

Newsletter

Important Dates:

- ◆ **Tuesday May 16**
Sports—TBA depending on weather
- ◆ **Wednesday May 17**
Indoor Games : Chess, checkers, cards, trivia etc
- ◆ **Thursday May 18**
Bowling
- ◆ **Friday May 19**
Shepparton Art Museum or walk around Victoria Lake
- ◆ **Tuesday May 23**
Launch of Street Art: Pastor Nicholls Shepparton 11.30am
- ◆ **Wednesday May 24**
Craigmuir Lake
- ◆ **Thursday May 25**
— Skate Park—must have skateboard and protective gear (helmet, etc.)
— Footy/Soccer in nearby parklands
- ◆ **Friday May 26**
Marketplace: drinks and shopping

Message from Roger

Time really does fly!

We are now almost half way through the term. It is pleasing to note that most students are applying themselves well to their work and have shown great improvement since February. I congratulate everyone on their efforts to ensure students attend regularly and that they participate not only in the learning program, but also in the extra-curricular activities that we offer.

All staff recently completed two days of training to gain accreditation as Mental Health First Aiders. This valuable training will assist us to help and work with students to address issues they may be facing. Whilst the training was disruptive to our learning program it does provide us with extremely valuable training which will benefit us all.

The campus has been fortunate to receive some benches that can be used for students during breaks. Thanks go to Ben who sourced the benches and delivered them to us.

This week the fence, which will enclose an outside area for students' to develop as an outdoor BBQ area will be erected. The development of the outside area will also include paving and construction of herb and home grown vegetable gardens. Students will have the opportunity to design, build and maintain this area when completed.

Today we received confirmation that we have received a grant from Creative Victoria to fund a project as part of the Virtual Creative Professional in schools project. This project will enable students to develop a performing Arts project to highlight their skills in music, dance, art and theatre. Congratulations to Dianne who completed the application and presentation of our submission.

Lastly, I hope that the staff and students who will be attending the "Dreamtime at the G" football match at the MCG have a great time. Our thanks to Auntie Pam Pederson who arranged the tickets for us.

Roger Gale
Campus Principal

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Roger has been involved in public education for 48 years, beginning as a geography, history and PE teacher at Robinvale High School. He then taught at Ballarat Secondary, Bacchus Marsh College as a leading teacher and then returned to Ballarat Secondary College as an Assistant Principal. Prior to accepting the position of Campus Principal of the Shepparton Flexible Learning Centre, Roger was the campus principal of the "LinkUp" program at Ballarat Secondary College. It was here that he developed a passion for working with young people not attending mainstream school.

Roger has a genuine concern for the young people who attend the Flexible Learning Centre.

He is also an avid Carlton supporter.

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WORD AND MOUTH

On Wednesday the third of May, Jim and Brad from, "Word and Mouth" visited our centre and delivered a presentation on the drug, "Ice". Our students learned about the different chemicals that go into Ice and the mind altering effects it has on the brain. They also learned about how Ice is made, and how addictive Ice is, once someone is addicted. Our students heard about local people in our community that had been affected by Ice, as well as impact stories from across the world. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and thanked Jim and Brad for their presentation and valuable insight.

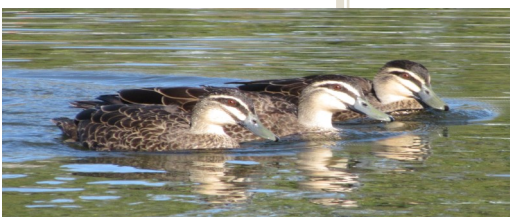
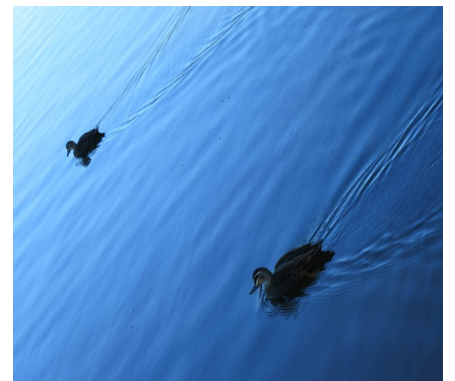


Photography Walks



I am fairly picky when taking photos, which usually makes me a little bored when doing photography, but today I was excited to go down to the lake because there are multiple perfect opportunities to take a beautiful picture. I really enjoyed walking around with Faith and Billie just talking and having fun while admiring the lake, plants and animals.

Chloe W



On May 9th, a group of students along with Di went down to the Shepparton Lake to take photos of anything that catches our eye, with a focus being Nature, Scenery and native animals.

Billie



Pictures courtesy of Faith, Billie and Chloe W

We went on a photography walk to Shepparton Lake, on the way we took shots from different angles. We took photos of ducks, flowers, the lake, birds, trees and of Billie. It took us minutes to walk down to the lake and we returned after an hour. My favourite photo is the picture above of the two ducks on an angle. I call it **Synchronized Ducks**

Faith

ROCK CLIMBING

On Wednesday the 3/5/17 students attended Fun City and attempted climbing the various rock climbing walls in the centre. The walls ranged in difficulty and all of the students attempted numerous wall climbs. Andy and Shelley made it all the way to the top of their climbs. Congratulations to all the participants and we look forward to being able to return again in the near future.



Our students often work outside of our campus to further their experiences and gain the tools and skills that they can then apply when they come back to the school to help their education.

What do you like most about being a Teachers Aide?

Working with the kids and seeing them do things that once seemed impossible.

What strengths and skills do you think are important to be a good Teachers Aide?

Patience, remaining calm in tough situations, persistence, understanding and tolerance.

How do you help students to feel important and cared about?

Simply talking to them, encouraging them to try new things, find ways for them to communicate, praise them when they do good things.

What skills or information do you need to practice or learn to become even better at being a Teachers Aide?

To learn about the kids backgrounds and disabilities. Find ways to be even more organised. Using different tones of voice and using my judgement for when to introduce different activities to students. Using PECS, PODD, ALD and keyword signing language to help better communicate with students.

Which age group do you enjoy working with the most and why?

I work in the early years which is between the ages of 2 and 10. I love working with the little ones because they are adorable and the progress they make is a lot more visible. I haven't really had experience in the middle or senior years. I'd be interested in it but at the same time I love early years.

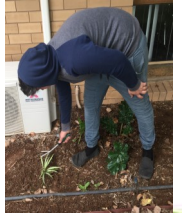
CHARLEE

My place is hectic and fun
It sounds like BOOMING! Traffic
It smells like *Spicy* food
It feels like a busy home
When I'm at my place I feel happy, special and excited
My place is as *Beautiful* as my mum's smile
LOUDNESS *Ringin*g BEEPING
It's as loud as a lion's **ROAR**
It's more fun than getting a million dollar\$
Colourful Joy Love
My place

By Ana-Maliah Mafi

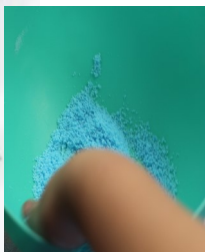
GARDENTING

As a part of VCAL Personal Development Skills a group of students have been given the opportunity to develop a garden as a project. Currently our VCALers are working on creating a native bush tucker garden and a veggie and herb garden. As you can see the students are enjoying being out of the classroom and getting their hands dirty.



Gift Making Workshop

Sally, Billie, Chloe and I made scrubs and bath bombs, it was fun, and interesting with easy to follow recipes. We used lots of different textures and smells like vanilla tart, apple pie, honeycomb and strawberry. We used for the scrubs oats, brown sugar, coconut oil and water, and for the bombs we used citric acid and bicarb and different scents. We tried experimenting with putting rose petals in the bath bombs but the acid ate them and turned them black. I made scrubs and gave them away as gifts on the weekend. Faith



Last Tuesday a small group of students participated in a gift making activity. They made oatmeal and brown sugar body scrubs and bath bombs. The students had heaps of fun and the gifts all looked great.
Melissa



I went and had a look at how the students were making the bath bombs, the room they were working in smelt delicious and the bath bombs were almost edible.

Kylie