

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Camps and Tours

The first two weeks of Term 2 have seen three of our major camps for the year take place. Year 7 students went to Cowes, on Phillip Island for three days in two large groups. This is the traditional camp run by the school at the beginning of Year 7 and helps students to get to know each other, their coordinators and the Year 7 teaching staff.

The annual Year 8 camp was held at Anglesea where students enjoyed, surfing, canoeing, high ropes and other adventure activities for three days.

Both of the junior school camps were very successful with students reporting lots of fun and challenges.

More than fifty Year 10 students took part in a tour to Central Australia over the first ten days of the term. The tour included Coober Pedy, Uluru National Park, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs and surrounding attractions. Again students came back to school with nothing but positive comments about their experiences and very happy to have been able to visit such iconic locations in the centre of Australia.

None of these activities can take place without a huge amount of extra time and effort committed by the organising and supervising staff. Many thanks to those involved, particularly Year Level Heads Hilda Knight, Henri Mouratidis and Stuart Young.

Presentation Ball

The annual Presentation Ball was held on April 11 at a new venue, The Crown Palladium Ballroom at Crown Towers.

More than 800 debutantes, partners, family members and staff attended an extremely successful evening. The Presentation Ball is the social highlight of Year 11 with the majority of students participating.

Many thanks to Chris Cogan, Cathy Drury and the senior school team for their organisation of the evening and to Danni Devine and Natalie Roetman for conducting the dancing lessons.

Leon Bishop, Principal

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 9 May

Parents and Guardians please note that Friday 9 May is a Staff Professional Development Day.

NO STUDENTS are required at school on this day.

GRADE 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

- **Tuesday 29 April, 7.30pm, School Hall**

Parents and Guardians of children in Grade 6 who will be starting in Year 7 at secondary school in 2009 are invited to attend our Grade 6 Parent Information Evening.

Speakers will provide information and printed material will be distributed. There will be several student performances and tours of the school featuring displays of students' work and interactive demonstrations.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

A reminder, our school website is updated regularly with information relating to school excursions, camps, notices, newsletters, News and Events, Curriculum Happenings and much more. We encourage all parents and guardians to check the website for up to date information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2

Friday 25 April Anzac Day

Monday 28 April

8.69 Science Excursion
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm
Year 11 Peer Support Leaders morning tea

Tuesday 29 April

8.69 MyRiver Yarra Excursion
Grade 6 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 30 April

Gun Club Training
VCE Media Top Designs Excursion
Year 7/8 Boys Netball
Year 7/9 Girls Football

Thursday 1 May

LHS Athletics Carnival
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

Friday 2 May

Year 10 English Shakespeare
Performances Periods 1-4

Monday 5 May

Environmental Science Units 3 / 4 Camp
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm
Year 11 History Holocaust Museum

Tuesday 6 May

Environmental Science Units 3 / 4 Camp
Year 11 & 12 Interschool Sport
Year 11 & 12 Les Choristes French
Excursion
Year 7 Geography performance

Wednesday 7 May

Environmental Science Units 3 / 4 Camp

Thursday 8 May

Gun Club Training
Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm
Year 10, 11, 12 French Stationnement
Alterne Excursion

Friday 9 May

VCE Top Arts & Sydney Nolan Excursion
Professional Development Day – Student
Free day

IMPORTANT PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder to parents and guardians who may be purchasing uniform items to please buy the correct regulation items which have been approved by the Lilydale High School Council. For all students this includes:

- ✓ Grey skirts with pleats - straight skirts are **not** approved.
- ✓ Year 7 girls are not permitted to wear grey skirts. The new school skirt is available for purchase at the uniform shop.
- ✓ Black opaque tights.
- ✓ **Tailored** grey trousers – track pants are not approved.
- ✓ **Black polishable hard leather lace up school shoes or T-bar buckle up shoes** – soft leather runners (skate shoes) are not approved. A photograph of the approved shoes can be found on the school website and in the school planner.
- ✓ Plain black or official school jackets – jackets with logos are not approved. Jackets must be worn over a Lilydale High School jumper or windcheater, not in place of one.

At year level assemblies we have requested to all students that they ensure the correct items are being purchased. Many parents and members of our school community have commented on how neat the students look, and how easily and immediately our students can be identified. This goes a long way to ensuring our students welfare and safety. **We urge parents not to succumb to their child's persuasion, pleadings or any other stories, to purchase inappropriate clothing instead of regulation uniform items.** Information regarding the correct uniform is clearly written in the student planner. The on campus Uniform Shop is open Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PLANNERS

Using planners correctly is part of remaining organized. We have asked all students to use their school planner for school matters ONLY. Students should have a separate social diary. Planners should also be taken to every class and all homework written in it. We urge parents and guardians to regularly check their child's planner and to use it to communicate to classroom teachers. Teachers may also communicate with parents via the planner.

Wendy Powson, Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

LOTE NEWS

The International Year of Languages is in full swing. Lilydale LOTE students are busily involved in various activities promoting the learning of languages.

Activities and Excursions

The Year 7 scrap books are due in on Thursday 24 April and the teachers are looking forward to reading the students compilations. Congratulations to all those who have entered into the spirit and found all sorts of treasures relating to the country and language they are studying.

The extra VCE classes are running regularly with Mrs Hastie and Mrs Stoyanoff.

Mrs Hastie's extra French classes have resumed on Tuesdays for students from Year 9 up who are not enrolled in a French class, but who would like to keep up their studies.

Two excursions to the French Theatre to see the comedy play "Stationnement Alterné" translated as "Run For Your Wife" will take place next month along with the VCE Cinema excursion to ACMI to see a special screening of Les Choristes and Mon Meilleur Ami.

VCE students are preparing for their SACs which are to take place next month.

Parents of students in Years 7 to 10 should look out for information about the Assessment of Language Competence (ALC) certificates to be sent home shortly. Students may choose to take part in an external language competency test which will certify their standard in LOTE.

The Indonesian teachers are hoping to invite Cultural Infusion to perform at school. It is hoped that the majority of the Indonesian students will choose to participate. Information about this will be sent home shortly.

Education Week

During Education Week several exciting activities are planned by the Indonesian and French staff. These include the opportunity to learn how to play pétanque a French bowling sport, learning an Indonesian dance and participating in the "Where in the World is the Teacher?" competition.

New Caledonia Tour

The final plans for the New Caledonia Educational Tour are in progress. Students participating need to finalise their payments, forward a copy of their passport photo page, complete and return their insurance form and camp medical forms, all of which are now due.

There will be a New Caledonia Tour meeting for the students and their parents on Wednesday 28 May at 7 pm in the Supper Room.

Students are selling the 2008-9 Melbourne Entertainment books, which are full of vouchers to use in and around Melbourne. This is great value at only \$65 each. The proceeds are to assist in the funding of the tour. If you wish to purchase a book, please send the money to school in a sealed, named envelope. The Entertainment book is on view in the school Office, if you wish to look at the contents.

Frances Hastie, Head of LOTE

SCIENCE NEWS

A huge term is on the way and Science staff are flat out (like a lizard on a freeway!!), involving students in their studies but also excursions for Year 9 students to Oceans at the Melbourne Aquarium and IMAX and the Unit 3 Biology classes to Melbourne University.

Our Year 7 students have been busy and will be challenged in their logic and building prowess, as part of Education Week, to build a newspaper structure to compete against each other, other classes and some of the primary schools in our area.

We need to remind VCE students, the end of unit exams are not far away and students should have a study plan for themselves. Work requirements should be complete and timing for submission of key tasks well under control. Any issues or questions should be raised with their teachers **NOW** as time will quickly run out and any supportive strategy will need to be put in place early.

For all students, reporting is happening now with their teachers. It is an ongoing process now and you should be pacing and submitting work as required and not saving it all up for the last possible moment.

There will be lots happening during the Grade 6 Parent Information Evening, so we welcome parents/guardians and students to visit our

rooms for a host of activities that should get the brain ticking over. The slime, the animals and chemical changes along with the gravity defying, shocking and hair raising that goes on as a regular happening in our rooms. Then there are the science activities that we do too!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back, Mr Paul Dewhurst to the faculty, for this term. Students are fortunate to have someone with his experiences and skills in their class and should take the opportunity to discuss their science questions with him.

Have a great term and look forward to the feedback as reporting finishes and starts afresh for Semester 2.

Ian Newman, Head of Science

Commemoration for Anzac Day – Tuesday 22nd April

Students of 10.14 and 8.69A with their teachers, Mr Strachan and Ms Mayer, and Assistant Principal Mr Tully commemorated Anzac Day on Tuesday this week.

The students' history studies have included a focus on Australia's role at Gallipoli and also, on the Anzac legend. Mr Eric Dosser and Mr Bill Thomas, both members of the Lilydale RSL and of which Eric Dosser is President, were invited to the school to conduct the ceremony. Ian Garry, Matthew Petrie, Rachele Pernet, Zoe Howard, Alex Pavlinovich and Tess Gregory of 8.69 all contributed to the service. Matt and Ian read the words written by Kamal Attaturk, leader of the Turks, and Rachele recited the Ode. Zoe read part of a poem, the words of which represent the experiences of soldiers in the trenches at Gallipoli. Alex and Tess laid a floral tribute at the school's memorial which is inscribed with the words 'Lest We Forget'.

Thank you to all the students and especially to our guests. It was wonderful to observe the students as they honoured the service of all those who serve, or who have served, Australia in times of war and in the many peace keeping operations around the world.

Valerie Mayer

CAREERS

VIP Swinburne Courses – Year 10

- Semester 2, are available now from Careers

Hospitality Traineeship

- Chirnside Park Country Club
- Full time/ spilt shifts required
- Expected Start Date – ASAP
- Contact number – 0409 535 008
- Field Officer – Elosie Southby-Halbish
- Email Resume – eloisesh@aflsportsready.com.au

Joinery Apprenticeship

Miglas Windows in Kilsyth

- Students interested must have completed Year 10
- For more information please see Careers or David Ackland, Production Manager dave@miglas.com.au

Mrs Haritonidis, Careers

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop is located in Room 53 and operational hours are;

- **Tuesdays 12.30pm – 5pm**
- **Saturdays 9.00am – 11.30am**

For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417688846.

SUB SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 7

Leadership Camps

The first of the two Leadership Camps is coming up on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May. Staff nominated students they believe demonstrate initiative and are excellent role models to their peers. Letters of interest will be sent home this week to these students and the first 50 returned by Thursday 1st May will be accepted for our first Leadership Camp. Students who miss out on the first camp will have an opportunity during Semester 2 to attend the second camp.

Naplan

Please note that the National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May 2008.

Tuesday 13th May - Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday 14th May - Reading

Thursday 15th May - Numeracy

Please note that students will require a calculator for the Numeracy testing on Thursday 15th May.

Fun Run

The Annual Golden Circle Fun Run was held on Wednesday 23rd April. Students dressed up in house colours and enjoyed the beautiful afternoon running around Lilydale Lake.

Gardasil Immunisations

The first Gardasil immunisation was held on Thursday 24th April. If any student was absent on that day you will need to contact the local Council (Shire of Yarra Ranges) to arrange their immunisation at a different time and location. It can also be done by your local practitioner.

Up-Coming Events

LHS Athletics	Thursday 1 st May
NAPLAN	Tuesday 13 th to Thursday 15 th May
Leadership Camp 1	Thursday 22 nd and Friday 23 rd May

Finally, please don't hesitate to call us or your child's form teacher, with any questions or queries in relation to our program this term.

Lucy Ford, Adam Sherwin, Brent Houghton - Year 7 Coordinators

YEAR 8

Camp Wilkin

Camp was a big success. Some tired students and staff returned from camp but fun was had by all. The flying fox, high ropes, initiatives, canoeing and surfing were enjoyed by all who got involved, including the teachers! The disco was a big success. A lot of students were up dancing and some new dance moves were learnt.

We would like to congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour and we would also like to thank all the staff who attended and helped make this camp possible for the kids.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Taylah Walsh from 8.28 who performed very well when she participated in Gymnastic championships in Canada. She finished 11th on the Vault, 5th on Bars, Beam and Floor and 4th All Around in the Provisional 4 Level. She competed against numerous clubs from Canada and the US. A great effort and we are very proud of her achievements!!!

Excursions

Monday 28th April

- 8.69 Science Excursion

Planner

A reminder that as the new term begins, students should be using their planner to help keep them organised with all their homework.

Uniform

The cool weather is setting in. Please ensure that students are in the correct school uniform. The planner has a list of all the school uniform requirements. A black jacket can be worn over the school jumper but not instead of it. Black opaque tights can be worn by the girls with the school skirt.

Please remember that the uniform shop supplies the new skirt which is to replace the grey skirt as the girls grow out of it.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please ring us and let us know. If the absence will be an extended one, we are happy to organise work for your child if it is required. An absence note for your child's absence is still required for your child's form teacher

Henri Mouratidis

Head of Junior Sub School and Year 8 Coordinator

Trent Silk, Angela Louis, Jonathan Reedyk
Year 8 Coordinators

YEAR 9

Fun Run

Congratulations to all Year 9 students who participated in the school fun run. We wish all of those who have made the school team the best.

NAPLAN Testing

The new NAPLAN testing which is the National testing in place of the AIM testing will be taking place on the following dates;

- **Tuesday 13th May** – Language Conventions and Writing
- **Wednesday 14th May** – Reading
- **Thursday 15th May** – Numeracy (All students must have a calculator)

Camp Payment 2008

The second instalment for the Year 9 camp was due on Thursday 24th April. If there are any concerns with this payment please contact one of the Year 9 coordinators as soon as possible.

Year 9 Coordinators

YEAR 10

Year 10 Camp

The Central Australia Tour went off without a hitch and was an amazing experience for all involved. Well done everybody for making this year's trip so successful.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for Jed Kenwright and Tayla Adams who are our new Year Level Captains. A well deserved outcome for these two excellent students.

Year 10 Coordinators

VCE

GAT News

The GAT (General Achievement Test) is an integral aspect of the VCE course. All students enrolled in one or more VCE Unit 3 or 4 subjects **must** sit the GAT.

It is important that all students achieve their best in all parts of the GAT, as achievement on this task is a good predictor of achievement on other assessments. The GAT is also used to determine Derived Examination Scores, if required.

To assist our students to achieve optimum results, **all** VCE students are to sit a modified GAT in preparation for the official GAT.

When

- Thursday 22nd May – Modified GAT
- Friday 13th June – GAT

Attendance

Without a doubt, high attendance rates are directly related to high achievement! The VCE team is committed to ensuring all of our students are at school everyday of the school year.

To further encourage attendance we are offering our students the opportunity to **win** an IPOD simply by attending school every day! The 100% Attendance Competition will be launched shortly. Students: keep an eye on the board to check your attendance.

Parents: **'Has your child been at school everyday this week?'**

Important Dates

LHS Athletics	Thursday 1 May
June VCE Exams	Thursday 5 to Friday 13 June
VCAA Exams	Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 June
GAT	Friday 13 June
End of Term 2	Friday 27 June

English Exams

The Year 12 English Exam will be held on Thursday 5 June. It will begin at 8.30am and conclude at 11.45am. Students must make the necessary arrangements to be at school at 8.15am.

The Year 11 English Exam will also be held on Thursday 5 June at 12.00pm to 3.15pm. If necessary, students must make arrangements for travelling home. Students should be at the front of the school Hall at 11.45am.

Unit 3 Psychology SAC

Parents and Guardians of Year 12 Psychology students are advised that the Unit 3, Area of Study 1 SAC (The Brain and Nervous System) will take place on Thursday May 8 from 3pm to 4:30pm in the Lilydale High School Hall. All students are expected to sit the SAC at this time.

This SAC will be a closed-book test (no notes allowed) comprising both multiple-choice and short answer questions. This SAC will assess understanding of Outcome 1; students are advised to refer to the key knowledge and key skills as outlined in the Psychology Study Design.

VCE Team

SPORT MONEY

A reminder to Parents/Guardians and students **SPORT MONEY MUST BE PAID** to the General Office **no later than 3pm the DAY PRIOR TO THE SPORTING ACTIVITY**. If your child is **absent the day prior to the sporting activity** and you would like them to attend please contact the **General Office** by **3pm** to confirm their inclusion in the activity.