College Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, I am currently away from duty, having undertaken minor surgery, and assuming my recovery is as expected will be back on deck in a few weeks' time. I write this report from home, but in my absence, Campus Principals Robyn Dew and Greg Cowan, as well as Business Manager Jane Kuipers, will take the helm and have been doing so successfully for over a week now. I continue to be directly and regularly liaising with them throughout this time and I thank them for their efforts and support.

School Review

As indicated in earlier newsletters, the College is undertaking the major cyclic review process that occurs at all schools at the end of their Strategic Planning period. The Department has appointed a team of Reviewers who work in conjunction with the Principal Team to analyse the school’s recent performance and help set priorities for the future. The first two days of ‘Fieldwork’ have now been undertaken across the college, with a day spent at each campus. The Fieldwork involved a detailed and comprehensive schedule of interviews with many members of the school community, as well as walk-throughs of classrooms and grounds. The final two days will be occurring in November, after which the Reviewers will prepare a presentation, including recommendations, for the college. Reports back so far have been very positive from those involved and I look forward to personally participating in the next round of meetings.
Year 12 VCE/VCAL

Our Year 12 students are now entering the period where they complete their formal secondary education and undertake their final assessments. A number of celebratory activities are being undertaken this week at the Mooroolbark Campus and later this term we will have an opportunity to formally acknowledge the excellent efforts and achievements of these students at our College Awards Night and Valedictory Evening. As well as this, our VCAL students will also be acknowledged at the atEAST VCAL Awards evening. I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on their efforts so far and wish them all the best during these next crucial weeks.

Good Luck!

BYOD (Years 10-12) 2016

Finally, I would like to confirm for parents and students entering Year 10 for 2016 that we are running a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program across the senior year levels (Years 10-12). iPads, while an important tool for our junior students, will no longer be able to adequately cover the increasing educational and computing needs for years 10-12 studies. The College BYOD Program provides parents with the option of accessing a selection of devices at differing price points that have been proven to be suitable and compatible with the school’s needs and network. This is made available through an online portal at JB Education and login details will soon be forwarded to parents/students. For those families that might already have a suitable computer available, or wish to purchase another alternative, guidelines as to the minimum specifications required will also be made available. The devices purchased through the BYOD Program will be pre-loaded with an extensive suite of educational software and will be guaranteed to connect automatically to the school’s wireless network, as well as college printers. This can’t be guaranteed for alternative devices, and printing will not be available, but our technicians will attempt to ensure Wi-Fi access and other compatibility is provided where possible.

Additionally, any current Year 10 or 11 student who no longer has a suitable device, or wishes to upgrade or replace their current device, will also be able to access this portal to arrange an appropriate purchase.

The BYOD Portal also provides a number of payment and delivery alternatives, to suit each family’s budget and circumstances. For further information on the 2016 BYOD Program, please contact our Director of Teaching & Learning – Robert Forbes.

Darren Trippett
College Principal

From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

It is hard to believe that we are now in week 3 already of term 4! It would seem from recent weather that summer has arrived and we missed out on spring.

As always at the Mooroolbark Campus, there has been lots of activity both within and outside of the classroom.

Year 12 Master Classes

The first week of term 4, including the weekend, saw the final sessions of the Masterclasses held in the Lilydale Heights Performing Arts Centre. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the school to thank the organisers and teaching staff for the running of the Year 12 Masterclasses within our Yarra Valley network. It was fantastic to see many of our Year 12 students taking up the opportunity to hear from some of the leading teachers and academics in the different study areas give guidance and advice to our local students. I certainly hope those that attended from Yarra Hills got a lot out of it and feel that little more prepared for the upcoming exams.

VCAL Amazing Race

On Tuesday October 13, all our Year 12 and 11 VCAL students took part in an ‘Amazing Race’ activity in the Melbourne CBD. The day was organised by the Senior (Year 12) VCAL students, with a range of activities to do across the city. The activity was planned and trialed by the Year 12s over the last month or so for the Year 11 classes to undertake. The activity formed part of the final assessment and outcomes for our VCAL students. From all accounts it was a great day and the students really enjoyed it.
Aerial Photograph of the School

Monday week ago, we took a photograph of the school and all the students for our upcoming college magazine. I would like to thank Ben Callaghan for taking the photo using his ‘drone’ technology.

Year 12 final days

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 12 students as they finished their final classes of Secondary School at Yarra Hills on Tuesday October 20. We had a final assembly as a Campus on Monday afternoon, wishing them all the best and congratulating them on their achievements.

On Tuesday, Carnival Day, students got to celebrate with staff on their last official school day. A Mr Whippy van was here, as well as pizzas and fairy floss were provided. Students got uniforms signed as a memento. I hope they have some time to reflect on their time at the college, and that for the most part it has been a positive one. I would also like to thank parents and families as well as the teaching staff throughout their time at the college for their support of the students. You should all be congratulated.

I would like to make particular mention of the work of Karen Phillips, Carolyn Bryant, Debbie Deriboklou and Cathy Ferguson who have done so much work for the Year 12s this year. They have provided much support and guidance.

For the VCAL students, all the very best as you pursue your career/vocations, apprenticeships and further training. For our VCE students, the school wishes them all the best for their upcoming exams.

We as a school look forward to the upcoming Valedictory to formally celebrate with students and families, their time at the college.

Recently, some members of our school community have expressed concern about the school’s move to the use of electronic communications to parents and carers via the Compass Parent Portal and email. We do see the use of electronic communications as both cheaper, environmentally friendly and immediate for families and students. We want to actively encourage that where possible.

If there is anyone who has concerns or issues with access to communication, please contact the office at either campus so we can help.

Alternatively, the school can provide advice and if needed access to our Compass Parent Portal and school website to access communication at the college campuses.

Sport

Well done to the 15 students who attended the Eastern Zone Athletics from the Mooroolbark Campus. As has been the trend for much of the year in team and individual sport we had some great results in many of the age groups. There were lots of placings including: 3 First Placings. You can read more about individual results in Mr McAllister’s Sports Report.

Farm School

We have been fortunate enough to be able to have students along to the Woori Yallock Farm School for Term 4 on Fridays. Last term a group of our Year 9 students attended. This time 8 of our Year 7 & 8 boys are attending. They will be doing a number of different activities, culminating in the design and planting of an indigenous garden at the Mooroolbark Campus.

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

This week we started holding year level assemblies for every year level. We have spoken to students about the importance of maintaining their endeavour at this stage of the year. Sometime students can see the end of the year and start to lose focus and motivation. It is so important that students do not lose momentum as the pressure is on to complete the last of their work before the final reports. I am sure the term will fly and we want to ensure all students are in the best position at the end of the year in preparation for the next year level. As parents it is essential that students are monitored and encouraged to support them in this final term. I also encourage parents to contact any staff if they have concerns regarding their child’s subject.

Transition

Term 4 is traditionally the time for transition for our new incoming year 7’s. Jayne Lauder has been very busy visiting all our new students who are very excited about the next phase in their life. The visits have been going very well and many preparations are in place for their arrival later in the year.

College Concert

Last term we were treated a wonderful college concert by our Yarra Hills school bands. It was held at the Mooroolbark Community Centre and included all three bands; the senior concert band, the intermediate band and the junior band. They played an array of tunes throughout the night and it highlighted with solo performances and ensembles. At one point, all three bands came together to perform and it just magic. The standard of music produced from these bands was impressive. Nathan O’Rourke (Music Captain) conducted the junior band who played so well for their first public performance. Throughout the night a Scottish pipe band performed which was just breathtaking to hear the bagpipes. It was fantastic! To the instrumental staff who teach, guide and support these students throughout their lessons - thank you! Thanks to Cathy Bruce for her guidance of the Intermediate Band. Thanks must also go to Rachael McLeod as class room teacher for many of our students. This is often the first place where students are introduced to music. Thank you also to Richard O’Toole as Music Director who also has guided these bands from their beginning to the very polished band they are today. Last but not least thanks to the music students through all the practice and extra classes they attend to perform in the manner they did. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance and I was so proud of our students. It seems every year, they just get better and better. I can’t wait for next year!

Postie Bike Challenge takes off this week

Our Advance students have been preparing for this amazing event to raise funds for Bridge Builders. There are many involved who will be riding to Sydney and back on a postie bike. Five of our Advance students will be joining them as a support crew. There has been a huge amount of effort in the preparation of this event. I wish them all the best for the postie bike challenge.
Devonshire Tea
This week our year 7 Foods classes put on Devonshire Tea for parents and friends. Our staff took advantage of this to enjoy some Devonshire Tea. Students from each class made the scones, coffee and tea then served them to their guests. I went down to enjoy these delights and I must say the service was fantastic! I had the perfect cup of coffee with some delicious scones with jam and cream. Well done year 7 on your efforts for Devonshire Tea; it was great!

Mt Evelyn Street Party
On Saturday October 24, Mt Evelyn are holding their annual Street party and this year’s theme is ‘Memories are made of this’. So it will a 50's theme. Yarra Hills Secondary College will have a stall there with students and staff handing out balloons and letting people know about our school. The senior concert band will also be performing on the day, so I encourage everyone to come along and say hello to us at the stall.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

Year 7 Boys Eastern Metropolitan Regional Table Tennis Final
A huge congratulations to our Mooroolbark campus Year 7 Boys Table Tennis team who competed in the Eastern Metropolitan finals on Friday 16 October. The boys had to play against three other schools in their pool. They lost their first match to Highvale Secondary College, their second match to Forest Hill College and won their third match against Wantirna College. The boys all played so well and improved greatly from the start of the day to the end!!

Well done Ashton Jenkins, Bawi Sang, Ceuhlei Sang, Van Uk Lian and Van Ceu Tha.

Virginia Stacey
Dear Parents/Students,

The College is reopening the portal for the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2016 program for years 10 -12 students. We urge parents of students who do not currently have a device to take advantage of this option as the use of a device has become part of the modern learning environment. This program involves the endorsement of a small selection of devices, at various price points, which we have tested to be compatible with the school network. These devices will be available at school rates from a third party provider, with hardware support, device support, educational software and warranties provided. Insurance and finance will also be available options. As well as this, support is likely to be available for a number of other personal devices, subject to minimum specifications* for screen size, CPU, platform and operating systems. We cannot however guarantee compatibility of these other devices with all network functions and parents may need to purchase any required educational software independently. iPads will NOT be a suitable option at any senior year levels due to processing limitations.

*Please do not make any alternative purchases for student use without having reviewed our minimum specifications on the College website

Models selected: (specifications may change subject to model release/availability)

ENTRY-LEVEL       Lenovo ThinkPad 11e Laptop
MID-RANGE         Lenovo ThinkPad X250 Laptop
HIGH-END           Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga 260 Convertible Ultrabook

PORTAL DETAILS

The online purchase portal will open on Monday October 26 with anticipated delivery dates of Dec 14 -16, early Feb 2016 and late Feb 2016. Updated delivery and order cut off dates will be advised on the College website over the next few weeks.


Parent Login/School Code:   yhsc2016

BYOD Portal Purchased Device - Software List

When a device is purchased from the JB Education portal as part of the YHSC BYOD 2016 program the device will be 'imaged' with the eduSTAR V5 Windows 8.1 64Bit image. This image will have some customisations to suit the school and includes a comprehensive list of software. The software list is designed to meet student requirements across all subjects.

For any families that chose not to purchase a recommended device we would ask that they make an effort over the Christmas break to load software to suit their son/daughter's subject choices from the software list, available on the College website. Any updates to the BYOD 2016 program will also be made on the College website www.yarrahills.vic.edu.au/curriculum/ict/

Further queries can be made by emailing ictsupport@yarrahills.vic.edu.au.

COLLEGE CONCERT RECORDING

DVDs of this year’s College Concert are now available for purchase at just $15 each!

Place your $15 in an envelope, with the student’s name and ‘Concert DVD’ marked clearly on the front, and hand in to the General Office.

Croydon Junior Football Club
Registration Day

WHEN: Sunday 8th November
TIME: 10am—12 noon
WHERE: Barambong Reserve
Bambra Street, Croydon

Meet the coaches!
Merchandise for sale
Prizes & giveaways
Sausage Sizzle!

For more information on blocks 3-10 please contact Registrar
Address: 24030 240 300
CroydonJC@erfh.org.au
Eastern Zone Athletics

On Friday 9 October, 14 Yarra Hills students competed in the Eastern Zone Athletics Carnival at the Knox Athletics Track.

Overall we had some very pleasing results in each of the age group events, with 3 first placings, 4 seconds and 4 thirds on the day. All of the students competed to the best of their ability and they tried their hardest to achieve a personal best result. Congratulations to Jacob Gerrard who came 1st in the Long Jump with a jump of 6.12 metres and Erin Holdway who won both the Girls Discus and Shotput. Erin also came 2nd in the Girls Javelin. Both Erin and Jacob will now compete in the State Athletics Finals. Keep training! We wish you well.

Murray McAllister
KILSYTH CRICKET CLUB
JUNIOR & SENIOR PLAYERS WELCOME

COME AND JOIN THE REDBACKS

Juniors Wanted
For all age groups (U10, U12, U14 & U16)
U10 & U12 Play Friday Evenings
U14 & U16 Play Saturday Mornings

Milo ‘In2Cricket’ Participants Wanted
Boys & Girls aged 5 to 8
For all Junior and Milo Enquiries contact Junior Co-ordinator:
Les Hutchings on 9728 4097 or 0402 607 743

Seniors and Veterans (Over 40) Wanted
Training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Pinks Reserve during the season. For more information contact:
Club Secretary, Tyron Paspa: 0411 260 609

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Lilydale West Primary School

Spring Fete

Saturday, October 24th
11am - 4pm
Bowen Rd, Lilydale

Roving Entertainment  Market Stalls  Rides
Animal Farm  Popcorn  BBQ
Cake Stall  Second Hand Books  Performances
Entertainment  Fairy Floss  Show Bags
And much, much more...

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Managing Meltdowns

An Autism presentation and question/answer forum with author, lecturer and Autism consultant

Donna Williams BA Hons, Dip Ed

7.00—9.00 p.m. Thursday November 12th 2015
at Seville Primary School

Born in 1963, Donna had profound speech and language difficulties in childhood and was diagnosed with Autism in her late 20’s.

Donna gained post graduate qualifications as a social worker and teacher, became the author of ten books in the field of Autism, is an artist, musician and International public speaker.

Donna’s passion for her Autism topics dominate the whole room leaving you wanting more.

VENUE: Seville Primary School 659 Wantirna Highway Seville 3139
BOOKINGS: PH 03 9764 9187  Email info@sevillebroomhouse.org.au
COST: $5  PLEASE NOTE Books will also be available to purchase—cash only
MORE INFO: www.donnawilliams.net
That Sugar Film
An Olinda man’s journey in exposing the added sugars in our food. See how to reduce your sugar intake.

Community Screening in Mt Evelyn
Tuesday 27th October 2015
10.45 am – 12.25 pm (approx. 97 minutes)

Mt Evelyn Christian Reformed Church
(next door to RSL Hall)
45-47 Birmingham Road, Mt Evelyn

Entry: Gold Coin Donation
Please be seated at 10.35 am

Parking: Rear of RSL Hall & Church

Sponsored by Rosemont T.O.W.N. Club
(Take Off Weight Naturally)
Inquiries: Joan Tel 9737 0397

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Yarra Ranges Athletics
Invites you to dust off the shoulder pads, mullets and leg warmers to part-ay at the

“I love 80s

“Totally grose Trivia night”
Saturday 7th November 2015 at 7pm.
Yarra Hills Secondary School, Burdap Drive, Mt Evelyn
Tickets $20 or $15 with a prize donation
BYO drinks & nibbles
Yarra Ranges Athletics is raising money for an awesome PA system at the track – please support our 80s trivia night to help raise funds to the max!!!
Visit events@yarrarangesathletics.org.au or Facebook

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Montrose Junior Football Club
2016 Registration Day
BOYS - U8 through to U17
GIRLS - U12, U15 & U18

Sunday 8th November 2015
10am till 12 noon
Montrose Recreation Reserve
Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Montrose

Come and meet your coaches, the committee and your team players.

Come to the registration day to secure your place on the team or go to our www.montrosefc.org.au for more information or email montrose.juniors@gmail.com.

We pride ourselves on ensuring a fun, safe and friendly environment for both children & parents. We continually strive to live by our motto “One Club” and grow team spirit, respectful young men and women and true sportsmanship.