

## 9-12 News

Welcome back to all staff and students to the final term for 2015.

## Year 12 Students

At the time of writing this our Year 12 Class of 2015 has only two weeks of formal classes left, with the English examination commencing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Thanks to all the Year 12 teachers who ran study sessions over the holidays – these were so important, enabling students to finish the course in some studies, complete SACs and assessments in other studies, or simply commence revision.

We wish all of our Year 12 students the very best for the coming exam period – work hard and we hope that you achieve everything that you have worked for this year.

## Year 10 and 11 Examinations

Year 10 and 11 students also have end of year examinations coming up soon.

Year 11's have 3 weeks of classes left until exam week, followed by two weeks of Headstart, where they will commence Year 12.

Year 10's have 5 weeks of classes left until exam week, followed by one week of Headstart, where they will commence Year 11.

9 – 13 November	Year 11 Exams
16 – 27 November	Year 12 Headstart

23 – 27 November	Year 10 Exams
30 Nov – 4 December	Year 11 Headstart

Over the next few weeks I would suggest the following:

- Start with organising yourself – ensure that you complete a brief summary of what you have covered in each subject. Check with your teacher NOW so that you know what will be assessed on the end of year examination
- Summarise the major topics / concepts in each subject. Have worked examples and sample responses.
- Learn the information for each topic and complete questions that allow you to apply this knowledge. These might be textbook questions, chapter review questions, past exam papers, etc....

The most important thing is that if you have not already started, **then you need to start NOW!**

## Year 9 Future Makers Program

Year 9 students are completing their impact projects in a range of areas as part of the Year 9 Future Makers Program – Personal and Project Based Learning. We look forward to the PPL Expo Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Kokoda Track Leadership Program**

Over the holidays our Kokoda Team travelled to Papua New Guinea and successfully completed the gruelling 96km journey in the footsteps of our soldiers.

The kids and staff had an amazing time, learning so much about the history along the track as well as the local PNG culture. They developed strong and positive relationships with each other as well as their PNG porters.

They were able to challenge themselves both physically and mentally and achieve something that many other Australians will never have the opportunity to try.

A special thanks to Karen Mullavey for all of her organisation for the trip and her attention to detail.

And a massive thankyou to Karen Rennie and Mark Hulme who have worked closely with this group for the last nine months in fundraising, training and the actual completion of the trek.

**Thanks also to our major sponsor – Club Mulwala**



**Karen Rennie (Sponsored by North East Survey Design)** – *“Kokoda was one of the best experiences made special by our porters, trek master Charlie, trek leader Geoff and Kokoda Spirit guide, Max. I never thought it would be so emotional and it was an amazing change in culture and way of life. I learnt it’s not all about the walk but everything around it. What an awesome group of kids and I thank them so much for their fun, support and encouragement along the way”*

**Harry Whinray (Sponsored by Denis Medical Clinic)** – *“Doing Kokoda lived up to every expectation that I had and more. It was challenging, physically and mentally, we learned a lot about what the Australian soldiers went through fighting for our country and we got to experience a small part of the conditions that they had to face while defending our homeland. What made the experience even better was being able to share it with some of my closest friends and develop new ones. Thank you to everyone that donated and thank you to the Kokoda Team – I’ll miss the times we had on the track”*



**Nick Megarrity (Sponsored by CMCU)** – *“Bloody tops!”*

**Jake Willett (Sponsored by Uncle Toby’s)** – *“Of all the things I gained from completing the Kokoda Trail, the most important was the greater level of appreciation I have for the soldiers who fought along the track. Their outstanding levels of endurance, courage, mateship and sacrifice were awe-inspiring!”*

**Caitlin O'Dwyer (Sponsored by STF Engineering)** – *“Walking the Kokoda Track was a life changing experience. It was extremely challenging but at the same time great fun with great people. It was one of the best things I have ever achieved and I'm proud of myself and the team for getting through it”*



**Finlay Nyholm (Sponsored by M & K Davis Plastering)** – *“Being able to accomplish the Kokoda Track at such a young age and have this amazing opportunity at our school is awesome. Over the trip we all faced many obstacles but with teamwork and mateship from everyone we overcame and smashed through our great adventure. I couldn't have imagined the trek any better than what it was!”*

**Harley McCarthy (sponsored by KNS Plumbing and One Stop Shop Australia)** – *“Kokoda was an amazing experience, challenging everyone in different ways. We all learnt so much about what our soldiers endured in PNG, as well learning about another culture, their customs and way of life”*

**Trent Williams (Sponsored by Kentucky Turf Nursery)** – *“If deb balls are where girls become women, the Kokoda track is where I became a man... it was a test of endurance through the rain, blisters and the malaria tablets. On the up side. .. it was adventurous and fun. Playing football with the local PNG kids put a smile on everyone's dial. The track itself was undulating and relatively dry as they are in a 9 month drought. Congratulations to the whole team for such a successful trip”*

**Tayla Mollison (sponsored by Thomson's Buslines)** – *Tayla is currently in NZ – we will catch up with her when she returns!*

**Chloe Freeman (Sponsored by eWorks)** – *“Walking the Kokoda Track has been one of the best things I have ever done. I was able to gain a much better appreciation of what our soldiers went through in WWII and am proud of our team for overcoming challenges and supporting one another”*



**Emma McQueen (sponsored by Burke’s Social Club) –**  
*“What an amazing experience. The Trek master; Charlie, Trek leader; Geoff, our Australian guide; Max, all of the porters, the cooks and the Kokoda team made the trip so special. So many memories along the way - Some were; playing touch football,*

*watching the porters sing and perform and even doing our own performance was great. Walking in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought for our freedom, made me understand how challenging it was. I learnt many life lessons and I will never forget the life changing experience that we as a team accomplished”*

**YARRAWONGA MULWALA MULTISPORT FESTIVAL is back in 2015!**



**YARRAWONGA MULWALA MULTISPORT FESTIVAL**  
17th & 18th October 2015

<p>Triathlon, Aquathlon, Family Fun Run, Open Water Swim &amp; Kids Duathlon</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b> Mini Triathlon, Family Fun Run, State Aquathlon Championships, Kids Duathlon 11 - 14 yrs, Kids Triathlon 11 - 14 yrs, Kids Triathlon 11 - 14 yrs</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b> Open Distance Triathlon, Olympic Distance Triathlon</p>
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Your local area plays perfect host to the festival which has something for everyone!

Among fun runs and swims, the festival features three triathlon distances, including the Mini Tri – which is just enough to tempt anyone for their first triathlon!

YMMF is all about getting out there and doing your best. Events cater for all ages and abilities so get your friends and family involved and race them to the finish line!

Head to our [website](http://www.ymmf.com.au) to find out more.

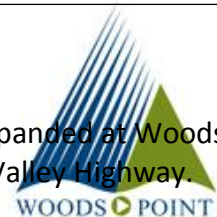
Keep your eyes on our social media pages for more event

information and competitions, with some great giveaways!

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## Press Release

For our PPL project we are hoping to plant trees in the new area they have expanded at Woods Point Nursing Home. Woods Point is an aged care facility just off the Murray Valley Highway.



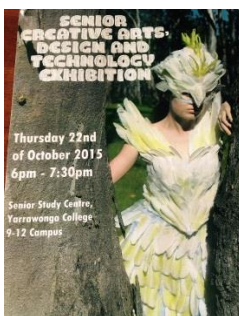
The residents put up with a lot noise off the highway not to mention wind. Our hope is that by planting trees we will eventually reduce the noise level and help to create a more wind protected area for residents. It will also provide a nice area for residents to sit. We are still waiting to discuss all of the finer details with Woods Point. We have achieved getting in contact with Woods Point and have been approved for planting. We are waiting for them to tell us what trees to plant and when we can do it, and whether we need to raise funds or not. Group members – Nathan Blick, Spencer Levesque, Darcy Wilson and Brock Ornsby



**Year 9 PPL CUPCAKE SALE**  
**FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER / HOME ECO ROOM @ 9 – 12 CAMPUS**

We are having a cup cake sale to raise money to help prevent homelessness and to help provide homeless people with shelter food and clothes

Cupcakes will be \$1 each!



**YARRAWONGA COLLEGE P – 12**  
**SENIOR CREATIVE ARTS, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION**  
**THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER @ 6PM TO 7.30PM / SENIOR STUDY CENTRE.**

This will be another spectacular exhibition, showcasing works from our Senior Art Classes. Once again there will be music and food to enjoy whilst you walk through and admire our students work.



**YARRAWONGA COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP “DRESS UP PARTY”**  
**MONDAY 26 OCTOBER AT 9.30AM / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM P – 4 CAMPUS**

To celebrate Children's Week we are inviting our guests to come dressed up in your Favourite Costume. **Special Events on the Day** Face Paint / Photo Booth / Dance off Special performance by P-4 students

All the regular Playgroup experiences will be available and Morning Tea with a twist of sweetness will be on offer.

VCE RESULTS AND ATAR	ONLINE	POST <sup>5</sup>
<b>Closing date for change of address to receive ATAR statement by mail (Victorian CY12 only)</b>		7 December (5pm)
<b>VCE results and ATAR</b>	14 December (7am)	16 December
<b>Change of Preference</b>	Closes 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec- will reopen after each offer round.	
<b>Round 1 offers for undergraduate and graduate entry (other) courses</b>	18 January 2016	18 January 2016 (2pm)
<b>Round 2 offers for undergraduate (domestic and international) and graduate entry (other) courses</b>	4 February 2016	4 February 2016 (2pm)
<b>Round 3 offers for undergraduate (domestic and international) and graduate entry (other) courses</b>	15 February 2016	15 February 2016 (2pm)
<b>Round 4 offers for undergraduate (domestic and international) and graduate entry (other) courses</b>	22 February 2016	22 February 2016 (2pm)
<b>Round 5 offers for undergraduate (domestic and international) and graduate entry (other) courses</b>	29 February 2016	29 February 2016 (2pm)