From the College Acting Principal

Term 4 continues to roll on and here we are in Week 4 already. It has been a challenging few weeks in terms of weather and I am hoping for a change to fine weather and no wind very soon! We know that many of you, particularly up in the Dandenong Ranges and the Yarra Valley, were significantly impacted by the power outages caused by the storms. We were fortunate at both our campuses that the storm didn’t impact us, and we were able to operate as normal.

College Concert

I would like to congratulate all of the students and staff involved in the College Concert held last Monday at the Red Earth Centre in Mooroolbark. It was a great success. We have such a talented group of music students. It is great to see the improvement and growth of the students through the year at the various events. A big thankyou must go to all the Instrumental and Classroom Music staff lead by Richard O’Toole.
Year 12s

It was fantastic to celebrate the formal end to their schooling for our Year 12 students, both VCE and VCAL. The farewell Assembly and the last day celebrations were a great send-off. Thank you to the Senior Management Team, Karen Phillips and Carolyn Bryant, for organising all the activities and making the finish so positive. It has been really encouraging to see many of our VCE students coming into school to get further support from their teachers and revising for their upcoming Exams. I want to wish all our students the best of luck with exams, beginning with the English Exam this Wednesday. I would like to acknowledge a group of Year 12 students who have been studying a language outside of school - Hakha Chin. We have 8 students, who are part of the first group of students, outside of Myanmar, to study this language and the first group to complete this as part of their VCE Studies. This will be formally acknowledged and celebrated this week at the Language School.

Greg Cowan
Acting College Principal

From the Acting Mooroolbark Campus Principal

Parents are reminded that next Monday October 31 is a pupil free day. Staff will be attending school as normal on Monday. They will have a busy day participating in a range of activities to further develop their professional knowledge. On the day they will explore additional strategies to cater for students with a range of specific needs; continue to refine curriculum in preparation for the new Victorian curriculum which will be implemented next year as well as the feedback component of our instructional model.

Our Unit 3 & 4 students have now commenced their external VCCA examinations. Many students are visiting their class teachers to have past exams marked and to discuss aspects of the courses studied during the year. Staff will continue to be available to students through the exam period. We wish our students all the best for these important examinations. Parents are urged to contact the school, Ms Phillips or Ms Bryant in Senior School or myself, if an unexpected event or illness impacts on any aspect of student health during this period. The VCCA has special provisions which we can access if student illness or family issues and illness have a negative impact on students during the examination period. We are happy to discuss these provisions with you.

Our year 11 students will soon be completing their Unit 2 examinations. These examinations play an important role in preparing your children for next year’s external examinations. Classroom teachers are currently completing course work and revising topics covered during the semester. This will include making past papers available for students to complete and discuss with them.

It has been another exciting few weeks at the Mooroolbark campus. Students have participated in a wide range of activities including the Eastern Zone Table Tennis finals, a Year 8 Science incursion on Geology, Year 9 Peer Support, Outdoor Education activities, and a VCE Chemistry excursion. We recently received news that the Mooroolbark Lions Club have provided a grant to our Advance group to plan, build and landscape an outdoor area. Students have already moved through the planning stage and have begun site works. In the next newsletter you will hear about and be able to see their progress. On Monday October 17 I attended my first YHSC Music Concert. The concert was a sell out and all who attended were treated to a fantastic experience. I was impressed by the talent and team work of our students. The contrast between their nerves and intense concentration before their performance and the beaming smiles and animated conversation afterwards was obvious.

Our students are fortunate to have such a broad range of activities to participate in. Many thanks to all staff who have provided these activities.

Just a reminder to parents at our Mooroolbark Campus of parking, drop-off and pick-up areas of the school. With the recent bad weather we have had higher than normal traffic flow in peak times. We ask that you exercise patience and caution when entering and exiting the school. Secondly please be aware of the recent upgrades to car-parking which includes:

- Additional parking at the back of the school (on the hill). This is a gravel parking area that has easy path access to students in the C-Building
- New signage indicating NO PARKING areas in the main front car-park

Further signage and upgrades will be happening over this Term to assist all with parking and parking restrictions. Due to our limited parking we do encourage parents to arrange for pick up in safe areas outside of the school, as this does avoid congestion.

Parents will have seen the newsfeed on October 25 regarding a road accident on the way to school. We are all relieved that the year 7 student escaped serious injury and is recovering. We ask all parents to have a conversation with their children about safety on our roads. Please remind your children about the need to cross roads at appropriate locations and to look carefully before doing so. If your child rides a bike they must wear a suitable helmet. We are reinforcing these messages at school especially with our bike riders. Finally have a safe and relaxing long weekend.

Christina Shaw
Acting Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

Spring is here but it’s been a rough ride with all the winds and storms. Many families have experienced some tough times with no power for a week or more. Thankfully the sun shone today and it looks like better weather ahead.

Carmen’s Road Safety Message

Every two years we are fortunate to have John Maher come and speak to our year 9 and 10 students about road safety. He takes us all on his journey from when he almost lost his own life in a car accident through to when he lost his daughter in a horrific car accident 21 years ago. Carmen, his daughter lost control of her car when she fell asleep at the wheel after driving her friend to work one Saturday morning; she was 18 years old. John spoke passionately of the impact this has had on his family and Carmen’s friends. He also helped students understand how important each and every one of them are to those who love them. John sent the very clear message to our students “Don’t ever do this to your family!” Students hung off every word John said and there were many tears throughout his presentation. He also sent all students home with homework “Go home and hug your Mum, your Dad, your brother and your sister and tell them how much you love them!” Such wise words! It was an extremely powerful and emotional message but one that is so important for everyone to stay safe on the roads.

If you would like to follow more of Carmen’s message, there is a Facebook page, please check it out.

Young Driver of the Year

Every year as part of our driver education elective, students spend two days at the METEC driver training in Kilsyth. From the driving they perform throughout the two days, occasionally students are selected to compete in the Young Driver of the Year Competition. Our own Sarah Edwards was selected and competed in the holidays. She managed to get through the first heat making it to the Grand Final. Good Luck Sarah, we are proud of you!

Peer Support Training

Every year we train all year 9 students for Peer Support. Even though we know many will not become Peer Support Leaders, the first day focused very much on the leadership skills which we believe will carry them throughout their studies and work life. Last Thursday we had over 100 students participating, and whilst it was very busy and jam packed, it was a great day. It was great how students shared their thoughts and ideas as well as joining in on all the activities. At the end of the day, students had the choice to sign up for the second day which will focus very much on the Peer Support Program. Thank you to the staff who assisted throughout the day and of course to the year 9 students. I’m looking forward to our second day.

The College Concert – WOW!!!!

No doubt there may be other articles in this newsletter regarding the College Concert but WOW what a concert! It was such a magnificent polished performance by our students from years 7 – 12. The junior band, intermediate band and senior concert band all performed such beautiful music. We had individual performances from our year 12 students as well as Matthew Davidson (year 8 Mooroolbark) who was so impressive with his song from Les Miserables. A huge congratulations to all students involved in this concert as well as to your instrumental teachers who helped you in this journey. A special congratulations to Richard for his organisation and leadership on this fantastic event!

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
Queensland Camp

On a cold morning, eighty students and eight staff member headed north from Mount Evelyn and Mooroolbark up to Queensland Gold Coast. Despite the rainy day, floods in New South Wales and even larger floods on our return trip, the week was a great success.

After twenty four hours in a bus stopping only for meals and required rest breaks, we all dumped our luggage at the Super Sports Centre. Then made our way to Wet and Wild, where we all stretched our bodies. The heat was like being hugged and it was lovely to see our students form new friendships and embrace being wet and wild as teenagers. Monday night, we had dinner at the Sports Centre and then made our way to the cinema.

Day three saw kayaking, a skill everyone mastered very quickly, as we paddled in pairs up the river to an island for a quick swim then return for lunch. Then we swapped for surfing lessons, a skill less mastered but equally enjoyed. Day Four we embraced our inner child and went to Dreamworld, where teachers were dared to challenge the thrills and screams of rides. Each night we celebrated the highs and lows of the day with the champ and champ of the day. The champ received a crown and a wand. While the chump wore a yellow Learner’s sign around their neck, which surprisingly winners took on with great gusto!

Day five, we had many activities, archery and pool games at the Sports Centre and walking to the beach for beach cricket as well as a sandcastle competition, which brought out great camaraderie and creativity. That night we went to an indoor rock climbing centre where most students mastered the skill which was surprisingly strenuous.

On our last day in Queensland we visited the Harbour Town Outlet Centre before making the long drive home. The flooded roads of six days before were even worse and this caused us to be three hours longer. We did manage to stop by “The Dish” at Parkes and contemplate its role in history of televising the “first steps of man” on the moon. A big thanks to Julia Rockett; Taryn Brook, Chantelle Mitchell, Linda Chapman, Marc Lucarelli, Claire van Tonder, and Catherine Strempel for all your assistance and for time and professionalism.

All and all a great week!

Shane Hart
**Year 8 Girls Table Tennis**

On Wednesday 19 October the Year 8 Girls Table Tennis Team ventured to the Kilsyth Stadium for the Eastern Zone Table Tennis Finals.

In the first match the girls fought hard against Mullauna College and they secured a 4-2 win. They then played against Wellington secondary college and despite some really closely played matches they had a disappointing 0-6 game result.

They then had to play off against Melba College for a spot in the finals and after the 4 singles matches both teams were level on 2 rubbers each 7 games each and 132 points each, quite remarkable really!

The doubles matches wound up being 1 rubber each and our girls went down by the narrowest of margins with the game result being 3 rubbers each 11 games each 207 points Yarra Hills and Melba 211 points.

The loss put the girls into 5th position overall.

Well done to each of the girls who played on the day and represented Yarra Hills so well.

*Murray McAllister*

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**Art Show Paints a Picture of Local Community**

During 2014, Yarra Hills Secondary College art faculty felt that it was time to let the community know about the talent of our students at the school, in a whole school exhibition. One art staff member, who was also a member of the Rotary Club of Lilydale, mentioned that his Rotary Club also wanted to have an art show to highlight the many talented artists we have in the Yarra Valley region, but the task was too large for the club to pursue on its own. Out of these discussions the idea for a community art show was born.

In a comparable illustration of “Build it and they will come” the Yarra Hills Community Art Show has grown enormously in the years it has been operating. The two organising committees, Yarra Hills SC art department and the Rotary Club of Lilydale, have found that art is once again ascendant; communities caring about how it is made, what it can portray and its ability to communicate life’s values and ideas in a visual language. In 2014 the art show had 38 external artists’ works submitted. This increased to 112 works last year and well over 200 works in our most recent exhibition.

In 2016, the Art Show displayed student work from Yarra Hills Secondary College, local community artist’s work along with members work from the Mount Evelyn and Yarra Valley Art Society, Yarra Valley Arts Society, Upper Yarra Artisans – (Warburton) and Ferntree Gully Artist Societies. We also had works entered from across the country with indigenous artist from the northerm territory, artists from Queensland and an international artist submitting works. Artists included Denise Smith, Robert Diss, Ernst Fries, Rebecca Pool, Pamela Gordon and many more established and emerging artists.

There were many styles on display, created in a wide range of medium; from pencil, pastel, water colour, oils and many mixed media. The photographic section was well supported this year; while wood and metal sculptures were again a strong presence. Fashion, in the form of sculptural gowns was included in this year’s show and given the very positive response will also be a feature of future shows. The hanging lanterns as you entered the exhibition attracted many comments; particularly on opening night when the lights inside them were most prominent.

Opening night, which gives our hospitality students the opportunity to cater for a function, was a gala event with a large crowd on hand to see our invited dignitaries’ presenting prizes to the seventeen award winners. The official opening of the event by Christine Fyffe (Member for Evelyn) and Daniel Mulino (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) occured directly after presentations with a brief speech as to the quality of work on display and the value of this community event. The ambience of the evening being enhanced by the live music playing in the background by a few of our senior students.

There were several hundred people through the exhibition over the weekend. With many comments on the brilliance and diversity of works on display. The textile and sculptural works, which filled the newly refurbished lower area, were particularly popular with visitors to the art show. A number of artists came along to styles and quality of works in this year’s show; and most asked for contact details for next year’s exhibition.

Additionally, in a new initiative for 2016, Montrose and Mount Evelyn Primary Schools also displayed work at the exhibition. Primary school work was sourced from the art extension programs run at their schools as a part of a Yarra Hills SC community links program. These programs have been devised and are run by teachers from Yarra Hills Secondary College.

With contributors ages spanning eight decades the Yarra Hills Community Art Show is now able to display the talents of our very young citizens, as well emerging artists along with those artists who are already well known for their talents in our community, and further afield. The Yarra Hills Community Art Show has certainly become a civic celebration of creativity.

*Rob Forbes*
College Concert

Recently, we again had the Music Department on show, with the talents of our young musicians on stage at the 2016 College Concert. The Senior Concert Band played at the usual high standard with performances including ‘John Williams in Concert’ featuring music from – Star Wars, Jaws and E.T., ‘Selections from Wicked’ and ‘Georgia on My Mind’ featuring soloist Thomas Zooeff on the Trumpet.

The Intermediate Concert Band performed ‘Spiderman’, ‘Thriller’ and ‘Happy’ and the Junior Concert Band, as usual, one of the highlights of the concert each year, played ‘Samba La Bamba’, ‘Mojo’, and ‘Zombie Stomp’ – well done to our junior musicians for their first performance.

The College Concert is also a platform for some of our smaller ensembles to perform, with the Saxophone Ensemble wowing the audience with their rendition of ‘Surfin’ USA’, the Woodwind Ensemble playing ‘Morning Mood’ from the Peer Gynt Suite and a selection of music from ‘The Lion King’. The Percussion Ensemble also performed an unconventional piece called ‘Conversations in Junk’, which had the students playing on rubbish bins and saucepans.

There were also a number of soloists featured during the concert, including College Captain, Annabelle Smith playing a piece from her VCE Recital programme, ‘Prelude from the Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite’, Ben Thomas singing ‘Dancing Through Life’ from the musical Wicked, Katie Connor playing a Tenor Saxophone solo, ‘Bala Bouce’, and Matthew Davison with an outstanding performance of a song from the popular musical Les Miserables, ‘Empty Chairs at Empty Tables’.

Congratulations to all music students for their efforts on the night!

Music in the Round – Year 7s on show!

It was great to see some of our Year 7 music students present a solo at Music in the Round last week. With just six months of music lessons so far, the young musicians performed very well and entertained the audience with such a diverse program of music.

Various musical instruments were represented during the evening, including the Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Guitar and Bass Guitar, with music performed from the classical, traditional folk and popular music genres.

Congratulations to all our talented Year 7 musicians who have made an outstanding effort this year!

Richard O’Toole
Instrumental Music Director
Year 7 Boys Table Tennis

On Friday October 14 our Year 7 Boys Table Tennis team played in the Eastern Metropolitan Finals. They played three matches in their pool, the first one against Templestowe which we lost. We won our second match against Wellington in a very close decider. We lost our third match, once again in a very close competition. This meant that we missed out on a chance to play off in the finals.

Our five boys showed awesome sportsmanship and great skills throughout the day. They retained big smiles on their faces all day, even in defeat! Well done boys. We are all very proud of you!

Connect Girls Program

On Thursday 6 October a group of twelve year nine girls, Mel Petersen – our SSSO Psychologist, Ashleigh Bibby – our SSSO Social Worker, Cat Strempel – our College Wellbeing Coordinator and Virginia Stacey – our Assistant Wellbeing Coordinator took on Mt Dandenong and won!

These twelve girls have been undertaking a ‘Connect Girls’ program throughout term three, which saw them meeting together with Mel, Ash and Claire – our School Chaplain, once a week for seven weeks. The final session saw us all jumping onto the school bus and heading to the base of Mount Dandenong, where we proceeded to wind our way up to Kalorama by walking up and down some pretty steep slopes.

We had lunch at the lovely café at Kalorama, admired the view and then decided we would continue on up to Sky High. By the time we reached the top, there were some pretty exhausted young women, but they were all so proud of themselves for never giving up and conquering that mountain.

A fantastic day was had by all of us. We are very proud of you girls! Well done!!

Virginia Stacey
**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 9758 5522 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 eat out and meet new friends who have similar interests. This newly formed group is aimed to support ASD teens in social settings.

This group is for teens with high functioning autism (ASD). They 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/Caregivers must be in attendance and supervise their teen at all times. Dinner and drinks at your own cost.

The teen’s group is run by 2 group leaders who are parents of ASD children. All teen group leaders have a Working with Children (WWC) police check.

We look forward to meeting you and your teen.

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If you have any queries regarding registration for 2017 please contact:  
Mick Karl (President) 0409 460 499  
or Tim Donohoe (Registrars) tim.donohoe@gmail.com

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When: 19th November 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
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- Linen Factory - Manchester

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