MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

We have celebrated Book Week, Science Week, Literacy Week and Numeracy Week so it has been a very busy time here at Gilmore.

Middle Years International Baccalaureate
Gilmore College for Girls is currently a Candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program and we intend to seek accreditation in 2015. The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program fosters skills and attitudes for academic success, it provides students with the following aspects:

A positive attitude to learning: demonstrating high levels of engagement, creativity, resourcefulness and active participation in their communities

Highly developed communication skills: to encourage inquiry, understanding, language acquisition, and to allow student reflection and expression

An ability to make connections: between subjects and real world issues

Global mindedness: students develop a world perspective looking at their own culture and language in relation to other cultures

A heightened awareness of their development: physically, intellectually emotionally and ethically.

The IB places value on all these aspects of student learning and growth.

Gilmore students

We received terrific feedback about our students attending both the Victoria University Governor Generals’ address and the Year 11 Leadership workshops. The organisers commented on their level of maturity, punctuality and their contribution to each event. It is lovely to see that people take the time to provide positive feedback.

90th Birthday Celebrations
In 2015 Gilmore College for Girls will turn 90! College Council has booked the date and we are in the process of planning a day of celebration. Please keep the date free - 28 March 2015.

EMA 2015
Parents are advised that there will be no EMA in 2015 for parents or schools. It is recommended that families start saving or planning to meet the costs of your daughters’ education.

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you so much to all those parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey. The winner of the movie tickets was Han Nguyen in Year 10.

Parent Teacher Interviews
It was lovely to see so many parents at Parent Teacher interviews. The partnership between the students, parents and teachers is really important for success. Hopefully students can work on the areas identified for improved learning over the break. If reports have not been collected parents are requested to provide a notice for Mr Reilly.

Victoria University Pre-service Teachers
The Preservice teachers complete their school placement this week. It has been an opportunity for them to gain a good understanding of the school culture.

Over the coming holidays I hope the Year 12 students continue a good study routine to ensure they achieve their very best in the exams. There will be some classes during the break to assist with study and exam practice. Have a relaxing holiday and stay safe.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE "The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed."
Richard Brinsley Sheridan
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With third term nearly over it has been an eventful finish to the term. Last Thursday’s parent/teacher evening saw a very positive attendance from Junior School students and parents.

Years 7 and 9 parents should have received the NAPLAN results for 2014. All reports were mailed home. The report provides a snapshot of your daughter’s response to the tests as measured against students across the nation.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, students from the Junior School, in particular Year 7 students, were busy rehearsing for the State School Spectacular. No doubt they enjoyed the final performance on Saturday. A big thank you must go to Ms Burt for all the work she has put in over the last two months.

With the warmer weather obviously on the way uniform will change over with the start of term four. It is expected that students will start to wear their summer uniform from Monday the 6th of October.

I hope students, parents and teachers enjoy the upcoming term break and we all return safe and refreshed for term four.

Ian Reilly- Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Last week of Term 3 and again it has been such a busy time for the senior end of the school.

For Year 12 students’ assessments are being finalised and it is time to think about exam preparation. There will be some holiday classes including Studio Art, Business Management, Maths Methods and Biology at this stage. Students have been informed of the days and times and should attend to gain additional revision for the exams. The first week back is devoted to practice exams and it is important that students are on time to each exam.

Last Tuesday 9th September I took a group of nine students to the first of a series of lectures by Governor Generals past and present at Victoria University in the City. Nicola Roxon the former Attorney General hosts these lectures and we were guests of the federal member for Gellibrand Tim Watts. The girls were given a unique opportunity to meet with the Right Reverend and Honourable Dr Peter Hollingsworth who delivered a thought-provoking address on ‘Civil Society, Religion and the Rule of Law.’ We were also given the opportunity to ask a question during the lecture and Courtney Morrish bravely asked about how can young people understand each term in the context of being both global and local citizens. The whole auditorium full of judges and other members of the legal profession were very impressed with the question and offered their congratulations to her after the lecture had concluded. The organisers were so impressed with the Gilmore Girls that we have secured an invitation to the next one in October, which will feature Major General Michael Jeffery.

Year 11 students were treated to a presentation by author Cath Crowley last Monday 8th of September. She wrote Graffiti Moon and shared her writing experiences and journey with the girls.

In Year 11 eight students (Fatma, Ikram, Popo, Tracey, Tenzing, Ming Xi, Emily Say and Taylah) completed their final leadership workshop on Friday 5th September through a partnership with ABCN and their mentors from Price Waterhouse Coopers and Gilbert & Tobin Solicitors. Fatma Kassem gave a thank you speech on behalf of the students and the College as well as presenting chocolates to the mentors and facilitators of the program. There has been a noted improvement in the self-esteem and confidence of the students who attended and again we congratulate them on being great ambassadors for Gilmore College for Girls.

Last Thursday 11th of September the second and final Parent/Teacher Interviews for this year took place. Many parents attended with their daughters to receive their Interim Reports and gain an update of their progress. If parents or guardians could not make this day please contact me for an alternative appointment this week. No interim report will be issued without parent contact.

The time is drawing closer for the Year 12 Formal, which will be held at Roselyn House this Thursday evening. We
have an excellent turnout of both staff and students and it promises to be a night to remember.

Finally I would like to wish our senior students and their families a restful and safe holiday break. Students should return on Monday 6th October in summer uniform ready for a demanding term with exams, orientation programs and of course the traditional graduation ceremony for our Year 12 students.

I am happy to meet with parents/guardians to discuss your daughter’s progress or any other concerns. Please email me voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au for an appointment time.

Helen Voidis Senior School Leader

Holiday reading
See Hung in the library to check out books for your holiday reading. Also check your lockers and at home to return any library books that you are finished with.

See you at the Royal Melbourne Show!
The Yarn bombing activity has finished and our cow and pig are off to the show grounds to get ready for the show.

Year 7 Individuals and Societies: Ancient Egypt

The Year 7’s have been busy researching the legacies of Ancient Egypt over the last three weeks. They had to find information across a variety of subjects including architecture, religious beliefs and preservation of bodies (mummies). They chose their own research area and created a booklet of information to present to their classmates.

Many of the students created some wonderful artefacts which are now on display in the Learning Centre.

Ms Goyne and Ms Vogiatzakis Year 7 Humanities

Year 8 Drama – What makes us scared?
As part of their International Baccalaureate – Middle Years Program studies, year 8 drama students have been exploring the key question; ‘What makes us scared?’ In investigating this topic each class has studied ghost stories and horror clips and is now in the process of devising their own horror play. Helen Nguyen is writing and directing the script for 8A while this responsibility is being undertaken by Aidy Morrish for the 8B class. All students from these classes have accountability for a specific area of this project; costuming, make-up, acting, prop building, set design, photography and sound with an emphasis on working together to achieve a great outcome. The enthusiasm and leadership of our year eights in completing this project has been inspirational and I look forward to seeing what spine-chilling performances they present next term.

Lara Stockdale Drama Teacher
Photo images by Pam Seghal, Natalie Taseski, Tuyen Quach and Maryan Mohamud
Three big changes to the vaccine program

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

1. The Maribyrnong Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school on 96894788 by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Maribyrnong Council.

2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

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HEALTH CHAT

Maribyrnong Holiday Program September / October 2014

Monday 22 Sept. Movie in Bunker 12pm - 4pm Come and chill out with us at Phoenix. Watch one of the latest cool flicks (M rated) in our awesome beanbag cinema. Popcorn included of course! Start your holidays off in relaxed style.

Tuesday 23 September 9am - 4.30pm Abseiling @ The You Yangs $10

Thursday 25 September 9.15am - 4pm Horse riding $10

Tuesday 30 12pm - 3.30pm September Hula Hoop Workshop $5

Wednesday 01 October 1.30pm - 4pm Art Workshop @ 100 Story Building, Footscray

Thursday 02 October 10.30am - 2.30pm Bike Ride Maribyrnong Trail

Booking Procedures

Bookings will open on: Monday 08 September 2014

Bookings can be made in person at:
- Phoenix Youth Centre - 72 Buckley St, Footscray
- Maribyrnong City Council Office (Wellbeing building) Corner Hyde & Napier Street, Footscray
Braybrook Community Centre - 107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

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

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

Careers News

Health Industry

Students in VCE considering a career in the health industry? The ‘Next step’ workshop half day information session will help you to demystify university life as you make the next step to a career in Health.

Whether you have made your decision about which career to pursue or you are still in the process of weighing up your options this program will assist you in many ways. You will be introduced to the many career choices in the health sector by university staff with years of experience.

We can help you with self-motivation to do well in your VCE and achieve your potential in Year 12. You will gain experience in study skills and goal setting which will help you through your final years of secondary school, many of the study tips you will be able to take through to your university study. Come and hear current students and recent graduates speak about their university experiences and ask them questions in a relaxed setting.

Duration 3 – 4 hours

Venue:
22 September 2014 – The Alfred Hospital, Prahran, Melbourne

To register follow the links at

Design Drawing Workshops – Years 10, 11 and 12

If you’re a Year 10, 11 or 12 student and have decided design is the profession for you, or you're thinking seriously about a career in art or design, this workshop is for you. It's an opportunity to get hands-on, explore and discuss design techniques, and understand what university study is about.

Held at the VCA in Melbourne, the workshop will be run on the 23 September and then repeated on 25 September.

Students will participate in a hands on drawing workshop under the guidance of VCA lecturers and will meet current students and staff with a tour of the facilities.

These are a great opportunity for student to be inspired by a vibrant community of artists, students and staff, committed to pursuing the highest of artistic aspirations.

Places are limited to 25 each day.

To find out more and how to apply follow the links on http://www.leap.vic.edu.au/leap-activities/design

Workshop dates:
23 September workshop
25 September workshop

Training Opportunity for Parents

Total Business Services and Training is an ASQA accredited Registered Training Organisation (RTO) based in the Docklands that specialises in offering Skills Victoria Government Funded Certificate IV Bookkeeping and Accounting courses, which include full MYOB accounting software training.

They offer a parent focused program, which is designed to develop professional skills so that adults are able to upskill in preparation to return to work or gain part time work that fits within their parenting commitments. Bookkeeping is a perfect profession for parents to enter, as it allows them to schedule their own work commitments around the complexities of life and family. The overwhelming majority of their current students are working mums and dads developing their skills in preparation to return to the workforce.

If there is enough interest information session for parents can be arranged at Gilmore College for Girls, to advise them of the Skills Victoria Government Funded courses that are currently available to them and the training opportunities that TBST can offer.
The only course costs to enrolled students, is a small Skills Victoria mandated tuition fee and cost price for all course materials.


There is a very large range of skills training ranging from administration, clerical and professional bookkeeping and accounting skills, including complete MYOB training and BAS preparation training.

Skills obtained in our Certificate IV Bookkeeping and Accounting courses include:

- Creation of professional and formatted documents and spreadsheets for business use
- Implementation of professional and formatted business correspondence
- Creation of professional marketing materials
- Foundation accounting concepts and principals
- Legislative framework as it applies to business including tax and GST compliance
- BAS Agent Skill Set
- BAS preparation skills
- Understanding of Financial Reports and presentations to stakeholders
- Utilising accounting software to keep the businesses' accounting/banking records and intellectual property protected and up to date
- Comprehension of more complex business transactions and how these are accounted for in your business
- Business structures – their advantages and disadvantages
- Preparing, creating and incorporating budgetary requirements
- Understanding and incorporating job costing information

The Certificate IV Bookkeeping and Accounting courses provided by TBST are delivered via Flexible Distance Learning. Distance Learning is a very popular method of training as it allows students the flexibility to vary their study load to suit their available time. Students would need to spend approximately 8 to 10 hours per week reading, working through their course material and working on assessments. TBST students have one year to complete the Single Certificate IV Bookkeeping qualification or two years to complete the Dual Certificate IV Bookkeeping and Accounting qualification. They provide students with all of their course materials, workbooks, MYOB software, manuals, access to the TBST Learning Management System (LMS) and guide them through this material. Students have dedicated trainers who are current working Professional Bookkeepers, Accountants and MYOB Certified Consultants for student support and assistance.

Commencing students attend a school hours friendly induction session at the commencement of the course and help is available at any time. They also run classroom study days in the Docklands Training Room, where students will have access to computers, software and the Internet. These optional sessions provide a quiet study area with no distractions, to work on current course work and assessments. These classroom sessions are run twice a month and a TBST Trainer will be present to assist students with all course queries, skills development and assessments.

Please contact the Ms Mueller for further information

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 14 October
Tuesday 18 November
76 Suffolk Rd, Sunshine North

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.
Athletics

Division Athletics was held recently on Wednesday 3rd September at Moonee Valley Athletics Centre. It was a fantastic event and luckily it didn’t rain at all. Our students trained consistently leading up to this event. The overall level of competition was very high and great leadership was displayed at this event by our girls. Special congratulations must go to all students for their outstanding performances and results on the day, in particular to those students who placed in their events. Jo (Year 12) came first in several events – well done Jo!! We wish Jo (Year 12) all the best as her brilliant results allow her to progress through to the WMR (Western Metro Regional) Athletics event to be held soon.

Thanks to all students for their determination and commitment to athletics throughout the year. In particular, thanks must go to our Sports Captain Amy Nguyen (Year 12) for her exceptional leadership skills and also to Lynette Newman for attending this event and doing a great job at completing official duties and supporting our students.

Interschool Sport

Congratulations to all students involved in interschool sport this term. It has been a jam-packed term full of interschool sport training and competition. Well done to all students, coaches and parents for their involvement and continual support of our interschool sport program. Our intermediate (Year 9/10) students recently competed in interschool basketball and table tennis. Fantastic effort was displayed by our girls involved in basketball, in particular, our A Team consisting of Sadaf, Hawo, Eeron, Sara, Gabby, Ayshah and Prphasiri. The girls won several games throughout the day and displayed a very high level of skill and talent. Their commitment and hard work leading up to the competition was commendable. Great work girls!! Congratulations must also go to our students who represented the College in interschool table tennis. Both our A and B Team performed exceptionally well in this event – coming equal 2nd. Thanks to all students, staff and parents for a successful term of interschool sport.

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2015, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 30 October 2014.

Holiday Activities

The Women's Circus will be running a circus workshop for young women aged 12-16. This workshop will cover acrobalance, aerials and manipulation and will be a great opportunity for young women to build confidence and body awareness, get active, have some fun and check out what we do at the Women's Circus.

DATE: Tuesday 30 September

TIME: 12pm - 2pm

LOCATION: Drill Hall, home of the Women's Circus - 395 Barkly Street, West Footscray

PRICE: $35 (+ $10 Guest Membership)
We have a range of workshops for younger children and adults on offer in our Spring Holiday Program. For more information about these or to enrol in any of our programs, visit our website:


Call for research participants:

Orygen Youth Health Research Centre and the Centre for Youth Mental Health at the University of Melbourne are conducting a research project testing the mental health benefits of an internet-based program. We are looking for young people aged 14 to 18 who would like to learn better ways to help manage their day-to-day problems.

Participation will involve a brief interview with a researcher twice over the next 6-months, plus access to a specially-designed website which will deliver an 8-week program designed to help you feel better. The website will include some activities, downloads and links to other helpful websites that are designed to help young people cope with day-to-day challenges.

We believe this study will help us to better understand the sorts of treatment that can be effective and acceptable to teenagers.

If you think you or your child might be interested in taking part talk to your school counsellor or contact one of the study team: Eleanor Bailey at eleanor.bailey@unimelb.edu.au / 0400 746 384, Georgina Cox at gcox@unimelb.edu.au / 0401 772 656, or Jo Robinson at jr@unimelb.edu.au / 0412 999 140.

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: $50.00**

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.

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.

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- 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:
(03) 9312 0932 / 0493 607 295 or jasmine.duong@thesmithfamily.com.au

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RSVP by Monday 18th Feb

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