YEAR 12
My column this week marks the end of the educational journey for the Year 12 students at Heathmont College. Every week I meet with the Year 12 Captains, Ben Neve, Catherine Choueiri, Jordan Pauer and Caitlin Allen. They have been a pleasure to work with and have taken their roles as leaders of the school very seriously. This week when we met, I asked them what they thought were the highlights of their time at the College.

Caitlin said her involvement in the Debating Program at the school had given her confidence and assisted her in her goal to be School Captain. She felt confident in speaking in public and the experience allowed her to organise her thoughts for the application process. Ben felt that his Year 10 German Exchange trip was significant for him as it improved his German conversation and gave him ideas as to what he wanted to study at university. The experience prompted him to consider studying a language alongside Engineering so that he could work internationally. The leadership roles and programs were memorable for Catherine. She has been involved in these since Year 7 and remembers the ‘Breakfast’ program and the ‘Step, Back, Think’ program as being particularly useful in achieving her goals. Jordan loved the New Zealand sporting tour where he competed against professional teams in Auckland, in particular the Auckland Basketball team and Auckland Representative Volleyball team (lost by one point!). Jordan looked at the country’s cultural diversity and was surprised by the differences between New Zealand and Australia. The range of responses they gave indicated to me the breadth of programs offered to students at Heathmont College. I am glad that they have made the most of the opportunities available to them. The year level has been a credit to themselves throughout their time at the College. Their excellent work ethic and the manner in which they have conducted themselves have been outstanding. On behalf of the school community, I wish every student who is undertaking a Unit 3 & 4 examination all the best for their upcoming exams.

SCIENCE AWARDS
I would like to again congratulate the Science Department on the success of two of their students, Moo Paw (Year 7) and Stephanie McDonald (Year 8), who have received a commendation for the In2science Awards. The level of prestige of this competition is reflected in the fact that their awards and prizes will be presented by the Minister for Education, Martin Dixon. They will attend the Melbourne Museum next week where both will receive an iPad mini 16GB Wi-Fi. They have also been invited to present to the audience on their experience, a great honour indeed!

Johanna Walker
Principal
MATHS COMPETITION

Earlier this year 35 of our students participated in the Australian Mathematics competition which was undertaken by students across Australia and other neighbouring countries.

They completed a series of problems under exam type conditions, involving reading and problem solving and answering questions under pressure. Those students who were graded in the top 15% achieved a distinction and those in the top 50% gained a credit. A proficiency grade was awarded to those who achieved a pre-set score. The experience will help our students cope with their future studies and are to be congratulated on their results.

Distinctions:
Year 9- Monie Huynh,
Year 10- Chloe Huynh

Credit:
Year 7-Jasmine Griggs, Mia Grundy, Jesse Harris, James MacNamara
Year 8- Nadine Beecher, Ruby Haggar-Pollard, Matthew Kefford, Brian Perry,
Year 10- Emma Giletti, Brian Ly,

Proficiency:
Year 7 Amelia Barry, Will Couch, Luke Hendriks, Abi Neve, Ben Nugent
Year 8-Jodie Clearihan, Maya Kolevich, Annie Leeman, Riley Moriss, Madeline Willis
Year 9- Thomas Neve, Madelaine Pentland,

Participation:
Year 7- Nathan Polchow,
Year 8- Monique Charles, Tom Collins, Dylan Ly, Jacqui MacDonald,
Year 9-Natasha Khan, An Nguyen, James Sang Pi,
Year 10- Daniel McCrae, Kelly Moriss
Year 11-Alex Barker

Congratulations and well done to all who participated.

Jeanette Barton
Maths

KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group is still meeting every Monday at lunchtime in C1. Anyone is welcome to join us. We are knitting squares that will be put together to make a blanket which will be donated to a charity for people in need. No experience is necessary as we will teach you to knit or crochet. We have lots of wool and needles but any donations would be appreciated.

The group was invited to also knit squares for the Maroondah Festival Yarn bombing. Yarn Bombing is wrapping inanimate objects in knitting. The trees outside the Croydon library will be “wrapped” as part of the festival. Thanks to the students and staff who participated in this project.
ART

Year 8 Visual Arts
As part of a celebration of science Year 8s attended Scienceworks where they excitedly tried out many of the interactive activities. This included The Carnival of Science and Sportsworks. All students ultimately returned home weary but intact.

Year 8 Science

As part of their study on “Diffusion and Osmosis” Year 11 Biology students have been undertaking their own ‘dialysis’. By using lengths of dialysis tubing, glucose and starch, the students have absorbed a new level of knowledge.

Year 11 Biology

LIBRARY NEWS  Wendy Averay, Elizabeth Downey
Mon to Fri:  8:30am - 3:30pm
Lunchtime: 1:15 - 1:45

NEW BOOKS in SHADES of ORANGE
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 — Maths
Fran Croft — English

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

SCHOOL TRADING HOURS

Tuesdays 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursdays 12noon – 2.00pm

Uniforms can also be purchased directly from

Klad Sports 2/9 Macro Crt. Rowville
Tel: 9763 0266
Monday – Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm.
Saturdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm
~ Cheques are not accepted ~

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.

Take your freshly laundered quality uniform items to KLAD Sports at either the College uniform shop or to their Rowville store. Set a price and a sell by date. If the items are sold KLAD Sports will contact you and arrange payment. If items are unsold you will be contacted to collect your items.

For more information please contact KLAD Sports on 9763 0266

KLAD SPORT SPECIAL — Term Four only
If you spend $300 or more on school clothing you receive one free polo.

SOLD PROPERTY

Lost property can be collected from the office every second Tuesday (day 7).

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents are requested to ring the College absence line before 9:00am if their student is to be late, away due to illness or for any other reason. We encourage parents to use the College’s Compass Parent Portal to register absences. Unfortunately late arrivals cannot be registered. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Phone 9871 4888 then select 1

2013 YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER

When: Tuesday October 29, 2013
Where: The Grand on Callies Lane,
Wantirna South
GLBTIQ Family Forum

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013
7:00PM - 9:00PM

IS THERE A YOUNG PERSON IN YOUR LIFE WHO IDENTIFIES AS SAME SEX ATTRACTED OR GENDER DIVERSE?

How did you respond? How has it impacted on your family and your wellbeing? Do you think someone could learn from your experience or you from theirs?

Please come along to hear stories shared by people who may have had similar experiences.

There will be a chance to ask questions, connect with others and we will provide information and resources for family members.

VENUE
Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Estate, Ringwood

CONTACT
Sharon Duthie t 03 9871 1802
Dear Parents/teachers,

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents

*How to Raise Happy and Resilient GIRLS!*  
7pm to 8.45pm

November 18th, 2013  
Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar School  
123 Marshall St, Ivanhoe

November 19th, 2013  
Sacred Heart College Geelong  
Retreat Rd, Newtown

*This is a Public Event - All welcome!*

As Australia’s most high profile adolescent psychologist, Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg draws on the latest psychological research to deliver the key skills, knowledge and strategies needed by parents and teachers caring for teenage girls in 2013. He will focus on the latest research on how to create happy and resilient girls and will host a Q&A session at the end. Cost $20

Secure your place!  Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au  Include your NAME, Date attending and No. Tickets required.

Collect and pay for tickets on the night (No EFTPOS).

Critical Agendas  
Ph 1800 638 012  
www.criticalagendas.com.au
Talking Teens

Do you wonder why they aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
Do you want to maintain a connection with them?
How do we talk so they will listen?
Take some time out for parents

This is an opportunity to call in, ask questions, meet other parents and share ideas that work!

Who: Dads, mums & carers of teenagers 12 - 18 years

When: Thursday 24th October - 21st November (5 weeks)
7.00 – 9.00 pm

Where: Norwood Secondary School, Byron Road, Ringwood

Cost: Free (bookings essential)

Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 9735 6134 or mobile 0488 501 204