As the new Principal of Heathmont College, I would like to express to the school community how proud I am to have been appointed to this role. I am very excited about the opportunity to work with students, parents and staff as Heathmont College continues to provide the best in education to those who attend here.

I would like to make mention in particular of the efforts that the Assistant Principals, Michael Meadows and Amanda Rienits and Office Manager, Joanne Clifton have made in assisting me to settle into my new role. They have spent many hours at the College over the July break to do this and I thank them for their invaluable insights into the operations of school.

I am not the only member of staff who has commenced at the College this term. Welcome to the following new teachers:

- Elizabeth Lim – Science/VCAL
- Greg Thorpe – Mathematics
- Adam Cooper – Mathematics
- Andrea Carydias – Visual Communication/ Art
- Caitlin Armfield – Science Intern

As Principal, one of my immediate priorities has been to get to know the students themselves. The College Captains – Caitlyn, Catherine, Ben and Jordan have met with me on a number of occasions, as well, I have been out in the yard talking to many students and have been highly impressed by their cheerful and polite responses to me. I look forward to building closer relationships with them over time.

Already it has been a busy term at the College. Staff and students have settled well into the challenges that a new semester brings. As I move around the school it is noticeable how calm and hardworking the atmosphere is in classrooms. This will certainly pay dividends to all students in terms of maximising their academic results.

The Year 12 students move into the final terms of their time at the College and for them the focus is on undertaking Unit 4 studies and preparing for their end of year exams. There are many who are taking advantage of the opportunity provided by the Senior School staff to stay back after school and work in the Study Centre. I encourage any students who wish to join them to do so. It is an excellent way to ensure that homework and revision is completed on a timely basis.

One of the key markers that can be used to judge how well a school supports the family in preparing students for life beyond these gates is to see how they operate in public, away from the structures of classrooms. The feedback that was received from all the venues visited in New Zealand was overwhelmingly positive. The students who attended behaved in a manner that is a credit to themselves, their families and the College - I thank them for this. Mrs Barton and Mr Pitts had organized an excellent program for the students to engage with and their time and effort is most appreciated.

Tomorrow, eighteen excited students from Heathmont College will perform at the State School’s Spectacular at Hisense arena. This is a singing and dancing spectacular which showcases some of Victoria’s best acts in the Performing Arts. The students have been rehearsing assiduously for many weeks and have given up hours out of school to ensure a professional standard show. They will be performing a variety of dance numbers to music such as ‘Thriller’ and ‘Fireworks’. All the best to

Amelia Barry  Elise Guest
Rachael Mirtschin  Hannah Lawford
Sharni Healey  Georgia Henschall
Abi Neve  Lauren Heatley
Kaysee Porter  Jaimee Barraclough
Emily Humphrey  Rosie Rattle
Micah Taylor  Shannon Paver
Monica Christopher  Sophie Jacobs
Juliana Metlenko

Although perhaps it should be ‘break a leg!’

My thanks go to Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Barca for all of the work they have undertaken to coordinate this event. I will be attending the matinee performance on Saturday and am looking forward immensely to the experience!

Johanna Walker
College Principal
VCE Chemistry: Titration Stakes 2013

The Royal Australian Chemical Institute’s Australian National Chemical Analysis competition, known since 1986 except for the period 1994-1997 as the Titration Stakes, is Australia’s most prestigious age-restricted Titration competition. On Friday June 26th, three teams from Heathmont took part in the state competition, aiming to achieve results in the top 10% of Victorian entrants and qualify for Nationals in October.

In the competition, each student conducts an experiment to find the concentration of two acids. Each student’s results are sent in the RACI, where the experimental results are compared to the true value for that sample, to find the experimental error. This could be used to find the best individual but the Titration Stakes is not about individuals – it is about a team. The experimental error of each team member is added together to find the team error which determines the State Champion Team and qualification for Nationals.

Results have not been received for the RACI yet, but this observer was most proud of all students’ efforts. They had trained in the weeks leading up and their practice allowed them to conquer their nerves and perform on the day. They also supported each other in the best spirit of competition. We look forward to the results coming in.

Geoff Brasier
Science teacher

On the second day back from the mid-year holidays, our Year 11 Legal Studies class had the experience of a day at Ringwood Magistrates Court. In the hour before court commenced, we were fortunate to have a Police Prosecutor, Defence Barrister and a Magistrate explain their respective roles to the class. Similarly, we were fortunate to see a wide variety of cases. All students in attendance were a credit to our college. Special thanks to Ms Campbell for helping to organise the students in the court building.

Allen Dwyer
Legal Studies
Every term, our SRC aims to have one casual dress day to raise money for one chosen charity. Last term, our chosen charity was YGAP. YGAP is an organisation that is an incubator for social change. Their aim is to inspire social entrepreneurs to end poverty and they do this by having creative fundraisers and programs to educate the youth of society about poverty and the imperative issue of its eradication. Heathmont College took this opportunity to get involved with YGAP and its five cent campaign. The campaign involved the collection of five cent coins as it has been recorded that there is $150 million dollars’ worth of five cent coins all around Australia that is not being spent. YGAP’s initiative was to spend the donated five cent coins on helping disadvantaged communities overseas and aiding the effort of eradicating poverty. Our school decided to help YGAP out by dedicating one whole week where we would have coin drop boxes stationed around the school. Leaders of Heathmont College also took time out to go around the school and gather spare change and tell the students of the movement. In addition to this, we also had a casual dress day where students donated the equivalent of a gold coin donation or more in five cents coins. At lunch time, in the hope of raising more money, we opened the year 9 centre and with the help of volunteer leaders held various prize winning games. We had different games such as ‘count how many 5 cent coins are in the jar’, ‘throw the coin on the chocolate bar’ and ‘create the best 5 cent coin art piece’. Each game had a donation admission and all games were a great success. The day turned out to be a great success as we ended up raising $956.25 including 2614 five cent pieces. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Catherine Choueiri, School Captain

On the 25th of June we were invited to visit Victoria’s Parliament house along with other school leaders of the Eastern Metropolitan Region along with Mrs Holland. We enjoyed a tour of the building from the President of the Legislative Council and a few speeches from our local members about where they came from, what they enjoyed about their roles and some of the challenges they face. It was amazing to see such a remarkable building up close and see the tradition that carries on throughout parliament. We managed to sit in on a session of parliament where some members of the Labor and Liberal parties were debating a bill on taxis. This was a very interesting time as we got to see how Victorian Parliament operated from on the inside. Going to see the Victorian Parliament was a great experience and we were very lucky to be invited.

The photos are in the Parliamentary Library and with Hon Richard Dalla-Riva.

Caitlin Allen & Jordan Pauer
School captains

Lost Property
Students will be able to collect lost property every second Friday at lunchtimes from the General Office.
Friday 9 August
Friday 23 August
Friday 6 September
Friday 20 September

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
Reminders:

- **University prerequisites for 2016 (Current Year 10 students)** – which appeared in the daily papers, Monday 22 July is also available on the VTAC website - [www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html)
- **Open Days** - coming up in August

This is a very busy time of year with students from Years 9 – 11 selecting their courses for 2014 and Year 12 students making decisions on the next step for them. There are multiple ways of gaining information to assist with pathways choices. The College information sessions are being held on July 31 and August 1. Open Days are happening over August, calendars of dates and campuses are available from the Pathways Office. The Eastland Future Options Expo is occurring on August 6 and the Herald Sun Careers Expo will run from August 16 – 18. See below for more information on these two events.

**FUTURE CAREERS- CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER PATH FOR YOU**

With subject selection taking place over the next several weeks, it is time to start thinking about your future after school. What pathway are you interested in?

- But have you sat down and really thought about the next 5 years? Even the next 2?
- Is the course or training area you are thinking about the right one for you?
- Have you developed a pathway plan? Or are you just traveling along in the passenger seat, hoping things will fall into place.

**OPEN DAYS** – Annual University and TAFE Open Days are coming up soon. These are a great opportunity for you to check out facilities, courses, locations, attend presentations about courses and careers, and to talk to staff and students. Year 10 is good time to start attending these, and Year 11 is a good time to attend too. Starting visits in Year 12 is leaving it a bit late, although still worthwhile. Applying for courses happens in Term 3 of the Year 12 year, the same time as Open Days are scheduled.

**HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS** –

Don't wander aimlessly….try the following:

- Obtain an **Open Day Guide** beforehand (e.g. from websites like [www.deakin.edu.au/openday](http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday), or [www.openday.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.openday.unimelb.edu.au)) - some hard copies are available in the careers room
- Plan to be at Open Day when relevant **information sessions** are conducted
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to **staff** about courses that interest you - note your **questions** beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to **students** studying courses that interest you
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Ask about **industry based-learning** (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about **international study** opportunities – a very popular option
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the **facilities/clubs** offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a **rural campus**, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/ audition** as part of the selection process you may well be asked what you learnt or found of interest about the course at Open Day. **Attendance is A MUST!**

**Eastland Future Options Expo** will be held on August 6 (6:00 pm – 8:30 pm). The College strongly urges students from Years 10 – 12 to attend to seek out information on future pathways.

**HERALD SUN MELBOURNE CAREERS EXPO** – There will be a vast array of **career advice, employment opportunities, a large university and training representation**, and a ‘hands on’ **Skills Industry Hub. When**: Fri 16 – Sun 18 August; **Where**: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank; **Info**: [www.careerexpo.com.au](http://www.careerexpo.com.au).

**Australian Engineering Week**: Every day of the year, Australian engineers are working hard to make our world a better place, and push the boundaries of what is possible. Between 5 – 11 August, Engineers Australia are running events in each state, which you are able to attend. To find out what events are running in Victoria, go to [www.makeitso.org.au/aew](http://www.makeitso.org.au/aew).
Health Skills Australia Open Days: If you are interested in Nursing, you should consider attending one of the following Health Skills Australia Open Days:

- Blackburn Eastern Campus: Saturday 10 August
- Melbourne CBD Campus: Sunday 11 August

To register, please go to [www.healthskills.com.au](http://www.healthskills.com.au)

Explore Information and Communication Technologies: The Big Day In is coming to Melbourne! You will be able to:

- Listen to guest speakers from companies such as Microsoft, IBM, Deloitte and NAB
- Learn about the exciting future of technology
- Take action to define yourself as a leader in the IT Industry.
- Learn from graduates with "been there, done that" experience so you know how to get great grad positions.
- Gain access to numerous top tech company CIO's, CEO's, recruiters, and employees, all searching for students like you.

The day will be held Thursday 4 September at RMIT, Melbourne. To buy tickets, go to [www.thebigdayin.com.au](http://www.thebigdayin.com.au)

AUGUST

- **August 9**: La Trobe University Open Day, Shepparton Campus, [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday)
- **August 10 & 11**: Health Skills Australia Open Day, Blackburn Eastern Campus (10) and Melbourne CBD Campus (11), [www.healthskills.com.au](http://www.healthskills.com.au)
- **August 11**: RMIT Open Day, City and Bundoora Campuses, [http://openday.rmit.edu.au/](http://openday.rmit.edu.au/)
- **August 11**: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus, [www.acu.edu.au/251231](http://www.acu.edu.au/251231)

I strongly urge parents/guardians and students to make the most of the opportunities available to ensure that informed decisions are being made with regards to future pathways options.

As always I am very happy to meet with individual students and their parents/guardians please contact me at the college or at [lopez.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:lopez.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Linda Lopez
Pathways Coordinator
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

SELL YOUR SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS
KLAD sports now offers 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

KLAD SPORT
From the beginning of Term 3 Klad Sport is no longer able to accept payments made by cheques.
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
Judi Jackson
Klad Sports

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

Stronger Families Program
Developing strategies that minimise family conflict and encourage young people to remain within the family

Are you concerned about conflict within your family?
Are you experiencing family issues that may result in school disengagement or youth displacement? If your young person is aged 12-17 we can support you to reduce family conflict and build on family strengths.
Please call us to discuss our FREE family support option:
9871 8700
At Knox City near Ozone

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Professional Development Programs

Certificate of Education Support Integration Aide/Teacher Aide
(Croydon)

A qualification that will enhance your career opportunities.

This course is designed for people wishing to work with students with additional learning needs in primary, secondary and specialist schools.

Topics
- Historical and current perspectives on educating students with additional learning needs
- The roles, responsibilities and work conditions of an Integration Aide/Teacher Aide and an understanding of the process of seeking and applying for employment in schools
- Understanding individual learning styles
- Working as part of a team with students, families and staff members
- Understanding and supporting the learning needs of students with:
  - Intellectual Disabilities
  - Learning Disabilities
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - Physical Disabilities
  - Communication Difficulties
  - Sensory Impairment
  - Challenging Behaviours
- Teaching and Learning
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
- Engaging students in learning; Stages of Learning
- Curriculum and the development of Individual Learning Plans.

Venue
Croydon
Croydon Special Development School

Dates
Monday and Wednesdays 5.30 - 8.30 pm
August 26, 28
September 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18
October 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

Course Length
The course is delivered over 16 evening sessions of 3 hours per session.

Prerequisites
There are no formal prerequisites for this course, however, it is essential that each participant possesses a satisfactory level of spoken and written English so they are able to complete the assessment tasks.

Recognition
The Certificate is recognised by the Faculty of Education to the value of 6 credit points at undergraduate level.
For more information: www.edu.monash.edu/students/prospective

Cost
$999
($919 for healthcare card holders)

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