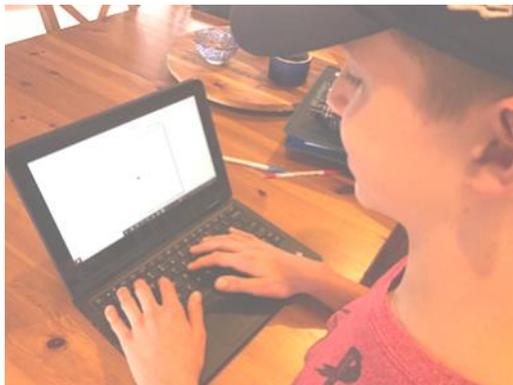
We have just been advised that our application for students who are in Year 9 in 2022 to attend the SSL program has been successful. Positions have been approved for 5 students, 2 boys and 3 girls, to attend the 9-week program at the Snowy River Campus at Marlo in East Gippsland during Term 2. Marlo is a small village located at the mouth of the Snowy River.

Information about this program will be distributed to all current Year 8 students during Term 4.



Year 7 Digi Tech

Year 7 students have been learning to programme in our online Digi Tech classes. Students started off by making a multi-level maze game in PowerPoint. Who would have thought you could do more than create a multi-media presentation in PowerPoint? They then moved on to block programming, and are currently being introduced to programming using Python language. Damon is shown playing the Flappy Bird game he created using block coding on his phone, Jaime is playing the Star War game he created using programming language, and Stuart is shown constructing moving shapes using Python.



Our students are talking about...

What they are doing to relax whilst on remote learning

GAVIN LIGHT

On wellbeing Wednesday I kept very busy, I chopped wood, mowed the lawns and did some drawing.



DAISY BIRTCHNELL

I spent the day with Zac helping chop up his Pops wood. It may not be a traditional wellbeing exercise, but we really enjoyed it.



ROSE HURREY

Mum recently got off work and is on holiday's so I was able to help her out with a few things around the house and then we did some baking.



RUBY RUSSELL

On our wellbeing day, Ethan made us a family lunch and I also picked some flowers to give Mum. It was a lovely day weather wise as well to spend on a wellbeing day.



Wellbeing Competition Time



Jess Webber-Lally

I saw the challenges and I thought I would send this in! In every lockdown, I've worked on mandala art on the back of my bedroom door! I never have time to be creative whenever we're physically going to school because of study and lack of time, so with lockdown being able to work on it is always make me smile.

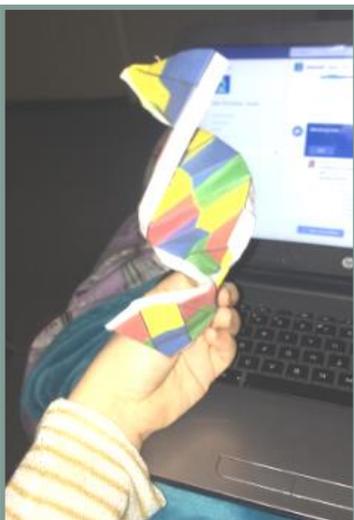
Shaun Sutcliffe

Shaun has been spending his time making these amazing Jumps - he has designed and built them completely on his own.

Well done Shaun, that is absolutely amazing!!!!



Mrs Evan's Year 10 Science Class



This week Mrs Evan's science class created paper models of DNA.

Thanks to Amy Harvey and Blake Armstrong for sending in photos for us, so we can all enjoy them.

Wellbeing Wednesday Photos.



Thanks Shaun, for sharing some photos of what you have been up to!



Mr Davies on the Goulburn



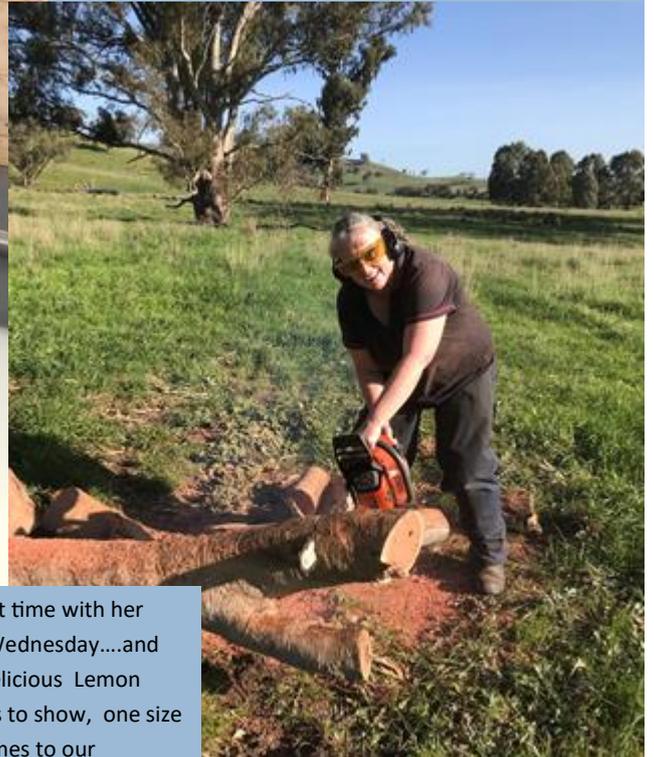
Mr Higgins and Max Young enjoyed some friendly rivalry with a cake baking competition.

Mr Higgins insists Max's cake was the best....more photos over the page.





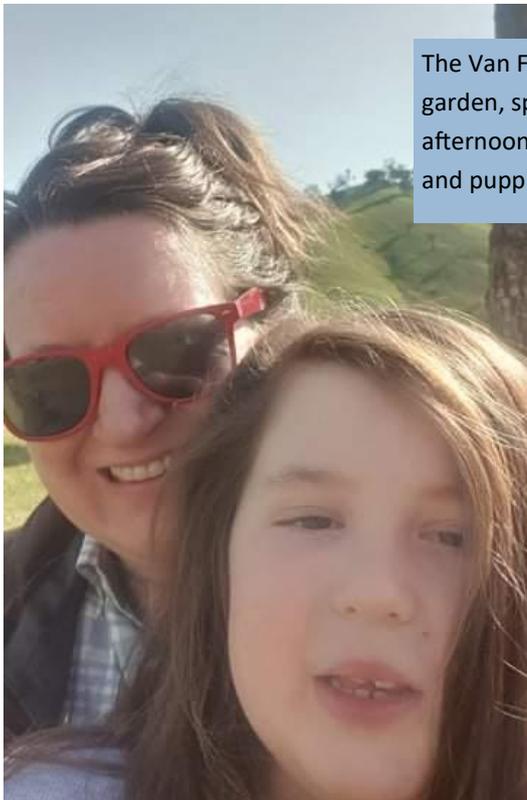
Above is Mr Higgins Persian Love Cake, it looks very successful, but definitely cannot compete with Mr Higgins home made Apron and Chefs Hat....we hear this "sustainable" ensemble is En Vogue in all the top restaurants in Paris....but you saw it here first!! 😊



Here is Bron having a great time with her chain saw on Wellbeing Wednesday....and Mrs Collett has baked a delicious Lemon Meringue Pie ...it just goes to show, one size does not fit all when it comes to our wellbeing....



Smoothies with Ms Van.



The Van Family enjoying working in the garden, spending their wellbeing afternoon with some books, fresh air and puppies.... Paradise!



Trace enjoyed her wellbeing afternoon with her gorgeous flock...

Old Fashioned Lemon Slice Recipe

Ingredients

- 1/2 C condensed milk
- 125g butter
- 250g Marie biscuits
- 1 tsp grated lemon rind
- 1 cup coconut

Lemon Icing

- 1 3/4 c's icing sugar
- 3 tbl spoons lemon juice
- 15g butter
- 2 tbs coconut

Combine condensed milk and butter (melt in microwave or gentle heat on stovetop)

Crush biscuits, leaving some larger pieces for texture, add lemon and coconut.

Add warm milk mix to crumbs, mix together until combined and press into greased and baking paper lined slice tin (28cm. x 18cm.)

Refrigerate for 1/2 to 1 hour. Ice with lemon icing and sprinkle with coconut.

Slice into squares when icing is set.

ENJOY!

Miss Steuart's 8A Superstars!

8A TEXTILES SUPERSTARS are learning how to follow a 'Design Brief' to produce original sneakers.
Here are a few of the designs submitted so far.

**Tenta-Cool Sneakers, created
by Milly Weeks.**



**Saxishoes
created by Brandon V.G**



**Muse
Designed by Kloe M—
Music is all about creativity
and "Art"....Music is my
Muse**

