

2022

Newsletter

Term 3



College Principals' Report

As we rapidly approach the end of another busy term, I can report that thankfully the COVID-related absences of both students and staff have significantly decreased across both campuses. This has enabled a bit more continuity and consistency of program delivery at all year levels. Having said that, there are still staffing challenges for all schools across the state and demonstrable teacher shortages in every area.

On another note, I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of our newly reorganised Campus Leadership Teams during the term. It has been great to see Cam Woods and Rebecca Dunn assume the Mooroolbark Campus Principal and Assistant Principal roles so effectively and seamlessly. Similarly Leighton O'Donnell - Campus Principal and Simone Ritchie - Campus Leader at Mt Evelyn campus have thrown themselves enthusiastically into their new roles. We excitedly look forward to their continued input in the future. Well done!

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the retirement of Lesley Esch from our Office Staff Team. Lesley, who was actually an ex-Pembroke High School (pre-Yarra Hills name change) student back in the 70's, has been working at Yarra Hills/ Pembroke since 1998, almost twenty-five years. In that time Lesley has undertaken and overseen a number of administration roles, with her more recent roles being office manager, personal assistant to College Principal and looking after School Council, amongst the many other things she took on. Lesley has been an enthusiastic, tireless and incredibly professional member of staff, one who will be greatly missed. We do wish Lesley all the best with the move into the next phase of her life, with kids and grandkids. Thank you Lesley and best wishes from all at Yarra Hills.

Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals (VASSP) Annual Leadership Conference



With the VASSP State Conference returning to face-to-face for the first time since 2019, it was great to assemble our whole current principal team for two days of intensive professional learning, collaboration, deep thinking, planning and networking with expert guest speakers and colleagues from across the state. Attendees included the Hon Nat Hutchins MP Minister for Education, Jenny Atta Deputy Secretary DET, Adam Voigt CEO Real Schools and a large number of other notable presenters. It was a great two days and included a large conference dinner where a few of our team also battled it out for honours with the song requests for the cabaret entertainer!



MND Challenge

At the end of Term 2, Yarra Hills SC continued its support in creating awareness/funds for Motor Neuron Disease research. This 'Ice Bucket challenge' has generated fantastic interest across both campuses. The staff loved getting involved and they had fun getting dunked!



College Award Assemblies

In Week 3, both Campuses awarded students with Endeavour and/or Achievement awards from their learning and efforts in Semester 1. This was the first opportunity that parents/guardians have had to attend these Awards assemblies for a few years. Mt Evelyn Campus was able to hold the awards for all students in its PAC. The Mooroolbark Campus assembly was attended by students achieving three or more awards, and was also streamed into all classrooms. It was pleasing to see parents back attending these assemblies to see their student receive an award.



Farm School

Semester 2 sees 10 students from the Mooroolbark Campus attending Farm School each Friday to begin the Certificate in Conservation and Ecosystem Management. Farm School participants have begun the course with unbridled enthusiasm after the first day.



Yarra Group Athletics



The Yarra Group Athletics Carnival was held at Knox Athletics track on Tuesday August 30. We had a team of 25 students who competed enthusiastically. There were some excellent individual performances which resulted in the following students winning their events and qualifying for the Eastern Zone Finals. They were: Lachlan Taylor-1st in 17 years Shot Put and Triple Jump. He also finished 2nd in Javelin and 3rd in the 200m. Kaiden Hall-1st in 13 years Shot Put and 2nd in Javelin. Fiann Tanner 1st in 16 years 200m. Other placegetters were: Tamsyn Pigdon Talbot-2nd in 13 years 100m and 2nd in the 200m, Emily Reid -2nd in 13 years Javelin, Skye Spenceley -2nd in 16 years Discus and Javelin and 3rd in Triple Jump, Bryan Tlang Lian-2nd in 14 years 200m and 3rd in the 100m, Max Blennerhassett-2nd in 16 years Discus, Yuvraj Singh-2nd in 15 years High Jump and Long Jump, Rachel Terry 3rd in 17 years Triple Jump, Sam Blennerhassett -3rd in 13 years 100m and 200m and the boys 15 years relay team which finished 3rd. The team consisted of Yuvraj Singh, Bryan Tlang Lian, Ross Thawng and Dylan Pawlik.

Well done to all who competed!

Year 7 AFL clinic



We were pleased to secure sessions for our Year 7s with the AFL Schools program. Of the two planned sessions, one was a wash out, but the other was glorious sunshine and so much fun!



Start to Row Program

From an approach from Rowing Australia, and the initiative and passion of teacher, Jasmine Moya, Yarra Hills is now one of 10 schools Australia-wide engaged with the Coles Start2Row program. This involves:

- The gifting to us of a 'Concept 2' rowing ergometer (rowing machine)
- An indoor rowing program for 20 Years 9-10 students
- Two staff given free access to the Rowing Australian online indoor rowing coaching course. This will allow them to gain an accreditation and teach students how to use the rowing ergo.
- 10 entries to this year's Australian Indoor Rowing Championships, in October
- Associated learning resources



This is funded by Coles, with no cost to our school. We now have up-to-date rowing machines at both campuses, in their respective weights rooms.

In support of this, [Alexandra \(Al\) Viney](#), a rowing para-athlete and para-olympian, visited the Mooroolbark campus on July 26 and addressed Years 7-10 students on both campuses (with at an assembly, or live-streamed). She gave an engaging and inspiring speech, telling us about her journey from being an able-bodied junior athlete to a para-athlete. Al also worked directly with the 20 Yarra Hills students involved in the program.



Romeo & Juliet

On Tuesday October 22, the Australian Shakespeare Company visited the Mooroolbark campus to perform an abridged version of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' (the Term 4 English text) for our Year 10 students. Our Mt Evelyn Year 10 students were transported to and from their campus for this performance.

Koorie Excursion

We have a number of Koorie students who travel to the Yarra Ranges Tech School to take part in the indigenous collaborative strategy. Our students, as well as other students in the nearby network have been creating indigenous themed projects that will be presented in the 'Showcase Day' on September 13. These projects and past projects can be found onsite at Yarra Hills.

Rewards Points Excursion

A part of the School-Wide Positive Behaviour & Support program, students are awarded points when their actions consistently support our school values of Respect, Achievement, Endeavour and Pride. Each term, the students with the highest points are rewarded. This term, the Reward Points Excursion for 16 students was to GAMR Laser Tag in Chirnside Park.

Wear It Purple Day

Wear It Purple Day is an annual LGBTQIA+ awareness day, especially for young people. Participants wear purple (or pride-themed clothing) to celebrate diversity and young people from the LGBTQIA+ community. Students and staff engaged with the day, and it was well supported overall. There were minor instances of negativity from some students, highlighting the need for such events and for continued commitment to our Respectful Relationships program.



Senior Secondary School Reforms

A feature of the presentation at the Senior School Information evening was to inform families about the 'VCE Vocational Major'. While the day-to-day experience for students will not be notably different from the current VCAL program, there are a few significant changes:

- For Year 11, in 2023 VCAL will be called VCE Vocational Major
- All Year 11 students will participate in the VCE in 2023
- The VCE Vocational Major is a full 2-year course (currently, VCAL Intermediate is one year, and VCAL Senior is one year)
- Students can do VCE Vocational Major subjects and another VCE subject (if they are not undertaking a work placement/traineeship)
- Support for our SBAT (School-based apprenticeships and traineeships) students will move from the atEast group to the Headstart program

Note that YHSC will not be running the new Victorian Pathways Certificate program, as this has been deemed as unsuitable for our students' needs and aspirations.

Disney Dress-up Day

Year 12 is a special, and especially challenging year, and with the students, we look to regularly find ways to make it a little more fun. Year 12 had a Disney Dress-up day on Monday, August 22 and it was supported by many students and staff.



A Marathon Effort

Music students from both campuses recently participated in a 30-hour Music Marathon to raise funds for the Music Department. There were many band rehearsals during the two-day event and smaller ensembles also had some rehearsal time in preparation for the College Concert. Students played their musical instruments on a rotational basis for the full thirty hours - including during the long, overnight hours.



Each year we have more and more students who attempt to stay up for the entire 30 hours, and this year, there were at least 20 students who made it through the night without falling asleep – there were some very sleepy musicians however, during band rehearsals on the Friday. Congratulations to all students involved in this major fundraising event and thank you to all parents who gave up some of their normal “sleep time” to assist with the overnight supervision.



Richard O’Toole Instrumental Music Director

Year 10-to-Year 11 activities

Last week was an important week for Year 10 students, with a focus on making decisions about their next step and pathway in Year 11.

On Tuesday, Year 10 students spent the day learning about the different senior programs and making this decision. A guest speaker, Alan Latu, spoke with students about making decisions that were good for them and that would help them ‘live their best life’.

On Wednesday, families attended the Senior School Information Night. After a presentation from Darren, Cam and Matt, families could speak with senior teachers and leaders about their child’s choices for Year 11. After a few years of doing this online, it was pleasing to have this event back onsite. It was well attended, with families engaging in detailed conversation about the different programs and their respective parts.



On Friday it was ‘course counselling’ day and Year 10 students did not have timetabled classes. Instead, with a parent/guardian, they participated in an interview, specific to them, about their pathway in year 11 and beyond.

Central Australia Camp

The Central Australia Camp was a welcome return to interstate trips. It's preparations were put to the test with a staff member needing to withdraw a day prior to departure, but this camp was thoroughly planned, and it proceeded without a hitch.

Staff members Ellen Cosgrove, Stacey Redman, Debra Mason and Brenton Millott lead the campers. Thanks particularly to Brenton for his careful planning and leadership.

A Student Perspective By Justin Bale (Year 11)

On the 8 July, 40 students from Years 10 and 11 arrived early at Mooroolbark Campus to take part in the trip of a lifetime, a 10-day journey right into the heart of Australia. Here, they explored famous Australian landscapes, and learnt about a variety of First Nations cultures along the journey.

The 2022 Central Australia Camp was a fantastic experience for many students that were able to attend this camp, and they were all very intrigued with the information about the trip they were given from the beginning. From visiting a variety of locations, to learning about the history of Australia and Aboriginal culture, it made it clear that everyone was very passionate about the camp. Along with that, the long bus rides with our two awesome bus drivers John and David, long walks and freezing camping nights were fun yet challenging aspects of the trip to work through, but the students travelled along with a good heart and made it very enjoyable for their friends and teachers.

Based off of student responses, the highlights of the trip were definitely Uluru, the 3-hour Kings Canyon walk and the Lilla Community. Exploring these locations was an amazing experience for everybody, but learning about the history of these places made it so much more interesting for the students and teachers as well to get a true understanding of these locations. The reptile presentation was also a fun night where students got to handle lizards and an olive python! The students and teachers also had some delicious meals made by our two awesome cooks Harry and Jamie!

With all of these experiences brought together, it also brought students closer together and making new friends along the way. The 2022 Central Australia Camp was such an exciting and entertaining journey for everybody, and it was an experience that will be extremely difficult to forget.



Shelter In Place (SIP)

The Mt Evelyn Campus, due to its high risk of fire danger, is listed on the Department of Education's Bushfire-At-Risk-Register (BARR). As such, it requires a designated Shelter-In-Place building. The gymnasium has been identified for this purpose, and the project of developing and modifying it to meet this need is underway. The replacement of the gym floor is expected to be available for school and community use at the start of Term 4. Skylights have also been installed as the final component of the SIP upgrade.



As well as the gym maintenance, several other improvements have been made at Mt Evelyn Campus. Shade sails have been now been installed, shading outdoor tables and benches, with an indigenous garden being developed in this area as a VCAL student project. An outdoor table tennis table has also been fully installed and is proving to be a most popular recess and lunchtime activity.

Wellbeing



Man Cave is a one-day program that supports male students to discuss the unique challenges and opportunities of masculinity. For a second time this year, the Man Cave program, with visiting external facilitators, ran for all Year 9 boys on the 23rd of August at the Mooroolbark campus.

Flourish also, on the same day as Man Cave, the organisation, 'Flourish', came to the Mooroolbark campus to run their level one program titled 'Flourish with Self' for all Year 9 girls.

This program is designed to give girls the opportunity to build the social and emotional tools they need to connect deeper with themselves. In the course, girls learn how to become more resilient and compassionate to themselves first, before they look to help and support others. The aims are that girls:

- Address the relationship they have with self-judgement
- Experience and unpack how societal expectations impact themselves
- Learn to own the power of their own stories
- Realise that sharing vulnerably creates more connection
- Learn to build their self-awareness skills
- Create their own personalised tools and strategies to be more resilient moving forward



KEY DATES

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October			
Monday	3	First Day Term 4	
		Yr 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed - Campus Walk	ME
Tuesday	4	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	5	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	6	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Monday	10	Eastern Zone Athletics	ME & MB
Tuesday	11	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
		BRAVO Friends of Music 6pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	12	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	13	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	14	Year 11 Social 7pm	ME & MB
		Music in the Round 7.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	19	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	20	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
		Yr 7 Immunisation	ME & MB
Saturday	22	Comedy Night 6.30	
Monday	24	Yr 10 METEC Driver Training Session	ME & MB
Tuesday	25	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	26	Yr 8 Science Rock Incursion	ME
		Yr 9 & 10 Girls Eastern Zone Table Tennis	ME & MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	27	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
		Yr 8 Science Rock Incursion	MB
Fri - Sat	28-29	YHSC Community Art Show	ME
November			
Tuesday	1	Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup Day	
Wednesday	2	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	3	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Monday	7	Yr 10 OE Urban Trees Adventure	MB
		Yr 10 METEC Driver Training Session 1 & 2	ME & MB
Tuesday	8	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	9	Yr 9 OE Alpine Trees Adventure	MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	10	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	15	BRAVO Friends of Music 6pm	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	16	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	17	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	18	Valedictory Dinner 7pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	22	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Mon-Fri	21 Nov -- Dec 2	Essentials Program	ME & MB
Friday	25	Report Writing Day	ME & MB
December			
Mon-Tues	5--13	Promotions Program	ME & MB
Wednesday	7	Twilight Carols and Family Picnic 7pm	
Monday	12	College Awards Night 7pm	
Tuesday	13	Grade 6 Orientation Day	ME & MB
Wed-Fri	14-16	Summer Program	ME & MB



Yarra Hills
SECONDARY COLLEGE

COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER
8PM SHOW

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Twilight Carols & Family Picnic

Celebrate the start of the festive season by singing along to some Christmas Carols presented by the music students, staff and parents of Yarra Hills Secondary College

Wednesday 7 December, 7pm

*Yarra Hills Secondary College
Mooroolbark Campus*

*Bring a picnic dinner and a chair,
or lay down a rug and enjoy the
festivities*

FREE ENTRY

*Sausage Sizzle
Coffee Van
Ice-cream & Fairy Floss
available to purchase*



Sat 1st October 2022

COME & TRY BMX RACING

Open to ages: 2-65+

Lilydale Lynx BMX CLUB

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Session Times:
1.00-1.50pm or 2.10-3.00pm

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Wear Long pants & long sleeves (no lycra)
Enclosed shoes
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HOMEWORK HELP CLUB

Mt Evelyn Campus
Wednesdays

Mooroolbark Campus
Mondays & Thursdays

after school 3.15 - 4.15 held in the Library

KILSYTH CRICKET CLUB

GIRLS AND BOYS JUNIORS WANTED

Kilsyth Cricket Club **seeks new and returning players** to join the **Redbacks** for season 2022/23.
Pre-Season training will begin on Saturday September 3, 2022.
All abilities welcome, no prior experience needed.

JUNIOR GRADES & MATCH DAYS

Under 10	Friday evenings
Under 12	Friday evenings
Under 14	Saturday mornings
Under 16	Saturday mornings
Girls	Sunday mornings

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST PROGRAMS

Junior Blasters Ages 5-7
Master Blasters Ages 5-10
Both programs run on Fridays



JUNIOR GIRLS CRICKET AT KILSYTH

Kilsyth CC is seeking expressions of interest to field an inaugural **Junior girls cricket team** for season 2022/23. All ages required.

WANT TO REGISTER?

Head to www.play.cricket.com.au and search "KILSYTH CRICKET CLUB", click on the preferred program and proceed to register.

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School holiday activities in the Hub!

Running 19th-30th September

5/9 Clarke St, Lilydale

Free activities for ages 12-25!



DIY Terrarium making
Make a little garden in a jar to take home and brighten your room.



Sushi making
Make some sushi with us in the Hub then hang out for an awesome lunch.



Upcycled tote bags
Turn old and unused jeans into a tote bag. Totes good for the environment!



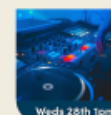
Art therapy
Connect with emotions and feelings with paint, drawing, and collage.



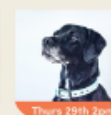
Animal therapy
De-stress with friendly dogs in the Hub.



Water colour art
Get creative with water colour paints.



DJ session
Make some noise with a mixing deck.



Animal therapy
De-stress with friendly dogs in the Hub.



Mosaic creations
Make your own mosaic piece. Presented by Bunnings Lilydale.



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