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## Newsletter # 7-October 2021

Term 4 at Foster Secondary College

Matt McPhee is on leave for the first month of Term 4.

Term 4 in schools can be a wonderful time for everybody. The weather brightens, which gives us all a spring in our step and improves our general outlook and wellbeing. Summer is within reach, bringing anticipation for holidays, Christmas, family get togethers and travel. The students in each year level are excited about their progression to the next year and the added status and freedom that brings. Staff too, look forward to all of the same things that students and their families do. We all have much in common.

Our Year 12 VCE students have only a couple of weeks of revision classes and study time left before their final exams. They will be feeling nervous, but hopefully confident and ready. Some of our Year 12 students will be completing their Senior VCAL requirements and getting prepared to launch into careers in a range of industries. They too will be excited for the potential that lies ahead. We are currently awaiting instructions from the DET about how we are able to celebrate the Year 12 students and the journey they have been on with us over the last six years. I am sure we will celebrate this commendable group of young people who have been exemplary since joining us at the start of 2016.

The last 18 months has been a challenge for students, staff and families in so many ways. It has tested our resilience and, it appears, we have almost made it through. Of course, we are not there yet. My message to our school community is that while, especially in Victoria, there has been so much negative news, criticism, whining and divisive comment, our young people need positivity. Look for the optimistic perspective to encourage enthusiasm in young people. Present a hopeful outlook where you can. Children often adopt our emotional and internal projections. Try to find some humour each day and share it with others.

Finally, I want to congratulate and recognise the staff at Foster Secondary College; the teachers, the admin and the education support team. They have not wavered in their dedication to maintaining a learning and wellbeing program for all students. They have followed up on students who are not submitting work, attending Zoom meetings and engaging. Staff actions show that they care. That is everything that our college community could want from a school in these challenging times.

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### 2021 TERM DATES

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday 28 January – Thursday 1 April</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December</b>

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ellie Bowman	Noah Sheehan	Emily Rerden	Lily Webber	Sophie Vitols
Maddison Christensen	Ethan Wallis	Eva Bassed	Olivia Hughes	Sebastian Saulwick
Maddison Delaney	Phoebe Tracy	Ella Hollier	Eli Hayward-Bannister	Gemma Macaulay
Winter Mulholland	Seth Raudam	Mia Delaney	Jasper Kennedy-Watterson	
Tige Brewer	Flynn Lomax			

## CONGRATULATIONS JEDD DAVY

Congratulations to Jedd who has recently signed into a Head Start Apprenticeship working with Coabra Electrical. Jedd is undertaking Year 10 this year and will be commencing his Certificate III Electrotechnology Electrician. Thank you to Brad from Coabra Electrical for giving Jedd his career "Head Start".



## PSD LEARNER DRIVER PROGRAM

The Foster Secondary College PSD Department runs a program to prepare our senior students to successfully gain their Victorian Learner Driver Permit.

This program assists students through their licensing journey, covering all areas of the Learner Driver handbook and includes the online component of the Road to Solo Driving tests which provide students with the experience to meet their licencing requirements.

To facilitate this and ensure the successful outcomes for our students, a road course including intersections, crossings and road lineage has been constructed to provide students with situations where road safety knowledge and decision making is practised and perfected.

Our thanks goes to our very talented Megan Williams for the many hours spent constructing this course.



## CONGRATULATIONS MADDI BOYD

Congratulations to Maddi Boyd, who was recently accepted into the VicSRC Executive Committee!

Well done Maddi, for putting yourself forward for this wonderful leadership opportunity. We wish you all the best.

For more information about VicSRC, you can see this website: <https://www.vicsrc.org.au/>



## HAYLEY'S CARDS-EXCITING DEVELOPMENT

Many of you will already be familiar with the beautiful greeting cards our very own Hayley has been producing and offering to the school community.

These cards have now progressed from a school based project to a commercial enterprise. They are being printed professionally, are larger and even more enchanting.

The cost, because of the professional printing and enlargement, has increased to \$5.95 per card.

Hayley's cards are available from the Stockyard Art Gallery, Natural Living Foster and the Foster Secondary College office.

We congratulate Hayley and wish her all the best on this exciting project!

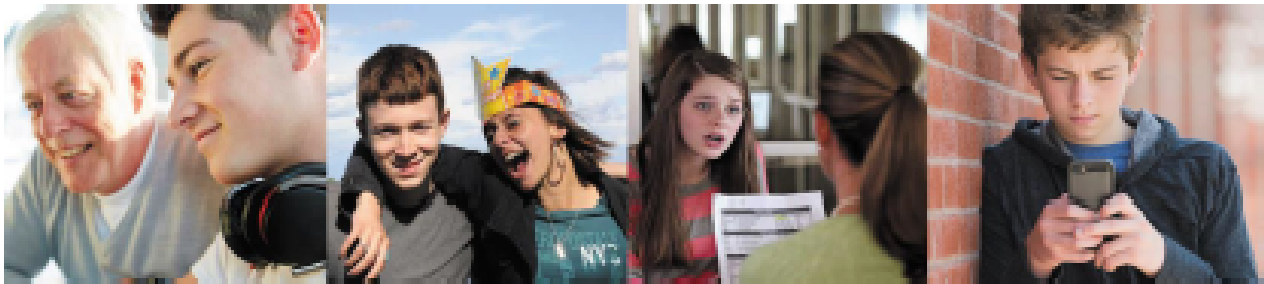
If you are not yet familiar with these charming illustrations, please visit any of the above locations and support Hayley in her venture.





Students have returned to class learning in a covid-safe way. Classes have worked outdoors when possible. Year 12's have sat their October Trial Exams.





# Engaging Adolescents

-RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN TEENAGERS-

Free **ONLINE** program for parents of teens aged 13-18 years

## Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in Teenagers.

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents;
- New understandings of adolescents;
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision making;
- Self check-in, first, for parents;
- Building a relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them.

## Parents will receive:

- A **FREE** workbook (valued at \$12) to apply the concepts learnt
- A Certificate of Completion
- Live online delivery  
(Please contact for details)

Do this highly sought after parenting program **FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME**

***Hurry!***  
***Places are limited***

## When?

11:30 – 2:30pm

delivered over 3 Tuesdays:

October 19<sup>th</sup>

October 26<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Cost?

FREE

## Get in touch

Bookings are essential!

Please contact:

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# Corner Inlet Swimming Club

## Dolphins

The Corner Inlet Swimming Club (CISC) welcomes existing and new families to start of our 2021 training season commencing Term 4, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

- When:** Mondays Senior Squad 5.30pm – 7pm  
Junior Squad 5.30pm – 6.30pm  
Wednesdays Senior Squad 5.30pm – 7pm  
Junior Squad 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Where:** Toora Swimming Pool
- Why:** Fun, Fitness, Technique, Endurance, Competition
- Who:** 8yo to 100+yo who can competently swim 2 laps of the pool in 3 strokes
- What to Bring:** Goggles, Flippers, Water Bottle, Towel
- Covid:** Please arrive 10 min prior to session to allow time to complete the Pool & CISC Covid registers.  
Masks & social distancing rules apply
- Contact:** Jill 0417 582 180 or Wil 0407 747 667  
[dolphiniscisc@gmail.com](mailto:dolphiniscisc@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Dolphins – Corner Inlet Swimming Club

**Come and try**  
**First session FREE**

(Pool entry fees still apply)

CISC is a family friendly swimming club offering accessible training where members can improve swimming fitness, technique and challenge themselves to achieve personal best times.

**“Ribbons are a bonus, not a focus!”**