STUDENT LEADERSHIP INAUGURATION

On Thursday 2 May 2013, we presented the 2013 Student Leadership Inauguration ceremony for parents and family in our Learning Centre. It was again a great demonstration of the impressive leadership skills of our students.

Our School Captains compered the night, and we invited Olympic Bronze-medallist Hannah MacDougall to talk with our community about leadership and the qualities that make great leaders. The qualities and values that she discussed were very similar to the College Values covered under the acronym, RESPECT. We believe that respectful relationships, excellence in all we do, a supportive community, perseverance, enthusiasm for learning, cooperation and trust are central to the Heathmont ethos.

The night was a great success. Special thanks goes to our Student Leadership Coordinator, Ellen Holland and the Coordination teams for helping with the presentation.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

What a wonderful looking group of students presented themselves at the 2013 Heathmont College Presentation Ball on Saturday night. Our Year 11 students looked absolutely marvellous in their formal attire and held an audience captive as they demonstrated newly acquired dance skills. The Grand in Cathie’s Lane once again proved to be a good venue for the occasion and I believe that the chance for the school community to get together to celebrate our wonderful young men and women is one that our College values.

Thanks goes out to Candice Tucker for all of the hard work that she has invested in the organisation of the dances and the night. I would also like to thank our Year 10 Coordinator from 2012, who returned to help introduce our presentation students, Maya Mulhall. To our Senior Coordination staff, the parents of the students involved, the brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends present – we thank you all for making it a special night.

Year 7 CELEBRATION EVENING

On Wednesday night this week, our Year 7 students presented the kind of work that they have been engaged in creating at school. Parents told me that it was good to see the kinds of activities that the students are involved in at school.

Listening to boys speak in Indonesian, girls speak in German, a group of students sing a rap song about continents and oceans, the burning of various types of materials to indicate the potential dangers of certain types of clothes, art work from the students, IT presentations and so much more made it an action packed night and hopefully an insight into the life of a Year 7 student.

Thanks is extended to the 24 staff members who assisted on the night and the continued support of parents and family who will have found themselves at Heathmont for the third or fourth time in as many weeks. We do have a wonderful school and look forward to the opportunity to share it with our community whenever we get the chance.

Michael Fitzgerald
College Principal
Year 7 and Year 9 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests next week – on Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May 2013. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Alison Richards or Mandy Rienits on 9871 4888.

Year 7 students have been working hard to prepare for their Celebration Night on Wednesday 8 May 2013. They are looking forward to showing their parents everything they have learnt in their subjects this year. It has been very impressive watching so many students volunteer to stand up and talk and showcase their knowledge and achievements.

Alison Richards
Head of Middle School

Language Perfect World Championship

Between Monday 20 May – Thursday 30 May 2013, our College Year 7 - 9 Indonesian students will be competing in the Language Perfect World Championship online languages competition.

Students compete for their class, school and country against other students from around the world, by completing Indonesian vocabulary and grammar activities. Points earned count towards earning certificates, entry into prize draws (prizes include laptops, iPod Touch’s, iPod Shuffles & iTunes vouchers) and winning the competition!

The goal is to motivate students to get excited about languages, learning, and having fun at the same time. Last year a number of our Indonesian students participated actively and won certificates. Their Indonesian teacher will provide your child with a username and password and launch the competition in class on the first day. We would appreciate if you could encourage your child to continue working on the questions online at home during the competition phase.

For more information about the competition, visit www.languageperfect.com.

Prema Devathas
Indonesian Program Coordinator

Assistance for families in need

Hope City Mission in Croydon can help families out with food and other grocery items. If you need their assistance, phone 9761 6778 during business hours to make an appointment. To be eligible you must have a concession card or be in financial hardship and live in Maroondah or Knox or Yarra Ranges.

Also, their Op Shop is running a 2 day sale this Wednesday 9am to 4pm and Thursday 9am to 6pm - all women's clothing $1, a lot of other things 1/2 price.

Hope City Mission Food Bank:
51 Lusher Road Croydon, 9761 6778

Hope City Mission Op Shop:
101 Manchester Rd Mooroolbark, 9726 8677

Fran Croft & Steve Graves

Lost Property

Students will be able to collect lost property every second Tuesday at lunchtimes from the General Office starting Tuesday 21 May 2013

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

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
Heathmont College Out And About Discovering Pathways – last week all Year 11 students had the option of attending the AGE VCE Careers Expo and the vast majority attended. Students gathered a great deal of information to take home to read – please check with your student to discuss what they discovered on the day and ask to see the information they brought home with them. An excellent follow up activity to this event will be the Eastland Future Options Expo to be held on 6 August 2013 at Eastland Shopping Centre.

This week a small number of our Design students have been invited to RMIT University to explore Industrial Design and participate in workshops that will give them insight into the varying types of work done in this exciting area.

Year 10 Work Experience: A reminder to parents and students that Year 10 students should have their work experience placements organised by now.

Undergraduate Medicine And Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) – Copies of the Quick Reference Guide can be downloaded from the UMAT website at http://umat.acer.edu.au. Before registering for the UMAT students are required to read the UMAT2013 Information Booklet available ONLY online from the same website.Registrations are now open, and close on 7 June 2013. Test date is: 31 July, 2013. The UMAT is required for Monash medicine and physiotherapy and for some interstate courses.

- NOTE: UMAT produces preparation materials and these are available online through the UMAT website. There are currently two tests available; a new publication, Additional Practice Questions, will be released for purchase.

Interested In Studying Health In The Future? You can undertake a virtual tour of the REACH (Regional Community Health Hub) building at Deakin University and get a glimpse of where you could be studying in the future. Located at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, the new REACH building aims to reach out to rural and regional health sectors and provide a regional community health hub. You can undertake a virtual tour by going to www.deakin.edu.au/health.

LEAP Health Activity: For students interested in studying Health. The ‘Next Step’ Health Workshop is being run in the next school holidays for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. These will be at Monash University (Clayton) and Deakin University (Burwood) – go to www.leap.vic.edu.au.

Online Directions Magazine for Aspiring Artists: The Directions Magazine is a free online guide and resource for arts education in Australia. You can search for courses and read articles and news about the arts industry. Directions covers areas such as drama, music, digital media, theatre, arts management, technical production, design, visual arts, circus, puppetry, community cultural development and community arts. To view the magazine, go to www.directionsmagazine.com.au.

What Is University Like? Australian Catholic University has developed a resource for secondary students to assist you in understanding what university is all about. You will be able to find out about the differences between school and Uni, how much it will cost, and where to start. To download the resource, go to http://www.acu.edu.au.

Discover Your Dream Career: Australian Catholic University has developed an online careers test you can take which will match your personality type with careers you may enjoy. To take the test, go to http://www.acu.edu.au/mycareer.

Exercise Science at Australian Catholic University: Students in this program run AFL clinics for school students in partnership with AFL Victoria; assist primary school students to be active through the Active After School Communities program; are involved in allied health clinics; and work closely with allied health professionals. For information about the program, go to http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/429151.

Interested In Studying At Deakin In The Future? You should consider attending the following events: Introduction to University, Burwood Campus, Tuesday 28 May 2013 and Introduction to Further Education, Geelong Campus, Wednesday 29 May 2013. You will be able to learn about Deakin’s range of courses, scholarships, accommodation options, and pathway programs. You will also be able to hear from Deakin graduates who are living their professional dream. For more information and to register, go to http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students.

Check Out Melbourne University Courses At A ‘Focus’ Session – (all 6.30-8pm). Prospective students and their families are invited to attend.


To register to attend a Focus session go to www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb.

Trinity College Young Leaders School: Trinity College at the University of Melbourne is running an intensive residential program for talented students. You can choose a one or two week academic stream. Students will have the opportunity to discover how to succeed at university; be inspired by leading academics; and learn about their pathway to the University of Melbourne. The program will run
between 30 June – 7 July 2013 and 7 - 14 July 2013. Scholarships are available. For more information and to register, go to www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders.

May Events

- Focus on Melbourne University (see above), [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb)
- 20 May 2013: Global Careers Day, RMIT, [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=bjkoe3axlzyx#_Registration](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=bjkoe3axlzyx#_Registration)
- 28 & 29 May 2013: Introduction to University, Deakin University, Burwood Campus (28 May), Geelong Campus (29 May), [http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students](http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students)

Open Days for TAFEs and Universities are usually held in Term 3, a list of these has been placed in the Pathways Centre. Students in Years 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to attend these opportunities to research future options. Year 10 students may enjoy researching possible pathways as well. If you would like a copy of the dates sent to you electronically or receive a more detailed Pathways Newsletter please contact me.

As always, I am happy to meet with parents/guardians and students to discuss pathways related matters. Please contact me on 9871 4858 or preferably by e-mail at: lopez.linda.a@eduamail.vic.gov.au

Linda Lopez
Pathways Coordinator

### 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

### 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