MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 2.

Staffing
Ms Farag and Ms Baker are both on Long Service leave this term. We welcome Ms Karen Drought to the college, she will teach Year 11 Mathematics. We also welcome Ms Dianne Nielsen to the position of Student Support. Ms Nola Keyes is on Long Service Leave for the term also.

Multicultural Day
Again we had a very successful celebration for Multicultural Day. The picnic lunch in Circles group is proving to be a nice celebration and sharing activity. This year we had two guest speakers who shared their story with the students. This was followed by the fashion parade and concert performances. The concert items were really beautiful and the costumes so elaborate.

Our multicultural day celebrations are 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.

International Baccalaureate Mission statement
Gilmore College for Girls aims to enable young women to achieve their potential in an all-girls environment of educational excellence. We develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young women who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Our programs encourage students to become active and lifelong learners with a global perspective.

International Baccalaureate Learner Profile
The International Baccalaureate has identified a number of attributes that assist in the development of students. Each newsletter I will highlight one of the Learner Profile attributes so that our community becomes familiar with each attribute.

The focus for this newsletter is: Caring.

We show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us. (IB Learner Profile).

Students examine ways in which they demonstrate a caring manner, what it means to be caring and why caring makes the world a better place. If people are compassionate and caring that helps create a positive community. Being a caring person leads to being a successful 21st century citizen. Ensuring students know and understand what it means to be a caring person will lead to the creation of a caring environment at our school.

International Baccalaureate Personal Project
The Year 10 students have been working on their Personal Project and will draw that to a conclusion this term. Each student has identified an area to learn about and produce a product. It is exciting to see the range of projects the students are working on. We will have an exhibition of the final products later in the term.

Wynspeak Public Speaking Competition
The annual Wynspeak competition commences next week. Again we have students keen to test their skill in public speaking. The students deliver a 3 minute prepared speech and later deliver a speech without notice on a topic presented on the night.

School Council Elections
I still have a vacancy on College Council so if you are interested in being on Council please contact myself or Maria Kitanovski to find out more about how Council operates. We value the input from parents and your opinion helps shape the direction of the college. Nomination forms are available in the office. Your daughter can collect one and return it to the office.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE: “You create your own opportunities by asking for them.” Shakti Gawain
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

I hope all parents and students across the Junior School enjoyed the Easter first term break.

It is expected that during 2nd and 3rd terms students will wear winter uniform. It is important that students do not mix the summer and winter uniforms. With the colder mornings a number of students have been wearing jackets that are not part of the prescribed uniform. Similarly, several students have not been wearing the appropriate footwear to and from school. It is important that all students wear the proper uniform while at school and on the journey to and from school.

I was pleased with the number of parents and students who attended the Report Evening held on Wednesday during the second last week of first term. I had a full list of interviews and so did many other members of staff.

In my discussions with students I constantly stress the need for students to ask questions. If a student is unsure about what they are doing in the classroom it is critical they ask their teacher. Questioning is a central platform for learning. Sometimes students feel embarrassed about asking questions. There is no need to feel that you are being judged if you ask for clarification to improve your understanding. Teachers want their students to ask questions, as questions are a reference point for learning.

Ian Reilly                                      Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back. Term 2 promises to be very busy with the Year 11 Study Skills Camp set to go this week followed by the launch of the Aspirations Program on Thursday at the College.

A quick reflection of last term and I am very happy at the way our senior students have settled into the routine of school. Our senior girls continue to make an effort to come to school on time and have been wearing the correct uniform. A reminder that all students need to be in the correct winter uniform by the end of this week. Students have the option of white socks or navy blue tights if they opt to wear the winter skirt.

Year 10 students should be finalising their work experience which is in the last week of this term.

Year 11 students have their camp and the Aspirations Program to look forward to.

Year 12 students will experience their first external exam with the General Achievement Test and there are two preparatory sessions in May to help them understand how to approach the multiple choice section and the essays.

Our annual VCE “Keys to Success” presentations were held on Tuesday 22nd March (last term) for our Year 11 and 12 students with their families and both sessions were very well attended. Parents and students were reminded of the importance of working together as a partnership during the two years of the VCE program. If parents missed the session they are welcome to make an appointment and I will go through the key points that were discussed on the night.

The senior students also rose to the occasion on Multicultural Day participating in the fashion parade and the concert. So well done to those who took an active part in either of those events.

If parents have any concerns the can contact me through email on voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Helen Voidis                                      Senior School Leader

UNSW Global Educational Assessment Aust

Help your daughter to learn, grow and reach her full potential with ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent, quality skills-based assessments which give you broad insights into student performance across the curriculum in subjects ranging from Digital Technologies to English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

At Gilmore College for Girls we are offering assessments in English and Science. Payment is not required for Year 7 students only. If you would like your daughter to participate in the UNSW Global Education Assessments, the dates and cost are as follows:-

- **English** - $8.00 to be held on 2nd August, 2016
  Closing date is Friday 17th June 2016
- **Science** - $8.00 to be held on 31st May, 2016
  Closing date is Monday 2nd May 2016

SRC REPORT

The SRC meets at lunchtime on weekly basis to discuss school issues, representing the views of the students. They are also busy planning fundraising events for specific causes.

On the last day of Term 1 an ‘Out of Uniform Day’ and cake stall were organised by the SRC to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Over $300 will be donated to this worthy cause and the SRC is busy planning further fundraising events this term. They are also arranging some lunchtime events to celebrate Education Week, which is coming up in May.
Introducing our new staff members

Ms Karen Drought

Before choosing to pursue teaching, I was an engineer and project manager in the rail and telecommunication industries. Before coming to teaching I worked on engineering projects around Australia as well as in Thailand and Europe. I am starting at Gilmore as a graduate teacher after some time away from work as a stay-at-home parent. I am excited to be teaching both Year 11 Maths classes. I guess I will gradually meet the students from other year levels during replacement classes and while on yard duty!

Ms Dianne Nielson

I have come to Gilmore after working as an integration/teacher aide at Seaholme Primary school in Altona for more than 20 years. I assisted young students with various needs and took on many different roles over the years. I am now looking forward to the challenge of working in a secondary college - a whole new experience for me!

I am a Footscray local after moving to the area about 6 years ago. My family and I love the melting pot of cultures in the area and Footscray's close proximity to the city.

I am married and have 3 adult children, one who is married and lives overseas. My interests include:

#Music - apart from listening, I try to play the piano (rather poorly and usually for my ears only)

#Travelling- I've been lucky enough to visit many overseas cities and look forward to discovering many more.

#Football - a diehard, tragic supporter of the Western Bulldogs.

#Golf- a fine weather social golfer- a great stress reliever!

If you see me wandering around looking lost, please feel free to point me in the right direction. I'm looking forward to getting to know the Gilmore community.

THE ROTARY ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST

Christine Urayenza our School Captain and Faiso Mohamed our Vice-Captain were guests of Footscray Rotary for the annual International Women’s Day Breakfast held at Crown last Thursday 10th March 2016. Both students had to be at the venue by 7.00a.m. to enjoy a delicious breakfast and listen to a lively debate about equality in pay for women. The panel including Ahmed Fahour the current CEO of Australia Post. Both students were made to feel welcome by the Rotary members and enjoyed the event immensely.

Work Experience

YEAR 10 students need to secure their work place by the end of term one holidays. All Year 10 students are actively seeking work placements for June 20 - 24, 2016. If you are able to take a work experience student at your work place please email me goyne.leanne.l@edumalil.vic.gov.au

Leanne Goyne – Work Experience Coordinator

Homework Club

We have homework Club in the library each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. There is a Homework Club coordinator and tutors available to support your daughter with their homework.

On Tuesday and Thursday Homework Club operates until 6.00 and on Wednesdays it is 5.00.

Students sign in and sign out of Homework Club and they must be there to study.
Year 7 Trip to Flemington Racecourse.

For an end of term activity the Year 7 students were invited to Flemington Racecourse. The students were provided a tour of the historic aspects such as Phar Lap’s stall, and the Museum.

YEAR 7 EXCURSION TO THE ARTS’ CENTRE AND HAMER HALL

On the 7th of March, the year 7 music class was fortunate enough to have access to free tickets through the First Call Fund to see ‘The Tap Pack’. Upon arriving in the city, we visited the Art Gallery garden courtyard where we had lunch and a look at the sculptures. Later, we met with one of the organisers who took us on a special tour through the Fairfax studio which is their smallest but most uniquely designed theatres.

Once we were finished there, we went to Hamer Hall and watched the performance. Year 7 students were lucky enough to explore the music of Sinatra through to Justin Timberlake in an all-singing, all-swinging, all-dancing show. It was very entertaining and the performers were fantastic dancers. All in all, we had a fabulous day at the Arts’ Centre.

We are very grateful to the Arts Centre’s ‘First Call Fund’ who provided free tickets for this event. Many thanks to classroom teacher, Lee Rischitelli and accompanying teacher, Bernadette Noonan.
Everyone has a story …

Our Annual Multicultural Day is a highlight of the Term One calendar. It provides an opportunity for students and staff to celebrate their cultural heritage along with the opportunity for all of us to learn more about each other. It is also an opportunity to share a meal and learn more about the various traditional foods from a range of countries.

Thank you to Ms Hardie for all her planning and organization in the lead up to the great day.
Interschool Swimming

On Wednesday the 16th of March 14 girls from different year levels went to St Albans Leisure Centre for interschool swimming. The girls who attended include: Scout Mcleod-Smith, Julia Ngo, Aey Narin, Dilara Erbas, Sukran Erbas, Tra-Mi Do, Madeena Rohaizad, Christine Urayenza, Maddy Chambers, Sasha Clancy, Emilie Kalinna, Satine Colomb, Joanna Sarmiento and Shona Mercaldi. Many girls participated in several events including the 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle,
freestyle relay and individual medley to name a few. Specific students had official duties to complete including finishing marshalling and preparing the students to marshal. Everyone did an excellent job with outstanding performances coming from many. Scout came 4th in the 50m breaststroke event and also came 6th in the 50m butterfly. Aey came 4th in a different breaststroke event and Shona came 3rd in freestyle. The most outstanding performances of the day were towards the end of the day. Our two relay teams both produced stunning results. Our 15 year old freestyle relay team came 2nd while our other freestyle relay team (17 year old) came 1st!! Amazing results girls!

We wish those students who are competing this Thursday 24th March in Geelong at the WMR Swimming Championships all the best. Thank you to everyone who came to the interschool swimming and special thanks to Ms Dempster and Mr Walker for their involvement throughout the whole day.

By Scout and Julia (Year 9)

Intermediate Volleyball

On the 7th of March we hosted intermediate volleyball at our school. Many schools came including: Creekside College, Footscray City College and Braybook College to name a few. For our school, we had two year 9 volleyball teams, A and B team. Tenzin Tsomo, Sekulini Sefokuli, Joanna Sarmiento, Dilara Erbas, Aey Narin and Hla Hla made up A Team and Chlo Yang, Sumeya Ibrahim, Kaiesha Elechi, Caasi Isaac Pula, Grace Kaeward and Scout Mcleod-Smith made up B Team. Both teams performed extremely well throughout the day and worked hard as a team. Even though we didn’t win overall, we had an amazing day. Thanks must go to our coaches and the following senior students: Angel (Year 12), Drashti (Year 11), Daiyejhare (Year 11) and Laura (Year 12) for their involvement leading up to the event. Thanks to the teachers and students who helped on the day.

By Chloe (Year 9)

Attacked to this newsletter is a parent information sheet giving examples of how to be a good body image role model at home and what some of the warning signs are that your daughter may need to talk to someone about their thoughts and feelings to do with their body image. Please do not hesitate to ring the helpline at the bottom of the information sheet or talk to the school counsellor or health promotion nurse at the school if you have any concerns.

Breakfast Club for 2016

Breakfast Club is off and running at the new time of 8:15am Tuesday mornings! Last week the courtyard was a happy meeting place as girls enjoyed pancakes, fruit and cheese toasties in the morning sun. We hope to have a new group of students step up, to cook and serve Breakfast each week. So don’t forget to come and eat together on Tuesdays. If you could help on the team … please speak to me.

By Ms DeBarros

International School Student Welcome Event

On Wednesday 2 March, the Victorian Government formally welcomed international school students at the International School Student Welcome Event, which took place at one of the oldest and grandest houses in Australia, Victoria’s Government House, located next to the Royal Botanical Gardens. Her Excellency, the Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria, along with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier, Ms Judith Graley MP, warmly welcomed international students from all school sectors, thanking them for their valuable contribution to Victoria. Ms Essie Ma, recipient of the International School Student Awards in 2014, spoke about her past experience as an international student and her current studies at Monash University, sharing her advice with the numerous students attending the event.

Two of Gilmore College students, Xijia Liu from 8A and May (Angie) Jie from 11B Jenny Chen, attended the event and at the conclusion of the formal proceedings enjoyed a concert by Highvale Secondary College String Quartet and met other international students at morning tea in the stunning rooms and gardens of Government House.

By Chloe (Year 9)
FOSTER CARERS needed!

Can you offer a home for a vulnerable child? Anyone can become a carer. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Next information session will be held in Wyndham Vale on Thursday April 28th

For further information please call Liesl Trenfield on 93967400 or email liesl.trenfield@anglicarevic.org.au

You will make all the difference!!!

Join the West Melbourne Schools Orchestra
This new ensemble aims to provide young musicians in West Melbourne a place to play good music and socialise with other like-minded students outside of the school environment. We will be having an open rehearsal for new players on April 18th. Students are encouraged to come along and see if this ensemble is something they would enjoy. Rehearsals will be every Monday night from 7 – 9 at Footscray City College. The Musical Director for this ensemble is Jenny Going. New players should fill in an application form on our website at: www.wmsorchestra.com or email our manager Ashleigh at: joinus@wmsorchestra.com

Female Players wanted!

Yarraville Glory FC would like to welcome new players to join our rapidly growing Girls Junior football department. Whether you are new to the game or an experienced player, we would love you to come along to meet our coaches and current players. We currently have vacancies in our under 9, 11 and 12 teams but girls all ages welcome! The fees for girls have been reduced by a club grant to encourage female participation in the fastest growing sport for girls in Australia.

About our club
Yarraville Glory FC is a vibrant multicultural Community Soccer Club which is celebrating its 50th year anniversary in 2016. The club’s coaching philosophy is in line with the FFA National Curriculum and focus on creating a challenging but essentially fun environment. Our home ground is situated at McIvor Reserve on Fogarty Avenue, Yarraville. If you are looking to join a strong community based football club for girl teams then we would love to hear from you! Please contact our Technical Director, Henrik Steenberg at coaching@yarravilleglory.com.au or 0422 7 222 44 as soon as possible to discuss your interest.
## Future College Events

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