MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello All
We are certainly settled into the term with lots of activities in place.

Athletics Carnival
Our annual Athletics Carnival will be on Friday. We are hoping for a day of strong competition so that we can identify the students who will proceed to the interschool competition. The day will also be full of frivolity with the opportunity for students to dress up in costume in their house colours.

International Baccalaureate Learner Profile
The focus for this newsletter is: Communicator. We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively; listen carefully to the perspective of other individuals and groups. (IB Learner Profile).

In a global context it is important for students who have a first language to maintain their communication skills as this will be really important in relation to their work opportunities and for life in a multicultural society. There are many ways in which we communicate with each other and a range of purposes behind that communication.

Students communicate through writing and speaking, they communicate electronically, orally and in written form; and occasional non-verbal form. The purpose of the communication needs clarification; to whom are they communicating and what form of communication is appropriate? For visual and oral presentations the students need to consider their audience and the message they are conveying.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 7 and 9 are reading through old NAPLAN papers so they become familiar with the types of questions they will face in their NAPLAN test. The majority of students have completed the NAPLAN in grades three and five so are used to sitting for the test. However, given the number of years since the last test it is always good to refresh their memory.

Homework
At this stage of the year all students should have developed an excellent study routine. All students should be making time each night to focus on their studies. Students in years 7-10 always have 20 minutes of reading minimum. All students will have lots of assignments to complete as teachers prepare for end of semester reports. The students in senior school should be making study notes and learning their glossary words for each subject. Students in Years 10 and 11 will have end of semester exams shortly so they need to be organised for success. Parents you can help your daughter by making sure she has a routine established. Ask your daughter is she is prepared. See if you can you assist by asking them to define the words.

2015 Year 12 Destinations
On the next page you can see many of the courses that our Year 12 students are enrolled in this year. It is interesting to note the variety of career pathways the students have chosen.

Footscray Learning Precinct
The Footscray Learning Precinct received more financial support in the recent budget. The government has now provided $1.5 million for the development of a new concept for the provision of education from birth to post tertiary education in the inner west.

School Council
I still have a vacancy on College Council so if you are interested in being on Council please contact myself or Maria. We value the input from parents and your opinion helps shape the direction of the college. Nomination forms are available in the office.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE: “Our greatest weakness is giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to try just one more time.” Thomas A. Edison
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS
The next two weeks will be extremely busy for both teachers and students across the Junior School. Year 7 and 9 students will undertake three days of intensive NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN test will occur on the 10th, 11th and 12th of this month. The results will be available to both parents and the school later in the year. Hopefully the results will provide a ‘snap-shot’ of student performance that will enable teachers to better plan for both individual and group improvement. Parents should realise that the results – like any testing process- can be influenced by the circumstances of the day and how students react to the process.

A reminder to all parents and students, the amnesty on not being in winter uniform is finished. It is expected that all students will be in full winter uniform. The unusually mild weather in April made it difficult to think that summer was ever going to end. May looks like it will be much cooler and hence the need for all students to be wearing warmer clothing.

Like all work places it is important to be constantly vigilant regarding the issuing of bullying. Bullying is a serious issue that affects the life of students across the school system. For girls bullying is not usually open, in terms of aggression, but takes the form of non-verbal gestures and exclusion from friendship groups. Gilmore College has a zero tolerance level to bullying and has well established processes to deal with it. Bullying is not remedied by counter bullying and threats but by acknowledging that everyone is responsible for creating a harmonious school and community environment.

Ian Reilly  
Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS
Week 4 of Term 2 and it seems the days are just flying by. Year 10 and 11 students face their mid-year exams in just under 4 weeks so it is imperative that students are at school every day and keeping up with the workload.

The Year 11 Study Skills Camp was a huge success with the girls enjoying a variety of activities including a double presentation on study skills by Elevate Education. The new location at Flinders was perfect with the wide open spaces and the great views of the Mornington Peninsula National Park. Some of the highlights included the students challenging themselves in the team obstacle course, the giant swing and the study skills sessions. Ms. Tait and I were beaten in the Trivia Quiz on the Monday night although we came close to taking out the prize.

On Thursday 21st April 19 Year 11 students also took part in the launch of the 2016 Aspirations Program. The morning was filled with some ice-breaker activities to enable the students to meet with their mentors from Price Waterhouse Coopers followed by a tour of the College and a scrumptious morning tea prepared by Ms. Warden. The first workshop is coming up on Wednesday 11th May at Southbank so stay tuned for more information and photos.

This Friday is our annual Athletics Day Carnival so I would like to see all of our senior students attend and participate. There are a range of events to suit all ages and fitness levels and the weather looks to be mild and sunny.

Senior students should now be in the full school winter uniform with the choice of the winter skirt or the trousers. Three late arrivals to school in the morning will result in a Thursday after school make-up class and missed SAC’s will be held on a Saturday morning if the absence is supported by a medical certificate.

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

Helen Voidis   Senior School Leader

SRC News
Luncheon activities coming to celebrate Education Week. Are you Gilmore’s next spelling bee champion, who will be Gilmore’s master chef in the great cook off, what about some poetry reading or participating in the quiz - look for the posters and the sign-up sheets to have a go and even win a prize.

Year 10 and “Keys Please”
On Friday 15th April, in the Advance class, year 10 students spent one period learning about obtaining a Learners Permit and the importance of learning to drive in all conditions. Earle, from “Keys Please” had a range of visual presentations and conducted on the spot questions and gave out prizes for correct responses from our enthusiastic audience.

In recent years an average of 55 young drivers died and 1245 were seriously injured annually and young drivers were involved in 20% of all deaths and 23% of all serious injuries. “Keys Please” has been developed as a program to offer young drivers safety information and advice as well as practical ideas on how to use the learning period, get 120 hours of practice and become safe drivers.
A few of our year 10 students already have their Learners Permit and he encouraged them to ask their parents to allow them to drive in different weather conditions as well as both day and night. Learners should get as much experience as possible before applying for their license.

Earle also spoke about the range of jobs that he has, including being a driver for the Australian Open as well as a caricature artist. Our students persuaded him to show off his skills which he did by drawing a portrait of Shamay Collins.

The presentation was both entertaining and provided valuable information for prospective drivers.

Ms Mueller and Ms Goyne

2015 Year 12 Destinations

Now that the university year is well underway we can provide a list of some of the courses that the 2015 Year 12 students gained entry into. They are in no particular order.

- Legal Services (Victoria University)
- Optical Dispensing (RMIT University)
- Event Management (Swinburne) third round offer
- Legal and Dispute Studies (RMIT University)
- Nutrition and Food Sciences (Victoria University)
- Visual Arts (Victoria University)
- Criminal Justice (Victoria University)
- Tourism and Travel (William Angliss Institute)
- Education Studies (Diploma) (Victoria University)
- Commerce (Deakin College)
- Hospitality Management (William Angliss Institute)
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics (La Trobe University)
- Nursing/Psychological Science (Deakin University)
- Psychological Science/Laws (Australian Catholic University)
- Business (Victoria University)
- Psychology (La Trobe)
- Midwifery (Victoria University)
- Photography (Commercial/Art/Photojournalism) (Degree)
- (Photography Studies College (Melbourne))
- International Business (Degree) (RMIT University)
- Tourism and Hospitality (La Trobe University)
- Business (Victoria University)
- Bioscience (La Trobe Melbourne)
- Business (Associate Degree) (RMIT University)

Education Secondary Education/Arts (Monash University)
Criminal Justice (Victoria University)
Education (Primary) (RMIT University)
Accounting (Swinburne University of Technology)
Midwifery (Victoria University)
Engineering Technology-Civil (Advanced Diploma) (RMIT Uni)
Politics, Philosophy and Economics (La Trobe University)
Legal Practice (Victoria University)
Fine Art (RMIT University)
Law (Victoria University)
Fashion and Textiles Merchandising (Assoc Degree) (RMIT Uni)

It is interesting to note that some students chose to attend Deakin. With the train it is sometimes quicker to attend there than Monash.

Year 11 20th Century History Excursion to the Jewish Holocaust Museum

On a blustery cold day at the end of last term, the Year 11 20th Century History class travelled to Elsternwick to visit the Jewish Holocaust museum. The students were firstly provided with an overview of what happened in Europe in the 1930’s. After the introduction, they were privileged to meet a survivor, 95 year-old Moshe, who told them all about his life. He was 19 when he was arrested, along with his family. Moshe survived but his family did not. The students were able to ask questions about his experiences inside the Polish ghetto and concentration camps. The students were deeply moved by his story.

The museum contains an impressive collection of photographs, letters and exhibits relating to the Holocaust. The students were guided through the exhibition where they were able to find out more about this period. Following the tour, they were encouraged to write a personal message on a board, and two student representatives were asked to carry a candle to the eternal flame at the entrance of the museum. We all gained a lot from this experience.

Leanne Goyne 20th Century History teacher.
Year 10 Food Technology

Year 10 Food Technology students studying “Birthday Cakes” recently completed their final practical assessment task. The task involved designing and decorating a birthday cake for a 12 year old girl. Many of the students produced some outstanding work with excellent originality. The highlights included Aysha Barakat’s perfectly made flower themed cake, Aysha El Hawli’s cat cake, Amira’s doughnut cake, Sumaya’s snowman cake, Sukran’s wonder woman cake and of course Courtney’s Patrick cake. Well done to all students!

By Aisha Bakarat

By Amira Jawad

By Sukran Erbas

By Sumaya Chrcos
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.

Zoo Excursion 2016

Blue skies and sunshine provided the perfect backdrop for our year 9 excursion to the zoo in the last week of term one. We were making the trip to visit the various Australian animals that each student had been researching back at school. Students were collecting information and photographs to contribute to a presentation they were preparing for the class. The day was a great way to reinforce vocabulary and extend knowledge and provided a great platform for sharing stories about the animals and environments students have experienced in the different countries they have lived in. It was wonderful to share the curiosity and thirst for knowledge that our students have for the world around them.

Here’s what they had to say:
GRACE: It was a fun day at the Melbourne Zoo, we got to see every animal in the zoo and we walked everywhere.
TIMNIT: It was a beautiful day. I think all of us had a good time and we were tired by the end of the day.
Hla hla: It was a great day, I got to explore new animals and spend time with my friends and teacher.
Chloe: it was a tiring day, we walked for the whole day. But I still had fun, all the animals were cute especially the baby gorilla.
Aey: I had a lovely day with my EAL class, and I got to see a lot different types of animals. We went in the butterfly house and the butterflies were sitting on my hands and arms.
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 toasts 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.

Ms DeBarros

Parenting workshop

“The Other Talk’ in Footscray”

The Other Talk is designed to help parents communicate with their child about alcohol and drugs. Research tells us that, for children under 14 years of age, parents are the most important and trusted source of information for young people and play a crucial role in children’s future decision making. The Other Talk workshop discusses real life situations and provides parents with basic alcohol and drug information so that they can have ‘the other talk’ confidently and effectively.

Workshop details

D Registration  6.00 pm
Workshop       6.30pm – 8.30pm
Location       Footscray Town Hall Reception Room, Cnr Hyd Napier Street, Footscray
Who should attend?
Parents of children aged 8-15 years
How to Register
http://footscraytot.eventbrite.com.au
Registration is free but places are limited

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

10th Footscray Scout Group

Graham Street West Footscray

Join Now!

Based in West Footscray, 10th Footscray is an active part of the local community. A family focused Scout Group with a program full of fun, friendship, new skills and adventure. In Scouting, boys and girls get to try new things, become independent, develop resilience and work in teams. They plan their own activities, and take part in outdoor adventure, cooking their own meals, learning to care for themselves and those they lead. Highlights include camping, canoeing, scuba diving, build your own billy cart races, Scouts Masterchef campfire cooking challenges and lots more! Call now and join in the fun.

Cub Scouts  Boys and girls aged 8 - 10
Wednesday nights, 7.00 - 8.30 pm, plus some weekend activities

Scouts  Boys and girls aged 10 - 14
Tuesday nights, 7.00 - 9.00 pm, plus weekend camps and hikes

Venturers  Teenagers aged 14 - 17
Monday nights 7.30 - 9.30 pm, plus outings and outdoor adventure

Interested?

For more information drop in and visit us on a section night or contact our Group Leader Dragi Stojcevski Mob 0422 225 145 email gl10thfootscray@hotmail.com.au
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.
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