ASEAN Visit
Heathmont College was proud to host a visit from the ASEAN Ambassadors last Tuesday.
2014 marks the 40th anniversary of Australia’s dialogue partnership with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Australia’s relationship with ASEAN (formed in 1967) was formalised in April 1974 when representatives of the then ASEAN member countries and a delegation of Australian officials agreed to meet on a regular basis to discuss political, economic and functional cooperation.
The Ambassadors attended the College as part of the celebrations organised to commemorate the 40th anniversary. Heathmont College works closely with the Asia Education Foundation and the Ambassadors were viewing the exemplary Indonesian program at the College. Representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Phillipines, Singapore, Thailand attended.
Also in attendance was the Mayor of Maroondah, Cr. Les Willmott.
Once more, this highlights the rigour of the academic programs on offer at the College. My thanks go to Mrs. Prema Devathas for all her work in organising a very successful afternoon.

Pre-service teachers
At Heathmont College we run an intensive and vigorous pre-service teacher program which is organised by Ms. Mandy Rienits. These university students add to the vibrancy and ‘buzz’ around the College and are a great way to keep teachers up to date with current pedagogy. I thought that I would include the following compliment that a student from RMIT gave with regards to their placement here.
“Heathmont College has been an amazing school for my professional practice placement. The college has provided numerous opportunities for me to experience a multitude of school activities. Heathmont College has been exceptionally supportive in my teacher training. Nothing short of amazing!”

State Wide SRC conference – Heidi Victoria
Last week also saw the State wide Student Representative Council being held in the Learning Centre at Heathmont College. The event, which was organised and hosted by Mrs. Ellen Holland in conjunction with Kate Wilde, was a leadership development program for student leaders.

Students were from Templestowe College, Mooroolbark College, Melba College, Warrandyte High School, Ringwood Secondary College and Ashwood College.

Heidi Victoria opened the event with a speech about her Leadership journey and discussed media perceptions of politicians with the students. The Victorian Electoral Commission gave a workshop on active citizenship and the Passport to Democracy program.

As we approach the middle of Term 2, I urge the students to be mindful of their workload coming up to the mid year examination period. All our students should have commenced a rigorous revision program in order to maximise their outcomes.

Johanna Walker
Principal
As the cars all arrived and the windows rolled down, the couples were all bursting with fear and excitement. It was a rainy Saturday on May 3 but even the weather could not put off the debutants and their partners from strutting their way out of the cars (we mean running with caution). As each couple arrived we all had the sudden feeling that this was the day, and that we would have to dance in front of all the parents and families of our peers. Fantastic. Alas, we had signed up for this and we were ready to go. After the stressful dress rehearsal we sat down and waited. Walking down the stairs we all couldn’t help but smile and laugh. The dances were a great success and everyone executed them with the precision of professional dancers (well we tried). We all sat down and enjoyed the delicious three course meal provided by the lovely staff at The Grand on Cathies Lane. After the meals there was a great band that provided us with some classic dancing tunes and got us all moving. As the night came to a close the heels came off and the ties were loosened, the true sign of a fun filled and somewhat stressful day. We would like to thank everyone who made the Presentation Ball a success and to those who attended and made our night so enjoyable.

Jenny MacDonald and Ian Gaertner

Year 11 Captains
All Middle School students have this week attended an assembly which discussed cyber safety and responsible use of their computers. Gavin Ferrier presented the session, which included video clips and information regarding privacy laws, bullying and bystander behaviour and responsible and legal use of the internet. Students were reminded that they and their parents have signed documents regarding correct use of the laptops. They know that the staff can check their computer history, showing sites they have accessed, both at school and at home. Students listened seriously and respectfully to the presentation and are to be congratulated on their responsible attitude. They know that they can speak to staff if they have concerns or questions about computer and internet use or bullying behaviour.

If you would like to watch the videos shown in the assembly and find out more information on how you can help your child stay safe online, then please visit the following link: http://www.kidshelp.com.au/grownups/getting-help/cyberspace/

Alison Richards
Head of Middle School

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
**CAREER EVENTS**

**May 2014**

**COMPETITIONS**

**Time to Write short story competition:**
You have the opportunity to enter this short story competition, run by NMIT’s Bachelor of Writing and Publishing. Stories must be between 600 – 1000 words and you can write about what inspires you. The winning and shortlisted works will appear in both a print and eBook version of Time to Write.

Entries close Friday 13 June.
For more information, go to
www.nmit.edu.au/bwap

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Nuclear Medicine Scholarships at RMIT**
The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of $10,000 for nuclear medicine students studying the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) in 2015 and 2016 intakes.

For information, go to
http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nucler

**Robertson Scholars Leadership Program:**
Each year, two Australian students are selected to complete an undergraduate degree at either Duke University or the University of Northern Carolina, both in the USA. The program seeks to assist students who have demonstrated passion and potential to become great leaders in college and beyond. The scholarship is worth $200 000 and is organised through UNSW. For more information and to apply, go to
www.unsw.edu.au/scholarships

**UNSW Co-op Scholarships:**
The UNSW Co-op Program offers industry linked scholarships to high achieving students in the fields of Business (Commerce), Science, Engineering and the Built Environment. Scholarships are worth $16,750 per year tax free and there are many other benefits such as leadership programs, industry work experience and academic mentoring.
To find out more, go to
http://www.coop.unsw.edu.au/

**PARENTS INFORMATION**

**Parents Talking Career Choices**
The Australian Government has developed a brochure for parents and guardians to assist them with giving career guidance to teenagers.

You can download the brochure from the Job Guide webpage

**PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**

**Pre-apprenticeship programs**
If you are considering leaving school mid year, you may be interested in applying for a pre-apprenticeship.

These short courses are like VET subjects at school: you get a taste of the industry you are interested in and also state or nationally recognised qualification.

Contact the TAFE Institute near you to find out what's on offer
CAREER EVENTS

May 2014

HONOURS PROGRAM

Honours at university

What is an honours program and what does it mean to consider a course that can lead onto honours? In short, honours is a specialist year of study that occurs either as part of a degree or following an undergraduate degree; offers the opportunity to pursue further study in a chosen field; gives access to leading researchers and experts in the field; offers great personal satisfaction; and enhances employment prospects.

The Deakin honours program seeks: high achieving and motivated students; those wishing to enhance their bachelor's degree; and students with a passion and desire to make a difference.

For more information about honours at Deakin, visit www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/honours

PLUMBING

Interested in plumbing?

If you are completing school at the end of the year and are interested in pursuing a career in plumbing, you may be interested in undertaking a pre-apprenticeship in plumbing at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) at Brunswick. This is a world class training facility and tuition fee concessions may be available for eligible students. For more information, go to http://www.picac.com.au/

Do you need a White Card?

If you would like to undertake work experience or work in the construction industry, you will need to complete occupational health and safety induction training. To prepare for this, you can undertake the 'White Card Game'. Through an online first person perspective, the goal of the game is to identify, control and report workplace hazards on a construction site without getting injured or causing the death of workmates. Go to: www.whitecardgame.com.au

POTENTIAL CHARGES

Potential changes to higher education course fees:

The Liberal Government has recently announced proposed changes to higher education fees for government funded universities. The following are the proposed changes, which if passed by the senate, will take effect from January 2016:

- Universities will be able to set their own course fees independent from the government.
- The government will reduce the contribution they make to the cost of university courses by an average of 20%
- Private providers will be able to access course funding from the government and introduce 'Commonwealth Supported Places'.
- Places for higher education diplomas and associate degrees will be 'uncapped' for both government institutions and private providers. This means that the government will contribute funds towards as many places as the institution would like to make.
- There will be a higher indexation rate added to the HELP loan of about 6%. The repayment income threshold will be lowered to encourage students to repay their debt quicker.
- Universities who increase course fees will be required to introduce more scholarships for disadvantaged students.

For updates on the proposed changes, bookmark the Australian Government website http://australia.gov.au/
Spend the day at the RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day!

Hear from RSPCA staff currently working in the industry in various roles and gain helpful insider knowledge on planning pathways to a fulfilling career with animals.

Details:

**Dates:**
1/ Thursday 12th June
2/ Tuesday 9th September
3/ Thursday 4th December

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:30pm

**Location:** Burwood East RSPCA

**Cost:** $59 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bag, and all activity costs.

**Please note:** Places are limited!

For more information and to download a registration form visit: [http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day](http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day)

Penny Edwards
Administration Office
Education Department

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Open every day 8:30 – 3:30

Librarians: Wendy Averay & Elizabeth Downey

**On-line encyclopaedias**

We subscribe to recreational magazines which are housed near the fiction books in the library.
Adam Hendy and Rachel Dao are worthy recipients of ‘Arts Awards’ for the Maroondah City Council’s “Youth Awards”. Adam and Rachel are both passionate about the visual arts, thinking creatively and produce varied works using a range of materials, methods and mediums. Adam and Rachel attended a presentation ceremony at the Karralyka Centre and were presented their awards. Their proud families and I were in attendance. Well done, keep up the great artistic efforts.

Andrea Carydias
Art & Design Teacher

On the 16th May, a group of year 10, 11 and 12 Arts, Media and Vis Com students went into the city to view the works of the top students in 2013. The Top designs exhibition in Carlton was outstanding. If you didn’t know that you were looking at student works, you’d really think that you were looking at the works of professional designers. The same could be said of the Tops Arts exhibition at the Ian Potter Galley at Federation square. Some of the themes explored by students were controversial and certainly did engage students in interesting conversations. It is important for students to view excellence in their area of study to inspire and to encourage the diversity within the areas of study. Hopefully they came away with a good understanding of the expectations required of a folio subject. We had a great day and the students were excellent in the way they represented our college. If you get the chance to go into the city, I recommend both shows before they close.

Some comments from the students about the day:
The atmosphere of the city was very busy and loud. I liked the Top designs exhibition. I also liked the independence of visiting Lygon St and having lunch. Rachel
I learnt that you can set up a folio in a variety of ways. I also gained inspiration and ideas for my own personal folio. Erin
A great experience! B.J.
I liked seeing the beautiful art work of Top Arts. I also got inspiration from the graffiti art at Hosier lane. Jamie
I liked the Graffiti art in Hosier lane. I took lots of photos. Wade
I enjoyed being around other people who like doing the same thing as me. It was good to look through other student sketch books taking in their ideas. Reece
I really liked having the opportunity to see what other students are capable of and the direction I might take myself in the future. I really appreciated looking at last year’s VCE students work books and final presentations. It was a little scary to see how much work and effort is required to produce such top works. Amber
After seeing both the Top Arts and Top Designs, it made me realise that anyone can exhibit if they work hard enough. It was inspiring. Ryan

I loved seeing all the different type of art at the Top Arts exhibition. It was incredible to think that we were looking at students work. Anna
It was great to see the top folios of 2013 and what they actually look like. I liked looking at the fashion and Visual Communication Design works. It was very daunting to see how much work is required for a top folio. Something that I will have to aspire to next year in year 12. Emma

Overall it was interesting to see how much work goes into student’s folios. I took away with me some ideas that I can explore in my own work. Julianna
IMAGES FROM OUR
TOP ARTS & TOP
DESIGN EXCURSION
ON MAY 16, 2014

HOSIER LANE
Congratulations to Year 8 students Abi Neve, Christian Haddad and Peter Zamora and Year 9 students Brian Perry and Matt Kefford for their wonderful performance at the North Eastern Victoria Region Youth Concert ‘Back in the Groove’ on Wednesday 21st May. Our students proudly played on the stage of Melbourne’s premier concert venue Hamer Hall to an audience of over 2000 people, as part of two large ensembles, the Rookie Band and Concert Band, made up from selected students across the North Eastern Region of state schools.

In preparation for the night students attended two all day rehearsals at Upwey High School and Vermont Secondary College, as well as a sound check at Hamer Hall during the day. It was an opportunity not to be missed, as they don’t come along every year.

Thank you to Sally Barkla for her help in organising and supervising our students across all rehearsals and on the night.

We all had a great time and it was an experience students will not forget!

Emma Avery

Music coordinator
On Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} of May, a group of 9 students from the Student Representatives Council along with Mrs Holland took the long journey into the city, standing up in the train, to the city to begin the exciting day at the 2014 World Vision Global Leaders Convention. When we were there, we learnt about how the people in Rwanda are living in extreme poverty and are suffering from many extraordinary health issues, such as severe malnutrition, which affects around 45\% of children under five and can result in child mortality and stunting.

We were told that the life expectancy of males and females in Rwanda is around 58 years whereas in Australia ours is 80 years. The education rate is low with about 800,000 children not enrolled in school.

We were introduced to two children from Rwanda who are suffering from these issues, Promise and Chantelle. Both their lives have had to change. Chantelle had to drop out of school so she can look after her younger siblings while her mother is still able to get money for the family. She is only earning about $11 a week compared to our $1000 a week, so there is a substantial difference in that.

The day also consisted of one massive simulation activity where students from all over Victoria were separated into different groups and that group became your team. You worked together in your team to create braids that we then had to trade for tokens which represented health, education, water and food. The aim was to get the amount of tokens for the amount of people in your group to survive the round.

Help us support them and do the 40 hour Famine, it is running from the 15\textsuperscript{th} – 17\textsuperscript{th} August. Think about what you will give up for 40 hours to help the children of Rwanda.

Benjamin Shield

\textbf{YGAP 5 CENT CAMPAIGN}

Throughout this week, 26\textsuperscript{th} of May to the 30\textsuperscript{th}, the SRC are running various activities to raise money, specifically 5 cent coins for the 5cent campaign run by Y-GAP.

Y-GAP is a non-for-profit organisation run by devoted volunteers, dedicated to social change. They aim to inspire social entrepreneurs to end poverty. With $150 million worth of 5 cent coins in circulation, small change can make a big change. The 5 cent campaign started in 2010 to try and help disadvantaged communities in intense poverty. In 2012 and 2013 Y-GAP collected over 3,660,000 5 cent coins that adds up to about $183 468. The money raised will be sent to help some of those disadvantaged countries like Bangladesh, Rwanda, Cambodia and Ghana.

So please, gather all your 5cent coins or small change and donate to this beneficial cause.

Jilly MacDonald – Year 12 Captain
Ronan Moody – Year 7 Captain
Monday May 27 was the interschool Junior Girls Football Competition. After some rigorous training sessions Heathmont’s line up of twenty girls from Year 7, 8 and 9 were ready to play. We had three games ahead of us and to make it to the Final we had to beat Ringwood in our first game. A daunting task. Our girls took the first half to warm up and find their feet. In the second half I saw glimpses of greatness and a solid foundation to build on in our second game with Norwood. Convincingly defeated by Ringwood we weren’t broken and headed into our second game with confidence. This confidence was to see us thrash Norwood and see them scoreless against us on the final siren. The third game was a play off for third and fourth place with Melba. On paper it was a fairly even match up and despite the girls’ determination we were two goals down just before half time when we scored a goal on the siren. It was clear the girls had to put in 110% effort if we were to win this match. Two quick goals from Heathmont, whilst keeping Melba scoreless in the second half, saw us win the match and snatch third place overall. The depth of talent in the Heathmont team along with their enthusiasm, determination, willingness to play hard at the ball and ability to listen to direction is a great indication of the years ahead and future success. Well done to all twenty girls who participated, my two runners Nathan Georgiadis and Jake Sali as well as my wonderfully attentive assistant Mrs Agi Birchall. As a teacher it was the best day of sport I’ve been on yet, and I can’t wait to start training for next year’s games.

**Mrs Jo Sayer**

The Team:

- Nadine Beecher
- Ruby Haggar-Pollard
- Ashley Oakland
- Teaghan Van Den Broek
- Olivia Van Winsen
- Zoe Double
- Amy Yang
- Renee Haycroft
- Kelsey Smirl
- Jerisha Atkins
- Georgia Henshall
- Elise Jackson
- Sophie Jacobs
- Nyalat Thiwat
- Cassie Pauer
- Jordyn Humphreys
- Rhiannon Brewster
- Kyla Morrow
- Hannah Sali
- Mikayla Alberico

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Basketball team for their outstanding effort in winning the District championship on Monday May 26. The girls showed great skill and teamwork defeating Norwood 33-25, Melba 48-33 and Ringwood 52-19. Not to be outdone, the ‘B’ team also won all their games and picked up the ‘B’ Division pennant. In the lead up to the day, both teams had been spending their lunchtimes with their coach, Mr Pitts. Well done to all the girls and also to Mr Pitts. The girls will now set their sights towards the zone championships on Thursday July 31.

**Andrew Wright**

Sports Manager
As part of their study of “Genetics” the year 10s have been watching the movie Gattaca. While watching the movie, students have discovered that teachers and parents aren’t the only ones who have been telling them what to do! They discovered that their very own DNA tells their bodies what to do. And that’s cool.

Written by Alex Vance and performed by Alex and Jacob:

Write a Song that goes with the themes in Gattaca.

DNA is a part of every living life
This rap is hella dope this song will cut ya deep like a knife
deoxyribonucleic acid
this is a rap is hella awesome its all about genetics, kid
yeah we call it genetic code, yeah this science is hella dope
yeah its life’s blueprint, my rapping is hella fresh don’t need no mints

DNA is found in all our bodies places,
46 chromosomes in all human case
Our families past genes is hidden within,
Nucleus in the cell is where it all begins.
DNA is what tells your body what to do,
eye colour, hair and how tall you are to.
So let me hear ya holla if ya learned a thing or to
and let me hear ya sing the words and I join in to

teach me bout genetics
teach teach me bout genetics
teach me about genetics
teach teach me bout genetics
everybody love it
every everybody love
everybody love it

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YEAR 11 BIOLOGY ZOO EXCURSION

On Tuesday May 13, the Year 11 Biology class visited Melbourne Zoo for a session titled “Hot, Wet and Wild”. The session focussed on adaptations and how they have a unique function in enabling animals to survive in challenging, ever changing environments. They explored a variety of animals including the snow leopard, red panda, green tree frog, little penguin, seal and more! Students studied how these animals adapt, thrive and survive.

We also visited the new Lemur Island enclosure where students were able to get up close to these amazing creatures.

Students now have a better understanding of structural, physiological and behavioural adaptations and how these ensure homeostasis with regard to thermoregulation and osmoregulation.

Miss Christodoulou
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
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

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

MATHS HELP
- The library after school on Mondays till 4:00pm
- G3 lunchtime Wed, Thurs and Fri.
Students of all year levels are welcome

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.