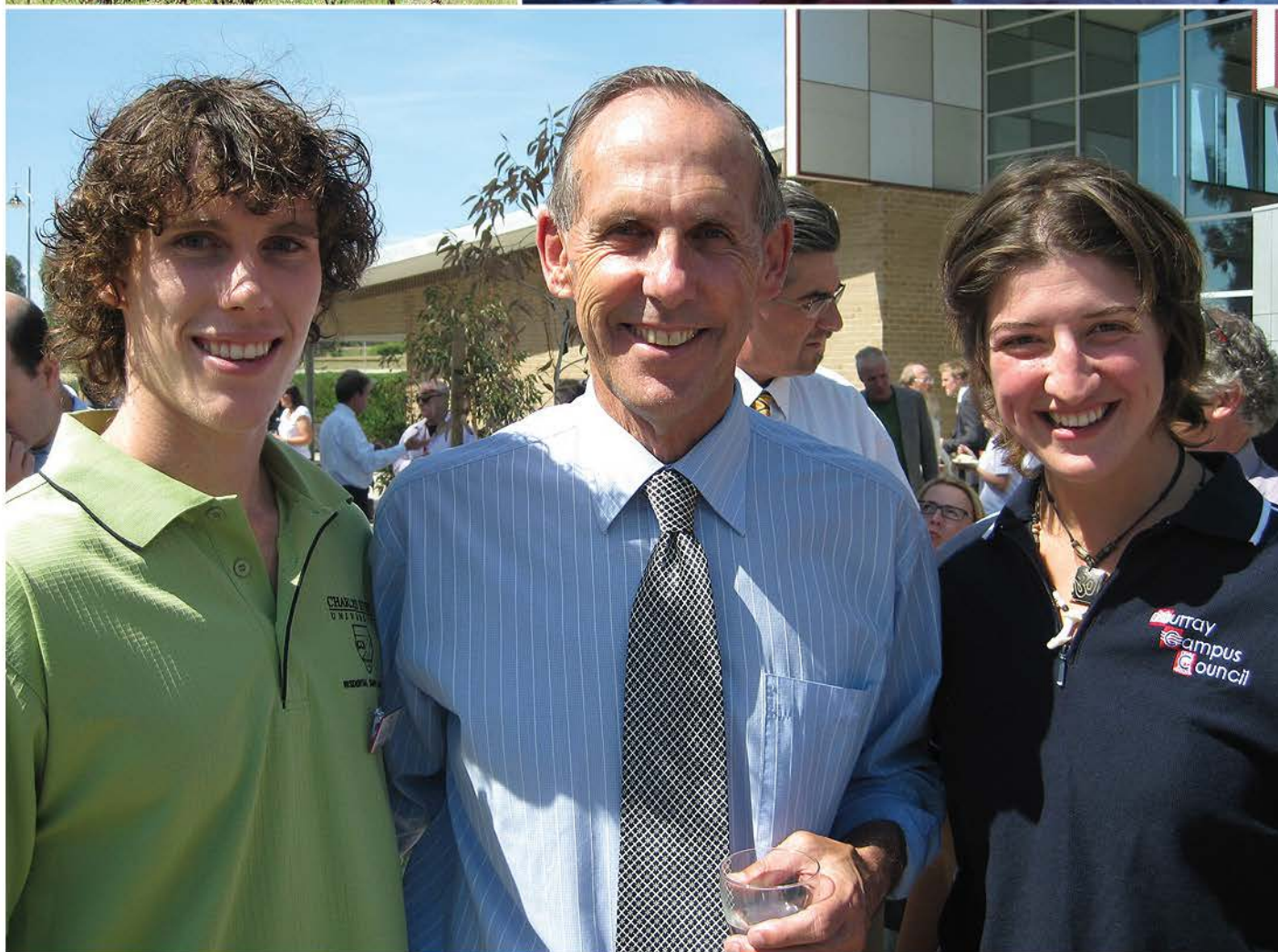
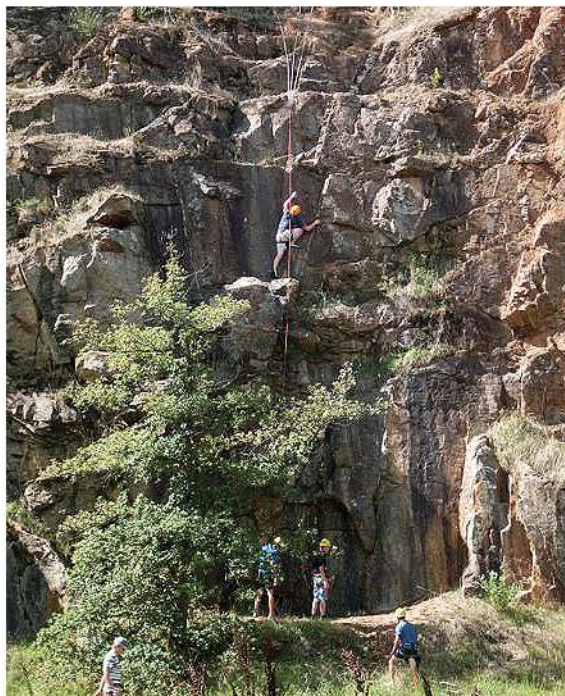


# VELOCITY

CSU Albury Student Magazine



From the Editor,

Although I've barely opened a textbook this semester it appears that it's already time to take a break ... Easter is on the horizon. Oh well - we'll take a couple of weeks off if you insist. This edition of Velocity doesn't feature anything in particular, but has some information about upcoming events, some improved facilities on the way (cyclists rejoice!) and a review of the official opening ceremony for the unified Albury and Thurgoona campuses. The long-awaited, highly anticipated special International edition has been deferred until next month - possibly due to jetlagged contributors.

Don't forget, your contributions to Velocity are welcomed, actually given my current workload I'll be down on my knees in gratitude if you can find it in your heart to pen some thoughts so that I don't have to. As always, send your efforts to [CSUVelocityMagazine@gmail.com](mailto:CSUVelocityMagazine@gmail.com) and you may even be rewarded with free stuff!

CSU clubs are also encouraged to promote their events and activities in the magazine - send in details, write-ups and photos.

Have a good break!

Gaye



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## Murray Campus Council Update

You may have noticed a small group of good-looking, friendly and charismatic people urging you to partake in a free sausage sizzle from time to time around campus. Have no fear - these happy souls are the people standing up for student interests at Thurgoona campus ... the Murray Campus Council!

From the last Council meeting we can report that the lack of bike racks has been noted and the CSU elves have been working in overdrive to address this problem. Obviously if you're riding your bike to uni, then you aren't in your car - which can only be a good thing, for you, the environment and anyone else trying to find a car park.

The former Forestry building is being converted for secure bike storage with ID card access. There is a shower in the building, and additional showers in the Gordon Beaven building (ground floor), and the Peter Till building (through the main door on your left). Lockers are located across from the Rehab building (BYO lock). The long term (funding dependent) plan is to establish several 'bike hubs' around campus with bike racks, showers and lockers.

If the thought of putting bum on bike doesn't oil your chain, you might consider consulting the CAR

**POOLING FORUM!!** This innovative concept encourages you to meet new people, save money, and save the world, just by getting in touch with all those other lost souls circling the campus in search of a carpark less than 2km from their destination.

The wilderness carparks will soon disappear beneath a construction site for the new childcare centre and permaculture gardens, expected to be in operation by the end of the year.

So if the wheels have fallen off your transportation - what other options do you have? Well, you could always RIDE THE BUS! Talks are underway to explore ways to improve the bus service to Thurgoona and to encourage students to use it. A decent bus shelter, freebies with your weekly bus ticket, a blockade of the carpark by students singing "the wheels on the bus go round 'n round, round 'n round" have been suggested. Expect a bus promotion blitz on your return after the mid-semester break ...

If you'd like to nominate for the Murray Campus Council and be involved with the issues that affect you and your fellow students, contact Kerry Read on [kread@csu.edu.au](mailto:kread@csu.edu.au)



## Open for Business (officially)

You'd be forgiven for thinking that the campus was already open, however last Wednesday the campus played host to dignitaries from far and wide, for the official opening ceremony to mark the amalgamation of Albury and Thurgoona campuses.

Guest of honour Senator Bob Brown of the Australian Greens received the most enthusiastic response to a speaker that I've ever heard in the Thurgoona auditorium. Indeed, the famed sleep-depriving auditorium seating was not necessary to keep anyone awake, as the Senator made an entertaining and inspiring call for environmental action. He spoke of the evolution of CSU Albury from a 'study centre' next to Albury Maccas, to the recent completed \$50 million campus upgrade.

His comment that there was more environmental nous around the average primary school table than around the Parliamentary Cabinet table found strong support amongst the audience. Obviously a lot has been learnt along the road from the pit latrines of his childhood school located on a hill above a river, to the CSU super-high-tech no-smell but don't wear your sunnies on your head composting dunnies. With that the ribbon was cut, the Senator was whisked away for a tour of (selected) facilities and the 'new' CSU is officially open for business.



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## Hawkweeding in the High Country

Volunteers come in many guises – volunteer jobs are just as varied. Looking for hawkweed in the Bogong High Plains was a summer highlight for me. It was also a great escape from the hot weather through summer, a volunteering practicum opportunity with no sweat, and a fantastic holiday opportunity for the poverty-stricken.

The program is run by Parks Victoria from the Falls Creek resort. The was chalet style accommodation, lots of food provided (you had to bring food to cook 3 dinners) and then we were all taken out to the local pub on the last night for a scrumptious dinner. It was a wonderful experience that I'd thoroughly recommend. But you ask, what is Hawkweed? Google it to find more info but the brief version from Parks Victoria is "Hieracium aurantiacum (Orange Hawkweed) and H. praealtum (King Devil Hawkweed) are both serious environmental and agricultural weeds in many temperate and subalpine areas of the world. Both species currently have a limited distribution in Australia because they are in the early stages of establishment. However, the rapidly invasive nature of both species, observed locally, nationally and internationally, indicates the potential of Hawkweeds to become widely established in the Victorian Alps and therefore become serious weeds. All Hawkweeds are State Prohibited Weeds in Victoria, to be eradicated as soon as possible".

The program aims were: to identify all previously undetected populations of Hawkweed in the Alpine National Park and Falls Creek Alpine Resort; to treat and kill all plants found; zero seed set of Hawkweeds in the Victorian Alps for this season. Programs like this one are totally reliant on volunteers – unfortunately

large amounts of funding are unavailable for programs like this to run with paid spotters all season. Looking for Hawkweed is not a strenuous task, and is a great way to meet other people from a variety of backgrounds. It only took around 6 hours each day so there was plenty of time for bushwalking, swimming if you were game in the Rocky Valley Dam, or catching up on a good book. To get info on this years program register your interest with Parks Victoria 136 186 or look out for announcements around November.

Pheona Anderson



## HORRORSCOPES

### **Virgo**

Virgo, if being able to laugh at yourself is a virtue you are truly blessed and should settle in for a month filled with joy. This will make you even happier when you realise that all those people who used to laugh at you are now laughing with you, however their reasons for laughing haven't changed.

### **Aries**

Feeling a bit low Aries? You have Davatar (that's depression for people who watched Avatar). Your life is completely lacking in flying dragon lizards, magic trees and blue buff bodies, how much does that suck! Not to worry, CSU has a solution. The green adventure people should be able to take the edge off your depression, they are green from infrequent showers, very fit, and believe they have the ability to talk to the animals. Even if they don't fix your Davatar they will at least give you a new perspective on how bad your life could be.

### **Leo**

Good news! You have a great month ahead, someone dies! Don't worry, you didn't like them and they were very well off. Enjoy spending your not-so-hard-earned cash on booze but make sure you have enough left over to bribe one of those studious Librans to finish your assignments that you'll be too passed out to remember.

### **Libra**

Have you ever noticed how Libra and Librarian are practically the same word? No? Well they are because the stars say so. It's not just a coincidence either, Librans are just as boring as librarians and no one ever dreams of becoming either. Unlucky for you, you were born a Libran so this month don a cardigan, get your reading glasses and cuppa and prepare to be inundated with people using you for your brains as they try to steal your well written assignments.

### **Gemini**

Geminis are pushy and overbearing. They pick fights with small children and moon people at weddings. They also like to use Librans as punching bags (not actually a bad idea). This month use that controlling energy to steal students' lunch money and pick on weaklings (Librans)

### **Capricorn**

This month you'll turn over a new leaf, you'll really enjoy it. Go out to a movie, buy someone you love dinner and by all means, take protection. Just in case you get lucky....Remember goaty people need lots of deodorant.

### **Pisces**

To deal with your increased stress this month Pisces I suggest you take a walk along the beach, feel the sand between your toes, the wind in your hair and the salt on your skin. However, since you live in Albury that can roughly translate to a hot march to Thurgoona, feeling the broken glass in your soles, the dust in your teeth and the scabies on your skin. I'm relaxed just thinking about it.

### **Scorpio**

This is an intervention Scorpio. We've seen how much coffee you're drinking. As far as the stars see it, you have two paths ahead of you. One is the road to salvation which will see you hanging out in rehab carefully overcoming your caffeine addiction. The other, sees you crying and shaking outside the Gums Cafe at 8:30 in the morning, begging them to open the coffee bar so you can stay awake just that little bit longer. Knowing how many assignments you have to go, I'll see you at 8:30.

### **Cancer**

You've probably been wondering this month why everyone hates you. Is it your hair? Your clothes? Your friends? The way you eat your cereal? Probably, but mostly it's your smug self assuredness.

This month try to become more humble by living in Mungabareena and dumpster diving for food. It probably won't help your popularity status but maybe we'll get lucky and you'll contract a fast acting terminal illness from mouldy supermarket cakes.

### **Taurus**

It's time to return to your roots this month and I don't mean the ferals you slept with in O week. Get back to basics by head butting any alpha males you come across, marking buildings with your scent and any other bullish traits that take your fancy.

### **Aquarius**

This month your destiny wobbles like a furious jelly fish. You are destined for great things and now need to decide if you're actually heading towards any of them. You live in Albury, in student accommodation and, unlike Capricorns, you aren't dating. Big fail Aquarians, get your arses into gear.

### **Sagittarius**

Sagittarians are a brave lot. This month you may find yourself squishing spiders with your bare hands or walking to the toilet at night without turning the lights on. Live dangerously this month noble Sags, weakness is for Librans.

-Anon

### **Climbing the GAP**

The wonderful GAP Club had a successful climbing day on Wednesday 10th March. Over 50 people turned up in the afternoon to do some awesome climbing. There were four amazing climbs, and an incredible abseil, which were set up by our attractive climbing pros. Congratulations to everyone who made it to the top of the cliff. You all looked tops! Wearing those trendy blue TAFE harnesses and yellow helmets. HOT. Thanks to those sexy people who helped make our climbing event possible. You're marvellous.

For everyone who missed out, or just wants to have another go, GAP will be holding another CLIMBING DAY...

**Where:** Albury Quarry (track off the top end of river view terrace, which is off Riverina hwy. Its easy to find on Google maps.)

**When:** this WEDNESDAY! 31st of March, kicks off at 3pm.

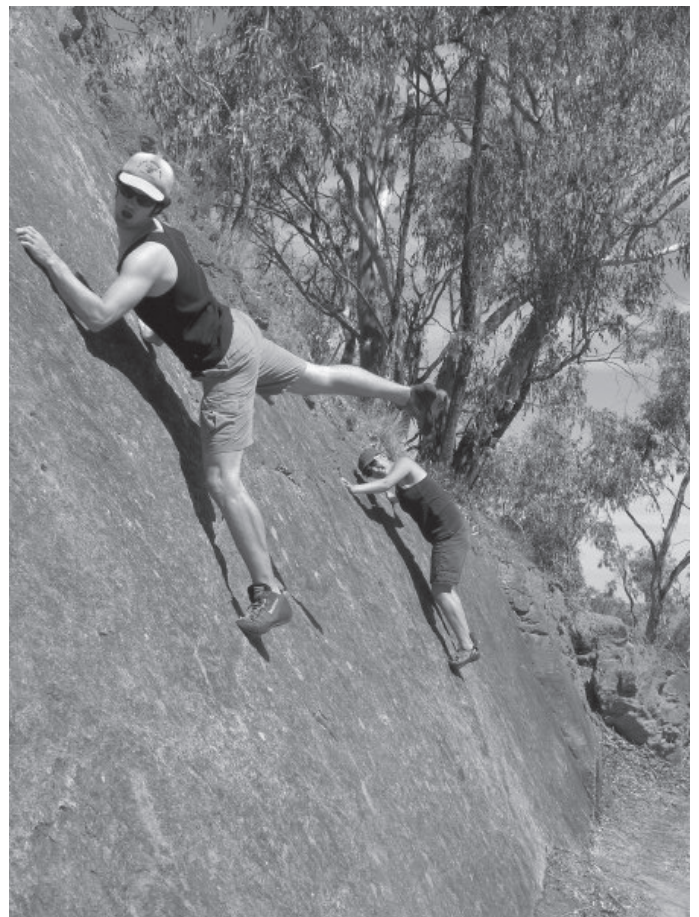
**Why:** Because our club is about getting outside and having adventures!

**Cost:** FREE

**Who:** Everyone! All non-members welcome  
You don't need to be a pro, you don't even need to have ever been climbing before. You just need to be there.

And yes, it was scary for some, not only were there big ants, a massive puddle, a lizard, and cliffs [for those of us who are scared of heights], there was even \*\*\*! in shorts that should never be seen again. Please \*\*\*! NO (name withheld to protect the individual concerned - you know who you are).

- Cat Crossley





## Yet more GAP Stuff

### Upcoming Events ...

26th April - 3rd of May: Climate Reality Week

This is an Australia-wide event co-ordinated by the AYCC (Australian Youth Climate Coalition). If you'd like to be involved in some fun activities to create awareness about climate change then jump on board.

29th of April: CSU Global & GAP Club BBQ

Come along for a chilled out info session and fundraising BBQ @ the Gums Cafe.

Friday 7th of May: Off ya Dial @12 Mile

For a fun a chilled out night of camping, free punch and music - keep an eye out after Easter break for more details.

Weekend 15th-16th of May??: Mountain Biking weekend @ Mt Buller

Stay tuned for more info or have a chat to a GAP member if interested.

25-26th of May: 3rd Victorian Sustainable Development conference

Two day conference @ Federation Square in Melbourne.

Future: (Subject to interest): Snow weekend @ Mt Hotham, Arapiles Climbing trip, Mt Buffalo Caving trip, SOS-Students of Sustainability conference in Adelaide, Tour-de-Norfolk Mt Biking event & much more! If you are interested in any of the above events/activities please email GAP at [greenadventurepeople@gmail.com](mailto:greenadventurepeople@gmail.com)

## Surely not?

THERE are many ways to skin a camel, but none, it seems, that count towards reducing Australia's carbon footprint. Scientists have found camels to be the third-highest carbon-emitting animal per head on the planet, behind only cattle and buffalo. Culling the one million feral camels that currently roam the outback would be equivalent to taking 300,000 cars off the road in terms of the reduction to the country's greenhouse gases. But Climate Change Minister Penny Wong told The Australian there was little point doing anything about Australia's feral camels as only the CO<sub>2</sub> of the domesticated variety is counted under the Kyoto Protocol. That equates to only a small number of the beasts, the sort found lugging tourists around Cable Beach in Broome and at Monarto Zoo, southeast of Adelaide. It is one of the many quirks of international carbon accounting standards, but one that has been sufficient to stop the Rudd government from stepping in to address the camel problem. <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/feral-camels-clear-in-penny-wongs-carbon-count/story-e6frg6nf-1225827641354>

Source: University of Sydney, 2010 (DickmanLab email update 24/02/10).

## First Aid Course Dates

Students can now book and pay for first aid courses at the cashiers.

The following course dates are available. Cost is \$130 (includes morning/afternoon tea & lunch). Training is held at the Thurgoona Training Academy.

There is a minimum group size of ten people, and a maximum of twenty. If we have a slightly smaller group they may be able to make up minimum numbers with outside bookings. There may be

the possibility of having two groups if there is high demand for particular dates.

## **Apply First Aid (Level 2 Senior FA)**

2 days 8:30am – 4:30pm

- 7/8th April
- 17th/18th April
- 6/7th May
- 16/17th June
- 23rd/24th August

## **Apply First Aid Refresher (Level 2 Senior First Aid)**

\*must be within 3 months of certificate expiry

1 day 8:30am – 4:30pm

- 22nd April
- 15th June
- 25th August

## **Want a Whinge?**

Not happy, Jan? Velocity magazine can't help you I'm afraid. Having a rant might make you feel better, but if you would like to have a complaint dealt with CSU has some processes in place. The Murray Campus Council may be able to follow up on some issues – the representatives meet regularly to discuss student issues. If the issue affects other CSU campuses then it gets taken to the student senate, with representatives from all campuses. There is also a formal complaints procedure ... check out <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/plandev/ombudsman/>

If you have an opinion rather than a complaint as such, no worries - you are invited to submit your ideas, suggestions, and have a bleat if it helps, but please avoid 'racist, sexist, discriminatory, defamatory, offensive or misleading' comments (as per the student publications policy at Wagga Wagga).

To contact a member of the Murray Campus Council, look out for people running round in spiffy navy blue t-shirts (they'll be anywhere there's a free sausage sizzle happening). There are representatives from most Schools and from Res.



TRINITY COLLEGE

Albury-Wodonga

## **Volunteer Coaches Required**

**Trinity College is seeking suitable and experienced students to assist with the coaching of our co-curricula sporting sides. Beginning in Term 2 we require assistance in the following sports;**

- **Basketball**
- **Netball**
- **Dance**
- **Equestrian**
- **Athletics**
- **Football**

**Any student who is interested in committing to coaching and/or training of a side for a minimum of one term is asked to contact Nash Clark, Head of Sport.**

**[nclark@trinityac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nclark@trinityac.nsw.edu.au)**

**This is a fantastic opportunity to participate in a rewarding role teaching Junior School students. All coaches will need to complete a 'Working with Children Police Check'**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5	29 <sup>TH</sup> Soccer Comp	30 <sup>TH</sup>	31 <sup>ST</sup> Education – Anything But Clothes	1 <sup>ST</sup> APR (Half Day)	2 <sup>ND</sup> GOOD FRIDAY	3 <sup>RD</sup> EASTER	4 <sup>TH</sup> EASTER
BREAK	5 <sup>TH</sup> EASTER	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup>
BREAK	12 <sup>TH</sup>	13 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup>	15 <sup>TH</sup>	16 <sup>TH</sup>	17 <sup>TH</sup>	18 <sup>TH</sup>
6	19 <sup>TH</sup> Soccer Comp	20 <sup>TH</sup>	21 <sup>ST</sup> MARHS/ Allied Health Night – Theme? Netball	22 <sup>ND</sup> Graduation	23 <sup>RD</sup> Graduation	24 <sup>TH</sup>	25 <sup>TH</sup> ANZAC Day
7	26 <sup>TH</sup> Public Hol. ANZAC Day	27 <sup>TH</sup>	28 <sup>TH</sup> Health & Rehab – heroes & villains Netball	29 <sup>TH</sup>	30 <sup>TH</sup>	1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY Physio Ball	2 <sup>ND</sup>
8	3 <sup>RD</sup> Soccer Comp	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup> Podiatry Club – Mardi Gra Netball	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>
9	10 <sup>TH</sup> Soccer Comp	11 <sup>TH</sup>	12 <sup>TH</sup>	13 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup> MCC - May Day	15 <sup>TH</sup> MARHS Ball?? If the 14 <sup>th</sup> isn't used	16 <sup>TH</sup>
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