FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Vale Simon Lawrence

It is with regret that I report the sad news that one of our students, Simon Lawrence, passed away last weekend after a lengthy illness.

Simon commenced at Heathmont College in Year 7, having previously attended Marlborough Primary School. Whilst Simon was too unwell to attend school this year, he would have been in Year 12.

Simon had many friends at the College and took a great deal of pleasure in attending classes when he was able to do so. He is remembered for his humour, enthusiasm and cheerful nature.

Simon made the most of all the opportunities and challenges that came his way. He will be missed by both staff and students. Our sincere condolences go to his family, Jan, Michael and Tim.

Hamer Hall Music concert

Five Heathmont College music students have been selected to perform at one of Melbourne's top professional venues. Hamer Hall is home to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and is a world class auditorium where many top billing international artists include as a milestone venue in their career.

These students will perform in the following bands.
ROOKIE BAND - Christian Haddad, Abi Neve and Peter Zamora from Year 8.
CONCERT BAND - Matthew Kefford and Brian Perry from Year 9.

This concert reflects the recent emphasis at the College of the importance of the music program.

If you'd like to attend tickets can be purchased online via this address: https://artscentremelbourne.com.au/whats-on/popular-music/back-in-the-groove-nevr-youth-concert-2014

Enrolment at Heathmont College 2015

A reminder to all parents and guardians with students wanting to enter the College in 2015, your transition forms need to be submitted to your primary school by May 23rd.

Johanna Walker
Principal

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MAY 2014
STUDENT LEARNING

NAPLAN
The College has now completed the national NAPLAN program. Thank you to all who participated. The results will be made available to parents in Term 3.

Common Testing Program Year 7-9
Over the next two weeks students in years 7 to 9 will undertake common testing in all subjects. This will occur in normal classes and students should be preparing at home completing revision, as directed, by their teachers.
All Year 9 students will sit a formal mid year exam in Maths and English.

Semester 1 Exams Year 10-12
The exam program will commence Week 8 (June 9). All subjects will have exams and Senior School will present a timetable to students. These exams will focus on the whole semester’s work and provide students with the opportunity to practice formal exam techniques as well as apply the skills and knowledge gained this year.

A.Rienits
Assistant Principal

Anaphylaxis Staff Training
All Education Department employees are required to complete a training program prior to June 30th 2014.
The College will be dismissing students early to allow staff to attend the three hour program.
When - Wednesday June 11 2014
Time - Dismissal 1pm
Canteen - Open for orders only
Period 4 - Supervision will be available at the College for students who wish to remain until 3pm
Further details will follow on COMPASS Newsfeed.

A.Rienits
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing
Information Technology

Recently, I had the privilege of taking four students to the University of Melbourne “Code Masters” computer programming competition. Toby and Andrew represented the College in the Senior Division, while Liam and Matthew represented the College in the Junior Division. The students had a fantastic day, were challenged in the problems that they had to solve, and learnt a lot about programming and problem solving.

All four students represented the college well, and it was fantastic to see Liam and Matthew awarded with first place for the Junior Division. Congratulations to them both for a fantastic effort.

Music

Over the last few weeks, some year 10, 11 and year 12 music students have been touring various primary schools. They have performed at assemblies, during recess and during lunchtimes at the following Primary Schools. Marlborough Primary School, Tinternvale Primary School, Bayswater North Primary School, Heathmont East Primary School and Great Ryrie Primary School.
On Wednesday 30th April, the Year 8 Humanities organised a guest speaker, Dr Max Richter, Deputy Director of Monash Asia Institute and Research Fellow (Indonesian Engagement) to discuss on the Humanities’ curriculum topic ‘Changing Nations’ with particular focus on urbanisation in Jakarta. Max’s talk included a PowerPoint presentation for 40 minutes followed by a 20 minutes question and answer session.

Max has lived and done much study on Jakarta, hence was able to provide in-depth account on the topic being studied. His presentation was very educational and interesting and students were truly engaged and enthused over his talk. Students participated enthusiastically asking many questions. The slides presented were also varied and attractive, and the speaker talked about things that were new to students which kept them intrigued and asking lots of questions.

We also wish to thank the Asia Education Foundation for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.

It was fantastic to see such an in-depth analysis of the changing nature of Jakarta be presented to our students. The Year 8 group listened intently and asked fantastic questions to Max adding a great deal of value to the students understanding of urbanisation.

Prema Devathas and Matt Steen, Humanities teachers

Heathmont College will be hosting a visit by 10 ASEAN Ambassadors plus officials from DFAT and the AEF on Tuesday, 27th May. The visitors will be meeting with staff and the Indonesian students to learn about our BRIDGE Indonesian sister school partnership with SMPN1 Karangmojo, Yogyakarta. Our Indonesian students will be presenting and talking about the collaborative tasks and skyping sessions that they have been doing with students from our sister school. Besides that, we will also be doing a live link up with our Indonesian sister school to greet the principals and staff there.

PATHWAYS

Careers Information

As of the beginning of 2014 the Careers Department has had been some changes. We would like to welcome two new members to the team Mrs Nina Ling who is looking after the Senior School side of Careers and Mrs Ellen Holland who is looking after the Middle School side of Careers. Unfortunately with the new changes we have had to say a sad goodbye to Mrs Lopez. Mrs Lopez is still with us at Heathmont College and is now giving her very valuable teaching experience to the students in middle school and in the VCAL program. The Careers Department will miss you.

Senior School News

There is a few things coming up within the Senior school side for Careers. Year 10s will be going on their work experience placements on 23rd of June till 27th of June for 1 week.

There is still quite a few Year 10 students who have not returned their forms. For the students who have not arranged work experience placements, they will still need to attend school as classes will be run for them. The work experience program is part of the Year 10 curriculum at this school, and we encourage all student to experience this program. In the past this program has been very successful in helping some students in getting apprenticeships or part-time work. Mrs Bollard is also helping out in the area of Work Experience.

For Year 11 and 12s Open Days at University have started. Notes are on display either in the Careers area next to the Library or on the notice board in the library as well as the display board and cabinets in A block.
CAREER EVENTS

May 2014

MEET MELBOURNE UNI

University staff will be visiting regional Victorian centres and selected Melbourne metropolitan locations to give students and parents the chance to find out more about:

- Scholarships, accommodation, course costs, student services
- Courses and career outcomes, including the Melbourne degrees and graduate pathways
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma or going on exchange
- Access Melbourne scheme

For a list of dates and locations, go to http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria-and-interstate/victoria

Meet Melbourne Visiting Regional Victoria

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Focus on Melbourne:
The University of Melbourne is running a series of seminars that aim to provide an opportunity for you and your parents to gain an insight into courses and careers in a broad range of fields.

Course areas covered include-

May
- 15: Focus on Biomedicine & Oral Health
- 21: Focus on Arts
- 27: Focus on Commerce
- 28: Focus on Environments

June
- 3: Focus on Science
- 4: Focus on Agriculture
- 10: Focus on Law
- 11: Focus on IT and Engineering
- 18: Focus on Melbourne Conservatorium of Music
- 25: Focus on Victorian College of the Arts

Each session will run in the evening. For more information, dates and to register, go to http://go.unimelb.edu.au/w6c

MONASH UNIVERSITY

At Monash Seminar Series: Dates are as follows

- 1: Psychology
- 6: Medicine & Biomedicine
- 7: Law
- 13: Health Science & Social Work
- 20: Teaching & Nursing
- 28: Biomedical Science, Radiography, and Nutrition & Dietetics
- 29: Engineering

For more information and to register, www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/

ACADEMY OF DESIGN AUSTRALIA

VCE Help Days, Academy of Design Australia:
The Academy is running several days to assist students studying VCE Visual Communication and/or Product Design & Technology with starting and developing their folios. The first event will be held Saturday 17 May and is designed to assist students to start their folio. For information and dates, go to http://www.designacademy.edu.au/

ACADEMY
of DESIGN
**CAREER EVENTS**

**May 2014**

**SPORTS MEDICINE**

The Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre (OPSMC) are running an information night about careers in sports medicine on **Wednesday 28 May, 6.30 – 9pm** at the AAMI Park Stadium and the Geelong campus. Practitioners from the disciplines of

- Sports medicine
- Nutrition
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Massage therapy
- Physiotherapy, and
- Exercise physiology

will deliver short talks and will also be available to answer your questions about careers in these occupations. To register online, go to [www.opsmc.com.au/professionaldevelopment/careers-evening.html](http://www.opsmc.com.au/professionaldevelopment/careers-evening.html) by 26 May.

**HEALTH CAREERS**

**MyDays at Charles Sturt University (CSU)** give you the opportunity to explore career areas you are interested in. A Health and Community Services MyDay will be held at the Albury-Wodonga campus on **Tuesday 27 May**. You will be able to explore the following course areas:

- Health & Rehabilitation Science
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Speech Pathology

The event is for students in Years 11 and 12. To register, go to [http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)

**SAE INSTITUTE**

**SAE Institute Information Day**: The day will be run on **Saturday 19 May, 11am – 3pm** at the Melbourne Campus. You will be able to learn about career options and courses available in the following areas:

- Audio production
- Film production
- Sound production
- Games design
- Animation

You will also be able to tour the SAE facilities, view student work, meet staff and learn about the application process for all courses.

To register, go to [http://melbourne.sae.edu/engbcontent/188/Events_and_Workshops](http://melbourne.sae.edu/engbcontent/188/Events_and_Workshops)

**JMC ACADEMY**

JMC will be running their next open day on **24 May**

They offer courses in 3D animation, game design, film & television production, audio engineering, sound production, entertainment business management, contemporary music & performance.

On the day you will be able to

- Take a campus tour
- Undertake a focused overview on your course of interest
- View student work, listen to bands, view student films and even see live audio and film production in action.

For more information and to register, go to [http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/)
**Author of the Week**

Anthony Horowitz has written over 40 books including the bestselling teen spy series Alex Rider as well as The Diamond Brothers and The Power of Five (The Gatekeepers) series. He is also responsible for creating and writing the TV series Midsomer Murders, Foyle’s War and Agatha Christie’s Poirot.

**Alex Rider Series**

**Stormbreaker**  The first book in the Alex Rider Series

They told him his uncle died in an accident. He wasn't wearing his seatbelt, they said. But when fourteen-year-old Alex finds his uncle’s windshield riddled with bullet holes, he knows it was no accident. What he doesn't know yet is that his uncle was killed while on a top-secret mission.

**Just Arrived in**

More copies of John Green’s best selling and popular books

Reserve your copy now
Notice Board

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
~ 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

Stolen property can be collected from the general office on
Wednesday lunchtime.

MATHS HELP

Where: Library
When: Monday
After school till 4:00pm
Who: Students of all year levels

STUDENT ABSENCES

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

HEATHMONT COLLEGE TOURS

Parent tours are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:15 am.
This is an opportunity to meet the principal Johanna Walker and view the College facilities. Please
contact 9871 4888 to make a booking.
Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.

If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.

Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.

Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

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Parent and Carer Asthma Information Sessions

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice. The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:

- Asthma triggers
- Signs and symptoms
- Asthma action plans
- Asthma medication
- Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria to arrange a session on 1800-ASTHMA or [sdoherty@asthma.org.au](mailto:sdoherty@asthma.org.au)

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)
EXHIBITION LAUNCH
‘MAROOKA’ to take care of) by Vicki Couzens

Celebrate Reconciliation!

LAUNCH
10.30am–12pm
Wednesday 28 May 2014

Guest speaker
Professor Joy Wandin-Murphy AO
Senior Wurundjeri Elder
38 May – 19 July
The solo exhibition of major works (draws on stories, song, dance and ceremony) taking the audience on a journey through Gundjeihmi Country.

Gallery Hours
Tuesday- Fri 10am – 4pm, Saturday 12 – 4pm

Public Programs
Artist talk with Vicki Couzens
2pm Saturday 21 June Maroondah Art Gallery
Aboriginal Language Workshops with Victorian Aboriginal Corporation (for Languages)
www.artsmaroondah for further details

Come along to Federation Estate to celebrate National Reconciliation Week 2014.

PERFORMANCES at the launch by
The Djiri Djiri Dancers, Katrina Edwards and Robert Bundle

BOOMERANG PAINTING
for children with Henry Thompson, Boondawm William Aboriginal Healing

Indigenous dreamtime for preschoolers
Tuesday 27 May, 11.00am – 12.00pm
Croydon Library, Civic Square, Croydon
Join us for a complete one hour performance inclusive of storytelling, didgeridoo music and paper and face painting at Croydon Library.

Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood 3134

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Mullum Mullum
Indigenous Gathering Place

RECONCILIATION WEEK FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT
All proceeds received will go directly to the Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place Building Fund.
Prizes for Winning Team - Door Prize - Silent Auctions - Games

Date: Friday, 30th May 2014
Venue: Knox City Council Civic Centre
211 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South VIC 3152
Doors open at 6pm for 7pm start (10.15pm finish)

Tickets: Available at MMIGP Administration office -3 Croydon Way, Croydon.
(Cash or Cheque payments only)
or direct deposit via EFT to MMIGP Building Fund
BSB: 632000 | Account No: 125860626
Description: Your contact number 
Once funds are cleared MMIGP will call to let you know your table number
Tickets may be picked up on the night or at the office before 12noon 30/5/14.

Entry Fee: $25 donation per person | Tables of ten available | Tickets may be available at the door, if not sold out prior to event.

BYO FOOD and NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

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Food Allergy Awareness Week

This week is Food Allergy Awareness Week (May 12-18). Food allergies are becoming more common and understanding them is important for everyone.

Some facts:

Food allergy is where a person’s immune system mistakenly believes a food protein is harmful. When the person eats the food containing the protein their immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering some unpleasant symptoms.

Symptoms of food allergy include; swelling of the face, lips, eyes and tongue, hives, difficulty breathing, stomach pain and vomiting. If these symptoms are left untreated they can be fatal.

It is estimated that 1 in 10 babies will develop a food allergy and some of them will experience a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

There are more than 170 foods known to have triggered severe allergic reactions. Some of these foods include eggs, peanuts, cow’s milk, sesame, soy.

There is no cure for food allergy.

Avoiding the food is the only way to prevent a reaction.

For more information visit www.foodallergyaware.com.au or talk to your local GP.