From the College Acting Principal

November is upon us, and here we are at the half way point of the Term. It has been a hive of activity across both Campuses.

Exams
Our Year 12 students are nearing the end of their formal exams, and the conclusion to their Secondary Schooling. I would like to commend all of our Year 12 VCE students as they have undertaken exams. Over the last 2 weeks, seeing many of them completing study sessions, exam revision and seeking out their teachers for support before the exams has been really heartening and I hope that the hard work pays off in getting the best results they can. I look forward to celebrating with our Year 12 students and their families at our Valedictory dinner on 18 November. Our Year 11 students have begun Exams this week, and at the conclusion begin their Year 12 Essentials program. This will set them up with a great transition and beginning to their Unit 3 studies.

This is a challenging time for our junior students as they complete important assessments prior to their exam period. It is important that you support your children, and ensure they are staying on top of work. A good study routine, and maintaining a healthy life-style is important. Please ensure you are in communication with teachers if you have concerns.

Remembrance Day
On Friday 11 November we will be remembering and commemorating those dedicated Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. We will be having a minute of silence and remember those that have fought for Australia in conflict to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. Students have been encouraged to buy and wear the poppies in recognition and support. We will have some of our Year 10 Captains joining the Mt Evelyn and Croydon RSL services representing Yarra Hills.
Staff Professional Development

This term, on the day prior to the Melbourne Cup Day holiday, our staff took part in a range of Professional Development activities. This included sessions on:

- The development of plans and curriculum to assist students who need learning support
- Developing curriculum with a focus on literacy and writing across all subject areas
- Using Moodle and technology for assessment

Staff in all the Key Learning Areas have also been working hard within their teams on the development of curriculum in line with the Victorian Curriculum which begins in 2017.

Lions Club Support

We recently received some great news for the Mooroolbark Campus with the Lions Club of Mooroolbark agreeing to support us with the development of a garden/outdoor classroom space. The Year 9 Advance class have been working hard on a design and beginning the planning. With the help from our maintenance team, this will involve our VCAL classes and Advance class in 2017. This will be a great resource for the Foods and Science areas, as well as providing some much needed seating and outdoor space for students. I would like to thank the Lions Club for their ongoing support of the college, in particular Peter Giddings for his continued support.

Greg Cowan
Acting College Principal

From the Acting Mooroolbark Campus Principal

On Saturday October 29 Karen Phillips (Senior School Co-ordinator), Georgia Butters-Cain (EAL Co-ordinator) and I attended a function at Melba College hosted by the VSL (Victorian School of Languages). We joined approximately 200 people for the presentation of certificates to the VSL Chin Hakha class of 2016 and the launch of textbooks for studies in the Chin Hakha language and culture. The VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) was represented by a number of key staff including Mr John Firth, Chief Executive Officer VCAA. A number of members of parliament were present together with staff from local schools with Chin Hakha students. Most importantly well over 150 members of the Chin Hakha community, from elders to toddlers, attended to celebrate their culture and the increasing contributions their people are making as members of the Australian community.

Karen, Georgia and I joined the community in applause as we were treated to skilful performances from Chin Hakha singers and dancers. For me the highlight of the day was a powerful talk by a community leader who spoke of the joy of living in the Victorian community. He explained that in Burma/Myanmar he never had the chance to learn his own language as it was banned. His family was not allowed to speak their language in public or celebrate their culture’s key events. He thanked the Victorian parliament and the VCAA for their support and assistance. For him this day was hugely significant and of far greater importance than simply launching a book or adding another language to those available for study in Victoria. He found the day to be remarkable as it demonstrated the willingness of Victoria to embrace and accept his people as equals. In celebrating the culturally historic day he called on all present to continue to build peace, harmony and respect for all.

Yarra Hills Secondary College is proud of our Chin Hakha students, their families and community. We were thrilled to be able to participate in this celebration and look forward to continuing to develop our relationship with our Chin Hakha families. We are currently planning multicultural activities for 2017. Central to these plans will be explicit recognition of the Chin Hakha culture.

We are down to the ‘business end’ of the term. Unit 3 & 4 students have now completed many of their exams and in some cases have completed all exams and are now enjoying a well deserved rest. Unit 2 students have commenced their exams while students in other year levels are completing assessment tasks and preparing for their exams later in the month. Parents are asked to check with their children that they are up to date with coursework. If parents have any queries about their child’s progress please contact the subject teacher. As some students may find the next few weeks stressful we also ask that you contact the school, either year level co-ordinators or our student well being team, if you have concerns about your child.

Many students participated in extra curricula activities including a number of teams who reached Eastern Zone finals in a range of sports. We have included some photographs of these students. Congratulations to the students who represented our school at this level. We are proud of your persistence, team work and the sportsmanship you all showed.

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

We are now at the pointy end of the term where staff are consolidating results, preparing students for exams and monitoring class work home work. This is often the time of the year where students feel under pressure and for some it can feel like it’s all too much. It is so important, as parents, that we continue the ‘pep talks’ to maintain the motivation to continue and ensure children feel supported. With exams proceeding in the week beginning November 28, it is essential students are revising and summarising their notes in preparation for this week. Staff will also prepare students in relation to revision classes and notes to ensure they understand what’s ahead of them in each exam. Preparing for exams also means ensuring they have all the necessary equipment such as several working pens and calculators for maths exams. This might seem a small thing but unfortunately with the stress of exams, some students forget these. So parents, whatever you can do to support your child heading towards these exams will be a great help in the long run.

Peer Support
We have now completed our Peer Support training with 60 year 9 students from both campuses involved in the second day of training. It was a fantastic day with all students contributing well to discussions as well as actively participating in all tasks. It was also a time for them to reflect on who they are and who they would like to be in year 10. Leigh James gave a great insight into effective communication and how to make the most of this in a variety of situations.

These students were then given the opportunity to apply to be Peer Support Leaders for 2017.

Child Safety is our priority
Over the last few years, the topic of family violence has been in the forefront throughout all media. We all agree violence needs to stop and children must be protected. This year the Government made many recommendations for working towards a violent free society. One of those recommendations was to ensure all schools met the Child Safety Standards. This includes having all the necessary policies and procedures in place for the protection of all children who attend Yarra Hills. I am pleased to say for Yarra Hills, this was not a difficult task as we already had most of the policies and procedures in place. We recently updated many policies to not only reflect our inclusiveness of all children but our commitment to child safety, gender equity and the restorative practice we have when dealing with conflict. Yarra Hills staff regularly have training in regard to the procedures necessary to keep all children safe. Parents can read all these policies on our website.

Our Art work just gets better and better
Our foyer is full of some beautiful art work produced by our students. Please come and check out this great work!

Bakers Delight Fundraiser
Thanks to the effort of our Parents and Friends Association, we now have fundraiser cards for Bakers Delight in Mooroolbark and Chirnside Park. Within the next few weeks, your child will come home with a card containing a number specific to Yarra Hills as well as instructions. Every time you buy any goods from Bakers Delight, show them your card and the school will get 5% of the sales paid back in cash. This is such a great fundraiser for our school.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
2017 Booklist

This year Yarra Hills Secondary College will be partnering with Lilydale Books who will be supplying the booklist for 2017. A paper copy of the booklist will be available to parents in the near future. Additional information will be provided at that time.

Lilydale Books has been operating in the local area for 30 years, specialising in educational supplies for primary and secondary schools. They offer a flexible solution to parents for collection and delivery of the booklist.

Lilydale Books has a second hand book service where they accept books on consignment from November 14 to January 9 every year.

The store is located in Lilydale and has ample car parking facilities. Lilydale Books is open throughout the year, employing students from local schools.

If parents have any questions they can contact Lilydale Books on the details below. Lilydale Books is looking forward to meeting the students and parents from Yarra Hills Secondary College.

Contact Details:
Lilydale Books
Phone: 03 9739 6186
Unit 1, 25-27 Hightech Place, Lilydale VIC 3140
Website: www.lilydalebooks.com.au

Opening Hours
Monday – Friday 9am – 5.00pm
Extended trading hours apply during December to February:
Monday – Friday 9am – 5.30pm
Saturday 9am – 12pm

If you have any queries about the booklist you are also welcome to contact Christina Shaw at the Mooroolbark campus. shaw.christina.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

On 9 – 11 September, I was given the opportunity to attend the 3 day Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) camp. This camp is run every year whereby local Rotary clubs across Victoria sponsor children and young adults from primary and secondary schools. I was lucky enough to be sponsored by my Rotary Club (Lilydale) along with one of my best mates Alex Winton. Alex and I attended this camp without any clue what was going to happen, who we would meet and how the camp would turn out. It was held at Oasis campsite in Mt Evelyn. There were many activities and games to help us get to know everyone and feel comfortable. We were soon put into teams with a mentor and team leader according to colour: red, green orange, blue, purple and yellow. I was put with the green team and Alex was in orange so we had a bit of rivalry and competition between us. Shaun was our colour group leader and Bianca was our mentor. They were great supporters for our team. On the first day it was nerve racking for everyone at the camp because we didn’t know much about each other but once we got to our cabins and got to see who were sharing them with, we got to meet some great people. Alex and I were in the same cabin with 4 boys from other schools. The second day was filled with many activities which were great fun. They were designed to broaden teamwork, our capabilities and our trust. We also got to create our team names and design a flag. Each team’s flags were very well designed and were very unique. My teams’ name was T.M.D.T (Teenage Mutant Dabbing Turtles) and the acronym was based around the values:

- T for Teamwork
- M for Motivation
- D for Determination
- T for Trust

All of the team’s flags and groups were amazing them all. We had an awesome dance party with a that the team of RYPEN had put together. The and had great meaning behind the letter F. Everyone had great costumes and they all looked great. I was stuck for ideas so I decided to wear my Footy gear which was Collingwood (Go Pies!) while Alex and the other guys in our cabin went in casual wear or as soccer fans. The party continued until 11pm when we started to settle down then went out to a campfire that the RYPEN crew had set up. We did this still 11:30pm then had tea, hot chocolate and campfire songs which was so awesome. Overall the whole party was killer and I really enjoyed it putting myself out there to make some new friends which paid off. The last day was spent doing more activities and the usual clean-up of our cabin; then it was time to say goodbye. It was an emotional time for some people including me because we all enjoyed the camp so much and had made such good friends. There were many hugs and we all swapped details to stay in contact. Overall I came away from the RYPEN experience with some great social skills, more confidence, better self-esteem and less anxiety. I also made some great new friends that I’ve already contacted since the camp and we haven’t stopped talking about it since. I would definitely recommend this camp to anyone who gets is lucky enough to be sponsored by Rotary; it’s an unpassable experience. I loved RYPEN and would gladly participate in it again for sure.

Owen Forrest
Intermediate Eastern Zone Table Tennis

Both of the Year 9 &10 Boys and Girls Table Tennis Teams competed in their Eastern Zone Tournaments at the Kilsyth Stadium on Wednesday 26th October.

The Competition was very strong and in their opening matches against Templestowe both the boys and the girls teams managed a win in the 6 game x 3 win best of 5 matches that they had to play.

The boy’s team then lost to John Monash College 1 Game to 5 and the girls had a similar 1 game to 5 loss against Wellington College. The Boys then faced Ringwood for a spot in the finals but were unable to match Ringwood’s skill levels going down 1 game to 5 to finish in 5th overall. The Yarra Hills girls however, went on to have a 6-0 convincing win over Ringwood Secondary College and they made it to the finals.

Up against a highly skilled Balwyn Secondary College and with a spot in the Grand Final on the line, they could not muster a win and went down 6 games to 0 thus resulting in a fourth place overall on the day.

Many thanks to Laura Clarke and to Asar for helping out with the team organisation, umpiring and the scoring on the day. Well done to everyone who participated on the day and represented Yarra Hills so well!

Murray McAllister

Our Year 8 Girls 6th at Eastern Zone

Well done to our Yarra Hills Mooroolbark Campus Year 8 Girls Softball team which competed at the Eastern Zone Softball finals on Thursday November 3 at Gilbert Park Knoxfield.

Up against Brentwood in the first game the girls were “off to a flyer”, with 7 home runs. But with a bit of sloppy fielding and pitching from our girls, Brentwood fought back with 8 home runs to lead by one at the first change. Our second innings was a challenge with us being struck out for no additional runs and Brentwood achieving an extra 3 runs to place them ahead 11 runs to Yarra Hills 7 runs.

In the second match the girls were up against Ringwood who previously had beaten Brentwood 10 Runs to 3. Our girls started well in restricting Ringwood to just 2 home runs but in the batting Yarra Hills only managed a similar 2 runs in reply. The second innings saw Ringwood pile on an additional 8 runs and our second innings we were ‘struck out’ with no additional runs added to our total. The third innings saw Ringwood score another 8 runs for a total of 18 and Yarra Hills could only manage 1 further home run to make the total 3 for the game.

Murray McAllister

Year 8 Girls Cricket Team

A big congratulations to our Year 8 Girls Cricket team who competed in the Year 8 Eastern Metropolitan Regional Cricket finals on Monday 7 November. They played Mount Waverley in their first round and won that match. They then went on to play against Koonung Park in their second round and lost to that team. Koonung went on to win the whole competition.

Our girls played off for third and fourth spot in the finals and lost to Wantirna. I was very proud of all the girls. Everyone played together as a team and improved their confidence and skill level vastly, by the end of the day.

A very big thank you to Steve Green who is the father of one of the girls in the team. He came up to the school on many occasions to train the girls and develop their skills. He also came along on the day to coach the team.

Thanks also to Dylan Smith and Matthew Young of Year 10, who helped out with the training and came on the day to umpire.

Great team effort by everyone concerned!!

Virginia Stacey
Silvan Primary School
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Yarra Ranges Athletics invites you to pull out the bling-bling, faux fur and... busta move to this year’s super cool

“Karaoke, Trivia & Games night”
Saturday 12th November 2016 at 7p.m.
Yarra Hills Secondary School, Burdapp Drive,
Mount Evelyn

$15 entry (or $100 per table of 8) & chance to win
door prizes

BYO drinks & nibbles

Yarra Ranges Athletics would love some new track & field equipment - please support our 90s night
to help raise some sweet funds!!!

events@yarrarangesathletics.org.au or Facebook
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 teenasad@oe.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/Careers 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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Please contact the Early Years Team at Yarra Ranges Council
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Phone: 1309 368 633
Yarra Hills Secondary College Parents and Friends Association

Inaugural Shopping Tour

19th November 2016

Cost: Adult - $52.00 Child under 16 - $26.00

Payment can be made in person at the either Campus General Office or by the credit card cut-off below.

Where: Meet at Mt Evelyn Campus 7.30am / Mooroolbark Campus 4.15pm & return 6.30pm.

Bring: Family / Friends / Neighbours / Teachers / Principals / Teachers

Note: The price also includes a 2-course meal at a Bistro. Please let us know if you need a special diet.

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Childrens Wear
Christmas Shop: All things Christmas
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Designers - Linen, Fashion, Furniture
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Please note: Our bus is a 16 seat bus. We suggest a maximum of 8 adults and 8 children on our bus.

If you need any more information please contact our PFA representative.

Sherilyn Holloway: 0409 144 555
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If you are planning to attend the shopping tour and have dietary requirements please let us know.

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Date

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