

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held on **Thursday 17 September**. There will be two sessions held;

- **Session 1** 3.15pm-5pm
- **Session 2** 6.15pm-8.30pm

Students will receive appointment notices next week in form assembly.

Students in Years 7-10 will need to make a booking with their Learning Goals teacher. A list of these teachers will be provided with the handout. **Please note:** Year 11 and 12 students do not have a Learning Goals teacher.

Please send your appointment sheet back to school via your CHILDREN. Students will then approach their class teacher and organize a meeting time. (Teachers will set aside some time for the making of appointments in class).

2010 – 2012 NOTEBOOK PROGRAM

Earlier this week, the 2010 - 2012 Student Notebook Program offer was posted home to all parents/guardians of students who currently do not have a student notebook.

There are two options for parents of students wishing to be involved in the Program regarding the access of the Notebook used by their child.

Option A	Apple Macbook	\$470 per year
Option B	ACER Aspire One	\$240 per year

Parents/Guardians wishing to participate in the Notebook Program must complete the payment sheet sent home and forward it together with payment to the office by **Friday 18th September 2009**.

For more information regarding this Program, please go to the school website and click on the link for 2010 – 2012 Student Notebook Program.

NOTEBOOK SECURITY

We would like to remind all participants in the school Notebook Program that notebooks are not to be left unattended and should be locked in lockers when not being used. It is a requirement of the school's insurance policy and the notebook program contract that notebooks are either in the student's possession or locked securely when not in use.

CARPARK ARRANGEMENTS

Parents/Guardians delivering and collecting students by car are reminded that safety considerations are paramount for all of us.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK (MELBA AVE) TO DROP OFF/COLLECT STUDENTS – THIS IS A PARKING-ONLY FACILITY.

There have been a number of near accidents with cars stopping near the school entrance and banking up other vehicles out into Melba Ave as well as blocking vehicles mid-way through parking. Students are weaving through cars parking. **The car park is out of bounds for students.**

The **STADIUM CARPARK** is designated for drop off/collection of students. There is room to park or drive through and students can walk/wait under cover for their transport. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

Monday 31 August

VCE Phillip Island Enviro Science Excursion
 VCE Physics Excursion to Alfred Brash
 Soundhouse

Wednesday 2 September

Year 7 Scrabblemania

Thursday 3 September

Year 7 Leadership Camp 2
 Dali Exhibition Year 10 Art

Friday 4 September

Year 7 Leadership Camp 2
 Year 7 Maths Zoo Excursion
 Year 8 Hockey, Basketball, Table tennis
 and Squash

Tuesday 8 September

Year 12 English Ross Huggard Incursion -
 after school
 Year 8 Geog IMAX Excursion

Wednesday 9 September

Yarra Group Athletics

Friday 11 September

Model Train Exhibition in Hall
 Drum and Percussion Master Class
 Excel Darkzone Excursion 11.40 - 3.50pm
 Year 10 Formal
 Year 9 English Excursion

Tuesday 15 September

English Excursion Vampire Academy

Thursday 17 September

Three Way Conferences
 Duke of Ed Yarra River sledding
 Year 7/10 Immunisations
 Year 9/10 Table tennis

Friday 18 September

End of Term 3

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

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

ENGLISH

VCE

The Year 12 year is almost over, hence these very important reminders:

Ross Huggard, Assistant Chief Examiner, will be here on Tuesday 8th September to give students timely tips for the English exam. This is an opportunity not to be missed. \$5 is all it will cost to hear this invaluable information...and that includes afternoon tea. If you have not yet paid, it's not too late. All information is available under 'School Excursions' on the website, or see Ms Sayers in the Ramp staffroom.

This year's practice English exam will take place at 9am on Friday 25th September, the middle week of the term break and will replicate the actual exam in all aspects. The exam will be conducted under VCAA examination conditions and will be marked and valuable feedback supplied by a VCAA examination assessor. Students are reminded that the fee of \$10 to cover these costs is now due. All students are expected to take advantage of this invaluable opportunity.

VATE (Victorian Association for the Teachers of English) review sessions will again be offered on October 10th for English and October 11th for English Literature. Past students have found these sessions most helpful with their review of the year's work; we would encourage all students to attend these most worthwhile lectures. Return completed forms and payment by Monday 14th September to secure a place.

Junior School

On Tuesday 25th August, Year 7 students were captivated to hear the tales of Tempany Deckert, children's author and former actor in 'Home and Away' as she spoke of her experiences as both a television personality and author. She also ran a writing workshop for students that proved a most productive and creative time for all participants.

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week the English and Maths departments are joining forces to take part in a fun day of 'Scrabblemania' on **Wednesday 2nd September**. There will be prizes for all as they compete using their arithmetical skills to add up the scores of their impressively erudite vocabulary.

Attention Footy Fans

The English department is thrilled to offer Year 7 students the opportunity to join Garry Lyon and Felice Arena for the launch of their new book '*Specky Magee and the Battle of the Young Guns.*'

When: Wednesday 7th October

Where: The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Cost: \$10

Don't miss out. Book now, places are strictly limited.

All Year Levels

August 25th saw students from all levels attend the Melbourne Writer's Festival schools program. Three sessions were conducted across the day featuring successful authors discussing a variety of aspects of the writing process. Reports from both students and teachers were ecstatic in their enthusiasm for the inspiration they all gleaned from the day's events.

Would you like to join the Vampire Academy?

Calling all Vampire fans: the 'Vampire Academy Expose' is coming. Join Richelle Mead author of the thrilling series set in a world of privilege, intrigue...and vampires as she regales readers with her fascinating tales of the vampire world.

When: Tuesday 15th September

Where: Federation Square, Melbourne

See Ms Sayers in Staffroom 1 or Ms Schneider in the Library for further details. The excursion form can also be downloaded from the LHS website. Places are limited – book now to avoid disappointment.

English Literature

Frankenstein (1818) Mary Shelley – Fiction

"Yet you, my creator, detest and spurn me, thy creature, to whom thou art bound by ties only dissoluble by the annihilation of one of us." (Frankenstein, p. 102).

The Year 12 Literature students are currently studying the gothic novel 'Frankenstein'. Beth Finger of 12.12 has reviewed the novel:



'Mary Shelley's classic horror 'Frankenstein' follows the life of Victor Frankenstein and his creature; it also examines the terrible results of creating 'life'. Although 'Frankenstein' is considered to be part of the gothic - horror genre, it really isn't horrific by today's standards. However it does offer insight into the moral questions raised by science, the role of 'typical beauty' in society and the traditional female stereotypes of that time in history. After realising Frankenstein isn't actually a big green monster with bolts in his neck and that no one ever yells 'It's alive.' (as they do in the film) we were able to enjoy our close study of 'Frankenstein'.

Our class has the opportunity to respond creatively to 'Frankenstein'; we have to use a key idea, theme or writing technique from the text as a 'spring board' for our own creative pieces. This will count for more than half of this semester's marks, but will hopefully prepare us for the fast-approaching (and scary) end of year exam'.

Janine Sayers, Head of English

HUMANITIES

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians and students of the following excursions and the due date for payment.

The Year 7 IMAX and Museum Excursion will be held on **Tuesday October 6th**. Students will have the opportunity to view the **"Mysteries of Egypt"** and **"Greece: Secrets of the Past"** at the IMAX Theatre and then explore the Museum as part of their study of Ancient History this semester.

At the museum students will visit the **"Day in Pompeii"** exhibition, the **"Dinosaur Walk"** as well as the rest of the exhibitions which are available. This is a great opportunity for our students to take part in this plethora of activities. The students will be transported by bus to and from the city.

The cost of the excursion is \$30.00 which must be paid TODAY, **Friday 28th August**. For this excursion students are required to take their lunch, snacks and a drink as they will not be able to purchase food.

Mr Blaxland's Year 10 VCE Legal Studies class are visiting VCAT, County, Supreme and Magistrates courts to oversee civil cases on October 13th. They will be catching the train and they will need \$5.60 for their train tickets.

Henri Mouratidis, Head of Humanities

ARTS

School Production - OLIVER

We are so proud and so thrilled with this year's school production of Oliver. Planning began late last year and auditions were held in Term 1. We then went straight into rehearsals, after school, weekends, lunchtimes and even school holidays.

We would like to thank the support given to our students by their families, the dedication shown by our cast and crew who organized weekend and after school commitments around Oliver.

A show like this takes many hands, and we have been so fortunate to have so many staff and students willing to share their time and skills.

We would like to acknowledge our wonderful music director Chris and the orchestra. Conducted by Chris, the orchestra comprised Glen Barnett, Jaime Lyons, Anne Coleman, Kate McAlister, Bronwyn Ventura, Emily Brice, Jamie Pointon, Stewart Stevenson and Kent Fisk.

This year we had a number of students who assisted with choreography and direction: Rana Kuppens, Tiana Bedwell, Hannah Sly (former LHS student) and Emily Meades.

Performances were so professional and ran so smoothly. We have a marvellous sound team led by Paul Jackson assisted by Angus Cole. Our lighting team - David Maher and Phil Carr were assisted by students Glenn Feldman, Mitchell Fleming and Sean Henry. Back stage crew effected some very slick scene changes; thank you to Jackie Goode, Angela Louis, Barry Moore and Olivia Fraser who were assisted by Kaila Hemmings, Cynthia Barneveld, Glen Wilson and Philipa Mammi. The sets and back drop greatly contributed to the tone of the show. Thank you to Olivia Fraser, Alistair Anderson, Brian Longstaff, Laurie Robins, Gary Scott and a number of very talented students.

To our amazing ladies in the library: Dawn O'Kennedy and Andrea Kirkpatrick who were so efficient in organizing props, the program, foyer display and myriad of other tasks. Dawn was responsible for makeup with the assistance of some students. Many comments were made about our costumes, thank you to Emma Pippas who spent hours measuring students and organizing a number of outfits and accessories for each cast member.

Our thanks also to the extremely efficient office staff for selling tickets, and providing other "unseen" help behind the scenes!

Johanna Walker and David De Gama managed publicity and photography. Thank you to all our wonderful staff who offered to help front of house and the candy bar.

We all do it for the kids. We have watched them take this journey and we are certain that this will be an experience they will look back on with fond memories in their 'old age'.

Directors, Helen Nicholas and Jane Hemmings

Photography

Year 12 students enjoyed an excursion to Monash Gallery of Art with Mr Carlyle on Tuesday 25th August. They enjoyed the unique opportunity to tour 'behind the scenes' to see the curatorial room, storage areas, equipment and materials used. Students also benefited from a demonstration on preservation and safe handling practices in relation to photographic works.

Music

Last week two of our VCE students, Sam Magerison and Michael Lincoln (Ukulele Brothers), visited Mt Evelyn Primary School and Mooroolbark East Primary School, and performed to students from Prep to Grade 6. Thank you to Jamie Pointon for organising the road trip.

Media

A reminder to VCE Media students about the opportunity to attend a comprehensive Media exam revision seminar taken by experienced examination assessors. The three hour lecture will cover Narrative, Social Values, Media Influence and general examination advice. The exams are running in the September school holidays. Please visit the ATOM website to book, or see Mr Crowley for more details.

Jane Hemmings, Head of Arts

EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS

On Wednesday 19 August our Equestrian team competed at the Interschool Dressage Competition held at Glenbrae. Our team members were; Emma Firth and Tania Hoare (Year 10), Allysse Smith, Becky Caudwell, Jessica Martin and Kristin Gropper (Year 9), Alison Tunnard (Year 8) and Katie Harris (Year 7).

Many of our riders gained placings in their events and a few just missed out on placings. Each student rode two dressage tests.

RESULTS

Emma	5 th , 4 th	Allysse	1 st , 3 rd
Tania	5 th , 6 th	Kristin	4 th , 5 th
Jessica	4 th , 6 th	Alison	3 rd

Allysse shared 'Runner-up Champion Rider'. Congratulations to all on riding so well and on achieving such pleasing results. The overall placings for 'Champion School' were very close with LHS coming third. Many thanks to David De Gama for attending the event and being our professional 'team photographer'.

Jeanette Kimball

SUBSCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Getting It Right

All Junior School Students participated in 'Getting it Right' review sessions last week which were used to remind students of their rights and responsibilities as students at Lilydale High School.

Appropriate behaviours in and out of the classroom were discussed as were the issues of being prepared for class, speaking appropriately with peers and teachers, and items not to be brought to school. We encourage parents to look through their child's planner with them to ensure there is a common understanding of the schools expectations on behaviour, uniform, and what should and shouldn't be brought to school.

Year 7 Leadership Camp 2

The camp will be run at the Oasis Youth Camp in Mt Evelyn on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September. If you have any questions or concerns related to this initiative, please call Ms Knight.

Up-Coming Events

Year 7 "Scrabble-mania"	2 nd September
Literacy and Numeracy Week	2 nd September
2nd Leadership Camp	3 rd and 4 th September
Year 8 Sport Day	4 th September
Year 8 Geography Excursion	8 th September
Yarra Group Athletic	9 th September
Year 7 Science Zoo Excursion	4 th , 14 th , 16 th September
Year 7 Immunisations	17 th September
Three Way Conferences	17 th September
Last Day of Term 3	18 th September

Junior School Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 10 FORMAL

Venue York on Lilydale
Date Friday 11th September
Time 6.30pm – 10.30pm
Cost \$50.00

Payment of \$50 and the return slip at the bottom of the Formal notice must be returned to the Administration Office by **TODAY, Friday 28 August, 2009. NO LATE PAYMENTS will be accepted after this date.**

Year 9 Attendance Competition

After Week 2, two more form groups with the lowest attendance rate were eliminated. The remaining form groups are; **9.17, 9.19, 9.21, 9.22, 9.64, 9.65 and 9.67.**

Attendance – Year 9 and 10 students

Students are expected to be punctual for the start of school (**form assembly 8.40am**) and each lesson. A student who is late for school must sign the latecomer's book which is kept in the Middle School Office and **provide a satisfactory written note of explanation.** A lunchtime detention will be given if such a note is not provided.

Middle School Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

IMPORTANT VCE DATES

VTAC Application Period
August 8th to September 30th

Year 12 English Assistant Chief Examiner Lecture

Tuesday 8th September, 3.30pm

Three Way Conferences

Thursday 17th September

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 18th September

Year 12 English Practice Exam

Friday 25th September

First Day of Term 4

Monday 5th October

Last Day of Year 12 Classes

Tuesday 20th October

Festivities Day

Wednesday 21st October

VCAA Examination Period Begins

Friday 30th October

Last Day of Year 11 Classes

Friday 30th October

Achieve Your B.E.S.T Seminar with Darren Pereira

On Friday 21st August, all of the Year 12 students attended 'Achieve Your B.E.S.T', a seminar delivered by Darren Pereira. The VCE team hope that the students will keep Darren's words in the back of their minds and that his seminar will motivate the students and keep them on track during this busy time of year. Any student who would like a copy of study timetable or the Baroque music Darren discussed in his seminar should come to the VCE Office and we will give you a copy.

Small Business Day

Once again, the Year 11 Small Business Day was a huge success. The students involved developed a wonderful array of business, which were well supported by staff and students. The highlights of the day included; the pie throwing contest, where students could pay to throw cream pies at the principal team and other teachers; as well as the milkshake stands, nacho stand, fairy floss stand and the bakeries, just to name a few. All of the students and teachers involved should be commended for their hard work and for choosing to donate their profits to the charity TEAR. This is an organisation that supplies business loans to third world families, in countries like Laos, in order for the family to establish their own small business and hence become sustainable. Once the family has become successful, they pay back the loan and then the money is then loaned to another family so that they may complete the same process. Everyone involved should be truly proud of their effort.

VTAC Applications

Over the past two weeks our Year 12 students partook in VTAC Application sessions with the Careers Coordinators. They were given extensive information on how to go about finding the requirements for University and TAFE courses being offered in 2010. Further to this, the students were given step-by-step instructions on how they go about applying for University and TAFE course that they may be interested in completing next year. At Lilydale High School we recommend that all of our Year 12 students submit a VTAC Application as many variables can impact on their choices between now and the end of the year. Please be aware that VTAC applications close on Wednesday 30th September.

VCAA Examination Period

With only SEVEN school weeks until the VCAA exams commence, students need to be utilising their study time wisely. This includes study periods here at school and study time at home. Students should not only be completing current coursework for their subjects, they should also be beginning to revise for their upcoming exams. We recommend that students have regular contact with their teachers regarding revision tasks and access the VCAA website to download past exam papers. You will find all the relevant information regarding exams, including the 2009 VCAA exam timetable and past exam papers, on the VCAA website;

- <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce/exams/index.html>

Student Attendance

Lilydale High School believes that there is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. At both Year 11 and 12 we are running monthly Attendance Competitions. At the end of each month the form with the highest attendance rate will receive a prize.

For all VCE students, **attendance at morning form assembly is compulsory.** Students receive many important messages and copious amounts of information during form assembly, making their presence essential. Students who have study periods during Periods 1 and 2 are still expected to be at school and in form assembly by 8.40am.

Study Periods

VCE students are reminded that they are not to leave the school grounds during study periods, unless their study period is during a Period 5 and 6 double study, or a Period 6 single study. Study periods are to be used productively completing work, either in the Study Hall or in the Library. Under no circumstances are students to leave the school grounds prior to their Period 5 and 6 study periods. When a student has a double study during Periods 5 and 6 they are able to leave, once they have signed out, at the beginning of lunch time. When the study is Period 6 only, students are only permitted to leave the school grounds at the beginning of Period 6 and once they have signed out. The sign out book is located outside the VCE Office. It is imperative that students sign out prior to leaving the school grounds, so the VCE team know that they have left.

VCE Coordinators