Last Friday, 15 students from the 9/10 Applied Science class took their Camembert creations to Devonport for the toughest of tests: being judged by Mr Russell Smith, an international cheese judge. Made eight weeks ago on that day of days (we all remember the day the school closed, don’t we?!!), the Cressy Camembert Cheeses were competing against fifty other camemberts made by high school students from across the North of Tasmania. And what a result!! All four cheeses from Cressy were judged to be of silver-medal quality or higher, and the cheese made by Claire Tyrrell, James Thirkell-Johnston, Caitlyn Donaldson-Adams, Angela Neitzel and Lewis Neikamp was judged to be of gold-medal quality and awarded the overall champion prize of $500 – a fantastic achievement! The feedback from Mr Smith was that, “you can’t make a cheese better than this”. Congratulations must go to all students in the Applied Science class for preparing and presenting their ‘cheesy’ multimedia advertisements.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This newsletter celebrates many high order achievements in recent weeks. Congratulations to all involved in Camembert in the Classroom and Northern Midlands representative teams. I hope you enjoy reading the associated articles in this newsletter. Congratulations to the Trout Expo Committee on their most successful event last Sunday and Monday.

Singfest

Last Thursday it was my pleasure and privilege to attend Singfest at the Albert Hall. This involved the combining of ten school choirs from various schools in the north, in a non-competitive celebration of song. There were a total of three hundred students. Attendees were treated to some very high quality items. Mr Tabe had most ably trained our Vocal Group for the event and enabled our school to be beautifully represented. Congratulations to all the students and Mr Tabe. If you have not yet attended a Singfest event, I would most strongly encourage you to in the future. You will be thoroughly entertained and amazed.

Staffing - Term 4

Next Term Ms Katie Lester will begin a new appointment and promotion at Queechy High School and Ravenswood Primary in a Literacy Specialist Teacher role. This will be a temporary appointment until the end of Term 2, 2015. Consequently, this Friday will be her last day. We farewell Mrs Lester knowing how she has dedicated so much of her time to extra programs and conducted herself with great enthusiasm, energy and amazing organisation. As founder of the Duke of Edinburgh Program at Cressy she has enabled numerous students to share her love of the outdoors and her commitment to the community volunteering. She has also been instrumental in the inception and introduction of the Trout Expo. Ms Lester's leadership of our student leaders has allowed our school to work very closely with the Northern Midlands community and deliver an innovative program based on teaching leadership skills. She has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for our student leaders to learn alongside other school student leaders. In recent years she has led our Inspiring Futures Program and witnessed students achieving outstanding pathways outcomes and phenomenal whole school retention rates. I must remind us all of some unforgettable and extremely unique performances in the Staff Act as well! We wish Ms Lester all the very best for her new appointment and thank her for her enormous dedication to Cressy District High School during the last 10 years.

Mrs Lester's replacement is Ms Lisa Mitchell. She will be responsible for all of Ms Lester's classes except for the Student Leadership Group, which will be led by Mrs Annette Baker. We extend a warm welcome to Lisa. We are delighted that she is joining our school and Senior 9/10 team and look forward to reaping the benefits of her vast experience and strong passion for teaching.

All the very best to Mr Tabe and all performing students on Thursday evening at our Expressions Concert. We are looking forward to you coming along!

We hope to see as many people as possible at the end of Term Assembly as well. It is on Friday 27th at 11.30 in the Multipurpose Hall.

Ms Selina Sheedy will be on Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of Term 4. We wish her all the very best for this well deserved break. Mrs Kristyn Green will be the replacement teacher.

I am taking two weeks of Long Service Leave at the beginning of Term 4 to spend time with my family and enjoy my garden. During these two weeks Mrs Julie Pike will be Acting Principal. Mr Tabe will be Acting AST of Grades 9/10. I look forward to returning near the end of October and us continuing to complete 2014 to a high standard.

Best of luck to Mr Nick Goss, Ms Jill Bennett and all Sheep Handlers at the Launceston Show during the holidays.

Please have a great holiday. I hope you all can rest, enjoy family time and recharge batteries to return eager and determined to achieve learning and personal goals during this important final term. Thank you to everyone for your support in making ours an outstanding school.

Annette Hollingsworth

BYOT

Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) has commenced and it has been fantastic to see many of our students enthusiastically participating in this program and working alongside their teacher with understanding and following BYOT protocols.

Lockable storage cabinets are available in the Middle School, Modular and Dry Lab for students who wish to store their device.

*A reminder that mobile phones are to be used for learning purposes only as instructed by teachers.*
Mrs Lester and I recently travelled to Melbourne to attend a Victoria University launch of a new landmark report including Cressy District High School and its partnership with the Beacon Foundation. The main focus was investigating flexible learning programs in Australia. Also closely associated with the launch and program are The Victoria Institute, The Ian Potter Foundation and The Dusseldorp Forum.

Cressy District High School was invited to be part of this national research project. The end report is entitled Putting the Jigsaw Together: Flexible Learning Programs in Australia. Throughout the project, twenty short vignettes of good practice programs were conducted as well as detailed case study reports of eight good practice programs and a final report synthesising all findings. Cressy District High School's Inspiring Futures Program has featured in the eight good practice programs.

In Melbourne, Katie and I were proud to present the ten year Cressy journey and story of school improvement that it had experienced with Beacon as it has supported our young people to make informed, high aspirational decisions about their future pathway.

Our case study concludes with a summary on remarkable and distinctive features of our program. The four features are:

1. Less ‘alternative’ and more ‘innovative’. Beacon at Cressy acts as a shock for educational engagement, the model helps make learning meaningful to students through connecting the curriculum to career aspirations and the real world.

2. Pathway planning is integrated into core business. It can be difficult for us to distinguish between the Beacon Program or the school.

3. Strength of the Beacon's vision within the Cressy District High framework. Although the Beacon program only formally runs for up to five years, the Beacon Foundation is regarded as a true partner of our school after nearly a decade.

4. Extensive Partnerships between our school and the community. The Beacon program creates and improves connections to all parts of the community. The involvement of a vast array of community members, politicians, Industry professionals, employers, educational providers, tertiary staff and parents is a distinctive feature of our school.

Our case study will be a powerful resource that will be referred to regularly. It will also be a detailed and highly professional summary that will be very promotional of both our school and the Beacon Foundation. It has been an honour to be involved in the research, project and the recent launch. Sincere thanks are extended to all school and community members who were interviewed and contributed to the study.

The document has been added to our website, under the Parent Information tab.

Annette Hollingsworth

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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On 10th of September, the Grade 9 classes of our school were treated with a visit from Constable Scott Templar of Evandale. Mr Templar informed us about the drug ‘ice’ and how it is made. He recalled several cases of peculiar behaviour displayed by users of the drug and how their decisions affected others. There was the case of the man who believed there were satellite trackers in his teeth, and of the woman who prostituted herself to pay for her drug addiction.

(Jemimah Clifford)

The constable has been a policeman for TEN years and was able to tell us a lot about his equipment on his belt. Scott Templar said that his radio is the best and most important tool a policeman will have because it can provide information about everyone. Scott left us with useful information and all questions answered.

(Jake Tubb)

Constable Scott Templar recommends joining the police force. He says that the job guarantees variety and a fair amount of pay per year, usually $65 000 for a low ranked officer.

(Daniel McCullagh)

On Wednesday 10th September all students in the Secondary Sector had the opportunity to learn about Oral Health. Sally is the dental therapist who works for the local government Health Centre and is based at Longford Dental Clinic. Sally talked about the importance of dental care and the need for regular dental visits for prevention.

Sally provided each student with a toothbrush and toothpaste. They also received a wallet size card to take home about Longford Dental Clinic with contact details if parents would like to make a dental appointment. This is a free service for all children under 18. Dental appointments are bulk billed to Medicare this year, with no cost to parents.

We would like to thank Sally for all of the information she shared with our students.

Julie Pike, 9/10 AST

The last P&F meeting was held on Monday 15 September. We heard how well the Fathers Day Breakfast went, and the plans to make this an annual event.

Jemima Clifford and Toby Chugg presented a very interesting School Leadership Report, and entertained the meeting with details of the Spirit of Polynesia performance, which was attended by the High School classes on 15 September. Other topics of importance they covered included how the 9/10 exams were progressing, the Subject Night held recently to help students and parents make decisions on class choices for next year, the upcoming Expressions Concert, and recent visits to Colleges. We also heard about the recent Duke of Ed Camp to Maria Island, and the upcoming Camembert in the Classroom Competition which is held in Devonport this year.

It was great to hear from Mrs Hollingsworth on the NAPLAN results, and although just a snapshot of performance, indicates very positive progress that has been made by students over recent years. Mrs Hollingsworth also was able to provide information on how the rollout of Years 11 and 12 is being implemented by the State Government and how Cressy High School may be able to benefit from this policy.

How about joining us for hot drinks, refreshments and a pleasant chat at our next meeting, which will be held in the Donna Ritchie Room on Monday, 20 October at 7pm. It is a great way to stay connected with all that is going on in the school environment.

Susan Dalziel
Each month we recognise a Primary and a Secondary student for personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to the community. This award recognises a range of Australian values: a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, commitment to the community, participation and real concern for the environment.

**Primary Recipients**

Thomas, Nicholas and Zoe are exemplary school citizens who display the Australian values of mateship, a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, commitment to the community, participation and a genuine concern for the environment.

**Secondary Recipients**

Angelika and Bianca are exemplary school citizens who display the Australian values of mateship, a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, commitment to the community, participation and a genuine concern for the environment.

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**Sport and Group Photos 2014**

All Sport and Group photos can be viewed and ordered online. Parents may log on to [www.kkphotos.com.au](http://www.kkphotos.com.au) and use the shoot key GZAXPK5R.

All groups are $10.00 each and parents have until Friday 3rd October 2014 to order online. After this date, all orders will be collated and sent to school where they can be collected or sent home with your child. Any parents wishing to order after this date, will need to pay $7.00 for postage and handling and the photos will be sent to their home address.

For more information please contact the office on 6397 6281 or email dearne.baker@education.tas.gov.au

Dearne Baker
School Business Manager

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**TERM 4 - HATS**

Children are reminded that hats are compulsory as of the start of Term 4. The wearing of hats is an important aspect of our sun protection policy. School hats must be plain navy blue wide brimmed in Primary and a plain navy blue cap for Secondary only. Hats may be purchased from the school office and the Uniform Shop - **$14 each**
In June this year the school submitted an application for the Shade for Secondary Schools Grant Program. Twelve Tasmanian schools applied for the much sort after $25000.00 grant and recently we were notified that our application had been successful!

Research shows that adolescence is a period of significant risk during which exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation is more likely to contribute to skin cancer later in life. Cancer Council research has shown that providing purpose built shade in secondary schools will result in a significant increase use of shade by students, therefore reducing their cumulative UV exposure. The Shade for Secondary Schools Grant Program has been generously funded by eftpos through their Giveback campaign. eftpos has donated $1 million towards the program, enabling the Cancer Council to provide 45 Shade Grants nationally.

We are fortunate enough to be able to provide shade sails in two locations, in the quadrangle in front of the Canteen and the area between the Multi-Purpose Hall and front of Primary.

Building is planned to start within the coming weeks, so please watch this space for updates and photos!

Dearne Baker, School Business Manager

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**Discover Agriculture 6 Day Program**

At the beginning of September Kyle Qualie and Mckenzie Johnston attended the Discover Agriculture Program run by Roger Tyshing from Rural Skills Australia. This program exposes students to a wide variety of agricultural enterprises.

**Below is Kyle's report:**

From 31 August to 5th September I was chosen along with 21 other students to participate on a 6 day program.

I enjoyed the program and I would recommend it to anyone interested in agriculture. Over the six days I participated in many activities. These are just a few. I learnt how to measure out a round hectare – which we referred back to pivot irrigators. We visited the Herringbone dairy at Hagley Farm School which held 10 cows at a time.

Phil John spoke to us about work place and farm safety. He emphasised about keeping yourself safe.

Throughout the week we took soil samples from different farms in different locations including Blackwood Creek, Sheffield and Hagley School farm. From this I learnt the more finer your soil the better the crop or pasture you put will be as the roots can get down to moisture and available minerals.

We visited Brett and Juliet Rosendale at Sheffield and learnt about raspberries, blackberries and blueberries. Pruning and maintaining the vines to ensure full potential production is achieved. He also made berry ice cream for us from the secondfruit.

The animal welfare officer Colin Jessup visited us and told us his stories about what he has had to witness and he was telling us his worst case investigated involved using a grinder to remove cow’s tails. We learnt about the correct methods for looking after your livestock. Lydon Illes spoke to us about correct transporting of livestock on trucks, with documentation such as vendor declaration forms.

We visited Roberts’s wool store and learnt that the finest micron wool comes from Saxon merinos and that all wool off sheep is used for carpet, woollen coats and socks.

Rob Henry at Macquarie Oils showed us how biodiesel is made using crops such as poppy and canola trash. He has a specially made extraction plant. It was interesting to see how the input products were turned into diesel, from a solid plant waste to a liquid fuel. This operation utilises all waste material either as stock feed or compost.

Rob Bayles let us weighing lambs to be sold to TQM. The lambs had to be over 32kgs live weight to get a carcass weight of between 12 – 15 kg.

We travelled to Devonport to visit Serve-Ag laboratories where we quick dried pasture samples to look at moisture content. 10% of 1kg grass equal 100grs dry matter.

I really enjoyed visiting the Frampton’s Rotary dairy. Here I learnt how to use a plate metre to measure how much pasture is available for cows. They also looked after orphaned calves which they had a high success rate with. It changed my attitude towards a future career path in the dairy industry.

At TP Jones in Youngtown, Ali spoke to us about her agricultural experiences and how she got into the industry. We also designed a display for rural merchandise.

Wayne Johnston at Meander focused on Hazelnut trees, sheep and cropping. I liked the set-up of this farm. It was really good, clean and tidy.

At Rob Goddard’s, olive farm we learnt that olives trees take about 6 years before they mature to produce olives. Trees do fruit in the second year but the taste isn’t desirable. We got to taste the olives and the oil. Rob showed us how to properly taste the oil.

I would like to thank all the people we visited for their giving up their time to learn about their operations and showing us their different career paths and businesses.

Thankyou to Roger and Ashley for putting up with us over the 6 days. It was an amazing experience and I would recommend it to anyone.

Kyle Quaile
in Prep Cables/Oliver we have been exploring everything to do with penguins! We had a Dress Like a Penguin Day and invited mums, dads and special friends to come and join the afternoon with us. We also visited the Tasmanian Zoo and saw real life Blue Penguins. We watched them eat their breakfast and examined their enclosure. We also got the chance to walk with the dinosaurs and learn lot’s of new things about other animals at the Zoo.

A big thanks to Amanda Goss for joining us on our excursion and all the talented people who helped us dress like a penguin and joined us for our open afternoon.

On September 11, the Primary School Choir performed at the Singfest event at the Albert Hall in Launceston. It was the culmination of many months of rehearsals and they sang in a combined choir of 300 as well as performing Green Eggs and Ham as a solo item. It was a superb performance and a magnificent day, with the students enjoying the arts and making connections with other schools.

Mana: The Spirit of Polynesia

Last week, we had an inspiring in-school performance at Cressy. The performer, known as Mana, brought his Polynesian culture to our school through stories and native dances. He taught our students about his ancestry, which included Hawaii, North American Indian, New Zealand, Western African and European. Mana explained how important it is to talk to our older generations and learn from their stories and where they came from. He also talked about challenges in life and the importance of facing these challenge because if you don’t, they will just keep on returning. The students really responded to this performance and hopefully they will take some of his messages on board. Some video clips of his work can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/user/Mrjasaku.

Nelson Tabe - Music/ Drama Teacher
Thank you! We are very grateful to people who help us out on the farm. It may be through donating products or providing us with expertise. These people ensure we keep on keeping on.

Terry Connell – helping in selecting sheep for our show team and injecting our lambs against ovine Johne’s disease (OJD).
Richard Higgins – feed oats
Gordon Bayles – feed oats
Anita and Shania Bird – for weekend feeding of the dairy calves.

NEEDED PLEASE?
We would like an area to cut quality grass hay to provide us with at least 200 small bales. Please contact Nick Goss or the office if you can help out, or know of an area which may be available.

On 16th September we headed out to Connorville to inspect a major project being undertaken by Greening Australia, UTAS and Conservancy Tasmania. It involves planting a significant area to trees, with research being undertaken at several sites, which we hope to learn more about in future visits. This visit concentrated on looking at two sites where different methods are being used to establish trees. James Collinson (Jimmy) showed us the first site which has been fenced specifically to keep out wildlife and deer. Jimmy explained that the trees planted here can all be traced back to different places around the state where the seed was collected. They are part of a study into changing climates and have been planted into mounded ground. The second site had used a different site preparation method with trees individually caged against primarily possums and deer. Many students commented on our return to school that it was an interesting visit. It certainly is a beautiful property and it is exciting that Cressy District High School will be able to have involvement with this project for the next few years.

Jill Bennett

Congratulations to Harrison Johnston who is starring in the ExitLeft Spectacular OLIVER which is taking place at the Derwent Entertainment Centre next month.
Harrison Johnston is part of the Orphan ensemble for this fun family musical. He has been busy rehearsing for the past six months.
The show itself is going to be an Arena Spectacular in the style that the theatre company ExitLeft Productions is renown for. Complete with a cast of two hundred, the audience may expect lots of singing!
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UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Get into Touch
GIRLS AND BOYS JUNIOR ROSTERS - EACH WEDNESDAY - STARTING OCTOBER 15TH

- Youth Friendly is a fun game providing a great social environment for both boys and girls.
- Minimal contact sport
- Make new friends
- For all ages and skill levels
- Catering for individuals or as a team

In Further details please contact Emiles on 0439 590 919 or 
etmail: info@lta.lifeathletics.com.au
This year has seen a resurgence of participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Cressy District High School, proving the growing popularity of this positive youth development program. It encompasses personal goal setting in the areas of skills, physical recreation, community service and adventurous journeys.

Over the last seven months some of our students have dedicated a great deal of their time in order to fulfil The Award requirements. Last month fourteen of our Duke of Edinburgh Award participants undertook the adventurous journey component of the award. This is held in two parts; the Practice and Qualifying Journeys.

Our Practice Journey was held at Mr. Gordon Bayles’ property “Little Forest” as an overnight camp. Students were given the opportunity to learn explicit camping skills and to work together as a team. Although conditions were bitterly cold, the camp fire, singing, spotlighting and the regaling of tales of “Charlie McGraw” ensured that everyone survived the night and developed their understanding of the personal requirements of camping in Tasmania’s wilderness.

The following weekend our group boarded the ferry to Maria Island for a two night camp. We successfully conquered the gruelling peak of Bishop and Clerk on the first day, a mere 12km trip rising to an altitude of 737 metres. Three members of our team with reserves of enthusiastic energy even walked an extra 8km to locate a missing artefact! Our second day of adventure saw the team hike a total of 28km to French’s Farm and Encampment Cove, as we took in the scenery of one of Tasmania’s most beautiful destinations, helped by the idyllic weather. Although resilience was tested throughout the trip it was a pleasure to observe individuals persevere and there was much evidence of strong team bonds developing.

Congratulations to all of our participants that completed the adventurous journeys. You should be proud of your achievements. Thank you to Mr Gordon Bayles for the use of his property and to Ms Linda Breaden, Ms Nadine Lockett and Mr Nick Goss for volunteering their personal time and for being such an essential support to our students. We will announce soon those students who have successfully qualified for either the Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Jamie Rae
Coordinator

WELL DONE!! WONDERFUL PHOTOS