From the College Principal

Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome back! I hope that all students have taken some time to re-energise over the recent Easter and term break, ready for a busy and productive term 2. Already this term we have held the College Athletics Carnival at the Mt Evelyn Campus Athletics track. Reports later in this newsletter will outline the wonderful achievements and participation from our many students, particularly in light of some initially inclement weather. Well done to all and warm thanks to the staff and parents who assisted in the smooth running of the day.

Open Nights

A significant event in the annual school calendar is the week of our Campus Open Nights. Not only is this a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful teaching practices and student work produced at the college, but it is also crucial in maintaining solid enrolments for continued growth. This year’s year 7 intake is the largest since 2003 and with strong community interest continuing in the school we expect a similar level for 2017. We would highly encourage our current parent group to promote these events to friends and neighbours, as well as coming along with any younger siblings to show them what the school is like. We continue to find that our parents are indeed our strongest advocates, with your personal opinion, as demonstrated with your own child’s experience at the school, being very highly regarded when in discussion with others. Please be ‘loud and proud’ of our college, as we are of your children and their efforts!
Compass SMS Alerts – Term Two

As indicated in recent correspondence, YHSC has implemented a Bulk SMS Compass Attendance Alert system from the first day of Term Two.

If your son/daughter has not been marked present in any scheduled class by 10:15am (Home Group or Period One), and no official notification has been given to the school of an expected absence, the primary contact parent will receive an SMS reporting this for your attention. (Please remember that you can, at any time, enter an approved/planned absence onto the school’s Compass system through the Parent Log-in online or via the associated Compass ‘app’.)

We believe that this system will be much more timely and accurate, as well as convenient for all families. We would appreciate your patience throughout the implementation of this new system and we will endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Restorative Practices – Parent Information Session (May 10 – 6:30- 7:30pm, Mooroolbark Campus))

The College has started the process of implementing a Restorative Practices Model of dealing with students and conflict. This began last year with some of our senior staff and coordinators undertaking training, followed by our Whole School Professional Development Day in March this year. Staff are continuing to work on this and beginning the implementation as situations arise in or out of classes.

An important aspect of this however is for all parents to be aware of the background and philosophy behind this approach and to reinforce its implementation where necessary. To help parents more clearly understand this, we have arranged a Parent Information Session with Adam Voigt from ‘Real Schools’. You may have seen Adam on television speaking about education and issues, but he is currently working in partnership with us to bring this practice into the school community.

A flyer is attached later in this newsletter for your information, but Adam has also produced a YouTube video invitation for our Yarra Hills parents [https://youtu.be/tCiwwrsV_Cg](https://youtu.be/tCiwwrsV_Cg) that I encourage you to view.

Further information will be coming out prior to the event, but please lock away the day and time now in your calendar!

Darren Trippett
College Principal

From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

Welcome back students, parents and friends to term 2 at Yarra Hills SC. We hope that you had a restful Easter break and you as families got some time to together over the holidays.

We hope that many of you got the opportunity to speak with your child’s teachers on our Parent/Student/Teacher Conference on Wednesday 23 March. If you were not able to, I strongly encourage you to make contact with teachers to discuss their progress.

The term has started straight away with some notable events. It is a very busy few weeks coming up also, with the Open Night for prospective parents at our Mooroolbark Campus on Thursday 28 April, Transition visits to Primary Schools, and of course we commemorate Anzac Day also. We will be holding a special assembly on the morning of Tuesday 26 April to commemorate and remember all those that have served Australia in conflict.

I would like to make mention of some events that have happened already:

**Athletics Carnival**

On Tuesday April 12 we had our annual College Athletics Carnival. In spite of the weather, most students made the most of the day by getting involved in events and giving it their all. It was a late start to the track and field events with the rain finally going away after 10.00am. Then it was all systems go, with the track events getting underway. With some great efforts by the staff, we were able to catch up on lost time. It was great to see so many of our new year 7s getting into lots of events, both track and field. A real highlight was seeing over 50 students join Natalie Boxshall, one of our year 7 students in her wheelchair as she walked and wheeled around the Athletics track. It was a great moment. Personally, I enjoyed the high jump and seeing so many junior students competing. A big thankyou as always must go to the PE Staff for their organisation and running of the day.
Grade 5 & 6 Discovery Days
On Tuesday April 12 whilst our students were at Athletics we had 4 of our local Primary Schools visit as part of a new initiative – ‘Discovery Day’. Grade 5 & 6s students from Gladesville, Montrose, Ruskin Park & Kilsyth Primary Schools undertook a range of mini-lessons in Foods, Art, Science and PE. It was great to see all the students, and they were able to get a small taste of High School. We are looking forward to extending this program further to many of our other local Primary Schools and continuing to build positive relationships with many of our feeder schools. A big thank you to Rachel Lynch our Campus Assistant Principal and a number of other staff who helped out on the day.

Production Auditions
This week the Performing Arts staff held this year’s Production Auditions. This year’s Musical Production is called ‘For Home and Empire’ co-written by our very own David Billings. It was exciting to see so many of our students audition, and I wish everyone the best of luck in getting involved. The Productions will be held in August, so continue to look out in the newsletter and on our website for booking information a little later in the year.

Extension of Bus Service
Finally some good news for all our Montrose students with an announcement in the holidays from Public Transport Victoria (PTV) of an extension to the bus service from Montrose to Mooroolbark. This is the information received from PTV:

PTV has approved an additional bus to assist with carrying students from Yarra Hills and Mooroolbark College. The first bus will be an express from Mooroolbark College. The 2nd bus will then follow the same route, but will be stopping to drop off & pick up students between Mooroolbark College & Montrose. This will include the Yarra Hills SC stop on Cambridge Rd.
They have also extended the morning bus route (3418). It now commences at the corner of Donald St / Mt Dandenong Rd Croydon. It will depart this location at 8.03am & travel along Mt Dandenong Rd until it reaches its original starting point of Magnolia Gve / Mt Dandenong Rd at 8.20am – it will then continue on its original path.

These services commenced on Monday 11 April 2016

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

Welcome back to everyone for term two! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break over the holiday. As we continue to improve the physical appearance of Mt Evelyn Campus, I must say a big thank you to Mark Dunn, our Maintenance Manager who does an amazing job with repairs, maintenance and painting. He did a fantastic job in the Art stairwell over the holidays.

We are certainly gearing up for our Information night happening next Tuesday. Many students have volunteered to be part of this very important night. This is a chance to showcase our strengths to the community and why Yarra Hills can be the school for their child. Students who have volunteered will be bringing home a permission slip which needs to be signed and returned so we can monitor who will be assisting us on the night. Dinner will be provided for students at 5pm.

For those who remember Mr Larkins, he became a Dad for the second time over the holidays with his wife giving birth to a beautiful baby boy called Alex Liam Larkins. Congratulations to Josh and his wife Helen.

Athletics sports was a hit despite the rocky start

Everyone was a little concerned with the weather last week for Athletics day with what looked like a very dreary day. However after about an hour of rain, it finally stopped and the sun shone. Students got involved in many of the events with others cheering from the sidelines. We had many students volunteering as helpers throughout the day. A special thank you must go to Erika Bedyn and Graeme Woolridge for their assistance throughout the day. It was fantastic to have this expertise with many athletic events.

ANZAC Garden grand opening

Next Tuesday we will have a special assembly to open our ANZAC garden. Last year we created a fantastic garden to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the landing of our ANZACS at Gallipoli. It is an impressive garden and many thanks must go to Matt Bryce for his generous donations as well as Mark Dunn for his expertise on the posts; they look fantastic! Anthony McLeer and Roger Boness will be our guest speakers. Students will read passages significant to ANZAC day and we will have a bugler to finish the assembly. We welcome all parents to attend this special event.

Primary school visits

This week we will have many grade 5 and 6 students visit us to experience secondary school life. This is all part of our promotions for Information night. This will be exciting for our local primary school students and yet another opportunity for our student leaders to shine. Peer Support leaders will be assisting as well as our year 7 Ambassadors. Over the last week our year 7 Ambassadors have visited many local primary schools with Mrs Dunn and speaking about what life is like at secondary school. They have certainly done us proud in their approach to this role and the manner they have presented themselves. Students have spoken with pride about Yarra Hills and have been impressive to listen to. Well done to all our Ambassadors!

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
On Thursday March 24 (the last day of Term) we ran a Keys Please session for Year 10 students from Mooroolbark and the Mt Evelyn campuses. This is part of an ongoing state wide road safety initiative to prepare students for driving. The Year 10s were given information about road safety, and the requirements for obtaining their Learners Permit and then subsequently their Probationary License. We ask that you take the opportunity to speak with your Year 10 child about the session and read the attached letter from VicRoads Road Safety Team on the Keys Please Program.

What could be more rewarding than supervising your son or daughter on their learner permit so they can become a safer driver?

Many parents might add "and what could be more challenging?"

Do you remember your own learning to drive experience?

Last term at school, your son or daughter took part in a VicRoads Keys Please session. Whether or not they already have their Ls, this session went through everything they need to know about making the most of the learner driver period.

Parents and carers have an important role in helping their young people develop the skills and attitudes they need to become safer drivers. You should feel like a sports coach (not a driving instructor) and there are two resources to help you.

The VicRoads Learner Kit given to all successful learner permit applicants contains the booklet Guide for Supervising Drivers that is essential reading – make sure you ask your son or daughter to pass it on! The second resource is the online Lessons from the Road resource.

‘Lessons from the Road’ features eight videos. The videos showcase the emotions and real life issues in learning to drive. They help you work through the four stages required to help learners achieve their goals. ‘Lessons from the Road’ is easy to use and can be accessed on the VicRoads website at: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au and search ‘Lessons from the Road’.

At the Keys Please session your child was encouraged to discuss the information they received and to watch ‘Lessons from the Road’ at home with you.

Please ask them about the Keys Please session and make sure that you watch the videos together. It won’t take long and it will help you through the process of learning to drive as well as information for keeping new solo drivers safe.

Research shows that learners who gain experience with parents have about 20% lower crash and traffic offence rates once they are licensed than learners who only take professional lessons. Research also shows that on average learners who gain an average of 120 hours of supervised on-road experience in all conditions have a 30% lower risk of crashing after getting a licence. VicRoads strongly recommends watching ‘Lessons from the Road’. Helping your son or daughter to be a safer driver is the one Rewards Program you can’t afford to miss out on!

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**SENIOR SOCCER BOYS TEAM**

On Monday 18 April our Year 11/12 boys soccer team competed in the Yarra Group Round Robin. We played three matches and won all of them. Our boys performed brilliantly, displaying excellent skills and great sportsmanship. The team was ably led by Avel, who after our first match was complemented by the professional referee, for his outstanding skills.

Well done boys and good luck for the Eastern Metropolitan finals in July.

**Results:**

- Round One - Yarra Hills defeated Monbulk 5–1
- Round Two – Yarra Hills defeated Lilydale High School 2-1
- Round Three - Yarra Hills defeated Lilydale Heights 9-1
Mount Evelyn Campus
Tuesday 26 April, 6.00pm
Tours are available from 6.00pm
Information session at 7.00pm

Mooroolbark Campus
Thursday 28 April, 6.00pm
Tours are available from 6.00pm
Information session at 6.30pm and 7.00pm

School Tours outside of our Information Nights are available. Please contact the campus office to make a booking.

www.yarrahills.vic.edu.au
REAL SCHOOLS
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

School - YARRA HILLS SECONDARY COLLEGE
Date & Time - Tuesday, 10th May 2016 at 6.30pm

- How do Schools and Parents get on the same page about the important stuff?
- How do we build a partnership around building fantastic young people for today and tomorrow?
- How can our Teachers AND our Parents use the same strategies to manage behaviour, encourage responsibility and improve the chances of success?

They seem like outrageously big questions, don’t they? And they are ... but they do have answers. Unfortunately, too often Parents and Schools are not on the same page when it comes to answering them. Your school wants to do something about that and has commenced a partnership with Real Schools to make it happen. But the school can’t do it alone. We need you to know everything involved and to have your say. That’s why we need you at this critical event in the history of your school and the future of your children.

During the session, we will:
- Tell you all about the Restorative Practices Partnership that the school is embarking on.
- Ask for your input.
- Provide you with strategies to use immediately in your Parenting ... and they’re the same strategies your Teachers are now using.
- Learn how to respond, rather than react, to your child’s behaviour.
- Share the best ways to build a meaningful Partnership with your school.

Check out your video invitation on YouTube - https://youtu.be/tCiwwrsV_Cg

Your Facilitator
Adam Veigt is a proven successful Teacher & Principal in some of Australia’s toughest locations. He has led Behaviour & Wellbeing across all Northern Territory Schools and has implemented Restorative Practices successfully in many schools as a leader & Professional Learning partner.

For more information, drop us a line at info@realschools.com.au
TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday 13th May

Arrival: 7pm @ Mt Evelyn Campus Performing Arts Centre

Cost: $20pp or Table of 10 People $180
Tickets available at the door.
Don’t have enough to make a table?
We can place you with a team!
Book at office or phone 9736 3650

BYO: Food and Drinks
Theme: Horror

Great prizes up for grabs, silent auction, prizes for best dressed – bring along some extra cash for games played throughout the night!
UNDERSTANDING 'YOUR KIDS' seminar
with Phil Stenhouse OAM

Do you have a teenage son or daughter? Are you finding it hard to connect with your kids? Are your kids displaying behaviors you don’t understand?
Join Phil on Wednesday 4th May as he presents his; “Understanding Yours Kids” Seminar.
Phil Stenhouse OAM has been working with young people for over 30 years, and has two young adult children of his own. Over the hour and a half Phil will share his insights into the teenage brain, and give you and/or your partner some strategies that will help you understand and connect better with your kids.

JOIN US ON THE
4TH
OF MAY

1st Floor, 231 Main St. Lilydale

7PM - 8:30PM
$25 pp

BOOK TODAY
P: (03) 9013 0202
www.philstenhouse.com.au

LILLYDALE LAKE FUN RUN

Join the Yarra Ranges Athletics club for a great morning of running around the Lilydale Lake parklands. This is running at the lake, but not as you know it!!
Sunday MAY 15th 2016 from 9am

2km - Family Event, run/walk
From $12.00 online entry. Or $20.00 on the day.

5km - Bakers Delight Dash
From $30.00 online entry. Or $45.00 on the day.

10km - Active Feet Lake Challenge
From $35.00 online entry. Or $50.00 on the day.

Fully marked and marshalled courses, over gravel, grass and hills.
ENTER NOW at www.yarrarangesathletics.org.au
MORE INFORMATION on the website or e-mail events@yarrarangesathletics.org.au

ALL 5km and 10km entrants will receive
$20 voucher to spend at Bakers Delight Lilydale
$40 discount redeemable at Active Feet
ALL FINISHERS receive a custom YRA medal

art Show
9-11 September 2016
Submissions and enquiries from community artists welcome

More information on the YHSC website

Yarra Hills Secondary College
9726 3650 or 9839 8800

Yarra Ranges 43 Athletics

Yarra Hills Community
ABSENCES

A REMINDER
It is a Department requirement that the school is informed of any student absences due to either illness/medical or personal reasons.
Parents may approve their student’s absence by logging onto the school's Compass Parent Portal or through the Compass App on their phone.
If this is not possible please inform the school office as follows:

**MOOROOLBARK CAMPUS**  Please leave a phone message on our Designated Absence line – 9839 8899 or email nye.kym.k@edumail.vic.gov.au (Wed, Thurs, Fri) or rogers.deborah.a@edumail.vic.gov.au (Mon & Tues)

**MT EVELYN CAMPUS**  Please call or leave a phone message on 9736 3650 or email kuipers.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Notification would be appreciated prior to 9.00am each morning of the student’s absence. Any prior knowledge of a student’s absence due to extended holidays or medical leave should be handed in writing before the leave to either office administration staff or the homegroup teacher.

It is a Department requirement that VCE students absent during an Exam, Gat or SAC are to produce a medical certificate for those days.

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**START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY**

**Brekky Club**
Come on down to the Well Being Centre at Mt Evelyn Campus & check out what’s cooking

WHEN: Every Thursday Morning 8.00—8.50

Brekky Club is FREE to all Yarra Hills students
(thank you to the generous and valuable support of Bendigo Bank Mt Evelyn and Bakers Delight Mooroolbark)

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**Mt Evelyn Campus**
Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Lunchtime in the Library
with Mr Hart & Mrs Johnston
Bring your books and lunch

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**NOTICE TO MOOROOLBARK PARENTS**
Parking when dropping off or collecting students

For safety purposes and as a courtesy to others, parents are asked to park in a designated parking bay when collecting or dropping students at school.
To avoid accidents, please do not stop in the driveway.

Thank you