From the College Principal

Dear Parents/Students,

Term one has been incredibly productive and ‘action packed’ for Yarra Hills’ students, staff and families. Despite it being a slightly shorter term than normal, we have managed to cram all of the usual activities and experiences into this shorter time frame. Recent newsletters have reported on a large array of academic, sporting, musical, outdoor education and performing arts events, as well as camps that have taken place. On top of this, we have held parent information sessions, expos and a selection of community events!

I’d like to again thank all members of the college community for supporting and participating in these events.

School Council Elections

After the recent ballot for positions on this year’s school council, I’d like to announce the following members of the 2016 Yarra Hills Secondary College School Council:

**Executive Officer**
Darren Trippett (College Principal)

**Parent members**
- Kevin Rolston (President)
- Damien Key
- Simone Knott
- Lisa Mc Ilfatrick (new)
- Jenny De Witte (new)
- Craig Munns (new)

**Community members**
- Vicki Harrison
- Ros Teoh (Vice President)
- Liz Carter
- Vin Squires (Treasurer)

**DET members**
- Matt Sheaves
- Robyn Johnston
- Sharon Phillips (new)
- Christina Shaw (new)
As I write this, term one is almost complete, with our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews being held today. We hope all parents have had an opportunity to meet with their child’s teachers and review their progress.

Parent Communication with Teachers and Year Level Coordinators

In recent weeks we have had some parents coming to the office wishing to speak with individual teachers and year level coordinators. Whilst it is very important to us that we meet with you to resolve any concerns and be able to discuss your child’s progress, this is not always possible when you come to the office without notice. Often teachers will be taking classes or have other activities scheduled. We do ask that you email a teacher directly to leave a message or ring the general office. The year level coordinator or teacher will then make contact with you and make an appropriate mutual time to see you. The last 2 weeks of term have been very busy, with a range of co-curricular activities.

Year 10 Careers Excursion

On Wednesday March 9 year 10 students from both campuses visited Box Hill Institute at the Elgar Road Campus. Students were able to gain some insight into careers and pathways offered at Box Hill. They played the Box Hill Box and were able to gauge their interest areas and what career paths would suit them. Students then went on a tour of the facility showcasing the various courses offered at Box Hill. They were given and opportunity to ask questions about their particular career path. The students were great ambassadors for the school.
Year 7 Camp

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the year 7 Camp at the Lord Somers Camp, (in Somers of course) on their first day, Wednesday March 16. A very excited bunch of year 7s came down on the bus from both campuses, and after an orientation session and lunch, got straight into activities. I brought down 4 of the year 10 Captains, and they joined in with the students, taking part in a range of beach and team building activities. It was fantastic to see the students so enthusiastic and students from both campuses getting along. Stand-up paddle-boarding, and kayaking were definitely the favourite events of the day. Whilst the last day was a ‘wash-out’ with the wet weather, the staff commended all the students on a great 3-day camp. Well done to all the staff who both organised and ran the camp!

Mooroolbark Festival

On Saturday March 19, Yarra Hills had a marquee at the annual Mooroolbark Festival. Whilst the numbers were down with the cold and wet weather, we had an enthusiastic bunch of students and staff helping out. We had the snakes out, running a photo-booth for little and big kids alike, as well as face-painting, and promotion of our annual Rotary Art-show. You may have also heard our very own Katya Barnes, Visual Arts and Technology Leader, speak about the school on the VYV Radio station in the afternoon! It was a great way to meet and greet with the locals and continue to promote the school. Thankyou to all those in our school community who popped down for a visit. Thank you to Rachel Lynch, our Campus Assistant Principal for her organisation and set-up, and all the staff who helped out on the day.

Enjoy the Easter break, and we hope everyone gets a chance to relax and recharge prior to term 2. Stay safe if you are travelling!

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal

JOIN UP NOW FOR OUR 2016 CAMPS!

All students from Year 8 to 10 have now received Camp Information packs:

YEAR 8: COASTAL CAMP – WARATAH BAY
The Year 8 Coastal Camp enables students to participate in an activity based educational program that provides carefully structured learning opportunities and experiences that cannot be incorporated as part of the normal school based Year 8 curriculum.

We aim to introduce the students to a diverse range of specialist outdoor adventure activities and sporting pursuits with particular emphasis placed upon the development of trust, initiative, cooperation, effective communication skills and teamwork.

YEAR 9/10: HIGHCOUNTRY ADVENTURE (max 20 students)
If some time out from your daily routine interests you then this is the camp for you. There will be time to relax, time to be challenged, time to laugh and time to value our unique high country landscapes and heritage. The activities on this camp will be flexible according to the weather and group interests. This camp is all about lifelong learning of how to be organised and self-sufficient to make the most of your leisure time. We will embrace each day with new places to visit and be treated to a camp fire and the starry spectacular of the Milky way each night.

YEAR 9/10: GOLD COAST TOUR (max 64 students)
A collaborative annual Queensland camp that brings both year 9 & 10 students from both campuses together in a range of sporting and entertaining activities. It builds the social connection between the two campuses and year levels.

Get your deposits in now to secure your spot!
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

Well, first term is almost over and I cannot believe how quickly it has flown. By now all parents should have read their child’s interim reports and met with staff at parent teacher interviews. This is always an ideal opportunity for students to reflect on their progress and prepare themselves from the feedback given from staff for second term.

Katherine’s Greatest Shave!

After a great deal of planning and lobbying for donations, Katherine finally lost her locks. With the whole campus looking on, her plaits were auctioned to be finally cut off. It was all a little hair-raising! Once all the plaits were cut off then it was up to Chris Shimmen to shave her head. It was a fantastic event and the total amount to date that Katherine has raised? OVER $1400!!!! She is hoping to hit the $2000 mark. We are so proud of your effort Katherine!

Year 7 Camp

I was fortunate to take our school captains down to Lord Somers camp to see the Year 7’s. It was a lovely day and we got involved in the many activities students explored that day which included kayaking, paddle boarding, initiative games and screen printing; and this doesn’t include the dancing that was going on! It was certainly a very busy day and it was clear that students were just loving camp life!! They were so excited with all the activities on offer and both campuses mixed so well. They all made new friends. Our captains were impressive with their leadership and getting to know the year 7’s better. Congratulations to the year 7 team who put this camp together; it was certainly a winner!!

A Flashmob at the Mooroolbark Festival

Every year Yarra Hills has a stall at school. This year there were some to see. Our dance class got involved other local primary and secondary many involved and the entire everyone involved!!

Mooroolbark Festival to promote our fantastic activities on offer for people in a community flashmob with many schools. It was fantastic with so community looking on. Well done to
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Whilst last Friday was officially the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, we chose to recognise this on a day at an assembly on Monday when the whole school was present. We were fortunate to listen to Lisa Brookes, member of Mt Evelyn Police, who sent a valuable message regarding the importance of RESPECT, THINK, STAND UP and REPORT when it comes to bullying of all forms. Lisa also spelled out to students the law in regard to bullying and what students can do to combat this as well as reporting it. We finished the assembly with students making a pledge in regard to their responsibility in tackling bullying so we are closer to becoming bully free. The travelling boat has arrived at Yarra Hills and this boat represents our journey to becoming bully free. It will be on display in the office so please come by and see this unique textile piece. Our assembly was well entertained by students from the Music Appreciation class who performed brilliantly and were surprised with a repeat performance of the flashmob that was performed at the Mooroolbark Festival. Special thanks must also go to Keely Preston and Jacob Edgell for hosting this event. Keely spoke so well about the importance of loving yourself; it was an inspiring piece of writing! Thank you Keely!!

I wish every family a wonderful break over the holidays and look forward to a refreshed group of students next term.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
Senior Band Hits the High Notes

The Yarra Hills Senior Concert Band was a star attraction at the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival over the weekend, playing to an audience of appreciative parents and members of the local community. The band performed a wide variety of music, including the James Bond Skyfall Theme, popular Spanish piece Malaguena, and the all-time band member favourite, Party Rock!

Thank you to all band members for giving up their weekend to be a part of the festival.

Richard O’Toole

Year 8 Girls Dominate Yarra Group Cricket Round Robin

On Tuesday 22 March our Year 8 boys and girls cricket teams participated in the Yarra Group Round Robin competition. Our girls played three games against Lilydale High 1, 2 and 3 teams respectively and won all three matches, scoring over 100 runs in every match. This meant they went onto compete in the Grand Final against Upper Yarra Secondary College. Our team played exceptionally well, with all eight girls bowling using the correct technique and several boundary shots being hit in our batting innings.

Thankyou to Steve Green, one of our parents who came along and helped coach the girls for the day.

Well done on a fantastic win girls. This is our school’s first victory for the year and our first Yarra Group win for a very long time. Good luck in the Eastern Regional finals.

Our boy’s team won one of their round robin matches and played off in the finals for 7th and 8th position. They won this game, which meant they came 7th overall out of twelve teams. Well done boys on a great team effort.

Virginia Stacey

Year 9/10 Boys Cricket

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Boys Cricket team who played in the Yarra group Round Robin last week. Even though we managed to lose two players from the time we arrived at the ground until the lead up to the first match due to accidental injuries, we were left with the bare minimum of eight players who took the ground to play against Emerald in our first match.

We won this match 100-59. In our second match we played Healesville and won 137-69. Unfortunately we lost our third match against Lilydale High School 53-116. We ended up playing against Emerald again in the play-off for third and fourth, and won coming third overall out of nine teams.

Great effort boys!!

Virginia Stacey
VCE Physics Day – Luna Park
This year we had 15 VCE Physics and Systems Engineering students attend the annual Physics Day at Luna Park. What do they do at Luna Park you might ask!? What does physics have to do with an amusement park? For millions of people who visit amusement parks every year, physics is probably the last thing on their minds. They are more interested in taking a thrilling ride, possibly wondering how “scary” it will be. But to those who have wondered this, Physics has the answer.

Students use this day to go on all the rides at Luna Park, collect data using a data logger, accelerometer and then look at the application of physics with respect to each ride. Amusement parks abound with large-scale applications of physics principles which students are learning in the classroom. Parks are full of places that brings our class to life. Whether it’s an example from a ride used to illustrate a concept, a demo or a lab adapted from a ride, or a quiz question based on a ride, amusement parks make a positive contribution to the classroom.

Each Student is given a work book on the day with diagrams of all the rides that they will need to go on to gather data and complete set questions which investigates the Physics principle associated with that ride.

Amusement parks elicit reactions ranging from sheer joy to utter terror. Whatever the individuals’ reactions, amusement parks engage and energise them and this year was no different than last year, as students experienced when on the power surge ride shown here.

Students had a wonderful experience that associated force, motion, acceleration, effects of gravity, momentum on the various rides and they gained a practical knowledge of application of laws of Physics. Along with those students studying Systems Engineering, all were able to appreciate the mechanics behind building these amusement rides and how Physics and Systems Engineering go hand in hand.
YHSC will be using a Bulk SMS Compass Attendance Alert system from the first day of Term 2 2016. Messages will be sent at approx. 10:15am. Each weekday Compass will automatically evaluate the attendance of all students and you will receive a message (the first parent listed as the Primary Family will receive an SMS) if all of the conditions below are satisfied:

- the student is marked 'Not Present' in all of the sessions they possibly could have attended which start after 8am and prior to the time the SMS is due to be sent (including normal classes, custom classes, support classes and events), and
- Compass has deemed all of these 'Not Present' entries Unexplained, and
- there are no attendance notes/approvals for the student for this period of time, and
- there are no school activities for the student for this period of time, and
- there are no Arrivals for the student for this period of time, and
- there are no unmarked rolls for the sessions the student could possibly have attended

We would appreciate your patience throughout the implementation of this new system and we will endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible.
REMINDER
LOST PROPERTY KEEPS BUILDING!

The Coordinators have accumulated a large ‘Lost Property’ stockpile this term. Please write your child’s name on all of their uniform pieces, books and classroom supplies so they may be returned if lost or found.

MB Campus will place uniform items outside the Coordinators office for the last week of term, any clothing not picked up will be donated to the Welfare Team to assist families in need.

ME Campus please ask at the general office or Coordinators office.

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The holidays are soon upon us and now is the ideal time to stock up on your holiday reading! Here are some recommendations that you might be interested in. All these books are available at the Mooroolbark campus library.

**Knights and Son** by Rohan Gavan
Meet Knightley and Son - two great detectives for the price of one ... Darkus Knightley is not your average thirteen-year-old: ferociously logical, super-smart and with a fondness for tweed, detective work is in his blood. His dad Alan Knightley was London's top private investigator and an expert in crimes too strange for Scotland Yard to handle, but four years ago the unexplained finally caught up with him - and he fell into a mysterious coma. Darkus is determined to follow in his father's footsteps and find out what really happened. But when Alan suddenly wakes up, his memory is wonky and he needs help.

**Turn Left at the Cow** by Lisa Bullard
Thirteen-year-old Tray feels like a fish out of water in rural Minnesota in this coming-of-age mystery about a boy who discovers his dad may have been a bank robber.

**The Luxe** by Anna Godbersen
Imagine, if you will, New York City, 1899... society’s elite: the glamour, the grandeur, the glittering parties, the most handsome beaux, the most beautiful debutantes... the rich girl, the humble boy, the forbidden love, the stolen glances, the whispers, the scandal, the mystery, the revenge. You are cordially invited to step into Luxe where the secrets are dark and the sins are delicious... R.S.V.P.

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May the books be with you...

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Mooroolbark campus Library