Year 12 Formal
The Year 12 Formal was held last Friday at Linley Estate in Kilsyth. The students had a marvellous time and their behaviour was exemplary. The event was a great opportunity for the students to spend some time together away from their studies at the end of a very hard semester and before they commence their Unit 4 studies at the College. My thanks go to Mr. Brasier, Mrs. Ling and the School Captains for all their work in organising this. I would like to commend Erin Jackson, in particular, for organising the music for the evening.

Instrumental Music Evening
Another successful Music Evening was held last Wednesday at the College. There were a variety of ensembles on display which played across a range of instruments. These ranged from Drums, to the Choir and to senior students on guitars.

Heathmont has placed a strong emphasis on its Performing Arts program recently and the large numbers of students, from the Middle School in particular, indicates that the program is going from strength to strength. The receptive audience supporting the students was also a pleasing element of the evening. My thanks go to Ms. Emma Avery, Instrumental Music Coordinator, for all of her work in the organisation and running of the evening. Thanks also to Mr. Ferrier, Mrs. Barkla, Mr. Easton and Mr. Watson from the Music Department for supporting the students.

Congratulations to Christopher de Jong
I would like to commend Christopher de Jong for achieving second place in the Senior Division of the 2014 Round 4 spelling competition. This is an extremely prestigious, not-for-profit spelling competition run by ‘Spellmasters’. Its aim is to provide young Australians up to Year 9 with the opportunity to participate in spelling competitions that will help to improve their understanding of the English language and their spelling techniques. He has earned a place in the Senior Grand Final at the end of the year.

Congratulations, Christopher!

Malaysia Trip
The Indonesian Department’s trip to Malaysia left on Sunday. They have arrived safely in Borneo. By all accounts the students are having a wonderful time in Malaysia and we wish them all the best as they travel around the country. This week they are visiting the Sarawak Cultural Village before flying to Kuala Lumpur en route to Penang. I wish them a safe and happy journey.

Johanna Walker
Principal
**ROUNDTABLE LUNCHEON**

On Thursday 12th June, 2014 Year 9 Captains attended the “Roundtable Luncheon” with Federal MP for Deakin, Michael Sukkor. Captains Jacqui MacDonald and Tom Collins contributed to discussions on Indigenous Affairs, HECS Debt and Entitlement Reform. Dining on Chinese food, many school leaders from our district contributed to the conversation and quizzed the member on his thoughts. The hour long luncheon was a fantastic medium to interact and meet other leaders with a passion for key issues that affect our society. On the drive back to school Tom and Jacqui both agreed that it was a very informative meeting and have come away with many thoughts and new perspectives.

Overall it was a fantastic opportunity for our young leaders in Year 9.

Nicholas Barca
Year 9 Coordinator

**LEAPS & BOUNDS - GIRLS PROGRAM**

This term a group of 10 middle school students attended the girls’ program run by leaps and bounds at their Bayswater location. The aim of the program was to assist young women gain confidence, self-respect and assertiveness amongst their female peers. The program consisted of three days off campus with a variety of planned activities involving team building and leadership qualities. Activities included educational workshops, high ropes activities, martial arts, arts therapy and a focus on self-defence and confidence. A variety of reflection and discussion lessons were also held. The program was run by highly experienced personnel from the education department, Lynden and Marney, and a youth resource officer, Janai from Knox police. These experienced role models were highly valued and respected during the course of the program. The girls from Heathmont College were highly commended on their excellent behaviour, cooperation and willingness to participate in the many activities that would make most of us run the other way! The girls’ ability to go beyond their comfort zone and take risks was remarkable to watch and be part of. I have seen these girls grow so much in the few weeks of this program and am confident that they will continue to use the lessons learnt to keep growing into strong and confident young women.

Well done girls!

Rita Chiodo
Student wellbeing Co-ordinator
Chris’s Spelling Bee Experience

On Sunday June 22, Year 8 student, Christopher de Jong, attended a spelling bee. He reached second place, misspelling the word ‘purport’, whereas his opponent correctly spelled the word ‘garrison’. It was a close battle between minds and we are proud to acknowledge his skills. He made the effort to train for four hours before the event, held in South Melbourne. Good job, Chris! Thanks to Cameron Harris for attending the event as well and supporting him.

Jemma Smith

Chris and Cameron spoke to all the Year 8 students today in English to explain his achievements and what it was like to be in the audience.

Well done Chris!

Year 7 English

The Year 7 English students watched the film ‘WALL-E’ this term and they discussed the themes presented in the film – sustainability, obesity, technology and consumerism. Students then chose a task and presented their opinions on a poster, as a slide show, comic strip or article. Shobit Sahota & Ben Willis enjoyed working on this task and achieved very impressive results with their work. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and commitment. Enjoy reading their report about their work in English.

Ben and I wrote a poem as part of our design for a poster about sustainability and sent it to Ceres, an organisation helping the environment. Mrs Bolland told us about Ceres and suggested we send it to them. This poem took us twenty minutes to write and Ceres loved it. This was their email to us:

“Hello students of Year 7. Your wonderful poem was circulated to all our staff members who very much enjoyed it. Very clever and such a great effort! We have posted it on our Facebook page. Keep up the great work!”

They sent it to all the staff of Heathmont College as well. We got two phone calls about how great this was. We are quite proud of this.

Thank You

Shobit Sahota & Ben Willis
Winter Music Concert

Congratulations to all the music students who performed at the Winter Music Concert on Wednesday June 18. It was a successful evening with some impressive performances by the Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Choir and Guitar Ensemble.

Well done to all our soloists. Dylan Milosevic (Year 12) sang Restless World by Tim McIlrath and accompanied himself on guitar very professionally. Jenny MacDonald (Year 11) sang a lovely rendition of Ain’t No Sunshine by Bill Withers, and Caitlyn Moscrop gave a wonderful performance of Sia’s Death by Chocolate.

A very special thank you to our College Captain Jilly MacDonald who did a wonderful job compering the evening, as well as performing in a number of items herself! Congratulations to our Year 7 music students who performed for the first time at a Heathmont College music event. For some of these students this was their very first performance in front of an audience!

Many thanks to music staff Sally Barkla, Lachlan Barratt and Travis Easton for doing an exceptional job preparing and conducting students, and Gavin Ferrier for operating sound on the night. Thank you to all parents and staff who came along and supported our music students; it was an important night in their development as aspiring performers.

I look forward to seeing all parents and friends of Heathmont College at our next music event - the Music Soiree in September. This will showcase the instrumental music program, in which students will demonstrate to family and friends the progress they have made in their instrumental music lessons.

Emma Avery
Music Coordinator
CAREER EVENTS

JUNE 2014

CAREER WEEK

Career Week at the International College of Hotel Management: If you are interested in business, hospitality, working overseas, and working with people from different cultures you may enjoy a career in international hotel management. The International College of Hotel Management is running a 'Career Week' at their Adelaide campus between 7 – 11 July. For information and to book your place, go to www.ichm.edu.au/

Interested in fashion? RMIT is running a Career Discovery program in Fashion and Textiles between Tuesday 1 – Thursday 3 July at their Brunswick campus. Participants will be able to attend seminars on topics such as:
- Trend forecasting and E-tailing
- Visual merchandising
- Digital technologies
- Off-shore manufacturing & procurement
- Textile design & development
- Fashion creative processes and ideas generation
Cost for the three days is $350. To enrol, go to www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au

PHOTOGRAPHY

Passionate about photography? Year 12 students are invited to attend the Photography Studies College (PSC) Experience Day on Tuesday 1 July at the Melbourne campus. You will be able to spend the afternoon at the College getting a taste of student life, get tips for developing a photography portfolio, and meet current students and teachers. PSC offer the Bachelor and Advanced Diploma of Photography.

To register your place, go to www.psc.edu.au

HORTICULTURE

Are interested in Horticulture and Environmental Management? You have the opportunity to participate in an information session and green roof tour at the University of Melbourne’s School of Land and Management, Burnley Campus on Tuesday 8 July. You’ll be able to discuss your study and career options over a free coffee. Careers in horticulture can include: nurseries, landscape contracting, parks and gardens, health & wellbeing, and arboriculture. To register, go to http://www.landenvironment.unimelb.edu.au/

LAW

Interested in studying law in the future? The Melbourne Law School will be hosting their annual JD Showcase on Wednesday 2 July at the Parkville Campus. You will be able to learn about the Juris Doctor (JD), which is a graduate law qualification. During the one day workshop, you will be able to attend master classes on topics such as dispute resolution, negligence action, refugee law and environmental law. The Melbourne Law School has been ranked number 1 in Australia and 8th in the world. For more information and to register, go to http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/

VCE HISTORY

Literature and History Revolutions VCE Winter School: Developed in consultation with VCE experts and examiners, this is an excellent opportunity for VCE students to prepare for Literature and History: Revolutions exams with Australian and international scholars who are experts in their fields. Dates are: Literature, 5–6 July and History: Revolutions, 12–13 July. For more information and to register, go to www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/vce
PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Future Leaders Awards 2014: You may be eligible for one of the following leadership awards:
- Future Leaders Environment Award (Year 12)
- Helen Handbury Leadership Award (Year 12)
- Future Leaders Writing Prize (Year 11 & 12)
- Future Leaders Justice Award (Year 12)
- Future Leaders Photography Prize (Year 12)
- Future Leaders Indigenous Award (Year 11)

To find out more, please speak to your career adviser or go to this website: http://www.futureleaders.com.au/

APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEE SHIPS

Are you interested in apprenticeships/traineeships? To find apprenticeship and group training companies in your local area, go to www.aapathways.com.au/sps and use the search facility. You will be able to contact the companies listed to discuss your options in obtaining an apprenticeship or traineeship in the future.

PATS

Interested in becoming a Pilot, Firefighter, or Paramedic? The Pilot Aptitude Training Systems (PATS) website explains the processes for Year 12 completers to apply for these different courses and occupations. It also explains the process for applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). To view the site, go to www.pilotaptitude.com

NURSING

New clinical school partnership for Australian Catholic University (ACU) nursing students:
A new partnership has been formed between the ACU Clinical School and St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne. ACU nursing students will undertake their placements solely at St Vincent’s rather than across different health services. It is hoped that placements will extend in the future to students studying psychology, midwifery, paramedicine, and allied health. To read about the new partnership, go to www.acu.edu.au/637723

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Zoos Victoria School Holiday Programs, www.zoo.org.au
- 4, 11: Discover Deakin University: Geelong campus (4) and Melbourne campus (11), http://www.deakin.edu.au/studyatdeakin/whychoosedeakin/prospective-student-events
- 8, 10: Experience La Trobe University, Bundoora (8), Bendigo (10), www.latrobe.edu.au/experience
- 8: Information session and green roof tour, University of Melbourne’s School of Land and Management, Burnley Campus, http://www.land-environment.unimelb.edu.au/
Careers programs for secondary students

Keeper for a Day at Healesville Sanctuary
Come to 'Winter Wonderland' at Healesville Sanctuary these school holidays and get up close to some of our most precious and endangered alpine animals such as Mountain Pygmy Possums and our Alpine She-Oak Skinks. Keeper for a Day participants will work with Sanctuary staff, helping out our keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs!

Vet for a Day at Healesville Sanctuary
Our Australian Wildlife Health Centre receives over 2,000 injured and orphaned wild animals each year. Come and work alongside our vets in a unique program on real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animal collection as well as injured wildlife brought to the hospital. These school holidays our theme is Winter Wonderland giving you the chance to also learn about our unique alpine species. Get up close to amazing animals such as Mountain Pygmy Possums and Corroboree Frogs as well as Birds of Prey and Snakes.

Keeper for a Day at Werribee Open Range Zoo
If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo, caring for the amazing array of different animals, then come out to Werribee Open Range Zoo next school holidays. Come and discover what a keeper’s day really involves! Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the Zoo for the day, helping out our keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs at a zoo!

All of the above are suitable for students in years 7-12

Bookings: 9285 9406

Your visit helps us save wildlife. Zoos Victoria is a not-for-profit conservation organisation.
As part of their study of “Forces” the year 7s have been asked to place twelve nails upon the head of a single nail. Some have really “nailed” it, having successfully balanced an impressive twenty five nails upon the head of a single nail – truly an impressive feat!

As part of their study of “Rocks” the year 8s have been recreating the rock cycle with a “sweet” little prac. Using coloured sugar, heat and pressure the students have crystallised their ideas of how rocks are formed.

New for Term 3
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.

Dear parents and students of Heathmont College

I write to inform you that a student in our school community is currently recovering from a life threatening illness. The student participates actively in the normal school program without any major limitations. A major concern, however, is if this student develops measles, chickenpox or other serious infections, they can become seriously ill. I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your son/daughter has or may have measles, chickenpox or any other contagious illness, I request that you do not send them to school during their illness and notify the school as soon as possible.

Rita Chiodo
Student Wellbeing

INTEGRATION

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our college is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about support required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students. The Data Collection will take place during Term 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at:


Alternately you can contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

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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

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

Klad Sports closed from 4:30 Friday 27/6/2014 until Monday 7/7/2014

Knitting Club
Visit our knitting club on Tuesdays at lunchtime in G3.
Knit for charity and learn a new skill.
Wools and needles provided.

MATHS HELP
- The library after school on Mondays till 4:00pm
- G3 lunchtime Wed, Thurs and Fri.

Students of all year levels are welcome

Book at Ticketek

2014 VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS Spectacular
HISENSE ARENA, MELBOURNE PARK
SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2014 / 1PM & 6.30PM
DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

CYBER SAFETY TIPS

"THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK"

Talk to your children about their digital footprint and explain to them that every time they go online they leave a trail of information about themselves from potential audiences to share, copy or change instantly. Ask them to think before they click.

- Think about content and the consequences of posting it.
- Think about keeping certain personal details secret.
- Think about applying privacy settings to social media.
- Think about asking others for permission before publishing images online.

And most of all encourage children to create a positive digital footprint.

HOW YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT IS MADE

- Profiles on social networking sites like Facebook or Instagram.
- Photographs that you, your family or friends have posted online.
- Anything you have written or that has been written about you online, blogs, discussion boards or in articles.
- System log ins and log outs.
- Yeats to websites.
- Participation in online auctions.
- Access to downloaded files.
- Emails or chat messages.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

For more information about staying safe online and getting the most from your digital experiences visit telstra.com.au/cyber-safety.


Play Zippep’s Astro Circus, with kids aged 5 to 7, to reinforce the importance of protecting personal information, cybersmart.gov.au/young%20kids.aspx.

View the Cybersafety Help and Advice page or download the Cybersafety Help Button onto your kids’ devices from cybersafetyhelp.gov.au.

Use the ‘Easy Guide to Socialising Online’ to learn about safer ways to use social networks, search engines and online games at communications.gov.au/easyguide.

Keep the family safe online with BigPond’s Parental Controls and Telstra Safe Social™, to help protect your kids on social networks, bigpond.com/security.

Want to learn some new ways to discover yourself?

*Circle Of Girls* is a program for young women experiencing difficulties dealing with their emotions, struggling with significant relationships and many other issues.

The program runs once a week over six weeks and covers topics such as: communication, feelings and emotions, self-esteem and confidence, assertiveness, strategies for getting past anger, and relationship building. A parent forum after the final session is also an important element of the program.

**Who:** Young women in Grade 6.
**Where:** Yarra Ranges Youth Services, 1616 Burwood Highway Belgrave
**When:** Thursdays during Term 3, 2014. (31 July, 7, 14, 21 & 28 August and 4 September).
**Time:** 9:00am to 11:00am.
**Cost:** Free.
**Contact:** Lea Young, Group Work Facilitator, Connections 9724 2222
Or Rima Kallaidjian, Community Engagement Worker, headspace 9801 6088
Tuning in to Teens

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six-session parenting program
for parents of adolescents aged 10 - 25

Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

*Tuning in to Teens* shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:
- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success –

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Connections UnitingCare, 815 Mt Dandenong Rd, (corner Mount View St) Croydon
When: Tuesdays 6pm - 8.30pm for 6 weeks. 29 July - 2 September
Contact: Lea Young or Kristy Phillips @ Connections Ph. 9724 2222

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Cool Kids (Outer East)

A therapeutic group for primary school aged children who have experienced homelessness and/or family violence.

We aim to: Provide a safe space for children to explore their emotions and how to manage them through creative arts, games and discussion

An opportunity for children to meet others who have had similar experiences

Cool Kids will run Monday afternoons 4:00 -5:30pm during school term commencing 21st July 2014 at North Ringwood Community House.

Cool Parents of Cool Kids is also available as a drop in service. For more information, or to discuss referrals please contact Susie Richards susie.richards@wesley.org.au or Resilient Kids on 8870 4040
Maroondah Youth Services School Holiday Events!

Monday 30th June

**MYS AT THE MOVIES**
Meet new friends while catching a flick
12 - 18 years: Blended
Hoyts Eastland at 1:45pm
16 - 25 Years:
Transformers
Croydon Cinemas at 6pm

RSVP ESSENTIAL - PLACES ARE LIMITED
SO BE QUICK!

Thursday 3rd July

**X SPACE OPENING**
Come & check out the new parkour & playspace
1pm - 3:30pm • All Ages Event!

**Parkour**
**Live Music**
Croydon X - Space, Croydon Park, Croydon (off Mt Dandenong Road)

Friday 4th July

**Ultimate Game Showdown**
Play Wii Grand Prix, Board Game Olympics, Giant Jenga
11am - 2pm • 10 - 14 year olds

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!
Lunch Provided
Arrabri Community House
42 Allamandan Dr, Dayswater North

Monday 7th July

**MAROONDAH CHEF**
11am - 2pm • 12 - 18 year olds
Cook & show us your best cook-up skills (and learn some too)
A day full of fun and food!

EV's Youth Centre
212 Mount Dandenong Road, Croydon

RSVP so we can stock up the pantry and be ready to cook!

Thursday 10th July

**EV'S BIG DAY OUT**
11am • 3pm • 10 - 14 year olds
Come and check out what EV's is all about! Games, competitions, food and heaps of fun

EV's Youth Centre
212 Mount Dandenong Road, Croydon

Friday 11th July

**INDEPENDENT THOUGHTS**
6:30 • 11pm
All Ages Live Music Event

**AT THE DOOR**

EV'S YOUTH CENTRE
212 Mt Dandenong Road, Croydon
A fully supervised drop-in and youth developing event. Maroondah Youth Services Management reserves the right to refuse entry.

For more information or to RSVP contact Mel Jeffery on 9294 5709 or melinda.jeffery@maroondah.vic.gov.au

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**FREEZA PUSH START BAND COMP**

Lazer Shark Events & Maroondah Youth Services present an all ages live music event

FREEZA PUSH START
BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION

Seize your glory
Seeking bands now
Download an application

**WWW.MAROONDAHYOUTHSERVICES.COM**

Friday 8th August 2014

EV'S YOUTH CENTRE
212 Mt Dandenong Road, Croydon
6:30 • 11pm

Frequency
FREEZA
Victoria
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.