Naplan Results

Heathmont College is continuing with its remarkable year of high achievement. This year’s Naplan results have been received and what a tremendous result for the students and staff at the College. There have been significant improvements across all year levels with most results trending above the state wide mean. This data is from all school sectors - Government, Independent and Catholic. This means that students have received above average results in both Literacy and Numeracy when compared to these schools. I congratulate the students on their outstanding efforts. In particular, I commend Mr Wright (Head of Teaching and Learning) Mrs Barton (Domain leader – Mathematics), and Ms Tucker (Domain Leader – English) as well as the able team at the Middle School – Ms Richards, Ms Luciano and Mr Ferrier who have worked to support the students to achieve such gratifying results. Well done!

Asia Intercultural Day

Last week saw the inaugural Asia Intercultural Day held at Heathmont College. The day was a wonderful celebration of the culture and traditions of countries in the South East Asian region. We welcomed students from Marlborough Primary, Heathmont East, Great Ryrie, Bayswater North and Tinternvale to the school. Students rotated through a variety of cultural activities, ably assisted by a number of Year 8 students. My appreciation for being positive role models to the younger students goes to the following – Harry Annal, Amelia Barry, Emily Birch, Karly Clearihan, Jasmine Griggs, Georgia Henshall, Kyle Jacobs, Sophie Jacobs, James MacNamara, Georgia Miles, Mimi Morrow, Tom Collins, Jelena Chir, Nadine Beecher, Zoe Riedel, Teagan Johnson, Kelsey Smirl, Kelly Morris, Amber Hayes and Rahni Williams. Your efforts are to be commended.

One of the highlights of the day for me was the interactive talk by Dr Max Richter from Monash University with Heathmont’s sister school in Indonesia, SMPN 1 Karangmojo. The interactions between the primary students and the Indonesian students were charming to see. Thank you to Mrs Devathas, Miss Christodoulou, Mrs Birchall, Mrs Barton, Ms Chi, Miss Shorthouse and Maya for all of your work on the day. As always, the efforts of the College staff to provide enriching educational experiences for the school community enhances all that we do. Many hours of personal time by these staff were spent to ensure the success of the day and I appreciate all of the work that was undertaken.

Currently there are two trips being enjoyed by students – The Central Australia trip and the German exchange. Early indications are that both tours are enjoying lovely weather and travel arrangements have all gone smoothly. I wish them all the best and look forward to hearing of their travels when they return.

Johanna Walker

Principal
Dear Year 12 Students, Parents & Guardians,

We have great pleasure in inviting you to the Heathmont College 2013 Valedictory Dinner, to be held on Tuesday 22 October 2013 at The Grand on Cathies Lane, 90 Cathies Lane, Wantirna South. This event is an important celebration of student achievements over the past six years at Heathmont College.

Parents, guardians, grandparents and other family members are most welcome to attend this special evening, however due to seating constraints initially a maximum of 5 tickets per student are available (including the Year 12 student). Further tickets may become available.

Tickets for this event are $65.00 per person, which includes a 3 course dinner, soft drink, tea and coffee. Please note this is an alcohol free event.

Tickets for this event must be purchased online via the Heathmont College website at www.heathmont.vic.edu.au follow the link to the Valedictory Dinner Ticket Sales or by logging onto www.trybooking.com.au from 1pm Wednesday 18 September 2013.


If you do not have access to the internet or do not have a credit card to book online, payments (cash, cheque or EFTPOS) will be accepted at the General Office.

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL TICKET SALES IS 7PM WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013.
Tickets cannot be purchased after this date.

We look forward to seeing you for this very special event.

Regards

Geoff Brasier
VCE Coordinator

Michael Meadows
Assistant Principal
On September 10, Heathmont College organised an Asian Intercultural Day for the feeder primary schools. More than one hundred primary school students and the languages teachers from Marlborough PS, Heathmont East PS, Tinternvale PS, Great Ryrie PS and Bayswater North PS participated. Students were involved in four intercultural sessions, namely batik and mask making, traditional Indonesian dances and the Japanese martial art, Aikido. The sessions were led by teachers from the participating schools assisted by Year 7 & 8 Heathmont College Indonesian students.

After lunch, we all gathered together in the school learning centre for speeches and traditional dances. We did a live link up via Skype with our Indonesian sister school, SMPN1 Karangmojo in Jogjakarta. The students from our sister school also gathered to hear the speeches and watch the dance performances.

The guest speaker from Monash University was Dr Max Richter, a Research Fellow, Indonesian Engagement who spoke on the importance of being Asia Literate in this twenty first century. The speech was followed by a live Skype question and answer session with students from our sister school. Students were excited about this real-time speaking with students in Indonesia. The students then presented a medley of four traditional Indonesian dances, watched by the audience here and also by the Indonesian school students who also performed a dance.

- “I really loved the delicious food and went back for three helpings!”, Georgia.
- “It was like sitting and learning in the Indonesian school classrooms”, Zoe R.
- “I enjoyed the Skype session because it was good to see an actual school in Indonesia”, Leah.
- “These dances were wonderful and it was great watching authentic dances performed real-time by students across the seas”, Tom C.
- “Six schools coming together for intercultural sessions such as this is really great. I think the day has lifted the profile of languages overall. It was a great success and the kids absolutely loved it. We should do this more often.”, Megan, Japanese teacher, Heathmont East PS and Christine Breen, Indonesian teacher, Great Ryrie PS.

Prema Devathas

Indonesian Program Manager

Flying Wok prepared Indonesian fried rice and Japanese teriyaki salad catered lunch on site.
Year 10 students have been looking at the artworks of a variety of landscape painters. After selecting a range of works they liked and techniques they wanted to explore, students embarked on their own interpretations. Students used photographs as a starting point and explored a variety of techniques before commencing their own work. Students have demonstrated the importance of trialling colour mixing, brush techniques and paint application. The students have come to realise that great works of art require planning, patience and sometimes risk taking.

Well done to our budding artists. We look forward to showing off more of our student talent next term. Enjoy!

Rita Chiodo & Andrea Carydias
Art
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Mon to Fri: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Lunchtime: 1:15 - 1:45

Librarians: Wendy Averay, Elizabeth Downey

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**YEAR 7**

As part of their study on “Forces” year 7s have been enthusiastically building a trebuchet, a form of catapult. With ample icy pole sticks, hot glue guns and some creative variations by some, students have succeeded in building their own siege engines. Well done!

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**SCIENCE NEWS**

**YEAR 11**

The year 11 chemistry students have been stepping outside their comfort zones and in front of the camera. They have been sharing their chemistry knowledge by creating some fantastic videos. The students displayed not only their chemistry understanding but their dramatic prowess and technical skills in the production of their masterpieces.
Year 12 students – key university application dates

September
- Friday 27: course applications due for VTAC (remember that the price goes up dramatically after this date).

October
- October 21: Early Entry applications due for Australian Catholic University
- October 8: Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application due to VTAC
- October 8: Early Entry due for La Trobe University & University of Ballarat via SEAS
- October 18: Scholarship application due to VTAC

Decisions, decisions: Are you feeling confused and overwhelmed about making future tertiary course decisions? The following two websites might help! You just answer some simple questions, and you will receive guidance on occupations and courses that could suit you.


How about VCE study tips? Monash University has just released a series of videos called ‘Brilliant Advice’. They feature Monash students who received high ATARs – they share their tips and tricks with you. To view the videos, go to http://www.youtube.com/user/monashunivideo

University of Melbourne Sports Scholarships: You will need to apply by 1 November, 2013 for sports scholarships. For information, go to http://www.sport.unimelb.edu.au/EliteAthlete/

University of Melbourne Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers: Secondary school students who have spent a large amount of time dedicated to sport or performing arts may be eligible for special consideration when apply for courses at the University. To see if you are eligible and for information on how to apply, go to http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/pathways/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers

Year 11 Inspiration Day, Monash University, Clayton Campus. If you are in Year 11 and would like to explore your future tertiary options, you should consider attending this day running on Thursday 26 September. You will be able to explore Monash courses, find out what university is like, attend inspirational workshops, tour the campus and speak to academics about your career interests. For more information and to register, go to www.monash.edu/year11-day

September Events
- September 22 – 26: ConocoPhillips Science Experience, University of Ballarat (22 – 24) and Swinburne University, Hawthorn (24 – 26), www.scienceexperience.com.au
- September 24 - 26: Discover Deakin University, Melbourne (24), Warrnambool (25), and Geelong Waurn Ponds & Waterfront (26), http://www.deakin.edu.au/discover
- 24 - 25: La Trobe University Advisory Day, Melbourne (24) and Bendigo (26), http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/events
- JMC Academy High School Workshops, Film (27 Sep), Entertainment Business, Animation, Music, Games Design (1 October), Audio Engineering (2 October), http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/
Congratulations to the Year 12 VCAL class for their fund raising efforts in their Personal Development classes. The students raised money for the Free to Shine Foundation which works with educating young girls who have been caught up in the sex trade. The students selected this charity after researching issues connected to human rights abuses. Congratulations to the students on their efforts with their raffle (a 4.5 kilo Toblerone won by Mr Maclean), a sausage sizzle and a chocolate drive.

The Year 11 and 12 VCAL classes are also undertaking studies in Fire Safety. Students had a lot of fun learning how to use fire fighting equipment and have learnt a great deal about safety and the issues that exist around emergency situations, especially fires.

Emily Murcott, a teacher at Mullum Primary School, is about to embark on her most challenging run yet. During the second week of the school holidays she will begin an ultra-marathon, starting on Tuesday October 1 from the summit of Mount Buller and finishing five days later on the Brighton Foreshore on Saturday October 5. She and friend Caroline are running more than a marathon a day for five days straight. The pair will run an average of 50km a day to cover the 250km distance.

The aim of the run is to raise money and awareness for the White Cloud Foundation. The White Cloud Foundation’s mission is to help increase resources and improve access to support for people, families and carers who live with depression in Australia.

Emily’s running route will take her through Chirnside Park Shopping Centre on day 4 (Friday 4th) where a fundraising BBQ with be held outside Woolworths. They will then make their way to the Mullum Mullum Trail near McAdam Square and they would love you to join them either running (slowly) or riding (very slowly).

To track how they are going or to find out more information please check out their Facebook Page www.facebook.com/runmountbullertobrighton.

To make a donation please go to their Events page on the White Cloud Foundation website www.whitecloudfoundation.org/events.
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.

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

POWER OUTAGE REMINDER

Due to major electoral works in the College during school holidays, power supply to telephones and the computer network will be interrupted.

Emergency numbers are:
German Exchange - 0428518913
Central Trip - 0439150562
or leave a message on 0427822716

Enjoy the School Holidays and we will see you all back on October 7.

HOPE YOUR TEAM WINS!!
Imagine Maroondah Community Event

**Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together** is a visioning process that will create plan for the future of Maroondah which incorporates the aspirations and goals of the community and Council.

Imagine Maroondah is an opportunity for children, young people and adults to have a say on issues that matter to them, think big, be bold and creative and tell us how Maroondah should grow and evolve in the coming decades.

**Join us to:**

- have your say on the future of Maroondah
- hear what others have told us about what they love and what they want to improve about Maroondah
- find out about current plans that will shape how we live, play, work and travel
- bring the kids! Children are invited to have their say on the future of our city too, with lots of fun and exciting children’s art activities, face painting, jumping castle and much more.

Visit [www.maroondah.vic.gov.au](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au) or email [2040@maroondah.vic.gov.au](mailto:2040@maroondah.vic.gov.au) for more information.

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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](mailto:rick@criticalagendas.com.au) Include your NAME, Date attending and No. Tickets required.

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

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