Music Night

Last Thursday, our Music students presented a wonderful program for parents and friends. It was a successful night. I enjoyed listening to all of our students from Years 7-12 play music for an appreciative audience. The Japanese drum beats, our Middle and Senior School bands, our jazz players, our guitar players, our vocalists and the breadth of the music provided a great night of entertainment. Thank you to all who were involved.

Year 12 Career Dress Up Day

I need to once again congratulate our Year 12 students on their behaviour and sense of fun in a recent dress up day focussing on future careers. The day helped raise money for State Schools Relief, an organisation that is very important to families in need of assistance in relation to school uniform and books, and mixed a fun day with a hard day of school work. We are very proud of the approach our Year 12 students are taking to this very important year.

Premier’s VCE Award

I would like to congratulate Jaimie-Lee Owens on receiving the Premier’s VCE Award at the Melbourne Convention Centre last night. Jaimie-Lee was School Dux for 2012 and was awarded a perfect score of 50 for her performance in the VCE subject Product Design and Technology. Special thanks also goes out to Jane King, one of our wonderful teachers, for helping Jaimie-Lee perform to such a high level.

JUNE 2013

7  Fri  Sport: Group Cross Country – Selected Students
10  Mon  Public Holiday - Queens Birthday
11  Tue  Year 12 Practice Exams commence
12  Wed  GAT Exam
13  Thu  Incursion: Girls Program – in J6 – Selected Students
14  Fri  STUDENT FREE DAY
         Year 12 Practice Exams Finish
17  Mon  Year 10 Work Experience (17 June – 28 June)
18  Tue  Sport: Zone Cross Country
         Excursion: State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal – Bayswater College from 10:20am – 3:45pm – Selected Students
20  Thur  Excursion: Year 9 City Experience – 091, 092 & 093
         Sport: Year 7 Winter Sport – All Students
         Transition: Cupcake Challenge in J6 and J7
         SRC Meeting – Selected Students
21  Fri  Excursion: Year 8 English – Shrine of Remembrance
25  Tue  SRC Meeting – Selected Students
         School Council Meeting – 7:30pm – 9:00pm
26  Wed  Incursion: Year 7 Health Day – All Day
27  Thu  Excursion: Year 9 City Experience – 091, 092 & 093
28  Fri  Sport: Year 8 Winter Sport – All Students
         Final Day Term 2 – Students dismissed at 3:01pm
29  Sat  Camp: New Zealand Tour departs – Selected Students

Exams

Our school is currently beginning an intense exam period for students in Years 9-12. I wish all students the best in their studies and encourage each student to work hard for successful outcomes.

Michael Fitzgerald
College Principal
On Wednesday 5 June 2013 I had the honour to be invited to attend the VCE Premier's Awards to witness one of my students from last year, Jaimie-Lee Owens receive her Premier's Award for gaining a perfect study score of 50 in Product Design and Technology / Textiles.

In this subject students work through the Product Design Process to complete a folio and a product, undertake a number of small written tasks and an end of year examination. Aspects of designing with regard to the product design factors including intellectual property and sustainability are used throughout the study. Jaimie showed she was a passionate and dedicated student who had a fantastic work ethic. The work Jaimie produced was of the highest quality and indicated many hours of planning and preparation was undertaken.

I have been teaching in the textiles area for many years and I must say that when a student gains a score such as this the sense of pride is just overwhelming and to witness the fantastic achievement in your student is something that words cannot describe.

I wish to congratulate Jaimie once again and thank her for the privilege and opportunity of being her teacher. Well deserved.

Jane King
Design Fibre Teacher

On the 2 May 2013, we had our Inauguration Night where we celebrated the successes of all our school leaders including the School Captains, House Captains, Year Level Captains, Year 10 Buddies and Year 7 Ambassadors.

We had a guest speaker, dual paralympian, Hannah MacDougall who came and gave an inspirational speech about the troubles she had to face on the way to become a paralympian. There were also many musical performances and speeches as the night went on. All the leaders got their badges and we celebrated all our achievements so far.

To round it up, Inauguration Night for 2013 was very successful and on behalf of the SRC I thank everyone who was involved this year.

Jacqui MacDonald
Year 8 Captain

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
**Mid Year Music Concert**

Congratulations to our very talented music students for their excellent performance at the Mid-Year Music Concert on Thursday 30 May 2013. The night was a fun night for all involved with impressive performances by the Junior Band, Percussion Ensemble, Choir, Intermediate Band, Guitar Ensemble, Senior Quintet, and Blues on the Rocks Band who made us all want to get up and dance.

Congratulations to soloists Dylan Milosevic, Ben Neve and Pat Eaton who all presented professional solo performances and a very special thank you to our comperes for the night Joshua Alexander and Ben Neve who did a wonderful job presenting each performance, as well as performing in a number of items themselves.

An extra special congratulations to Junior Band for their very first performance of the year, they are sounding fantastic and Year 7 student Dylan Milton who, having only commenced drum lessons two days before the concert, came along and gave an impressive performance with the Year 7 Percussion group!

Many thanks to instrumental music staff for doing an exceptional job preparing and conducting students on the night: Sally Barkla, Rod McLeod, Lachlan Barratt and Adam Watson.

Thank you again to all parents and staff who came along and supported our music students at the concert last Thursday; it was an important night in their development as aspiring performers.

I look forward to seeing you at our next music event the Music Soiree evening in Term 3, which will showcase the instrumental music program at Heathmont College, in which students will demonstrate to family and friends the progress they have made in their instrumental music lessons.

Emma Avery
Music Coordinator

**Year 12 Chemistry Aspirin Synthesis Excursion**

Recently, it came to pass
That the year 12 Chemistry class
Boldly journeyed to La Trobe
Aspirin to make and probe

Safely using chemicals
We made enough for seven pills
We confirmed, using spectroscopy
'Twas aspirin that we did see

We next assessed if it was pure
Or some type of chemical manure
Our synthetical success revealed
We then calculated our yield

Our experiment now complete
We contemplated our feat
What once caused us to fear and shake
Aspirin caused us no headache

Geoff Brasier
Science Teacher

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**College Charges**

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

Monday 5 August 2013

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**Lost Property**

Students will be able to collect lost property every second Tuesday at lunchtimes from the General Office.

Tuesday 20 June 2013
German News

Students in Year 10 German have just completed a unit of work on clothing. Throughout the term they have learnt words for various items of clothing, and a range of adjectives to describe them. Their classwork culminated in a fashion parade, prepared and presented – in costume – by the students. The ‘mannequins’ went to a lot of effort with their costume and practised hard to ensure their commentary sounded authentic.

The outfits may not have won the fashion stakes, but did look interesting, and the students enjoyed a different approach to learning a language, as can be seen from their comments.

The German parade was good and I think it went really well. I hope we can do something like this again.

Brian Ly

The German fashion parade was overall a huge success. It tested the Year 10 German students on what they have been working on, which is talking about clothes and what they are wearing. All of the students collectively contributed to the task and all did a wonderful job. The task started when the students needed to invent an outfit they would wear to the fashion show (in English) and then translating all items into German. From that they needed to create a speech to introduce their partner and describe what they were wearing. All students had a wonderful time and I would recommend doing it again in the future.

Toby Boulton

I really had fun doing the German fashion parade. I was nervous at first, but when I saw other people having fun, I started to enjoy myself.

Bejay Hawke

I thought it was a good idea and fun; I may have enjoyed it more if I was more confident, but overall it was enjoyable!

Carly Lockie

The fashion show was a lot better than I thought it would be. I thought it would be embarrassing and awkward, but it was really fun because everyone got into it. It was good to learn something in a different way other than just writing.

Ian Gaertner

Very useful, it tested our knowledge in a real-life situation, would recommend it.

Daniel McCrae

I found the fashion show fun and a worthwhile task. It was a really good break from the normal type of work.

Jenny MacDonald

The parade was really enjoyable – a great success. It was funny to watch! I would love to do it again.

Josh Stevens
On Wednesday 29 May 2013, the Year 10 School Captains as well as the Year 10 Student Mentors got involved with a leadership program with ambitious Grade 6 Leaders eager to impress us older kids.

We discussed with them how their progress was going on, actions they personally implemented to improve their school, such as school wide competitions to increase awareness of sustainability and presentations to year levels. We also organised/played games with them with important themes relating to leadership. The school I did all this with; Ruskin Park Primary, did an event in their school that focused on the value of friendship in life, the work they presented went above and beyond my expectations and it’s spectacular to see that the upcoming generation of high school students is so bright.

As a student mentor the whole experience was absolutely amazing. It was a great privilege to be a part of the program with outstanding leaders and student mentors from Heathmont College demonstrating their maturity and talent in mentorship. Every one of them truly represented our school well. I want to say thank you to everyone who participated and to Kate Wilde, a community minded individual who gave the leaders at Heathmont College this amazing opportunity.

James Anderson
Year 10 Student Mentor

Look at what the Year 10 Food Technology class have been working on this week.

Students worked through the Design Process to come up with individual cakes with edible decorations that are suitable for a 5 year old. Well done Year 10!

Janice Bulbul
Food Technology Teacher

Reminder - Open Days Are Coming! Open Days at university and TAFE are coming up in August (only two months off), usually on Sundays. Don’t forget to keep Sundays in August free for YOUR visits. Open Days are a great way to check out courses and facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information, and to attend relevant information sessions. Reminders of actual dates will be provided soon.

My University Website: This website allows you to select and compare the cost and selection criteria of similar courses, compare statistical data between universities, find courses across Australia, and compare graduate outcomes and student satisfaction data between universities and courses. This website will assist you to make an informed decision about your future course choices. Go to www.myuniversity.gov.au/.

Year 10 Independence Day – Monash University is once again running a tailored program for Year 10 students called Year 10 Independence Day. It is a chance for students to explore Monash prerequisites with the launch of the Year 10 Guide to University Entry 2016. There will also be the chance to learn about the different ways to choose a university course and pathways, talk to representatives from faculties.
and take part in a wide range of workshops. You are encouraged to register early. When: 11am-3pm, Thurs 4 July 2013; Where: Clayton campus; Register: www.monash.edu/year10-day.

Upcoming Gaming Events

Gaming Boot Camp, Monash University: This is a 7-day event for students 15 years and over, who love everything about gaming and ICT. This free event will be held between 6 – 12 July 2013. For more information and to register, go to https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/.

Monash University IT Challenge 2013: You have the opportunity to enter the IT Challenge competition. There are 11 categories. Entries can be team based or individual and your final entries must be in by Monday 17 June 2013. For information about the categories and entry requirements, go to https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/2013/competitions/it-challenge/overview.html.

Mid year workshops at JMC Academy: The Academy is running intensive workshops for students in Years 10 – 12. You will be able to undertake workshops in animation and games design on Monday 8 July 2013. To book your place, go to http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/.

Upcoming Events

Mid year short courses at the Melbourne School of Fashion: courses include - fashion drawing, introduction to fashion business, introduction to fashion styling etc. For information about the short courses, dates and costs, go to http://melbourneschooloffashion.com.au/. The next information session for prospective students will be held Wednesday 19 June 2013 at the Melbourne campus, from 6.00pm.

Do you want to work with animals? Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a full day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zookeepers. Please find below dates.

- Healesville Sanctuary, Keeper for a Day, Years 7 – 12, July 2, 3, 9, 10
- Healesville Sanctuary, Vet for a Day, Years 9 – 12, July 3, 4, 10, 11
- Werribee Open Range Zoo, Keeper for a Day, Years 7 – 12, July 2, 4, 8, 10

For more information about each workshop and to book your place, go to http://www.zoo.org.au/holidays

JUNE EVENTS


JULY EVENTS


- 1 – 12 July: Arts, Acting & Music Workshops, Victorian College of the Arts and Music, South Melbourne, VCA@commercial.unimelb.edu.au
- 2 July: Science in the City Lab Tours, RMIT, www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover
- 2 – 4 July: Monash Art, Design & Architecture Workshops, Monash University, Caulfield Campus, www.monash.edu/mada/workshops

As always I am happy to meet with students and parents/guardians individually. Please contact me at lopez.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or by phone at the College on 9871 4858.

Linda Lopez
Pathways Coordinator

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