New Arrivals

Congratulations to the following staff who have welcomed new arrivals to their families in recent times:

Dean and Anna Hamer on the birth of their second child Rose Catherine Hamer, on 10 April. A little sister for Theo.
Fiona and Steve Bartlett on the birth of Riley John. A baby brother for Kate.
Emma Wolfenbuttel on the birth of her son Bodhi during Term 2.
Alister and Stephanie Micallef on the birth of daughter Amelia Grace on 22 August. A little sister for Harrison.

Pictures of our newest arrivals show Anna, Dean and Theo Hamer with Rose (left); Amelia Micallef (bottom left); and Steve Bartlett with daughter Kate and baby Riley (below).

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on the second Tuesday of the month.
Time - 1.00 - 4.00 pm

2014 Dates
October 14
November 11
December 2

If you have any questions, or would like to become a volunteer, please contact College Reception on 5152 6122.

Talk & Walk Tours

Tours are offered to prospective or current families who would like to see the College in action during a normal school day.
Tours leave at 9:00 am from Reception most Mondays. The tour takes approximately 75 minutes and is conducted by our Year 9 Junior House Captains.
Places are limited for each tour so please book ahead by contacting the Registrar on 5152 9928 or registrar@nagle.vic.edu.au.

Front Cover

As part of the Founders’ Day celebrations, staff and students took part in a tree planting activity. Houses were allocated a site along the Mitchell River Rainforest Track. MacKillop Pastoral Teacher, Mr John O’Sullivan and Year 7 student Matthew Butler, shared the task of planting a tree.
Full story and more photos on Pages 4 & 5.
Principal’s Message

Mr Neville Powles, Principal

Youthfulness, Energy and Rules

Recently I recalled a weekend spent in Sydney when I visited the Opera House. Upon making it to the top level of steps I looked over the calm waters and watched a sizable ferry cruising out across the harbour. I noticed a small dinghy with an outboard motor moving towards or cutting across its line – given the distance it was difficult to tell. The ferry sounded its horn – once, twice - and incredibly the dinghy disappeared in front of the ferry. As I watched it become apparent the dinghy did not make it across the front of the ferry but rather they collided. The ferry cut its engine and reversed back to check on the occupants of the dinghy; a cruiser close by motored over. It appeared there were no major injuries. In fact the fellow in the dinghy seemed to ignore those around him and was intent on restarting his engine and getting out of there. Again, from a distance it was difficult to see what was going on let alone hear what was being said. Perhaps there was embarrassment, but whatever was happening the dinghy's engine wasn't starting in a hurry and a good ten minutes went by before the engine came to life and things moved on.

Not sensible we should never underestimate the capacities of the young and perhaps their preparedness to ‘take on the world’! Such an endeavour, in itself, is not such a bad thing but wisdom and discretion can be learnt. To avoid situations later in life it is hoped whilst at school valuable lessons can be learnt. After all surely that's why we come to school - to be educated in and for life.

Rainforest

We have been pleased to be informed by the Department of Environment and Primary Industries that we been successful in obtaining $10,000 in the Communities for Nature 2015 grants. This significant funding will allow the exciting work of developing the Nagle Rainforest Project to continue. Special thanks to Mrs Andrea Savage who coordinates this project.

Building Projects

Ground works have commenced for the Trade Skills Centre and we anticipate the building phase will commence shortly.

In addition, progress is being made with our Architects in exploring designs for the learning spaces to be built to replace the portables. Meetings with staff have commenced and will continue over the next few weeks. We anticipate building will commence around mid-2015.

Staff Professional Learning Days

In the past term all staff have been involved in two wonderful opportunities for Faith Formation and Professional Learning.

In July we travelled to Sale to join with the staff of Catholic College Sale to hear international lecturer and speaker Dr Amy-Jill Levine, an American Jewish academic who specialises in first century Christian history. Dr Levine is a university professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies. She is a multiple author and provided lectures focusing on “The Historical Jesus”, “The Sermon on the Mount” and “Encounters with Jesus – The Woman at the Well”. Dr Levine shared her vast knowledge of Jewish and Christian scripture, her passion and enthusiasm assisting us to broaden our understanding of the Christian scriptures and story.

This was followed up in August with Denis McLaughlin, Associate Professor from Australian Catholic University Brisbane, who spoke to the staff about the mission of the Contemporary Catholic School. Denis is an author of many books on Catholic Leadership and is renowned for being a maverick in Catholic Education. His discussion on mission challenged staff to review old notions and beliefs and empowered us to consider how the Jesus mission is relevant today at Nagle College.

Denis highlighted the importance of ensuring our mission is heart based and that it is through our actions and our positive relationships with our students that they will encounter the true face of God. His theology was based on common sense and as many times as he spoke about the mission, he spoke of the need to make sense and to have the courage to make known the mission of the everyday God. He challenged us to live Jesus’ mission.

Pushing on boundaries is a natural part of growing up. Knowing where the boundaries lie, of what is and isn't acceptable, is an important learning opportunity, and whilst we might think taking on the size of a 'ferry' is

Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin is pictured above with Mrs Rosie Colvin, Religious Education and Catholic Identity Co-ordinator, and Mr Neville Powles, Principal.
Homeless Sleepout

On Thursday 19 June, 35 Nagle students with accompanying staff slept under the verandahs of Presentation Hall in an act of solidarity with the homeless in our community. They ate simple foods of bread, soup and pasta, played games and made blankets from materials bought with donated funds. The CSYMA students prepared a liturgy on developing awareness of key homeless issues.

Mike Nelson from Changing Lanes in Bairnsdale spoke to students on homelessness in our community. Students from Catholic College Sale also attended the sleepout and Nagle students were part of their sleepout in Sale during August. Students remarked on how difficult it must be to go to school and do your work well when you really are homeless. Staff and students all had a good night’s sleep on Friday! The 20 blankets made on the night were happily accepted by St Vinnie’s who have already distributed them to local homeless people.

The pictures below show aspects of the sleepout.

Founders’ Day

This term we have celebrated Founders’ Day and our CSYMA students received their Youth Ministry Badges. The theme of the mass was ‘True Colours’ and each student chose a coloured ribbon to place around their wrist to symbolise their true colour.

Tammy, our Faith and Ministry Captain, spoke of our Founders, Nano Nagle and Don Bosco, whose faith inspired them to lead extraordinary lives helping those in need around them. “Don Bosco saw the need to educate young street kids and he built schools for them … Nano Nagle saw the needs of the disadvantaged and, carrying her lantern, tended to the poor and sick. So we have been called to action like Nano Nagle and Don Bosco to give to our community.”

Students from Nagle College brought non-perishable foods and together with the blankets made by the CSYMA students during the Homeless Sleepout, donated these to our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Students also planted trees in an act of stewardship to look after our own environment on the banks of the Mitchell River.

The photos at right and below are of the Founders’ Day Mass.

Meals on Wheels

Each year for a week in August, Nagle College students assist in the delivery of meals to the sick and/or the elderly in the Bairnsdale area. Students, along with a staff member, collect meals from the Bairnsdale Hospital and deliver to homes in Bairnsdale.

Meals on Wheels is organised through Gippsland Lakes Community Health and is available to people who need meals delivered to their home. Year 9 students volunteer to deliver the meals as part of their Community Service. The clients are always so appreciative of the service and love the opportunity to have a chat with the students who are delivering the meals. It is also an excellent opportunity for the Year 9 students to experience contact with a variety of residents within their community.

Year 9 student Lachlan Sumner took part in the Meals on Wheels program during August.
Winter Sports

Nagle continued their success at the local East Gippsland level in a wide range of winter sports. All our Netball teams won their divisions to progress through to the Gippsland level in Traralgon but unfortunately were outclassed at this level. In soccer each of our boys’ teams won their East Gippsland competitions, but were defeated at the next level in Sale. Our Year 7 Girls’ Soccer team on the other hand has progressed through the Gippsland level and will now play in the School Sport Victoria State finals later this term. Other teams to bow out include the Senior Girls’ Hockey losing the Gippsland final 1-0. The Senior Boys’ Basketball team came to an abrupt end going down to Bairnsdale in the East Gippsland round.

Pictured below are the Year 8 Girls’ A Netball Team [top], the Year 8 Girls’ B Netball Team, and the Year 9-10 Boys’ Soccer Team.

Badminton Success

Nagle’s Year 7 Girls Badminton team won the Gippsland School Sport Championship in Morwell to progress through to the State titles. This was a great effort by the girls who recorded wins over Lowanna, Wonthaggi and Traralgon Secondary Colleges. Team members included Emily Cook, Cheyanne Maddix, Ginger Kleehammer, Mia Kleehammer, Sophie Hayton and Annabelle Rooney. Also in Badminton, our Year 9-10 Girls and Boys teams bowed out at the Gippsland level despite some spirited competition against the strength of the Latrobe Valley teams.

Pictured at right are the Year 9-10 Boys’ and Girls’ Badminton Teams.

SSV Cross Country

Nagle had 18 runners compete against some of the State’s best in the School Sport Victoria Championships in Melbourne. Conducted in very cold conditions, most events had up to 100 competitors running. Ben Howden [pictured] recorded our best individual result finishing 24th in the Senior Boys’ event. Zoe Carr was our best placed girl. Our 13 year [pictured at right top] and 14 year [at right] girls’ teams representing Gippsland finished well out of the final team places. We congratulate all our cross country competitors.

Swimming Champion

Year 8 student Josh Seignoir [pictured at right] finished second in his 100m breaststroke final in the Australian School Sports Championships in Melbourne. Josh was a member of the Victorian Team that was involved in the week-long competition at the MSAC at Albert Park. He produced a personal best swim finishing in 1 minute 10.30 seconds. Josh also swam in the 200m breaststroke final finishing in fifth place.

Shooting Success

Nagle’s Shooting Team competed in the South East Zone Championships in Frankston recently. This year’s event attracted 250 shooters. Aislin Jones was our stand out shooter and will now progress to the State Finals in Bendigo in September. All our students competed strongly with some higher than expected results from some of our new shooters. Coach Alister Micallef was full of praise for the Year 7 students Ben Burchell, Connor Crane, Brayden Baade, Chris Wilson and Colby McLaren who shot very well. Congratulations to our Shooting Team.

Aislin Jones who continues to perform at a very high level, is pictured at right.
Chisholm Wins Cross Country

Chisholm House took out this year’s Cross Country Carnival finishing ahead of Newman and MacKillop in the overall pointscore. Chisholm had plenty of depth winning several Year Level team events and gaining the largest number of runners finishing in the top ten places in their events. Bosco finished with four individual Champions with Zoe Carr clocking the fastest time amongst the girls with her victory in the Year 8 event in 11 minutes 8 seconds. MacKillop’s Tommy Sabell recorded the fastest time on the day in the Year 10 event finishing in 9 minutes 3 seconds. Year Level Champions included:

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Final point scores were:

1st: Chisholm (957)
2nd: Newman (863)
3rd: MacKillop (851)
4th: Avila (826)
5th: Bosco (810)
6th: Folding (780)
7th: Xavier (705)

Footballers Excel

Nagle College’s Year 9/10 boys’ football team were one of four teams to make it through to the state finals of the School Sport Victoria Statewide competition. Nagle was drawn to play Marybyrnong Secondary College in a knockout semi-final at the Marybyrnong Football Ground – 5 minutes from their school but a 4½ hour bus trip with a 5.30 am departure for the Nagle boys!

Maribyrnong won the first centre clearance and had a goal on the board within the first minute. Nagle struggled to get their hands on the footy in the early stages of the match with Maribyrnong’s team structure and spread from the contest putting the Nagle defence under great pressure. As the quarter progressed Nagle started to win more of the ball however found it difficult to breakthrough Maribyrnong’s strong defence. This pattern continued throughout the second and third quarters to see Nagle trailing by 6 goals at three quarter time. The last quarter proved to be Nagle’s best, outscoring the opposition by 4 goals to 1, however it was not enough to overcome Maribyrnong who triumphed by 21 points to earn a spot in the grand final.

Player votes after the game saw Nagle Captain Corey Timms win best on ground honours followed by Christian Ferretti, Callan McKeon, Tommy Sabell, Ryan Pedretti and Dalton Pincott. Nathan Pruscinco kicked 2 goals with Brodie Anderson, Austin Hodge and Christian Ferretti each kicking one goal.

After the match the Maribyrnong coach made a point of congratulating the Nagle boys’ determination and effort to be so competitive especially after the 4½ hour bus trip. He explained how the specialist football program at Maribyrnong has his students spending two sessions at Whitten Oval with the Western Bulldogs FC each week as well as strength and conditioning training. Maribyrnong went on to play Catholic College Bendigo in the final running out convincing winners to be crowned State Champions.

Reaching the final four schools in the state was a fantastic achievement for the Nagle team and whilst disappointed to not play in the final they can be very proud of the way they represented themselves and the school at this level. Congratulations to all players involved and thanks to assistant coaches Dale Johnson and Ben Calnin, and umpires Liam Whitbourne and Brad Daniel.

State Hockey Finalists

The Nagle Senior Boys Hockey team made it through to the School Sport Victoria Finals this term after winning the East Gippsland and Gippsland rounds. In the games played at Footscray, Nagle played Kooring Secondary College in their first game and recorded a very exciting 2-0 win with Ben Howden and Chaz Newcomen scoring from their penalty corner opportunities.

In their second game, Nagle up-staged the strong Melbourne High School team to record a 1-0 victory. Oscar Grundens-Smith and Kurtis Geier were rock solid in defence and Jack Bowden scored to ensure their position in the grand final against Maribyrnong Secondary College. In the final game, Nagle pushed their opposition and were unlucky not to score on several occasions to eventually go down 3-0 to the very strong Maribyrnong team. Other team members included Declan Shepherd, Kyle Grumminsh, Jordan Gibbs, Darcy Willowhite, Lewis McArthur and Digby Mauder. The boys finished the day as State Runners-Up in a great team effort.
Oh What a Night!

2014 Inter-House Talent Night

This year’s Talent Night began with an exhibition of Visual Artworks – drawings, paintings and photography - from both junior and senior students. It was a difficult task for the art judges, Tracie Toohey and Pauline Crunden, to select the winners for each category, as they were all excellent. The audience vote was also very close. Results for the Visual Arts were:

**Junior Artwork:**
1st Jesse Turner (P) - Blue Tongue
2nd Tomas Carrero (B) - Origami
3rd Louise Jorgenson (X) - Sea Painting

**Junior Digital:**
1st Katherine Hardwick (B) - Girl on Wall
2nd Melissa Young (P) - Dog Abstract
3rd Gilbert Radic (C) - Sunrise Through Plants

**Senior Artwork:**
1st Elysh Websdale (C) - Beauty Book
2nd Sabrina Kool (P) - Hair
3rd Maddison Grandy (A) - Intricate Limeline

**Senior Digital:**
1st Kristen Allen (C) - Girl on Swing
2nd Ellie Bartlett (P) - Flower
3rd Brendan Tham (N) - Michael Jordan

**People’s Choice:**
1st Brendan Tham (N)
2nd Tali Thomas (B)
3rd Gilbert Radic (C)

The Overall Pointscore for the Visual Arts competition were:
1st Polding 74
2nd Chisholm 59
3rd Bosco 40
4th Newman & Xavier 15
6th Avila 10
7th MacKillop 5

Our MCs for the evening, David Long and Emma Galea, kicked off the Performances with a special opening dance routine that showcased their skills and set the right atmosphere for what was to come.

Individual items, duets, and small groups kept the audience enthralled with students from Year 7 to 12 performing with talent. The quality of the sound and camera visuals supported the performances. Our thanks must go to the tech crew for their contribution. After Section 1 the audience voting slips were collected and the House Extravaganzas began. What a variety: from singing to swimming, acting to dancing, laughing, clapping and cheering for your House. More audience voting took place then the official judges (Gaylene Bruce, Tony Porter and Fran Mantell) presented the awards. The judges were kept busy all night marking the assessment paperwork and writing comments for the performers. Results were:

**Representative Acts:**
1st D & D (C)
2nd Popular (P)
3rd Demons (N)
Audience Vote: D & D (C)
Encouragement Award: Ben & Naomi (A)

**House Extravaganza:**
1st Bosco
2nd MacKillop
3rd Chisholm
Audience Vote: MacKillop

Overall Pointscore for the Performing Arts Competition were:
1st Chisholm 203.3
2nd Bosco 196.8
3rd Xavier 196.3
4th Polding 186.3
5th Avila 160.8
6th Newman 129.5
7th MacKillop 117.8

Absolutely everyone ‘won on the night’ as we all had fun and shared this with an enthusiastic audience of families and friends. Thank you to all of the art and music teachers, House staff and students, judges, backstage assistants, support staff and helpers and all who contributed to this great College event.

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Design & Technology

Whitehouse Excursion

On Monday May 12 students of Year 10 Fabric to Fashion and VET Applied Fashion Design travelled to Melbourne to attend a Kick Start ‘Drawing for Fashion’ Workshop at the Whitehouse Institute of Design. Design instructor, Todd Heggie, taught students how to draw the human body as a fashion figure, render fashion drawings using textural and tonal illustration techniques, and about the design process and skills required for a career in the design and fashion industry.

After learning all the necessary drawing techniques, students were given the challenge of designing a clothing collection. Todd announced that his favourite designer would be awarded a scholarship to attend a holiday program at the Whitehouse Institute. Two students, Gabby Greer and Teagan Dunlop were awarded honorary mentions, whilst Stephanie Atkinson won the Scholarship with her amazing design.

Overall it was a fantastic learning experience for all students and gave a great overview into what the fashion and design industry is all about.

By Daisy Mason

Learning to Cook & Sew

The year began with a cohort of Year 7s very excited about learning to ‘cook and sew’. They have participated in activities in food studies that have taught them about safety in the kitchen, safe food handling, washing, and cleaning up, as well as food production. Even though their food may not have made it home, I can assure you that the students have cooked! They have also learned about basic nutrition and applied it to their own eating habits. Year 7 classes are exploring reuse, recycling of foods, and packaging as part of a sustainability unit.

Year 8s have continued to build on these skills and have studied food products and the nutrients contained in them in more depth. They have also completed more design briefs, which encompass designing, making and appraising a product.

In Textiles, Year 7 have all made a cushion to a basic design, but incorporating their own design for the centre of the cushion. Most have mastered the sewing machine and should be encouraged to practise at home to improve their skills for Year 8.

Year 8 classes have had the option of making a character bear, a soft toy or completing an appliqué panel that they could make into a bag, a cushion, or a table runner. Through negotiation, some of the boys have actually made a clock from a range of materials and using a variety of processes. This has involved designing the clock face which is made in fabric, with piecing, appliqué, and ink jet printing. This is attached to a wooden base and fitted to the clock mechanism.

There have been some wonderful articles produced once again and the students should be encouraged to continue with this skill in Year 9 and 10 and beyond.

By Daisy Mason

Fabric to Fashion

Year 9 Fabric to Fashion students thoroughly enjoyed making a recycled bag from shopping bags. This demonstrated sustainability through reusing materials. They also appliqued their own designs onto a carry bag to demonstrate the use of colour and design.

The Year 10 Fabric to Fashion class made a garment of their choice; all styles different, thus demonstrating their interest in fashion. As a part of the sustainability of the use of fabric, they researched the manufacture and use of denim and then designed and made an article from recycled denim which had been donated by the Payneville Shed. The projects were all interesting and quirky. Well done girls!

By Jess Woodward

VCE Food & Technology

During the first half of the semester we worked through chapters 1 – 8 of our Food and Technology textbook. As a class we completed two written School Assessed Tasks that tested our knowledge on various key elements including maintaining food safety in Australia, key food origin, functional components, cooking techniques, including preservation techniques and complex processes. As a class we have just made the trip down to Melbourne visiting the Melbourne Museum, Top Design and Berunettes, in the search for inspiration for our design portfolios that we are just about to begin. As individuals we have begun our folio’s and are in the process of planning a trial menu for our clients.

By Jess Woodward

A Baking Challenge

A Baking Challenge consists of baking sweets in an alternative, healthier way and learning techniques to make the end result even more successful. Students are given a problem to solve, produce and evaluate. They bake things such as gluten free fudge cakes, fruit and oat biscuits, and sticky date pudding. This subject was a popular choice chosen by Year 9 students.

In Make a Meal we make a plan the week before we cook. In this session we write down what ingredients we want to use in the next week’s practical class. In our practical session all the things we cook are healthy and fresh with wholesome food. It has to appeal to kids of a high school age where a school could sell at the canteen. For example we cooked healthy hamburgers which included lettuce, tomato and beetroot as well as patties, so we have a mixture of meat and fresh vegetables. The following session we do a product evaluation on the meal we made previously. We write down what the meal tasted like and what its texture was.”

By Marlie Balmer & Ashleigh Camidge Year 9
News from our Past Students

Where Are They Now?

Jessee John (Class of 2007) is a recipient of the Young Achiever of the Year Award for the Bairnsdale Shire. The award was presented to Jessee by Mayor Mark Reeves at the Australia Awards Ceremony. Jessee was nominated for the award for her involvement with the (f)route Collective, her appointment as an East Gippsland Ambassador, her support of the Arts in East Gippsland, (Nowa Nowa Nudes, Milk Magazine contributor, a photographic exhibition) and her extensive involvement in the community.

Jessee is also an enthusiastic traveller and has travelled to many different parts of the world. She is especially drawn to countries with a socio-economic background largely different to Australia. One of Jessee’s first adventures was to India where she taught English to Tibetan refugees in the home town of the Dalai Lama. Also an animal lover Jessee worked in an Animal Refuge in Goa. Jessee’s next adventure before she goes to the Netherlands in September is to participate in a camel trek across the Flinders Ranges to raise money and awareness of child slavery and trafficking. Although Jessee has travelled many parts of the globe she always returns to Bairnsdale where she works in graphic design, hospitality and is currently publishing a collection of short stories inspired by travel.

Photos at right are Jessee John and Mayor Mark Reeves at the Australia Day Celebrations in Bairnsdale and Jessee visiting the 15th century Incan site of Machu Picchu in South America.

Mark Hannington (Class of 2005) stole the show during Canberra’s recent Skyfire fireworks spectacular. Mark, now 26, is an Air Force flying officer from 77 Squadron based at Williamstown in NSW. During the event in Canberra he was at the controls of a RAAF F/A-18 Hornet as it made several passes over the large crowd, estimated at 100,000 assembled on the banks of Lake Burley Griffin. The show consisted of high-speed and slow-speed passes, maximum rate turns and a vertical departure. Speeds of 550 knots (1018 km/h) and forces up to 7.5G were conducted at 250 feet above the ground. Mark attended Eagle Point Primary School and completed his secondary education at Nagle College. He has recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Mark is pictured at left atop his RAAF F/A-18 Hornet.

Past students are now able to send in your latest news, upload photos and share your stories with us in a very user-friendly way via the Community Pages on our website: www.nagle.vic.edu.au. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact:

Ms Rhonda Lawrance
5152 9928 or
registr@nagle.vic.edu.au

Rest in Peace:

We are always saddened to hear news of the death of any past community members. Our thoughts and prayers are with the following families:

Mr Travis Barber passed away 05/06/2014. Father of Billy (Class of 2011) and Dylan (Class of 2013). Brother of Brandon (Class of 2011) and Joshua Delahey (Yr 12 Xavier).

Christopher Coverdale (Class of 1986) 7/2/1969 - 3/7/2014, husband to Carolyn and stepfather to Olivia, Alex and Liam Miles.

Mr Victor Kater lost his battle with cancer on 20 June 2014. Vic leaves behind his wife Jenny and sons Samuel (Class of 2007) and Alex (Class of 2011).

Amanda Banfield (Class of 1995) 4/3/1978 - 1/6/2014. After leaving Nagle, Amanda completed her Masters Degree as a dietitian and spent many years practising at Orbost Regional Health before moving to Perth to setup a private practice. Amanda was a free and adventurous spirit whose inner beauty shone through: in her infectious smile; in her generous heart; and in the way she did most things. Amanda left those she loved, including her partner Jess of nine years, at the age of 36, after fighting a courageous and valiant battle against brain cancer. Donations, which Amanda will match dollar for dollar from her Estate, can be made through her Facebook page to the Alfred Centre, William Buckland Radiation Oncology and Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.
Music Happenings
Mr Andrew Long, Music Program Co-ordinator

Nagle music students have continued to enjoy the many opportunities to improve their instrumental and performance skills. At the very end of last term the Cookies and Cream Showband, together with the Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble, conducted a short performing tour at Bairnsdale West and Lucknow Primary Schools. Our musicians engaged the audience and delivered a variety of musical styles, which were enthusiastically received. We then stopped off on our return trip to St Mary’s Primary for a short lunchtime concert in their schoolyard. Our students commented that it was a very busy and rewarding day.

With many additional students now learning Saxophones, Trumpets, Clarinets and Flutes the newly formed ‘Junior Concert Band’ presented its début performance at the College Assembly. The students involved expressed new sensations of nerves, anxiety, pride and relief as they gave a truly inspiring performance. Many of these musicians have only been learning their instrument since the beginning of this year! Well done “musicians of the future”.

The Nagle Strings Ensemble joined with St Mary’s string students to play together for a lunchtime concert in the St Mary’s yard. We have been very lucky with the weather so far this year for all our ‘outdoor’ concerts.

Our Choir and many additional singers, travelled to Melbourne to participate in the Victorian Arts ‘Boîte’ massed choir at Federation Square. This was a buzz for all involved. Several weeks later Nagle College Presentation Hall was the venue for the local performance with regional schools combining to form another wonderful massed choir event.

Talent Night 2014 - wow what a fantastic showcase of Visual and Performing Arts. We saw outstanding artwork on display, and a mixture of quality performances, followed by the exciting ‘House Extravaganza’ section. It was certainly an opportunity to ‘let your light shine’.

After many lunchtimes of rockin’ out and rehearsing Nagle Musicians entered the Freeza ‘Push Start Battle of the Bands’ with one group (band name ‘Ever Changing’) winning and heading towards the semifinals whilst another group (band name ‘Dude, I Dunno’) attaining second place and second chance at the next competition at Sale. Great effort and well done to all involved. Also adding to local events was the ‘Bruthen’s Got Talent’ show. Nagle musicians took to this event enthusiastically, taking up the opportunity to perform. Many proudly walked away with trophies.

The Founders’ Day Mass included performances from the Liturgical Music Class. This music created a connection and added emotion to the mass. Our Founders’ Day has grown over recent years to include a House Singing competition – the emphasis being on participation and team building within the Houses. The day was out-of-uniform and also involved tree planting, and no usual classes. Our tech crew students enjoyed pumping up the music for a lunchtime DJ session accompanying the free sausage lunch. Even our principal Mr Powles was spotted dancing the ‘sprinkler’ and ‘chainsaw’! It was good fun and all had a great day.

Our Senior Concert Band and String Ensemble travelled to and presented a concert for the residents of Maddocks Gardens Aged Care Facility. This was very well received and was enjoyed by all involved. Yet another example of Nagle students sharing their talents for the pleasure of with our wider community.

The Nagle Music Annual Concert was held at the Bairnsdale RSL and showcased ensembles and solo performances from our instrumental program and VCE classroom music. After many months of rehearsing all students performed well on the night to proud parents and the enthusiastic audience. A great effort by all involved. Nagle is fortunate to have dedicated music teachers who have encouraged and prepared the students in developing their music skills. Thank you to all of them for their constant effort and expertise.
Snapshots of Talent Night