MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends, as Term one draws to a close I am looking forward to a break after a very busy first term.

Multicultural Week

The Multicultural Day festivities were fantastic this year. While each year is a celebration of culture and increased understanding of different traditions, this year we had a focus on Greece and were lucky enough to have three staff members share their knowledge, family traditions and family treasures. There was Greek dancing at recess, plate throwing and cheese and olives to taste.

Throughout the past month both the students and teachers put together a digital story about their family, their journeys and traditions. We were fortunate to see some of these stories and it was lovely to see the old photos, the travels and the troubles that some families have experienced in arriving at Gilmore College for Girls. Thank you to the staff and students who willingly shared their story.

The fashion parade again provided a colourful display of traditional costumes. It is lovely to see the girls connecting with their culture and being proud to share with us. The performances were of a high standard and again provided an insight into how dance forms part of the rituals of various countries.

New updated website and Facebook page

We have launched a new easy to use website and opened an official Gilmore College for Girls facebook page. It is great to see many of our former students linking into the facebook page and sharing their stories and reminiscing.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews were well attended and it was lovely to meet with so many parents. I was delighted to receive lovely feedback on the college from new parents in regard to how well their daughter has settled and is enjoying the program for learning.

Well done to the Year 9 Food Horticulture classes who provided afternoon tea for the parents – the recipe for the biscuits is included in this newsletter and hopefully we can include the recipe for the rhubarb cakes in the next newsletter.

Visit to Government House

Since the last newsletter I was delighted to escort one of our International Students to a function at Government House. Each year the Governor and the Minister for Education welcome students to Victoria. Government House is a really impressive building so if you get the opportunity to visit Government House on one of the scheduled Open Days I suggest you take a walk through.

Student Attendance

The new Government attendance requirements commence today. Attendance at school every day is important for your daughter to ensure they are up to date and maintain an understanding of their classwork. It is also a requirement for teachers to see the students do the work in class so they can authenticate that the student has done the work.

Parents can assist by making appointments after school and on Saturdays where possible.

Have a relaxing break and stay safe.
Remember Term 2 commences Tuesday 22 April.

Bette Prange  
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE  “Be a student as long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life.”  - Henry L. Doherty
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With the end of first term upon us I would like to thank parents and students for what I consider to have been an extremely positive start to the school year. I believe there has been a marked improvement in both general attendance and the level of lateness across the Junior School.

The wearing of school uniform has in general been very good. With the start of term two it is expected that all students will be in winter uniform. The one disappointing aspect of being in uniform is that some students have been wearing black canvas shoes rather than black leather shoes.

The previous week was a very busy one. The report evening on the 27th was very well attended. If parents wish to receive the interim report could you please ring the school or send a note along with your daughter. You may request to either have the report given to your daughter or posted home.

Last Friday saw 55 students from Footscray Primary and Footscray West attend Gilmore for a half day to sample subjects in Food Technology, Science, Music, Art and P.E. It was positive to see the primary students really enjoying the type of educational opportunities offered at Gilmore College for Girls.

I hope everyone has a wonderful break and I look forward to working with parents, students and staff in term two.

Ian Reilly- Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching and it is a good time to reflect on the achievements of our senior school students. There have been many highlights including the swimming day carnival, the information evenings and the Year 12 students wearing their very own jackets, which finally arrived last week.

Over the last two weeks we have had the opportunity to celebrate harmony and diversity at the College and it was especially pleasing to see the involvement of our Year 12 students. The final number in the concert was certainly a showstopper with so many participating in a range of dance moves.

We have also had our parent/teacher interviews just last Thursday and again the attendance was really high indicating the importance of the partnership between parents, their daughters and the College. If parents were not able to attend they can contact me on 9689 4788 and we can organise an interview in early in Term 2. I can also be contacted through email at voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

The Year 11 students are on their Study Skills Camp this week at Lake Dewar Lodge near Bacchus Marsh. The program is comprehensive and includes some study skills workshops and teambuilding activities. Stay tuned for the review and the photos in the next newsletter.

A reminder to parents that senior school students including Year 12’s need to be on time to school and class. Also that it is time to take out the winter uniform as we are swapping to the skirt and shirt with either navy blue stockings or white socks or the pants option. The uniform shop is open on Monday at recess and Wednesday at lunchtime so please ensure that all the items for the winter uniform have been purchased and are worn correctly.

Finally I would like to wish the senior students and their families a wonderful and relaxing holiday. Some revision and homework does still need to be done. But the holidays are an opportunity for our students to recharge the batteries and come back in Term 2 motivated and focused to achieve success whether in Year 10, 11 or 12.

If you have any concerns please let me know and the best form of contact is by email: voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Helen Voidis Senior School Leader

Uniform
Winter uniform is worn during Term 2 and 3. With the cold weather coming it is important that the girls have the college jumper, the college jacket or the blazer. Other jackets are not permitted.

Multi cultural Day Photos.
Year 10 Rockclimbing Excursion
On Tuesday 25th March students from 10B went on an indoor rock climbing adventure. We all had a really enjoyable time rock climbing. We learnt lots of new skills and really relied on our trust for each other whilst we were climbing and belaying. For some of us this was our first time climbing but for others they were already experienced! We are now planning our next visit to the rockclimbing centre for our upcoming holidays. We would like to thank our teacher Ms Dempster for organising and taking us on this excursion.
By Chulin and Wenting (Year 10)

Year 9 Circus Excursion
On Monday 17th March students from 9A participated in a Circus Skills workshop at the Arts Centre, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. The following Monday students from 9B went to the workshop. We participated in a warm up called Caterpillar and we also did some other warm up drills before we commenced the circus activities. The different circus activities included: Dragon Sticks, Spinning Plates, Hula Hoops, juggling, single/partner/group balances. At the end of the day all students worked together to create a class pyramid. We really enjoyed our day learning new tricks and skills. We
would like to thank the Circus Skills workshop instructors and our PE teachers for organising and taking us on this excursion.

Aisha Jawad (Year 9)

Senior Interschool Volleyball

We play together, we win together, we lose together, we stay together. On 24th February the senior girls competed in interschool volleyball at Maribyrnong College. There was a lot of “blood, sweat & tears” but most of all, there was support. We went all out – playing strongly as a team and we didn’t let anything get us down. Unfortunately our two teams did not make it to the finals on the day of competition. Despite this, we all had a fantastic day. Overall, the year 12’s enjoyed their last volleyball competition with the year 11’s. We would like to thank Mr McOmish for coaching us and supporting us on the competition day. The year 11’s can look forward to playing again next year but that was our last ever interschool volleyball competition!

“Even when you’ve played the game of your life, it’s the feeling of teamwork that you’ll remember. You’ll forget the plays, the shots and the scores, but you’ll never forget your teammates.” - Deborah Miller Palmore

By Amy Nguyen (Year 12) Sports Captain

Gilmore Healthy Community Co-op – Afternoon Tea @ Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

If you were fortunate to have tasted our Year 9 girls’ Rhubarb Muffins and/or Cheese & Rosemary Biscuits and you would like the recipes, we have included them in this newsletter. For those of you who were not so fortunate you may wish to give them a try at home. The rhubarb and rosemary were harvested from our school garden. Thank you to 9A (muffins), 9B (biscuits) and Ms McQueen for the delicious treats.

Rosemary parmesan biscuits

Ingredients

- 100g butter, chopped
- 100g parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon rosemary leaves, roughly chopped
- 3/4 cup plain flour

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Line two trays with baking paper
Step 2 - Process butter, parmesan, rosemary, flour and salt and pepper in a food processor until mixture forms a dough.
Step 3 - Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead until the mixture has come together into a dough.
Step 4 - Roll out dough between 2 sheets of baking paper until 0.5cm thick. Using a 5cm round biscuit cutter, cut rounds from dough. Press unused dough together. Repeat until all dough is used.
Step 5 - Bake biscuits for 6 to 8 minutes or until light golden. Stand on trays for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Serve.

Lilli Clancy, Coordinator – Gilmore Healthy Community Co-op

Careers News

Try a Trade Day

The MMV LLNE is partnering up with Maribyrnong City Council Youth Services to deliver the 2014 Try a Trade. The event will be held in Term 2 on Thursday 29th May 2014. The venue is the Phoenix Youth Centre at 72 Buckley Street Footscray and is accessed easily by train.

The Try a Trade has run since 2009 It is a fantastic way for students to explore the world of Trades. A majority of the Exhibitors are local TAFE and Training providers and they take into account skills shortage areas. They all have interactive activities that young people participate in. This may be of interest to students who might be leaving at the end of the year or for some of the Year 10's interested in pursuing a trade or including VET in their studies.

Girls interested should see Ms Mueller.

Advanced Engineering Workshop

For Year 11 & 12 Students

9 April 2014 9.30 am – 10 April 2014 2.30 pm
La Trobe University, Bundoora (two day workshop)

This two day workshop gives you an opportunity to explore in depth different engineering disciplines. Each day begins with career presentations by engineers from the local community. Then in a group with other students, you will address a model problem, considering the issues, testing materials, designing solutions and producing proposals. Your proposal will then be assessed by an engineer and you will get to build and test the solution to see if it works. Each day you will have the chance to choose a different field of Engineering.

*This activity requires students to currently be undertaking VCE Maths Methods. Students also studying Specialist Maths and/or, Physics are particularly encouraged to apply.

Registration

Expressions of interest by Friday 21 March 2014

Students can click on the ‘Student Application ‘ box at the bottom of the page http://www.leap.vic.edu.au/leap-activities/engineering/events/181-advanced-engineering-workshop and register for the event.

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Health Chat

Premiers Active April:

This April, step up the amount of physical activity in your life and get more active, more often. Go for a bike ride, take the stairs at work or walk to school. All it takes is 20 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

As a participant, you can log your daily activity with the Active April app and chart your progress throughout the month. The 30 minutes of activity can be made up on any sort of physical activity, including incidental activity. You can accumulate your 30 minutes (or more) throughout the day by combining shorter sessions of activity of around 10-15 minutes each.

Why not register and take advantage of not only participating in Premiers Active April- you will also be eligible for special offers and prizes.

For more information and to join go to:


Michelle Hynson - School Health Promotion Nurse (Tues/Fri)

Safe School Travel

With some minor preparation, travelling to and from school either via public transport or walking can be enjoyable and safe for everyone.

Here are just a couple of small tips from your local Footscray Police as to how you can travel safely.

- **Plan your trip.** Where are you going? How long do you intend to be? Which route you are taking? It’s always good to have these things planned out before leaving home or school.

- **Let people know where you are.** Letting family or friends know where you are and what times you’re travelling is always a good idea.

- **Travel with a friend.** Pairing up with a friend or walking in a group is a good way to improve your safety.

- **Pay attention to your surroundings.** Familiarising yourself with the public transport facilities you use. Remember key street names. Take notice of the location of public telephone boxes along the trip. When walking keep to well travelled well-lit routes and avoid shortcuts. Be mindful when using headphones as you may not hear approaching danger or be fully alert to traffic and other surroundings.

Adopting just a couple of these tips can make sure you have a safe trip to and from school each day. Safety is everybody’s responsibility.

Footscray Community Police

Homework club is an opportunity for all students across the college complete quiet study and homework tasks before they leave for home. There is also the opportunity to seek assistance from volunteer tutors. Students are also asked to sign in and out and are supervised by a co-ordinator during this time. Homework club is voluntary and all are welcome.

**When:** Tuesday and Thursday 3-6pm and Wednesday 3-5pm

**Where:** In the school library
Netbook Program

A reminder to all students on the Netbook program that students are to bring their netbook to school every day fully charged. New students can access a netbook from the library until attendance at a parent meeting occurs.

Secondhand Desktops for sale

We are selling the G7 and library computers.

They are Acer Veriton S480 Core 2 Duo PCs, Specs below.

160 G Intel core duo 2.7 GHz 2 GB RAM 19” LCD monitor

They will come with Vista OS, antivirus software and open office.

Cost: $120.

Great desktop for home internet browsing and home work. See the Technicians if you would like one, they can be picked up from the IT department.

Yoga Classes in Footscray

I am a yoga teacher in Footscray and I would like the opportunity to promote Yoga classes from YUM YOGA.

The benefits of yoga are well documented. Both parents and teachers give so much of themselves every day and it is important that they have something for themselves. Yoga is a perfect way to come and rest, relax, restore and introduce some exercise into their very busy lives.

It is proven to reduce stress, blood pressure and improve strength physically and strengthen the immune system.

I am passionate about making our classes accessible to as many people as possible and strive to keep the costs of our classes to a minimum of $120 for the 10 week course. Currently I am teaching at The Exercise Room - 88 Barkly Street Footscray (please note: Students do not need to be a gym member to participate in yoga) and there is both Beginner and General courses of 10 weeks which follow the school term. Classes for next term commencing 28 April are as follows

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North Melbourne Community Centre

There are a range of activities on offer at the community centre:

3.45 – 5.15 Free Homework Club
**Tuesday** 4-6 Free Girls Rec 12-25 years
**Wednesday** 3.45 – 5.15 Free Homework Club
**Thursday** 4.30 – 5.30 Boys Soccer Clinic – 8-12 years
**Friday** 10.00 – 10.45 am Ed Gym – 0-3 years
10.45 – 11.30 Ed Gym – 3-6 years
4-6.00 Free Basketball Clinic – 8-24 years

North Melbourne Community Centre
49-53 Bunce St, North Melbourne
Ph: 9320 4700

GILMORE HEALTHY COMMUNITY CO-OP

WHAT: Gardening Club

**WHEN:** Thursdays from 10.30am

**WHERE:** Horticulture Centre

**WHO:** Parents, students & staff

Children welcome