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2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 30 Jan to 31 Mar

Term 2: 18 Apr to 30 Jun

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It's Getting Closer

I would like to welcome you to our third Newsletter for 2017. The Newsletter is one of the methods of communication with our school community. Other methods include our Website (www.advancecollege.vic.edu.au), our Facebook page, school bulletins and the Student Handbook.

As we are starting 4th Term the end of the year is in sight. It is timely to mention as this Term is shorter than the previous three and presents the time for students to really concentrate on completing their studies for 2017. Historically, students have received a shock as to how quickly the end of the year comes and how little time remains to complete their work. I ask that families give as much support as possible to their children in order for them to achieve a successful year of education.

Our Senior students have their last day on November 9, with the Foundation and Intermediate students having their last day on December 7. There will be an 'all of school' graduation ceremony on December 7, at the Hastings Campus, starting at 12 noon. This will include all students from all campuses. It promises to be a notable event with a number of surprises. Parents, family members and friends are all welcome. Further details will be provided closer to the day.

As part of our College community, there is an open invitation to contact me to arrange an appointment to learn more about Advance College.

Steve Wright - Principal

(steve.w@advance.vic.edu.au)

Term 3 News

 Students participated in a range of community initiatives throughout Term 3. The following are highlights as told by the students themselves:

Moonlight Sanctuary



We visited Moonlight Sanctuary on Thursday 24th of August with our VCAL class. We spent the morning walking along the track that runs through the park and we were able to hand feed the wallabies, who had the softest fur and many had joeys in their pouches.

We went to the Dingo keeper talk and learned that the Dingos are very fussy about what they eat and have very sensitive hearing.

Moonlight Sanctuary (continued)

The second keeper talk we went to was for the Tasmanian Devils, where we watched the devils get fed chopped up mice. It was a great experience visiting Moonlight Sanctuary and learning about different native wildlife and conservation in a real life environment.

Foundation VCAL Student
Advance College Mornington

Corowa Court

On Wednesdays my class goes to Corowa Court aged care facility in Mornington. We usually spend about an hour with the residents, getting to know them, playing games and teaching them new things.



The first time I went our group taught some residents how to play Uno, on other visits we have taught them how to play card games such as PIG and also Scatergories.

Recently we have been creating trivia quizzes for the residents.

I have really enjoyed this PDS project because I get to spend time with members of my community and do things that I usually wouldn't do, like running trivia and public speaking. I look forward to continuing with this project next term.

Senior VCAL Student
Advance College Mornington

Wheel Talk

Wheel talk was on the 2nd of August and it was an excursion which all 3 advance campus' attended, all the students were split into 2 groups one did lawn bowls and the other did wheelchair basketball. Personally I thought basketball was great I really enjoyed it and I could have done it all day if my hands didn't hurt. I understand how hard it is to live with a disability in our society and wheel talk really expressed the mental strength that people have when their life is changed by a disability.



Intermediate VCAL Student
Advance College Mornington

Disco Fundraiser

As part of our Personal Development Skills learning five students from Advance College Rosebud organised a disco at Eastbourne Primary School. We had raffles, dance competitions and sold food and drinks in order to raise money. We were overwhelmed with the success of the night in which around 200 children attended. The event was to raise money for the Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre. SPCSIC provides support to marginalised individuals and families who are experiencing disadvantage within the community. We were stoked to have raised \$671 on the night.

Intermediate VCAL Student
Advance College Rosebud

SBAT's@ Advance College

Certificate II in Park and Gardens is a great S.B.A.T (School Based Apprenticeship & Traineeship) program that is offered at Mornington Advance campus. During this program you will gain lots of experience and knowledge about many different fields such as arboriculture, horticulture, turf management and many, many more great opportunities.

This course is very useful if you are looking to get a career in landscaping/horticulture. Even if you're not looking for a job in this industry you will learn something new and exciting.

Intermediate VCAL Student
Advance College Rosebud

Term 4 Activities

-  Second Bite (continues)
-  Cerberus Excursion
-  Student Wellbeing Day

 Don't forget to check out our school website - www.advancecollege.vic.edu.au and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AdvanceVCAL/>

 Advance College can facilitate accredited training in short courses such as First Aid, CPR and Food Handling. It also runs beginner computer classes and career guidance programs. Please check www.advance.vic.edu.au or call your local campus for further details.

Saver Plus

Saver Plus assists individuals and families on lower incomes to build assets and improve financial capability, and has supported thousands of lower income earners to develop a lasting savings habit.

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- up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs
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