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College Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As most students return to school following a long weekend with the Curriculum Day and Cup Day break, I should point out that it is well into exam period for our Year 12s. VCE exams started across the state last week with around 40,000 students sitting the English exam. We wish all of our Year 12s the best of luck over the next few weeks as they make their way through all of their final assessments. I look forward to catching up with the students and their families at our upcoming Valedictory Evening and College Awards Night.

Lilydale Swinburne Site and Tech School

It was widely publicised recently that Box Hill Institute (in conjunction with some other partners) has been the successful bidder to reopen the old Swinburne site in Lilydale. The Andrews government committed to reopening this site and providing greater access to tertiary studies for students in the Yarra Ranges. As well as the tertiary component, Box Hill Institute will be opening a ‘Tech School’ centre on site also. I’d like to point out to parents that the term Tech School is somewhat misleading to many in the community, mostly due to our own historical experience in the area of Tech Schools and High Schools running side by side for secondary students. There will not be any student enrolled at the Tech School, rather it will be a regional ‘centre for technology/excellence’, that will be available for access and use by all secondary students in the district. I have been heavily involved in a working party over the last eighteen months that has led the development of guidelines that the successful bidder (BHI) has needed to meet in order to provide a meaningful and beneficial experience for our students and others. I look forward now to continuing to have input into what should be a very exciting resource for our students.
College Events

A number of other key events have also taken place in the last two weeks, and will be reported in detail in the following pages. In summary, they are:

- The ‘Write-a-thon’ was held overnight on Thursday 22-Friday 23 October, with participants spending extended periods working on developing skills and strategies to enhance creative writing abilities.
- Yarra Hills Secondary College again participated in the biennial Mt Evelyn Street Party, hosting a stall with a variety of activities and information for the local community.
- Our Year 7 students performed in Music In The Round at the Mooroolbark Campus Performing Arts Centre.
- Many Year 8 students took part in a special Science experience at the Victorian Space Science Education Centre.

I’d like to take this opportunity to personally thank the many staff involved in planning and participating in these events, as well as congratulating those students involved. I believe that it is the depth and breadth of opportunities that we provide to our students that sets us apart from other schools and allows all of our students to find their own ‘path to success’. Well done!

Darren Trippett
College Principal

From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

I hope that all families had a relaxing Cup Day holiday, and the students got to enjoy the longer weekend.

On Monday the college undertook a Professional Development Day, hence the pupil free day. It was great day for staff with sessions from a Regional Koorie Education Support Officer, Emma Olofsson-Liver, our Integration and support staff, and our curriculum leaders leading us in a session on continuing to build our Learning Intentions model for our classrooms.

Our year 12 students have now begun their final exams. It has been heartening over the last weeks of their schooling, and during their SWOTVAC/Revision time to see students using the resources here at school, catching up with their teachers, and undertaking practice exams. It shows a real commitment to their studies and doing the best they can. I hope the results are just reward for student’s efforts overall.

For the rest of our students, the final weeks are upon us. Students have the opportunity over the remaining weeks of class to make sure they are doing their very best, are up-to-date with work, and prepare well for their exams:

- Year 11 exams begin in the week of 9 November
- Year 9 and 10 students in the week starting the 23 November
- Year 7 and 8 students complete their English and Maths Exams starting November 18.

It is important that students prepare really well, and that they are provided with a good study space at home.

I was fortunate enough, along with some of our year 9 and 10 students from both campuses to attend the announcement of the re-opening of the old Swinburne University site on Monday 19 October. The Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews, the Minster for Education James Merlino and a number of other local politicians and dignitaries were in attendance. Our students, along with other students from the Yarra Ranges network were present. As I am sure you are aware, the Premier announced that Box Hill TAFE will be taking over the site, partnering with William Angliss, Deakin University and other providers. They have grand plans for a world class facility that will be available for the students in the outer east. It was also announced that it would be the location of the new Tech School. We look forward to our students being able to use this facility to the full as it starts opening it’s doors again in 2016.
Whilst we have had a number of in and out of school activities over the last two weeks that are too numerous to mention, I would like to highlight just a few:

**Morning Tea with Year 7 Families**

It was great to see our parents join their children for a Morning Tea on the wet Wednesday morning of October 21. The students thoroughly enjoyed showing off their cooking and hospitality skills. Thanks to the Foods staff, led by Karen Phillips, who organised this for her class.

**Rock Incursion**

On Wednesday 21 October we were lucky enough to have 2 staff from the Victorian Space Science Education Centre lead our Year 8 students through a great activity on rocks and geological and space sciences. Whilst I wasn't able to see them in action, I hear from science staff that students really enjoyed the day.

**Our VCE Drama students 'Going Solo'**

A few weeks ago our VCE students did their solo performances as their final assessment. The students did this with VCE students from Mt Evelyn Christian school. Students needed to come up with their own interpretation of a story and play several parts of that story using a prop. The stories were so creative and mesmerizing and the performances impressive. We are so proud of their effort and it was a real credit to our students.

**Write-a-thon**

Some of our brave English staff joined 70 or so eager writers here at the Mooroolbark Campus for the annual Write-a-thon from Thursday 22 – Friday 23 November. It was fantastic to see so many eager students involved in writing across the 24 hours as they stayed overnight in our Performing Arts Centre. There were certainly some weary students and staff on the Friday! A big thank you to Cayt Mirra and the English team for all their hard work.

Greg Cowan  
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful long weekend and with the weather improving, summer is on its way!

Another successful Write-a-thon

On Thursday October 22, nearly 90 students across both campuses from years 7-9, joined forces for the annual Write-a-thon. With everyone armed with sleeping attire, they were ready for 24 hours of solid writing. There were many workshops offered to students to extend their thinking and explore many different writing genres. When I called in to see them late Thursday night, it was fantastic to see students gathered together, sharing ideas and learning from each other. They were so excited by the event and it was a great activity to bond the students from both campuses. Congratulations to all students involved in this event for lasting the distance and thank you to Cayt Mirra and the staff who organised and stayed with the students throughout the two days. I’m looking forward to seeing their writing pieces.

Mt Evelyn Street Party was a hit!

On Saturday October 24 saw Main Street in Mt Evelyn closed down for a party. The weather was fantastic and the theme this year was the Memories are made of this, from the fifties so many were dressed accordingly. There were many stalls and activities to appeal to all families. We also had a stall to meet many of the community and showcase our school. It gave us the opportunity to have valuable conversations with the community. It was also a chance to catch up with students from the past. The Mayor of Yarra Ranges and Tom O’Meara called in to say hello. We had face painting and of course Leroy our lizard was a huge hit with the children, all eager to hold him. The senior concert band performed in very picturesque conditions and were enjoyed by so many; they were fantastic as always. In speaking to members of the community, they were so impressed by their performance. Overall it was a great day.

Music in the Round….part 2

Earlier in the year our musicians did their solo performances for family and friends. It is always a nerve racking exercise but certainly something that is well enjoyed. This time it was our year 7’s turn to do their first solo performance. It was clear there were plenty of nerves but with the experience they have now had, it was certainly a great night. All students were professional in their approach and their performance was impressive. What was also exciting was the range of instruments students played from voice, clarinet, flute, piano, french horn, saxophone and a euphonium. Congratulations year 7’s, it was a very enjoyable performance! Thank you to the instrumental and class room teachers who assisted our students to become the performers they are. Thank you also to Richard O’Toole for hosting this event.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
Science is Rockin!

On Friday 23rd of October, our year 8 students experienced a whole new world of rocks thanks to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC). After plenty of hammering, discovering and microscoping, our students could clearly identify the difference between the igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. Students enjoyed identifying various minerals from their hardness, lustre, cleavage, colour and fracture. This incursion was highly valuable as it directly supported our year 8 science course and in particular, the common assessment task. Many students were even able to keep samples from the collection to help with their assessment. It was great to see the students engaging so enthusiastically throughout the program.

Sandra Lombardi, Chantelle Mitchell and Chris Shimmen

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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 December 14 -16, early February 2016 and late February 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/elearning-ict/

Further queries can be made by emailing ictsupport@yarrahills.vic.edu.au
**Postie Bike Ride**

Recently, representatives from Bridge Builders Youth Organisation rode postie bikes up the east coast from Lilydale to Sydney and back again. Their aim was to deliver a message of hope and encourage struggling young people and their families. Five students from the ME Advance class helped support the riders on their 5 day trek.

"It certainly was an adventure! The students were totally amazing, and so helpful everywhere we went. They did such a fantastic job, collecting money, talking about Bridge Builders and the Advance class, helping the riders etc. They were pretty tired at the end, I think we exhausted them!" - Bec Mitchell

"Day 5! We are tired and sore and it's raining, at times life can feel like it's too hard to continue. Today as we bring the team home we ride in for all the youth that need someone to come alongside them and journey through this life with them... - Susan (support crew)

"Just wow... it has been a truly amazing couple of days from challenges to triumph... The way everyone pulled together when things went wrong, the way people supported each other when others were struggling was really beautiful to see...! Thanks guys for all being amazing, we smashed it!!" - Naomi (rider)

**Year 9 Boys Finish a Gallant 4th at Eastern Zone Table Tennis**

On Wednesday October 28 our year 9 table tennis team competed in the intermediate year 9&10 competitions at the Kilsyth Stadium.

In their first up match against Highvale Secondary College they had a number of close games but could not manage any overall victories going down 0-6. The next round of matches saw them have a victory over Heathmont College 5 games to 1. They then played against Wantirna and won by the narrowest of margins 4 games to 2.

The team were placed against Doncaster East in the Semi Finals and once again despite a number of close games went down 5 games to 1.

Overall the team finished 4th for the day, but this was a great result considering many teams had a full squad of Year 10 students and also had many who play on a weekly basis in domestic competitions.

Murray McAllister
Yarra Hills Community art Show 2015

Following on from Robyn Dew’s article about our recent school and community art show, I would also like to thank all the Yarra Hills SC students for their wonderful artworks and the staff, who worked tirelessly to make the art show happen. The opening night was made very special with the local MPs who attended, and the beautiful music played by our talented music students. We also enjoyed the food served by our technology students.

Thanks also to the Rotary Club of Lilydale for their support and hands on work setting up the exhibition space and assisting with the sale of community artist’s works throughout the duration of the exhibition.

As we were able to gain increasing sponsorship this year, numerous prizes were awarded for the school and community sections of the Art Show.

The following students received prizes:

- Year 12 Art Award: Trystyl Styles
- Year 11 Art Award: Anneliese Webber
- Middle School Art Award: Calleen Taylor
- Junior School Art Award: Nikita Govett

The following Community artists received awards:

- Traditional Art Show Award: Denise Smith
- Contemporary Art Show Award: Ali Griffin
- Principal’s Art Show Award: Cara Robinson
- Best in Show Art Award: Amanda Ruck

I would like to thank Robyn Dew for allowing the art department to showcase our student’s work and that of local community artists at the Mount Evelyn campus. We look forward to growing the show in 2016, and we have already started planning for an even bigger Community Art Show in September next year! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Katya Barnes
Visual Arts & Technology Coordinator

Year 10 Driver Education

Students recently completed their ‘Driver Instruction’ sessions at the METEC driving complex in Colchester Road, where they learnt how to drive manual vehicles and to develop their ‘on road’ driving skills.

Most of the students started out with low rated driving standards during the first week, as for many it was their first experience at driving. The driving ability and skill awareness improved in each of the students during the second week, where they were able to obtain greater confidence in handling their vehicles and they were successfully obtaining higher results for their driving skills. Well done!

Murray McAllister
It was great to see so many of our Year 7 music students present a solo, at Music in the Round last week. With just six months of music lessons so far, the young musicians performed very well and entertained the audience with such a diverse program of music.

Various musical instruments were represented, with music such as Hawaii Five-O, London Bridge, John Lennon’s Imagine, Jingle Bells and The Flintstones performed by our talented Year 7 musicians. Congratulations to all those students who performed!

Richard O’Toole
Instrumental Music Director
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.montrosecf.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.

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SunSmart eNews

Cloudy? Overcast? UV is still high!

UV in Victoria has already climbed to dangerous levels, putting staff and students at risk of skin damage and ultimately skin cancer. From September, sun protection is required during the daily sun protection times - regardless of weather conditions or temperature. Check out the free SunSmart app for smartphone or tablet devices to find out the times of day when you do and don’t need to use sun protection.

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Yarra Hills Community

artShow

9-11 September 2016

Submissions and enquiries from community artists welcome

More information on the YHSC website

Yarra Hills Secondary College
9736 3650 or 98398800

Artwork by Cara Robinson

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Understanding and Supporting Children with Anxiety

Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Health Workers (and anyone else interested) are invited to an evening with Jules Haddock

This is a Community Event - Everyone welcome!

Thursday November 19th, 2015
Matthew Flinders Hotel
667 Warrigal Rd, Chadstone
Invites you to dust off the shoulder pads, mullets and leg warmers to part-ay at the

“Totally grousie Trivia night”
Saturday 7th November 2015 at 7pm.
Yarra Hills Secondary School, Burdapi
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

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:
Lee Hutchings on 9728 4097 or 0402 607 743

Seniors and Veterans (Over 40) Wanted
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Club Secretary, Tyrone Paspa: 0411 260 609

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Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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(5th Oct - 29th Apr 2016)
Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm