WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
It’s always great to see what our past students are up to and how they are enjoying their educational journey. Here are a few thoughts from students who have started secondary college in 2013; it gives you an insight into how transitions from one setting to another cannot be underestimated.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PAST STUDENTS AFTER A SEMESTER AT SECONDARY COLLEGE

Dear Mrs Lee,
High school is awesome! The teachers are nice and I am doing well at my work. I’m learning to play Violin with Rhianna. Phillip Island camp was so fun. I did surfing, I loved it!!! I stood on the board but then I fell off!!

Jasmin

High school is really good/hard! It is a lot different to Primary School! I am enjoying high school and I have met heaps of awesome people. My favourite subject is woodwork, my worst subject is footprints. I appreciate all the things you wrote in my letter of recommendation.

Charleigh

My first year at Western Port Secondary College has been great so far. We have done lots of different subjects including woodwork, textiles and science. I have made lots of new friends and I am having a great time.

Max

This year has been really good so far. I’m enjoying high school. My form room teacher is Miss Ferguson, she is a good teacher. My favourite subjects are sport and woodwork.

Bailey

High school is nothing like what I expected, it’s great but a lot harder and different. My favourite subjects are English and Ceramics. In ceramics you get to make gnomes and all sorts of things. English we get to pick some awesome books, I love reading some of the books, I hate math!!

Brodie

I am at camp, so far I have done trampolining, bike riding and archery, I am enjoying it all! My favourite subject in school is Science with Miss Gearing. At Westernport I am very popular and almost no one picks on me and it is fun at lunchtime and recess. I also have a lot of good teachers and friends but I still miss everyone at Bittern, so expect a visit soon.

Corey

Calendar Dates:

**JULY:**
- Chocolates/money
- Urban Camp
  - 2nd Installment

**AUGUST:**
- Friday 2nd
  - EMA Applications closed

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
3:00pm: this Friday 19th July

**CANTEEN NEWS:-**

There **will** be Hot Dogs this Friday 19th July

Lunch orders will **resume NEXT Monday 22nd July.**

I am having a heap of fun and I have lots and lots of homework. I am in 7B and my teachers are nice. My footprints teacher is Mr Ward but we call him Tim.

Emily

High school is fun and very exciting. I’ve already learnt a lot of things; my favourite subjects are definitely sport and art. It does take a bit to get used to, but in the end it’s fun.

Hugo

I have been enjoying high school. My favourite subject is humanities. I have the best teacher for humanities that’s why I like it. I really miss Bittern I wish I could go back. I have aths coming up.

Brooke

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCY
We have a casual vacancy on the School Council for the rest of 2013. If you are interested in joining the council please don’t hesitate to talk to any of the current councillors or President, Paul McCallum who can give you more information about the role of School Council.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
**Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August**
All schools are celebrating literacy and numeracy week this term. Our school is holding a special celebration day on the Friday for students and parents to share together. Keep your eyes peeled for more information; mark this date in your diary.
PLEASE NOTE:

Return dates on school notices are there for a reason. When booking an excursion it is necessary to get exact numbers of participants for safety and organisational purposes. Recently staff had to ring many parents for verbal permission for students to go on an excursion on the morning of the excursion. We need to know who is going: to enable staff time to manage: any medical / first aid requirements, how many adults are needed as there is a specific ratio decided by the DEECD of adults to students, dietary requirements and individual supervision for students with special needs.

NOTICES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY THE DUE DATE

If you have misplaced an excursion notice, you are able to download a copy of the form from the Bittern PS website at www.bitternps.vic.edu.au

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) 2nd SEMESTER

Parents are reminded that applications for the 2nd Semester of the EMA close on 2nd August, 2013 (NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN)

If you successfully applied for the EMA in Semester 1; YOU DO NOT NEED TO RE-APPLY, however if your circumstances have changed, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you are new to Bittern Primary School and want to apply for the EMA, call into the office at your earliest convenience to collect an application form.

Thank you.

Grade 5/6 ‘Melbourne Urban Camp’ Reminder

The second installment of $104.00 is now overdue. Please send it along to school A.S.A.P. The final installment of $100.00 is due on the 31st July

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are very close to having the numbers for a before and after school care program. If you are interested please pick up a form from the office and specify your required days and times. This would be a great service to offer our families as a way of supporting our community.

Bittern Primary School Produce Stall

When: This Friday 19th July

Featuring: Left over chocolates @ $1.00 ea.

Also come and purchase: organic produce (vegies, herbs etc.) that the children have harvested from the school garden. Maybe make some vegetable soup, which is an easy winter meal on a cold night.

The stall is open for sales between 2:45pm-3:00pm (before assembly) and again at 3.30pm-3.45pm (after assembly).

Anyone with spare home baked goods (e.g. cakes, biscuits, slices, jam) or home grown items (e.g.: lemons, eggs, vegies, fruit, herbs) are also invited to donate them for sale at our stall.

All items must have an accompanying list of ingredients attached.

Just bring them along to school on Friday!

Prices: Items range from 50c to $4.00

Please support our stall!

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

CHOCOLATES AND/OR MONEY ARE DUE BACK NOW.

ALL MONEY AND/OR RETURNS MUST BE BACK BY THIS FRIDAY 19TH JULY

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

We are currently welcoming enrolments for 2014 and conducting individual tours. If you or someone you know would like a private tour with your child and partner please call in at any time, we are more than happy to ‘show off’ our school.
HOT DOGS !!
Hot dogs will be available this Friday, at a cost of $2.50.
If you would like your child/ren to purchase a hot dog, please complete the order form and return it to school this Friday, together with the correct money.

PLEASE NOTE – THE CANTEEN IS NOT OPEN ON HOT DOG DAY

HOT DOG ORDER FORM
I would like to order _____ hot dogs @$2.50
NAME: _______________ GRADE: ___
Please find enclosed $_________________

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Shed 11
Drop-In

COME DOWN FOR FREE ACTIVITIES!! TERM 3 AND 4- CHANGE OF DAYS!!

Shed 11 Drop In Centre in Hastings is open for young people between the ages of 10-25 years. Shed 11 is run by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services. The facility is located at 11 Marine Pde. Hastings (opposite the skate park in Hastings).

For Term’s 3 and 4, Shed 11 will be open MONDAY’S 3PM-5PM
AND FRIDAY’S 3PM-5PM

The Shed has free Wi-Fi, computer access, pool tables, TV’s, Wii and play station, free resources and information, a lovely outdoor space, not to mention some great youth workers that are available to talk to young people.

All activities are FREE! A parent consent form needs to signed before entry into the Shed. These can be collected from Shed 11.

For more information please contact youth services on 5950 1666.

Birthday Cakes

If you would like to order Cupcakes for your child’s Birthday at school
Amy (our Canteen lady) is happy to oblige.
For further details phone: 0429 838 993

Bittern Primary School Group Photos

Group photos for the School Leaders and the Junior School council members can be ordered at the office for a cost of $16.00.
Orders must be completed by Friday 19th July, 2013