From the College Principal

Doctors in Schools Program

As reported in my Compass message last week, I am proud to announce that Yarra Hills has been successful in being selected as one of the 100 Doctors in Schools sites across Victoria. We submitted an application for this some months ago and, as you may have noted in media reports this week, this involves the following:

The program will provide $43.8 million over three years to fund general practitioners (GPs) to attend up to 100 Government secondary schools to provide medical advice and health care to those students most in need.

As part of the program, schools will be provided with:

- an adolescent health trained GP to attend up to once a week to provide health support
- support for staff coordination and access to specific program training
- modern, fit-for-purpose consultation rooms, where required

Although this has been allocated to the Mooroolbark Campus, I have been assured that we can arrange for the GP to schedule visits at both campuses. This is another exciting development for Yarra Hills and one that we hope will improve medical support and access to all members of our college community.

Finally, I’d like to thank those who were involved in developing our application/submission for this initiative, in particular the school Wellbeing Team led by Cat Strempel.

Well done and thanks for your efforts.
Yarra Hills Community Art Show

I very much look forward to this year’s Yarra Hills Community Art Show, which is being held this weekend at our Mt Evelyn Campus. Education Minister & Deputy Premier the Honourable James Merlino MP will be officially opening the show on Friday night, along with fellow MPs David Hodgett and Christine Fyffe who will be presenting awards for various sections of the competition. I encourage you to come along and take a look at the art work from local primary students, Yarra Hills students and many local artists.

Finally, I’d like to wish all families a happy and healthy break over the coming school holidays. Many of our VCE staff are running exam revision classes during this time also, so I encourage students to make the most of this opportunity in the lead up to final exams.

Darren Trippett
College Principal

Victories 18 and 19 in the Table Tennis

On Friday September 2 our Intermediate Boys and Girls Table Tennis teams took part in the Yarra Division Round Robins at the Kilsyth Stadium. Both the girls A & B teams came away finishing 1st & 2nd respectively in their tournament whilst the Boys A, B and C teams finished 1st, 3rd and 4th. The 2 table tennis wins have capped off a bumper year in Yarra Hills sport with 19 teams now making it through to the Eastern Zone Rounds of competition.

Yarra Hills has achieved the following sporting results and success during 2016:
8 victories in the boys and girls Badminton
4 victories in the boys Soccer
5 Victories in the boys and girls Table Tennis
And single victories in the Year 8 girls Softball & Cricket.

“Well done to all students who have participated in a sporting team throughout the 2016 year, your involvement and enthusiasm has produced some really amazing results for our school!”

Murray McAllister
From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

As we near the end of term, it seems to have become busier, with lots of events taking place. Many of our year 9 and 10s are off on their Queensland or High Country adventures and it is not long at all until our year 12s finish their schooling, with only 5 weeks to go. I urge them to enjoy the last weeks of school, to work hard and for the VCE students to set themselves up for the best opportunity for success in their upcoming exams. All parents and guardians will have their child’s Interim Report posted online next week on Compass. I urge you to read through this and look at how they are progressing.

I would like to also make special mention of a fantastic cause to support one of our own within the Yarra Hills Community who needs our help. Jane Sparrow is the mother of one of year 7 students Declan. She has been suffering a rare form of cancer for nearly 10 years. This cancer can only be treated using chemotherapy, which she has endured every 12-18 months during this time. Her family and close friends have started a GoFundMe campaign to help Jane get life-saving chemotherapy using a drug that is not on the Australian pharmaceutical benefits scheme. Therefore, weekly treatment cost is around $2000 and the treatment typically goes for 3-6 months. Jane and her family would welcome support from our Yarra Hills community. People can donate at: https://dm2.gofund.me/2kupc24

Alternatively there is a fundraiser movie event that has been organised by friends of Jane’s that you may wish to support. Please see the advertisement below:

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<td><strong>Details:</strong> This is an event to help raise funds for Jane and her much needed treatment. All profits from this event will go to Jane. The movie we will be seeing is Bridgett Jone’s Baby at 2pm but we would like you to arrive at 1:30pm so that everybody is seated by 2pm. Cost of tickets will be $25 which include ticket, medium popcorn and medium drink. We will also be selling raffle tickets and lolly bags which will be set up in the foyer prior to the movie. We have a limited seating of 90 so make sure you pay for your ticket ASAP to secure your place. Please share and invite your friends. If people would like to make donations for the ticket bank account details will be coming soon otherwise you can pay cash to Kallie, Leesa or Lucy. Account details are: Jane Sparrow Medical Fund BSB 633-000 Account 158311787.</td>
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Here are some of the events that have been taking place for students at Mooroolbark:

**Student Learning Focus Groups**

I am currently undertaking some student focus groups at the Mooroolbark and Mt Evelyn Campuses. The students involved are discussing their learning and how we as a school can continue to improve the school learning environment for them. It is so heartening to hear them articulate and share their views and help shape the future of the school. We hope to continue to run these Focus Groups in term 4 and into 2017 and beyond.

**Ground improvement works**

We continue to work on improving parking for our senior students, teachers, parents and visitors. We are currently putting in a gravel car park space on the area above the synthetic pitch, behind the C-Building. This will provide space for another 25-30 cars. We have also put a gravel pathway from this car park to the top part of the C-Building. We are hoping, if the rain stays away to have it open and available for use before the end of term. Secondly, a lift is being installed in our C-Building over the September holidays. This will provide important disabled access to the top of level.
There has been a real literacy focus in the last 2 weeks, with our campus celebrating ‘Book Week’ in the library with a range of book related activities each day. On Friday we had the book character dress-up day, with a picnic in the library. Congratulations to all the students and staff who dressed as their favourite book characters. My favourite was the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland, the White Witch from The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe, and the Harry Potters! A big thank you to Alison Hay, Rachel Lynch and Rebecca Fletcher for their organisation of activities. On Wednesday August 31 we had our annual year 7 & 8 Spelling Bee. Two of our dedicated English staff, Taryn Brook and Steph Conroy organised the Spelling Competition. It was great to see so many year 7 and 8 students testing their spelling skills.

The year 7 students have been busy, with machine making in Science and Devonshire Teas within their Foods class!

The Year 10 Career Excursion on Friday 26 August saw students visiting various stalls to gather information on their choice of career paths.

On Sunday August 28, I had the pleasure of being invited along as a guest to the annual Australian Youth Band concert. This band is directed by our very own Head of Instrumental Music, Richard O’Toole. It was fantastic to see so many of our own Yarra Hills students involved including our Senior and Junior students. They played so well and are so talented.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish Darren Trippett our College Principal all the best as he takes Long Service Leave for Term 4. I wish him a well earned break and safe travels. I will be stepping into his shoes for the period of his absence and I am looking forward to Acting in the College Principal role. I would like to welcome Christina Shaw, who will be acting as Campus Principal here at Mooroolbark.

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

With this newsletter being the last for the term, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I will be taking leave for the last two weeks of this term seeing the sights of America with my family so definitely looking forward to warmer weather! Rebecca Dunn will take over the reins in my absence and Darren Trippett will pop his head in more often as well. The interim reports will be available for parents next week and I encourage all parents to reflect with students the progress each has made this term. I also wish all year 9 and 10 students a wonderful camp week in Queensland and the High Country.

Book week
Another big week with Book Week a few weeks ago. There were lots of activities on offer throughout the week in the library at lunchtime and we finished the week off with a dress up in your favourite character. Some students were very convincing in their costumes and we held a parade to eventually decide our winning costume. All credit must go to Rebecca Fletcher for her effort in putting all the activities in place as well as all the students who participates. Reading is so important to the success of students and as it was pointed out at Ready to Reflect, even 10 minutes a day can have a huge impact on tests and results.

The Outdoor Class room is complete!!!!

It started as an idea from our students after the portables were taken away at the end of last year. “What about an outdoor classroom?” “Hmmm….good idea!” Thanks to our successful application for the Boral Community project, we managed to get the man power to get this outdoor class room built. Mark Dunn (our Maintenance Manager) bought all the materials to make the 6 very solid picnic tables. Jesse Pride and Justin Koffyberg (year 10) worked all day with Mark & Rob as well as our volunteers get these tables together. Students from the Advance class managed to get the donated (thank you Robyn Johnston!) apple crates moved to the area, levelled off and filled with the necessary sugar cane and top-soil ready for the vegetables to be planted. Our SRC will work towards making these apple crates functional vegetable gardens……I can’t wait. The general feeling of our school community about this project………It looks fantastic!!!!
The Great Yarra Hills Spelling Bee

Once again our annual spelling bee was held last Wednesday with representatives from each class battling it out to see who the greatest speller was. There was some fierce competition with many very tricky words. What was so impressive was to see so many year 7 students make it to the final six. But down to two students, Rhys McMillan (Yr 10) and Todd Brand (Yr 7) who both lasted many difficult words. But it was on the final word and Rhys you can see feelings from self faced playing off against each other. I won the battle. Congratulations Rhys! As you can see from the pictures, there were no hard feelings from Todd – great effort Todd! Then students wanted to see a staff spelling bee battle. Angie Bondarenko, Robyn Fraser and myself faced playing off against each other. I have to say it took all my effort to ensure my spelling was up to scratch! After a number of challenging words, Angie took out the top prize, well done Angie!

7M held a fantastic Devonshire Tea

Every year in Food Technology, we give year 7 students the opportunity to run a Devonshire Tea for their parents. Last week 7L had their turn and this week it was 7M’s turn. With Jessica Grant as head chef and all students in their specific roles, they did a fantastic job of preparing the scones, making the tea and coffee and waiting on all our guests. We were so lucky to have many staff who also dropped in for Devonshire tea including our retired Campus Principal, Tom O’Meara. We had over 20 guests and it got very busy but each student rose to the challenge and our parents were suitably impressed by our student’s effort.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
VCE Physics – Australian Synchrotron

Our VCE Physics students visited the Australian Synchrotron to look at its application and conduct experiments at the laboratory on the interaction of Light and Matter. For those that don't know, a synchrotron is a giant circular particle accelerator that produces a very intense and very narrow beam of electromagnetic radiation called synchrotron light. The properties of this light make it useful for conducting experiments to investigate the structure of atoms and molecules. Another way we can describe the synchrotron is a huge doughnut shaped light source that works like a molecular microscope.

![Synchrotron Image]

Students are taken around the synchrotron and get to learn how the synchrotron works and how it is used in research. They are also quizzed on how particles are accelerated, how particles are kept in a circular motion, applying their knowledge of Physics to answer questions and learn how the concept of Physics applies in real world.

![Students and Synchrotron Image]

Our students were excellent ambassadors of the school and the Research Doctor that conducted the tour was very impressed with the quality of answers given by our students especially Thomas Zooeff's answer during the Laboratory session. It was an excellent excursion where the students learned a lot and were able to apply their physics knowledge very well.

David Audesho
Physics & Systems Teacher

Girls Physics Breakfast

Six students of our year 10 students, Chloe Potter, Sam Donazzon, Alana Dobson, Katherine Rolston, Carly Johnson and Melanie Moss were invited to attend the Girls in Physics Breakfast event. They listened to international speaker, Dr Catalina Curceanu, from Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati, part of Italy's National Institute of Nuclear Physics. Dr Curceanu is the Australian Institute of Physics (AIP) 2016 Women in Physics Lecturer. This science breakfast was part of her speaking tour across Australia.

Dr Curceanu spoke briefly about the opportunities and challenges of a career in Particle Physics, both as a scientist and as a woman. Students were seated in tables of 10 with two students from each participating school and two female students currently studying science, physics, and engineering from various Universities. This gave our students the opportunity to ask questions and explore the life of a scientist and university student life.

Students had the opportunity to visit the Swinburne University's Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing. They viewed a 3D astrophysics film exploring the planets of our solar system, fate of a star and flying around the galaxies in the local universe as part of the Astro Tour. The girls all had a wonderful time and were superior ambassadors for our School.

David Audesho
Year 10 Coordinator
This term students have been learning about Forces and Simple Machines. Students have started making some simple machines to assist in developing their understanding of how these devices are used in real life.

Matt Sheaves
Year 7 Coordinator

COLLEGE CONCERT

The combined talents of our music students will be on display at the 2016 College Concert, to be held on Monday 17 October, 7:30pm, Red Earth Theatre, at the Mooroolbark Community Centre.

Performances will be presented by the Senior and Intermediate Concert Bands, and our Year 7 musicians will be performing at their very first concert as the Junior Band. The Saxophone, Percussion and Woodwind ensembles will also be performing on the night, as well as our VCE Music Performance soloists.

Tickets are available at: trybooking.com/215851
BOOK WEEK
It’s all over!

We have all now recovered from Book Week and what a week it was! Lot of activities happening in both campus Libraries finishing up with a “Dress as your favourite book character” day and an Australia! Story Country picnic at the Mooroolbark campus Library where all the dressed up book characters got to eat all kinds of uniquely Australian food from ANZAC biscuits and lamingtons to chocolate crackles and Granny Smith apples! Photos of all the activities coming in the next newsletter.

I know the Mooroolbark campus did very well this year as we have nearly all the winning books this year available in the Library (except for Mr. Huff). I am reading Cloudwish at the moment and if you have read Six Impossible Things, then you would like this book. There are threads of some of the original characters from that book in Cloudwish. So far a very good read!

Here are the winners for BOOK OF THE YEAR 2016

**Older Readers** – *Cloudwish* by Fiona Wood
**Younger Readers** – *Soon* by Morris Gleitzman
**Early Childhood** – *Mr. Huff* by Anna Walker
**Picture Book** – *Flight* illustrated by Armin Greder (text by Nadia Wheatley)
**Information Book** – *Lennie the legend: solo to Sydney* by pony by Stephanie Owen Reeder

There were also lots of prize winners during the week as well. So congratulations to all those winners!

The Mooroolbark camps Library Book Winners were:

- **Trivia Quiz Champions**: Team Bananas (Brittnay Jackson, Abby de Lima, Grace Ferrari & Jasmine Collins)
- **20to1 Victor**: Sam Hives
- **Bookathon Master**: Abby de Lima
- **Bookseuth Supr**:
- **Poster Competi**
- **Quiz Champ**: Stephanie King

In the last week of term, the Mooroolbark campus Library will be celebrating the centenary birth of one of the most famous, well known and well loved children’s authors in the world—ROALD DAHL!

The 13th September is **Roald Dahl Day** and the library will be showing the movie “Fantastic Mr. Fox” at lunchtime. There will be another trivia competition with a great prize up for grabs to see who really the cracking expert on all things Roald Dahl! Entry forms can be picked up from the Circulation Desk at the Mooroolbark campus Library.

May the books be with you…

Ms. Alison Hay
Teacher-Librarian
Asthma Week 1-7 September 2016

Asthma Week is almost here and our focus this year is on asthma and Hay fever and to help those loving with asthma to Become a Better Breather.

We’ve loads of great resources available to promote Asthma Week within your school. If you’d like to re-book your asthma training, call your local Asthma Foundation on: 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or visit www.asthmaaustralia.org.au.

Are you, or do you know a woman over 50 years of age?
Have you had a breast screen within the last two years?
Make it a priority before or during this September break!

- 1 in 8 women will get breast cancer
- 75% of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over the age of 50
- It takes only 10 minutes, it’s with a woman and is free
- Early detection gives women the best chance of successful treatment and recovery
- Book at breastscreen.org.au or call 13 20 50

Lydiate Breast Screen Clinic
355 Main Street, Lydiate
Maroondah BreastScreen Clinic
24 Grey Street, Ringwood East

BreastScreen saves lives
breastscreen.org.au
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MOVIE FUNDRAISER
4.30pm Sunday 9th October

100% of all money raised will go towards assisting newly arrived refugees residing in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne

TICKETS: $25
Buy tickets now at www.trybooking.com/225618
or Call Judy or Sophie at the Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne)
9285 4888

Special Q & A Screening with the Director Ros Horlin and members of the ‘Troupe’

CINEMA NOVA
380 Lygon Street Carlton

MOOROOLBARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION DAY 2017

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We are also looking for players for A and B teams in Under 12s and Under 15s

DATE: Sunday 24th October 2016
TIME: 10.00am – 5.00pm
VENUE: MPC Heights Reserve
Longfellow Avenue, Mooroolbark

For information on how to register, email Helen at: ydasengagement@ydascf.org.au

Youth Disability Advocacy Service

LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

Creative, positive post-school options for students with disabilities

Free lunch, accessible photobooth, chill out space and showbags
Young speakers with disabilities, stallholders, NDIS information sessions delivered by agency staff and participants

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2016
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Mooroolbark Junior Football Club

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**Mt Evelyn Community Market**

**When:**
- July 23
- August 27
- October 22
- November 26
- September 24

**Where:** RSL Hall
49 Birmingham Rd

**Website:** [www.facebook.com/mtEvelynCommunityMarket](http://www.facebook.com/mtEvelynCommunityMarket)
[mtevelynmarket@gmail.com](mailto:mtevelynmarket@gmail.com)

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**ASD Teen Social Group**

**When:** Third Sunday of the Month
**Time:** 5:00pm - 8:30pm
**Venue:** Kilsyth Club: Canterbury Room
**Address:** Cnr Canterbury Rd and Colchester Rd Kilsyth

For enquiries please contact Erin Weegberg at Interchange Outer East on 9756 5922 or teenasd@ioe.org.au

If you are aged 13 - 18 years old or (still attending secondary school) come and join our teen social group. We meet on the third Sunday of the month. It is a great opportunity to socialise and meet new friends who have similar interests. This newly formed group is run by 2 group leaders who are parents of ASD children. The group will meet in a relaxed environment and will have the opportunity to practice their social skills in a friendly and supportive environment. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet, chat and obtain information. Parents/Carers must be in attendance and supervise their teen at all times. Dinner and drinks at your own cost.

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**START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY**

**Brekky Club**

Come on down to the Well Being Centre at Mt Evelyn Campus and 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**

**General Homework**

Every day at Lunchtime in the Library

**ICT Homework**

Monday & Thursday at lunchtime in E2

Bring your books and lunch
Yarra Hills Secondary College
Parents and Friends Association
Inaugural Shopping Tour

When: 22nd October 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: 0409009218

YARRA HILLS SECONDARY COLLEGE
PFA SHOPPING TOUR - CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM

Name: __________________________________________ Transaction Date: _____________ Phone: ________________

Being For: FFA Shopping Tour Number of People attending: _______ Amount: $ _________

Special Dietary Requirements: YES / NO MT Evelyn Campus ☐ Mooroolbark Campus ☐

If YES please list: ____________________________________________________________

CARD DETAILS: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐

Name of Cardholder (As appears on Card): ___________________________ Expiry Date: _____ / ______ CCV: ________

Signature: ________________________________________________________________

Card Number: ________________