

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal for a Day - Catherine Deveny

On Tuesday 2 September the school was fortunate to have Catherine Deveny as Principal for a Day. Catherine is a well known journalist, comedy writer and radio personality who was recently listed as one of Melbourne's Top 100 most influential people. Catherine spent the day at the school touring the facilities, meeting students and guests and speaking to our Year 12 students at a special assembly.

Reading from her published works, Catherine developed the themes that students should follow their interests and desires in pursuing an education or a career. She also spoke of her own dyslexia and how she had overcome some of the obstacles this presented to her success as a writer.

The Principal for a Day program is organized by the Australian Council for Educational Research and is aimed at improving links between industry and schools. Catherine Deveny's column is published in The Age each Wednesday and Saturday.

Short Story Prize Winner

Congratulations to Amy Cain of Year 10 who was judged as the 'best student writer' of the National 'Slippery When Wet' Competition. Amy won \$150 for her short story, 'Unwanted.' The story, along with many others from the competition will be published in a compilation later this Year.

School Newsletter

If you would like to receive the school newsletter **emailed** to you each fortnight, please access the link on the school website at www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au

Leon Bishop, Principal

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

- Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held on: **THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2008**
- There will be **FOUR** sessions on this day:

Session 1	8.45am – 10.45am	Session 2	11.30am – 1.00pm
Session 3	2.30pm – 5.00pm	Session 4	4.00pm – 8.00pm
- Students are only required to attend on the day with their parents/guardians to enable them to participate in the 3 way conferences. There are no timetabled classes on this day.**
- Students in Years 7-10 should make a double booking with their Learning Goals teacher. A list of these teachers is provided with the appointment sheet and is also available on the [school website](http://www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au). **Please note:** Year 11 and 12 students do not have a Learning Goals teacher.
- Please send your sheet back to the 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).
- The office staff do not have access to teacher appointment sheets. Appointments must be made with the individual teacher before September 18. You will not be able to make appointments with teachers on the day.

END OF TERM 3 FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2.30PM FINISH

Bus Departures

Martyrs, McKenzies and Invicta Buses will commence departure from the school from 2.30pm onwards, with the **exception** of public buses, which will follow their normal timetable.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Tickets for this Friday and Saturday nights performance of The Pirates of Penzance can be purchased on the night at the door.

Tickets Adults \$15 Children \$10

Where School Hall

Time 7.30pm

Miss Metcalfe

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

Saturday 13 September
School Production 7.30pm

Monday 15 September
Year 8 Interschool Sport

Tuesday 16 September
Year 11 Biology Lillydale Lake Excursion
Pd 5 and 6
Theatre Studies Monologue Rehearsal
3-5pm
Variety Night Auditions

Wednesday 17 September
Theatre Appreciation Club Excursion to
Wicked 10.45am-3pm
Year 7 Zoo Excursion

Thursday 18 September
3 Way Conferences

Friday 19 September
Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 6 October
Term 4 starts

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop (Room 53) is open:

- Tuesdays 12.30 pm – 5.00 pm
- Saturdays 9.00 am – 11.30 am

For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417 6888 846.

MONEY BACK FOR SCHOOL EXPENSES

The Federal Government's new \$4.4 billion Education Tax Refund has commenced and will assist with education expenses, offering refunds of up to \$375 per year for each child at primary school and up to \$750 per year for secondary school students.

By keeping receipts, families will be able to claim a 50 per cent refund each year for key education expenses including laptops, home computers and home internet connections, printers, education software, trade tools for use at school, text books and stationery.

For example, \$750 in education expenses can be claimed for each child undertaking primary school studies, with a maximum refund of \$373 per child per year. For students undertaking secondary school studies, \$1500 can be claimed with a maximum refund of \$750 per child per year.

Eligible Education Tax Refund recipients include parents who are entitled to Family Tax Benefit Part A for school-age children and those with school-age children who receive certain payments or allowances such as Youth Allowance, Disability Support Pension and ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

Claims can be made at the end of the financial year. Educational costs in excess of the refund limit can be carried over to the next financial year.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (S.E.A.L.P.)

Australasian Winner

Congratulations to Amy Cain who is in the Level 3, ALP program. Earlier in the year all students had the opportunity to enter the 'Slippery When Wet' Short Story Competition. This competition was open to both student and adult writers across Australia and New Zealand. Back in May, Amy won the internal SEALP competition and launched her story at a literary luncheon which was held in the Library during Education Week. NOW Amy has officially been declared both a "Finalist" and the "Best Student Entry" in the external Australia/New Zealand wide competition. She has been awarded with two certificates and a cheque for \$150 from the competition sponsors; Australia Roadside Services and will soon have her story published commercially. Congratulations Amy.

Science Talent Search

Level 1 students participated in the Science Talent Search activities which involved judging. How excellent.

Mathematics 24 Challenge

Level 1 students are competing at the 24 Challenge at Monash University – we wish them luck.

Participating in the Olympic Games

Stuart Stevenson from the Level 3 ALP class recently returned from China where he played the trumpet as part of the official Olympic Orchestra. Well done Stuart.

Joe Caruana, Head of S.E.A.L.P.

Parent/Teacher/3 Way Conference/Digital Portfolios

Thursday September 18 is drawing close – The Parent/Teacher/3 way Conference Day and Evening. Year 7-10 students, under the guidance of their assigned teacher, are working towards collecting evidence to demonstrate progress regarding their three personalised learning goals. Students have outlined strategies through which they intend to strive towards achieving their learning goals. The evidence they collect can be in electronic or "hard" copy form. Students are now making Parent/Teacher appointments with their teachers.

Interim Reports

Recently, teachers completed Interim Reports across all Year Levels. Year 7-10 teachers used a high/medium/low scale to comment on student: achievement, completion of homework and class work, effort, behaviour and cooperation. VCE teachers used a satisfactory/unsatisfactory scale to comment on student attendance, progress and effort.

Team Teaching/After School Classes

A host of team teaching is continuing, both in traditional class time and in after school sessions. Learning areas including PASE, Mathematics and English are offering these services which are enabling students to engage with the curriculum all the more. After school classes in areas such as English and Further Maths are proving to be quite successful.

Teachers Engaging in Professional Development

The month of August saw teachers attending a plethora of after school Professional Development Seminars, all of which were designed to enhance curriculum delivery. Highlights included professional development seminars in the following areas:

- Film Production as a teaching tool
- CAS calculators for senior mathematics teachers
- Using interactive whiteboards
- Photostory – a program that leads to exciting digital stories which can enhance engagement across the learning areas

School Production, Excursions/Incursions, Activities

Rehearsals for The Pirates of Penzance are culminating in what promises to be an excellent production.

A plethora of excursions/incursions and activities continue to enhance the Curriculum and bolster students' engagement – these included;

- The "Rock the Schools" concert in early August and following workshops which focused on the aspects of the music industry and the technical production side of this. The workshops, hosted by band, Fast Crew, were enthusiastically received.
- The Korean Exchange students, together with some of our students, spent a day at the Aquarium. They also had the opportunity to immerse themselves into the hustle of city life in a major Australian city. Our students gained an appreciation of the importance of language when in a foreign country.
- Year 12 English students attended a theatre production of Bolt's 'A Man For All Seasons' at Nunawading on August 8. This can only assist students achieve the necessary level of analysis for their final examination on October 31.
- Writing Workshops continued with budding authors from all Year Levels, following the successful tutorial with published author, Arnold Zable – an initiative of Laura Barbuto and Valerie Mayer.
- Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge – continues to promote the art of reading.
- The Theatre Appreciation Club, an initiative of Halley Metcalfe, is planning a screening of The Wizard Of Oz, in anticipation of the excursion into the city to see Wicked.
- Miss Addison's Year 11 Psychology class staged on August 20 a Mental Health Expo which was highly successful.

VCE/Middle School Happenings

- Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) interviews for Year 10 and Year 11 students took place on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 August. These one-on-one interviews were aimed at finalising course selection decisions. Participating teachers were trained especially for this task.
- Police Road Safety Talks – hosted by members of Victoria Police – took place in early August for Year 12 students and in late August for Year 11 students. The speakers discussed issues of drink driving, drug driving, speeding/overloading cars.

- Motivational Speaker – Darren Piriera conducted his “Achieve Your best” Seminar on August 22. This was well received by Year 12 students and was an effective follow up from the motivational talk which took place for the VCE students back in Term 1.
- The “Keys Please” Parent and Learner Driver Session for Year 10 students took place on August 13.

As the above points highlight, the curriculum at Lilydale High School is constantly engaging and thriving.

Joe Caruana, Head of Curriculum

ENGLISH

ATTENTION YEAR 7 - 9 STUDENTS BOOKVEMBER IS COMING!

Don't delay or you'll miss the FUN OF THE FAIR.....Book Fair that is! Return your slips and money to the General Office by **17 November** to avoid disappointment. Remember reading is fun!

Janine Sayers, Head of English

HUMANITIES

Staff and students have enjoyed a busy Term 3 in Humanities.

Year 8 Students

Our Year 8 Economics students are currently preparing their entries for the Consumer Stuff Challenge. They are making a product to target young people with a warning about a consumer issue. A common issue students have investigated is mobile phone debt. This is a State wide competition and with many past winners coming from Lilydale High School, we hope to see some great entries.

Year 11 Students

Small Business Market Day was a resounding success. With nearly 100 Year 11 students involved in the activity, it was an enormous achievement by staff and students. Cream pies were thrown at teachers, a jumping castle was available for paying customers and all manner of culinary experiences were on offer. The afternoon ran smoothly and an overall profit was achieved. This profit will go to a charity of the students' choice. Well done to the Year 11 Business Management students and a special thank you to their teachers, Tracey Hope, Sharon Wall, Kristy Mays and Tony Waywood.

Year 10 Students

Our Year 10 History students can look forward to the visit by the Vietnam Veterans Volunteer Education Team on October 10. Every visit offers something new and interesting for our students to take away with them. Informative and insightful, this presentation is essential for our students to understand the human face of war.

Angela Marsden, Head of Humanities

LOTE

French VCE Preparation

On Sunday 31 August, Mrs Hastie accompanied Year 12 VCE French students to the Association of French Teachers in Victoria “Matinée du Français” presentation where the students had the opportunity to listen to VCE examiners explaining what will be expected of them at the oral exams and to watch two students performing a mock oral. They were also given hints about the best way to approach the written exam and the opportunity to try some sample listening activities. The students were each given a practice exam booklet. 1400 French VCE students attended this presentation which indicates the popularity of French in Victorian private and government schools.

VCE Indonesian and French Students

VCE students are urged to use the holiday time to thoroughly revise their vocabulary and if possible to watch suitable any French or Indonesian films and to listen to any French or Indonesian podcasts and broadcasts, to which they have access.

Year 10 Students

Year 10 students should be consolidating their course work and revising vocabulary and grammar in preparation for their up coming exams in Term 4.

Studywiz

Information regarding class work and assignments is now being uploaded to Studywiz. Students and parents are now able to access work sheets and information on Studywiz and email any questions they may have directly to their student's teacher.

LOTE staff look forward to discussing your child's progress during the parent teacher interviews.

Frances Hastie, Head of LOTE

PASE

There have been many successful activities running in PASE and Sport during Term 3. These include:

- VCE Health and Human Development students attended the VHETTA VCE Big Day Out at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre to hear speakers address key topics from Units 3 and 4.
- Many teams in the following sports Netball, Football, Soccer, Badminton, Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis and Squash won their way through to Yarra Group competitions progressing to Eastern Zone.
- The Year 7 Girls Netball team competed at the State Finals last Friday. After a terrific win in the semi-finals, the girls were gallant in defeat going down in the Grand Final in overtime. Great effort Girls; Runners-Up in the State Championships.
- Impressively, the Year 9/10 Boys Netball team won the State Finals making them the State Champions for 2008.
- Twenty-four students from across all Year levels competed at the Eastern Zone Cross Country, with four students qualifying for the State Cross Country Finals at Bundoora Park where Zac Patterson was placed 4th and Josh Patterson 7th. Well done boys.
- The Athletics team were the overall winners at the Yarra Group Competition with many students progressing to Eastern Zone.
- During the Olympics, students in Years 7 to 9 completed the Lilydale High Olympic Challenge during their PASE classes.
- On Monday 1 September, students from Years 7 to 10 contributed towards Australia's Guinness World Record Attempt by participating in 'The Giant Walk'. The aim being to break the world record for the most number of people walking simultaneously for at least 1km.
- Students across all Year levels had the opportunity to participate in the Australian Institute of Sport Talent Identification Program at lunchtimes.
- Two Excellence in Sport Basketball teams participated in the McDonalds Cup Tournament.
- An Indoor Soccer competition for students in Years 9 to 12 was held during Week 9.
- Staff/Student Soccer match with the Year 12 students will be held on the last day of Term 3. Will the teachers make it 3-nil?
- Just a reminder, during PASE classes in Term 4, the wearing of hats is compulsory. Additionally, sunscreen will be provided.

Trent Silk, Head of PASE

CAREERS

Talk and Tour of Latrobe

- Tuesday 23rd September
- 9.30am-12noon
- Book online www.latrobe.edu.au/register
- For further information call 1300 135 045

Zoo Work Experience 2009

A reminder that applications for 2009 Work Experience at Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo close October 10. Late/faxed or posted applications will not be considered. Applications are available on-line at;

- www.zoo.org.au/hr/careers/workexperience/secondary

Applications must be emailed by Mrs Haritonidis or Ms Dowsett to ensure all applications are endorsed by the school as Zoo program dates may be outside school Work Experience dates. Please see Mrs Haritonidis in the Careers Office for further information.

Casual work for 15 + students

Commencing approximately mid November at *Blue Hills Berries and Cherries*, 27 Parker Road, Silvan, working in the 'Packing Sheds' packing raspberries and blackberries. Award wages paid and work hours would probably start at 8.30am. Please contact Lorraine Chapman 9737 9400 or visit www.upickberries.com.au

Hairdressing Course – School Holidays

The final 2 Day Introductory Course in Hairdressing for 2008 will run during the September/October school holidays on the 2nd and 3rd October at Pivot Point, 382 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Cost \$99. This course is beneficial for any student considering a career in Hairdressing.

The course runs for two days from 9am to 5pm and is designed to give students a realistic idea as to what they can expect from a career in the hair and beauty industry. Very practical and hands on, the course will expose students to cutting techniques, colouring, blow-waving/setting as well as covering some basic communication skills.

To make an enquiry or secure a booking please contact Nadia Taylor on 9604 3319 or by email ntaylor@pivot-point.edu.au

Application forms are available from the Careers Office and can be faxed, emailed or posted in. Please note that bookings are not secure until payment has been received.

Box Hill TAFE Fashion Parade

On Monday 6 October (first day Term 4) at lunchtime in the school Hall professional models will wear the creations of students undertaking Fashion Studies at Box Hill Institute. Students interested in Textiles and Fashion should come along to view this free event. Please see the Careers Office for more information.

2009 Sport Education Development Australia and Victorian Rugby Union Sports Development Program

Start your career in Sport and Recreation Industry. Apply online at www.vicrugby.com.au

The Sports Development Program is specifically designed for young people who would like to pursue a career in the Sport and Recreation Industry. The Program is open to both male and females aged 16-19 and students will be selected via application and interview. Selection is not dependent on sports skills.

Further information is available from Marilyn Mahoney on 0409 529 690.

Current Year 10 students interested in a course at Monash University?

For information about the Enhancement Studies Program, please contact Helen O'Keefe on 9903 4810 or via email on

- Helen.Keefe@adm.monash.edu.au

University of Melbourne Extension Program

The University of Melbourne Extension Program provides high achieving Year 12 students the opportunity to study a first-year university subject sequence while still at school.

The Program provides participants with an intellectual challenge, a taste of university life, the potential to receive credit towards a subsequent degree and the opportunity to gain an ENTER increment.

In 2009, students can choose from nineteen subject areas spanning a range of disciplines including: arts and humanities; languages; mathematics and sciences; commerce and music.

Comprehensive information about the Program, including subject information can be found at www.services.unimelb.edu.au/umep

- Applications for Extension Program Music will close earlier than applications for other subjects
- Music applications close on **Friday 31 October 2008**
- All other subjects the closing date is **Friday 7 November 2008**

An **Extension Program Information Evening** will be held on **Wednesday 8 October 2008**. Prospective students and their parents and teachers will have the opportunity to speak with University staff and former Extension Program students about the Program.

If you would like additional information please visit the 'Information for Careers Advisers' section of the Future Students website and follow the link to 'Order or download a publication' www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/visitors/advisers

Please see Mr Caruana or the Careers Office for more information.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

On Wednesday 27 August our Equestrian Team competed at Glenbrae's Dressage Day. Each rider rode two different dressage tests.

Our team members were; Rebecca Caudwell and Jacquie King (Year 8), Taylor Hague (Year 7), Melinda Vainoras (Year 9), Erin Smith and Kassy Clarke (Year 10). Tania Hoare (Year 10) entered also but her horse injured himself before the event.

The level of competition was quite high and several of our riders just missed out on a placing or on a higher placing. Well done to all of the riders.

Results

- Erin equal 4th and equal 6th on her new horse
- Rebecca equal 3rd
- Kassy 5th

Jeanette Kimball

SUB SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 12 September

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Everybody Here Day

'Everybody Here Day' was held on Thursday 11th September. To encourage students to support this attendance initiative, we provided a free lunch in the Student Centre at the beginning of Lunchtime.

The link between academic progress and student attendance at school is well documented and we believe that an event such as this is also a great opportunity for your child to develop the social bonds and friendships required for improved connectedness to the school and its community.

Principal's Awards

The following students were rewarded for their continued efforts at school:

Year 7 Students	Form Group	Received on 20/8/2008
Stacey Gray	7.39	Mathematics
Jordan Thompson	7.39	Science
Ryan Hatfield	7.48	Science
Kelly Gossip	7.55	Art
Steve Peters	7.49	Materials Design
Caitlin Nobes	7.51	English
Luke O'Keefe	7.56	English
Dean Schickerling	7.56	English
Taylah Westwood	7.56	English
Simone Morelli	7.56	English
Bianca Kennedy	7.56	English
Joel Schembri	7.46	History
Shae Muys	7.39	Design
Michael Johannesen	7.37	Science
Nathan Proctor	7.41	Graphics
Eden Burke	7.50	Music
Tyson Bigham	7.52	Art
Ashlee Liddell	7.53	English
Nicole Quilty	7.54	Art
Holly Sawyer	7.57	Science

Up-Coming Events

Year 7 Science Zoo Excursion	17 th September
3 way conferences	18 th September
Last Day of Term 3	19 th September
First day of Term 4	6 th October

Interim Reports

Interim reports were posted home to parents on Monday 1st September. Please use this opportunity to discuss your child's progress with them and encourage him / her to make appointments with their teachers in the next week.

3 Way Conferences

Many parents will be looking forward to making use of this opportunity to meet and discuss the progress of their student with their teachers. The booking sheets have been sent home with your child and parents and guardians are encouraged to allocate a block of time for your child to make appointments with their teachers.

Leadership Camp 2

The second Leadership Camp in Mt Evelyn at Oasis Youth Camp was a most successful event. Many students had the opportunity to develop skills and attributes which will be of value to them as they progress through their years at school.

Education Week

The English and Mathematics Learning Areas combined to organise a special "Games Day" for all Year 7 students. Students spent two periods playing games involving both literacy and numeracy skills. Students also spent some time preparing posters for the day and appeared to be having a lot of fun participating in the Lilydale Learning Centre on Thursday 4 September.

A Quote to Ponder:

"To accomplish great things, we must not only dream, but act."

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.

Hilda Knight, Lucy Ford, Adam Sherwin and Brent Houghton
Year 7 Coordinators

Michael Schultz, Angela Louis,
Jonathan Reedyke and Darren Strachan
Year 8 Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Semester 2, Interim Reports

Parents/Guardians will have received in the post an Interim Report for Semester 2. Please use this opportunity to discuss your child's report with them and encourage him / her to make parent/teacher interviews with their teachers to be held next Thursday, 18 September.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

- Thursday 18 September, 2008

To arrange parent/teacher interviews, students need to approach their class teachers and organize a meeting time on the appointment sheet. (Teachers will set aside some time for the making of appointments in class).

Students are only required to attend on the day with their parents/guardians to enable them to participate in the 3 way conferences. **There are no timetabled classes on this day.**

Year 9 and 10 students should make a double booking with their Learning Goals teacher. A list of these teachers was provided with the handout and is also available on the school website.

Student Materials

Year 9 and 10 students are reminded that class texts, materials and planners need to be taken to each class. Lack of preparation with regard to this makes it hard to achieve success in class.

Attendance

Students are expected to regularly attend school as per Education Department policy. There is a direct link between students' school attendance and their level of school achievement. Parents/Guardians are asked to ensure their son/daughter attends every school day. The school is required to monitor student attendance including receiving explanation notes from parents/guardians for student absence and lateness.

If parents/guardians have any concerns regarding student attendance please contact the school and speak to a Year 9 or 10 Coordinator.

Absences

Parents/guardians are asked to ring the Middle School Absence Line between **8.30am** and **9.30am** when a student is **absent from school** and advise the student name, form group and reason for absence (illness, holiday, family reasons etc).

The school should also be advised if a student is expected to be absent for more than two days.

After School Detentions

A reminder, Coordinators 'After school' detentions are held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Principal detentions are on Tuesdays afternoons.

Year 9 Camp Queensland Camp

- Sunday 26 October to Friday 31 October

A reminder, the **Confidential Medical Form** must be returned to the Middle School Office by **Monday 15 September**.

Year 10 Formal

The Year 10 Formal was held on Friday 5 September at the Lilydale International. The evening went very well and the students were extremely well behaved and had a wonderful time. The event could not be a success without the continuing support of Leon Bishop, Wendy Powson, Johanna Walker and Scott Tully and the teaching staff who attended the function. Thank you to all who attended and to form teachers who handed out forms and provided up-dated information to the students.

Year 9 and 10 Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

Up-Coming Events

3-Way Conferences

Thursday 18th September

End of Term 3

Friday 19th September

Year 12 English Practise Exam

Tuesday 7th October Periods 1 to 4 (classes as normal Periods 5 & 6)

Year 12 Last Day of Classes

Tuesday 21st October

Year 12 Festivities Day

Wednesday 22nd October

Year 11 Last Day of Classes

Friday 31st October

Year 12 VCAA Exams

Friday 31st November – Thursday 20th November

Cup Day

Tuesday 4th November

Year 11 Exams

Friday 7th November – Wednesday 12th November

Year 11 Presentation Night

Wednesday 26th November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Tuesday 16th December

VCAA Exams

With only SIX 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 revising 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 2008 VCAA exam timetable and past exam papers, on the VCAA website

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

Official VCAA exam timetables have been distributed to all students undertaking a Unit 3/4 study. It is imperative that students carefully check their timetable and are well aware of their exam dates, times and locations.

Student Attendance

In the lead up to the end of the school year and exams, it is vital that students are attending all classes and form assembly. Students receive many important messages and copious amounts of information during form assembly, making their presence essential.

Student details

Last week all VCE students received a personal detail sheet, during form assembly, and were instructed to check their details meticulously for any discrepancies. Any student, who believes that their personal details are inaccurate, needs to come to the VCE office to have them changed. This includes; if you have recently moved house or are planning to move before the exams.

Assistance

This time of year can be very challenging for our VCE students, but it is important that the students realise that there is always help available to them. If students feel that they may require extra assistance, we encourage them to talk to their classroom teacher or come to the VCE Coordinators Office and discuss any issues they are experiencing with us. Also, as part of our Club 40 program, many teachers will be offering extra classes at lunchtime and afterschool, and students are encouraged to attend as many of these classes as possible.

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, as they managed to raise well over \$1500 for 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 loaned to another family so that they may complete the same process.

Everyone involved should be truly proud of their effort.

VCE Coordinators