SUBJECT NOTIFICATION & BOOKLIST DISTRIBUTION

Subject allocation is almost completed and Year 8, 9 and 10 students should receive notification shortly. Booklists have all been distributed to students. Please ignore the due date published on the booklist. Lists can be submitted online at www.campion.com.au or www.millparksc.vic.ed.au, or alternatively you can return the list to the school by Thursday 18 December 2014.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

A reminder to Parents and Carers that once again we will be using the Sustainable School Shop as a means of selling and purchasing second hand books and uniforms.

The site operates like an Ebay for books and uniforms. Once logged on you can search the “For Sale” ads for items that you need, and you can list ads for items you wish to sell. Our school booklists and uniform lists are pre-loaded onto the system to make the ad listing process easy and accurate. The system matches the ads of buyers and sellers; buyers then contact sellers and arrange where to trade. Please note that on the Middle Years Campus, Year 8 and 9 students must have their books for class until Friday 5 December and Year 7 students must have theirs until Friday 12 December. Although the deals can be made, the actual trade should not take place till after these dates.

To access the site you need to log on to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and register according to the instructions. While it is free to browse ads, there is a cost to place them – either $1.00 for a single ad, or $19.95 for a full year’s family membership where you can place unlimited ads. You must nominate “Mill Park Secondary College” as your school during the registration process.

Detailed brochures on how the site works have been included with booklists. The site also provides excellent telephone and email back up for those new to the system and requiring assistance. Simply call 1300 683 337 or email info@sustainableschoolshop.com.au

BOOK COLLECTION DAY

There is an error on the booklist with regard to the Book Collection Day.

The correct details are:

Book Collection Day is on **Tuesday 27 January 2015** at the **Middle Years Campus library**.

Times: 8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5:00pm

Payment of Parent Supported Materials and Services can also be paid on this day.

Cash and credit card payments will be accepted. Payment can also be made via BPAY, please refer to your statement for your unique BPAY reference number.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday 8 December 2014 to Friday 12 December 2014** – Year 10 Step Up Program
  All Year 9 students will begin their Year 10 subjects at the Senior Campus.

- **Tuesday 9 December 2014 to Friday 12 December 2014** – Year 8 Tasmania Camp

- **Tuesday 9 December 2014** – Grade 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day
  Year 7 and Year 8 students are not required at school.
Monday 15 December 2014 – Picnic Day
Years 7 to 9 end of year excursion to Funfields, Whittlesea.

Tuesday 16 December 2014 – Reports Distributed
The arrangements for collection of reports are as follows:

- All students in Year 7 to 9 are required at school and will meet together as a Homegroup. Reports will be distributed after the Campus Celebration Assembly which will include the final of Mill Park Idol.
- Dismissal time will be 11:35am to allow students to prepare for and attend the Awards evening.
- Reports not distributed will be available for collection from room C1 from 12:15am until 3:00pm.
- On Wednesday 17 December reports will be available from 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
- On Thursday 18 December reports will be available from 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- On Friday 19 December reports will be available from 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- If you are unable to collect reports during these times, reports will be available at the commencement of the 2015 school year.

Tuesday 16 December 2014 – Middle Years Campus Awards Evening
The Middle Years Campus Awards Evening will be held at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre and will commence at 7:00pm.

Wednesday 17 December 2014 – Senior Campus Awards & Graduation Evening

Wednesday 17 December 2014 to Friday 19 December 2014
Students attending school will be involved in community service activities.

FORWARD PLANNING – THE START OF THE 2015 SCHOOL YEAR
As many families are planning their summer holidays it is important to note that ALL STUDENTS will commence on Thursday 29 January 2015.

I can’t believe this is the second last newsletter for the year! How time flies.

Trish Horner

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Campion Education Bookselling Day

Tuesday 27 January 2015
Middle Years Campus Library
8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5:00pm

REMINDER for non collected parcels

If you have prepaid your order and cannot collect it on the sell day please arrange for a family member /friend etc, to collect on your behalf. Any prepaid parcels returned to Campion may be charged an additional $5.95 by Campion on collection from the Retail store.

If you have not prepaid your order and do not collect it from the sell day, this parcel will not be available for collection as it will be returned to stock.
College Captain Election

As Victorians across the state prepare to vote in the State Election on Saturday, Year 11 Mill Park Secondary College students voted to elect their 2015 College Captains through a closely monitored election held during the StepUp12 program at Latrobe University on Tuesday 25 November. College Captain Candidates went on stage to deliver their last pitch to sway voters in the audience as to why they would make a great College Captain. The male candidates in fierce competition with each other were Liam Gallagher, Reegan Quick and Alan Roberts displaying professionalism in their formal attire. Whilst the female candidates were Marvad Ahad, Krystina Jovanovska and Sneha Sharma who put up a fantastic fight. Following the speeches, all students used their democratic right to vote for their favourite candidate using a preferential voting system. Students then submitted their ballot papers in the ballot box which was supervised by the election officials, Mr Tonis and Ms Yurtsever. Votes will be counted and two College Captains and two College Vice Captains will be announced in the following days. Watch this space!

Ms. Elif Yurtsever
Senior Campus Student Leadership Coordinator

Male College Captain Candidates

Election officials on the job.

2015 College Captain Candidates

The ballot box now closed

Christmas should be a time of HOPE!

A home cooked meal, a warm bed and your care could be the greatest gift you could offer. There are many care options available to support children and young people, including emergency care, respite care, short term and long term care.

Please help us to make Christmas a time of hope for these vulnerable children by attending our upcoming

Foster Care Information Session
Thursday 29 January, 2015

To register and receive an information pack phone Lynette on 8470 9999 or email lynette.tollit@anglicarevic.org.au
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library Monitors were delighted to receive their certificates and reference letters from our College Principal - Trish Horner, Campus Principal - Caroline van den Heuvel and Campus Assistant Principal - Julie Ryan at a special celebration lunch on Thursday 20 November. The monitors also enjoyed sharing their success with their friends. A group of eighteen students from Years 7, 8 and 9 signed up and successfully undertook the training for the Library Monitors Program 2014.

Aisha Noorani of 7BS spoke of how the program had increased her confidence in customer service, improved her IT skills using the Bibliotech database and taught her punctuality and responsibility. Monitors expressed their appreciation of the Library staff for giving them the opportunity to participate in the program. They stated that the program had increased their confidence as well as develop their leadership and communication skills. They all agreed that the experience working in the Library was very valuable and rewarding. The College values of achievement, respect, responsibility and enjoyment were evident at all times.

The recipients of the Premier’s Reading Challenge Award were also invited to the celebrations.

We congratulate all our students for participating in both these programs. We are very proud of them and look forward to another promising year ahead.

Stella Lambrou
MYC Librarian
The annual Mill Park Secondary College Art & Design Exhibition 2014 was officially opened on Tuesday 11 November at the City of Whittlesea “Great Hall” in South Morang. The exhibition was on display until Friday 14 November and was viewed by many from within the College and the local community.

Attendees at the opening night, were not only inspired by the outstanding VCE artwork on display, but also by the creative garments worn by live models. They were also entertained by the brilliant VCE music performers and the multi-coloured performance artists who employed the unspoken-word performance, and staged animated expressions and varied gestures.

This year’s guest speaker Sonia Zymantas (Dimitriadis), a Youth Development Officer (Arts Portfolio) at Whittlesea City Council, gave a thought provoking speech which captivated staff, parents, students and invited guests. She was most impressed by the calibre of the work, sensitive themes, strong concepts and the professional appearance of the exhibition. She also stated some interesting findings by The Australia Council for the Arts, which highlights how art improves our lives, has an impact on our well-being and happiness, engages young people and can provide worthwhile career pathways in the Arts.

**Opening Speech:**

On behalf of the Whittlesea City Council, I recognise the rich Indigenous heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the traditional custodians of this place.

I feel honoured to be invited to launch this incredible event. As I walked in, I felt overwhelmed by the incredible colour and texture of the striking landscapes. The exceptional quality of all the work celebrates the progressive ideas of our local young people.

Beautiful, humble and honest ideas have been pushed to their limits, developing a series of multilayered work, reflecting on identity and environment, raw emotions and expressions and playful concepts. The work is confident and bold. More importantly, these young artists are forging their own narratives rather than conforming to stereotypes played out by the media.

You are lucky to have such passionate teachers who genuinely believe in you and want to make even your smallest ideas shine.

In my role as Youth Development Officer with the Arts Portfolio, we aim to nurture young people’s ideas and turn them into visual narratives in a public art context. We provide the opportunity to see a project through from start till finish.

At Baseline, City of Whittlesea, it is our job to engage young people and their communities and provide outlets for them to express themselves.

Young artists are the leaders for fresh ideas and new perspectives. Only they can tell their own story and interpret the world around them. It is our job to listen.

The Australia Council for the Arts released a report in May 2014, the findings show how art improves our lives and, more than ever, Australians are not only recognising that but are actively participating in the arts. Creative participation has increased most in visual arts and craft and music.

- Nearly all Australians, 94 %, attend live events or art galleries or read literature.
- Two thirds of people say the arts have a big or very big impact on child development.
- More than half of Australians believe the arts have an impact on our ability to deal with stress, anxiety or depression and on our personal sense of well-being and happiness.
- Australians value their artists. Nine in 10 agree that artists make an important contribution to Australian society.
- Young people are in a great position to influence arts in their communities.
At this stage of your lives or careers, many of you may go on to study further or just continue to practice your art in your own way. However you choose to do it, make sure you do a bit every day. Keep in touch with your peers and networks and learn from each other. Use your audiences as a platform to show them something new or at least think about it. Create art that pushes boundaries, makes people stop and think, even if they don’t like it. Art is meant to provoke, not just decorate.”

‘Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.’ Edgar Degas – Impressionist Artist

Enjoy the show

Sonia Zymantas (Dimitriadis)

Acknowledgements

The exhibition provided the opportunity for students to celebrate their outstanding achievements with their teachers, friends, family and the wider community. All have been impressed with the quality and highly imaginative work created by VCE studio Arts, Visual Communication Design, Media, Year 10 Painting and Drawing, Photography, Interior Design and Architecture students. The Year 7-9 artwork displayed in the Library at the Middle Years Campus represented the great artwork created in the Visual Arts, Ceramics & Sculpture, Media and Visual Communication Design classes.

Congratulations to all the student exhibitors and staff who contributed to this year’s Art & Design Exhibition. A special thank you to the following staff: VCE Studio Arts teacher Aurora De Leucio, VCE Media teachers Vyv Stranieri, Yr10 teacher Jackie Wilson, Middle Years Visual Arts teachers Anita Burum and Catherine Varano, Arts Assistant Wendy Nagel and VCE Design Technology Fabrics teacher Karen Szitarity, Food Technology teacher Chris Usher, Helene Johnston and Colin Zabenko, Music Teacher John Collins. Also a special thankyou to the following students: Live Models – Amani Ahmad, Brianna Cometti, Grace Mitton, Jenna O’Connor & Samantha Brown and VCE Music Performers Simon Dass, Jordan Bisignano, Carina Renda. Student helpers: Jeline De Leon, Corey Di Lorito, Micol Manzio, Mytho Van, Jordan Millard, Jessica Bezzina, Zack Anthony.

Thank you also to College Principal, Ms Trish Horner, for her involvement in the opening and for her ongoing support of this event.

Gina Palamara
College Arts / Events Leader
Nomination Form
For School Crossing Supervisor of 2014 Awards

To acknowledge the contribution of the work undertaken by our school crossing supervisors, an award will be given to a school crossing supervisor selected for their commitment and dedication to the supervision of school crossings.

The staff member receiving the award should be able to demonstrate the following:
- Professional and Great Presentation (uniform and equipment);
- Working knowledge of road rules relating to school crossings;
- Welcoming, caring, and encouraging to all users of the school crossing;
- Helpful – Informative and clear on correct use of the crossing;
- Good Attendance and Punctuality

Name of Nominated Person: ___________________________________________________________________
School Crossing Number (if known): ____________________________
Location of School Crossing: __________________________________________________________________

In 25 words or more, please tell us why you have nominated this person to receive an award for School Crossing Supervisor of 2014:
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Your Name: __________________________ Date: __________
Signature: __________________________

Please return this form marked attention: Janina Chandler to:

City of Whittlesea
Locked Bag 1
Bundoora  MDC  3083

OR
Fax to: 9409 9836  OR
Email to: info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Please Note: Nominations close 5pm Wednesday 3rd December 2014. All nominations will be assessed independently and in accordance with the School Crossing Supervisors Procedures. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting on 10th December, 2014. The winner will be presented with a Certificate and a $100 Coles Voucher.
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Christian Unger, your local Saver Plus Worker:
03 9483 2416 / 0407 817 758 or
cunger@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in your local area. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.