WEBSITE UPGRADES
Henderson College in Mildura is the latest school within ASV to have refreshed their website. With the help of Jason Bradshaw and the team at Tractation, online visitors will be able to view the website in the same format as all our other schools. Sandra Ferry, Principal of Henderson, is thrilled with the result. “We have new buildings, new landscaped gardens and we now have a new website. Exciting things are happening at Henderson.” To check out everything that Henderson College has to offer to students in rural Victoria, visit hendersoncollege.com.au

CALL IN THE DOCTOR!
We are thrilled to report that Tony Robinson, a Gilson College teacher recently received his doctorate (Ed.D) from the La Trobe University. Tony’s research focussed on ‘Experiential Education’ with a minor in ‘Advanced Methodology’ his thesis was entitled “Thinkers Not Reflectors – A Case Study”. Family and friends were present at the graduation to help celebrate this very important milestone in Tony’s career.

RIVERS OF LIFE – DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP
Over two days in May, our ASV Learning and Teaching staff along with our Principals took part in the educational leaders’ conference at the Mercure Kooniah Waters on the Central Coast of New South Wales.

The conference presenters, included Ken Duncan and also Dr Darren Morton who explored the theme of wellbeing, a term made popular by Martin Seligman, one of the founders of the positive psychology movement. The movement has come to the conclusion that it is not enough to be happy with your life. They contend that it is possible for people to flourish. Leaders were encouraged to find time to refresh their souls and reflect on what is needed for them to flourish in all aspects of their lives. It was noted that the wellbeing of school leaders has an impact on the organisational climate of the school in which they operate. The conference was also a great opportunity to for our school leaders to meet with peers from around Australia in a professional and social setting.

AVONDALE TRIP
Recently, Brian Mercer (Education Director) and Dianne Cotter (Marketing Officer) went to visit the fourth year teaching students at Avondale College. Armed with video presentations about AVS and the great state of Victoria, Dianne started the presentation with a look at the overall school system. Brian then spoke directly to the students about the need for reflective practice in their teaching careers. It was a great opportunity to meet with graduates who are potentially looking at AVS to start their teaching career. The students were noticeably impressed with the facilities in AVS schools but also with the high expectation on quality teaching practices with several students staying back to discuss potential employment opportunities for 2014.

COGNITIVE COACHING COURSE
Brian Mercer and Betty Lakovic recently took part in Day 3 & 4 of training in the Cognitive Coaching seminar. There are 8 days in total to be completed, in partnership with Adventist Schools of Australia. This supports the direction to develop best practice in our schools promoting our Quality Adventist Schools Framework (QASF).

What is Cognitive Coaching? It is a process and a set of strategies that supports the thinking and ongoing development of individuals as they become more reflective and self-directed. This non-judgemental form of coaching will assist teachers and leaders to monitor, manage and modify what they do and will lead to better practice for both themselves, their students, colleagues and the school as a community of faith and learning.

KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE
There is another new face on the ASV team. At the beginning of 2013, Ben Thomas took up the position of Occupational Health and Safety Officer across all schools and campuses within AVS. Ben’s role includes auditing each campus with a view to supporting Principals in ensuring that their schools are safe environments for their students, staff, families and friends who visit.

ASA QUALITY TEACHING FRAMEWORK
Director of Education, Adventist Schools Australia, Dr Daryl Murdoch invited the CEO of Christian Schools Australia, Stephen O’Doherty to officially launch the new Quality Adventist Schools Framework on May 30. This framework is the culmination of a great deal of work over two years by the team at ASA who worked in collaboration with international education consultant Ian Gamble, and about 120 leaders and selected teachers from across Australia. The new framework provides a robust and intentional model for school improvement that uses an evidence-based, reflective, school-based assessment process within four domains and twenty components. This will be exciting for us here in Victoria as our schools engage their staff, students and communities on a continuous improvement journey. Visit http://asa.adventistconnect.org for more information.

Our Values
We live our Christianity through:
Love
For God and each other
Excellence
Using God’s gifts to do our best
Compassion
Showing kindness and empathy to all
Humility
Accepting our achievements without boasting
Respect
Thinking and behaving well towards others
Integrity
Living at peace with ourselves
Justice
Seeking what is right
Discernment
Making wise choices
Responsibility
Owning our actions
Hope
Living with joy because our future is certain
Service
To God and each other