

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term three started with a whole school Professional Practice Day (PPD).

The Department provides school staff with PPDs to focus on the improved delivery of high-quality teaching and learning. The work undertaken on these days is consistent with departmental and school priorities and selected from the following areas:

- planning
- preparation
- assessment of student learning
- collaboration
- curriculum development
- relevant professional development

On the PPD, education support staff undertake a variety of tasks consistent with their roles.

The consensus from staff was that the day was productive in terms of planning and individual professional learning.

### **Staffing**

Unfortunately we have been unable to recruit a **fulltime English/Humanities teacher** despite the vacancy being advertised a number of times. There is a national shortage of teachers and schools are finding it difficult to recruit staff. We will continue to advertise.

**If you know anyone who may be interested, please provide them with the following link**  
**<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/careers/Pages/advacs.aspx>**

I thank teaching staff for taking extra classes in addition to their timetabled allotment, for supporting students and colleagues during these challenging times and also thank non-teaching staff for the support they have provided to staff and students.

## **School Review**

In **term four** Casterton Secondary College will undertake a School Review to inform a new Strategic Plan that identifies priorities for the next four years. Future Annual Implementation Plans will monitor the goals, targets and key improvement strategies set in the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

### ***2023 School Review Dates:***

- **Validation Day:** Tuesday 17 October
- **Fieldwork Day:** Tuesday 31 October
- **Final Day:** Wednesday 1 November
- (Spare: Thursday 2 November – in the event that the Panel determines on Validation Day that more time is required for the Review).

***School Reviewer:*** Peter Hilbig

***Senior Education Improvement Leader:*** Jo Day

***Challenge Partners:*** Jo Kindred (Principal, Portland Secondary College), David Howes (Deputy Secretary, Schools, and Regional Services)

The analysis and reflection of current practices, and conversations about future directions will assist in planning for the next four years.

The self-evaluation, of the previous 4 years (2020-2023), process has commenced. Staff have been analysing data, reflecting on the curriculum, and the highlights.

In the coming weeks, students and parents/carers will be asked to reflect on:

1. What our school does well.
2. What we would like to see our school achieving in the next 4 years, and how we can reach our goals.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the review process.

Meridith

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR TERM 2

## TERM 2 ATTENDANCE LADDER

	Average Days Absent per Student
<b>YEAR 12</b>	<b>1.86</b>
<b>YEAR 8</b>	<b>4.27</b>
<b>YEAR 11</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>YEAR 10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>YEAR 7</b>	<b>5.77</b>
<b>YEAR 9</b>	<b>6.48</b>

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & DILLIGENCE AWARDS, SEMESTER 2

*John Webb*



**DILIGENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS**



**EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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**Year 11 & 12 SUBJECT AWARDS RECIPIENTS**



**100% ATTENDANCE AWARD RECIPIENTS**



**STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**



**STUDENT COUNCIL**



**PRINCIPAL-Meridith Walker begins the assembly.**

**On** Wednesday we held an assembly to present our semester one awards. It was very pleasing to have some parents / carers in attendance.

Awards were presented for Academic Diligence, Academic Excellence, Year 11 and 12 Subject Awards and 100% Attendance Awards.

Our school captains, Makayla Hutchins and Ivy Lane and vice captains, Oscar Davis and Amber Spratling conducted the assembly and were assisted in the presentation of the awards by our School Council President, Mrs. Leanne Munro.

Academic Diligence Awards are awarded to students who achieved an Excellent rating for effort in at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their subjects in semester one.

Academic Excellence Awards are awarded to students in year 7 -10 who achieved a grade of 80% or more in at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their subjects in semester one.

Year 11 and 12 Subject Awards are awarded to the top students in these classes over the semester.

#### **Academic Diligence Award Recipients**

Year 7: April Henty-Anderson, Jett Lykke, Charlotte Rhook, Marlee Robbins

Year 8: Josh Hutchins-Copeland, Elly Needham, Sanuthi Weerasooriya

Year 9: Abby Black, Tamsyn Black, Mylie Ireland

Year 10: Emily Eastman, Olivia Nolte, Feba Thankam Shiju, Matilda Thompson

Year 11 Phoebe Carlin, Amy Crauford, Alex Hornibrook, Chelsea Hulm

Year12: Selena Black, Sophie Hart, Makayla Hutchins, Gabby Iranga, Ivy Lane, Amber Spratling

#### **Academic Excellence Award Recipients**

Year 7: April Henty-Anderson, Charlotte Rhook, Marlee Robbins

Year 8: Maxx Huret, Josh Hutchins-Copeland, Elly Needham, Makayla Rees, Sanuthi Weerasooriya

Year 9: Abby Black, Tamsyn Black, Mylie Ireland

Year 10: Emily Eastman, Indi Longhurst, Olivia Nolte, Feba Thankam Shiju

#### **Year 11 Subject Award Recipients**

Zoe Betinsky: Agriculture and Horticulture

Sarah Camilleri: Product Design and Technology

Phoebe Carlin: Health and Human Development

Amy Crauford: Biology, Chemistry, General Mathematics, VSV Mathematical Methods

Alex Hornibrook: VSV Applied Computing

Chelsea Hulm: Outdoor and Environmental Studies, VSV Accounting, VSV Psychology

Aaron Jeffrey: VSV Physics

Abbey Munro: Foundation Mathematics

#### **Year 12 Subject Award Recipients**

Selena Black: Biology

Oscar Davis: VSV Psychology

Sophie Hart: Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Marissa Jamieson: VSV Physical Education

Lachlan Humphries: Foundation Mathematics

Gabby Iranga: Health and Human Development, Product Design and Technology

Riley Munro: Chemistry, General Mathematics

Amber Spratling: Agriculture and Horticulture, English, VSV Business Management

#### **Year 11 / 12 VM Award Recipients**

Abbey Munro: Literacy, Personal Development, Work Related Skills

Paul Ferreira: Outstanding Work Placement

#### **Term 2 100% Attendance Award Recipients**

**Year 7:** Renee Gorman, April Henty-Anderson, Marlee Robbins

**Year 8:** Rachel Forbes, Brooke Humphries

**Year 9:** Kirby Vise

**Year 10:** Thomas Hall, Olivia Nolte, Kaleb Sneddon, Matilda Thompson

**Year 12:** Lachlan Humphries, Gabby Iranga, Madeline Patton, Amber Spratling

# TERM 2, WHOLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Ann Hirst



On the last Thursday of term 2, all Casterton Secondary College Staff and Students celebrated the end of semester 1 with a whole school sit-down lunch. This gave everyone an opportunity to relax and enjoy an uninterrupted meal and conversation. Thanks to our Canteen Manager Mrs Beever for providing tasty burgers with salad and finishing off with a selection of delectable desserts.

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## WE WELCOME TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

*Ann Hirst*



In a time of hard-to-find teaching staff we welcome to the fold Claire Kilmartin, Claire comes to us from Baimbridge and living in Casterton with her partner and baby she is already considered a local, it seems like a perfect fit for her. Claire has brought a positive energy to the classroom with her love for History and English. We hope she enjoys our students and all our staff as much as we do.

Cale Zippel is also new to the school as an ES staff member. Many people would be familiar with Cale as he too is a local and has also worked at the local swimming pool where he ensures the safety of all swimmers as well as keeping control at the pool. Cale is our first male ES staff member and with his calm, but effervescent nature will have a lot of impact on the students and in the school.

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## BUS BUSINESS

*Ann Hirst & Tracie Layley*

This will be a new addition to the newsletter where we will put in information on anything relating to the buses, be it behaviour, or rule changes or just general news. This will help with keeping everyone up to date with any new changes being implemented. If there are any queries or questions these can be directed to the bus coordinator Tracie Layley at the front office of the Casterton Secondary College.

**Our Bus Captains** for 2023 are Josh Jones & Milly Campbell, Amber Spratling, Ella McKinnon, Abbey Munro & Jack Wombwell, Selena Black & Myles Black, Emily Eastman & Jedd Rhook, Savannah Schurr & Shiloh Kurzynski, Mylie Ireland, Kaleb Sneddon & Zoe Betinsky

## BASKETBALL- Year 9 & 10

*Phil Sanders*

Eight enthusiastic boys travelled to Hamilton on Friday 21 July, to participate in the annual Glenelg District Basketball Competition. Casterton started the first game full of confidence, but they were up against a Portland Secondary College that played a better team game and put-up higher percentage shots. In the second game, Casterton were able to remain competitive for most of the game. Bayview held the lead throughout the game, and just when Casterton got within reach, Bayview managed to find an extra gear. Good Shepherd were Casterton's third opponent, and both teams were evenly matched, which made this a highly entertaining game to watch. Casterton finished four points ahead at the final buzzer to record their first win. In the final game Casterton, buoyed by their previous win of the tournament, were too strong for a gallant Heywood Secondary College. Scores for each game are below:

Casterton lost to Portland Secondary College 13 to 50

Casterton lost to Bayview College 14 to 26

Casterton defeated Good Shepherd College 29 to 25

Casterton defeated Heywood Secondary College 41 to 22



The team would like to thank Mrs Janine Parson's for scoring and ex-student Gabe Parsons for coaching the boys. A very special mention to Olivia Nolte for being the team's referee. This was quite a demanding job, having to umpire four games. Olivia was easily the best umpire on the day.

**B-** Rankin Cleary, Sam Patton, Archie Lane, Ashley Barker

**F-** Coach Gabe Parsons, Dylan Munro, Reghan Parsons, Jedd Rhook, Riley Hutchins



# BOYS Yr. 7 & 8 FOOTBALL

Joanne McKenzie



Our Year7 & 8 boys travelled to Pedrina Park, where we combined with students from Heywood Secondary College to ensure we could field a full team. We had a good win in the first game 13-6 pts against Good Shepherd and lost the 2nd game 7-18 pts against Bay View. The boys then agreed to play another "friendly" game against Good Shepherd whilst we waited to see who would be in the final. They competed with great sportsmanship and combined well with the boys from Heywood. Mick Doherty from Heywood coached, and the boys had an enjoyable day and were a pleasure to take.

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## SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL,

*Carina Barton*

Brilliant sunshine matched perfectly with our girl's performance on the second of August, as the girls were also brilliant.

They played 3 games. In the first, matching eventual winners Monivae for the first half, unfortunately, Monivae pulled away in the second half and went on to win.

We then played Hamilton college and the girls never looked threatened. They fought hard for the ball and each other, and came away with a comfortable win.

The final match was against Portland, and it was a great game, with the lead changing five times.

Great leadership by Makayla Hutchins (Coach Mac) rallied the troops and the girls kicked away and secured another win, and a place in the 'B' final.

Unfortunately, our competition for the final were unable to field a team, and thus forfeited the game, meaning our girls came 3rd overall, an impressive day of football by Casterton!

Best players were Makayla Hutchins, Madeline Patton, Kirby Vise, Phoebe Carlin and Amber Spratling. However it was a great team effort by all the girls, that ensured their success.



**2023 SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM**

**Back L-R,** *Abbey Munro, Amelia Richardson, Nicole Cornish, Kaitlan Johns, Phoebe Carlin, Ivy Lane, Felicity Hall, Caitlyn Gorman, Kirby Vise, Olivia Nolte, Madeline Patton*

**Front L-R,** *Amelia Bailey, Amelia Luers, Lily Constantine, Makayla Hutchins, Indi Longhurst, Ebany Jarrad, Amber Spratling, Elly Needham*

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## SCIENCE- Year 9 & 10

Brett VanAs



*Olivia Nolte & Matilda Thompson*



*Kaleb Sneddon with Yr. 10 students*



*Georgia Taylor & Savannah Schurr*



*Myles Black & Blake Kurzman*



*Amelia Bailey*

In Science, Y9 has been learning about tectonic plates. As part of their learning they simulated different plate boundaries with play-dough.

Y10 students are pictured pruning the grape vines. They have started a unit on Genetics and have recently learnt about the role and structure of DNA.

## FOOD STUDIES- Year 9

Joanne McKenzie



Amelia Luers shows off her finished product



Amelia Bailey her slice of pizza ready to go.



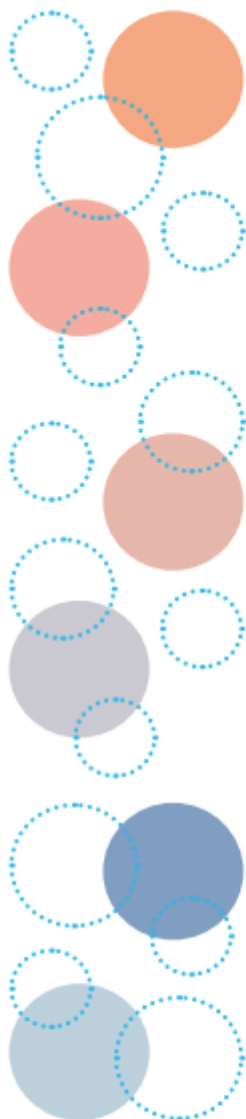
Students taking in a demonstration by Mrs McKenzie



Year 9 students enjoyed the opportunity to make pizza using a yeast dough and building up to a taste sensation. The end results spoke for themselves. Pizza is surely a favourite of every one?

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**Date:** 5 September 2023

**Time:** 7pm - 8.15pm - light supper provided

**Venue:** Casterton Memorial Hospital  
The Community Function Room

**RSVP:** To book your place, please call (03) 5554 2555 by  
29th August 2023

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# Casterton Chess Club

EVERY SINGLE CHESS PLAYER HAPPENS TO BE AN  
ARTIST

**Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

**Frequency & Day: Fortnightly on Monday Nights**

**Date: First session Monday 31st July**

**Location: Casterton Memorial Hospital. 63/69 Russell Street,  
Casterton, Victoria, 3311**

## **How the session will run**

**4.30pm - 4.35pm - introducing rules and gameplay**

**4.35pm - 4.40pm - learning the game of chess  
including strategy and tactic**

**4.40pm - 5.30pm - Games and competitions**



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