Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

**International Women’s Day Breakfast**
The class captains, SRC Reps and invited guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Val on Friday 6 March. Marsha Thomson MP was our Guest Speaker and she provided a great overview of her journey through school to become a politician.

**Ms Glenda Trist**
After almost ten years at Gilmore College for Girls Ms Trist has resigned and will spend more time with family. We thank Ms Trist for her many and varied roles at Gilmore and her incredible support for students, staff and many of our families. It is with sadness that Ms Trist leaves us but for her it is time to put more time into supporting her family and letting them benefit from her incredibly supportive nature. She will be missed by the students.

**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.

**Parent Teacher Interviews.**
Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 24 March. It is important for you to meet with the teachers to see how your daughter is progressing. You can make appointments on your daughter’s netbook. Or come into the office and use the ipad that is available.

**Multicultural Day**
We have a number of activities planned for our annual Multicultural Day. Students in each Circles group are asked to prepare a powerpoint focused on a family cultural artefact, we have a dance group in and then our lunch with shared food. Parents are welcome to attend the Picnic Lunch on the oval and the Cultural Concert and Fashion Parade commencing at 2.00 in the gym.

**Victoria University pre-service teachers**
Gilmore College for Girls has a partnership with Victoria University whereby some pre-service teachers undertake site based training. The Diploma of Education has been phased out and students who want to become teachers are now required to complete a Masters of Education.

Our group of Pre service teachers commenced last week. They attend school for one day a week for the year and undertake 2 block rounds. This model allows them to gain a thorough understanding of the culture of the school.

**School Uniform**
Just a reminder to parents; all pieces of uniform need to be purchased from the Uniform Shop. There are two styles of pants available – students cannot wear any blue pants.

**School Council Elections**
Correction a nomination was received from Mr Aaron Smith so he is duly elected to College. I still have one parent position vacant. If anyone is interested please contact me or collect a self-nomination form from the office.

**Year 12 students** should continue to work; the more they complete early in the year the more comfortable they will feel with their achievement at the end of the year. Enjoy the holiday break; it seems to have come around very quickly.

Bette Prange  
Principal

*EDUCATION QUOTE* “Start by doing what is necessary; then do what’s possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” Francis of Assisi
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With two weeks to go before the end of term it seems first term has just flown by. No doubt everyone is looking forward to the Easter break. It is really important that students realise that the term does not end until the 27th of March. The expectations are the same as if the term has just started. Students are expected to be on time to school, in uniform and willing to learn.

At the present time Circles teachers are writing reports and in particular, noting student absences. If a student is unable to attend school, parents can contact the school by phone or write a note in their daughter’s diary. It is important all missed days from school are accounted for as soon as the student returns to school.

I feel that the attitude of students across the Junior School has been extremely positive in terms of being to school on time and being in uniform. I am very much appreciative of the efforts made by both parents and students to ensure students are in uniform and on time. A reminder, that the school expects all students to be in summer uniform up until the end of term. In second term students will be expected to be in winter uniform.

Students across the Junior School have been undertaking ‘on-demand’ literacy and numeracy assessments. This allows teachers to have a greater appreciation of student literacy and numeracy levels. It is expected that all students across the Junior School will be reading consistently at home during the week. It is important that parents support this process at home with their own daughters. It revolves around asking key questions about ‘what are you learning?’ and ‘how do you think you can improve?’

If there are any issues parents/guardians can contact me through email: reilly.ian.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Ian Reilly- Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With only two weeks of the school term left it is as busy as ever for the senior end of the school.

Year 12 students have assessment tasks throughout the next week and need to be at school to sit for these as they form a critical part of their final marks. They have also been organising their contributions for the forthcoming multicultural day and we look forward to seeing their videos, costumes and concert items.

Our school captains Fatma Kassem and Penelope MacDonald were invited to be guests of the Footscray Rotary Club at the annual Rotary International Women’s Day Breakfast last Thursday 5th March at the Palladium at Crown Casino. Despite the fact that it was a 7.00 a.m. start the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience networking with business people and listening to a heated debate on whether men can make suitable carers or is it just women.

I conducted a workshop on motivation and note taking with the Year 11’s during their MIPS class recently in partnership with Ms De Barros (student welfare) and Ms Hynson (school nurse). It was a taste tester for what they can expect on the forthcoming Year 11 Study Skills Camp. All outstanding money for the camp needs to be paid by this Friday 20th March to the front office to enable us to finalise all the programs and details.

The Year 10 Advance group is preparing to attend the forthcoming sustainability conference over two days. on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March. We look forward to their feedback and hope that the two days are filled with interesting activities and workshops.

Parents and guardians need to go online to book appointments with their daughter’s teachers next Tuesday 24th March as it is time for parent/teacher interviews. These interviews are an opportunity for parents to get a snapshot of their daughter’s progress and to identify areas that may need attention.

Finally some timely reminders. Senior students need to be at school on time. Three late’s will equate to a make up class on Thursday afternoon until 4.00 p.m.

Students should still be wearing summer uniform until the end of the term. We swap to winter at the start of next term. Family holidays must only be organised for the duration of the school holidays. Students do fall behind when they miss substantial periods of school, making it hard for them to catch up.

I wish everyone a relaxing and safe holiday and look forward to continuing to work with parents, guardians and our senior students next term.

Helen Voidis Senior School Leader

Casual Day 27th March 2015

The SRC has organised a casual day for the last day of this term. For all students coming out of uniform a donation of $2 will be collected. The money the SRC raises will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The RCH Good Friday appeal has been running since 1931. The Appeal has raised $274 Million in this time. This money has been used to help fund equipment, beds and services for very sick kids. Many of our students, teachers, families and friends have been through the doors of the hospital. We are asking that everyone support this event. If you would like to make a bigger donation that would be greatly appreciated. The SRC reps will be promoting the day in circles classes and
by posters throughout the school. Feel free to contact Ms Tait if you have any further questions.

International Women’s Day Breakfast

We were so pleased to have Marsha Thomson MP as our Guest Speaker on Friday before International women’s Day. She spoke of her time at school and her journey to becoming a member of parliament.

Year 12 Chemistry Excursion

We barely give a thought as to what is in our everyday food and drink and the items we consume. It is reassuring to know however, that most of these things are tested and monitored for us regularly using sensitive instruments. Year 12 chemistry students attended an excursion recently to Victoria University, Hoppers Crossing and used two of these laboratory measuring devices. Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry (AAS) shines a light through a sample of the test material in solution and typically measures the amount of metals present in mg per liter. Gas Chromatography (GC) is used to measure very small amounts of organic chemicals (i.e. chemicals based on carbon). It is very sensitive and can detect as little as 0.000 000 000 000 1 grams (10^-12 g) of a compound. Thank you to Dr Raymond Horsley and Joseph Pelle at Victoria University for guiding the students through the two interesting analysis tasks on the day.

Governor Generals Welcome to International Students

On Wednesday 11 March Mr Nucci took three of our International Students to Government House for a welcome to Victoria ceremony. Mr Merlino MP, Education Minister welcomed the students to Victoria and wished them every success for their time in Victorian schools. After the speeches the girls had morning tea and were able to tour through some of the rooms at Government House.

Mr. Peter Walker - Science & Mathematics Teacher
Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people active and healthy.

Use the online Activity Tracker to log your daily activity and track your progress throughout the month. Plus, you can create and join teams, compare the progress of team members, discover events near you and win awesome prizes!

Just by registering every participant gets*:

- 10 free YMCA passes
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- a2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- a chance to win some great prizes including four tickets to the 2015 Toyota AFL Grand Final (GF15/12), a $1,500 bike voucher or a GoPro Camera
- a chance to win Sportsmart vouchers and coaching clinics at your school with high-profile athletes

Register today at activeapril.vic.gov.au

Michelle Hynson - Adolescent School Health Promotion Nurse

**Careers News**

**RMIT HOLIDAY PROGRAMS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 & 12.**

The SNAP team is pleased to offer senior students the opportunity to participate in two upcoming I Belong programs, both held during the March/April school holidays at RMIT’s City campus.

**Ready Set Design:**

Now in its fourth year, Ready Set Design is a series of three workshops for VCE students where they can learn about careers and tertiary programs in Design, develop their folio, and practice their interview and presentation skills.

Workshops are held in the March, June and September school holidays. We recommend that students attend all three sessions to get the most out Ready Set Design.

**Study Skills Seminar:**

This two-hour workshop will help students to develop strategies in areas including time management, exam preparation and stress management. The seminar will assist current VCE students to maximise their memory and manage their time, and give them strategies to approach their exams and assessments with confidence.

To register their attendance, students must visit our [Eventbrite page](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/rmit-snap-team-6142036387), select the session/s they wish to attend, and provide their details. More information about Ready Set Design and the Study Skills Seminar can be found on the individual event pages.

**RMIT SNAP: Maths and Statistics Master Class**

**RMIT SNAP team**

**Saturday, 24 May 2014 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (AEST)**

**Melbourne, VIC**

There are also revision lectures in English, Maths Methods and Chemistry but these are booked out. You can, however, go online to put yourself on a waiting list.

**Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT)**

UMAT is a compulsory test that is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level. UMAT is held once a year usually on the last Wednesday of July. Students can repeat the UMAT if they were unsuccessful the year before.

- **UMAT 2015** will be held on the **29th of July 2015**. Registration deadline is 5th of June 2015, 5pm AEST. Late registrations will be accepted until 5.00pm AEST 19 June 2015, however $65 penalty fee on top of the registration fee applies.

- **UMAT** is available to any candidate whose educational level at the time of sitting the
test is their final year of secondary schooling, or higher.

- Students can register for the UMAT only via the ACER website. [http://umat.acer.edu.au/about-umat](http://umat.acer.edu.au/about-umat)

- UMAT 2015 covers the areas of Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving, Understanding People, and Non-verbal Reasoning. Students are given 3 hours to complete 134 multiple choice questions. Students will be provided with 10 minutes reading time.

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY**

Information Day at Werribee campus

Explore the [Bachelor of Agriculture](http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/course-information-day-2015) and [Doctor of Veterinary Medicine](http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/course-information-day-2015) programs For further information visit the website:


Discover how Asia skills can lead to exciting global careers!

The Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne in partnership with Asia Education Foundation would like to invite you and your students to Opening a Door into Asia to be held on Thursday 30 April 2015.


If you have any questions please see Ms Mueller.

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**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.

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"Developing Resilience in Adolescent Girls!"

**Presented by:** Sharon Witt

**Tuesday March 17th, 2015**

7pm to 9pm

Williamstown High School - Bayview St Campus

Bayview St, Williamstown

$20 per person (at the door) No EFTPOS

**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](mailto:altonamagic@hotmail.com) or 0411 023 661

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**Williamstown Athletics Club**

The Williamstown Athletics Club is recruiting students of all ages for the Cross Country season starting in April.

It is a fun way to keep active in the winter months and to socialise with other friendly students and athletes. (For any enquiries please contact John on 0418322658 or Linda on 0468468761)
Girls Football
Under 9’s, Under 10’s, Under 11’s, Under 12’s, Under 13s, Under 14’s

West Footscray Football Club

We are LOOKING FOR GIRLS to support our growing family focused club

All welcome

In 2015 we have a special focus on an under 13 girls’ team.

Pre-Season Training is on Tuesday and Thursday during March

Starting 5.00 pm

(Regular training sessions for the season are on Tuesdays and Fridays)

Registration night Friday 13th of March 5.30 pm

SHORTEN RESERVE

Corner of Essex & Market Street, West Footscray.

Across the road from the YMCA

Enquiries: Shaun Hudson (Junior Co-Ordinator)
shaunh@spin.net.au
0431 045 240

Tennis Anyone?

KIDS CLASSES

Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don’t bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!
Cost: $9.00 a session

CARDIO TENNIS
Free Trial Lesson!
Cost: $12.50 a session.
Free Trial Lesson!

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Gladstone Park TC 18 Elmhurst Rd • St Matthews TC 95 William Rd

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CASUAL DAY

27TH MARCH 2015

(LAST DAY OF TERM)

OUT OF UNIFORM = $2 DONATION

Raising funds for the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal