

2023

Newsletter

Term 3



Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

We have certainly continued to be very busy during the second half of this term, with an incredible array of opportunities being provided for our students, ranging from guest speakers, awards ceremonies and sporting competitions through to School Production, College Concert, Year Level Socials/Formals and several special 'recognition' days. These will be expanded upon later in this newsletter but, suffice to say, there's been a great deal of thought and effort put into all of these events and I thank all staff and others involved for their support.

Another significant occurrence, worth mentioning, is the parent and student Careers & Pathways information sessions being run throughout this term by our Pathways team. One of the things we pride ourselves in at Yarra Hills is the extensive careers and pathway options we provide, enabling all of our students to choose and develop their own strengths and interests, with a number of destinations available to them. I thank Our Pathways Leader Joyce Wong and Careers Practitioner Nikky Waterson, along with the wider team, for their efforts.

Music Marathon

Students in the band program participated in our Music Marathon and played for 30 hours, around-the-clock, to prepare for the College Concert. The marathon was on Thursday and Friday, August 24-25, at our Mooroolbark campus. It was another successful event, supported by our music leaders, volunteers and students. Our gratitude to band leader, Mr Richard O'Toole for yet again leading the band (for 30 hours!)



Year 10 Transition Activities

The initial and substantial part of the Year 10 transition to year 11 program is complete. Students, and their families for much of it, have engaged with a series of substantial events.

On Year 10 Transition Day, students rotated through information sessions on the VCE, the Vocational Major, Wellbeing for Senior School, VET & Traineeships, and a motivational speaker – former Carlton player Glenn Manton. Students reported that the day helped them refine their 2024 program decision.

Senior School information night was held in the Performing Arts Centre at the Mooroolbark campus and was full of year 10 families ahead of the Senior School Expo in the senior building. As well as key learning areas setting up rooms and staffing to receive enquiries, inform and discuss senior options, we had booths from external organisations such as HeadStart, Monash University, Swinburne, Box Hill TAFE and Ranges TEC. Attendance and feedback was strong and positive!



Course counselling was held by dedicated staff who counselled over 100 year 10 families and lead them through course and subject selection.

Students' preferences have been recorded and are now at the highly creative stage where we look to give as many students as possible the subjects and subject profiles they want. For VCE students, this looks like the creation of six blocks of subjects that form the basis of a 5 day timetable. For VCE-VM students, there is ahead of them a process of interviews with HeadStart and identifying traineeship opportunities.



Production



The production was performed over two fully subscribed nights, and a matinee for local primary schools, in the week of August 14-18. We're very proud that this was, again, a triumph! After their committed and intense preparation, it was wonderful to see our students shine as they ran through their Tribute to Broadway with such skill, panache, and humour. A special thank you to director, Julia Rockett, and her team of Matt Sharpe, Zoe Cooper, Nikky Waterson and supporters.



Campus Assemblies

Campus Assemblies were conducted in the third week of term. They were an opportunity to celebrate some of the milestone programs at each year level – Year 10's Work Experience, Year 9's City Experience, Year 8's camp, and Year 7's first semester of high school. As well as hearing from our College, Sports, Arts, Music and Wellbeing captains about what was coming up in Semester 2. As importantly, we acknowledged Semester 1's Achievement and Endeavour award winners



Farm School

Ten Year 9 students from the Mooroolbark campus are participating in Farm School's Certificate 1 course in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, following Mt Evelyn students successfully completing the course last Semester.



The Noel Jones Grant

The Yarra Hills SC community would like to thank Noel Jones for their generosity in supporting our college with the Noel Jones Community Support Program Grant. Our vision has always been about creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all of our students and these funds will be dedicated to enrich our indigenous gardens and yarning circle in the heart of our school.



PFA Activities

The PFA have been very busy this semester with activities which include:

- Gathering businesses for the Yarra Hills Business Directory. There are now 20 businesses from our community listed



- Members ran a sausage sizzle at Bunnings recently. Several parents and the two campus principals contributed to this excellent fundraiser



- A Raffle for RUOK Day was conducted with some incredible prizes on offer

- A snacks table was on offer at our recent Production on both nights

Year 11 Social

The year 11 Social was held at Chateau Wyuna in Mt Evelyn. As we've come to expect, senior leaders went that extra mile to prepare the venue for the 'Old Hollywood' theme, and the participants from both campuses had a great night!



College Concert

The talents of our music students were on full display at the recent College Concert, presented at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood. College bands and smaller ensembles performed to a high standard during the performance, supported by VCE soloists throughout the evening - Connor Asbury, Thomas Cole, Finn O'Rourke and Anthony Thomas. The Junior Band wowed the audience at their first ever performance, the Intermediate Band



impressed with the Spiderman Theme and the Senior Band played a variety of exciting music, including Pirates of the Caribbean and How to Train Your Dragon.

Congratulations to all music students for their outstanding performance.

Bowling Champ

Between 1-7 July, Flynn Slade represented the state of Victoria (also called President Shield) in the National State Championships in the junior division (up to the age of 18) in Hobart where the Victorian boys team finished 2nd and the Victorian girls finished 1st. As a combined state, Victoria won 2nd overall. Flynn managed an average of 176 over the 18 games he to played with 6 of these games being in the 200's with his best game at 206. In the individual event he finished 36th out of the 48 boys competing, with Flynn being the second youngest competing. He spent 7 days in camp where he had to do water based recovery events, team bonding and enjoyed dining out with the team each night. He showed maturity beyond his age and even when he wasn't playing, supported his team in helping them with their equipment and other needs. He also enjoyed competing in the Sydney Bowlfest and Queensland Junior Cup this year.



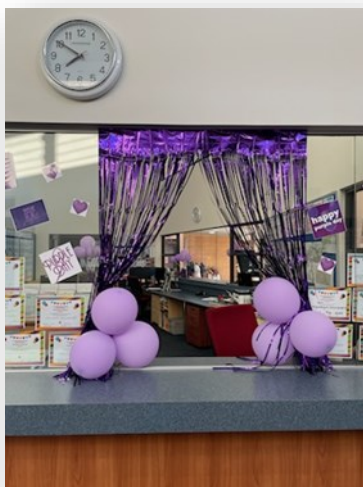
Well done Flynn!

Rewards Points Excursion

As part of our School-Wide Positive Behaviour program, students can be given reward points for a range of consistent conduct that aligns with our school values. Students who received the most reward points in Term 2 celebrated their success with an excursion to laser tag at GAMR VR Arcade in Chirnside Park.

Wear It Purple Day

This day has become a significant day on our calendar, as we focus on our LGBTQIA+ youth and the issues they face, whilst showing them they have the right to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming. We acknowledged this on Tuesday, August 22, with activities and BBQs at each campus.



R U OK? Day

Yarra Hills continues to support student and staff mental health through the RUOK? Day initiative.

Each campus office decorated with yellow balloons and streamers and students also supported the day by wearing a splash of yellow. Student activities included being entertained with acoustic tunes from Lachie & Emma at recess/lunchtime and notes of appreciation being written and given to their peers.




KEY DATES

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October			
Monday	2	Term 4 commences	ME & MB
Tuesday	3	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	4	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	5	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Monday	9	Eastern Zone Athletics	ME & MB
Tuesday	10	Yr 12 Future Careers Dress Up Day	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
		BRAVO—Friends of Music meeting 6pm MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	11	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	12	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Monday	16	Yr 12 Altered Uniform Day	MB
Tuesday	17	Celebrations Day	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
		Yr 7 Music in the Round	ME & MB
Wednesday	18	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	19	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Fri-Sat	20-21	Community Art Show	ME
Monday	23	Yr 10 METEC Driver Training Session	ME & MB
Tuesday	24	Unit 3 & 4 Exams Commence	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	25	Eastern Zone Intermediate Girls Table Tennis	ME & MB
Thursday	26	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	27	Yr 10 METEC Driver Training Session	ME & MB
Tuesday	31	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
November			
Wednesday	1	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	2	Peer Support Training	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Monday	6	Curriculum Day - No classes	ME & MB
Tuesday	7	Melbourne Cup Day—Public Holiday	ME & MB
Wednesday	8	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	9	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Mon-Fri	13-17	Unit 2 Exams	MB
Mon-Tues	13-14	Yr 10 Exams	ME & MB
Tuesday	14	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	15	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	16	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Mon-Fri	20-1	Essentials Program (2 weeks)	ME & MB
Tuesday	21	BRAVO Friends of Music 6pm	ME & MB
		SRC Training Day	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB

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October (cont)			
Wednesday	22	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	23	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	24	Report Writing Day - Pupil Free	ME & MB
Tuesday	28	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	29	Grade 6-Year 7 Parent Information Evening	ME & MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	30	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
December			
Mon-Fri	4-15	Promotions Program (2 weeks)	ME & MB
Tuesday	5	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	6	Twilight Carols and Family Picnic 7pm	ME & MB
Thursday	7	Small Schools Day	ME & MB
Mon-Fri	11-15	Summer Program	ME & MB
Tuesday	12	Grade 6 Orientation Day	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	13	College Awards Night - Karralyka Theatre	ME & MB
Thursday	14	Grade 6 Ready to Learn Interviews	ME & MB
Mon-Tues	18-19	Civics	ME & MB
Wednesday	20	Last Day Term 4	ME & MB



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Do you say YES more than NO or NO more than YES?

Does NO always mean NO to you? Does YES always mean YES? How does hearing NO make you feel? How does hearing YES make you feel?

Hey Girls
age 12-16

Let's talk BOUNDARIES
yeah, nah, yeah, nah...yeah?

Why are our BOUNDARIES important? What can horses teach us about setting our own boundaries and responding to the boundaries of others?



Come spend time with our herd!

Horses won't tell you what your boundaries are, but they can offer a great opportunity for you to explore your YES and NO. Horses are great teachers.

Private or group sessions available. You will interact with horses, exploring the power of effective and healthy boundary setting and authentic relating.

You will learn and practice:

- Clear communication
- Trust building
- Body awareness
- Personal space in relationships
- How to respond, express and respect your boundaries.

You'll then be able to apply all this to your own life and relationships.

FOR MORE INFO or TO BOOK

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The Ranges Learning Centre

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Specialising in dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia, The Ranges Learning Centre provides a highly specialised service for students from 4 years of age up to high school who have dyslexia, dysgraphia or dyscalculia, or who generally need further support in literacy and numeracy.

We have spaces currently available for maths intervention, and a very small number of spaces available for literacy intervention.

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Call Giulia on 0475307484
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HANGOUT MONDAY & THURSDAY

3PM - 5PM

OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-25

**YARRA RANGES COMMUNITY YOUTH SPACE
(FORMER LILYDALE YOUTH HUB)
5/9 CLARKE ST, LILYDALE**

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MT EVELYN CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR PROGRAM

JOIN US THIS SUMMER

JUNIOR CRICKET TEAMS

As Mt Evelyn Cricket Club's Junior Cricket teams and participation continue to grow, we are looking for players to represent our teams in all age groups for the upcoming 2023/24 Season.

- Under 10's
- Under 12's
- Under 14's
- Under 16's

CRICKET BLAST

Our Cricket Blast program offer Boys and Girls aged 5-10 to kick start their Cricket Career. Each player will receive a participation pack to get them started

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