College Principal’s Report

SCHOOL PRODUCTION – “THE WEDDING SINGER”

Don’t forget to mark your diary for the 2014 school production “The Wedding Singer”.

Term 3 Week 2 Wednesday 23 July, Thursday 24 July and Friday 25 July.

Tickets can be purchased online at:

http://www.trybooking.com/85379

EARLY LEAVERS

Parents are reminded to give their child a note in the morning if their child needs to leave school early for an appointment. This ensures the student is ready and waiting for the parent when they arrive to collect them. If there is no note, it can take considerable time for students to be located and brought to the office.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TODAY

Our school is committed to ensuring that everyone at our school has the best opportunity to achieve beyond their potential. The student report is a key aspect of that commitment. They are designed to clearly document your child’s achievement to date, as well as the next steps in their learning. Any questions or comments about the report, or the reporting process are therefore very welcome. If you need any further information, or you have any questions or comments, please contact the College. We encourage all parents / carers to look through the reports carefully, acknowledge good achievements and encourage improvements where warranted. A positive interest in your child’s educational achievements is a good strategy for success.

The report also includes a record of attendance. There is concern about the number of absences where there is no medical certificate or note from home. It is critical that either a note or a phone call explains absences. Some absences are impossible to avoid, however every time a student is absent, their program is disrupted which impacts on their skill development. It would be appreciated if parents would emphasise the importance of attendance and being on time to school and classes.

Any reports not collected today, can be collected the first week of Term 3 from the General Office.

RUG UP – IT’S A COLD WINTER...

It seems that there is no doubt that winter is here. I am concerned that some students do not seem to wear warm enough clothes and many girls’ skirts are too short which offer no protection from the cold. Some students have been wearing hooded tops, which are not part of our uniform. I remind parents that there is a very warm coat available at the uniform shop. PSW is located at 2/283 Rex Road, Campbellfield, Phone: 03 9303 7845.

PREPARATION FOR 2015

A timeline has been established for 2015 planning with respect to subject selection and staffing. This incorporates a different approach to pathways planning with an aim to improve the capacity of all staff to understand pathways options and support each student in creating their future. Parents will also have more access to information and advice. Important dates are listed below. We look forward to seeing you this coming term.

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As we head towards the school holidays I wish everyone a relaxing, warm and safe term break.

Trish Horner
Mill Park Secondary College

SENIOR CAMPUS OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 16th July 2014, 4pm – 7pm
Mill Park Secondary College Senior Campus - Civic Drive Epping

A must for prospective students and parents attending, or planning to attend Mill Park Secondary College for Years 10, 11 or 12 in 2015.

The Open Night is an excellent opportunity to:

• Explore faculty and subject displays, which will give you an insight into curriculum and assessment across the broad range of subjects on offer at Mill Park Secondary College’s Senior Campus.
• Discuss specific subject enquiries with faculty leaders, classroom teachers and Career Advisors.
• Explore Mill Park Secondary College’s outstanding facilities.
• Talk with Senior Campus staff, as well as current Mill Park Secondary College students about the extremely important subject selection process and gain valuable insights into program/course selection.

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CONGRATULATIONS
I am very proud to announce that one of our Senior Campus students – Zach Fa’atiga of Year 12 - has successfully been appointed to the Victorian Schools Rugby team to compete in the 40th Australian Championships to be held in Sydney over June and July this year.

Zach contested selections in the squad keenly and won the right to represent Victoria at these championships. The state teams, two teams each of 23 players, boasts players from 24 state and private schools across Victoria and we are proud of his achievements.

YEAR 10S RETURN FROM WORK EXPERIENCE
Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who participated in our 2014 Work Experience Program. We trust they had an enjoyable and rewarding experience that has assisted some way in understanding the real world of work. I was extremely pleased to hear first-hand some stories from students about the great week they had, and equally pleased to be emailed by some of the employers of our young people. Below is one such email.

Subject: Work experience student - Batoul Dirani

Good morning,

I just wanted to say thank you to Batoul Dirani, a year 10 student at your school who undertook work experience with the Department of Treasury and Finance last week (16 - 20 June 2014).

Batoul was fantastic. Throughout the week, she actively partook in the creation of journals to reflect transactions in the State’s bank account and also attended meetings to determine borrowing and taxation requirements of the State. At all times she was diligent, sociable and professional.

My colleagues and I were more than impressed with Batoul’s attitude, maturity and competence.

Please pass on my gratitude to Batoul. I hope she enjoyed working with us as much as we enjoyed having her as a colleague. I wish her well in her studies for the remainder of the year.

Please feel free to contact me if you require anything further.

Kind Regards,

Brett Lonergan | Financial Analyst
Consolidated Reporting and Analysis
Department of Treasury and Finance
Level 4, 1 Macarthur Street, Melbourne VIC 3002

Congratulations to all students for their participation. I would also like to thank all the teaching staff who made visits to our students in the workplace and Belinda Mahony (Work Experience Co-ordinator) and the Careers team for their diligent work and support of students throughout the process. Well done to all involved.

Alumni Stories

Each week we will be showcasing some of the exciting things our graduates are up to.

This week we would like to introduce:

Zoe Berry—Nursing and Midwifery student
Age: 19
Years at MPSC: 2010-2012

Zoe was College Vice Captain at Mill Park Secondary College in 2012. She is now studying Nursing and Midwifery at Latrobe University.

To read more of Zoe’s and other past student’s stories head to our website.
Term 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Excursions

This term the Year 10 classes have been enjoying a practical unit on bike riding. After improving their skills and developing some safety awareness in the school grounds, both classes headed out into the local areas on a series of excursions to experience different styles of riding. Groups explored the bike trails of the Lakes, visited the local Skate Park, challenged themselves on the mountain trails of Quarry Hills and honed their jumps skills at the Mill Park BMX track.

Meanwhile, the Year 12 classes have been examining the health of the local environment. In partnership with a member of the Darebin Creek Management Committee, students conducted a range of tests to assess the quality of the water in the local Henderson’s Creek. They used their findings to examine the effects of human activities on urban waterways and discuss the importance of maintain these environments.

Melbourne University Academic Speaks about Environmental Challenges

On Wednesday 18 June, students in VCE Global Politics were lucky enough to benefit from the vast knowledge of Melbourne University lecturer and current Director of Cambridge University's Programme for Sustainability Leadership, Jeremy Baskin. Jeremy gave a one-off lecture on the issue of sustainable development this week as part of our unit on ethical issues in Global Politics.

Jeremy was an activist and political prisoner in apartheid South Africa, and his extensive experience includes working as a ministerial policy advisor to Nelson Mandela and providing independent advice to transnational corporations on social, environmental and ethical practices.

Students learned about the challenges of environmentally sustainable development and possible solutions for the future, including addressing issues of population, inequality, consumption and technology. The students had a chance to ask Jeremy questions about the way forward on these pressing issues and share their own opinions and ideas.

This was a great opportunity for the students to learn from a leading thinker in this increasingly important field.

Copies of Jeremy's PowerPoint presentation will be made available to the Year 12 students. If other staff or students wish to view the presentation, please contact Mr McNaughton.

Liam McNaughton - VCE Global Politics teacher
UNIFORM
Parents and guardians are asked to use the upcoming break to ensure that your child has correct uniform. Please note that leggings and tracksuit pants are NOT part of the uniform and should not be worn. Students be warned that term three will begin with a uniform blitz so please get yourselves organised!

I wish all of our Middle Years staff, students and families a safe and happy break.

Year 7 Mummification

Over the last five weeks, the year 7 students have been learning about Ancient Egypt and their sacred civilization. 7AE, took a special interest in the Ancient Egyptians rituals, especially mummification. Students from 7AE decided to mummify each other. They had to follow their mummification manual and learn special spells from ‘The Book of the Dead’ in order to mummify one another.

Students thoroughly enjoyed this task and gathered a better understanding of the rituals and traditions that the Ancient Egyptians used to complete.

Year 7 Girls Netball

The Year 7 Girls Netball Team participated in the Whittlesea Division Competition on Wednesday 18th of June at the Mill Park Basketball Stadium. The students played six games throughout the day. The team worked very well together, displayed a high level of sportsmanship & improved their performance with each game. Congratulations to Munia Badi 7AS, Courtney Bowden 7BE, Madison Conlon 7AS, Amaneet Gill 7BE, Xena Belle Knog 7BS, Sozyur Mohammad 7BE, Alanah Scuderi 7AS, Cassidy White 7BE & Boey Wong 7BS.

Robyn Boyle, Physical Education & Health Assistant Learning Manager Middle Years Campus

WEP Student Exchange - A Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2014 summer or 2015 semester and year exchange programs. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

Become a WEP Host Family!
Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member.

Find out More!
Request an information pack online or attend one of WEP’s information sessions with your parents. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more.
Early Bird Specials are available for programs commencing in August 2015!

Web: www.wep.org.au
Phone: 03 9598 4733 / 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call)
Email info@wep.org.au

COME ALONG!
WEP Student Exchange Open Day
WEP Head Office
479 Hampton Street
Hampton VIC 3188
Sat, 2 August ’14 / 1:00 – 4:00pm
REMINDERS
- ‘At Monash’ – 26 June Teaching, Sport/Outdoor Rec’n; www.monash.edu/seminars.
- Nursing and Midwifery - at Deakin; Info: health-enquire@deakin.edu.au ph 9251 7777

❖ OPEN DAYS REMINDER – Universities and other institutions hold Open Days. More details next term, however, the dates are provided again here for your diary.

Sat 2 Aug - Monash University (Berwick & Peninsula campuses)
Sun 3 Aug - Deakin (Warrnambool), Monash (Caulfield, Clayton & Parkville), Swinburne
Sun 10 Aug - Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne), Deakin (Geelong), RMIT (Bundoora, Brunswick, City)
Sun 17 Aug - La Trobe Uni (Bendigo), University of Melbourne
Sun 24 Aug - Box Hill Institute, Deakin (Melbourne), La Trobe (Melbourne), Victoria, William Angliss Institute
Sun 31 Aug - ACU (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)

❖ GAINING A PLACE IN GRADUATE-ENTRY MEDICINE – At the University of Melbourne, medicine is a Graduate-entry degree, with applicants first needing to complete a degree including prerequisite studies (eg the University of Melbourne’s B. Biomedicine or the B. Science). Selection to this degree is based on the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT), usually sat in the final year of the undergraduate degree, performance in the undergraduate degree (including completion of prerequisite studies) and an interview. Students attend an interview if they meet the other two criteria. Each criteria is weighted equally by the selection panel.
Info: www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/study-here/md/application_process. As this is a postgraduate qualification, there is no need to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). (The UMAT is now only required to be sat in Victoria by applicants for the undergraduate medicine degree at Monash University). Two other Graduate-entry medical degrees are offered in Victoria, at Deakin University in Geelong and Monash in Gippsland (Monash also offers the only Victorian undergraduate medical degree).
As previously stated, from 2017 at least 50 of the 75 domestic places available into the Monash Graduate Entry MBBS will be reserved for students who have completed Monash University’s Bachelor of Biomedical Science. The others will be open to students who have completed the following Monash University degrees: Bachelor of Biomedical Science (including double degrees), Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Science (dependent on the completion of designated units). Selection of students for the Graduate-entry MBBS will include a multiple mini interview; the GAMSAT will not be required. Deakin does not specify any undergraduate degree to be completed first, but applicants will need to be equipped to answer questions in the GAMSAT and complete an interview.

❖ MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –
- Monash VTAC domestic first preferences increased by 4.7% this year (+635), while under-graduate offers of places increased by 3.5%, with 10,866 offers being made.
- New courses at Monash for 2015 – Berwick campus will offer the Bachelor of Nursing, Clayton will offer the Diploma of Higher Education – Science, a new City location will offer the Bachelor of International Business, and Peninsula will offer the Bachelor of Education (Honours)Primary and Secondary Health and Physical Education.
- From 2015, all 4+ year Monash degrees will give an honours qualification. This can lead on to a one year Masters’ degree, with only one year being full-fee paying.
- Selection to the medical imaging degree will include an interview for the 2015 intake.
• Monash offered 5,868 scholarships in 2014 – up 37% on 2013.
• Year 10 Independence Day - hear about prerequisites, ways to choose a university course, pathways, talk to faculty staff, take part in workshops. When: 11am-3.30pm, Thurs 3 July (lunch provided); Where: Clayton campus; Register: www.monash.edu/year10-day.
• Year 11 Inspiration Day - learn about course options and the difference you can make with what you study, pathways, choosing a course, join in workshops. When: 11am-3.30pm, Wed 9 July (lunch provided); Where: Caulfield campus; Register: www.monash.edu/year11-day.

**CAREER DISCOVERY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES AT RMIT** - Careers in fashion and textile are diverse and many faceted. RMIT is aware of the skills and knowledge required by graduates to participate and contribute in today’s competitive marketplace. To assist you in selecting the most appropriate program and career option, RMIT will conduct a Career Discovery program; Who: Year 11 & 12; When: 9.30am-4.30pm, 1 – 3 July (3 days); Where: RMIT Brunswick; Cost: $3500; Book: 9925 8111; www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au; Course: S350337.

**NURSING AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY** – Health courses at VU give hands-on experience and learning through scenario-based placements and clinical assessment. Students gain the latest knowledge, skills and experience to be work-ready and career-focused before graduation. The three-year B. Nursing prepares graduates to be qualified registered nurses recognised by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council. It is also a pathway to paramedics through the B. Health Science (Paramedic). See: www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-nursing-hbnb.

**NOTE:** Division 1 Nursing is also offered at ACU, Deakin, Federation, La Trobe, Melbourne, Monash, and RMIT Universities.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARINE CAREERS EXPO** – Join the experts for a careers, employment, and training expo at Melbourne Aquarium. The Expo brings together professionals from a variety of industries and tertiary institutions. When: Twilight session 4.30-8pm, Thurs 7 Aug; Where: Sea Life, Melbourne Aquarium; Cost: $20 per person early bird (by 27 June), $25 afterwards; Bookings: 9923 5911, bookings@melbourneaquarium.com.au; Info: www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/schools.

**INTERNATIONAL COURT RULES DEAKIN LAW STUDENTS BEST IN WORLD** – Deakin University has taken one of the world’s most prestigious law student competitions, winning the team’s award in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna. The mock court competition, known as the Vis Moot, is a highly prestigious event, with 290 law schools form around the globe competing. The competition requires students to prepare materials for a hypothetical international commercial law dispute and then argue that case against other teams.

**IT@DEAKIN** – Deakin offers a range IT disciplines, including games design and development, IT security and computer science. The perception of computer games has completely shifted. Games are now fundamental tools used in sales and marketing, business strategy, education, and science – much more than just entertainment products and graduates are well prepared for careers beyond traditional roles in gaming companies. IT security is suited to students interested in tackling cyber-crime and cyber-security head-on. Graduates with skills in this area are highly sought-after. Computer science focuses on the technological aspects of computing and IT, including development of analytical skills and an understanding of programming and software engineering.

**INTERESTED IN LOGISTICS?** Logistics is about getting materials/foodstuffs to the right place at the right time. The Victorian Transport Association Logistics Cadetship is a 2-yr program with recipients employed fulltime with logistics companies while studying for a Certificate IV/Diploma in Logistics. Cadets are released from work to study at VU. Cadets earn a full time wage while studying. If you want a career in business, this could be the one for you. Info: Leni Carrion, Ph 9646 8590, cadetship@vta.com.au; See: www.vta.com.au.

**SECURE YOUR PLACE AT LA TROBE UNI BEFORE YOUR ATAR** – Don’t forget that Aspire Early Admissions Program applications open on Tuesday 1 July. Check out the program and key dates to apply now.

Compiled by: M.Walker
Mill Park Secondary College Presents

the wedding singer
The Musical Comedy

Book by Chad Beguelin and Tim Herlihy
Music by Matthew Sklar
Lyrics by Chad Beguelin
Written by Tim Herlihy
Based upon the New Line Cinema Film

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd
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