MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello All

Students are approaching the end of Semester One with exams, assignments and reports all due. It is a very busy time.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
We have just received the exciting news that we are part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. This is a two year funded program with a focus on the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Years 7 and 8.

Education Week
The students enjoyed a range of activities over the past week to acknowledge and celebrate Education Week. Thank you to Ms Voidis, Mr Reilly and the SRC for the organisation and supervision of the activities. It was great to see a competitive group staying after school on a Friday night to engage in Science.

Reconciliation Week
This week is midway through Reconciliation Week which commenced last Thursday with National Sorry Day and concludes with the anniversary of the Mabo Land Rights decision. The theme for this year is 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future.'

Child Safety
In December last year state government passed the Child Safety Act. It is behoven upon all community agencies and schools to be totally aware of all the issues in relation to child safety. Whilst schools are inherently safe places we do need to do further work in developing policy and processes to ensure students have an environment where they can discuss their concerns around 'feeling safe.'

Staying safe on-line
Last week we had a representative from the Footscray Community Police speak to the students about online safety. Cyber-bullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group and bullying is defined as repeated behaviour with the intent to harm others.

What can parents do?
• Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cyber-safety.
• Set a technology curfew.
• Remind your daughter to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
• If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
• If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to STOP responding to the abuse and then BLOCK those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, they should TELL a trusted adult.

Footscray Library and Community Hub
Last week I attended a consultation meeting to generate ideas for a future new library and community hub in Footscray. A large number of community groups were represented and in table groups we developed a list of ideas and suggestions. Some of the key points on our table was to have a place that values learning and culture, a community hub that reflects social inclusion and a flexible space that serves many purposes and group needs.

The amazing news gained from the meeting was that the Footscray population will increase from about 16,000 people to over 45,000 in the next 20-30 years. This will make a significant difference to Footscray as we currently know it.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE: “Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it” Maya Angelou
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With four weeks to go until the end of term, teachers in the Junior School at present are working industriously to write, proof read and collate the first semester reports. With the realisation that first semester is drawing to a close, it is important that students continue to work diligently and conscientiously during class time to ensure they maximise their learning opportunities. Reports will be posted home in the last week of this term.

In the past week I have spoken to a number of students regarding the issue of uniform. The main issue has related to footwear. The College uniform policy clearly states that shoes must be black leather school shoes. Canvas shoes are not an option in terms of what is a clearly defined policy.

A reminder to all students and parents that students are expected to be at school at 8.40 for an 8.50 start. If students are late to school they must obtain a late pass from the school office. Three times late to school automatically means a detention until 4:00 on a Thursday.

Wednesday evening will see Madeena Rohaizad from 9A competing in the final of the Wynspeak public speaking competition. I am very confident that Madeena will present a speech that will be both entertaining and thoughtful.

Ian Reilly
Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Four weeks until the end of the term and it is going to be very busy with Year 10 and Year 11 students facing their mid-year exams this week as well as the last assessment tasks finished in readiness for the mid-year reports.

Year 12 students are reminded that they need to be at school every day at 8.40a.m. They also need to sign in for study periods in the library. Study periods are a valuable opportunity to work and prepare their study notes for each of their subject and to catch up with teachers.

Parents and students need to use Compass to be updated on what work is missing from students, if their daughter has detention and how they are performing at school. In addition to this parents/guardians can also email teachers with any concerns or queries.

Year 12 students and some Year 11 students doing a Unit 3/4 subject have had a sample of what the General Achievement Test that they will be sit on Tuesday 7th of June is like. The GAT is compulsory and is used to check that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed and in calculating a derived examination score if a student cannot for some serious reason sit their end of year exams. Our students have attempted three essays under timed conditions and received feedback on their performance as well as attempted some of the multiple questions from previous years to familiarize themselves with the question format.

Year 11 students involved in the Aspirations Program have their second workshop this Thursday 2nd of June from 12 noon until 2p.m. at the offices of PricewaterhouseCoopers at Southbank. The focus of this session will be on employability skills.

Last Thursday the senior students listened to a presentation on cyber safety reminding them of the dangers of using social media and to be vigilant in terms of protecting their online profile and who they chat to on line whether it be through Facebook, Snapchat or Twitter.

Our senior students have taken an active part in the activities organised by the SRC for Education Week and interschool sport and are to be commended for their efforts.

To Note: Personal Project Completion Date

The completion date for the Personal Project has been moved as students in Year 10 were becoming stressed about the management of exam preparation and the completion of their project. The Personal project due date is: 13 July.

Helen Voidis
Senior School Leader

CELEBRATING EDUCATION WEEK

Educational Week is held in May of every year to celebrate the achievements of state education.

The SRC together with Ms. Voidis & Mr. Reilly organized a week of lunchtime activities to help celebrate state education at Gilmore College for Girls.

The week commenced with a spelling bee competition in the library and Satine Colomb showed her capabilities by winning all the rounds to be crowned Gilmore Spelling Bee Champion.

On the Tuesday it was the grand quiz with our very own Mr. Mcomish as the grand quiz master. Over 100 girls attended with teams of 4 - 6 students. Congratulations to team Ma Dudes who were outright winners. Team members included Alex Davies, Georgina Clancy, Maddie Azzopardi, Yelena Grigorovitch and Hannah Milthorpe - well done Year 11 students.

On the Wednesday it was time for the amazing race Gilmore style with teams of four using the clues provided by our school captain Christine Uranyenza to complete each set task. There was an egg and spoon
race on the oval, a maths problem solving task in the Science wing, identification of world flags in the gym, Pictionary and finally a library activity. The winning team were Lucy, Anna and Thanh of Year 12. Congratulations to all the participants and the preservice teachers for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Thursday was the great Masterchef cook off with ten students making scones with their own personal touch. The kitchen was a hub of activity as each student found creative ways to serve the traditional scone. The winner was Kaiesha Elechi of Year 9 with a very delicious family recipe of pumpkin scones served with a cinnamon butter and cream. Equal second were Rayan Eless and Maddy Chambers with Aisha Barakat of Year 10 coming a close third making her own jam to use as part of her dish.

On Friday we had some poetry reading with students reading or reciting their own work. Sean Connery commenced proceedings reciting a famous Greek Poem - Ithaca through a You Tube clip. Mr. Reilly gave a stirring rendition of the Man from Snowy River and Ms Stockdale read Shakespeare’s Seven Stages of Life.

Feedback from the year levels was very promising so further lunchtime activities will be organized by the SRC next term.

Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) Titration Competition

Thousands of senior students throughout Australia compete in this event annually. It was great to have two teams from Gilmore College participating for the first time this year.

The RACI titration competition encourages those students who enjoy Chemistry, particularly its practical side, to develop their skills and it rewards those who attain a high level of proficiency.

In the competition, each team performs simple acid-base titration exercises. Judging is on the basis of the values each team reports for the titres and concentrations of the unknown sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and acetic acid solutions. Teams are ranked on how close they get to the actual concentrations. The results will be reported back to students later in the year.

The top teams in each State competition will be put forward to represent their state in the National Finals in October. All national finalists receive a gold or silver badge and a team plaque is awarded to outstanding teams.

Thank you to Sadaf, Hicret, Shrynaya, Lien and Jude for staying back after school to finish the analyses, even though they were so tired and hungry.

Mr Walker (Science & Mathematics Teacher)

Sugarland

Last Saturday year 10 drama students and their parents attended a performance of Sugarland at the Melbourne Arts Centre. Sugarland was directed by the Australian Theatre for Young People and explored the stories and experiences of teenagers living in the remote NT township of Katherine. While the play addressed many challenging themes it provided a unique opportunity to hear and discuss issues that young people care about. The play also used a range of theatrical techniques that was great for our students of drama to see and experience. Many thanks for the Arts Centre and the First Call Fund for providing tickets for our students and their families.

Year 10 responses to Sugarland:

“I never knew how different people felt and dealt with the situation they are in.” (Alexis)

“I liked it because it was very different from what I usually watch.” (Katie)

“I really loved the play. It was very interesting. It also opened up my mind to seeing how lucky we are with the life were are given to live.” (Fatima)
Ms Stockdale

Health Chat  Stress Management

Exams are here! With exams, comes added pressure and stress. We have to make sure students are coping with these stressors. Signs that your daughter might be having difficulty with stress could be
- Difficulty sleeping
- Loss of appetite
- Feeling sad
- Losing interest in day to day activities

Here are some tips to help your daughter through this stressful time:
- Ask how they are going
- Make sure they take breaks
- Ensure they are eating properly and start the day off with a good breakfast (don’t forget breakfast club on Tuesdays!)

If you are worried about how your daughter is coping then please don’t hesitate to contact me or another member of staff. There is also a range of resources available online.

Most importantly remind your daughter that there is indeed life after exams and year 12! Study hard and good luck!!

Ms Scales  Health promotion Nurse

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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

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For Sale
1 x New School blazer and spray jacket for $120
Never worn (student exit).
Size: 105 (Size 16?)
1 x ‘as new’ school blazer and spray jacket for $110 – Size 8.
Phone the office for more information: 9689 4788

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.

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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
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Flour
Black Tea or Coffee
Diced Tomatoes
Tinned Kidney Beans or 5 Bean Mix
Salt & Pepper
Sugar
Dried Chickpeas

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