Term three has historically proven to be one of the busiest times of the year. Term three, 2015 is no exception.

The School Improvement Team has been meeting regularly and working hard on a number of initiatives to improve the teaching and learning outcomes for all students. A number of special activities complementary to classroom learning, requiring student planning and participation have also taken place over the last month.

This month The School Improvement Team has been meeting weekly to discuss and plan the new direction of the school. The focus has been on whole school development of the vision and values as part of the strategic plan. Step one has seen work being done on creating an orderly classroom environment and working with staff to implement strategies to this effect.

A team effort between our Wellbeing and Physical Education Teams saw a well organised program offered to all students from P-12. Tiffany Casey and Joel Cordwell invited a number of parents and community members to run the sessions. On offer was yoga, zumba, dance, party safe, art therapy and circus skills. The day was so successful that students have requested more of the same.

Our hard working VCAL students experienced first-hand what it might be like to be homeless in Melbourne during winter. After a visit to Melbourne City, the students organised a Winter Sleep Out in the school grounds to raise awareness of the plight of people living on the streets. Students from all levels of the school, including primary, participated, as well as parents and staff. Thank you to Rod, Adrien and Laura for the braving the elements and helping raise funds for a very good cause.

I would also like to thank two of our families who have been instrumental in securing donations to help the school with projects requiring extra funding. A big thank you to Philip Batty and his company Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd who provided the materials and labour to resurface our very muddy carpark. They did a remarkable job transforming this space. Our other ‘thank you’ is to Michael Wilshire from Hallmark Cards who has been involved long term in funding the breakfast club and is now providing sausages for the weekly sausage sizzle fundraiser. To raise money for our annual Year Book. Without the valuable support from people like Philip and Michael and their respective companies, many essential projects would have had to wait to a later date. Thank you both, once again.

Families are reminded that the last Pupil Free Day for the 2015 school year will take place on Friday, November 20. Students will not be required at school on that day. The staff will be working with a consultant on creating a thriving and collaborative learning culture at Sherbrooke Community School. This constitutes one of the key improvement goals that was outlined in the School Improvement Plan.

As the last week of term three draws to a close, I would like to wish all our families and staff a safe and relaxing holiday. School resumes again on Monday, October 5.

- Sue Holmes
Our carpark gets a major makeover

Our muddy carpark has been fully transformed thanks to one of our Sherbie parents.
Philip Batty and his company, Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd, provided the materials and labour to resurface the area.
Philip and his team did an amazing job and eventually the finer covering will settle to reveal a shiny gravel surface.
Holcim is a leading supplier of aggregates, concrete and concrete pipes and products.

China Trip info night on Oct 8th

All parents interested in their children attending next year’s China trip are required to attend an info night on Thursday, October 8 at 6pm in the Language Lab.
Louise Campbell from Trekset will be coming to explain all the details of the trip. You will hear about the itinerary as well as costs, dates as well as your responsibilities and requirements.
We hope to see you at the meeting and look forward to discussing what will be an exciting educational opportunity for your child. It will certainly be an experience that they will never forget!
If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact our Mandarin teacher, Edward Seeto, at school on 9755 2007 or via email at seeto.edward.y@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Greenhouse gets a face lift for Spring

Sherbrooke’s poly tunnel has been given a massive cleanup in time for the Spring growing season.

The VCE VET Cert. II Conservation and Land Management students have undertaken the project, so it can be used for their propagation unit.

Lacey, Ashlee and Eric worked hard to sort the rubbish into recyclables and land fill and then cleaned up, mulched and put in the furniture.

Lacey and Ashlee then made a new door. Well done to the three of them.

We are now looking to re-cover the outside of the tunnel with new plastic. If anyone has connections to a nursery, we would love to get the plastic cheaper. Please ring DD at school.

Asbestos precautions undertaken

As part of the Department of Education Health and Safety Management Plan, new labeling will be installed at our school. The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007 (OHS Regulations) include specific duties for identifying the presence of asbestos and indicating its location.

Once identified, the presence and location of asbestos is be recorded in the asbestos register and clearly indicated. Labels are to indicate the presence of fixed or installed asbestos containing materials. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.

Asbestos - used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian schools remain safe.

Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.
Chilly evening for Sleepout

VCAL students from Sherbrooke Community School have been learning about the plight of the homeless in Australia. And, on August 24, facilitated a sleep out event to raise awareness and funds for Mission Australia’s Winter Sleep out campaign.

Students ranging from year levels three to 12, plus three staff members, slept out over night at the school and raised over $1200 towards the cause.

**A word from on of our students...**

“I thought the night went really well as a youth lead event.

We used only cardboard boxes, plastic sheets, sleeping bags and pillows. We aimed to experience first hand the conditions homeless people live with on a Winter night in the Dandenongs. We had a camp fire to keep warm and any food eaten on the night was donated and prepared by the students”.

*By Kieron Younger – Year 12 Senior VCAL*

Dylan, Chloe, Caitlyn and Keiron enjoy snacks by the fire.

Fun and games!

Andrew checks out one of the shelters constructed by the kids.
Praise for Sleepout event...

"To Sue, Rod and the VCAL students,
I would like to offer huge thanks to you all for organising the 
Winter Sleepout and including the primary children in the 
event.

It was a wonderful and eye opening experience for everyone 
involved. The older kids taught the younger students what they 
had learned about the homeless crisis in Australia, they helped 
them build shelters and made sure they felt safe and included 
in all activities.

Over night was cold and it really made us think as we lay there 
in our thermal sleeping bags and pillows how tough it must be 
for those without even those small comforts. We had plenty of 
food donated and we knew we were safe. The homeless do not 
have these luxuries either.

The next day the kids noted how tired they were at school and 
it made them think how street kids managed at school each 
day. Lots of small eye opening moments made us realise how 
lucky we are to have homes and feel grateful to have been part 
of this great fundraising cause.

Special congratulations to Kieron, Jaxom and Caitlin for their 
care of the primary kids and to Mitchell and Dylan for their 
fabulous catering."

- A proud Sherbie parent

Malakie to be assessed in October

Malakie has now been introduced 
to larger shopping centres like 
Knox.

At the moment Leanne takes him 
when it is quiet, but soon he will 
need to feel confident to walk 
around Knox when it is very busy.

Our time with Malakie is drawing to 
a close. He will turn 1 in October 
and the plan is that he will go in to 
be assessed in late October.

Work placements needed

Our Year 9 and Year 10 students will 
undertake work experience from 
December 7 to 12.

If you know a business or company that 
may be able to offer a place for one of 
our students, could you please let 
Leanne know.

She is working to establish a data base 
of contacts to assist our students to gain 
valuable experience in the workplace.
Sherbrooke is excited to welcome the 2016 Preps to our school community.

Sherbie students impressed with Sherbrooke Community School’s Wellbeing Expo proved to be a great success with many students and staff participating in different activities that promote a healthy mind and body.

The students’ positive attitudes of having a go at new activities was contagious with some students providing feedback about the activities that they would like incorporate into their everyday life.

This attitude welcomed and demonstrated gratitude to the many volunteers that facilitated workshops including yoga, meditation, dance, Zumba, circus training, art therapy, kick boxing and informative workshops from Headspace and Party Safe.

The Headspace workshop educated students on their expertise surrounding mental health and the numerous services they provide to people aged 12-25.

Their service is designed to make it as easy as possible for a young person and their family to get the help they need for problems affecting
**“Wellbeing Expo” sessions**

their wellbeing such as mental health, physical health (including sexual health), work and study support and alcohol and other drug services.

The local Headspace centre is at Knox Shopping Centre or online counselling service can be accessed through eheadspace.

Headspace centres have GPs, psychologists, social workers, alcohol and drug workers, counsellors, vocational workers and youth workers on site for your support.

Lastly, the Party Safe workshop was conducted by Victorian Police and educated students on how to host a safe event that avoids complaints, gate-crashing, violence and intoxication by using responsible planning and supervising.

For more information on these services and topics, please go to:

http://headspace.org.au/
https://www.eheadspace.org.au/

**Prep Transitions continue in Term Four**

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Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 9-11am (State-wide Transition Day) | 2016 P-2 class, please bring:  
- Brain food (fruit, nuts and/or veggies only)  
- Lunch | |

**Congratulations**

Well done and a big thank you to all the students and staff that bought in their Earn and Learn stickers during the past month.

We collected 127 full sheets of stickers - an all time record for us! The credits will be used to purchase equipment for the primary learning centre. Watch this space to see what they get!
Science Fair
a huge hit!

Sherbrooke’s Science Fair went extremely well. Primary students toured the exhibits and there were quite a few parent visitors as well. Thanks to all who participated.

Choosing the winners was very hard but in the end they were:

**Year 7 Awards:**

- **Best Award** – Bianca for her crystal project and Zali for her project on human reaction times
- **Technical Award** – Matt for his study on propulsion
- **Encouragement Award** – David for his project on ethylene and bananas

**Year 8 Awards:**

- **Best Award** – Zac for his work on coal and sustainability and Jess & Diuwke for their work on recognition of facial expressions
- **Technical Award** – Finn, Ethan & Callum for new and interesting programming and assembly of the robots
- **Encouragement Award** – Alicia for her project on electroplating with copper

**Year 9 Awards:**

- **Best Award** – Jessica for almost working model of the circulatory system
- **Technical Award** – Jed for his project on soap and its effect on surface tension
- **Encouragement Award** – Mytch for his work on the best shooting action in basketball

**Year 10 Awards:**

- **Best Award** – Nina for her work on Benham’s discs
- **Technical Award** – Luke & Nathaniel for their work on Graham’s number
- **Encouragement Award** – Kaylee & Nathan for their project on microwaved cupcakes.

AND

**Most Popular Exhibit Award** – Finley in Year Nine for his work on crater size and the height and size of the meteor.
Students explore wonders of geology

Our Year Eight students have been studying geology and have made conglomerate rocks (chocolate crackles) and igneous rock (toffee). More recently we have been practicing our geological dig skills. Digging for whole chocolate chips in muffins and then digging for bones and reconstructing animals regurgitated by owls in their pellets (like a cat and its cat bell). Some were so intense and focused it was hard to get them to stop at home time!

Year 8 students engrossed by the science of geology (From top left clockwise):
Zem and Sam muffin digging, and
Owl Pellet excavation and reassembly by Joe and Kayla.

Science students get poetic

Secondary students are learning about the sense organs in science and some wrote poems exploring the subject.

The Season Autumn - Emily year 10

Autumn looks like orange trees.
Autumn sounds like crunching leaves.
Autumn feels like gentle breezes.
Autumn smells like pumpkin soup.
Autumn tastes like caramel.

The Colour Black - Lili year 9

Black looks like the opposite of bright.
Black sounds like silence.
Black feels like nothing.
Black tastes like air.
Our term three social was a huge hit and everyone there had a great night with lots of laughs!

80s Musical Bingo proved so fun and popular that it will definitely be on our social calendar again.

All you had to do was listen to snatches of 80s songs and see if you had that song on your card. Mark it off all the songs on your card and you win a prize! Easy.

The music took many people down memory lane - song lyrics were remembered and amazingly some people even remembered dance moves and the actions from film clips. Very funny.

Many of the crowd dressed up although the ultimate costume prize went to Rod by popular vote. His prize - a CD with 101 hits of the 1980s!

Many thanks to Rose and Phil for hosting the evening and to the local businesses who donated prizes - Seven Pages, Cachets, Koru Natural Therapies and The Deli Platter.

Hope to see you all at the next one!
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

HOW TO BOOK

Bookings open Monday 24 August at 10am. Bookings close Friday 11 September 2015.

1. Contact Youth Services on 9294 6716 after 10am on Monday 24 August to reserve a place in the selected activities.
2. Complete the consent and booking forms (if you need a copy of the form, please visit www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/youthservices)
3. Take your completed forms and payment to a Council Community Link within 7 days to confirm the booking.

COMMUNITY LINKS ARE LOCATED AT:

• 15 Anderson St, Lilydale
• 21 Main Rd, Monbulk
• 110 River St, Healesville
• 2442-44 Warburton Hwy, Yarra Junction
• 40 Main St, Upwey

TRANSPORT LOCATIONS

Please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to pick up/drop off time.

Lilydale (LD):
Yarra Ranges Youth Services, 216 Main St

Healesville (HV):
Healesville Library, 110 River St

Yarra Junction (YJ):
Yarra Centre, 2435 Warburton Hwy

Upwey (UW):
Sherbrooke Family & Children’s Centre, 1443 Burwood Hwy

Note: Transports may be cancelled if less than two bookings are received for that location.

FACEBOOK.COM/YARRARANGESYOUTHSERVICES

BOOKINGS

OPEN MONDAY 24 AUGUST AT 10AM. CLOSE FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2015.
The Mountain Top Toy Library provides the local community with a cheap and accessible library of toys for children to borrow, use and return.

Library members have the opportunity to borrow toys, puzzles and games which promote fun, play-based learning for children aged 0-7 years.

Membership is open to parents, grandparents and/or other people who have children in their care and wish to provide them with access to a variety of engaging toys.

**ANNUAL FEE**

FOR A GROUP: $50.00
Suitable for play groups, pre-schools and/or child care providers.
This allows one group to borrow three large toys, six small toys and six puzzles.

FOR A FAMILY: $35.00
This allows one family to borrow two large toys, four small toys and four puzzles.
Toys are borrowed for a two-week period.

**WHERE**
Olinda Hall
69 Olinda-Monbulk Road,
Olinda 3788

**WHEN**
Open Saturday; 9:00-10:00am
The Mountain Top Toy Library is run entirely by parent volunteers.
New members are always welcome.

For more information, please contact: The Mountain Top Toy Library President
mountaintoptoylibrary@fastmail.fm