VCAL

Last week I was honoured to attend the atEast awards ceremony for the VCAL programs offered in our network of secondary schools. Heathmont College was represented in every category and certainly those students should be very proud of their achievements.

YEAR 7 2014

Last Tuesday saw the Year 7, 2014, Orientation Day at the College. It was very exciting to see such a healthy enrolment for the College for 2014. Students engaged in introductory activities with their Year 9 buddies before being placed into their Learning Groups where they were introduced to the 4 pillars for success at Heathmont -

• Celebration
• Pathways
• Academic
• Wellbeing

After this a variety of activities across Domain areas were conducted with the day culminating in Sports program run by House Captains in the gymnasium. Thanks to the Middle School Coordinators, Alison Richards, Sabrina Luciano and Gavin Ferrier as well as Transition Coordinator, Haroula Christodoulou for all of their work.

HEAD START

Currently at Heathmont College we are running a Head Start program which allows the students currently in years 7 - 11 to attend an orientation program. This introduces them to the subjects that they will be undertaking in 2014 and the preparatory work that they will need to complete over the summer break. Attendance at the program is exemplary and it is pleasing to see the students taking their studies so seriously. Staff have spent a considerable amount of time implementing a rigorous program in order to ensure that students are clear about the expectations for next year and I appreciate their efforts.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank all the staff at the College for their support in my role as Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the staff and parents to further the education within the school.

Heathmont College is an excellent school with a very bright future!

Johanna Walker
Principal

Wishing You All a Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year
PRESENTATION NIGHT 2013

Junior Concert Band
Blues On The Rocks

Welcome 2013 College Captains
Principal’s Address - Johanna Walker

John Carbery Memorial Sports Award
In memory of Mr John Carbery, a past teacher of the College, whose commitment to interschool sport and the ideals of participation, skill and games development through excellence on the sports field, was an example to all.

Sporting Awards Years 7 - 12

College House Captains Handover for 2014
Presentation of House Trophy

Deakin Student Awards – Michael Sukkar MP
The Deakin Student Awards are in three categories - Academic, Citizenship and College Values. The awards are perpetual and are donated by the Federal Member for Deakin.

Solo Performance - Patrick Eaton

2014 Year 7 Scholarship Recipients

Australian Defence Force Awards
Awarded to students who have demonstrated a positive attitude while at school, and have shown leadership, teamwork and commitment to the College

RSL Achievement Awards
Sponsored by RSL Ringwood, these students have demonstrated a positive attitude to their learning and have made a significant contribution to the College.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program
Sponsored by Melbourne University, this scholarship program is awarded to support high-achieving students in realising their full potential. These students have substantial community involvement and have proven their academic and leadership skills.

Performing Arts Award in Music
Percussion Ensemble

Year 7 – 9 Awards
Middle School Leadership Awards
Music Performance – Jonathan Occleshaw

Year 10 – 11 Awards
Year 12 Subject Awards
School Dux
Solo Performance - Bethan Fox
Principal Team Award
School Captain Handover
2013 - Let’s Remember
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 birthdate (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 bill payer's permission before using this service. Call 890 509 085 for help with SMS registration.

You can register from 9:00 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.
VCAL Awards

The atEAST VCAL Award Ceremony was held on December 3 and it was very pleasing to see Heathmont students perform so well. There are 10 schools in the atEAST Cluster and the awards are for the most successful School Based Apprentices/Trainees. Students are judged upon their success in the three areas covered by the program, School, TAFE and Employment. As school based apprentices/trainees students often do not have time to complete all the hours required for their entire training certificate so the students who do complete this have done very well.

The following students successfully completed their training certificates:
- Dylan Cockram  Graduate Certificate II Electrotechnology
- Jayden Kolbeck  Graduate Certificate III Fitness
- Samantha Carroll  Graduate Certificate III Children's Services
- Tyler Agius  Graduate Certificate III Children's Services
- Monique Alberico  Graduate Certificate III Business Administration
- Amy Pitt  Graduate Certificate II Business Administration

The following students were recipients of Achievement Awards:
- Amy Pitt  Achievement Award Winner - Business Admin
- Sheridyn McKenzie Smith  Achievement Award Winner - Business Admin
- Dean Gliddon  Achievement Award Winner - Plumbing
- Jaedyn Miller  Achievement Award Winner - Retail Baking
- Jake Pyle  Achievement Award Winner - Electrical
- Josh Colvin  Achievement Award Winner - Horticulture
- Monique Alberico  Achievement Award Winner - Business Admin
- Rebecca Moscrop  Achievement Award Winner - Floristry

The following students were recipients of Industry Awards – the overall winners for their industry over the 10 atEAST schools:
- Evan Ryan  Industry Award Winner - Plumbing
- Liam Van Winsen  Industry Award Winner - Bricklaying
- Brooke McCormack  Industry Award Winner - Hairdressing
- Corey Thompson  Industry Award Winner - Engineering
- Daniel Bell  Industry Award Winner - Carpentry
- Emma Tournier  Industry Award Winner - Retail Baking
- Kaine Dempster  Industry Award Winner - Panel Beating
- Nicole Strong  Industry Award Winner - Animal Studies

Congratulations to all of our successful VCAL students on their efforts throughout the year.

Linda Lopez
Pathways Coordinator
On Tuesday 10th Dec our new Year 7 students visited the College for their first official day of Secondary School. They began the morning at an assembly in the Sports Centre and were welcomed by the College Principal Ms Walker, Head of Middle School Ms Richards, the Year 7 Coordinator Ms Luciano, Transition Coordinator Miss Christodoulou, Year 7 Ambassadors and our Year 9 Buddies. The staff were very impressed by the students’ manner, as they sat quietly and expectantly in their home groups waiting for the day to begin. The Grade 6 students met their Year 9 Buddies and shared something important with them they had brought to school.

The students then went to home rooms to meet teachers and take part in getting to know you activities with their class. They used their passports to share information about themselves and learn about each other.

After recess the students participated in some impressive and engaging Science sessions. They also created and decorated iced houses in Foods Technology. The conduct of the students in the classes was impressive, as they worked cooperatively in groups and listened respectively to each other and their teachers. For their last session, the Senior Sports Captains organised a fun and active session in the gym. Thank you very much to these students who returned to school especially for this activity.

The Grade 6s were excited and enthusiastic about starting Secondary School. Some of their comments were:

“The teachers are nice and welcoming”

“I am looking forward to being a member of Heathmont College”

“I have heard great things about Heathmont College and cannot wait to experience all these great things”

“When I met my buddy I felt really happy”

“I am feeling confident about starting high school because of the friendly teachers, Year 7 Ambassadors and my new friends”

I would like to thank our 2014 Year 7 students for their positive and enthusiastic approach over the day. We hope they have made new friends and are looking forward to beginning a new stage in their school life.

Thank you to the teachers for running activities and for all their work over the year with Year 7. They have given the students a strong foundation for their learning at secondary school.

Thank you also to our excellent Year 7 Ambassadors for looking after the students so well. Our Ambassadors have shown impressive leadership skills over the year, proudly supporting transition events and the college. I hope they continue to participate in leadership activities as they move up the school.

Thank you also to the Year 9 Buddies, who volunteered to take time out of their own transition program to meet the Grade 6 students and welcome them to Heathmont College. We are very proud of their willingness to take on a leadership role and the confident and caring way they worked with the Grade 6s.

We now look forward to our first big activity for Year 7s in 2014 – the Orientation Camp at Phillip Island in the first week of school. Enjoy your holidays and see you on Wednesday 29th January.

Haroula Christodoulou
Transition Coordinator

SCIENCE ORIENTATION

As part of Orientation Day the soon-to-be Year 7s of 2014 conducted some fun and stimulating activities. From the excitement of the Soapy Snake demonstration through to the delightful sensation of freshly made slime, learning something new with M & Ms through to colourful chemical changes, the students had an amazing time.
Rookie Band Workshop

On Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} November our Junior Band students attended the North East Victorian Region Rookie Band Workshop held at Lilydale Heights College. This was a fun event in which our students had the opportunity to meet and play with students from schools in the North East Victorian Region as part of a large Concert Band.

Students attended the workshop for the full day, rehearsing pieces as a large Concert Band, then breaking into smaller sectional rehearsals in the middle of the day. They finally came together again at the end of the day as a Concert Band to perform and record the pieces they had been rehearsing. A highly successful event, congratulations to all of our performers for their hard work on the day!

Emma Avery - Music Coordinator

Student comments:

“\textit{At the Rookie Band Workshop my friends and I played several pieces such as, a desert themed piece called ‘Sunset on the Sahara’, ‘Forge of the Falcon’ and a classic ‘Hey! Baby!’}. I was exhausted by the end of the day, but I always love playing my Trumpet!"  
Christian Haddad (Year 7 Trumpet)

“\textit{I had a fantastic time at the Rookie Band Workshop and I have decided two main highlights: The recording session (and trying not to laugh at times) and the humongous cup cakes!}”  
Peter Zamora (Year 7 Alto Saxophone)
Year 9 Art And Design - Ceramic constructions

Our year 9 students have produced some very creative ceramic art pieces. They have looked at Picasso’s expressionist work and used the ideas and concepts to produce their own pieces.

As part of our ‘exploring and responding’ we have looked at the expressive qualities that can be achieved through the use of the Art elements colour, shape and line. As a result, the class ‘created and made’ interesting clay designs. Some students opted for wall tiles while other more ambitious students took on the challenges of a 3Dimensional construction. Many challenges were presented to the students when working with clay, however they followed clear instructions to ensure that all work was completed to a high standard. Enjoy viewing the wonderful works.

Rita Chiodo
Art and Design Teacher
INDONESIAN FRUIT TASTING

Over the last two weeks, the Year 7 Indonesian students have been learning about Indonesian fruits. They have researched these fruits, written up sentences and have presented their findings to the class. They have done their research and presentation very well. As a celebration of their effort and hard work over the year, they were rewarded with an Indonesian fruit tasting day last week.

The students had a wonderful session tasting and giving their opinions on the different tropical fruits, namely fresh pineapples, fresh mangoes, fresh bananas, canned rambutans, canned lychees, canned longans, canned jackfruit, canned mangosteen, canned pineapples, Indonesian prawn crackers, coffee lollies and chocolate cakes.

Prema Devathas
Indonesian Program Manager

“This was the first time I have tasted rambutans and longans. They were enak sekali (very delicious) dan manis (sweet).”

Aimee

“I like the lychees and the rambutans, they are sweet, juicy and delicious.”

Glen

“It was interesting learning about these tropical fruits and tasting them. I have never seen some of these fruits before and now I have tasted them. It was really good.”

Karly

“I have seen some of these fruits in the market but have never tasted them, now I know how they taste. The tropical fruits are really sweet, delicious and yummy.”

Georgia

“This was a wonderful experience, we should do this more often.”

Pa Hup

“I love the prawn crackers – they were really delicious.”

Harry

LIBRARY NEWS

New novels to look forward to in 2014

WHO WILL SURVIVE?

I AM MALALA

CRESS

DEADLY

THE FIERY HEART

ONE

DOCTOR WHO

50
THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE
Year 9

Congratulations to all year 9 students on what has been a fantastic year. Our four captains, Juliana, Shannon, James and Henry have done an excellent job in assemblies and other duties as required. Students have had a great time on City Experience, sports days, music concerts, health days, Advanced Youth camps, Edgars Farm trip and other events throughout the year.

Year 9 is such a vital year of preparation for VCE and it has been fantastic to see students develop in their academic skills as well as their social conscience. Edgars Farm was a great example of this for me. To see students willing to spend a day sweeping chicken poo, collecting hay and running away from rats was great to see. Students had the opportunity to learn that some of the simplest things, (sweeping) can have an enormous impact in the lives of mistreated animals. Through the work that they did, more animals had the chance to be assisted by the people at Edgars Farm.

It was also a privilege for me to be able to attend City Experience on numerous occasions. While the students will remember the things that they learnt, saw or experienced, I will remember how well they represented the College. This also included members of the public contacting the college to compliment us on the behaviour of our students while on public transport. Congratulations on a great City Experience, and thank you to the Year 9 HIPE teachers for organizing City Experience. I know that the students appreciate your work.

Thank you for a great year, Year 9 and all the best for Year 10 and beyond.

Mr Ferrier

Year 9 Coordinator
Middle School

2013 has been a very successful year for Middle School students – both academically and in extra-curricular activities. We have been impressed with the pride students have in the college and the connection with their year level, which has strengthened over the year.

There have been many highlights, in particular with the responsibilities many of our students have willingly taken on. The Year 7 students met their buddies at Orientation Day and the student leaders at the Phillip Island camp and immediately understood the value and importance of leadership. Our Ambassadors and year level captains have proudly represented their peers and the college at numerous events. We would like to thank them for their commitment and strong leadership in 2013.

Many students have also been involved in other ways to positively represent our college. The State Schools spectacular, sporting events, music performances, Maths, Science and Indonesian competitions and year level excursions have all demonstrated the respectful and committed manner of our students. The staff have been impressed with the willingness of students to put extra time and effort into these events and they have witnessed the growth in confidence for these students.

The work ethic displayed in classes across Middle School this year has been admirable. It has been exciting to see the Year 7 students take on the challenge of working cooperatively in mixed groups for Maths and English, presenting ideas in robust discussions and debates and challenging each other to achieve high standards in tasks. Our Year 8 students have planned and lead their Learning Group assemblies each week, congratulating each other on achieving excellent results in their subjects. The Year 9 students have used their experiences with planning and attending excursions to the city to become thoughtful and respectful citizens. The Middle School team are very proud of the effort and behaviour from the students and we are confident that they will continue to represent their college in their academic pursuits and as members of the school community.

On behalf of the students and parents of the Middle School I would like to thank the coordinators – Sabrina Luciano and Gavin Ferrier and Haroula Christodoulou for their tireless work and commitment. Our students know that they are supported and encouraged to be their very best. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Student Well Being team, Fran Croft and Steve Graves for their care and support of all the students. Ellen Holland, as Student Leadership coordinator, has provided our leaders with important and responsible opportunities. Lastly, thank you to the Middle School staff who have provided challenging and interesting work for students and encouraged them to excel.

Alison Richards
Head of Middle School

All the College booklists are available on the Campion website.
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SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

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. Rowville Tel: 9763 0266
Monday – Thur: 8:30am – 5:00pm. Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm
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.

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

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.
For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx