From the College Principal

Welcome back from the mid-year holiday break to all students and families. I hope you’ve had an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate following a very busy, but productive, first semester.

Semester One Reports
At the end of last term all families will have been able to access the semester one (or mid-year) reports via the Compass Parent Portal. These reports are an informative summary of your son/daughter’s efforts and progress throughout the first half of this year and present an excellent opportunity for you to encourage and/or acknowledge these efforts. Please ensure that you have not only read clearly through these reports on behalf of your child, but that you have also engaged them in this process with you. The support of parents and families in encouraging students to reflect on and celebrate their achievements is crucial to their future successes.
Ready to Reflect Conferences (Tuesday July 26)

Along the same lines, the College Ready to Reflect Conferences are being held in two weeks’ time, on Tuesday July 26 (from 12:00 – 8:00pm). This is a formal opportunity for students, staff and parents to meet and discuss academic progress. These conferences are not the same as Parent/Teacher Interviews, where you need to meet all teachers separately. In Ready to Reflect Conferences, a designated teacher/mentor will meet with you and your child to go over their progress across all subjects and analyse this in relation to individual goals or trends. An expected outcome of each meeting is that your child will have set realistic aspirational goals for the remainder of the year, based on the feedback and guidance they have received from their past performances. Bookings for these conferences are still available online through the Compass Parent Portal and, if you haven’t already done so, I encourage you to quickly book in a time/session suitable to you and your child.

Uniform

With the winter weather now clearly upon us, I’d like to remind parents and students that correct uniform must still be worn at all times whilst at school. Where additional layers are needed, these should be underneath the existing clothing and not readily visible. If your son/daughter has a particular circumstance that requires special consideration beyond the student uniform policy guidelines, this must be discussed directly with the relevant Head of School and Year Level Coordinator.

Darren Trippett
College Principal

From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

A very big welcome back to all from the Mooroolbark Campus. We hope that the students and families had an opportunity to rest and relax and take a well-earned break from school.

I also hope that all of you have had the opportunity to read through your child’s reports on Compass and discuss, as a family, how they are progressing. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Ready to Reflect interviews in a couple of weeks time as you discuss the report, progress and where to for semester 2, with the homegroup teacher.

As we start semester 2, I want to just remind our parents and guardians of a couple of things.

Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up times

We have had some reports and concerns with parents parking in areas that are not designated parking. Could we please ask that you only park in designated parking zones, as it is both dangerous and inconvenient for other parents, staff and students who are walking to cars. I know this a challenge with our increasing student population and limited parking options. We are certainly investigating long-term solutions on improving in-school parking. Where possible we continue to suggest parking in streets away from the college and having your child walking to meet you, to ease congestion.

Uniform

With the very cold weather very much upon us, unfortunately we have seen an increase in students wearing non-uniform jacket and jumper items. Be assured on wet or extreme weather days students are allowed into the buildings and are supervised. Please support us by ensuring students are in uniform, and are not wearing non-uniform items to school, particularly jackets and hoodies. As has been clearly mentioned to students at assemblies, wearing clothing underneath uniform items that cannot be seen has been our advice in ensuring they keep warm.

I would like to make mention of a couple of important events that we have had already this term and in the last week of last term since the last newsletter.

Wheelchair Sports

Some of year 7 PE classes were lucky enough to have a representative from Wheelchair Sports come and visit during the last week of term. They got the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball. The students thought it was great fun!
Year 7 Devonshire Tea
In the last week of term some of our year 7 foods classes had a Devonshire Tea, inviting their parents or important family and friends as well as staff along for scones, jam and cream and a ‘cuppa’ in the Foods Dining Room. The morning I was in attendance the students did a fantastic job.

Spirit Week
The last week of term was an opportunity for students to dress up each day in a different theme as well as play a lunchtime Dodgeball tournament that included a staff vs student match. It was a great opportunity for the senior students to celebrate the hard work of semester 1, and have a small focus away from their studies.

Year 9 City Experience
I was lucky enough to attend the City Experience with year 9s from both campuses on Wednesday June 22. Students travelled into the city each day from Tuesday June 21 – Thursday June 23 engaging in a range of group and organised activities. On the Wednesday, when I was present, students continued their A-Z assignment of major attractions in the city, followed by a tour of the MCG and Sports Museum. Students got the chance to walk on the ‘hallowed turf’, sit on the ‘bench’, go into the change-rooms of AFL teams, and visit some of the significant areas of the MCG. I was really pleased with the interest, behaviour and courtesy of all our students. They were great ambassadors of the college. I must thank Margaret Prentice and Amy Cahill for their organisation and running of this worthwhile experience.

Year 10 Work Experience
From all accounts our year 10s had a really worthwhile Work Experience over the last week of term, and for many others, through the school holidays. We hope it gave them all a real insight into what life is like to work full-time, and for some perhaps some education into what may be a future vocation for them. Some were lucky enough to work at the 10 network!

Year 10 Information Sessions and Parent Information Night
We have begun the term with our senior school team speaking with our year 10 students (from both campuses) about pathways thus beginning the counselling/selection process for year 11 and 12. Our year 10 students took part in this session (Mt Evelyn students on Tuesday July 12 and Mooroolbark students on July 13) outlining the options available to them including VCE, VET and VCAL. On Thursday evening our pathways and senior team had their Parent Information Night. At this night parents and students got the opportunity to hear from the senior team. All the VCE, VET and VCAL staff were available for families to discuss the range of options available. This great event was open to year 9s and year 11s also. I would like to thank the Curriculum, Pathways and Senior Management teams for their hard work in organising and presenting the evening. I strongly urge families to be very informed about the options available, to thoroughly read the Senior Handbook (on our School Website), and to discuss as a family the pathway for your child from 2017. Year 10s will be having a 1-on-1 course counselling session where they finalise their choices on Thursday August 4. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

I wish everyone a great start to the term.

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

Welcome back everyone for term 3 and hope you all had a restful break. It’s going to be a big term with some major events happening at Mt Evelyn Campus and hope to see you all there.

- Ready to Reflect Interviews – July 26 at 1-8pm – Bookings filling quickly, please book in as soon as possible on Compass
- Awards Assembly – August 1 at 9:10 – everyone welcome
- For Home and Empire production – August 17-20 – tickets available
- Yarra Hills Art Exhibition – September 9-11 – everyone welcome

We also welcome new staff this term to Mt Evelyn Campus

- Julia Fawkner – Music
- Chris Wanless – Food and Technology

Our local artwork is growing!

Last term we launched a new art extension program with Mt Evelyn Primary School. Thanks to Rebecca Dunn, the focus has been to work with a selected group of Grade 5 & 6 students to develop brightly coloured and textured urban compositions that have been inspired by their understanding of the works by Howard Arkley. The student’s vibrant paintings were displayed at Mt Evelyn Primary School Art Exhibition at the end of last term and will be on display at our Yarra Hills Community Art Show in September.

Work Experience

It is always a privilege visiting year 10 students on work experience. It’s such a valuable opportunity for students to explore many career options. This year students were spread far and wide from local businesses through to the city corporations and even interstate organisations. I was fortunate to visit Tylah Hull who was working at a local vet and is very keen to enter the vet industry. He had the opportunity to witness surgeries and consultations as well as look after many of dogs who needed bathing. Tylah really enjoyed his time at the Vet and it confirmed his ambition of being a vet one day.

How are we firm and fair?

At Yarra Hills we believe in being firm and fair but what does this really mean? Throughout secondary school, students will at times make mistakes in their decisions and behaviour. It is our responsibility to ensure students learn from these mistakes, so they grow into the resilient and responsible young adults we all want them to be. This year we have been working towards a restorative approach in dealing with students and the issues that arise from time to time. Earlier this year Adam Voigt presented an informative talk to parents on what a restorative approach looks like. Basically is it about learning from the mistakes made focusing very much on the impact of these actions and what can be done to improve or fix the situation for the future. Coordinators listen carefully to students and their concerns and work with them to ensure they understand their own behaviour and those of others. They also help them to work out what they can do to restore the relationship and ensure the mistake doesn’t happen again. It can be a time consuming exercise but certainly a valuable one that not only restores relationships but the dignity of all those involved. Students walk away feeling the process is fair and are very accepting of the outcome. Naturally it is important that we have the necessary consequences in place to ensure students learn from repetitive mistakes. We certainly believe in keeping parents well informed of these incidents.
Outdoor Education never fails to deliver!

Students who enrol in the outdoor education elective are often treated to nature’s best. Last week was no different when our students went to Cape Schanck for Outdoor Education. While they were there at the beach they were treated to an amazing display from a whale who had surfaced and splashed around for over half an hour. Students were in awe of this magnificent animal and came home with a greater appreciation of nature. Well done Christine Steer for her leadership in this course.

End of term Assembly

We always like to finish each term with an assembly not only to showcase the talents of our students but also to give students something to think about. Last Wednesday of term we were fortunate to have Jason McIntyre speak at our assembly. He is a young man who has faced a great deal of adversity in his life through severe health issues. But this hasn’t stopped Jason from reaching his goals. He has won supercar races four times and is a great advocate for organ donation; something he is very passionate about as he is still on the waiting list for a transplant. Students were very impressed with his powerful message and learned much from his experiences and great advice.

Our Music Appreciation class performed three numbers to entertain our parents, students and staff. It was lovely seeing the entire class involved in these songs and they did a great job; well done!!

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

City Experience- Year 9’s Mount Evelyn

On the last week of the semester, our year nine students set off to experience the hustle and bustle of Melbourne City Centre. Prior to the excursion, Shane Hart, Jayne Lauder and Robyn Dew prepared students for the week ahead and challenged them to look at their city in a different way. Students were introduced to their two challenges - to photograph an A to Z of Melbourne CBD and to use the city experience as a basis for a piece of creative writing.

On a rainy Tuesday morning, we boarded the train at Lilydale station and strangely passed the larger group of blue jackets, raincoats and umbrellas of the year nine students from Mooroolbark campus at Mooroolbark station. Stranger too to discover that despite not joining our train, which departed before theirs, they leapfrogged us to arrive at Flagstaff station before us. Our students were given the task to explore the changing multicultural nature of Queen Victoria Markets before heading off in small groups to photograph the A to Z of Melbourne.

Wednesday morning again battered down with rain and we left Lilydale for Flinders Street Station. The gods were smiling on us as sunshine broke and students finalised their A to Z of Melbourne task. That morning, in a large group like a long blue snake, we walked along Birrarung Marr to the MCG. The tour was surprisingly gripping as we discovered how cricketers use technology to become more proficient. We learned how footballers prepare for matches and the myriad of other uses of this space in the past 150 year which included housing 100,000 US soldiers during World War Two.

On Thursday our itinerary included a gripping tour of the Old Melbourne Gaol. It is impossible to not be affected by the contrast between the modern buildings surrounding the gaol and the solemn dark atmosphere and deafening silence as you enter. We discovered that the gaol was the place of suffering for many thousands of people including a child as young as six months who was convicted for vagrancy. Students were challenged to see how the hangman was selected and performed the duty of capital punishment.

On Friday, with June’s record coldest day, our year nine students lounged in the Performing Arts Centre and worked in groups editing and presenting their A to Z of Melbourne. These were later presented to our year 7 classes on the last lesson of the semester.

A big thank you to all of our students who embraced the college values of REAP in their actions and behaviours in the CBD and on the trains. A big thanks to Margaret Prentice for her leadership in planning. A big thank you to Jayne Lauder, Demos Koullacas and Robyn Fraser for joining me on a wonderful week. I look forward to planning a slightly different schedule next year with our current year eight students and hope they will enjoy this experience as much as the current students did.

Shane Hart
A whale watching finish to our 9/10 Marine Studies

Mt Evelyn campus Outdoor Education students were met with a tremendous surprise as they started down the impressive board walk at Cape Schanck. Bouncing in the ocean waters below was possibly a hump back whale passing through. Our students were able to enjoy the dives and sprays of water until they could no longer be seen out at sea. It was a very exciting and memorable time in nature. A time for young people to connect with the coast and appreciate all they had learnt about the value of marine environments and the importance of protecting ocean biodiversity.

Christine Steer

Hawthorn Football Club Visit

On Tuesday June 14, eleven of our potential young sport leaders were chosen to go on a very special tour of the Hawthorn Football Club. The tour was a leadership seminar, run by the players. The afternoon was broken down into five sessions. Our first session revolved around diet, nutrition and sleep. The players gave us all some excellent tips on all of those areas, especially about the hidden sugars in many juices and sport drinks. We then went on to talk about resilience and the importance of mindfulness. After that we learnt about setting goals for whatever you hope to achieve in later life. They also talked about careers they would probably undertake after their time at the football club ended and the importance of a good education. We also went for a tour around their training complex and visited the Hawthorn Museum and their gymnasium. We viewed the exercise equipment and their recovery facilities. The ice baths were extremely cold!!

All of the people that went to the seminar had a great time. They asked insightful questions and represented our school very well. The students involved in the excursion were Ethan Blewett, Jamie Botha, Ben Callaghan, Wade Campbell, Samantha Donazzon, Nelson Hourihan, Bonnie Hunter, Kap Cung Lian, Lachlan Patten, Tyra Thompson and Joel Tullberg.

Virginia Stacey
EAL students break through

Year 10 EAL students enjoyed an active program delivered by Kate Wilde and ‘Karate’ Guy. For eight weeks the students participated in a combination of group and individual work designed to build inner-strength and self-esteem that was aligned to the core values of our school: respect, endeavour, achievement and pride. It culminated in an exciting finale of breaking karate blocks that the students had received specialised instruction and training to attempt. All the students were victorious with the girls breaking levels that Guy, the instructor, said were not generally achieved.

Georgia Butters-Cain

Wheelchair Basketball

On Thursday 23 June we had a wonderful experience with James from Basketball Victoria, who came in and ran a wheelchair basketball session with the students of 7A. He brought along nine wheelchairs and ran an extremely engaging and fun session for the students. They were introduced to wheelchair basketball through a range of skill development activities and finished off with several games of basketball.

All students had a fantastic time and can now appreciate how difficult it is to be wheel-chair bound!!

A very special thank you to David Audesho, who organised the session and collected the wheelchairs from Knox.

Virginia Stacey

YEAR 8 CAMP 2016

Registrations for the 2016 Waratah Bay Beach Camp are closing soon. Year 8 students can look forward to a week filled with sun, fun, friends, fantastic food and adventurous activities. Waves will be surfed, marshmallows will be roasted and unforgettable memories will be made.

It’s not too late to register your child, contact the office for more information.

Want to know what you can do to raise a resilient teenager?

FREE online parenting program empowering parents to make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager with confidence.

As children become teenagers, it can be hard for parents to know the best way to stay connected with their child. Partners in Parenting is a new online parenting program that has been shown to help improve parent-child communication and reduce family conflict. Through interactive online activities, parents can develop skills in emotional intelligence, supporting their teenager through difficulties they face and maintaining a close relationship with their teen. This program was developed by researchers at Monash University and the University of Melbourne, and is based on Parenting Guidelines that were published in partnership with beyondblue and have been accessed and found helpful by thousands of parents worldwide.

Researchers are currently evaluating the longer-term benefits of the program by offering parents in Australia the opportunity to try it for free. If you are a parent or guardian of a child aged 12 to 15, you may be eligible to participate. Participation will take a few hours of yours and your child’s time over 12 months. Both you and your child will be reimbursed for your time.

Find out more or register at www.partnersinparenting.net.au or contact the researchers at med-partnersinparenting@monash.edu or on (03) 9905 1250

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BOOK WEEK IS COMING!

There lots of new books being bought and processed for the Library this month. Teacher-Librarians and Librarians got very excited just recently as the shortlisted books for Book Week were announced. So in this week’s column I thought I would let you know about this year’s contenders for Children’s Book of the Year for Older Readers. This year’s theme is “Australia! Story Country”.

We are in the process of processing the shortlisted books for the Library and Mrs. O’Sullivan and myself will be reading these over the next coming weeks. The winners will be announced on Friday 19th August 2016.

**Freedom Ride – Sue Lawson**

Robbie knows bad things happen in Walgaree. But it’s nothing to do with him. That’s the way the Aborigines have always been treated. But in the summer of 1965 racial tensions in the town are at boiling point, and something headed Walgaree’s way will blow things apart. It’s time for Robbie to take a stand. And nothing can ever be the same again. A novel based on true events.

**The Pause – John Larkin**

One moment. One pause. One whole new life. Declan seems to have it all: a family that loves him, friends he’s known for years, a beautiful girlfriend he would go to the ends of the earth for. But there’s something in Declan’s past that just won’t go away, that pokes and scratches at his thoughts when he’s at his most vulnerable. Declan feels as if nothing will take away that pain that he has buried deep inside for so long. So he makes the only decision he thinks he has left: the decision to end it all. Or does he? As the train approaches and Declan teeters at the edge of the platform, two versions of his life are revealed. In one, Declan watches as his body is destroyed and the lives of those who loved him unravel. In the other, Declan pauses before he jumps. And this makes all the difference.

**The Flywheel – Erin Gough**

Seventeen-year-old Delilah’s crazy life is about to get crazier. Ever since her father took off overseas, she’s been struggling to run the family’s cafe without him and survive high school. But after a misjudged crush on one of the cool girls, she’s become the school punchline as well. With all that’s on her plate she barely has time for her favourite distraction - spying on the beautiful Rosa, who dances flamenco at the tapas bar across the road. All this leaves Del grappling with some seriously curly questions. Is it okay to break the law to help a friend? How can a girl tell another girl she likes her without it ending in humiliation and heartbreak? And - the big one - is it ever truly possible to dance in public without falling over?

**May the books be with you…**

Ms. Alison Hay
Teacher-Librarian
Yarra Hills Secondary College
Parents and Friends Association
Inaugural Shopping Tour

When: 17th September 2016
Cost: Adult - $52.00  Child under 16 - $26.00
Payment: Payment can be made:
- In person at the either Campus General Office
- By phoning the Campus General Office and paying with Credit Card or
- Sending in the Credit Card cut-off below

Where: Meet at Mt Evelyn Campus 7.30am / Mooroolbark Campus 7.45am & Return 6.30pm.
Bring: Family/ Friends/ Neighbours/ Teachers/ Principals/ Teenagers
Note: The price also includes a 2 course meal at a Bistro. Please let us know if you need varied special dietary requirements!

Proposed places we will be going:
- Bambis - Homeware and giftware
- Natio - Cosmetics and gifts
- Bonds - Clothing
- Candy Stripes – Children’s designer-wear
- Toy Networks - Toys
- Oz Luggage - Luggage, passport holders, wallets, handbags, overnight bags
- Ross’s Nuts - Nuts, Lollies, dried fruit, Gluten Free, NZ/ English products
- Sports Direct - Sportswear, shoes
- Christmas Shop - All things ‘Christmas’
- Diana Ferrari - Shoes/boots and ladies clothing.
- Linen Factory - Manchester

If you need any more information please contact our PFA representatives:
- Sheryn Holloway: 0409143565
- Karen Dethomas: 0409009228

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PFA SHOPPING TOUR - CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM

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3rd Croydon Scout Group are holding our Annual ‘Bogan Bingo’ Night on 5 August 2016.
The Fundraising Committee presents a Family Night with exciting prizes to be won. This includes not only 7 games of Bingo but mini games as well, so bring some loose gold coins.
There is a $15 entry fee per family or $5 for a single person, which includes all your bingo games for the evening. Extra books are available at the door for $4.00 each.
Bring the family, bring your friends, they are all welcome. Dress in your flannelette shirt (or just come as you are). This is an event that you won’t want to miss!
Venue: 3rd Croydon Scout Hall - Birdwood Rd, Croydon
Date: 5 August 2016 - Friday Night
Time: 7.30-10.30pm
If all Scout families could bring a plate to share, it would be greatly appreciated!
**Each person will receive a ticket on entry for a lucky door prize.

Mt Evelyn Community Market
July 23
August 27
September 24
October 22
November 26

Sausage Sizzle  Devonshire Tea
Handmade Products  Local Businesses
Community Groups

RSL Hall
49 Birmingham Rd
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MTEVELYNCOMMUNITYMARKET
MTEVELYNMARKET@GMAIL.COM

Lilydale Farmers Produce Market
First Sunday each month. 8am to 1pm.
2016 dates
July 3rd
August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th
January 1st 2017 (no market)

Artwork by Cara Robinson

Yarra Hills Community
9-11 September 2016
Submissions and enquiries from community artists welcome
More information on the YHSC website
Yarra Hills Secondary College
9736 3650 or 9839 8800

contact@rotarylilydale.org.au
Mt Evelyn Campus

Activities

Steam Club: Mondays & Wednesdays at Recess
Tuesdays at Lunchtime - E2

Juggle Club: Wednesdays at lunchtime - PAC

Lego Club: Wednesdays & Fridays at lunchtime - Library

Animal Club: Fridays at lunchtime - J8

Gym open: Mondays & Fridays at lunchtime - Library

iPad time: Thursdays at lunchtime - Library

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)

YouthArt 2016

26 August - 3 October 2016
Applications now open!

Now in its third year YouthArt 2016 is a great opportunity for local artists, aged from 15-25 years, to exhibit and sell their art in a commercial setting within their community. Art at Linden Gate has been an important part of the Yarra Valley for over 25 years and feels strongly that the next generation of artists needs to be encouraged.

Applications close 1 August!

Prizes include:
Encouragement Award - Yarra Ranges Ryrie Ward
People's Choice - RACV Healesville Country Club
Exhibition at Yering Station, Matts Bar

Selection Criteria:
Aged 15-25, live, work or attend school in or around the Yarra Ranges
Artwork to be no more than 12 months old
free entry - commission 20% on sales
all mediums accepted including sculpture for inside or outside positions.

Schools please encourage your best artists to apply by 1st August.
Send photos with description and your background/details to: artatlindengate@gmail.com
more information: Reggie Clark 0418 851 819
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Mt Evelyn Campus

General Homework
Every day at Lunchtime in the Library

ICT Homework
Monday & Thursday at lunchtime in E2

Bring your books and lunch