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ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

August 19 2024

T3 WEEK 6



Ski Squad 2024

Each Monday afternoon our Ski Squad group head up to Lake Mountain and spend the afternoon perfecting their Skiing techniques. It is a fabulous way to spend a Monday afternoon, that also has many educational and physical benefits as well. If your child would like to see if this is the program for them, get them to have a chat with Mr Nadj.

More photos inside.....

Dates to Remember

- Today - Round Robin
- Wednesday August 21st - Pupil Free Curriculum Day
- Friday September 6th - Penny Concert
- 9th—20th September - Year 10 Work Experience

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Principal's Report

Keeping you up to date with college news.

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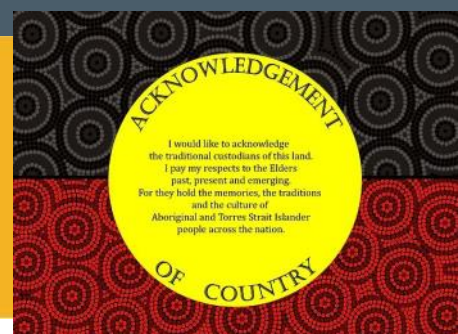
Science Week

We fill you in on how we celebrated Science Week.

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Art Show Comp

A competition for our budding artists.



Principal's Report

Our Year 11 leadership students and Miss Bonsema did a great job running a bake sale on Friday. They raised over \$400 for the Smith family Foundation, an organisation that helps young Australians in poverty reach their full potential in school. "Giving back" is an important part of the Year 11 Leadership programme, that act of giving to others has also been proven to have a lasting positive impact on the giver.

It has been wonderful to host the Grade 6 students from Eildon, Buxton, Marysville and St Mary's Primary Schools last week, in their first formal transition visit. It is an exciting time for these young people as they take this significant big step in their lives. Alexandra Primary school visit this week. Miss Parbery is doing an excellent job with Grade 6 Transition, ensuring that our newest students, as they end their primary school days, will be

confident and ready to start here after the Christmas break.

Well done to all students who have missed no more than two days of school this term and so have attendance of 90% or better. We often see students who have been away with illness or a family event build their attendance back up to close to 90% by the end of the term, which is pleasing. Each day counts.

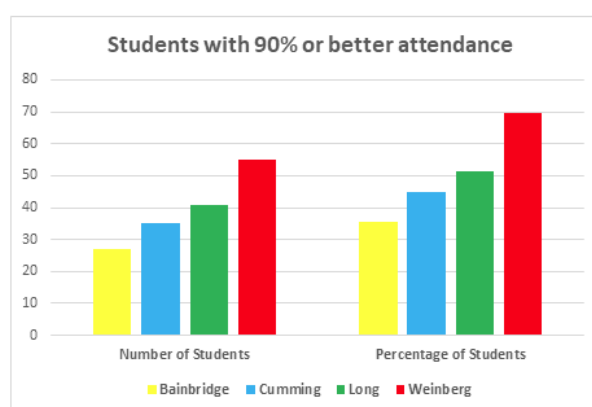
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Percentage of students with 90% attendance and above					
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Year 7	70%	74%	53%	57%	43%
Year 8	76%	78%	59%	69%	63%
Year 9	67%	57%	42%	49%	40%
Year 10	59%	57%	39%	45%	35%
Year 11	80%	78%	74%	80%	66%
Year 12	64%	67%	73%	73%	64%



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Science Week

Science Week

Hello, fellow science enthusiasts!

We dove into an exhilarating week of exploration, puzzles and laughter as we celebrated Science Week. Students unleashed their inner scientist and embarked on an adventure filled with a worthwhile regeneration project; fascinating, quirky activities; and a splash of explosive fun!

Tending to Plants: Nature's gifts

If we look after and replant damaged and neglected areas with native plants, then we provide food and habitat for native animals, increase biodiversity, support endangered species, and allow the land to heal. This fitted in perfectly with the Science Week theme of Species Survival – More Than Just Sustainability. Ms. Penny Stuart and some enthusiastic students kicked off the week tending to the newly planted area at UT Creek behind Briggs Oval. Once re-established, this area will likely regenerate and be a source of biodiversity and pride. How good is that?

Science Trivia

Chase Hilder was the winner of the Science Trivia Challenge. Well done Chase for establishing your science credentials so early in school life at ASC!

Microscopic Marvels: A Closer Look at Life

Ever wondered what microscopic life looks like - live? We transformed a green laser pointer into a 200x microscope, pointed it at a single drop of pond water, and were fascinated to witness microorganisms zipping around like tiny superheroes. It was a captivating experience that opened our eyes to the bustling world that exists beyond our sight.

Upside-Down Glasses: A Hilarious Twist on Perception

As if that wasn't enough, students boggled their minds with an upside-down glasses challenge! They experienced the world in a hilariously distorted way as they tried to navigate through activities while everything appeared topsy-turvy. In the next room, all we heard was laughter!

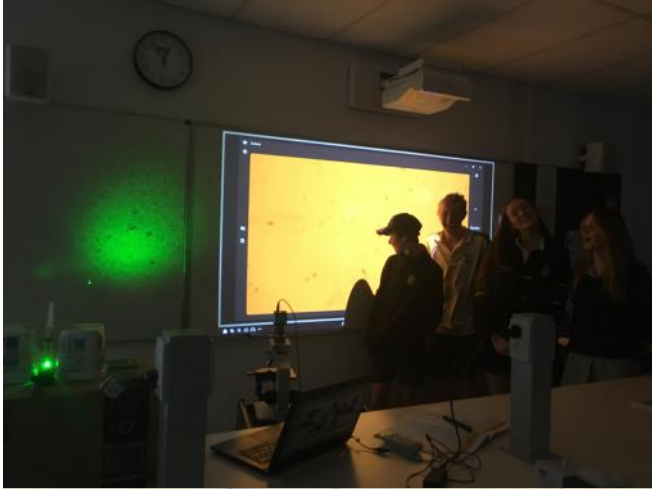
Smoke Bombs

Next up, students prepared and then unleashed smoke bombs that produced clouds thicker than the fog rolling through Alexandra in winter! The smoke was visible all around the school and reminded us all of the power of chemistry in creating stunning visual effects.

Grand Finale: The Explosive Sodium Showdown

To wrap up our thrilling week, we ended with a bang—literally! Shannon let off an electrifying demonstration of sodium burning and exploding in... water. The spectacular reaction as sodium sizzles and explodes, produces an unforgettable display of chemistry in action. It was the perfect way to celebrate the wonders of science!





UT Creek Riparian Zone Rehabilitation Project update.

Since planting our native seedlings on July 26th, we've only had one rainfall! As a result, we've had to water the 650+ plants by hand twice a week. Last week, a fantastic group of Year 7 students, including Charlotte, Holly, Juliet and Abbey, spent a sunny lunchtime fetching water from the creek to keep our seedlings thriving.



All of our seedlings are now protected from marauding wombats who had munched on every unguarded native grass seedling. We were thrilled to observe that approximately ¼ of our tree guards had become homes for local skinks who clearly loved their personal saunas!

Easter Art Show



Rotary Easter Art Show 2025 Competition

Would you like the chance to see your art as the promotional material for next years Art Show. Please contact Ms Fitzroy if you are interested.

Our students are talking about ...

Footy!

Ben is an Essendon supporter, but he is pretty confident that the Hawks will win the Grand Final. His favourite player is Jobe Watson.

Ben W



Lucas is clearly a very clever lad, he barracks for Collingwood. He has tipped Port Adelaide for the Grand Final and his favourite player is Dane Swan. Go Collingwood!!

Lucas C



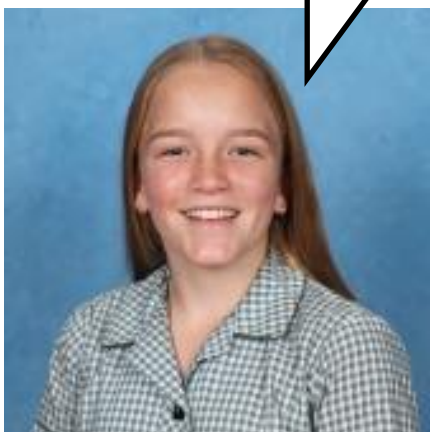
Mia has very discerning tastes, she is also a Collingwood supporter. She really really really wants Collingwood to win and she is confident that they will. When asked to pick a favourite player....she picked the whole Collingwood team.

Mia H



Samantha barracks for St Kilda, however she has come to terms with the fact that they won't make the Grand Final. This being the case she would like to see the Lions win. Mattheas Phillipou is her favourite player.

Samangha F



Ruby is a big fan of both the Hawks and the Pies, however she thinks it will be Hawks for the big win. Her favourite player is Brayden Maynard.

Ruby f

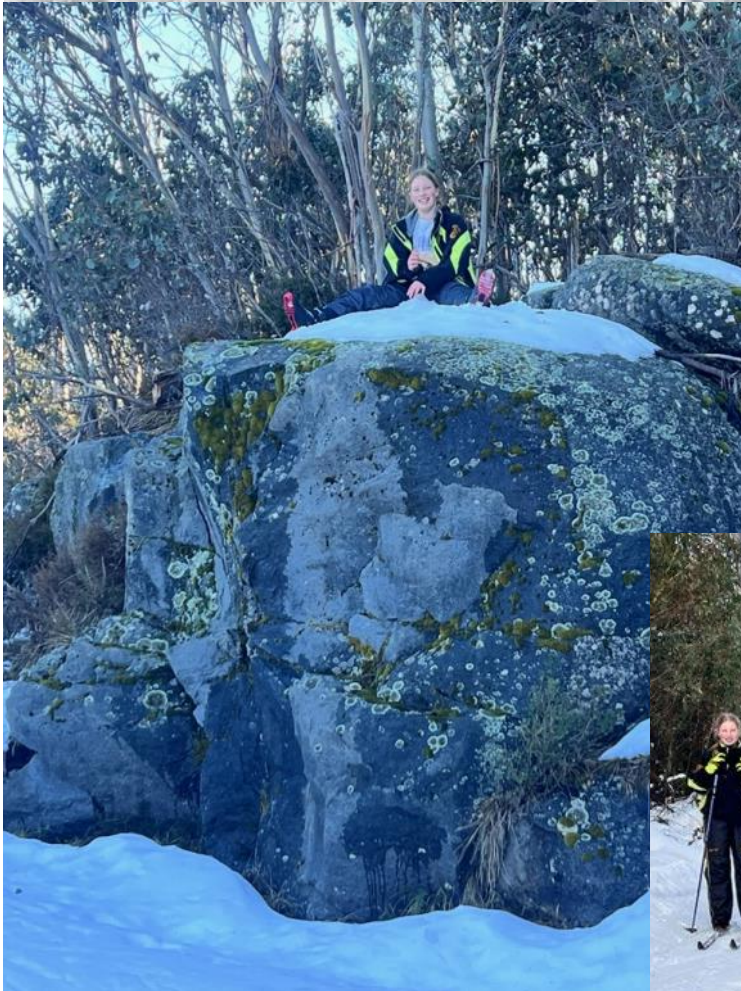


Sienna is also a huge Collingwood fan, she would love to see them take home another premiership however in the event that they don't, she wouldn't mind seeing GWS win. She loves their theme song and they haven't had a GF win yet. Nick Daicos is her favourite player, as well as the whole Collingwood side.

Sienna H



Ski Squad Photos





Work Experience Opportunity

During the last two weeks of this term, whilst the Central Australia Trip will be running, we are encouraging Year 10 and 11 students to use this time to their advantage and partake in work experience.

Students may wish to participate in a one or two week placement.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with this, please contact Philip Stevenson our Career Practitioner.

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2024 Open Days

28.07.2024	Swinburne University
03.08.2024	Monash Uni Caulfield
04.08.2024	La Trobe University Melbourne RMIT University Bundoora Monash University Clayton
10.08.2024	William Angliss
11.08.2024	Charles Sturt - Albury RMIT Melbourne
18.08.2024	Vic Uni Footscray Monash Uni Parkville Deakin Geelong University of Melbourne
24.08.2024	La Trobe Shepparton
25.08.2024	La Trobe Bendigo Vic Uni City Deakin Melbourne

SEPTEMBER

20 September 5pm

- SEAS and Scholarships preliminary review guarantee closes

30 September 5pm

- Course application deadline (change of preference still open)

OCTOBER

11 October 5pm

- SEAS and Scholarships applications close

NOVEMBER

Make sure you've registered for the VCE Results and ATAR service at www.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

DECEMBER

12 December 7am

- ATARs released

14 December 12pm

- Change of preference closes for Dec. round

17 December 8am

- IB results release

23 December 10am

- December course offers released

23 Dec 10am – 24 Dec 4pm

- Change of preference open for Jan. round

ALEXANDRA

YOUTH SPOT SPACE

This Friday

Friday 30th
Every
Second
Friday

Embassy of Ideas
3 Bayley St
Alexandra

Green shed behind the
skate park

3.30pm - 5.30pm

A space open to young people to hang out and chill.

Games, tunes, craft & **FREE** food

Come down **THIS** Friday for a slice or two of **FREE** pizza!

The Youth SPOT Space will run every **SECOND FRIDAY** during Term 3, and also include a fun excursion in school holidays

NO COST

This is a **FREE** event open to young people 12-18yrs

