SUCCESSFUL SPORTS DAY

Heathmont College students involved themselves enthusiastically in our Sports Carnival activities at Proclamation Park this week. The weather was wonderful and provided the perfect backdrop for a range of sporting activities.

I was especially impressed with the solid involvement of senior students and the enthusiastic approach to sports of our new Year 7 students.

A special thanks goes out to all staff involved, our student leaders and our student competitors. The day once again reflected well on our school community.

INTERVIEWS WITH YEAR 7 PARENTS

Over the past four weeks, I have been involved in interviews with the parents of our Year 7 students. It has been an opportunity to get to know new community members, reintroduce myself to parents who have been supporting our school community for years and to build a better understanding of our new students within the College. In particular, I was looking to see how well the transition process from Grade 6 to Year 7 was going for the students. The important message that came across in the interviews is that our Year 7 students have been really happy with the move to Heathmont. They have enjoyed our school camp and have all made new friends. The learning in class has been interesting and challenging and the year has got off to a positive start.

The transition process from primary to secondary school is something that can worry many of our younger students and parents. This is why we place such a high importance of getting this process right. We give Grade 6 and Grade 5 students multiple opportunities to experience what it is like to attend high school before they make the big move. We have our student leader’s work to build relationships with younger students to give them a sense of belonging to a new bigger school and we try to reduce any anxiety about the move building up with students.

I thank all of the parents involved for their time and feedback. I also invite other parents of students in any year level who would like to meet with me and give feedback about our school or their son or daughter to contact me. I will prioritise meetings with any parents who would like to visit.

Michael Fitzgerald
College Principal

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GERMAN EXCHANGE VISIT

In the last three weeks of term, we have been visited by students from our German sister school. This experience and the trip to Germany later in the year for our students is an extremely important one for the Heathmont College community. We live in a “flat world” where internationalising education is one of the great priorities of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. With the help of Lynette Tonkin, Head of German, our German exchange program has been supporting this important area of learning for 17 years. We are proud of the program and grateful for the ongoing hard work of all teachers involved in making it happen.

Important Reminder

Parents are requested to ring the College Absence Line before 9:00am if their student is to be LATE or AWAY due to illness or for any other reason.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Phone 9871 4888 then select 1
Over the past two weeks our College Ambassadors and Leaders have visited the following local primary schools: Tinternvale, Heathmont East, Marlborough and Great Ryrie. Our students spoke to the students during their Whole School Assembly about their transition into high school.

Well done to the following Year 7 students for presenting themselves with pride and speaking so well:

- Yanna Konstantinou
- Mitchell Graham
- Moo Paw
- Nyalat Thiwa
- Karly Clearihan
- Alastair Niven
- Elise Jackson
- James MacNamara
- Emily Humphreys
- Dylan Milton
- Emily Birch
- Abigail Neve
- Jasmine Griggs
- Shani Healey
- Talitha Thick.

Thank you also to our School Captains Catherine Choueiri, Ben Neve, Caitlin Allen and Jordan Pauer for accompanying these students and for their fantastic speeches.

We look forward to welcoming the Primary School students when they attend Heathmont College for the Science Discovery Day on Tuesday 26 March 2013.

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Senior School

2013 Presentation Ball

Next payment:

$100.00 Tuesday 26 March 2013

Transition

Year 8

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Over the past couple of weeks our senior boys’ cricket team have played extremely well.

Heathmont College beat Ringwood College to win the Maroondah division flag and on Tuesday 12 March the boys played in a quarter final against Camberwell High School winning and going on to play in a semi-final against Brentwood Secondary College.

Unfortunately we lost but it was a spectacular effort by all involved. Congratulations!

**Quarter Final**

Heathmont vs Camberwell

**Camberwell** 10/107

Heathmont win 5/110 off 16 overs

Jake Sali 3 wickets for 10 runs

Joel Merrett 3 wickets for 27 runs

Scott Dawson 3 wickets for 7 runs

**Heathmont**

Sam Newell 31 runs

Conner McIntyre 25 not out

Scott Dawson 3 wickets

Sam Newell 3 dismissal wicket keeping

**Semi Final**

Heathmont vs Brentwood

Brentwood 6/120 off 16 overs

Heathmont 4/99 off 16 overs

Jake Sali 1 wicket for 18 runs

Scott Dawson 1 wicket for 8 runs

Conner McIntyre 1 wicket for 21 runs

Joel Merrett 1 wicket for 17 runs

2 good run outs

Joel Merrett 19 runs

Sam Newell 18 runs

Conner McIntyre 23 not out

Jake Sali 26 runs

**Incorrect Date**

There was an incorrect date placed in the Maths Competition letter for the 2013 Australian Mathematics Competition. In our original letter the date was Friday 12 July 2013, this is incorrect, the correct date is Thursday 1 August 2013. All other details are the same.

**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 Thursday 1 August 2013
- Cost: $5.50

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Jeanette Barton

Head of Mathematics

**Pathways News Reminders**

- **Year 10 Work Experience** preliminary information forms (pink forms) were due back to the Pathways Centre last week. Please make sure that these are returned promptly so that the official Work Experience Placement Forms can be generated.
- **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test**: Early April – registrations open (needed for Monash medicine and physiotherapy applicants and some interstate medical course applicants)
- ‘At Monash’ university series continues: **Design/fine art**: 17 April 2013; **Psychology**: Thurs 18 April 2013; All seminars: 6:30-8:00pm; **Info/region**: 1800 MONASH or [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars). Places limited.
- **Engineers Expo**: 11am-7pm, Thurs 21 Mar; Etihad stadium; **Info**: [www.engineeringexpo.org.au](http://www.engineeringexpo.org.au); OR: Call Sarah on 9321 1703, scooke@engineersaustralia.org.au.

**Pathways Centre**: All students are invited to visit the new Pathways Centre located in the Library – here you will find up to date information on courses, careers information and opportunities and detailed newsletters.

**Pathways Centre Quiz**: This quiz, encouraging students to come into the new Pathways Centre and find some specific information, was won by Abi Neve of Year 7 with her comprehensive report on two careers from the electro technology industry. Well done Abi – Abi wins a canteen voucher for her efforts.

There will be more quizzes in the future – students should keep an eye on the daily notices in Compass.
Check Out La Trobe University – La Trobe University is inviting Year 10-12 students and families to ‘Experience La Trobe’. This is an opportunity to check out courses, see facilities, participate in a workshop of your choice, and speak to staff. When: Melbourne (Bundoora), Friday 5 April 2013; Bendigo, Friday 21 June 2013 (school holidays). This is a free event with lunch and entertainment provided. Register at: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

NOTE: La Trobe will be offering the Bachelor of Civil Engineering at both the Melbourne campus and the Bendigo campus from 2014.

Zoo Keeper Or Vet For A Day – Thinking of a career working with animals? Then, what about a ‘Keeper for a Day’ or ‘Vet for a Day’ program in the coming school holidays? Participate in a range of hands-on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. On offer:

- Werribee open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program; Ages: 13-18yrs; Cost: $103.00 (including morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day
- Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program; Ages: 15-18 years; Cost: $125.00 (including morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day
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Did You Know? Victoria is the second largest employing state, with a quarter of the nation’s workforce (almost 2.9 million). The largest employing industries are health care and social assistance (336,700), retail trade (317,200) and manufacturing (302,700), which combined have around one third of state employment. The Victorian workforce is relatively highly skilled with 30% of workers holding a bachelor degree or higher qualification, compared with 27% nationally. The proportion of Victorian workers who are aged 45 years and older is the same as the national average (38%) (According to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations report, Australian Jobs 2012).

A Fantastic New Website – You really need to check out this new website at: www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au. This site provides you with the ability to search for a range of institutions (universities, TAFEs, private providers), explore links between courses and careers, search for scholarships, and access information about tertiary study. It is really worth spending some time on this website.

As always, I am available to meet with parents/guardians and students on an individual basis. Please contact the College on 9871 4888 or contact me at lopez.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Linda Lopez
Pathways Coordinator