MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

90th Birthday Celebrations
This year we celebrate 90 years of education for young women. This is a very exciting time for us at Gilmore. Julia Truong, a former student and Western Chances Young Ambassador is our Event Manager for the upcoming 90th Birthday Celebrations. Keep Saturday March 28 free.

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program
Learner Profile Attributes
IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Knowledgeable They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

Thinkers They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

Communicators They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

Principled They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

Open-minded They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

Caring They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

Risk-takers They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.

Balanced They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

Reflective They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

School Council Elections
I have received two nominations for the positions on School Council, thank you to those parents for their willingness to be involved. The process for forming a new College Council needs to be finalized by the end of March.

The process is that nominations are received, (parents can now self nominate or have someone nominate them). If the number of nominations exceeds the number of positions then an election is held.

If you are interested in being on Council please contact myself or Maria Kitanovski to find out more about how Council operates. Nomination forms are available in the office. Your daughter can collect one and return it to the office.

Bette Prange Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE “The only person you need to be better than is the person you were yesterday.”
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The term is now in full swing. We have finished two full weeks of school and the focus across the Junior School is on students working to the best of their abilities to achieve the best possible results in their interim reports due at the end of the term.

For students to achieve the best results they must have all the relevant text books and equipment. During the week I have made several phone calls to families about the need to ensure their daughters have the appropriate text books. It’s hard to do the work if you don’t have the books.

Over the week I have also had conversations with a number of Year 7 and 8 students about the importance of using their diaries to record work requirements and due dates for assignments. To assist with organization and the girls taking responsibility for their learning they have been provided with a wall planner where they can record their timetable, their goal for the term and reminders to bring back forms. This planner should be displayed in a prominent position. It would be helpful if you, as parents, can assist them in referring your daughter to their planner and get them in the habit of checking it the evening before to make sure they have their PE uniform or a container for food classes and such like.

A reminder to all Year 7 and 8 parents and students - they are invited to an information evening on Tuesday the 17th. We will begin the evening with a BBQ starting at 5:00 in the courtyard. The information session will start at 5:30 in the Learning Centre.

Ian Reilly- Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We are already into Week 4 of Term 1 which means that the formal assessment tasks will begin shortly for VCE. The SAC Calendar is now on Gilnet and the senior students should download it and record the dates of SAC’s in their diaries.

Year 12 students recently participated in a very successful three day conference focusing on getting them in the right mindset to cope with the demands of Year 12. The workshops included a presentation by Maria Roberto an educational psychologist who focused on being positive and creating a ‘can do’ attitude. Another highlight for our cohort was the panel of former students who shared their experiences of VCE and provided sound tips for our students to adopt.

On Wednesday 11th February we held our very successful VCE Parent Information Evening. I thank all the parents/guardians who attended. Ms. Prange talked about the partnership between the College parents and students and the importance of working together to achieve positive outcomes. For the Year 12 session our captains from last year shared their journey highlighting how they approached their last year of secondary education.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from our Year 11 students to participate in the Aspirations Program 2015 which enables a group of 20 students to attend four workshops with Price Waterhouse Coopers to explore career pathways and to further explore the eight employability skills. Year 11 students seeking a place in this program need to return their forms to me by Friday 20th February 2015.

Also a reminder that camp deposits for Year 11 are due by Friday 27th February to the front office. ($70)

In the meantime we look forward to all of our senior students attending the swimming carnival on Thursday 19th February. The weather will be perfect for this whole school event and this is a time for the girls to participate in the swimming events and enjoy the company of students in their sport houses.

Finally all student absences need to be supported by a letter (medical certificate preferable) and a phone call to the front office.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to email me voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Former students share their story.

Helen Voidis                             Senior School Leader
Travelling on Public Transport
Students who travel to school on public transport need to obtain a travel card and a PT Concession card with their photo on it. This is the only concession card that students can use. Use of parent concession cards will result in a fine. Application forms are available at the railway station or you can get them online.

New staff member Ms Gianna Garrasi
I will be teaching Food Technology and some Textiles. I have worked in both secondary and primary schools as well as working from home making and selling my own craftwork. It has been a pleasure to come into such a welcoming and friendly community and I am looking forward to getting to know you through my classes and other school activities.

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

Education Maintenance Allowance
The government has ceased the Education Maintenance Allowance and provided the college with some funds. If you hold a current pension/health care card and your daughter is not yet 16, please take your card to the General Office so that we can credit your account.

Health Chat

Immunisations:

Why immunise in secondary school?
The protection provided by some childhood vaccines fades and needs to be boosted in adolescence. Adolescents are at an age when a vaccine will be most effective and provides protection before they may be exposed to a disease. Sometimes a new vaccine becomes available. Information about a new vaccine will be given to parents. Sometimes a vaccine program ends such as the hepatitis B vaccine program, which finished at the end of 2012 as a school-based program. Hepatitis B vaccine is now given to babies.

What vaccines are offered free to my child in secondary school?
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine
- Students are given three injections with two months between the first and second dose and four months between the second and third dose.

Chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine
- If your child has previously had one dose of the chickenpox vaccine, they should have another dose. It is a single injection. Find out more about chickenpox vaccine, including recommendations for the vaccine if your child has previously had the chickenpox disease.

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine
- This vaccine protects against the three diseases in a single injection. Your child will have been vaccinated against these diseases in early childhood but an adolescent dose is recommended to boost protection.

Why immunise?
Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. Immunisation not only protects those people who have been vaccinated, but it also protects those in the community who may be unable to receive vaccines themselves, by reducing the spread of disease.

Where can I get more information?
• Your local council immunisation service
• Your doctor
• www.immunehero.health.vic.gov.au
• www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Michelle Hynson - Adolescent School Health Promotion Nurse Monday and Tuesday

Learn a language on Saturday morning!
The Victorian School of Languages is a government school committed to the provision of language programs for students in years 1 to 12 who do not have access to the study of those languages in the mainstream schools in all education sectors.
The Victorian School of Languages Area West 1 is located at: Footscray City College, Bayside Secondary College and Sunshine College and offers the following languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chin (Hakha), Croatian, Dinka, Greek, Hindi, Macedonian, Maltese, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Classes are held between 9.00 am and 12.20 pm and course costs a small annual charge applies: $70.00 in Years 1 to 10 and $85.00 for VCE. For further details please contact the Area Manager on 9689 1166 or visit http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au

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**Altona Magic Soccer Club**

**Altona Magic Soccer Club** is seeking soccer players for our "girls and woman’s teams" this coming season 2015, we have positions available for the following age groups.
- Under 7’s (5 to 7 yrs)
- Under 8’s, 9’s, 10’s, 11’s.
- Juniors 12 to 18’s
- Senior Woman’s

Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6pm to 7pm.

Venue: Paisley Park Soccer Complex, Cnr Mills street and Ross road, Altona North.

For further enquiries please contact us at altonamagic@hotmail.com or 0411 023 661

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*Free Trial Lesson!*

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