PROMOTION TO WARRNAMBOOL

My thanks is extended to the Heathmont College Council and school community for the great support that I have been given since my return to this great school earlier in the year. I believe after an absence of 3 years, that the physical and community improvements at Heathmont have been a great surprise to me. I have been impressed with the focus of students on learning. The Year 12 students are approaching VCE with great maturity mixing a sense of fun and a strong personal commitment to study. Our Year 7 students at the other end of the College are so positive and kind to one another. The students and teachers of Heathmont are a good bunch of people and have made the semester a wonderful experience for me.

My wife comes from Noorat, a small town outside of Terang which is 30 minutes this side of Warrnambool. Three of her sisters live in or near Warrnambool and two of her brothers also live down the south west. I took Mary away from her family 25 years ago and am now proud to be taking her home. We are both looking forward to this move to the country which will happen over the next 2 weeks.

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Michael Fitzgerald
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2013 Term 3 Parent Calendar

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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.

We encourage parents to use the College’s Compass Parent Portal to register absences. Unfortunately lates cannot be registered.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Phone 9871 4888 then select 1

Michael Fitzgerald with the Governor General of Victoria during his visit to Heathmont College in March 2013
Semester One Reports - AusVELS

Parents there will be changes to the report format for 2013.

1. We will NOT be issuing printed reports and all reports can be accessed through the PARENT PORTAL of COMPASS with parents clicking on Semester 1 reports.

2. No longer will students be provided with VELS judgements, these are replaced with AusVELS.

3. The average student will achieve at their Year level standard – eg by end of year 7 students will be at AusVELS level 7.

4. The AusVELS uses a 0.00 - 11.50 progression point scale, generally in 0.50 intervals.

5. Only one dot per subject/ sections will be visible but other areas will be judged a multiple of times.

6. A summary page for AusVELS is included in the report.

7. Attendance % refers to the actual attendance in class - for more detailed attendance data parents can access COMPASS

8. Selected students have been unable to set learning goals or reflect upon them. This will be followed up during Semester 2.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Amanda Rienits
Assistant Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance 2013

Instalment Two

2013 families who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card are eligible to receive EMA payment.

Students up to 16 years (Pro-rata in year turning 16)

Application forms are available from the College website or can be picked up from the General Office.

Health Care Card or Pension Card must be valid on 15 July 2013.

Forms must be lodged to the College prior to 2 August 2013.

Wendy Eslick
Administration

SchoolKids Bonus

Need a boost to your mid-year school budget?

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205.00 for each primary student and up to $410.00 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus.

Julie Schulz
Administration

Senior School Term 2 Wrap Up

This term in the Senior School we have been very busy. The students have had their normal classes, extra sessions to help them focus on their exams, the Potential to Performance sessions, camps, exams, Presentation Balls, formals, free dress and dress up days as well as debating, sport and lots more.

The students have carried themselves brilliantly and are a credit to the College. Whilst it has been very busy and to organize all these events takes a lot of work behind the scene, it has all been worth it.

Next term we will do all this again. Our Year 12 students are moving towards the finish line and Term 3 will fly by. Year 11’s prepare to take on Year 12 and our Year 10’s plan for their future considering the options of VCAL (an applied learning course) or VCE (an academic course).

Our advice to students is to ensure they have a rest over the holidays but to also make sure that they are completing their holiday homework, ready for Term 3. Check on Compass for all the resources required for your subject areas and focus on maintaining a work ethic over the holidays.

Happy holidays and see you back for Term 3.

Nina Ling
Head of Senior School
Today, Tuesday 18 June 2013 we had police Constable Mick Stafford from the drug and alcohol unit in Brunswick come and speak to Year 12 and Year 11 VCAL students about driving under the influence of both drugs and alcohol. In numeracy we had been learning how to work out blood alcohol concentration levels with our teacher Mr O.

We learned that Victoria was the first to bring in roadside drug testing. The drug tests only tested for cannabis, MDMA which is ecstasy, and methamphetamine. It does not test such drugs as heroin because it is made up of normal over the counter drugs such as codeine.

Victoria is also the first state in the world to use the new breathalyser system, which measures the alcohol content from the deep lung air sacs.

One class member of the class was allowed to volunteer to do a breathalyser test, which was myself Monique. At first Mick tested me with the breathalyser that is used for on the spot testing, my result was 0.000 grams of alcohol in 210 litres of breath. He then tested me on the bigger system which is used on the big booze buses or back at the police station; my result again was 0.000 grams of alcohol in 210 litres of breath. He then demonstrated on himself how a drug test worked.

Everyone enjoyed today’s experience, and we would like to thank Constable Mick Stafford for coming in and speaking to us all.

Monique Alberico & Brooke McCormack
Year 12 VCAL

On Thursday 20 June 2013, we had twenty students from five of our local primary schools visit Heathmont College for a Cupcake Decorating Challenge. Students from Marlborough PS, Great Ryrie PS, Heathmont East PS, Tinternvale PS and Bayswater North PS, brought their creative minds and ideas and designed some fabulous cupcakes.

Thank you to Natasha Haggar and Janice Bulbull for running the session and to the Year 8 student helpers who assisted the primary school students.

Congratulations to all winners, we hope you enjoy creating more cupcakes with your prizes at home.

Haroula Christodoulou
Transition Coordinator

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
Middle School News

Students have worked hard to complete assignments and ensure work is up to date as Semester One finishes. Some excellent work is being handed in across all subjects with individual and group presentations being delivered in many classes.

Year 7 students enjoyed catching up with their buddies again and everyone enthusiastically joined in the activities the buddies had planned. A successful and informative Health day was organised by Mr Mack to complete the semester’s focus on Making Safe Choices and Being Respectful. Year 8 students have finished their classwork in English on ‘Soldier Boy’ and participated in a very enjoyable excursion to Glenferrie Primary School and the Shrine of Remembrance. Year 9 students were very fortunate to visit the Holocaust museum as part of their City Experience program and both the teachers and the staff at the museum congratulated them on their thoughtful questions and respectful manner. Thank you to staff for organising these extra activities for the students and to the students for their exemplary behaviour on these special days.

Enjoy the holidays and come back relaxed and ready for work for Semester Two. Year 7 students have commented, ‘The year is going really quickly,’ so make the most of the break, read your reports and decide what you can focus on to have a very successful and enjoyable Term 3.

Alison Richards
Head of Middle School

Year 8

I would like to congratulate the Year 8’s for representing themselves and the school so respectfully on the Year 8 “Soldier Boy” excursion. Many members of the public made positive comments about our students, which made me, feel very proud as their Coordinator.

On behalf of the Year 8 teachers, and myself, we wish to acknowledge all the effort the students have put in this semester and hope their reports reflect the work they have put into each subject.

I hope everyone enjoys their holidays and thank all the parents for supporting the school and their children. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all next semester.

Sabrina Luciano
Year 8 Coordinator

Please enjoy reading two students accounts of the ‘Soldier Boy” excursion.

On the 21 June 2013 all of the Year Eight classes went on an excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance and Glenferrie Primary because we have been learning about conflicts, especially World War 1. We travelled by train from Heathmont Station to Federation Square, then from Federation Square to Glenferrie and back to Heathmont.

The reason for going to the Shrine was to see for ourselves how important and honoured all our soldiers are. We also went to Glenferrie Primary School because this was the primary school that Jim Martin went to before the war. He played the drum and walked down the same road (Glenferrie Road) every morning to the school but the most important reason to visit Glenferrie Primary was to visit the Plaque that is hanging on the wall in remembrance of all the Soldier Boys.

The most interesting thing I learnt at the Shrine of Remembrance was that they decided that no soldier was ranked higher than any other as others might have done the same thing but just not have been recognised for their bravery. In this case instead of having Simpson and his Donkey named on the stature they have labelled it as “A Man and His Donkey”. I think this is a good thing so no one gets left out and not honoured and it was also very interesting.

One thing I found fun that was not to do with the excursion was the performance in Federation Square; he was very funny and entertaining. The Light Ceremony was very interesting as they have to use a projector as the light only passes over the Plaque on the 11th of the 11th at 12 o’clock as they didn’t have daylight saving back then so it doesn’t pass at 11 o’clock.

I learnt that back in the days when Jim Martin attended Glenferrie Primary School it was very different. There would be around 40 students in each class and one teacher standing up at the black board. They also didn’t have a bell that rings through the speakers and
Jim had to beat the drum each morning, which in some cases he did for a longer period of time so his sisters wouldn’t be late.

I believe this excursion was full of wonderful experiences and lots of information that helps me understand more about conflict and people stuck in the middle of a conflict. I strongly recommend this excursion and experience to the Year 8s next year who will be learning about conflict too. For those Year 8s I say pay attention to all you learn and enjoy the topic; that’s the only way you will understand and know everything you need to enjoy the excursion and get a lot out of it.

Ruby Haggard-Pollard
Year 8

On the 21 June 2013, all Year 8 students took the train to Southern Cross station where we then walked to the Shrine. As we arrived there we were amazed to see the shape of the building. It had a Greek design on the outside and took seven years to build. We toured through the building with our guides to see all the medals and light show of remembrance and the engraved stones.

After the Shrine we all headed back to the train station to then get off at Glenferrie station. We walked along to Glenferrie Primary School and headed into their big classroom. There we saw a plaque up on the wall in remembrance of Jim Martin and his family.

Overall the day was great fun and a good experience to learn about who fought for our country.

Nadine Beecher
Year 8

The Jewish Holocaust Museum was so inspiring. We were shown artefacts from the 1940s and it seems like ages ago and then we have people who survived it and can tell stories. The stories they told were interesting because it seems so unreal when you read about it but it actually happened.

Ben

Last Thursday we went to the Jewish Holocaust museum, it was super interesting and informative. The best part of the whole experience was talking to the actual survivors because you can get information from whomever, but to actually hear the real life experience was an incredible experience.

Henry

Last Thursday we went to the Jewish Holocaust museum. My favourite part was when we got to listen to the survivors because it was interesting to listen to their point of view of what happened in WW2.

Sean

For me that day was fun! It was great really being able to understand the horrors that these people had to live through. You never really quite understand how bad and how much that this terrible event in history had made a huge impact on the survivors lives. I think they are truly amazing people and I would go back anytime.

Alex

The holocaust museum was an experience I will never forget. Even though it must take a lot for these people to retell their stories, I am glad they do as we can hear what they’ve been through and learn from it for the future.

Maddy

The Jewish Holocaust Museum was so inspiring. I learnt so many new things about the whole situation and how Hitler died. I learnt Hitler shot his wife and himself and got his soldiers to burn his body so the Jews couldn’t mock him and drag his body through the streets.

We were shown many pictures and videos about Hitler wanting the perfect race and wanting to get rid of all Jews.

I learnt about the main concentration camps and the horrible things that happened in them. I learnt all about the Ghettos which I knew nothing about to begin with.

I listened to the three Jewish men who survived, their stories were very touching and I wish I could speak to them more.

I am very passionate about this subject and I can’t wait to go back.

My great uncle Peter was from Prussia which was a part of Holland at the time and he was in the concentration camps and survived and is still alive to this day. Prussia is now a part of Germany.

Abbey

Gavin Ferrier
Year 9 Coordinator
Languages

Language Perfect World Championship

Between 20 May and 30 May 2013, our College’s Year 7 and 8 Indonesian students competed in the Language Perfect World Championship online languages competition.

Students competed for their classes, school and country against other students from around the world, by completing Indonesian vocabulary and grammar activities. We are pleased to announce these top award winners. They have won certificates and chocolate prizes.

Year 7 Indonesian award winners
Sophie Jacobs, James MacNamara, Amelia Barry, Glen Arnold, Jasmine Griggs and Emily Birch

The goal of this competition is to motivate students to get excited about languages, learning, and having fun at the same time.

Year 8 Award winners
Jodie Clearihan, Jelena Chim, Tom Collins, Georgia Zammit and Martin Gyugyi

“This challenge is really good for language learning. It really drills in the language and the competitive nature of the activity made it interesting.”
Martin Gyugyi
Year 8

“I enjoyed learning languages so much that I have printed out the Year 7 list of words from the competition website and kept on revising them.”
Amelia Barry
Year 7

“This is a great way to learn new words and their meanings. It also helped me with pronunciation.”
Sophie Jacobs
Year 7

Prema Devathas
Indonesian Program Coordinator

The Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery is the only Victorian venue to host the Archibald Prize. It will be on display for four weeks only, 8 June – 7 July, 2013.

VCE Season of Excellence: Top Arts and/or Top Designs – check website for dates & locations.
Why not head into the city and visit the VCE Season of Excellence, Top Designs and Top Arts Exhibitions.

Top Designs Exhibitions 2013 – until 30 June 2013 at the Melbourne Museum.

Top Arts Exhibition 2013 – until 7 July 2013 on at the Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia at Federation Square.

MONET’s GARDEN: the Musee Marmottan, Monet, Paris at the NGV - until 8 September 2013.
Monet’s Garden is a stunning exhibition devoted to Claude Monet’s iconic garden at Giverny. Renowned as the ‘Father of French Impressionism’, Monet was inspired by his direct experiences of nature, culminating in the ravishing depictions of his lily and flower gardens in the rural property at Giverny, northern France, that became his lifelong obsession. Step into the extraordinary this winter for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these masterpieces in Australia, exclusive to Melbourne.

Andrea Carydias
Art Teacher

ACU Early Achievers Program: Entry is based on:
minimum ATAR set by ACU (58.5 for most courses);
Year 11 & 12 academic reports (for some courses)
community service, leadership, volunteering etc.

Eligibility and application: You must
• Apply for the course through VTAC, UAC or QTAC between 5 August – 27 September 2013.
• Have the ACU course of your interest as your first preference.
• Apply through the online portal on the ACU site for the Early Achievers program between 13 August - 21 October 2013 (see link below).
• Achieve the required minimum ATAR for course.
• Meet eligibility criteria for the course.

Minimum Study Scores now needed for all prerequisite subjects: From 2014, you will be required to have the following to be eligible for university courses listed on VTAC.
• A minimum study score of 10 for all Unit 3:4 prerequisite subjects (universities can set their own higher study scores).
• At least two graded assessments higher than UG.
For more information, go to http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/meeting-prerequisites.html.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Below are the information sessions that Defence Force Recruiting are hosting in July 2013. RSVP via email to CPTVIC@dfr.com.au.

Royal Military College (RMC) Information Night
Date: Wednesday 3 July 2013
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Meeting Place: Level 14 Reception area

ADFA Information Evening
Date: Wednesday 10 July 2013
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Meeting Place: Level 14 Reception area

One Year Roles Information Session
Date: Wednesday 17 July 2013
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Meeting Place: Level 14 Reception area

Women in the Army Information Session
Date: Thursday 25 July 2013
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Meeting Place: Level 14 Reception area

Year 11 Students: Reminder - if you would like to apply for the two day UniExperience program at the University of Melbourne, you will need to submit your application by Friday 21 June 2013 at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexperience

Interested in physics? Swinburne is hosting the ‘Big Bang Physics Show’ at their Open Day on Sunday 4 August 2013. The show features interactive demonstrations to introduce first-year physics concepts and tackles popular physics misconceptions. You will also get a taste for what physics is like in first-year engineering and aviation. To book your spot, go to http://www.swinburne.edu.au/engineering/events/bigbang/.

Experience La Trobe University: If you are planning to attend the Experience La Trobe Day at the Melbourne campus on Tuesday 9 July 2013, please be advised they have just added three new exciting workshops - Civil Engineering, Exercise Science and Careers in Sport. Register your place at http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/ or update your workshop preferences by emailing study@latrobe.edu.au.

Whitehouse College of Design: The College will be hosting their Open Day on Friday 21 June 2013 at the


Experience RMIT during the school holidays: The Experience Days are filling up fast; there are spaces left in the following workshops that will run in July 2013:

- 2: Community Justice
- 2: Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 3: Aerospace, Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- 4: Environment
- 5: Computing & IT

For more information and to register for one or more of these free workshops, please go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

Experience Australian Catholic University (ACU): ACU is hosting a series of free workshops during the holidays at the Ballarat and Melbourne campuses. The following workshops still have places available:

Ballarat Campus, Tuesday 2 July 2013
- Early Childhood & Primary Teaching
- Nursing & Paramedicine

Melbourne Campus, Tuesday 9 July 2013
- Arts, Business, Creative Arts, Early Childhood Education, Education, Exercise Science, Public Health, Psychology, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Law

JUNE EVENTS

JULY EVENTS
- 1 – 3 July 2013: Dance Short Course, Deakin University, Burwood Campus,
- 1 – 12 July 2013: Arts, Acting & Music Workshops, Victorian College of the Arts and Music, South Melbourne, VCA@commercial.unimelb.edu.au

Please remember that 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 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.

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

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

Year 11 and 12 ‘Next step’ Health Workshop

2013 Dates:
Deakin University, Burwood: 9 July
Victoria University, Footscray: 10 July
La Trobe University, Bundoona: 11 July
Monash University, Clayton: 12 July

Considering a career in a health profession? Why not join us on a university campus for a ‘Next step’ workshop. Universities can seem large and scary - a new environment and new ways to learn. Attending a one day university experience will help you to demystify university life.

As a year 11 or 12 student, whether you’ve made your decision or are still in the process of weighing up your options, this one day program is sure to make your next step toward a career in Health so much clearer.

Come and spend a day on a university campus to:

- become more familiar and confident about what to expect while studying a university health course
- see the range of different resources available to make your journey through university exciting and rewarding, allowing you to perform at your best
- learn about all the people and places on a campus that are there to help you
- find out about the different support services available for all university students

‘Next step’ aims to give you confidence to do well in your VCE and achieve your full potential in your studies. It will help you focus your study skills and goal setting, to help you through your final years of secondary school and transition to university.

An exciting interactive campus tour is sure to give you an even greater understanding of what universities have to offer and feel more confident in a university environment.

There’ll be so much advice and assistance in this one day workshop - it’s one not to be missed.

To register your interest please visit the LEAP at www.leap.vic.edu.au. Bookings are essential and places are limited.

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

Linda Lopez
Pathways Coordinator

Learn Experience Access Professions