College Principal’s Report

SCHOOL PRODUCTION – “THE WEDDING SINGER”

The Wedding Singer was an outstanding musical event! I thoroughly enjoyed the show and went home feeling great and so proud of our talented staff and students.

Congratulations to the production team of: Gina Palamara (Producer), Katie Weston (Director / Choreographer), John Collins (Music Director) and the rest of the unsung heroes behind the scenes, for yet another brilliant production.

GET THOSE SUBJECT SELECTION FORMS IN!

It is very important that students submit their Subject Selection forms for 2015. All students from Years 8 to 10 should have submitted their forms by now. Enquiries for those who need some assistance should be directed to the Careers Team at either Campus.

PARENTS VICTORIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual Parents Victoria Conference will be held at the Melbourne Zoo, Parkville, on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 August 2014. The theme for this year’s conference is “Education for Everyone – let’s engage!” Hear about the latest digital technologies and online resources at the conference. More information, including how to register, can be found at: www.parents.victoria.asn.au.

NEW ON-THE-SPOT PENALTY FARES FROM SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) advise that as of Sunday 10 August, passengers travelling on public transport without a valid Myki card may be given the option of paying an On-the-spot Penalty Fare of $75.00. PTV advises the penalty fares will not be offered in all circumstances and the 12 month trial will only be implemented by Authorised Officers on the metropolitan network.

Students are encouraged to ensure their Myki cards are validated when using public transport.

For more information, visit: www.ptv.vic.gov.au/penaltyfares and watch a video outlining the changes.

EARLY LEAVERS

Parents are reminded to give their child a note in the morning if the 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.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved home, changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses please contact the office on 9407 9700 - MY or 9409 8222 - Snr to notify us of the change. It is important that we have up to date records in the event that we need to contact you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Don’t forget Wednesday 20 August is a Curriculum Day as staff will be attending an all-day Professional Development activity. Consequently students are not required at school.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 11 September at the Senior Campus. Parents are reminded that classes are not running on this day and students are not required to attend however students are expected to attend the interviews with their parents.

The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 August 2014 at 6pm in the Senior Campus Conference Room. If you wish to attend, please advise Joanne Armarego on 9407 9700.

Trish Homer
This year’s musical “The Wedding Singer” was the College’s 19th production. It showcased the talents of the performing arts students in drama, dance and music from Years 7-12. Involvement in the College musical has been a very positive experience for students and it has challenged them to grow as individuals by developing their confidence. Participation in this musical has also enabled them to work better in teams and enhanced their creative and critical thinking skills as well as showcase their amazing performance skills.

Thank you to the great staff and cast who have been committed to the endless rehearsals and have succeeded in achieving ‘excellence’ in so many ways! With a cast and crew of over 70, Director/Choreographer/Vocal Coach Ms Katie Weston and Musical Director Mr John Collins have worked tirelessly since the beginning of this year. A very special thank you and congratulations to Katie and John whose incredible talents and professional insight have brought the music, lyrics and script to life in a unique performance on stage. Thank you to the music teachers Ms Wendy Nagel, Mr Brett Gasket and the band: Jordan Bisignano, Simon Dass, Carina Renda and Isabella Vosdonganis for re-creating the sounds of “The Wedding Singer”.

A very special thankyou to: Mr Michael Kneebone who created a great stage, Ms Jacque Wilson for her hard work on the stage props and Ms Sarah Horner for all her diligent work on the student bios, props, makeup and backstage support. Ms Vyv Stranieri, Chloe Hoare, Monica Muleta and Sam Pullen for video and photography. Ms Aurora De Leucio for her creative work in theatrical makeup and hair styling and all those last minute requests. Sharon Polgar and Lisa D’Angelica for their great work in ticket sales. Mr Tristan Russell for his assistance with the transportation and set up of the stage and props. Tihana D’Augello for her assistance with lighting and Ella Holmes and Teigan Chapman for backstage support. The following staff assisted throughout the production week: Justin Gillivour, Samantha Gonzales, Jenny Arnell, Karen Arnold, Ann Coniglio, Elizabeth Ring and Melissa Stephens.

Finally a huge thank you to all staff, students and their families, who have been supportive throughout the production. A special thank you to Williamstown Musical Theatre Company Inc, for the generous loan of their costumes, MAPS Marketing and Love Real estate for their donations.

Together the staff and students have re-created another very unique performance of “The Wedding Singer”. On behalf of the Production team, thank you for attending and we hope you enjoyed the entertaining show!

Gina Palamara - College Arts/Events Coordinator
Senior Boys Netball Team

On Friday 1 August, the Senior Boys Netball team went to Banyule Stadium in Macleod to compete in the Northern Metropolitan Division competition representing Whittlesea. Although the team did not advance to the next phase, the team demonstrated hard work and effort. The team, consisting of five Year 12 students (Christian Starnes, Miguel Cruz, Jarrad Conron, Brad Riley and Danyon Spinelli), deserve congratulations for making it that far.

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:

Benjamin Crennan - IT Test Analyst
Age: 24
Years at MPSC: 2002 - 2007

Ben got involved in a range of extra curricular activities in his time at Mill Park Secondary College. He also used the wide variety of senior subjects and positive teaching environments to build his way to a career as an IT analyst.

Year 12 Food Technology Unit 4 SAT (School Assessed Task)

The following images are from Year 12 Food Technology Unit 4 SAT (School Assessed Task) folios. Each student chooses their own theme and writes a design brief centred around their theme. They also produce a range of complex products, including preserves. Once these products are completed, our students evaluate the final outcome and how well their products satisfy the unique needs set out in their brief.

Jessica Newman’s theme is Sabai dee Thai food. Her images show Thai pickles as well as Thai bread with chilli relish.

Jessica Ring is doing a Logie Night to Remember SAT theme and her products include a tomato chutney and raspberry jam.

Monica’s SAT theme is centred around cheese and the following images reflect her incorporation of the key ingredient into her SAT food items.
Congratulations to our City School participants this week who once again did the school proud with their behaviour on public transport and their conduct throughout the experience. To receive emails from the public complimenting them always makes us feel very proud.

Subject: Thank you

People are often very quick to point out the ‘inappropriate’ behaviour of young people in public. Thus, it seemed equally important for me to share an example of young people being courteous and respectful.

I was catching the train to work in the city this morning - a very full 8.30am train - and many students from your college were also on board.

Four young women from your college collectively gave up their seats without any prompting and offered them to the other commuters. In addition to the kind gesture from these girls, it was delightful to hear all the other students from your college engaging in their youthful chatter in a way that respected the other commuters - with none of the offensive language or volume that has become synonymous with youth on public transport.

As a former secondary teacher myself, It was delightful to be reminded of the joys of being around young people. This experience made my day.

Kind regards,
Katherine

The next round of City School will take place in Week 7 from 25 August to 29 August. Students from 9BR, BS, BW and CR will attend.

CONNECT TO READING is the theme for 2014 Book Week

A very exciting Book Week at Middle Year Campus is coming up!

Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) is a program for the Book Week, embraced by the school to boost literacy. Every morning for the first 20 minutes all students will read their favorite book prior to the start of class. A surprise author visit will be the highlight of Book Week celebrations. Every lunch time for the week, there will be a lot of enjoyable activities in the library. Students will Connect to Reading with ongoing competitions, book scavengers, puzzle making, name the character, bookmark design and cupcake creations. A nice conclusion to the week will involve teachers dressing up as book characters.

Library Staff

Junior Debating Success!

After successfully competing in the Debating Association of Victoria’s Junior Public Speaking Competition, our 9BE student Sarah Bux was offered a wild-card entry into the semi-finals of the competition. Sarah was required to present a prepared speech of up to 5 minutes and then perform 2 impromptu speeches of 2-3 minutes.

Sarah was identified as a top speaker at the Semi-final held at Antonine College in Coburg and has now progressed to the Grand Final. This is a great achievement.

We wish Sarah all the best for the Grand Final and congratulate her on her wonderful effort and dedication to the competition so far.

Philippa Mclrroy
Year 7 Programs and Learning Outcomes Manager, Debating/Public Speaking Coordinator, Italian and Philosophy Teacher

More Sporting Success!

Congratulations to Katalina Siburian of 8AR! Katalina performed at the School Sport Australia Championships last week. She swam extremely well and managed to break her personal best time in the 100m breaststroke, making the final and finishing 7th overall in Australia! She also swam well in the relay, swimming the breaststroke leg in a time of 36:00 seconds, which is an Olympic Qualifying trial time. In two other events Katalina swam very close to her personal best, not only proudly representing her state but also Mill Park Secondary College. Well done Katalina!

Darren Patterson
Physical Education MYC, Sports Coordinator MYC
How to keep up to date with what’s going on at Mill Park Secondary College

Sync Your Calendar
Did you know you can sync your device with the school's calendar of events?

**Step 1.** Just go to the website homepage [www.millparksc.vic.edu.au](http://www.millparksc.vic.edu.au), and click on the View Calendar button under latest news.

**Step 2.** This takes you to our calendar of events, where you hit the Subscribe button. This will allow you to sync the calendar program on your device to the College events calendar.

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Follow us on Twitter
Mill Park Secondary College is now on Twitter.

We regularly tweet news stories, upcoming events and website links.

Our Twitter handle is [@MillParkSC](https://twitter.com/MillParkSC)

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The Website
We are working to keep our newsletter regularly updated throughout the year. Pressing notices for parents and students are often on the homepage as seen below, as are Upcoming Events in our Calendar function. You can also access an archive of our newsletters from the newsletter tab, or subscribe to our newsletter via email.

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Reminders

- Careers Expo - 15-17 August; Melbourne Exhibition Centre; Info: info@careerexpo.com.au, www.careerexpo.com.au

OPEN DAY REMINDERS –

Sun 10 Aug: ACU (Melbourne), Deakin (Geelong), RMIT (Bundoora, Brunswick, City)
Sun 17 Aug: La Trobe Uni (Bendigo), Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
Sun 24 Aug: Box Hill, Deakin (Melbourne), La Trobe (Melbourne), Victoria, William Angliss
Sun 31 Aug: ACU (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)
Holmesglen – has ‘Open Wednesday’ each week – see their website to book a visit.

RMIT OPEN DAY – Plan your visit (10 Aug) by seeing www.rmit.edu.au/openday. Choose which presentations, information areas, displays and activities you will attend before your arrive on campus. A shuttle bus will run between the City, Bundoora and Brunswick campuses throughout the day. All university Open Day programs are on their websites.

KANGAN INSTITUTE OPEN DAYS – See what is offered at Kangan campuses. When: 9 Aug – Docklands campus; 24 Aug - Richmond; 30 Aug - Moonee Ponds (10am-4pm).

RMIT FLIGHT TRAINING OPEN DAY – Visitors can take guided tours, find out about booking a trial introductory flight, and get advice from flight instructors and staff on how to start a career as a professional pilot. When: 10am-4pm, Sunday 31 August; Where: RMIT Flight Training, Point Cook site, Building 202, Williams Rd, RAAF Base, Point Cook.

PHARMACY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will kick off National Science Week with an Open House at the Parkville campus. This is an extension of open day, showcasing courses and demonstrating how fun and inspiring science can be. One lucky visitor will take home a $5000 prize pack including travel vouchers, a bicycle, Monash goods, an iPad and $2000 cash. Tours will include a journey through the drug discovery pipeline; see first-hand how pharmaceutical scientists create, formulate and test medicines. The event coincides with the University of Melbourne Open Day, a short distance away on Royal Pde. When: 10am-3pm, Sun 17 Aug; Info: www.destination.monash/open-house/

YEAR 12 NEWS -

- VTAC APPLICATIONS – Applications for university, VET and private provider courses for 2015 open on Monday 4 August through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre. Any Year 12 student wishing to apply for courses needs to visit www.vtac.edu.au. Timely applications close on 30 September. After that the application fee rises from $28 to $93. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will receive an offer in January for the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements (eg ATAR). Make sure you check out prerequisites and the selection criteria for all courses for which you are applying.

- SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) – The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) 2015 Guide has a section about SEAS. Check whether you are eligible for any special consideration for your course application (pages 30-43). There are five categories of disadvantage. NOTE: SEAS applications are made on the VTAC website, but can only be done after applying for courses (applications close: 7 Oct). www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html.

- SCHOLARSHIPS AFTER YEAR 12 - Most institutions listed in the VTAC Guide have a number of scholarships available to applicants. Scholarships either require a direct or VTAC application. Read the Guide (Pages 44-50), see the VTAC website, and institution websites. Some scholarships appear in the body of the VTAC Guide course descriptions (eg Swinburne Information Technology (Scholarship Program), page 469.

- PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS – This government initiative encourages and assists Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander undergraduate students in health-related disciplines to complete their studies and join the workforce (Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander health work, medicine, midwifery, nursing, dentistry/oral health and...
• allied health (not pharmacy). Apply at www.acn.edu.au (go to Scholarships). You must enrol in a course Cert IV and above. Info: scholarships@acn.edu.au or 1800 688 628.

• ACCESS MELBOURNE – ‘Access Melbourne’ (University) provides educational opportunities for students from a range of backgrounds enrolling in undergraduate degrees. The University has a selection guarantee for eligible applicants in the following Access Melbourne categories:
  - Disadvantaged financial background
  - Applicants from rural or isolated areas

Those who complete an Australian Year 12 or the IB in 2014 and are eligible for one or both categories, are guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place in undergraduate degrees, providing they meet the course prerequisites and achieve the following ATAR or notional ATAR:
- Arts, Environments, Science – ATAR 78+;
- Commerce – ATAR 88+;
- Biomedicine – ATAR of 95+.
If a student’s ATAR is below these, they will still be considered for a place. Applicants eligible for other Access Melbourne categories will be considered individually; www.access.unimelb.edu.au.

• B. FINE ARTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – Some specialisations of the B. Fine Arts at the Southbank campus require VTAC applications to be completed earlier than the usual closing date (5pm (EST), 30 Sept). Animation, Film and Television, and Screenwriting require applications by 5pm (EST) on 29 August. The Dance specialisation has a timely closing date of 29 August to guarantee a live audition. The final closing date is 5pm (EST) on 7 November and applicants will not be guaranteed a live audition.

• WHAT IS INDUSTRY BASED LEARNING?
IBL is a joint venture between university educators and employers offering students relevant paid industry experience. It is offered by several universities, sometimes taking place for six or 12 months prior to completing the final year of the degree. Monash offers IBL to IT students, with a full-time, paid ($17,000), 22 week placement at a leading company. This particular placement counts towards the degree. Swinburne offers IBL in a large range of their degrees. Check out other IBL opportunities at university Open Days. It is a great way to get work experience, perhaps leading to employment.

• PARENTS AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION – Universities know parents play an important role in providing advice, information and support to their children as they plan the future and consider options. Melbourne Uni has some online resources for parents/guardians to help understand options entry requirements and what is on offer. See www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/parents.

• WHY STUDY PHYSICS? Physics explores our universe at a fundamental level. It provides the basis for many existing technologies (eg computers, lasers, medical imaging, power generation, and so on). It provides the basis for many emerging technologies (eg nanotechnology, quantum computing, atomtronics, and so on). Physics graduates are skilled in empirical reasoning, computational modelling, problem solving and analytical thinking, data analysis, and written and oral communication.

Physicists find employment as acoustical physicists, accelerator physicists, astronomers, biophysicists, climate modellers, and so on. They work in industry, for government, in hospitals, universities, and the financial sector. Future careers that will use physicists are atomtronics, complex systems modelling, quantum computing, space industry, spintronics, synthetic biology, functional materials, energy technology, security and data protection. Amazing! For information about studying physics at Monash Uni, see www.physics.monash.edu. NOTE: The Melbourne University School of Physics has a lecture for VCE physics students called ‘Light…Waves or Particles?’ Based on the VCE study (Unit 4, Study 2), it will help you understand this topic. When: 6pm, Thurs 7 Aug; Where: Hercus Theatre, School of Physics Corner Tin Alley and Swanston Streets; Info: Max 0401990142.

• OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – ‘Explore Occupational Therapy as a Career’ at an information evening for those considering the career. Hear from OT’s experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health, neurology. When: 5pm registration, then 5.30-8pm, Thurs 11 Sept; Where: Education Precinct. Level 4 Austin Tower, Austin Hospital Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Book: renee.hartlett2@austrin.org.au by 5 Sept (max two attendees per reservation).
School drop-off tips for parents

Park legally for children's safety

Council urges parents to only use one dedicated parking spot, and to never double-park to let children in or out of the car.

Parents are reminded that 'no stopping' signs mean you can't stop your car there at all, even for a moment.

Council's Local Laws Officers will be on hand to ensure that school zones are safe for children and other pedestrians.

How to keep your child safe:

- Leave early and park your car a short distance from school and walk your child to the gate. Park and meet them at the gate after school.
- Help your child get in and out of the car using the near-side door.
- Follow the instructions from the School Crossing Supervisor.

For more information or to report a driver who parks illegally around schools, contact Council's local Laws Department on 9717 2500 or visit www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

SOUTH EAST CULTURAL EXCHANGE

YEAR 11 & 12 SCHOLARSHIP 2014

S.C.C.E. is offering a 2-month Program Scholarship

December 2014 - January 2015
to your choice of country:

France  Germany  Italy

Join thousands of S.C.C.E. returnees in their decision to make a difference to their future!

Scholarship valued at $3,925 towards the full program fee

Scholarship is based on 50% off the full program fee. It includes:

- Return flights to destination country on Singapore Airlines
- Domestic transportation in host country and Australia
- Selected host family
- Attendance at overseas local school
- Full support in host country
- S.C.C.E. professional support
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover

How to apply:

- Email your name, address, phone number and name of your school and year level to exchange@sece.com.au
- Ask for a scholarship application kit or enquire at www.sece.com.au

You will need to submit a 1,000 word essay (maximum length) on a particular topic by 1 September 2014.

SURABAYA CULTURAL EXCHANGE

SCHOLARSHIP FOR CURRENT YEAR 9 STUDENTS

S.C.C.E. is offering a 5-month Program Scholarship

January - June 2015

Experience the first semester of Year 10 in France, Germany or Italy!

Return to finish Year 10 in 2015

Join thousands of S.C.C.E. returnees in their decision to make a difference to their future!

Scholarship valued at $4,475 towards the full program

Scholarship is based on 50% off the full program fee. It includes:

- Return flights to destination country on Singapore Airlines
- Domestic transportation in host country and Australia
- Selected host family
- Attendance at overseas local school
- Full support in host country
- S.C.C.E. professional support
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover
- Program departure date: 20 Jan 2015. Returning: 1 July 2015

How to apply:

- Email your name, address, phone number and name of your school and year level to exchange@sece.com.au
- Ask for a scholarship application kit or enquire at www.sece.com.au

You will need to submit a 1,000 word essay (max. length) on a particular topic by 15 September 2014.