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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello All
We are approaching the halfway point of the term and staff are busy preparing exams and reports.

Congratulations Julia!
Our former student, College Captain and the organizer of our recent 90th Birthday celebrations was awarded the Victorian Young Achiever of the year – Australian Super Career Kick Start Award last Friday.
This award is for her initiative in starting up both JT. Production Management and JT. Weddings.
Julia is a very deserving recipient of this award.

Athletics Carnival
What a fantastic day weather wise. After a number of very cold and wet Athletics days in recent years we were all under prepared for the sunny day. The attendance was very good with events hotly contested.

International Baccalaureate Learner Profile
The focus for this newsletter is: Open-minded
Students understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from experience. (IB Learner Profile).

Students examine ways in which they show they are open-minded. They learn to define what being open-minded means and how to reflect that in their day to day learning. Having the ability to be open-minded is an excellent trait to take into the workforce and into their adult lives.

IB MYP Personal Project
Students in Year 10 should be completing their personal project and writing their 3,000 word essay. I have spoken with students about how to expand their writing and what they need to talk about. While they seem daunted by the size of the report they should break it into four sections: investigating, designing, producing and evaluating. Students can talk about their research learnings, their problems in designing and producing and in their evaluation they must use diary entry comments and talk about their learning.

Footscray Learning Precinct
Recently the students had the opportunity to be involved in the development of the Footscray Learning Precinct. Department of Education representatives met with a group of students from years 7-11 to gain their ideas about what they would like a school in the inner west to provide.

Child safety Act
The Victorian Government passed an Act in December to do with Child Safety. As a result the college has to address seven standards and develop policy and processes to demonstrate that we have a culture that makes students feel safe.

Visit from Ms Jarman
Ms Jarman visited the school last week. It has been a year or so since she has been here during the day. She was really impressed with the way the students look in their new blazers. She came to see me to pass on her observations, she thought the girls all look terrific so well done girls!

STEM
We have just received the excellent news that we are part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program.

ABCN Mentorship
Our ABCN scholarship recipient, Tahlia Gibson met with her mentor last week. Her mentor is from Minter Ellison and she will provide support and opportunity for Tahlia to visit her workplace and share her learning journey.

School Council
I still have one remaining vacancy on College Council so if you are interested in being on Council please contact myself or Maria in the office.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE: “Whatever you do, do it well. Throw yourself into your projects. Be sincere. Make time for people.” Sara Lim
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We have now reached the halfway mark for second term. Teachers in the Junior School are preparing to write reports for the first semester. Students need to ensure that their work tasks are fully completed and handed in to their teachers. It is important that parents are asking their daughters about being up to date with their studies and ensuring that teachers have received the work.

With the onset of the cold weather a number of students have been coming to school not wearing the proper school uniform. In particular, a number of girls have not been wearing the school jumper or the school jacket/blazer. It is important that students attend school in uniform. The uniform shop is open at the school on Mondays at 11:00 and Wednesdays at 1:30.

Last week students in Years 7 and 9 completed the NAPLAN tests. I am sure the Year 9 students are glad to be finished with NAPLAN. They are the first group to complete all four tests.

I wish to remind both parents and students of the school’s policy on mobile phones. Mobile phones must be turned off in class and not visible. Students can only use their phones in class if specifically asked to do so by a teacher, for example, to look up the proper spelling of a word. If a student does not follow these protocols and uses their phone in class, the phone will be taken by the supervising teacher and given to Ms Voids or myself. The phone will not be returned until the end of the day.

On the 5th of May I attended the second round of the Wynspeak public speaking competition. Gilmore was well represented with Shona Mercaldi and Christine Urayenza competing in the senior division with Madeena Roaizad and Tra-Mi Do competing in the junior section. All four students spoke extremely well. It was very pleasing to see Tra-Mi win the impromptu section while Madeena won the five minute prepared speech section. Madeena will compete in the final to be held on June the 1st.

Ian Reilly  
Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With six weeks of Term 2 left senior students are coming up to a few very busy weeks with final assessment tasks, mid-year exams and the commencement of Semester 2 for our VCE students. Reflecting on the last two weeks it was great to see so many senior students attend and participate in the annual Athletics Day Carnival on Friday 6th of May. Many of our senior girls dressed in their house colours, with our Year 12’s again making a special effort to make their last athletics carnival very memorable indeed.

During MIPS on Monday 9th May Year 12 students listened to a presentation on how to deal with anxiety and stress which was provided by our school nurses.

Twenty Year 11 students and I attended the first Aspirations Workshop on Wednesday 11th May at PricewaterhouseCoopers. The students were allocated into groups with two or three mentors and enjoyed the views of the city skyline from the various offices, when they were taken on a personal tour. The focus of this session was the working world and mentors talked about their career and study pathways. There was a group challenge for the students to complete and then it was back on the train to return to school for the last part of Period 5.

Year 11 and 12 students are currently completing their final SAC’s, so it is critical that they are at school. Ms. Prange ran a catch up session on Saturday morning (14th May) with those students who were absent due to illness supported by a medical certificate.

There have been some Year 11 students who have submitted change of subject request forms. These will be reviewed in the next week by the Principal, but movement of subjects is only possible if there are places available.

I have conducted level assemblies at Year 10, 11 and 12 to remind students of college expectations and distribute exam timetables.

Finally, I appreciate all the emails that come through Compass and urge parents to check their daughter’s schedule and if there are concerns to please contact me.

Helen Voidis  
Senior School Leader

Reflections of the Year 11 Study Skills Camp

We found the Year 11 Study Skills Camp to be lots of fun but at the same time challenging. Some of the highlights included the trivia night and the fact that we were on the winning team, the elevate presenter and his enthusiasm in relation to study skills and the obstacle courses which focused on team work skills.

The sunsets each day were magical and we could not fault the food that was provided for us whether it was for breakfast, lunch or dinner. We took responsibility for our own study time and this made us more accountable to do our homework in a different setting. Memories were created, friendships were consolidated and lots of photos taken to remind us of the great time we had on this camp.

Ian Reilly  
Junior School Leader

Aspirations Program for Year 11 students

The first session of Aspirations was held last Wednesday 11th May. We enjoyed the tour of PricewaterhouseCoopers; learning about ‘hot desking’ and the leasing of some of their floors to other organisations to generate more income. Our mentors talked about their educational backgrounds and personal experiences sharing with us their journeys that led them to their current roles at Pricewaterhouse Coopers. The group work that involved building towers from given materials challenged us to work as a group, overcoming obstacles to achieve our potential. We look forward to the next three sessions to help guide us through our career path decision making post year 12.

Maddie and Alex  
Year 11B students
SRC REPORT
The SRC has been very busy organising a range of lunchtime events to celebrate Education Week which commenced on Monday 16th May. The activities include a spelling bee competition, pancake breakfast, the master quiz, amazing race, Master Chef cook off and poetry reading. We look forward to providing a more detailed report with photos in the next newsletter.

Youth Week Art Prize
Congratulations to Sandy Phommasane for winning first prize in the National Youth Week Art Prize with her beautiful photograph of Drashti Patel. The theme for the prize was "Your Vision for our City" and her response was "Harmonise and Unite". Sandy said "Maribyrnong is a truly multicultural city where people from different backgrounds and cultures call home". It is my strong belief that photography can be used to communicate, reducing our differences and enhancing our similarities to unite us together.

Sandy is a very deserving winner and her photograph featured shows you why.
Well done Sandy,
Lesley Burt. Arts Coordinator.

Athletics Carnival
On Friday 6th May we had our annual Athletics Carnival at Moonee Valley Athletics Centre. We were lucky that the weather was amazing throughout the whole day. Congratulations to all athletes, in particular Macy El Hawli (Year 11) who produced outstanding performances in both track and field events. Thanks must go to our House Captains: Banksia – Lien and Satine, Wattle – Sara and Dilara & Waratah – Aisha and Sumeya. Thanks also to our Sports Captain Sara for her hard work in ensuring the carnival was a success. Well done to all students, staff and parents for their efforts preparing for the carnival and on the day. Here are the results from the carnival (see below).
1st place: BANKSIA (823 points)
2nd place: WATTLE (592 points)
3rd place: WARATAH (527 points)

Congratulations Banksia!! Athletes are now preparing for interschool athletics (more details to come soon).
Ms Dempster (Sport Co-ordinator)
News from the Careers Room

On Thursday 5th May I attended a Network meeting at Melbourne University. The meeting was held in the Department of Agriculture building and Ms Ros Gall spoke to us about the opportunities for students who complete an Agricultural Science degree. She pointed out that people are always going to want to eat and that growing food for an increasing population, sustainably, is one of the challenges of our time.

The world of agriculture has also changed dramatically over the last few years. Farming is no longer a small enterprise as more and more farms become agribusinesses run by large corporations. Students with an agricultural science degree are employed by banks (Rabobank and NAB are large employers) chemical companies, feed companies and fertiliser companies and are doing highly professional and technical jobs. Only 20% of graduates go into farming jobs.

It is no longer the domain of men – 70% of agricultural science students are female. One third of jobs are in metropolitan areas; one third in regional cities and one third in rural towns. It is a growth area with the number graduates increasing each year.

In 2015 the ATAR was 70.65 but this will likely increase as demand for this field of study rises. Prerequisites are a minimum of 25 in English; 30 in EAL and either 25 in Maths Methods or 30 in Further Maths.

Ros also pointed out that a pathway into this course is through Melbourne University’s General Studies course which has an entry score of around 50.

Professor Chris Manzie spoke to us about the new Mechatronics course at Melbourne. This is a combination of Mechanical and Electrical engineering as well as Robotics and Computer Science. He pointed out that automation is becoming increasing widespread and these skills are sought after by industry. Robogals is a program designed by students to attract more girls into this course.

A major in Computational Biology is being offered at Melbourne University for those with an interest in both Maths and Biology.

Ms Mueller

Careers

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@edumail.vic.gov.au

Leanne Goyne – Work Experience Coordinator

Jeongsin Taekwondo

Classes @ West Footscray p.s
Monday and Wednesday Night
Special offer: 1 week free plus $20 off
signup for all new students, friends and family.
www.jeongsintaekwondo.com.au or 0400483353 Book in NOW!
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.

Ms DeBarros

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.

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

You will make all the difference!!!