With Term 3 well underway, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the latest developments on the Teaching and Learning at Sherbrooke Community School.

As initially outlined in the June newsletter, the next half of this year will see Sherbrooke Community School working on the Invention Plan that outlines a number of intervention goals and key improvement strategies that has been developed from the Priority Review conducted earlier this year.

The focus for this work is explicitly outlined in our Theory of Action. If teaching and learning become the core focus, then all students will experience powerful, progressive and targeted learning to achieve their full potential.

The process for selecting a School Improvement Team has been completed with the following staff members being successful in their application. Leanne Strachan, Joel Cordwell, Lara-Jayne Wilson and Jacqui Wiltshire will work collegiately with me in promoting the school’s shared vision and goals.

Soon after my return from my trip overseas, it was off to the very successful School Leaders Conference to do some work with other colleagues on the very work outlined above. The conference commenced with Mr James Merlino, our local member and Education Minister, sharing his vision for Victorian Government schools. With the change of wording on our car number plates to ‘The Education State’ comes a great deal of accountability. Many aspects of education in this state are currently being reviewed and consulted upon. His passion and desire to improve facilities, teaching practices and ultimately student outcomes was obvious to all.

A number of key speakers addressed the 115 strong group offering valuable insight and information for leaders to take back to their schools. Tom Brunzel spoke about the importance of routines, structure, predictability and consistency for students. Tom challenged us to reflect on whether our schools provide a poker machine approach – random and infrequent chances or a vending machine approach – knowing exactly what you will receive and when.

Glen Pearse shared with us his highly acclaimed work on improving teacher practice through precise and explicit strategies in every classroom. Some of these strategies included teacher wait time after a student is asked a question and pause time after answers are given to allow all students an opportunity to participate more fully in the classroom.

Lawrie Drysdale from the University of Melbourne presented some of the findings of the International Successful School Principal Project which involved more than 20 countries and 100 schools. This gave us an opportunity to reflect on our own values and beliefs and continue to review our goals and future direction for our school.

The content of this Conference is very timely for Sherbrooke Community School as we enter on our very important journey towards improving teaching and learning and raising expectations for each and every one of our students. This is a journey we invite our whole school community to join us on.

I look forward to sharing with you the work that we will be doing as the year progresses.

Sue Holmes
Acting Principal
Meet our team

Nick Burke
Maths Teacher

I’m Nick and this is my 6th year teaching at Sherbrooke since beginning here as a graduate.

I did disappear for 2013 whilst my wife and I travelled through Latin America and the US, living out of an old van which we bought in California and drove to Patagonia.

I teach mainly Maths to high school students, though in years gone by have taught Outdoor Education and Science as well.

I originally studied mechanical engineering and worked in the automotive racing industry before transitioning to teaching.

I love working at Sherbrooke with our diverse range of young people and do my best to provide an inspiring and rigorous Maths education to all my students.

I’m an avid cyclist, using my daily commute to Sassafras to get out on the bike and train. The Great Victorian Bike Ride is one of my yearly highlights at school and this year’s team look to be a fantastic bunch!

Dot Koopman
HR Manager

After a 17 year stint in the Federal Police, I decided to have children and become a stay at home mum.

Once my kids started school, I became a swim teacher at Monbulk Pool where I was lucky enough to teach our VCE twins when they were only 3 years of age.

Some could say I loved their company so much that I followed them to Sherbrooke to watch them grow into young ladies.

In 2004, I started here as an integration aid. I have seen many changes from classrooms, staff and students alike.

In my time away from school I love to go camping (especially now that we have a lovely big caravan) relaxing on the beaches in Thailand or just sit at my sewing machine making quilts.

My retirement dream is to travel around Australia to see this beautiful country of ours.
Sherbies shine in international science competition

Students from Sherbrooke Community School achieved outstanding results in this year’s International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Nathaniel Golub in Year 10 received a credit and Oscar Woodward in Year 5 received a merit in the science competition.

Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) has been delivering ICAS to schools in Australia and 21 other countries around the world since 1967. Almost one million entries are received each year.

ICAS tests are developed for students in grades two to 12 and are designed to assess students’ academic ability in Digital Technology, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

“The ICAS are independent evaluations of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into the students’ understanding. The skills and understandings tested are indicators of success in school and beyond,” said Nick Connolly, Senior Manager of Test Development at EAA.

“I would like to recognise the participation of all students at Sherbrooke Community School and congratulate them on their efforts and achievements.”

Congratulations to Oscar (above) and Nathaniel (right) and to all the Sherbrooke students who took part in ICAS tests this year.

Musical Bingo Fun - book your table today!

Parents are in for a treat as we give you a twist on the usual trivia night idea -

This year join us in the school hall for Musical Bingo!

Saturday, September 5!

A great social night out for adults only - You will need to bring all your musical knowledge for this fast paced game! And since we are celebrating 30 years at Sherbrooke this year, the FUN Committee has decided on an 80s theme for the night. So think big hair, leg warmers, Rubik’s cubes, boom boxes, blue eye shadow and mix tapes as you get your team together! Dressing up is fun and there will be best dressed prizes, but it is optional.

The cost will be just $10 per person with tables of 6 to 8 available. There will be heaps of great prizes to win as well as a silent auction and mini fundraising games during the breaks.

Teams should BYO their own food and drinks and plenty of gold coins for the mini games.

Limited tickets available so book your table today! Call or text Laura on 0428 375 227 to reserve your tickets.
More from the fundraising front!

Pavers to leave a lasting impression

As part of Sherbrooke’s 30 Year Celebrations we will be offering all Sherbies – past and present, staff, students and families - to leave a lasting impression on the school.

Order a carved paver, like the one pictured, to commemorate your time at Sherbrooke. It could include your name, year level or years you attended, a drawing, a message - you decide!

The number of pavers ordered will determine the final project, but we are hoping to pave the area in front of the school hall.

Each paver will cost $30 and could be for a family, business or an individual associated with our school. It’s up to you.

To order (or for more information) call or text Laura on 0428 375 227 asap.

Closet Cleanout to aid our school and others

Spring is just around the corner and that means Spring Cleaning! This year instead of donating your old clothes and linen to an op shop - bring it into school instead!

Closet Cleanout will pay the school per kilo for your unwanted goods and then send them overseas to developing countries. These goods help create sustainable employment for thousands of communities and also ensure that the goods go where they are needed most.

Paramount Workforce is partnered with this program so it also helps Australians with disabilities learn skills and earn an income.

You can donate any old clothes, hats, pairs of shoes, belts, handbags, sheets and pillowcases, soft toys and towels. Please do not put in torn or stained items. Also no pillows, doonas or other household items.

Collection bags will be available from August 28 and must be filled and returned for collection by Friday, September 11.
Student Sleepout to help homeless

On August 24, Rod and our VCAL students will sleep out at school and lead the way in raising funds to help Australia’s homeless.

They are taking part in Mission Australia’s Winter Sleepout and aim to raise over $2,500 for the cause.

You can help in two ways:

1. Donate to those taking part in the Sleepout, or
2. Join the Sherbrooke Team, sleep out at school and ask your friends and family to sponsor you!

Go to http://wintersleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/sherbrookecommunityschool

Our students are learning about the homeless situation facing youth in this country and ways to avoid being homeless themselves, while helping those who are.

There are over 105,000 men, women and children who are homeless tonight. And it’s not as simple as you may think. Did you know that more than 60 per cent of children accommodated by homeless services in Australia have witnessed or been victims of domestic or family violence?

With no home to go to, mothers with their children sleep on friends’ lounges, in cheap motels and parks, and in short-stay crisis accommodation.

By participating you can help Mission Australia raise vital funds to help people address the underlying causes of their homelessness, support them as they regain their independence and help them to get back on their feet.

Please support this cause and help spread the word about our team.

Collect Woolworths Earn & Lean stickers

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is on again! It offers a great opportunity for us to earn free equipment and resources for our school.

So, PLEASE, every time you shop collect those stickers!

We have collection boxes at the Belgrave, Monbulk and Ferntree Gully stores as well as at school. So you can also ask friends and family to contribute to our boxes as well. And be cheeky - if someone in front of you in line says they don't want the stickers, ask if you can have them! Why not! Go for it. It’s all for the kids.

The stickers will be available until September 8th.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.
Prep Transitions begin

We extend a warm welcome to all preschool children and their families who have successfully enrolled at Sherbrooke Community School. We are all very excited about our new Prep grade for 2016 and can’t wait for them to start school.

Your child’s adjustment to their first year at school is strongly influenced by their familiarity with the school setting. Helping The children make the transition from home or a preschool setting is of paramount importance to us at Sherbrooke.

A great deal of thought and planning has gone into our program for 2015 and we believe it will help your child:

- Make a successful adjustment to the school environment,
- Have an opportunity to participate in classroom activities,
- Practice the skills necessary for school,
- Make new friends and develop a support system, and also
- Provide information and support for parents.

The table below shows the Prep Transition dates and details for this year.

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<td>Getting to know school – classroom familiarisation</td>
<td>Meet the Principal afternoon tea – Parents are invited to join our Principal, Sue Holmes, for a chat and afternoon tea.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 25th August</td>
<td>Getting to know school – classroom familiarisation</td>
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<td>Tuesday 8th December</td>
<td>2016 P-2 class, please bring:</td>
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<td>(State-wide Transition Day)</td>
<td>Brain food (fruit, nuts and/or veggies only)</td>
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Science students out and about in Melbourne

Our year 9-10 science students have been having lots of adventures lately.

First was a visit to Monash Uni for a hands on look at forensic science. And by coincidence, the scientist leading the event was a former Sherbie!

Second was an excursion to Melbourne Museum and Aquarium.

At the museum students learnt about the Human Body and Dreams. We were also lucky to hear from five young scientists about new ground breaking inventions that are set to revolutionise the future. The Year 9s heard from a woman who is increasing the world of Google maps to an internal views of buildings for emergency services.

Another amazing invention was the development of a crystal that will absorb pollution. The students were able to ask questions and interact with these scientists.

Next was the aquarium to view some of the amazing creatures from our oceans. Students learnt about the cycle of reproduction and how it differs from each species. Students were able to touch some amazing creatures and view cute and fluffy penguin chicks.
Adding parent approvals - 
Making Compass work for you

Go to your home screen (house symbol).

Any unapproved absences will be highlighted in the top right hand corner of the screen. You need to click the link. If you want to add a future absence click the link under the student’s name.

Both of the above will take you to the attendance page.

To approve past absences or late;

- Click the unapproved tab and highlight those you want to modify then click add parent approval and choose from the drop down option in reasons such as medical, parent approved etc.

To approve future absences or appointments

- Click on the parent approve tab and select the date, time and reason from the drop down menu such as medical etc. Then save.

You do not have to notify Dot of absences, your approval will automatically be logged on the rolls for those lessons.

Any further information or help contact Jacqui.

Cyber safety and Eastern Community Legal Centre

This past month we had the Eastern Community Legal Centre visit our year 7, 8, 9 and 10s to discuss the personal, social, moral and legal issues associated with cyber safety, cyber bullying, digital footprints and in the older classes, sexting. It is important to stop and think about what we post and how we represent ourselves online. This contributes to our digital footprint that can never be fully erased. Assume everyone is watching your digital footprint. When online stop and think:

- Who might be able to read this?
- Am I posting in anger?
- Could someone feel disrespected?
- Am I revealing too much about myself?
- Could someone misinterpret what I’m saying?
- Am I showing a bad side of myself to everyone, including my future boss?
- Should I believe everything I see online?
- Am I choosing wisely?

To learn more about social media and cyber safety to discuss with your family go to www.cybersmart.gov.au Eastern Community Legal Centre has three locations in Box Hill, Boronia and Healesville and is available for free legal advice, assistance and education.

To find out more go to www.eclc.org.au
Youth Humanitarian Festival

The Youth Humanitarian Festival will be coming soon! This is an event aimed at young people who have an interest in social and humanitarian issues and volunteering, and it will be running this year on the 12th of September, at Swinburne University in Hawthorn.

This will be a full day event, and for a fifteen dollar ticket, students will experience speakers from a range of not-for-profit organisations and participate in workshops on how they can create change and benefit their local communities. They will have lunch provided while they have the opportunity to browse a number of interesting stalls from charities and humanitarian projects.

Additionally, this year, for the first time, all Victorian high school students will be able to participate in a short film and art competition, for the chance to win some great prizes. For more information you can visit their website, www.youthhumanitarianfestival.com, or look up Youth Humanitarian Festival on Facebook and Instagram.

Join Us!
YOUTH HUMANITARIAN FESTIVAL

Art and Short Film Competition

12th September

Swinburne University, Hawthorn

www.youthhumanitarianfestival.com

/YouthHumanitarianFestival @yhfest
Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule NO FEES ~ YOU WILL BE BULK BILLED!

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth at no cost. (Youth must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff on 9757 6200 at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Oral Health Team, Knox Social and Community Health
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200
BILLANOOK COLLEGE PROUDLY HOSTS

I AM ELEVEN

A WORLD OF VOICES WITH ONE THING IN COMMON

Australian filmmaker Genevieve Bailey set off around the world to produce this documentary feature film and online project.

I AM ELEVEN is a life-affirming global portrait of humanity at a crucial age — no longer children, not quite adults, preparing to inherit a world changing as quickly and dramatically as they are. This documentary focuses on a series of eleven-year-olds from 15 countries, each speaking in their own words and revealing the private obsessions and public concerns that animate their lives. It is simultaneously an epic survey of the similarities and distinctions between cultures and an intimate account of these young personalities finding their way in the world today.

Eleven-year-olds share, in different languages their thoughts on a range of subjects issues such as love, war, global warming, music, terrorism, culture, family, happiness, religion and the future. Each of their situations allows a single glimpse into a young mind, and combine to provide a powerful insight into the future of our world.

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM
BILLANOOK COLLEGE | ALAN ROSS CENTRE

TO BOOK TICKETS VISIT THEARC.NET.AU AND CLICK ON BOOK TICKETS

Popcorn and Drinks available for purchase from the Thai Service Project
COMMUNITY CHILDREN’S DOG SHOW

We are holding a fundraising Children’s Dog Show on

Saturday 24th October 2015 @ 10 AM

Proudly sponsored by Monbulk Veterinary Clinic

The event will be held at

St Paul’s Primary School, 59 Moores Road, Monbulk

The classes that will be running are:

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Novelty Classes:

- Waggiest Tail
- Prettiest Bitch
- Handsomest Dog
- Golden oldies

Class entries are $4 per dog per class if you return your entry form by Friday 11th September.
The cost will be $5 per class per dog if you enter on the day.

Classes will have a maximum number allowed (due to safety)

Classes will be judged independently

We will also be holding an individual colouring competition, the winner will be announced on the day

Other events will also be held throughout the day

Entry forms together with entry fee (in a sealed envelope) may be dropped off at
St Paul’s Primary School or Monbulk Veterinary Clinic

** Enquiries to Lisa Conway-Lee: 0474 211 363 **

ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES

ENTRY FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM DOT IN THE SHERBROOKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OFFICE