

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Education Week May 19-23

There have been many activities happening during Education Week. Some have included:

#### *Literary Lunch*

The first of two literary lunches for the week was held on Monday when three winners from the 'Slippery When Wet' short story competition read their winning entries and were presented with their winning certificates and book vouchers. There were also readings from the 'Men Who Ride Bikes...And Women who Renovate' anthologies published by the school.

#### *Martin Flannagan Lecture*

Also on Monday, Year 12 students were fortunate enough to attend a lecture by well-known author and journalist Martin Flannagan. Martin is co-author of the book, 'The Line' which is one of the Year 12 English texts set for study in 2008. 'The Line' deals with life as a prisoner of war on the Burma – Thai railway during the Second World War and was co-written by Martin and his father Arch, who worked as a prisoner on the railway. The lecture was also attended by Mr Charles Edwards, a local World War 2 veteran who also served on the line and Wurundjeri elders, Auntie Dot Peters and Eric Peters whose father died on the railway. Dot and Eric are former students of Lilydale High School.

#### **Ride2school**

Around 50 students took part in the first morning of the ride to school challenge on Thursday 15 May. Those who braved the foggy and cold morning were served a pancake breakfast prepared by teachers Alistair Stuart and Gwen Haritonidis. Participating students will record their distance travelled by bicycle over the remainder of the year in a log book and will be recognised by the award of certificates and spot prizes donated by a local bicycle shop – Yarra Valley Cycles. The ride2school program is sponsored by Bicycle Victoria.

There will also be a \$100 gift voucher donated by the principal for the student who travels the furthest distance in excess of the principal's ride to school total for the year.

Principal's total to Friday 16 May – 39 km.

Leon Bishop, Principal

### \* \* \* STUDENT FREE DAYS \* \* \*

Friday 6 June

Correction Day

Monday 9 June

Queens Birthday

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are required to wear correct school uniform every day. The co-operation of parents/guardians is expected in delivering in a high standard of appearance for students. School uniform policy is determined by school council and reviewed on a regular basis.

Doncaster schoolwear, the official uniform supplier, operates the Uniform shop. The shop manager may be contacted on 9877-8388 or 9877-9188 during normal business hours.

The Uniform Shop (Room 53) will be open:

- Tuesdays 12.30pm - 5.00pm
- Saturday 9.00am - 11.30am

For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417688846.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 26 May

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

### Tuesday 27 May

Business Management Olex Excursion

GAT Preparation

Karate in Hall 6-8pm

VCE Legal Studies Melbourne Courts

Excursion 8am-4.30pm

Yarra Group Cross Country (Reserve

Day)

Year 9 Aquarium & IMAX Excursion

### Wednesday 28 May

Business Management Olex Excursion

Equestrian Team Competition

New Caledonia Tour meeting 7pm

Year 9/12 Football/Netball (Reserve Day)

### Thursday 29 May

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

Top Designs Melb Museum Excursion

Year 11 & 12

### Friday 30 May

Business Management Olex Excursion

Year 10 Exams

### Monday 2 June

Year 10 Exams

EIS Basketball tournament – Knox

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

Year 8 Interschool Sport

### Tuesday 3 June

Year 10 Exams

Psychology Exam Revision – Monash Uni

4.45-9.30pm

### Wednesday 4 June

Gun Club Training

VCE Drama Ensemble Performance Night

Year 9 Exam

### Thursday 5 June

End of Semester 1

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

VCE Practice English Exams

World Environment Day Activities

### Friday 6 June

Correction Day – Student free day

VCE Practice Exams

### Monday 9 June

Queens Birthday – Public Holiday

# CURRICULUM NEWS

## LOTE

### Forthcoming Events

#### **New Caledonia Educational Tour**

There is a meeting for the students going on the tour and their parents on **Wednesday 28 May at 7pm** in the **Supper room**. Matt Tabone from GET tours will be there to answer last minute questions and to brief the students on what to pack and what to expect in New Caledonia.

#### **Cultural Infusion**

This Indonesian dance group will be coming to demonstrate their dances and masks in June.

- Year 9 and 10 French Cinema in July
- French VCE preparation day August.

Please watch for details of dates and performance costs and return permission forms quickly to avoid disappointment.

#### **Bastille Day**

French students have been invited to Mont de Lancy at Wandin to celebrate Bastille Day on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July. Mrs Hastie is looking for volunteers who would like to rehearse a short presentation and who could be at Mont De Lancy with Mrs Hastie on one or both of those two days. Students, who would like to participate that weekend, should see Mrs Hastie in staffroom 1 to find out what is involved as soon as possible.

#### **Visiting Korean Students**

In July we will be hosting a group of Korean students at Lilydale High School. We are seeking host families for the students who will be here at the end of July and the beginning of August. Host families will be paid \$200 a week for each student. The families are expected to provide the students with board and lodging and to include them in any family activities at the weekend, in order to give them an insight into family life in Australia. The students attend school during the week with their host student.

Parents interested in hosting a student should contact Mrs Hastie for more information.

#### **Melbourne Entertainment Books**

The French students are selling this great book of vouchers to offset the cost of the New Caledonia Tour. The books cost \$65 each and are crammed pack full of vouchers for food outlets, restaurants, cinemas, museums, entertainment venues, amusements, hotels and shops including Coles, Vintage Cellars and Autobarn. Books are available from Mrs Hastie and Miss O'Reilly in Staffroom 1.

### Recent Activities

#### **French theatre**

Two groups of students from Year 10 and VCE went to see performances of "Stationnement Alterné" by the Melbourne French Theatre. Despite having to work hard to keep up with the French and the English subtitles, the students said that they had enjoyed the experience and had managed to pick out some of the vocabulary that they knew and learn some new phrases.

#### **French Cinema**

Year 11 and 12 went to see two French films, Les Choristes and Mon Meilleur Ami, in a special screening run by the Association of French teachers in Victoria at ACMI. The students extended their understanding of French culture and language and made some interesting observations.

The students attending these excursions were very well behaved and a credit to their parents and the school. It was a pleasure to take them out.

During 'Education Week' students have been using the anklung, an Indonesian musical instrument, playing pétanque and cooking crêpes (pancakes). There has been a competition running in which students are asked to identify the places in the world where their teachers have been photographed on holiday.

Frances Hastie

## ENGLISH NEWS

### **"SLIPPERY WHEN WET COMPETITION"**

The winners are:

- Luke Weavell - Year 7
- Fiona Gessey - Year 8
- Kaila Hemmings - Year 9
- Nicolas Finger - Year 10
- Ethan Marshall Year 7 - Wildcard winner
- Amy Cain - Selected Entry Accelerated Learning Program Winner

The above students this week, as part of our Education Week celebrations, launched their prize winning stories in our stunningly successful Library Literary Luncheons! Will they now win the \$550 up for grabs in the official Slippery When Wet Short Story Competition organised by Australian Roadside Services in Burwood!

Joe Caruana

## MUSIC PERFORMANCE CONCERT

The Music Department would like to invite parents/guardians, students, staff and friends to our **mid-year Music Performance Concert** for all classroom and music students on **Thursday 19 June at 7pm in the school Hall**.

The night will showcase all the classroom and instrumental ensembles ranging from Year 7 to VCE.

Entrance for participating students is free, however parents/guardians and friends can book tables (approx 8 people per table) for \$10 a table.

You will be able to BYO nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks to enjoy while you watch the performances. If you are interested in attending please obtain a form from the PAC office and return your payment and form by June 10. Thank you.

Brett Woolford and Emily Brice  
Instrumental Music Coordinators

## CAREERS

### **Pre-Apprenticeship Electrical, Swinburne TAFE**

Swinburne runs this course at their Wantirna and Hawthorn campuses, with the course being run over a semester, generally 3.5 days of schooling per week.

There is a pre-apprenticeship selection test for students once Swinburne receives an application form. This test is broken into two small parts - English (reading a couple of paragraphs and answering multiple choice questions) and Maths (multiple choice). Both tests have a time limit of 30 minutes each. Once they have graded these tests they begin to send out offers.

Swinburne will start 3 groups in Semester 2 (14 July) and are currently taking applications for this course. Prospective students can apply online <http://www.tafe.swinburne.edu.au/eng/> or can call 9210 1233 and Swinburne will send out an application form.

## Pre-Apprenticeship, Plumbing

RMIT run Plumbing pre-apprenticeships, along with Box Hill TAFE. To register your name with RMIT, please ring 9925 4601. Next start date is Sept 2008. Applications, testing and interviews will begin in August 2008.

## Box Hill TAFE

Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-Vocational)  
National Code: 21642VIC

Centre: [Building and Furniture Studies](#)

Location: [Elgar Campus](#)

Enquiries: 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445)

Email: [courseinfo@bhtafe.edu.au](mailto:courseinfo@bhtafe.edu.au)

Gwen Haritonidis and Michelle Dowsett

# SUB SCHOOL NEWS

## YEAR 7

### Leadership Camp

50 students selected from Year 7 are currently attending the first of the two Year 7 Leadership camps. There is a second camp held during Term 3 for students who missed out on attending the first camp.

### NAPLAN Testing

All Year 7 students participated in the NAPLAN Testing on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May. Any student who was absent during any of the testing sessions were given the opportunity to sit the test(s) from Friday 16 to Friday 23 May.

### Work Outstanding

Letters have been sent home indicating if students have work outstanding in any subject. Students need to see teachers to find out exactly what work they still need to complete. Catch up classes are available lunchtime in Room 37 for students who need to complete any outstanding class work.

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent please call the school in the morning on our absence line, 9735 5644. We are happy to organise work for students who will be away from school for an extended period of time. Please contact a Year 7 Coordinator. Students are also required to bring a note for their form teacher following an absence.

### Up-Coming Events

- Report Writing Day            Friday 6 June
- Queens Birthday                Monday 9 June
- Gardasil Immunisations        Thursday 12 June

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 and Darren Strachan  
Year 7 Coordinators

## YEAR 8

### Outstanding Work Letters

In order to assist the Year 8 students who may have fallen behind with the submission of work, we have posted out letters informing families that in order for the ongoing process of assessment to take place, students need to ensure that they are up to date with their work.

Students now have the opportunity, before semester one ends and reports are written, to see their teachers and to make sure they have submitted their work.

Room 39 is open every lunchtime for students to do catch up work.

### End of Semester 1

On Thursday 5 June, Semester 1 ends. Students will begin their second semester elective subjects but they will continue with their core subjects. By doing this we enable students to experience a variety of subjects thus when asked to choose their subjects for their Year 9 course they will be able to make informed choices. The end of Term 2 is Friday 27 June.

### Congratulations!

Our very own Nathan McCulloch of 8.62 has achieved "Scout Medallion". This means that he is two years ahead of his group! An excellent achievement Nathan, well done!

### Planners

We would like to remind the students that they should be using their planner to help keep them organised with all their homework and to record any outstanding work which needs to be completed. Parents can ask to see the planner as it is an official school document.

### Uniform

The cold weather is certainly here! We are aware that students need to rug up but we do remind families that students are not to be wearing long sleeved tops under their polo top. We also ask that all tops worn under the polo top are plain white, without logos.

A reminder to parents that the new school skirt is to be knee length, no shorter, as is stated in the school planner. Black opaque tights can be worn by the girls throughout winter.

### 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.

### Lockers

We have noticed that a lot of Year 8 students do not have a lock on their lockers or if they do have one, they are leaving it unlocked. The school will not take responsibility for items lost in this situation. We would appreciate parents support on this matter.

If your child does not have a lock, they are available from the school office at a very reasonable price.

Henri Mouratidis  
Head of Junior Sub School and Year 8 Coordinator

Trent Silk, Angela Louis, Jonathan Reedyk  
Year 8 Coordinators

## YEAR 9

### NAPLAN Tests

We would like to congratulate the Year 9 students in the way they conducted themselves during the NAPLAN tests.

### Year 9 English Examination

This exam will be held during Periods 1 and 2 on Wednesday 4 June. The rest of the day will follow the normal timetable. Students are not dismissed after the examination. We encourage students to speak with their English teacher about the details.

## Year 9 Sport

Congratulations to all those students who participated recently in team sports and cross country. From all accounts they had very successful days.

## Overdue Work

Letters were sent home recently to parents/guardians informing them of whether their child has not completed all of the required work for that subject. We encourage students to consult with their teachers regarding this so that they complete and submit the required work. Parents/Guardians are welcome to contact teachers if they wish to discuss the matter

Year 9 Coordinators

# YEAR 10

## Examinations

Year 10 Examinations commence **Friday 30 May to Wednesday 4 June**.

## Code of Conduct Day

The 'Code of Conduct Day' held on Tuesday 13 May went extremely well. Students had time out to explore issues related to 'Conflict Management' and listen to a guest speaker.

## Outstanding Work Letters

Last week outstanding work letters were posted home to parents/guardians advising the subjects work has not been completed in by their son/daughter.

We suggest that you encourage your child to take the necessary steps to complete all required work to allow for the ongoing monitoring of progress and assessment.

Students should **consult with the appropriate teachers** if they need further information about work that is still outstanding. We suggest that they write all outstanding work in their planner.

Catch up classes are available to students every lunchtime. We encourage those students who are behind with their work to attend.

Year 10 Coordinators

# VCE

## Mid Year VCAA Exam dates

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

- 9am – 10.45am Biology
- 11.45am - 1.30pm Physics
- 2.45pm - 4.30pm Accounting

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

- 9am – 10.45am Psychology
- 11.45am - 1.30pm Chemistry
- 2.45pm – 4.30pm Environmental Science

\*\*\* Practice Exams run from 5 June to 13 June \*\*\*

The mid-year VCAA exam results go towards students' **ENTER score**. These exams take priority over the school based mid-year practice exams. It is compulsory for all students to sit the practice exams, as these are an excellent opportunity for students to test their knowledge and gain invaluable experience in an exam setting.

Whilst students are expected to be engaged in study and revision at all times in the VCE year, it is imperative they do so with the onset of

exams. Nevertheless, students are also to be encouraged to take care of their health and stress levels by ensuring they eat well, exercise and get plenty of rest.

## Important 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 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Modified GAT. Please note: **this is a change of date**
- **Friday 13 June** – GAT

## 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.

## 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 every day 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!

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

VCE Coordinators

# SPORT NEWS

## Lilydale Premier League (LPL)

The Lilydale Premier League has recently been implemented within OUR school. The Year 12's have gone to EXTREMENE measures to form 3 patriotic and committed soccer teams, the Dakota Knight-Riders, the Brushy Creek Bull-Frogs, and the Riverside Badgers.

Matches are played on the VCE oval at lunchtimes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We encourage every supporter to come down and cheer for their favourite team. Membership cards are now available and team myspace homepages have been released. For full details (ladder, fixture, team information) please go to [www.myspace.com/liydalepremierleague](http://www.myspace.com/liydalepremierleague)

Team logos and fixtures will be posted around the school grounds shortly. Keep your eyes open and we hope to see you there!

Lilydale Premier League organisers.