From the School Principal

All College students have now been issued with their own 2016 Compass Student ID card. This card is not only able to be used for Library borrowings and other identification purposes, but is an essential item for recording students’ attendance whenever they arrive or depart outside of normal scheduled class times.

It is essential that students keep their current (2016) Compass I.D. Card on them at all times while at school. In particular, if a student arrives late in the morning and/or has to depart early in the afternoon, they are required to use their I.D. Card to sign in/out through the College’s Compass Console in the administration area at their campus.

Students who do not have their card on them to do this will, at that time, have to arrange for the office/admin staff to manually log their attendance. Students who are subsequently unable to confirm that they still have their current (2016) I.D. card will have a replacement card ordered for them, at their parents’ expense.

*Please ensure that students keep their 2016 I.D. cards on them at all times and, if it is lost please inform the office as soon as possible.
Student Leaders at VicParliament

Last Tuesday, I had the pleasure of chaperoning our two College Captains, Annabelle Smith and Lewis Toth to the Eastern Region Secondary Student Leaders event at Parliament House. The leaders and I were invited to attend by Hon. Bruce Atkinson MLC – Member for Eastern Region and President of the Legislative Council. After passing through security and assembling in the main foyer area, we were directed to a large parliament conference hall where we were introduced to MPs Richard Dalla-Riva, Mary Wooldridge, Neil Angus and Michael Sukkar.

All participants were given a presentation on the history of the Victorian Parliament, as well as the primary responsibilities and functions of politicians at various levels of government. Following this, we formed smaller groups and were given a personal tour of many areas of the building, including the main Library and Upper House (Legislative Council) and Lower House (Legislative Assembly). We were also able to sit in the public gallery for part of an evening session, listening to members present and debate legislature.

It was a very worthwhile and interesting evening and hopefully memorable for all present.

We also ran into our local Member for Croydon – David Hodgett on the way out!

Darren Trippett
School Principal
From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

As I write the newsletter article this week, our students are in the midst of final assessments and of course their exams.

I must commend so far the student’s attitude, work ethic and commitment during the exams I have supervised so far. In my last newsletter I talked about homework and study. In preparation for these final assessments before reports are written, you can continue to support your child by assisting them with having a regular routine at home for study. Teachers are sending notifications of ‘At Risk’ students who are falling behind with school work. We ask that you please respond to these notifications, and if you have concerns contact the teacher or Year Level Coordinator.

With the wet and cold weather of late can I remind parents to please take extra care with the pick-ups and drop-offs of your children at the school. We have had some reports of near misses and potential accidents. We ask that you please park in the designated parks and show patience.

Sporting Success

We continue to have great success in the sport, with now a total of 12 teams going through to the next round of competition, after winning through in the Yarra Ranges interschool sport competitions. Our students continue to represent the school with such pride and commitment.

Year 9 Youth Summit

I was very lucky to be able to join 15 year 9 students from the Mooroolbark Campus, elected to attend the annual Yarra Ranges Youth Summit on Friday May 20. Our students joined over 300 other students from a range of schools throughout the Yarra Ranges at Billanook College, to hear from guest speakers on a range of topics impacting young people today. In speaking with the students on the bus on the way home, their favourite speaker was comedian Sammy J. He is a well known Melbourne comedian. He spoke of his story growing up, and what he has made of his life once leaving school. It gave great perspective to students, and he was very funny! Overall, I was so proud of our students. They represented the college so well.

Music in the Round

I would like to thank all of the music students who performed at our term 2 Music in the Round concert on Monday 16 May in our Performing Arts Centre. It was great to hear all our students perform and show off their talents.

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

The last two weeks have been very busy for all students with exams and on demand testing. I'm sure students will be relieved that it is almost over for this semester. Thankfully we have built in a week where many students will get valuable feedback on these exams. Feedback is essential for all students to learn from their mistakes and understand how and what to improve on for the next task. Staff are very aware of how valuable feedback is and are working hard to continue having these conversations with students. It is the basis for all improvement.

Youth Summit 2016

All year 9 students were fortunate to be invited to the annual Youth Summit run by Youth Services of the Shire of Yarra Ranges last week. With some fantastic guest speakers and comedians such as Sammy J, all students really enjoyed the day.

WOW is WOW

We are so fortunate to have a curriculum that encompasses careers for students from year 7 – 10. World of Work is in place for all students building on their current knowledge of careers, tertiary education, resumes, interviews and applications. All students develop a career action plan throughout their secondary school life which provides the foundation for their career path. In many classes, guest speakers are invited to share information about career choices or university paths as well as essential information for our students.

Last week saw staff from representatives from Australian Catholic University Business Department who came out to speak to all year 10 students in regard to tertiary education both at TAFE and University. They were also presented with an overview of the various careers in business and given an insight as to what 'Business' is all about.

It was a fun day which ended in students inventing a marketable product. The winner designed an App for World News which allowed the customer to access news that they were interested in.

KIOSC and LEAP collaborate to unleash students’ "inner scientist"

Around 115 year 8 students from Yarra Hills SC Mooroolbark and Mt Evelyn campuses immersed themselves in the varied science roles and activities offered at this event, hosted by KIOSC, Wantirna on 11 May 2016.

While some students learned the finer art of being a 'science communicator', others donned lab coats for one of two different lab activities: the 'food technologist' groups tested yoghurt products against food safety standards, while the 'agronomist' groups analysed the sugar content of various foods.

Students gained real insights into some of the many science careers and options for science-related studies, learned about the diversity of roles scientists work at, within the sciences professions, and got a first-hand taste of university life and the great facilities available to university students.

Teacher feedback indicated the workshop experiences were "very well run", provided "...insight into real science professions, careers, vocation" and would be used to initiate a students' "feedback and discussion session in their 'world of work' class."

Students commented: "that there are a lot more science professions than I thought", and "I learned about all the pathways and options."

Special thanks to KIOSC for hosting this LEAP event and assisting with the running of the workshops.
Restorative Practice
Yarra Hills Secondary College have a partnership with REAL SCHOOLS which has allowed staff to explore many avenues of their teaching craft. Over the last month, staff have been attending in-services and training sessions on restorative practice. This is a proven method of approach in dealing with student conflict as well as day to day teaching of students. It centres very much on building positive relationships. At times relationships between students or staff and students can fracture for a variety of reasons. This approach allows for the relationship to restore whilst maintaining the dignity of all parties. It also allows students to take responsibility for their actions and learn from the mistakes that are sometimes made.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

Music in the Round
The talents of our young musicians were once again on display recently, at the annual recital evening, ‘Music in the Round’. This recital evening provides our music students with the opportunity to perform one of their solo pieces of music in front of a generous audience of family and friends.

Performers demonstrated a high level of musicianship and featured such a wide range of musical genres, including classical, popular, swing, musical theatre, contemporary rock and folk music. Outstanding performances were given on all musical instruments, and we were fortunate to have many students performing for the first time. The evening also featured two of our smaller ensembles, with the Saxophone Ensemble playing ‘Surfin’ USA’, and the Woodwind Ensemble playing Beethoven’s ‘Turkish March’. Congratulations to all students who performed, and thank you to the instrumental music staff for preparing our students for this performance.

Richard O’Toole

Year 8 Boys Football
On Wednesday 18 May the year 8 boys football team ventured to Wesburn for their Yarra Group competitions. Unfortunately they had a couple of tough encounters with both the Monbulk and Emerald teams. They tried hard, and at times produced some great passages of play, but they were undermanned against each side where they had much taller players.

Best players in each of the games were:- Jack Farrugia, Josh Denholm, Emre Musa, Hayden Koole and Jordan Stone.

Many thanks, to the Mt Evelyn boys, who helped out by participating on the day.

Murray McAllister

Open Night English Competition
We would like to congratulate Jordan Copling from Billanook Primary School and Miesha Hansford from Dorset Primary School for creating the winning slogans for the Lego Competition as part of the English display.

We found your slogans ‘If you dream it you can build it’ and ‘Your imagination will explode, prepare your mind to be blown’, to be catchy and engaging. These features are all part of a successful advertising campaign.

Congratulations to both winners!

Rebecca Fletcher
Literacy and English Leader
VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies Students Connecting With Mount Buffalo

The class of 2016 has some inspiring memories of Mt Buffalo to share. They were in awe of the granite boulder cliffs during the hike to the top. The impressive views and learning examples made the hike such a valuable experience. Roasting chestnuts and camping beside Lake Catani was a treat until the evening wildlife came to visit!

The next morning students were launched over the boulders they admired, hanging onto nothing but a rope. Another new and unforgettable memory on a school camp. The place truly motivated students with their learning as they witnessed many real life examples of the key knowledge components in their curriculum, important content for future exams.

Christine Steer

Yarra Hills Runners on the Improve!

On Friday May 13 our team of cross country runners from both campuses travelled to Lilydale Lake for the Yarra Division cross country competitions.

We achieved some great results throughout the day and it was pleasing to see that we had a good turnout of almost 60 runners representing Yarra Hills.

Congratulations to:
Shaun O’Rouke – 3rd 16 Boys 5000m
Paige Chuah – 3rd 13 Girls 3000m
Jasmine Rowe – 2nd 16 Girls 3000m

Well done to each of the following 18 students who have made it to through to the Eastern Zone cross country championships being held at Yarra Glen Race Course on Tuesday 14 June:

Boys 13 – Jack OHara
Girls 13 – Paige Chuah, Jasma Kascha
Boys 14 – Jordan Stone, Sian Lang Peng, Blake Spooner
Girls 14 – Brittany Jackson, Kate Blennerhassett
Boys 15 – Lachlan Kilpatrick, Ethan Blewett
Boys 16 5000m – Shaun O’Rouke, Jordan Ginniff, Jesse Pride
Girls 16 – Jasmine Rowe, Rochelle McNeil
Boys 17+ 5000m - Asar Lian Ching, Kap Lian Ching
Girls 17+ - Kirsten Walburg

Murray McAllister
HOW MANY BOOKS CAN YOU READ? ARE YOU UP FOR A READING CHALLENGE?

Yes the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge has started and the Library staff are trying to get as many readers involved this year. So if you think you can read at least 15 books (10 from the Challenge list and 5 own choice) from February this year to September then this is the CHALLENGE for you!

Our current Super Reader Champion Kate Blennerhassett is up again for the challenge this year and as we discovered last year, Kate definitely likes reading as she managed to read 61 books! (a YHSC record...)

Check out the Library Moodle page for a copy of the list Challenge books (there are over 8000!) and if you would like to involved in this year’s Challenge, then come and speak to Ms. Hay at the Mooroolbark campus Library or just ask your English teacher.

May the books be with you...

Ms. Alison Hay
Teacher-Librarian
Parenting Information Session Young People: Gaming, Social Media and the Internet

Wednesday June 15 @ 7-9pm
Blackburn Uniting Church Hall
Corner of The Avenue & Blackburn Rd, Blackburn
(Opposite Connections Blackburn Office)
Cost: FREE!

Featuring guest presenter – Jeremy Shub, Youth and Technology worker at EACH.

Jeremy provides counselling and support for young people and their families experiencing problematic technology use. This parenting information session will include:
- Education on current technology, gaming, social networking and gambling within games.
- Practical strategies for managing technology in the home.

Bookings are essential.
To register, or for further information contact:
Lea Young or Deb Rose @ Connections, Croydon Office
Ph: 9724 2222

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Mt Evelyn Campus
Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Lunchtime in the Wellbeing Centre
with Mrs Johnston
Bring your books and lunch