ANZAC Centenary
Commemorative Planting and
Avenue of Honour

Mariibyrnong Council has re-established the Avenue of Honour in Geelong Road with newly planted trees. After World War One the first Avenue of Honour was put in place but over the years the trees died and some were affected by road widening. Also many of the plaques for the solders went missing. The plaques have been found and relocated to the Memorial Garden in Footscray Park. I attended the ceremony to mark the last tree being planted – 147 trees have been planted in the Avenue of Honour.

Aspirations launch
Last Wednesday we held the launch for the next Aspirations Program. Gilmore College for Girls and PricewaterhouseCoopers has a long standing partnerships, facilitated by ABCN. The mentors from PwC works with a group of our Year 11 students with a focus on work related skills, teamwork and resume preparation.

The Australian Business Community Network links big business organisations with schools to ensure students from all walks of life have an opportunity to achieve their goals.

Primary School Visits
Over the past fortnight we have hosted many “Gilmore Girl for a Day’ programs to allow the Year 5 and 6 students to experience a day at Gilmore. It has been lovely to meet the students and to see our students support and host the day. I did take a group of three girls to Newport Lakes to speak at an Expo there. I was really proud of the way in which the girls presented the college and answered the student’s questions. This expo was a student lead event.

If you know any families who are yet to make their choices please tell them they can contact reception to have a tour of Gilmore.

Why choose a public secondary school?
A recent review of almost 30 academic studies revealed public schools achieve similar student outcomes to Catholic and independent schools across a range of education indicators. (Cobbold, 2015)

The review showed there were no significant differences between the results of students from public, Catholic and independent schools in national and international tests and in university completion rates. And in the first year of university, students from public schools outperform other students – they achieve higher grades in their first year of university than students from Catholic and independent schools.

You can read more about the review’s findings here:

Public schools are the backbone of our nation’s education system. They express our Australian egalitarian values. They provide opportunities for all children to succeed, no matter where they live. They give all children a fair chance to reach their potential and lead a fulfilling life.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE: “Don’t wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect.”
Zoey Saywed
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Four weeks into Term Two and it has been an extremely busy time for both staff and students in the Junior School.

I am very pleased with how students have conducted themselves over the past few weeks. Punctuality to school has improved and students have also made a great effort to be in the correct winter school uniform. Parents who were unable to attend parent teacher night last term have now received a phone call and all reports have been distributed. Whilst most reports were very good, there are some students who will need to approach their teachers to seek feedback on how to improve on their Term 1 results, before the end of semester reports are written later this term.

We welcome two new students to the Gilmore family: Annabell (Year 7) and Jasmine (Year 8). I know your time at Gilmore will be a happy one.

There are several events taking place this term. An event we hold annually in Year 8 is the Leadership Conference. This gives our girls an opportunity to meet with other students from across the other seven all Girls’ State Schools in Victoria and to actively participate in a range of activities that focus on building their self-confidence, teamwork and communication skills. This year Gilmore College for Girls is hosting this conference. There was a formal application process and the expressions of interest submitted by our Year 8 students were at a very high standard making the selection process very difficult.

Another annual event which is currently in the planning stages is the Balmoral Camp. Each year students from Balmoral visit Footscray and vice versa. Our girls get to experience country life and Balmoral students get a taste of the city life. It is a very popular camp but unfortunately places are limited. Once again, students will need to complete and submit an expression of interest.

May is NAPLAN testing time for our Year 7 and 9 students. The College has already started to prepare our students for these tests and it is essential that they have a good breakfast and sleep to be able to perform at their peak next week.

To finish off, I would like to wish all our junior participants good luck for Athletics Day. May the best house win!

Ms Vendetti –
Acting Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 11 camp over, Aspirations Launch done, preparations under way for the Year 10 all Girls’ Secondary Schools Conference are well under way for later this year. The senior school is always a busy place as we offer our students both academic excellence and a variety of enrichment programs.

The Year 11 camp at Lady Northcote was a huge success with the students participating in range of study skills workshops as well as some teambuilding activities including orienteering and raft building. It was wonderful to see them bond and support each other as we spent three days together near Bacchus Marsh. We will be doing some follow up work in future MIPS classes to ensure that the time management and organizational skills are sustained throughout their VCE years.

The Aspirations Launch was held last Wednesday 29th April at the College with fifteen mentors from Price Waterhouse Coopers visiting the school to meet the Year 11 students participating in the program. Each student was interviewed prior to the commencement of the program to ensure full commitment and the right mindset. The first actual workshop will be held on Tuesday 12th May at Southbank focusing on the further development of the students’ employability skills.

The exam period is only three weeks away so students should have a regular regime of study now to ensure they are fully prepared. The exams are earlier this year to enable more feedback from teachers and identification of any student weaknesses to address in future workshops. For Year 11 and 12 Unit 3 continues until Friday 12th June. Semester 2 commences on Monday 15th June with some limited subject changes available only for Year 11. Year 10 students need to finalise their work experience as this will be held in the last week of this term. All paperwork should be presented to their MIPS teachers. A reminder that all senior students are expected to attend the annual athletics carnival on Wednesday participating in the various events or cheering on their houses to win the trophy.

Finally there has been a significant improvement in both the school uniform and lateness. Students with three or more lates will have to make up the time on Thursday afternoons in G3. The uniform for the rest of this term is winter with no summer dresses until Term 4.

I appreciate the emails from parents and do my best to deal with concerns or issues as they arise. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9689 4788 or email me (voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au) with any concerns you may have with regards to your daughter’s progress in Year 10, 11 or 12.

Helen Voidis                              Senior School Leader
Aspirations

PricewaterhouseCoopers mentors and Gilmore College for Girls students met and got to know each other prior to the first workshop which will be held in at the PricewaterhouseCoopers building in at Southbank.

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.

Year 10 Drama visit Footscray Community Arts Centre

Year 10 drama students attended Footscray Community Arts Centre last Friday to view a performance of Beautiful One Day. Devised by the Ilbijerri Theatre Company, Beautiful One Day depicts the history of Palm Island in Queensland and the events surrounding the death of Cameron Doomadgee in police custody in 2004. Being able to view a professional performance and discuss the range of techniques used by actors forms an important part of senior drama study and it was great to see students engage intelligently and thoughtfully with this material.

Year 8 students ham it up in class

Following in the footsteps of comic greats such as Laurel and Hardy, The Three Stooges and Charlie Chaplin, year 8 drama students presented their own slap-stick routines in drama this week. The culmination of a unit of work on mime, movement and slap-stick, students worked in small groups to come up with their own comedy routines. The collaboration and creativity of students was impressive and the audience was certainly entertained. Well done year 8s!
Former student has a runway show!!

On the 22nd of March this year, textiles teachers Ms. McQueen and Ms. Rischitelli attended a fashion parade at Station Pier to promote young designers. The invitation came from Athony Lual’s efforts to enter and win this opportunity to showcase her talents. Athony studied Design Technology in Textiles in 2014 with Ms. Rischitelli and also received assistance from Ms. McQueen.

Here is her story.

“When I first found out about Future Runway the task was to compile a folio that showed what a future fashion collection would look like. It had to include fabric samples, details about the fabric weave or construction as well as a 500 words brief on your future collection and end-user. This was all to be presented in a folio format. Once this was submitted it took 2 weeks before I heard anything and I did not believe I would get this opportunity as only 25 applicants from years 11 and 12 in total were going to be chosen in Melbourne. When I received the letter, I literally cried for joy. I received fabrics that were related to my collection and a gift card to buy more fabric or trims. I only had a few months to complete the project which involved designing a mini collection of 3 garments with accessories. Finally, the garments were submitted and the models chosen. The Future Runway show attracted more than 1000 people to witness the work of a select few beginner designers.

I was very fortunate to receive an on-the-spot offer when I was at the edge of giving up from further education. Whitehouse Institute of Design offered me the learning environment that I wanted and so far it’s been an amazing experience, I’ve met students from all over the world, who are like-minded and inspiring. I’m studying a Bachelor Degree in Fashion Design and to date, I have made more than 7 basic garments. I’ve also started making my own label as we are learning to market ourselves as designers, so next year watch out for my label in Witchery and Myers!”

Athony

Health Chat

Figuring out my strengths

Figuring out what your strengths are can be a challenge. Read this fact sheet to find out about the different strengths and how to pinpoint what yours are.

Figuring out your strengths isn't always easy

Some people are pretty aware of what the best parts of their personality are, as well as the worst. For others, it can be hard to pinpoint exactly what their good qualities are. However, it’s more common for people to be aware of their weaknesses and flaws. Whatever your situation, maximising how you use your strengths will help you build your happiness (see ‘What are strengths and how do they relate to happiness?’), so it’s worth taking the time to figure out where your strengths lie.

Twenty four strengths

First things first, you need to know the different sorts of personality strengths people can have. Scientists have identified twenty four different personality strengths.

Tips for figuring out your strengths

After you’ve looked at the list above, and read about the twenty four different strengths, you need figure out which of them most reflect your own personality. These are known as your ‘top’ strengths, and they’re the ones you will want to be most aware of. To work out what
your dominant (or top) strengths are, use the following tips:

**Ask other people.** People in your life are likely to notice stuff about your personality which you haven’t. Chat to a family member, friend, teacher, or even a counsellor about what they see as the best parts of your personality. It’s likely some of the things they tell you will be strengths of yours.

**Figure out what you get compliments for.** Do people ever compliment a particular part of your personality? It’s pretty likely to be a strength of yours.

**Figure out what you are most proud of.** It might be a strength. If you’re proud of something you did/achieved (for example, winning your grand final footy match), then think about what parts of your personality you used to achieve it. Did it require focus, creativity, bravery etc.? These personality traits could be your top strengths.

**Ask yourself, when do you feel most like yourself?** The things about your personality that make you most happy are likely to be your top strengths.

**Take a strengths quiz.** Check out the VIA Survey of Character Strengths on psychologist Martin Seligman’s Authentic Happiness website for more clues on where your strengths may lie – [www.authentichappiness.org](http://www.authentichappiness.org) – The quiz is free!

References and further information:

Michelle Hynson - Adolescent School Health Promotion Nurse Monday and Tuesday

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**Careers News - May**

RMIT offers a number of events designed to give students in Years 10 to 12 an insight into life on campus. During the school holidays, students engage in hands on workshops and explore different aspects of art, design, science, community studies and engineering. Registrations are now open.

Below is a list of all Experience Days:

**Monday 29 June**
- Business
- Engineering (City)

**Tuesday 30 June**
- Health and Medical Sciences (Bundoora)

**Wednesday 1 July**
- Justice and Legal
- Music, Sound and Live Production
- Science

**Thursday 2 July**
- Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations
- Engineering (Bundoora)
- Sustainability

**Friday 3 July**
- Art and Design
- Project Management

Further Info and to register please visit [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays)

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**Cabin Crew Careers Evenings in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane!**

Aviation Australia's (AVI20208) Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations) is for aspiring Flight Attendants looking to let their career soar. This course equips students with the comprehensive knowledge, skills, values and experience to set them apart from the rest.

Past and present students interested in becoming Cabin Crew are invited to attend an upcoming careers evening with Aviation Australia to let their career take off to a flying start!

The Melbourne information evening will be held on the 7th May and interested students can register at the following address


**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.

**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**.
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