MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 2
Staffing changes for this term are; Mr Reilly is on Long Service Leave. Ms Vendetti is replacing him as Junior School Coordinator. Ms Noonan is taking Mr Reilly’s classes. Ms Rendina is also on Long Service Leave for the term. Ms Rischetelli is taking her Italian classes and Ms Noonan her English and EAL classes.

90th Birthday Celebrations
This year we celebrated our 90th Birthday! It was a lovely day of celebration and reminiscing. We had over 500 people attend including former students, teachers and prospective families. Ms Susan Alberti AO, gave a very inspirational speech, Ms Haggart asked all to join her in singing the college song and the Mayor of Maribyrnong, Councillor Nam Quach opened the exhibition and displays.

The loyal service and support provided to the College over many years by Ms Margaret Haggart, College Council President, Mr Ron Palmer, College Council member and Ms Maria Kitanovski, Business manager were recognized on the day.

A great time was had in the photo booth and I believe these photos will be available on the Gilmore facebook page later in the term. Likewise many photos will be on our website.

Thank you to all who helped put the day together it was a really lovely event.

Multicultural Day
Again we had a very successful celebration for Multicultural Day; the picnic lunch is getting bigger each year, the concert items were really beautiful and the costumes so elaborate. Our multicultural day celebrations is an opportunity for all our community to celebrate their heritage and for us to learn more about each other and the different countries represented within our community.

Well done to all the students and their families who prepared and delivered food on the day.

I have a representative from the central office visiting this week to seek more information about what schools are doing in regard to racial harmony – our multicultural day will feature highly in our discussions.

Gallipoli Commemoration
Mr Mehmet Balikel presented the college with a framed Remembrance and Everlasting Gallantry poster last week. It is on display in the college foyer. Mr Balikel, on behalf of the Turkish Community, presented the framed memento – a famous and poignant letter that was written by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1934 to Australian women who had lost their sons in the Great War. This memento has also been delivered to over 200 schools and RSL Branches. Many of the teachers and students have taken a close look at the poster and it has created a good discussion as we come up the Centenary of ANZAC.

The College Captains and myself accepting the memento from Mr Balikel.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE: “Our greatest weakness is to give up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” Thomas A. Edison
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Hello all. My name is Ms Vendetti and many of you already know of me, as I have taught extensively at the junior level. Whilst Mr Reilly is on long service leave for this term, I will be the Acting Junior School Leader. I can be contacted by telephone on either 9689 4788 or through email vendetti.maria.m@eduamil.vic.gov.au.

Already a week into Term 2, and I have to say I am enjoying this new role immensely. I am very proud of how our junior students have quickly settled down to work. Our focus this semester will be on ensuring that Year 7-9 students complete all work requirements on time so that they can achieve their personal best, for the end of semester reports.

Speaking of reports, I was very pleased to see so many parents at the Parent/Teacher Report Evening in the last week of Term 1. It was very well attended. However parents who were unable to collect their daughter’s reports, can either call me or send a note to the school with their child. The report can be, upon your request, either posted home or given to your daughter.

On the business side of things, it is almost that time of the year again – Naplan testing. The dates for Naplan are as follows:

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All students should be transitioning into the college winter uniform. With Melbourne’s unpredictable weather, the school has given students two weeks’ grace. All junior school students should be in full winter uniform by the end of this week.

Lastly I would like to mention our 90th birthday celebrations. It was wonderful to see so many generations of Gilmore Girls. There was a carnival like atmosphere on the day and our current students did a wonderful job helping to set up, to run stalls and welcome past staff and students. I can’t wait for the 100th celebration!

Ms Vendetti –
Acting Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. As the colder weather kicks in it is a timely reminder that students need to be in full winter school uniform by the end of this week. This means either the pants, shirt and jumper, or the skirt, blue tights (only) shirt and jumper along with black school shoes. The uniform shop is open on Monday at recess and Wednesday during lunchtime if parents need additional items of clothing.

Year 12 students have settled in well and we continue to focus on study skills in their MIPs classes each week. It is essential that they are organised with a plan of what they will complete during each of their study periods. We really only have seven weeks of Unit 3 left and it is critical that they present for each of their SACs and pass every subject to continue into Unit 4 next semester.

For Year 11 students it is a busy term with the traditional Year 11 Study Skills Camp on this week at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp in Rowsley (near Bacchus Marsh). Over the three days of the camp we will be focusing on organisational, time management and exam skills. We also have a range of teambuilding activities and will share some of our experiences in the next newsletter so stay tuned.

Also for our Year 11 students the Aspirations Program commences on Wednesday 29th of April with the launch at the College. Fifteen students will be selected on camp to participate in this every rewarding program which enables them to work with mentors from PricewaterhouseCoopers to build on their employability skills.

Year 10 students should be finalising their work experience which will be held in the last week of this term. (1 week only) They have been listening to a range of guest speakers in their MIPs and Community classes preparing them for the course and subject choices they have to make later in the year.

I still have a number of interim reports on my desk for students in the senior school, whose parents did not attend the parent/teacher interviews held at the end of last term. Parents are most welcome to email me and we can set up a time for a meeting to discuss their daughter’s progress. Or they can send a letter for their daughter to obtain the interim report on their behalf. My email is voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Finally it was very rewarding to see many of our past students visit the College during the 90 year birthday celebrations held recently. This is now my fifth year at the College and nothing gives me more pleasure than to see our past students return to the school to share their
memories and talk about their current studies or career pathways.

Helen Voidis  Senior School Leader

School Uniform
Students have a two week period where they can wear either the summer or winter school uniforms. A reminder that the students cannot mix and match, they are to be in full summer uniform or full winter 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.

Second hand Uniform
There are some winter skirts in excellent condition available second hand, please see Ms Mikin for more information.

Yr7 Phoenix Youth Excursion:
On Monday the 16th March a group of Year 7’s along with Ms Goyne (Yr7 English and Humanities teacher) and Michelle (School Health Promotion Nurse) walked to Phoenix Youth Centre which is run by Maribyrnong City Council.

We were able to see and hear all about the different opportunities that we could become involved in. We heard about their variety of different programs including art, music, general drop-in, Phoenix Productions (FReeZA), theatre, splash gallery (where young artists can display their work) as well as hearing about the School Holiday Program with amazing excursions offered. The girls all had a great time hearing about the range of opportunities available to them.

Phoenix Youth Centre is a place where young people aged 12-25 years can meet others, be involved in recreational activities, access services and support. Phoenix Youth Centre is located at 72 Buckley St, Footscray. Their website is: www.phoenixyouth.com.au

Multicultural Day Celebrations
This year we had a lovely celebration of the various cultures that make up our college community. We commenced the celebrations with a Circles luncheon where everyone contributed some food that reflected their culture.
This was followed by a fashion parade showing some really beautiful costumes. Then we had a concert where various students provided a demonstration of dance or song.
Gilmore College for Girls 90th Birthday celebrations

On Saturday the 28 March we opened the school to welcome back many former students. It was a terrific day of celebration and reminiscing.
Ms Haggart singing the school song.

Our Guest Speaker Ms Susan Alberti AO
Casual Day 27th March 2015

The SRC raised $300 for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

SWIMMING REPORT

On Thursday 19th Feb we had our annual swimming carnival at Queens Park Swimming Pool in Moonee Ponds. It was a great event and the weather turned out to be quite good. Congratulations to all students who swam in events on the day or helped out with official duties. Massive thanks to all of the teachers and special thanks to our Junior and Senior House Captains. Overall Wattle House won!! Well done girls! We are now looking forward to our annual Athletics carnival to be held next term.

By Mariama Brima (Sports Captain)

INTER escolar Swimm ing

Congratulations to all girls who competed in the recent interschool swimming competition held at Oak Park Swimming Pool. It was a fantastic event and our students performed exceptionally well. Congratulations must go to
the following students for their outstanding performances: Sasha (Year 7), Ava (Year 7), Ripley (Year 7), Satine (Year 7), Jaime-Caila (Year 8), Scout (Year 8), Shamay (Year 9), Shona (Year 11). Thanks also to our students who were officials on the day.

**Year 7 Tennis**

Congratulations to our year seven tennis team who played valiantly through wind and rain at a recent inter school competition at Maribyrnong Secondary College.

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**Health Chat**

**9 ways to improve your wellbeing**

There are some really simple ways that we can improve our general wellbeing. Check out some of the tips that you can use to look after your mental health.

1. **Exercise.** It makes you motivated and releases endorphins which can improve your mood.

2. **It’s OK to not be OK.**

3. **Never let your pride prevent you from asking for help.**

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**Careers News**

**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

• 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.

Coming soon …
Victoria University’s Work Experience of a Lifetime program gives Year 10 and 11 students the chance to win an unforgettable work experience placement at one of Australia’s top companies.

This exclusive access to an exciting company that matches their study interests could powerfully shape their future career and help them build industry networks.

Last year was a huge success, with the winning students gaining hands-on experience with leading companies such as Leo Burnett, The Just Group, Nova, Honda and The Mushroom Group. The companies participating this year will be announced shortly.

The competition is open to all Victorian Year 10 and 11 students and further information will be available as it comes to hand.

Melbourne Careers Expo
The Melbourne Career Expo encompasses all career opportunities from employment to education and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors.

With over 20,000 attendees including jobseekers, apprentices, students and Graduates, this is a fantastic opportunity for VCE students to investigate their future career pathways.

It exhibits a vast array of career advice, employment opportunities, large University and training representation, and a ‘hands on’ Skills Industry Hub.

Now in its 14th consecutive year, the event will be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on Friday 24 July to Sunday 26 July 2015.

See the website for further information:

If you have any questions please see Ms Mueller.