MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello All
Students in the VCE classes have now commenced semester 2 and the Year 12s are on the final stage of their secondary schooling.

Links with Korea
I just visited Mr Reilly’s Year 9 class and was pleased to see the first session of our Year 9 class talking with students in Korea. The classes have exchanged questions, now the students were meeting each other and sharing information about Korean and Australian culture. We have two programs in place this year with two different schools so I will provide more information about what the students are learning through participation in this program.

International Baccalaureate Learner Profile
The focus for this newsletter is: Principled
Students act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them. (IB Learner Profile).

Students firstly gain an understanding of what it means to be principled and how they could demonstrate that in their day to day behaviors. They learn to recognise when members of the public demonstrate principled behavior and decision making. They then reflect that in their day to day learning and endeavor to act with integrity at all times. A big part of learning how to be principled involves taking responsibility for their individual decision making and actions.

STEMM
We have a number of students in Year 9 who have applied for a residential program that focusses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine. This is an exciting opportunity for students so I congratulate them on putting in an application and wish them well.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics STEM
Mr McOmish, Ms Vendetti and myself will attend the information and training session for STEM this week. This program is being delivered by Deakin University and involves 60 teachers and 30 principals from Victorian schools who will become experts to inspire fellow teachers to bring STEM alive for Years 7 and 8 students.

Conference in Sydney
Last week I attended the Education Nation Conference held in Sydney. The focus was on digital technology and I was able to listen to other inspirational speakers and steal some ideas that we can implement for the students at Gilmore to benefit from. One amazing thing I learnt was a program where Year 8 students were making prosthetic limbs on the 3D printer for a boy in Africa. Imagine the impact if all Year 8 students in Australia could do that for people in war torn countries!

Punctuality
It appears that some parents are dropping their daughters at school in sufficient time to be in class with the right equipment, ready for learning. However we suspect that some girls go down the street to Footscray shops to meet their friends after they are dropped off. As a consequence they are late to school. Please check your daughter’s arrival time at school; lateness is recorded on Compass.

Reminder
Students must carry their netbooks around in the hard case and have it zipped up. Students are starting to become complacent and their books are cracking the screen when they do not have them in the hard case. Families need to pay for the replacement of screens in this case. Please discuss this with your daughter to make sure they maintain care for the netbook.

Bette Prange
Principal

EDUCATION QUOTE: “The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today” H. Jackson Brown, Junior
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The last two weeks have been extremely busy for both teachers and students across the Junior School. The first semester reports have just been finished and teachers have put in a big effort to ensure all the reports have been proof read and ready for reading by students and parents.

When reading their daughter’s report parents should realise that under the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) students are placed on a learning continuum. A student who receives a ‘C’ is considered to be achieving at a level expected for that particular age or form. It is important that parents read the teacher comments on what their daughter has achieved and recommended areas for improvement.

During last week I spent some time talking to several students about how they spoke and behaved towards other students. A key word in promoting success is ‘respect’. It is really important students realise we are all working in a school community that stresses the need for harmony and the benefits of working together to achieve common personal and education goals.

On Tuesday the 31st of May I attended the Intermediate Girls Soccer. Our girls played with a great sense of conviction and fair play. Our best players included Dua, Maryam, Lini, Sindous, Joanna May (who scored two goals) and Delara (who was outstanding in the net, goal keeping).

Ian Reilly                                      Junior School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 is nearly over and with it the end of Semester 1. It is a good time for our senior students to stop and reflect on their achievements in relation to their learning, their efforts and their participation in extra curricula activities like those held during Education Week, the Athletics Carnival and much more.

Semester 2 begins for Unit 2 and Unit 4 this week and it is an opportunity for new goals to be set by our VCE students, to increase their study time and work hard to achieve the results they are capable of.

For Year 12’s the General Achievement Test has come and gone, Unit 3 has also come and gone and now it is time to put in their best effort yet for Unit 4, as the end of year exams fast approach. Year 11 students have received their exam results and feedback and are only one semester away from Year 12. They need to review their mid-year reports and take note of where there teachers have suggested they could improve.

Year 10’s have had their first taste of formal exams and their teachers have reviewed their performance, giving them feedback and their results. The last week of this term involves Work Experience and most of our Year 10’s will be out at different workplaces gaining an insight into the world of work.

Congratulations have to be extended to the Year 11 students who are currently participating in the 2016 Aspirations Program. They attended Session 2 on Thursday 2nd June and the feedback from both the mentors at PWC and the facilitator from ABCN was very positive indeed. They were great ambassadors for the College arriving on time and being active participants in the program.

As the cold winter months really set in a reminder that students have to wear the correct winter school uniform with navy blue tights or white socks if the skirt option is preferred.

I wish all our senior school students and their families a relaxing and safe holiday and I look forward to working with them in Term 3.

Helen Voidis                                      Senior School Leader

International Students’ Forum 2016

State Library of Victoria, 31st May.

One hundred and fifty International and local students from across many schools in Victoria met recently to discuss and share their ideas. Gilmore College for Girls was well represented by Angie Ong, Zahraa Rohaizad and Han Nguyen. The participants engaged in small group work and made presentations and created posters.

The topics of the day were:

- How can we enhance the relationships between International and local students, with each other, and their teachers and develop a strong sense of school pride.
- Ways to encourage students to contribute to the school community
- How to help students to strengthen their intercultural capabilities and develop global citizenship skills.

Formalities commenced with an address by The Hon. Judith Graley, Parliamentary Secretary to Education Minister and Deputy Premier, in which she welcomed all the students and acknowledged the sacrifices and strengths of International Students in travelling so far to advance their education and the great benefits of an education in Victoria. There was a wonderful sense of energy and cooperation at the event and many new friendship across the world were formed on the day.

Students and teachers generated many positive, valuable ideas and strategies to implement back at their schools and within their communities.

Mr Walker (International Student Coordinator)
**International Students’ Forum 2016**

**Victorian Legal Aid Visit**
On Monday last week, Two Criminal lawyers from the Victorian Legal Aid came to speak with the year 10 & 11 girls regarding Youth and the Law. They shared with the girls the current social issue and concerning topics that effect this Youth generation. The Legal Education Coordinator was very engaging and interactive with the Students.

We look forward to their visit in Term 3 to talk with the year 12 Students.

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**Health Chat**

**WINTER BUGS**

Winter is here! It’s time to rug up and stay warm. Winter also means flu season. Making sure we all have good hand hygiene will help keep those bugs at bay!

Hand hygiene is the number one way to prevent the spread of infections. Hand hygiene starts in the home. We need to wash our hands with soap and water for 20 seconds – which is as long as it takes to sing ‘Happy Birthday’. So remember to wash your hands and cover your cough!

Wash your hands…

- Before and after eating
- After coughing and sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After using the bathroom
- If they are visibly dirty
- After touching animals or pets

Look out for posters around the school reminding us to keep those germs away. The better our hand hygiene is, the healthier our school will be!

For more information you can come and see me on Mondays or Tuesdays.

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 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**
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.

Pierre de Coubertin award
Congratulations to Sadaf (Year 11) who is our Pierre de Coubertin award recipient. Sadaf is an outstanding leader and hard working athlete. She is a black belt (first Dan) taekwondo fighter. Starting taekwondo when she was only nine years old, Sadaf has been competing for seven years now. During this time, Sadaf has produced some exceptional results. Her most recent accomplishment was winning a gold medal in Victorian Championships. Aside from taekwondo, Sadaf is talented in basketball, volleyball and soccer. Sadaf also completed The Whitten Project in the past. Sadaf is now looking forward to the upcoming Olympic Academy and Award Ceremony to be held on June 23rd at MCG.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all students who recently competed in interschool cross country. It was an excellent day and many of our students performed exceptionally well. Gilmore had a squad of 18 athletes. Twelve progressed through to the next competition (WMR Cross Country) which was held on June 8th at Brimbank Park.

See below for interschool results:
- Elizabeth Worland (12 yr old) 1st
- Tuna Mabok (17-20 yr old) 3rd
- Ava Colton (14 yr old) 3rd
- Aisha Barakat (16 yr old) 3rd
- Gabby El Houli (17-20 yr old) 4th
- Macy El Hawli (17-20 yr old) 5th
- Jade Tang (16 yr old) 5th
- Yolande Arinda (14 yr old) 6th
- Jaime-Caila Colomb (16 yr old) 6th
- Julia Ngo (16 yr old) 7th
- Maryam Sathat Sobhani (14 yr old) 7th

The girls performed very well at WMR Cross Country recently. Well done girls!

Interschool sport
It has been an extremely busy term for interschool sport. There have been many events throughout the term our students have competed in. See below for highlights:
- Intermediate team competing at WMR Softball in Geelong
- Two year 7 students (Ivy and Ruby) selected to be part of Year 8 netball team
- Several year 8 students selected to be part of Intermediate soccer team
- Joanna (Year 9) scoring multiple goals (intermediate soccer)
- Dilara (Year 9) performing outstanding role as goalie (intermediate soccer)

All badminton results (across all year levels). Several teams are now looking forward to competing in All Schools Championships later in the year.

Winter Food Drive
in conjunction with Seddon Community Bank Branch presents
West Welcome Wagon
Supporting local Asylum Seekers
ITEMS NEEDED
- UHT Full Cream Milk
- Vegetable Oil
- Rice: Long Grain / Basmati
- Flour
- Black Tea or Coffee
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tinned Kidney Beans or 3 Bean Mix
- Salt & Pepper
- Sugar
- Dried Chickpeas

Please drop items to Bendigo Bank at 90-96A Charles Street, Seddon between 30 May - 2 July 2016
https://www.facebook.com/WestWelcomeWagon/