FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

As we draw towards the end of the academic year, Heathmont College commences its planning for 2014. An important element of this is the selection of student leaders for 2014. The process for selecting the four College Captains is very rigorous and involves a written application and interview before a panel of senior staff. The panel then meet with me to discuss each of the candidates and the reasons for their final recommendation. Thank-you to each of the students who applied for the position of College Captain. The feedback is that the standard of applicants was impressive. Each applicant had a strong sense of citizenship and the ways in which they could contribute to the Heathmont community.

I am pleased to announce the Heathmont College Captains for 2014:

- Campbell Mayne
- Erin Jackson
- Jillian MacDonald
- Caitlyn Harwood

Each student has made significant contributions to the College over the years and will be outstanding in their roles.

As a Principal, it is always gratifying to receive thanks from the local community for services performed by students of the College. Recently, students and staff assisted at the Great Ryrie Primary School Level 3 round robin day. I have reprinted part of the email I received from the PE teacher at Great Ryrie.

"I just wanted to send you a quick email and let you know how amazing I thought your Heathmont College students were who came to GRPS yesterday to umpire at our Level 3 round robin day! I have also been very impressed with Agi Birchall and the contact I have had with her in organising the day. Your students were a fantastic help yesterday and the day would not have worked or been able to go ahead without them! Your students umpired at 6 different sports and did an amazing job! I have had various parents from my school and other schools comment on how impressed they were with your students!"

Heathmont College operates an incredible leadership program at the College which assists students to develop to their potential and it is clear that it is of benefit to many people within the community.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

May I remind students and parents of the following information with regards to uniform expectations at Heathmont College. Students are asked and expected to carefully note and action the following:

- Regardless of temperature, no item other than correct school uniform is to be visible on the way to, during and on the way home from school
- Only black leather school shoes are to be worn with full uniform – no canvas shoes
- The college PE uniform must be worn in its entirety and only on days when students have Sport or Physical Education classes
- Uniform should always be worn in a neat and tidy manner.

Johanna Walker
Principal
2013 VCE RESULTS AND ATAR SERVICE

VCAA and VTAC offer a range of options for accessing VCE results, VCAL results and ATARs:
- Internet
- SMS
- Mail

VCE results and ATARs are available from the 2013 VCE Results and ATAR Service from 7:00 am Monday 16 December. Only 2013 results are recorded on this service.

You will need your VCAA student number and PIN, which is the first four digits of your birth date (e.g., 17 July = 1707).

VTAC applicants will need their VTAC PIN.

Internet

resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

The internet service is free and is available 24 hours a day from 7:00 am Monday 16 December until 5:00 pm Friday 20 December.

Mail

VCE and VCAL results and ATAR statements will arrive in the mail from Tuesday 17 December. VCE and VCAL certificates are distributed by schools and colleges, not mailed with the results.

SMS

19 787 888 SMS cost $1.10 max. (incl. GST)

To register to get your results by SMS, send a text message as follows:
- Student number – eight digits only, not the letter
- Space
- PIN (four digits)
- Send to 19 787 888

Obtain school’s permission before using this service. Call 800 00 093 for help with SMS registration.

You can register from 8:00 am Monday 11 November until midnight Sunday 15 December. Requests sent after this may be delayed.

You will receive your results from 7:00 am Monday 16 December. SMS access is available until 5:00 pm Friday 20 December.

To find out more about VCE Examination results, a statement of marks can be obtained. Further information is available on the VCAA website at: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS)

If you have questions after receiving your results and ATAR, contact the Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) by phone, email or via the PRAS blog.

7:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday 16 December
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 December
(03) 9032 1717 (metropolitan callers)
1800 653 080 (freecall)
pras@edumail.vic.gov.au
http://resultsandatar.wordpress.com/

You cannot access results through PRAS.
**VTAC Results and Change of Preference time**

**Year 12 students** please note that the Change of Preference option is currently open in the VTAC system. Students requiring assistance should make appointments to see Mrs Lopez if they require any assistance at this time.

Year 12 results and ATARs will be available to students from December 16. The final change of preference time is also available at this time. Students should note that the closing time for Change of Preference for tertiary selection is December 23 at 12:00 noon. The system will be very busy at this time so I strongly recommend that students do not wait until the last minute to change their preferences.

It is extremely important that students realise that the college will not be open for assistance after December 20 so students should be seeking assistance as soon as they know their results. Staff will be available to offer assistance at this time.

It is extremely important that students monitor the VTAC System closely at this stage and if they have not already signed up for the VTAC Blog they should do so without delay. Information is being updated regularly.

**Australian Defence Force Information**

- Defence Jobs YouTube Channel: Watch videos about the different roles available in the Army, Navy and Airforce here: [http://www.youtube.com/defencejobsaustralia](http://www.youtube.com/defencejobsaustralia)
- One Year Roles: You can work in one of 12 roles in the Army for 12 months. To find out which role is right for you and how to apply, go to [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/oneyearroles/jobs.aspx](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/oneyearroles/jobs.aspx)
- Diagnose patients using your mobile phone: Learn about health careers in the Defence Force by downloading the free Mobile Medic app to x-ray, diagnose and treat several medical emergencies.

**New Hallmark Program at La Trobe University:** This is an elite program, which seeks to provide opportunities for you to work in cross-disciplinary teams on some of the World’s most pressing issues with access to and mentoring by leading researchers in our Research Focus Areas. You will have the opportunity to participate in real research projects.

All successful applicants will receive a Hallmark Program Scholarship to enable you to undertake a variety of enrichment activities beyond the classroom including an International Study Tour; a 2-day residential; Cross-disciplinary Projects; and an Honours year. For information on this amazing program, go to [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/hallmark-program](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/hallmark-program)

Win $6000 in travel vouchers!!!! All you need to do is register with La Trobe University to receive updates from them about courses, scholarships and events. You could visit one of the 39 countries where they offer student exchange with a $6,000 Qantas holidays travel voucher. For more information and to register, go to [http://latrobe.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/keep/?path=feature-tile](http://latrobe.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/keep/?path=feature-tile)

**Are you in years 7 – 12?** Do you want to work with animals? Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zookeepers and Vets. You will be able to:

- Help with food preparation
- Assist with animal enrichment
- Help with enclosure maintenance
- Listen to Keeper talks
- Do animal health checks
- Handle animals safely
- Keeper for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary: January 14, 15, 21 & 22
- Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary: January 16 & 23
- Zoo Keeper for a Day, Werribee Open Range Zoo: January 15, 17, 21, 22 & 24

November Events

- RMIT Creative Festival, events running throughout November, showcasing their creative courses,
  [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=3mn4ta9cmfvw](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=3mn4ta9cmfvw)

December Events

- December 1 – December 15: Trinity College Young Leaders Summer School, Trinity College Melbourne,
  [www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders](http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders)

January Events

- January 6 – January 17: MU Student Union VCE Summer School, University of Melbourne,

As always, I am available to meet students and parents individually and am available for contact by e-mail at
[lopez.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:lopez.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Linda Lopez
Pathways Coordinator

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**PATHWAYS NEWS cont...**

When: Tuesday December 17. 7:30 - 9:30

Where: George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar, Kalinda Road, Ringwood
Term 4 is a very important time for all our Middle School students, as they focus on demonstrating their knowledge and skills in each of their subjects. Students need to be confident that they can successfully complete their year and be ready to progress to the next year level. Two programs which support this focus on high expectations and being ready for 2014 will take place in November and December.

The second program concludes the year for Middle School. The program is called Headstart – An Introduction to 2014. It takes place over eight days: **Monday December 9 – Wednesday December 18**. This is a compulsory program for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The program involves beginning the work for the next year, so it is vital that students attend every day and complete all the given tasks. It is an opportunity for students to experience the requirements of the next year and to show that they are ready to progress. Students must come each day with fully charged laptops, pens and paper and in correct uniform. Absences will be followed up with parents as normal, to ensure that students begin 2014 having already completed the first task for each subject. In some subjects, students may also have reading or a task to complete over the holidays.

Thank you to all our students and student leaders for being such positive role models for the college. Well done Middle School!

**Alison Richards**

Head of Middle School

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As part of their study of “Chemistry” the year 8s have been making paper from grass. Using lawn clippings, a fair bit of manual labour and the magic of chemical reactions the students have each produced their own piece of personally crafted paper.
This year the Year 7 students had a taste of technology in the form of textiles, also known as Material Technology. The students began with basic hand sewing skills, then designed, produced and evaluated a pin cushion. Students then practised their machine sewing skills and were then able to progress onto designing and producing either a pillow cover or pencil case. It is great to see students using their own pencil cases with pride in class.

Here is a small sample of some of their work over the Semester.

Janice Bulbul
Material Technology

LIBRARY NEWS

A FEW OF OUR "FACE " BOOK COLLECTION
Second-hand Textbook Trading

The College is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to recycle their textbooks and other student resources.

I am delighted to inform you of the school's new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade second-hand items via the "Sustainable School Shop". Families are assisted to list For Sale & Wanted advertisements online and the system then matches buyers with sellers. Results from other schools have been excellent; families have enjoyed a comprehensive and convenient method of trading these second-hand items.

The Sustainable School Shop is providing complimentary Annual Subscriptions until 30 November 2013 and we would encourage parents to take full advantage of this opportunity. You need to nominate the College when you register on the Sustainable School Shop website to receive your complimentary Annual Subscription (lasts 365 days).

The service provides access to second-hand textbooks, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc all year round. Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at our College or other previously attended schools.

For the best results:

- Register on the website
- List your items for sale
- List Wanted Ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The College's booklists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer (Wanted Ad) via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from the school, however items can be traded with parents from other nearby schools too
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop's telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don't have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance
- You can pro-arrange the transaction and then trade after the texts are not required

All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on: 1300 683 337 or help is also available through 'Contact Us' on their website at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

We are very excited about this new initiative being offered to parents and we hope you will make the most of the opportunity to annually recycle your student's school items.

Regards

Johanna Walker
College Principal
**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. RowvilleTel: 9763 0266
Monday – Thur: 8:30am – 5:00pm. Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm
Saturdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Late Night 20/11/13: 8:30am—7pm
Saturdays 30/11/13 & 7/12/13: 9am—4pm
Close on 20/12/13, re-open 13/1/14
 ~ 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.

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**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

**LOST PROPERTY**

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

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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, 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

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**Free Get Set Seminar Passes**

for Students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12

Set Event is hosting a series of seminars during Nov 2013 until Jan 2014 to help students from Year 9 - 12 prepare for VCE. We focus on study skills, memory strategies and how to write high quality essays.

Get set for 2014 by learning the secrets of top performing students. Limited seats.


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**Heathmont College 2013 Year 10 Formal**

Where: Linley Estate, Kilsyth
When: Friday December 6, 2013.
7:00pm – 11:00pm

Please note that the Year 10 Formal is a non-alcoholic and non-smoking event.
GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

KNOX YOUTH COUNCIL

Do you have ideas and energy?

Do you want to have a say about local issues?

Are you between 12 and 23 years and live, work, study or hang out in the City of Knox?

If you said ‘YES’ to any of these questions, then you might be interested in joining the 2014–15 Knox Youth Council.

Applications open Friday 8 November and close Friday 6 December 2013. All applicants will be required to attend a group interview/training on Saturday 14 December from 9:30am-2pm.

If you would like to chat about this opportunity or are unable to attend the group training, please contact Kate Arnott, Knox City Council Youth Services before 6 December 2013.

t 9298 8868 or e kate.arnott@knox.vic.gov.au

Copies of the application form and info on Knox Youth Council can be found by checking out www.knox.vic.gov.au/youth
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

Maroondah FReeZA Program 2014

Maroondah City Council’s Youth Services Team are currently recruiting a new FReeZA Group for 2014

Are you interested in becoming a part of Maroondah FReeZA Group History?
Would you like to be involved in organising heaps of awesome live music gigs?
Do you want to work in a team environment and learn skills in the music industry?
Are you dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated? Are you time efficient and flexible?
Do you live, work or study in Maroondah?

Program Information Sheet

What is the Maroondah FReeZA program?
The Maroondah FReeZA program is a personal development program for local young people aged 15-21. The program is part of the State Government’s FReeZA program and focuses on developing young people’s personal skills, teamwork skills, and individual confidence through empowering participants to achieve their goals by organising drug, alcohol and smoke free live music events for thousands of young people in the local area.

What does the program involve?
Being a participant in the Maroondah FReeZA program requires a large commitment from its members to make sure the program runs effectively and maintains the high standards that have come to be expected from Maroondah’s FReeZA events. Throughout the course of the program, participants will be supported to develop and deliver approximately 10 live music events catering for young bands and young people in the local area.

Participants will be trained in a broad range of skills including Audio PA and Lighting System Set-up & Operation; Leadership, Teamwork & Effective Communication Skills; Event Management; Music Business skills; Budgeting; Project Management; Media & Public Relations skills and heaps more.

The group meets every week for 2.5 hours with members doing a range of other tasks throughout the week as required. Participants are involved in all the aspects of managing events including planning, booking, co-ordinating and working at the gigs. The program is facilitated by qualified Youth Workers who have a range of experience in event management and provide relevant resources and support.

Requirements

All applicants must:

- Be aged between 15 and 21
- Live, work or study in the City of Maroondah, or have other strong links with the Maroondah municipality
- Be able to attend all training sessions and activities
- Be able to attend weekly meetings
- Be able to commit to the program until December 2014
- Enjoy working in a team environment
## Important dates

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE MAROONDAH FREEZA GROUP ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS.**

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## Information Night

To make sure all potential applicants are fully aware of what being in the Maroondah FReeZA Group is all about, an Information evening will be held on **Tuesday 3\(^{rd}\) December**, 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Members of the 2013 Group will be available to answer any questions, and give more detail about the responsibilities and commitment involved in being a Maroondah FReeZA Group member.

**Please note:** Attendance is highly recommended for all 2014 FReeZA group applicants and their families
Applications

Application forms must be fully completed and received by no later than 12midnight Sunday 8\textsuperscript{th} December 2014.

Forms can be delivered in the following ways:

\begin{enumerate}
\item \textbf{Post:}
Terry Stevens  
Martoondah FReeZA Group  
Martoondah Youth Services  
PO Box 156  
Ringwood, 3134
\item \textbf{Email:}
terry.stevens@maroondah.vic.gov.au
\item \textbf{In Person:}
Customer Service Desk,  
Croydon Offices, Maroondah City Council  
Civic Square, Croydon.  
Please make sure application is fully labelled and addressed to Terry Stevens, Maroondah FReeZA Group.
\end{enumerate}

For Further Information and an Application Form  
please call Terry at Maroondah Youth Services on 9294 5706 or  
email: terry.stevens@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Visit us ONLINE at  
www.maroondahyouthservices.com  
facebook.com/maroondahyouthservices

application forms can be downloaded from our website

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“I love the FReeZA program!  
I like to be behind the scenes coordinating bands and making people feel welcome. In the lead up to an event, I enjoy the business side of things. I'm learning skills in event management and team work”.

Athena Soldo, 2010 FReeZA member
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