

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Best wishes to our Year 12 students

Year 12 classes have finished for the year. Students enjoyed an organised 'Festivities Day' on Wednesday 21 October and now enter a period of exam preparation. I would like to congratulate this year's group on their commitment, application and behaviour throughout the year. They have been excellent role models for our younger students and we are hopeful they will achieve fantastic VCE results.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish them every success during the coming assessment period and in all their future endeavours.

Leon Bishop, Principal

'FIRE READY VICTORIA'

On Tuesday 27th October at 7.30pm in the School Hall, the CFA will present an information session on preparedness for bushfires and basic fire behaviour including:

- Fire is a natural and inevitable event in the Australian environment.
- Planning and preparation for possible bushfires in high risk areas including urban fringe areas.
- Preparedness for, and response to, bushfires.
- How will I or others, care for my children during a bushfire or on a high risk day.
- How to prepare, respond and recover from bushfire related psychological stresses. Reducing the risk by fuel reduction.
- Information and Warnings before and during a bushfire.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Do you have any second hand books or uniform that you no longer need? We have lots of students who struggle to pay for books and uniform and we are always looking out for items we can pass on. If you would like to donate any books and/or uniform please place items in a plastic bag and label it with 'donation'.

Shirley Watson and David Bromilow

MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS (MIPs)

Parents and Guardians are welcome to contact the school and arrange an interview with a MIPs counsellor if your child is experiencing difficulties and needs assistance in succeeding at school, completing their schooling to the highest level possible (**Year 10 as a minimum**), and in gathering information about potential careers.

The purpose of MIPs interviews is to review the student's pathways plan and discuss their future pathways.

The MIPs counsellors for 2009 are **Kath Rudd, Sharon Wall, Kristy Mays and Leigh Callander**. To arrange an interview please contact the school on 9735 5644.

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

NORMAL SCHOOL DAY

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY
- PUBLIC HOLIDAY -**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4

Monday 26 October

Year 8 History Days of Knights Incursion,
Periods (1-4) 827,828,829,830,831,839

Tuesday 27 October

SEALP Showcase rehearsal in Hall
CFA Evening, School Hall

Thursday 29 October

DOE Indoor Rock Climbing
SEALP Showcase Evening, School Hall

Friday 30 October

VCAA Exams
Last day for Year 11 students

Monday 2 November

Cup Eve – **Normal School Day**
VCAA Exams

Tuesday 3 November

MELBOURNE CUP DAY – Public Holiday
VCAA Exams

Wednesday 4 November

VCAA Exams
7.53 McDonalds Maths Excursion
Year 8 Medieval Festival Periods 2-4

Thursday 5 November

VCAA Exams
DOE Indoor Rock Climbing

Friday 6 November

VCAA Exams
Year 11 Exams
Pre-Orientation Day

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop located in Room 53 is open during the following times;

Tuesdays 12.30pm to 5.00pm
Saturdays 9.00am to 11.30am

A new list of uniform prices is now available on the school website, under 'School Notices' – Uniform Pricelist.

For enquires please ring the Blackburn store (Campus Choice) on 9877 8388 or 9877 9188.

CURRICULUM NEWS

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

Parents/Guardians, students and friends of the school are reminded of the '2009 SEAL Program Showcase Night'.

When Thursday 29th October
Time 7.30pm start - *Arrive early to see the stunning visual displays*
Where School Hall

This is a night celebrating the achievements of Level One Students. However, Level Two and Level Three students will also be joining Level One students in a cut throat Debating Competition. Parents of Level Two and Three students – keep this night free! You will receive notification if your son/daughter has made it through to the debating finals.

See you at the **2009 Showcase Night!**

Joe Caruana, Head of the SEALP

ENGLISH

VCE

The English department wish all our Year 12 students the very best as they embark on the exam period. We congratulate the many students who attended the numerous after school revision classes held over the past few weeks. The endeavour these students have demonstrated regarding their studies in English is to be commended. Nevertheless, the exam is still a week away and students are encouraged and reminded to continue to use their time wisely and study hard in readiness for the exam to be held on Friday 30th October.

Year 11 students are also coming to the end of their school year and should now be revising their texts and practising writing in timed conditions in preparation for their exam on November 6th.

Bookvember is coming!

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be again be celebrating the joy of reading in our annual Bookvember festival to be held in the coming weeks. There will be competitions and prizes galore for all, so keep an eye out for posters and information regarding this fun week.

A reminder for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students, payment for their Bookvember novels is due by Friday 30th October. Notices can be downloaded from the school website or see Ms Sayers in the ramp staff room for further information. The texts to be purchased this year and read over the summer break in readiness for 2010 are:

- Year 7 and Year 7 ALP - Falling for Grace
- Year 8 – The Black Dog Gang
- Year 8 ALP and Year 9 - Animal Farm

Janine Sayers, Head of English

HUMANITIES

The Humanities faculty is busy preparing very interesting activities for our students.

The Year 8 History classes have the Days of Knights Company coming into the school on Monday 26th October. They run three very interesting activities through which the students are rotated. This is a really exciting and informative activity which helps in the preparation

for the medieval festival which all the Year 8 History classes take part in later this term.

Once again our students are involved in the Remembrance Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance on 11th November. Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of Ms Mays and Mr Strachan.

Some of our Year 8 Economics classes are visiting the Law courts during November as part of their studies. Again students come away from this excursion having learnt a lot about how our law system and the courts work.

Our Year 10 philosophy class visited the Zoo to attend a workshop as part of their studies. What a fantastic opportunity to extend their thinking skills!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our VCE students all the very best for their upcoming exams. Study hard! A very big thank you to our VCE teachers who have worked very hard to prepare their classes, and who always have the best interest of their students at heart.

Henri Mouratidis, Head of Humanities

LOTE

French

A few more host families are required for French students visiting in February 2010. There is also the possibility of a return trip to France in the September/October holidays in 2010 for interested Year 11 and 12 students, subject to approval from their subject teachers. Please see Mrs Hastie for more details as soon as possible.

Frances Hastie, Head of LOTE

ARTS

October Arts Festival

Over the past two weeks we have been celebrating the 'Arts' at Lilydale High School.

We started the celebration on Thursday 8th October when this year's 'October Arts Prize' exhibition was opened. We had a high standard of artwork on display from all year levels. Staff and students had the opportunity to vote for their favourite works.

On Wednesday 14th October we held the 2009 Variety Night which was a great success. The night was filled with a variety of music and dramatic performances. We raised over \$300 for the Crones and Colitis Foundation. Awards for the October Arts Prize were presented on the night.

Performances by the VCE Theatre Study students were held throughout the two weeks in the Performing Arts Centre at lunchtimes. Students and staff had the opportunity to see what the Theatre students had produced and the students had an opportunity to practise in front of an audience.

The two week festival came to a conclusion on Thursday 22nd October when we held our 'Arts Showcase' evening. Photography and Media students showcased their work to parents/guardians, students and staff. It was a great evening enjoyed by all who attended.

I would like to congratulate all the students on their fantastic work in the Arts throughout the year and thank all the staff for their work in supporting the October Arts Festival.

Sarah Hardy, Head of Arts

TECHNOLOGY

As the Junior and Middle school classes continue producing fantastic practical work throughout the Technology faculty, we bid farewell to our 2009 VCE cohort. The standard of work produced by our VCE students was outstanding in the areas of Food Tech, Design and Technology, ICT and Systems Engineering. Congratulations to you all. The Technology staff wish all school leavers every success with their future endeavours.

We are extremely relieved to have Mr John Jaffe back with us safe and well, after his terrifying ordeal, caught up in Samoa's tsunami.

Year 11 students don't have long to go before they finish for 2009 and Year 10 classes finish on Tuesday 17th November, followed by a week of exams.

It's not too late for the few students who have not yet paid their Technology fees to do so at the School Office as soon as possible.

We would like to encourage all students to maintain their positive attitude to their Technology studies and continue to produce quality work.

Steve Peters, Head of Technology

PASE

Congratulations to Brandon Kamieth

Brandon has been selected in the team to represent all Eastern suburbs Soccer clubs in the Champions League Competition.

Brandon trialed against the best 56 players from the region, to make the final squad of 16 players. Over the summer he will be playing against other regional teams all over Victoria, with the opportunity to be selected for State squad and play for VICTORIA.

Congratulations Brandon on your outstanding achievement and best of luck for the Champions League Competition.

Football – Student/Teacher Match

On Tuesday 20th October, the last day of Year 12 classes, staff were able to complete a clean sweep of the 2009 Staff/Year 12 student sport.

After a quick start by the staff team (with a little help from some Year 12 students that switched sides) the staff were able to hold off the Year 12 team in the second half for an 18 point win in Football - adding to the Netball, Basketball and Volleyball victories from earlier in the year.

To all the VCE students, congratulations on your efforts and best wishes of PASE staff go with you!

Trent Silk, Head of Physical & Sport Education

SPORTS NEWS

Eastern Zone Athletics

On Friday 9th, October a group of around 35 students ventured over to Knox Athletics track to compete in the Eastern Zone athletics carnival in the events which they had qualified in via the Yarra Group carnival. The students competed with great spirit and determination with a number of great results which resulted in the school placing 10th in the overall points aggregate.

A fantastic effort by all, with several students qualifying for the State athletics carnival which was to be held on 20th October.

Podium Results

Zac Patterson	1st in 14 boys 800m & 1500m
Josh Patterson	1st in 16 boys 800m & 1500m
Maddy Dunn	1st in 14 girls Javelin
Steph Butler	2nd in 13 girls 1500m & 3rd in 800m
Sammy Butler	2nd in 14 girls 1500m
Lucas Taylor	2nd in 15 open walk
Sydney Fletcher	3rd in 13 girls triple jump

Great effort by all students!

State Athletics Championships

On Tuesday 20th October, Lucas Taylor, Steph Butler, Sammy Butler, Zac and Josh Patterson and Maddy Dunn competed in the Victorian State Athletics Championships at Olympic Park. The students competed very well against the state's best with Zac Patterson proving victorious in both in 14 boys 800m and 1500m. Maddy Dunn also managed a podium finish placing 3rd in the 14 girls Javelin. Once again a fantastic effort by the students, to firstly qualify for the event then perform so well.

Other Results

Josh Patterson	4th in 16 boys 800m and 7th in 1500m
Sammy Butler	12th in 14 girls 1500m
Steph Butler	7th in 13 girls 1500m
Lucas Taylor	6th in 15 open walk

Alister Stuart

SUBSCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Focus Group Meeting

- Thursday 29th October

ALP Showcase

- Thursday 29th October

Melbourne Cup Day

- Tuesday 3rd November

'Bookvember' starts

Pre-Orientation Day (ALP & small schools)

- Friday 6th November

End of Year Program

- Monday 7th December

Orientation Day

- Tuesday 8th December

Attention Year 8 and Year 7 ALP students

2010 Year 9 Camp

- Deposit due, Friday 6th November

The Middle School is offering the 2010 Year 9 (and Year 8 ALP) students the opportunity to go to Queensland for a six day camp. We will be running the camp from **Sunday 2nd May to Friday 7th May**.

If your child is interested in attending the camp, a **\$180.00 deposit** will need to be paid by **Friday 6th November, 2009**. If the deposit is not paid by this date then the student will not be able to attend the camp. Final payments will be required late 2009 and early 2010.

Camp notices were distributed to all students on Wednesday 14th October, in morning form assembly. Additional copies can be downloaded from the school website on the 'homepage'.

For further information regarding the camp, please ring the school and ask to speak with a Year Coordinator.

Genaha Thompson, Head of Year 9

Junior School Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 10 Last Day of Classes

- Tuesday 17th November

Year 10 Semester 2 Exams

- Wednesday 18th November
- Thursday 19th November
- Friday 20th November
- Monday 23rd November
- Tuesday 24th November

Year 10 Peer Support Camp

- Wednesday 25th November
- Thursday 26th November
- Friday 27th November

Year 9 Exams

- **English** - Wednesday 25th November, Periods 1 and 2
- **Maths** - Thursday 26th November, Periods 1 and 2

Year 10 Awards Assembly and Report Distribution

- Wednesday 2nd December, Periods 1 and 2

Year 9 Awards Assembly and Report Distribution

- Wednesday 9th December, Periods 1 and 2

Year 9 Attendance Competition Footy Game

The 'Year 9 Attendance Competition' came to its grand conclusion on the last Wednesday of Term 3. Perfect conditions prevailed as 9.22 and 9.17 took to the field. The girls were extremely well matched in skill level and by the end of the first half 9.17 had their noses in front. The boys took to the field in the second half. 9.22 was undermanned, but played well only to be outclassed in the end by 9.17 who ran out 8 point winners. 9.17 enjoyed a Pizza lunch for their efforts at the start of Term 4.

Middle School Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

IMPORTANT VCE DATES

VCAA Examination Period Begins

Friday 30th October

Last Day of Year 11 Classes

Friday 30th October

Year 11 Examination Period

Friday 6th November to Wednesday 11th November

Year 11 Presentation Evening

Thursday 26th November

Year 11 into 12 Orientation

Friday 13th November and Monday 16th November (2 full days)

Unit 3 & 4 Results Released

Monday 14th December

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Tuesday 15th December

Farewell Class of 2009

This week we celebrated the end of 13 years of schooling with our Year 12 students. The celebrations began on Tuesday with a breakfast for the Year 12 students and their teachers. A great morning was had by all and it was a wonderful way to kick off the student's official last day of classes. Wednesday saw the Year 12's enjoy all that was offered on Festivities Day. The costumes were fantastic and the students thoroughly enjoyed the music, pancakes and jumping castle. All of the Year 12 students should be commended on their behaviour and the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the day. Once again, our Year 12's have done the school proud.

VCAA Examination Period

For now, the celebrations need to be put on hold while students prepare for their exams. The VCAA exam period commences on Friday 30th October, when all Year 12 students will sit their English Exam. Students need to consult their Exam Navigators to ensure they are familiar with all of the exam rules and they need to ensure they have their Student Number for each exam. Further to this, full school uniform must be worn to all exams. All students were given a personalised exam timetable; however, should you require another copy of the exam timetable you can access it via the VCAA website <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce/exams/index.html>. You will also find all the relevant information regarding exams and past exam papers, on the VCAA website.

Study Break

During the study break Year 12 teachers will be available should you require assistance with your exam preparation. You are also welcome to come to school and use a classroom to study during the study break. Please note, if you take up this invitation you must alert the VCE Coordinators upon your arrival and wear full school uniform.

Valedictory Dinner

We are pleased to advise that we are now able to extend the deadline for ticket purchases for the Valedictory Dinner. The Valedictory Dinner will be held on Tuesday 15th December at The Peninsula, Docklands. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate the conclusion of their school years and enjoy a relaxing night with their family and teachers. Another letter with all of these details was sent home late last term, however, the information is also available to download from the school's website, or another copy can be obtained from the VCE Office. We look forward to seeing all of our Year 12 students and their families there.

Year 11 Exam Timetable

Year 11 exam timetables were distributed this week. Students have been asked to carefully check the exam timetable for any exam clashes they might have. Should a student have two exams timetabled at the same time they are to come to the VCE Office and fill out the appropriate form indicating a time when they are able to complete the second exam. Please be aware that if the student is studying a Unit 3/4 sequence and is timetabled to sit a Unit 1/2 exam at the same time, the Unit 3/4 subject takes precedence and they will need to reschedule their Unit 1/2 exam.

VCE Coordinators