HARRY KEWELL VISITS TLSC

Taylors Lakes Secondary College students had a ball when legendary Socceroo Harry Kewell helped them in a training session.

Six of the school’s sports captains were given the chance to work with Kewell as part of their studies. Year 12 sports captain Stefania Valerio said she loved the world game. “It’s a huge passion of mine, and to share that passion and have Harry Kewell here is very exciting.”

Soccer is a big part of the school’s culture, with about 130 students enrolled in its academy program. Student leadership coordinator Chris Greechan said the soccer academy ran in place of physical education classes in years 7 to 9. “Our academy focuses on improving playing abilities and also takes on a coaching flavour towards years 11 and 12,” Mr Greechan said. Stefania said she enjoyed soccer’s fitness and social benefits. “It’s a team environment and I’ve met heaps of different people from different backgrounds.”

The school is training male and female squads to compete in July’s Kanga Cup competition in Canberra. It’s the third year the school will have taken part in the competition, which will have 275 teams of 4200 players from Australia and overseas meeting for a week of football, culture, fun and friendship.

This article was written by Sarah Aquilina and photo taken by Shawn Smits of the STAR WEEKLY and appeared in the Brimbank & North West STAR WEEKLY newspaper.

YEAR 9 DRAMA INCURSION

As part of the Year 9 Drama unit students are exploring character building and disjointed time sequences and the topic of ‘Bullying’ is the main focus of this unit in term 2 and term 4. On Friday 17th April, the Year 9 students watched a drama performance titled ‘Bully’ which enabled them to increase awareness of bullying, from the perspective of different characters, whilst offering strategies and resolutions through past and present reflection. Three courageous students also participated in a section of the show, and demonstrated their promising acting skills to the group. The themes covered in the performance were relevant and engaging to students and the session ran smoothly. Thank you to all students and staff for a successful show.

Ms Livia Fasulo
Drama Teacher & School Production Co-ordinator
FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS

College Council Composition for 2015
The new College Council for 2015 has now held its first meeting. The composition of the current Council is as follows:

Parent Representatives (6)
Shan Ali
Nicole Cross
Sardnads Evans
Geoff Farrugia
Paul Lorimer
Georgia Maximos

DET Employed Representatives (4)
Danny Dedes
Jun Hayashi
Sasha Mildenhall
Joanne Pullens

Co-opted Members (4)
Community: Graeme Watkins
Parents & Friends: Lisa Blakeborough
Student Leadership(2):
Thomas Cardwell
Sabahat Rexhep

Executive Officer (Principal)
Geoff Pell

The Council Executive will be formed as follows:
President Graeme Watkins
Vice President Paul Lorimer
Treasurer Danny Dedes
Principal Geoff Pell

ANZAC Day
Last Friday we conducted a ceremony to mark ANZAC Day and the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. In addition to this there has been quite a range of class activities carried out associated with the significance of the anniversary. This has ranged across many Humanities classes and through English in some areas. Our year 7 LEAP students have undertaken a specific and very impressive project in Textiles which they will continue to work on over the next few weeks.

Gymnasium
Unfortunately the restoration of the gym floor has taken a little longer than hoped for, however I can report that all approvals have now been given for full floor replacement and with tenders closing this week, I expect that the project will still be totally complete prior to the end of this term.

Pupil Free Day this Friday
As previously advised, this coming Friday will be a Pupil Free Day for the students of the College. Students do not attend school this Friday. On this day staff will be involved in professional learning across the day, with a primary focus on further curriculum development as well as instructional practice. This is one of four Pupil Free Days throughout the year, with the remaining two being in June (Report Writing Day) and August (Curriculum Day). The dates of the other days are included in the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

Athletics Sports
I would like to congratulate all students who took part in events at the Athletics Sports held last Wednesday at Keilor Park Athletics Track. The weather was kind to us and a good day was had by all. I would also like to congratulate our year 12 students who took an active part in the day and subsequently did the now traditional lap of the track at the end of the carnival, marking their last year of participation in school athletics sports. Congratulations to Mr Kozak on his organisation and coordination of the day.

VCE changes for next year
Several significant curriculum changes take place prior to 2016 in relation to VCE studies. These changes will effect all Mathematics studies, English as an Additional Language and also History. The changes will also involve year 11 (units 1 and 2) and as such there is a great deal of planning going on at present at school in relation to how these subjects will operate next year. This is done now to ensure all is in place prior to publication of the course handbooks for 2016, which will be provided to students at the beginning of term 3.

Year 10 submission of work
There will be a change to the procedures of year 10 major assessment tasks. Full details on page 3 of this newsletter.

Uniform in colder weather
Compliance with uniform codes and rules is always more of a challenge in winter as the weather gets colder and sometimes wetter. I need to remind all students and parents that non school jackets and hoodies will not be permitted at school. In situations where hoodies or jackets are held by a teacher or Assistant Principal, they are to be collected at the end of day and taken home. Jackets not collected over an extended period of time are placed in lost property and donated to a charity at the end of year if not collected by then (if unnamed).

Exams
Mid year exams are fast approaching, with years 10 and 11 exams commencing on June 1st. Year 12 will also have practice exams in the third last week of this term. Please note that there will be a year 9 Maths exam in the second last week of this term as well.

Year 12 SWPL and year 11 coming up later in the term
At present we have our year 12 VCAL students completing two weeks of Structured Workplace Learning in placements all over Melbourne. One of the great opportunities that VCAL provides is for students to be able to undertake a series of extended workplace visits in industries in which they have a strong desire to consider career options as well as to be able to demonstrate both skills and interest to a potential employer in some cases. In the next newsletter we’ll be in a position to report back on some of the great placements students have taken on over these two weeks.

Geoff Pell on behalf of the Principal Class
Danny Dedes, Lorne Anderson, Sasha Mildenhall & Louisa Norwood
CHANGE TO YEAR 10 LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Year 10 students who know they will be away on the day of a major assessment task (either as a timed task in class or a task to be completed by a due date) should now apply for an extension of time from their Year Level Co-Ordinator to complete the task at a later date. If a student is absent on the day of a major assessment task they will receive a grade of Unsatisfactory. However, students can still apply for an extension of time after the task due to absence, if they have a note from parents explaining the absence, or a medical certificate. Absence may be due to a number of factors, and not just medical. The parent note needs to be received by the class teacher within two days of the student’s return to school. These procedures have been introduced to streamline the Year 10 assessment processes, and to better prepare students for the demands of VCE. As this is a new process teachers may allow some exceptions to this process for the remainder of the term, however from the beginning of next semester the procedures will be strictly enforced.

Mr. Peter Budisavljevic
Curriculum Leader

CO CURRICULAR NEWS

Cystic Fibrosis Camp
Cystic fibrosis is a disease that causes the body to make thick, sticky mucus. This causes problems in two major areas, the lungs and the digestive system, making it difficult to breathe. The average life span of a person with Cystic Fibrosis is only 30 years. On the 20th of February, 5 students from Taylors Lakes Secondary College set off to a 3 day Cystic Fibrosis leadership camp in Axedale to improve our leadership skills and also to learn about Cystic Fibrosis. Once there, we met students from all different schools around Victoria, who had also given up their weekend to improve their leadership skills.

Once there, we had many special guests, including people who had climbed Mount Everest, coach of the homeless soccer World Cup team and we were lucky enough to have people with Cystic Fibrosis come in and explain to us what it is like to live with the horrible disease. Overall, we had an awesome time, with lots of outdoor activities and it was just fun throughout the whole trip!

We made heaps of new friends, and the staff there was amazing and helpful! We would like to thank Cystic Fibrosis Victoria and the Rotary Club for organising this event to help us improve our leadership skills and inform us about Cystic Fibrosis.

By Liam Harper 10I

Student Leaders’ Training & Planning Day
On Monday 16th March, the Taylors Lakes Secondary College Student Leadership team participated in a full day of training and planning for 2015. The day was very successful and was planned and delivered in its entirety by the Year 12 leaders.

The day began with a team-building speed-leadership activity whereby all leaders were asked to discuss a range of leadership topics. It was fantastic to see such a range of students from different year levels build relationships and develop many insightful responses. The middle session of the day then involved students breaking off into smaller groups and participating in workshops. Workshop topics included:

- SRC focus.
- Brainstorm of the issues impacting our wider community and strategies to fix these.
- A business leadership presentation which educated the students on effective project management.
- Activities around characteristics of an effective leader.

All leaders then shared in a lunch together. The day concluded with leaders getting into their year level groups and planning for the rest of 2015. Students started to plan their Community Leadership Projects (CLP’s) and also their major fundraising event for the year.

Well done to all involved particularly the Year 12 student leaders who were phenomenal in the amount of planning and time that went into delivering the day.

Mr. Chris Greechan
Co-Curricular Leader
YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL EXPERIENCE

Recently Year 8 students have been studying the medieval world during their humanities classes. On the last day of term 1, students in the Year 8 LEAP class planned, organised and participated in their own medieval banquet. This social and historical experiment had students embracing the roles of different people in medieval society - we had a king and a queen, knights and nobles, a priest, cook, butler, steward, and most importantly, lots of peasants! Students used their knowledge of social hierarchy as well as their own research on medieval banquets to decide on table arrangements for the day, to discover modern equivalents of medieval food, and to plan music and entertainment. Everyone brought in food to share, including roast meat, vegetables, whole loaves of bread, soup, ginger beer, puddings, apple pie, gingerbread, and sponge cakes with cream. These were served first to our nobility by the kitchen staff and peasants, while later the lower classes served themselves. During the feast we witnessed the execution of a number of peasants and a treacherous noble, and after the feast engaged in a number of medieval games including Chess, Fox and Geese, Nine Men’s Morris and Gluckhaus (lucky pig). Special thanks are due to Ms Johnson and the families who helped to prepare food for the banquet, and Ms Macatangay who helped us to set up and take photos on the day.

Ms Danielle Winnacott
SOSE Teacher
TLSC 2015 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Tuesday the 14th of April, Ms Earl’s Crime and Punishment class went to the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court as part of their ‘Justice’ unit.

We had a chance to experience what it was like to be in a court room and to see how the magistrates deal with different cases. After that a group of students, who were interested in the possibility of pursuing law as a career, were able to attend a talk at RMIT. Here two lecturers, Rebecca and Kirsten, introduced us to the many different courses related to law and legal studies.

It was interesting to see the many different courses and pathways that you could study in the legal field. Following that, we went to the Old Melbourne Gaol to experience how prisoners were treated when they were arrested and housed at the City Watch House.

Overall we had a great day and everyone enjoyed the experience of getting out of the classroom and into the city.

Sarah Josevski 10F and Zillal Hamidi 10E
**STUDENT POEM**

Nerves stream down my body,
I walk on stage and the curtains open,
I stare at the audience with full concentration.
My stomach drops as the sound of the music is pounding in my ears.

Everyone is looking at me,
I keep thinking that I'm going to stuff up.
But I give it my best shot.

I dance like it my last time to dance.
The voice in the back of my head is telling me don't give up you're a good dancer believe in yourself.
Then I start to think I'm a good dancer and my heart belongs to dance.
I start to dance I feel like I've been dancing for hours but I've only danced for 3 minutes.

Then the music stops,
I hear tiny voices.
Then my stomach drops I'm not a good dancer.
But suddenly the audience starts clapping and cheering.
I am a good dancer and I'm proud of myself.
And I know sometimes you are destined to fall.
But I also know it's whether or not you pick yourself up again that determines your destiny.

By Kayla Attard 8H

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**SECONDHAND UNIFORM**

Do you have TLSC uniform that you no longer require??

Turn your surplus uniform into cash!
Fill in the sale of secondhand uniform form.
Drop off at the General Office.

Please note: Uniform must be clean and in excellent condition

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**FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN MELBOURNE**

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

**Thursday, 7th May - 7.30pm**
Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens
380 William Street, Melbourne

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call 1300 135 331 for more information

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## COMING EVENTS

### TERM 2

**April**  
Monday 20th - May 1st  
Year 12 VCAL Structured Workplace Learning  
Wednesday 29th  
College Tour 9.30am - 11.00am  
College Council Meeting 7.00pm  

**May**  
**Friday 1st**  
PUPIL FREE DAY - (No students at school)  
Saturday 2nd  
LEAP Testing for grade 6 students 9.00am 12.00pm  
Thursday 7th  
College Tour 9.30am - 11.00am  
Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th  
NAPLAN testing for all Year 7 & 9 students  
Wednesday 13th  
College Tour 9.30am - 11.00am  
Wednesday 20th  
College Tour 9.30am - 11.00am  
Wednesday 27th  
9.00am Year 7 HPV & Chickenpox  
Year 9 Boostrix  

**June**  
Mon 1st - Thu 11th  
Year 10 exams  
Mon 1st - Thu 11th  
Year 11 exams  
Wednesday 3rd  
College Council Meeting  
Monday 8th  
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY Public Holiday - School Closed  
Tuesday 9th - June 19th  
Year 11 VCAL Structured Workplace Learning  
Wednesday 10th  
GAT Exam  
Friday 12th  
Report Writing Day (no classes for students in years 7-11)  
Year 12 exams will be running on this day  

**Friday 26th**  
Last day of Term 2 (students dismissed 2.30 p.m.)

### TERM 3

**July**  
Monday 13th  
First day of Term 3  
Thursday 16th  
Year 12 Formal  
Wednesday 22nd  
College Council Meeting  

**August**  
Mon 3rd  
PUPIL FREE DAY  
Wed 26th – 28th  
College Production  
Mon 31st – Sept 2nd  
Year 8 Camp  
Mon 31st – Sept 18th  
Year 11 VCAL Structured Workplace Learning  

**September**  
Wednesday 2nd  
College Council Meeting  
Sat 5th—Fri 11th  
Italian Student Homestay Program  
Monday 7th  
Parent / Teacher interviews  
(no scheduled classes but students are expected to attend the interviews with parents.)  

**Friday 18th**  
Last day of Term 3 (students dismissed 2.30 p.m.)  
Thur 24th—Fri Oct 9th  
Japanese Study and Homestay Tour

### TERM 4

**October**  
Monday 5th  
First day of Term 4  
Wednesday 7th  
Year 7 HPV & Boostrix  
Wednesday 18th  
College Council Meeting  
Wednesday 21st  
VCAA exams commence  

**November**  
Tuesday 3rd  
MELBOURNE CUP DAY Public Holiday  
Wednesday 18th  
College Council Meeting  
Monday 23rd  
Year 12 Graduation  
Friday 27th  
Last Day for Year 11 students

**December**  
Friday 4th  
Last day for Year 10 students  
Tuesday 8th  
Orientation Day (Grade 6 into Yr 7)  
College Council Meeting  
Thursday 10th  
Course Confirmation Day  
Friday 11th  
End of Year Activities Program  
**Friday 18th**  
LAST DAY OF TERM  
SCHOOL FINISHES 12.30pm  
OFFICE CLOSES 12.45pm