GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA VISITS HEATHMONT COLLEGE

On Wednesday, we were fortunate enough to have been visited by the Governor of Victoria and his wife, Mrs Chernov. It was a wonderful celebration of how brilliant Heathmont College is to the new visitor. The Governor was introduced to our student leaders, Year 7 Ambassadors, Year 12 Textiles and Legal Studies classes, Year 9 Maths class and viewed the beginning of an online Skype class with Indonesia. (Unfortunately, our internet connection did not work until the very end of the visit though.)

A special thanks goes out to the following teachers involved in arranging the program: Ellen Holland (Student Leadership); Tony Devereux (Legal Studies/Humanities); Jane King (Arts/Tech); Haroula Christodoulou (Transition/Ambassadors); Jeanette Barton (Maths); Prema Devathas (Languages); and Gavin Ferrier (Photography). Thanks is also extended to the following staff who were behind the operational organisation of the day: Michael Meadows, John Ikin, Jo Clifton, Rita Chiodo, Glen Duncan, Wendy Averay, Liz Downey and Lyn Garfield.

I would particularly like to thank our school leaders for showing The Governor and Mrs Chernov around the College. Ben Neve, Caitlin Allen, Catherine Choueiri and Jordan Pauer were a credit to our school on the day. Our Year 7 student ambassadors and SRC members also attended the morning tea. Thank you to all the students in the other classes visited. It was a real community effort and thanks goes out to a great staff.

SHAPE YOUR DESTINY INCURSION

Year 12 students were involved this week in a half day workshop destined to motivate our students to believe in themselves. I found that the strongest message was about students physically and mentally preparing themselves for success in life, in studies and in personal wellbeing. If we believe in ourselves, if we believe that we are as good as anyone else out there in the world, then we are capable of achieving nearly anything. I hope that this strengthens our Year 12 students’ resolve to achieve great success at the end of the year.

Michael Fitzgerald
College Principal
On the weekend Daniel Patterson, Year 12 was involved in a two day shooting competition at the Melbourne Gun Club of which he is a member.

He received second place in the Champion of Champions 60 Target DTL Championship. Congratulations on a fantastic accomplishment Daniel. Well done!

Nina Ling
Head of Senior School

Successful Year 7 Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following students who participated successfully in the training and were selected to be an Ambassador for Heathmont College.

071
Chloe Caddy
Emily Humphreys
Yanna Konstantinou
Daniel Lines
James McMaster Smith
Dylan Milton
Abigail Neve
William Thai

072
Mitchell Graham
Christian Haddad
Breanna Mc Arthur
Moo Paw
Nyalat Thiwat

073
Amelia Barry
Emily Birch
Karly Clearihan
Jasmine Griggs
Shani Healey
Elise Jackson
James MacNamara
Talitha Thick
Luke Zammit

These students demonstrated that they can speak clearly, are prepared to commit themselves to doing their best, have good communication skills and are responsible.

As Ambassadors, they will represent Heathmont College for the students coming in 2014. They will take on Leadership roles throughout the year which support College events such as College Tours, Open Night and Orientation Day.

Congratulations again on receiving this most prestigious position.

Haroula Christodoulou
Transition Coordinator

Being a Year Level Captain has been lots of fun so far. I have been participating in many things such as the Year 7 Camp where I took part as one of the leaders to not only be a friend but be involved with the Year 7’s and the activities.

I have also been involved with the Student Representative Council or the SRC for short and we have recently discussed a wide number of things. One of the main things we have done is to split up into our sub groups, each one is focused on a different way to improve the school. My group is focused on updating our facilities like seating etc.

Being a Captain has been really exciting, so far I have enjoyed being one and can’t wait to get into it.

Henry Fallon
Year 9

Year 7 and Leadership Camp 2013

On the Leadership camp the leaders participated in a variety of activities. The main activities the leaders took part in were surfing, high ropes, a trip to Cowes, raft making and leadership skill building workshops.

Surfing was lots of fun and most of the leaders and teachers that joined in stood up on the surfboard, but not all the leaders took part in the surfing. The ones that didn’t take part went on a beach walk with the Year 7’s. On the stroll they went looking in the rock pools and saw some amazing crabs and crustaceans. It was really exciting.

High ropes were lots of fun. All the leaders were great at encouraging each other and helping the leaders through the course that found it more difficult and scary. Even though some of the leaders were a bit hesitant, most gave it a go and conquered their fears.

Raft making was a fun activity that the leaders took part in and really enjoyed. It was a good team building activity that made everybody work together and build a raft. With the raft they made, they sailed onto the lake and back. Even though some of our raft making skills weren’t the best, we all successfully made it back!
On Wednesday night the leaders took part in an activities night with Year 7’s. The skills required to win were participation, cooperation, determination and leadership. The activities were held in the auditorium and the sports were enjoyed by everyone including teachers.

On the last night the leaders held a beach party for the Year 7’s. There was music playing, games held and lots of dancing. The atmosphere in the room was really up beat and exciting. We had a limbo contest and even the teachers had a go. Then we had a dance contest where everyone showed their styles. The beach party was a great success and everyone had a great time.

Shannon Pauer & Henry Fallon
Year 9 Captains

On Wednesday 20 February 2013, sixteen of the Year 10 Leaders and Buddies from Heathmont College went to Bayswater North Primary School to work with the Grade 6 Captains from seven local primary schools: Croydon Special Developmental School, Bayswater North Primary School, Heathmont East Primary School, Croydon Primary School, Tinternvale Primary School, Dorset Primary School and Ruskin Park Primary School.

We talked about the best ways to handle situations by being assertive and calm, and participated in activities to help the Grade 6’s develop their leadership skills. We talked about the qualities of a leader and how we could improve the schools that all the leaders came from.

My group wanted to make a program for their school for people who didn’t have anyone to play with at lunch, which I thought was a really good idea. We’re going to have a follow up day for the Grade 6’s to see what progress they have made to put their plans into place next term, and see what else they could do to improve the changes.

Taylor Oakley
Year 10 Buddy

German News

Our students in Year 10 and 11 are excited about the arrival of their German partners, who are due to arrive in Melbourne on Saturday 9 March 2013.

During their three and a half weeks in Australia, the students from the Integrierte Gesamtschule in Kaufungen will visit Sovereign Hill, the Mornington Peninsula, the Grand Prix track and the city centre. The whole group will also undertake a full day of special activities at Heathmont College and another at Vermont Secondary College.

This is the eighteenth consecutive year of our sister-school exchange and during that time our Heathmont families have established great connections and relationships with the students they have hosted. I would like to thank the families of Taylah Cowie, Shannon Davis, Tyson Kielblock, Carly Lockie, Jenny MacDonald, Dylan Milosevic and Kelly Moriss for hosting the students this year.

Lynette Tonkin
German Programme Manager
German Exchange Co-ordinator

Mathematics Competitions

Any interested students that would like to participate in one or both of the following opportunities need to see Jeanette Barton for permission forms.

2013 Australian Mathematics Competition
- Sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank
- Completion consists of 25 multiple choice problems and 5 questions that require a number answer.
- They have 75 minutes to complete the paper.
- The AMC has been run since 1978
- Competition date is Friday 12 July 2013
- Cost: $5.50

2013 Australian Informatics Competition (AIC)
- Informatics is the science underlying computing
- The AIC is a one hour problem solving competition which seeks to identify computer programming potential
- AIC is not a programming competition and no programming experience is necessary
- Competition date is Thursday 9 May 2013
- Cost: $5.50
The University of Melbourne School Mathematics Competition
- The competition is designed so that mathematical insight and ingenuity are needed for success rather than efficiency in tackling routine examples.
- Prizes and awards are given
- Competition date Wednesday 1 May 2013
- Cost: $3.00

Practice questions will be available for interested students.

Jeanette Barton
Head of Mathematics

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (10am – 4pm):
- Saturday 3 August 2013 – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula campuses)
- Sunday 4 August 2013 – Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); Monash Uni (Clayton); Swinburne (Uni & TAFE) (Hawthorn)
- Sunday 11 August 2013 – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Geelong); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
- Sunday 18 August 2013 – La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Melbourne Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA);
- Sunday 25 August 2013 – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute: Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe (Bundoora); Victoria Uni; William Angliss Institute
- Sunday 1 September 2013 – La Trobe (Albury/Wodonga)

Note: Holmesglen has as Open Day every third Wednesday of the month; visit on your way home from school or during the day; see www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays

EXPLORE COURSES AND CAREERS AT RMIT – By popular demand in 2013, is a range of ‘Experience Day’ holiday programs for Year 10-12 students. Get a hands-on and interactive experience of courses on offer at RMIT, and find out about careers in accounting, engineering, fashion, justice, medical sciences, media, advertising, environment, IT, and art and design. To register interest and be notified when events are on go to: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

WANT A HEAD START IN FINDING YOUR IDEAL COURSE? Explore your options early by attending the ‘At Monash Seminars’ to hear from current students, graduates and staff. Gain an overview of the university experience, courses, and careers. What, when and where?
- Arts (Humanities and social sciences): Tuesday 5 March 2013 (Caulfield campus), Wednesday 22 May 2013 (Clayton)
- Architecture and interior architecture: Wednesday 6 March 2013 (Caulfield)
- Nursing, midwifery and emergency health: Thursday 7 March 2013 (Peninsula)
- Business & economics: Wednesday 13 March 2013 (Clayton)
- Science: Thursday 14 March 2013 (Clayton)
- Physiotherapy and occupational therapy: Tuesday 19 March 2013 (Peninsula)
- Information technology: Wednesday 20 March 2013 (Caulfield)
- Pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences: Thursday 21 March 2013 (Parkville)
- Design and fine art: Wednesday 17 April 2013 (Caulfield)

Reminders:
- Sunday 17 March 2013 – University of Melbourne Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day (Werribee)
- Early April 2013 – registrations for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) open for Monash medicine and physiotherapy applicants (and some interstate courses)

Year 10 Work Experience – a reminder that initial planning forms for the Year 10 Work Experience program need to be returned to the Pathways Office by 13 March 2013. This needs to be done in a timely manner as it takes time to organise all official paperwork for signatures etc. It is important for students to try to organise their own placements in order to fully appreciate the world of work. Many employers have indicated that if a parent calls them they say no just on principle but will often say yes to a student calling on their own behalf. Students should aim to obtain a placement in an industry that they have an interest in working in to gain experience for their future pathway. For further information parents/guardians and students are referred to the Work Experience Booklet provided to students during the Careers Orientation Program during the final week of school last term.

OPEN DAYS – Universities and TAFE Institutes hold annual Open Days for the public. They are an opportunity to visit, talk to staff and students, collect information and see facilities. As such, they are a great way to assist in deciding where you wish to study once you finish school. They are generally held in Term 3, but many of the dates are supplied here so you can get them in your diary and make your visits a priority. Year 10 or 11 is a great time to start your visits; Year 12 is not too late....
Pathways Centre Quiz

Students from all year levels are invited to come and check out the new Pathways Centre in the Library. Have a go at answering the quiz for a prize.

Place your answer in the specially marked box in the new Pathways Centre, all answers will be read and the best response from each Year Level group will be awarded a prize. Make sure you put your name and Learning Group on your answer.

**Year 7 & 8**
Name two (2) jobs in the electro technology industry and explain what you think each one does.

**Year 9**
Somewhere in the centre you will easily find quotes by famous people – write down two (2) of these and explain what you think they mean.

**Year 10 and 11**
Name two places you could contact if you feel you have not been treated fairly at work. What issues do they cover?

**Year 12**
Find two (2) course that you may have an interest in and explain how you can apply for it.

All entries (with names) must be in the box by 3:15 on Friday 15 March 2013.
SELL YOUR SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS

KLAD sports will now offer a second hand uniform service. Uniform items of good quality can be submitted for sale on consignment

How it works:

- Take your good freshly laundered, quality uniform items to KLAD Sports either at the uniform shop at the College or to their Rowville shop
- Set a price and a sell by date
- If the items are sold KLAD Sport will contact you and arrange payment
- If unsold, you will be contacted to collect your items

For more information please contact KLAD Sports on 9763 0266

---

College Charges

A reminder to all parents paying their College Charges by instalments that the remaining instalment dates are as follows:

Monday 6 May 2013
Monday 5 August 2013

---

Uniform Shop Hours

SCHOOL TRADING HOURS

Tuesdays 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursdays 12noon – 2.00pm

Uniforms can also be purchased directly from Klad Sports at their Rowville Shop

SHOP TRADING HOURS

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Saturdays 9.00am – 1.00pm

2/9 Macro Court, Rowville. 3178
Ph: 9763 0266

---

HOMEWORK HELP

There will be homework help available to students of all year levels on Mondays in the Library from 3:15pm until 4:00pm.

Jeanette Barton & Fran Croft
Maths & English

---

Lost Property

Students will be able to collect lost property every second Monday at lunchtimes from the General Office starting Monday 4 March 2013