MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Next week we celebrate Book Week and we will conduct a number of activities at school to focus on the enjoyment of reading. Ask your daughter to check the Daily Bulletin each day to see what is on. Share with your daughter what you are currently reading.

Connect to Reading - Reading to Connect
Saturday August 16 - Friday August 22
Connect to reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds.

Staff changes
Your daughter may have mentioned that there have been some changes to their classes this semester. Both Ms Dimidou and Mr Le have left Gilmore College for Girls and Ms Jarman is retiring. All three teachers have been at Gilmore College for Girls for a very long time and have no doubt taught your daughters at some stage. We thank them for their contribution to the college over the years. There will be a new timetable generated as a result of this and some classes will have a new teacher.

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development conducts a Parent Opinion Survey to see how each school is performing and responding to their school community. If you have received a Parent Opinion Survey please fill in the survey and return it in the sealed envelope. The process is strictly confidential. The DEECD analyses the data and returns a report to us. We value your opinion and feedback in relation to how we are performing.
To encourage your participation, 2 movie passes are provided in a random draw for return of surveys.

University Open Days
I have listed a lot of the university Open Day dates in this newsletter. Whilst it is important for all year 12 students to attend and learn more about prospective courses it is also a great opportunity for all students to go along and see the tertiary environment, collect brochures and participate in the many activities on offer. There may be something that sparks their interest as a future career.

Year 12 Scholarships and early applications
During this term there are lots of opportunities for students to apply for scholarships and special entry offers so please support your daughter to find out what they need to do and assist with the paperwork required so that they can be considered.

Pre-service teachers
Next week our school based pre-service teachers will commence their final teaching round. We have a number of pre-service teachers working with Gilmore College for Girls staff members, mentoring them for their future careers in teaching.

The country comes to the city!

We have the opportunity to be involved with a special project for the Royal Melbourne Show this year. We will be ‘yarn bombing’ a life size cow and a pig. The students in the textiles classes will produce some knitting and crochet to cover the cow and the pig which will then be returned to the show for display.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE  "The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.”

Jimmy Johnson
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With the mid-term break well behind us it is business as usual for students in the Junior School. The last three weeks have seen many positives both inside and outside the classroom. At the same time there are some issues that need to be addressed.

I wish to strongly stress to all parents and students the importance of ensuring that students have a spare key to their locker. Since the start of term I have cut a number of locks off student lockers. Spare keys can be left with me or the student’s Circles teacher.

I have been concerned regarding the inability of students to explain absences during the first three weeks of this term. Parents should ring the school if their daughter is absent or send a note when they return to school.

The issue of lateness has also become a concern in the last three weeks. I have rung a number of families and explained the need for students to be at school by 8.40 for an 8.50 start. Many of the students who are late are driven to school by members of their family or family friends. It is important that students arrive on time so learning can begin at the very start of every lesson.

The next two weeks will see a range of excursions across the Junior School. On the 4th and 6th of August the Year 8’s will be going on a ‘Mission to Mars’. We are all very hopeful that they will return! On the 13th and 15th the Year 9’s will be going on a science excursion to Victoria University in Werribee. On the 14th the Year 7’s will be going to Science Works. The science teachers are to be congratulated for organising these excursions and expanding student interest and knowledge of science.

Ian Reilly - Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We are already in to Week 4 of Term 3 and the pressure is mounting for our senior students to develop a regular routine of study both at school and at home.

The SAC calendars are now available through GILNET and with only 7 weeks of the term left Year 12’s have assessment tasks every week. We will have compulsory practice exams in Week 1 of Term 4 so it is essential that the students are attending every day and using their study periods productively. Part-time work should be reduced to no more than 1-2 shifts per week to enable Year 12 students to maximise their chances of gaining a good ATAR score.

VTAC Applications are open as of this week so Year 12 students will be completing all the necessary documentation during their MIPS class on Monday’s.

Parents and Guardians are invited to attend a VTAC information session on Wednesday 13th of August at 6.00p.m in the LCC. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend to learn more about how the tertiary selection process works, to be able to provide support to their daughters during this stressful time.

The Year 10 to 11 Information Evening is also currently being planned and this will be held on Wednesday 13th August at 7.00p.m in the LCC to provide important information and key dates for next year as your daughters’ transition into VCE. A letter will be sent out shortly outlining all the details.

Year 11 students have made their initial subject choices for Year 12 and these will include English/EAL which is compulsory, followed by prerequisite subjects for specific courses and then the subjects the student has an interest in to be able to achieve their best.

With the colder days please ensure that your daughter is still wearing the correct uniform including the school jacket. Also a reminder that Thursday afternoon detentions will be issued for students who are continually late to school. This is unacceptable, as a student who is constantly late will be missing key learning that occurs in the beginning of the lesson each day.

Finally any planned overseas trips should be done during the holidays or at the end of the year rather than during the school term, as this impacts on the student’s academic progress.

Helen Voidis - Senior School Leader

School Canteen

Parents are reminded that the college has a school canteen that can provide recess snacks, lunch and hot chocolate before school.

If you do not wish to patronize the canteen then you must provide your daughter with lunch and snacks; other alternatives are not allowed.

Students are not permitted to order in food from other businesses. As a school we need to be vigilant about stranger danger and packages being passed over the fence may not be as it seems.

Orchestra Victoria

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd of July saw the annual mOVe Workshop presented by Orchestra Victoria in this region. About 43 student musicians were selected to form an Orchestra with section leaders being Principal Musicians from Orchestra Victoria. Holly Leyland was selected to join the violin section.
The musicians gathered at Sunshine Senior Secondary College for 2 days of intense rehearsal under the baton of Dominic Harvey. Dom was a dynamic conductor, inspiring the students to greater attention to detail and to present a challenging but varied concert for their parents and friends on the Wednesday evening.

I encourage all our Gilmore students studying orchestral instruments to practice regularly in order that they can achieve the standard that is required for this inspiring program.

There are places available in the School Instrumental program for violin, flute, clarinet, percussion and bass guitar. Please see Ms Burt for an enrolment form.

MOVe Workshop by Holly Leyland
On Tuesday the 22nd and Wednesday the 23rd of July I took part in the amazing MOVe Education Workshop at Sunshine Secondary College. The MOVe workshop is organised by Orchestra Victoria for classical music students in the Western Suburbs.

The schedule was the same for both Tuesday and Wednesday. After everyone had set up their music and instruments we had a run through all the songs we were playing for the showcase then we split up into groups for tutoring on our parts. I was in a group with five other violinists and we all practised the seven selected songs. After lunch, everyone went back into the hall to play in the full orchestra again.

It was really astonishing the huge difference between the two days. On Tuesday we were all getting to grips with everything and settling, then on Wednesday it all came together brilliantly.

On Wednesday night, the night of the concert, the atmosphere was full of excitement and slight tension, but when we all started playing everyone relaxed and enjoyed themselves.

Playing in the orchestra was an awesome experience. I met great new people, learnt new skills and had so much fun.

I'd like to say thank you to Lynette Newman, for getting me into the workshop and helping me with my music, Gilmore, for providing this opportunity and Orchestra Victoria, for creating the MOVe workshop.

Holly Leyland.

Individuals and Societies - Year 7 Geography

The Year Sevens had great fun learning about Latitude and Longitude in class a few weeks ago. We hope the hands-on activity will have helped the students to remember all their Geography skills in the future.

Only one balloon exploded and that was Ms Jarman’s. Whilst the girls have impressed us with their maturity this term, they showed us that they could still enjoy those childhood games by playing “keep the balloon off the ground.”

Ms Jarman and Ms Goyne (and Ms Vendetti- who joined in the game)
Careers News

Careers in Radiation Oncology
FREE seminar Thursday 4 September
Time: 10.00 – 12.30 OR 12.30-3.00
Melbourne Convention Centre
Meeting room 101/102 Level 1
See Ms Prange to register

SNAP Applications are open Information sessions for students are Sunday 10 August
Session 1 10.00-10.45
Session 2 11.30-12.15
Session 3 1.00-1.45
Where: RMIT Building,
80 Swanston Academic Building
Level 5, Rm 11

VCAL for 2015 - Harvester Technical College

Harvester Technical College is conducting session for students interested in VCAL in 2015.
Information sessions 6.00 – college tour-6.30
Information sessions (1 hour)
Dates: Tuesday 12 August
Thursday 11 September
Tuesday 14 October
Tuesday 18 November
76 Suffolk Rd, Sunshine North

TRACTOR DESIGN SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
Sunday 10 August
10.00 – 4.00 209 Lonsdale Street Melbourne.

For students in Years 10, 11 and 12 interested in a career in the legal profession:
LSAP (Legal Studies & Australian Politics) is an intensive program aimed at developing your confidence in all the different skills you need to succeed in the legal profession, including communication, teamwork and leadership. LSAP brings you together to work in teams in a wide range of activities, including debating, mock trials and negotiations. You will be introduced to legal concepts and develop some of the tools legal professionals need to succeed. Current university law students mentor the teams throughout the program. LSAP programs run year round in metropolitan and regional areas, and vary in the number of day's duration depending upon location.


Upcoming events

29 September 2014 – Victoria University (Melbourne) - two day workshop

OPEN DAYS REMINDER - Universities and other institutions hold Open Days. The dates are provided.

- Sun 10 Aug - Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne)
- Sun 10 Aug - Deakin (Geelong)
- Sun 10 Aug - RMIT (Bundoora, Brunswick, City)
- Sun 17 Aug - La Trobe Uni (Bendigo)
- Sun 17 Aug - University of Melbourne
- Sun 24 Aug - Box Hill Institute,
- Sun 24 Aug - Deakin (Melbourne)
- Sun 24 Aug - La Trobe (Melbourne)
- Sun 24 Aug - Victoria University
- Sun 24 Aug - William Angliss Institute
- Sun 31 Aug - ACU (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)
- KANGAN Batman Open Days Visit the website to see what is on at which campus

Ms Mueller, Careers Adviser.
Tips for staying active this winter!

Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to students participating in sports and physical activities.

Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:

**Before Exercise** take reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up.

**Warm Up** before exercise as normal.

**During Exercise** watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved. If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.

**After Exercise** cool down as usual. Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.

**Other things to remember:**

- Ensure all students have current Asthma Action/Care Plans
- If possible make activities that are scheduled for the night indoors as the drop in air temperature makes air colder to inhale and acts as a greater trigger.
- Encourage students with asthma to participate fully!

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

**Paper Cuts 2014 – book trailer and book cover design competition**

Secondary school students are invited to enter Victoria’s first book trailer and book cover design competition. Judges include Eoin Colfer, celebrated Irish author and creator of the popular teen series *Artemis Fowl* and Beth Frey producer of Matchbox Pictures teen action-adventure series *Nowhere Boys* that screened on ABC3. Students will be in the running to win great prizes including an iPad Air and Penguin books worth $200 for first, second and third place and people’s choice award in each category. The winner’s school in both categories will also receive $200 worth of Penguin books of their choice. Shortlisted entrants will be invited to a special event at Penguin studios on Friday 29 August and their work will be featured on the Paper Cuts web page. The competition closes on July 31. For information, links to book trailer examples, tips and guidelines, and to meet the judges, see: Paper Cuts Competition 2014

**Weekly videos**

Visit the Challenge web page to discover great picture books, and book recommendations for early and late primary students from Readings St Kilda children’s book buyer Angela Crocombe. Author and Challenge ambassador Kirsty Murray shares her love of reading and writing, and offers tips for choosing books. You can also find out where popular children's author Andy Griffiths gets the ideas for his amazing books. New videos will be posted each week of the school term. To watch these videos, see: Weekly Videos
Free Pasta Demonstration

Learn to make 7 different cuts of Pasta

Come and meet Hilda and Laurie of the Yarra Valley, authors of Wow! It’s Italian Gourmet Cook Book
First generation Italians who are passionate about their recipes and would love to share them with you

Venue: Footscray Library
Location: 56 Paisley Street Footscray
Date: Tuesday 2nd September 2014
Time: 10.30 pm – 12midday
Phone: 9688 0290

Homework club is an opportunity for all students across the college to complete quiet study and homework tasks before they leave for home. Students can seek assistance from volunteer tutors.

- Students are 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

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: $80.00

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

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- school uniforms and textbooks
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- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Jasmine Duong, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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