On the 21st of May 2015 Taylors Lakes Secondary College’s student leadership team went on a two day camp to the city accompanied by the school’s leadership teachers.

The camp started at Federation Square with a city wide amazing race. A group of around 60 students were divided in teams of roughly 10. Some of the venues of the amazing race were Southern Cross Station, Hosier Lane, Federation Square, The Shrine of Remembrance, State Library and the Victorian Gallery. In the amazing race it was calculated that the average walking distance of the day was around 16 kilometres. The Leadership team really enjoyed working with one another to complete some really difficult challenges. The teams also bonded with one another and it was a great day to be part of. After a busy day the Leadership team went to La Porchetta for dinner which was fantastic. Mr Dedes joined us for dinner and we all enjoyed the night.

After dinner the team went back to our accommodation where some fun activities were organised by the year 12 leadership team. Everyone was involved and it topped up the day beautifully for everyone.

On the second day of the camp we were spoilt with a professional public speaker trainer coming and teaching the team how to handle speaking in public no matter what obstacles you may face. The training was extremely fun and educational. Everyone learnt a lot. After the training was finished we went to Melbourne Central shopping centre to enjoy lunch and free time.

When the time was over the team then made their way to Flagstaff Station to head back home after a successful, fun and educational camp which was organised by the schools fantastic year 12 leaders and leadership teachers. We would like to thank the year 12 leaders and leadership teachers on a great camp.

Jayden Vella Year 9
FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS

Report Distribution
Semester reports will be available for all levels 7-12 at the end of term. On this occasion they will be posted out at the end of next week in hardcopy form. Please note that for the first time the reports will also be available on Compass at the end of term as well. We are in a transition period to electronic reports but on this occasion both options will be available. A great deal of time and energy goes into production of reports and I ask that parents and students discuss each of the reports and specifically the strategies set in place to enable ongoing development of every student. As the reports will arrive at home (by post) in the holiday break I encourage any parent with any questions to contact the College at the start of term 3. Exam results are also reported within the reports. The outcomes for the year 9 Maths exam will be reported separately as part of the lead up to course counselling early next term.

Camps
Many students are involved in camps at this time of year. I want to congratulate the student leaders and the staff led by Chris Greechan for the organisation and running of the student Leadership camp. The senior student leaders played a key role in bringing together many of the events across the two days as well. This was a great success and was the first of three city based camps we have held this term. Congratulations also to students who have taken part in the Play production camp organised by Ms Fasulo and then this week, the Japanese immersion camp organised by Mr Hayashi.

Student Camps and Excursions Fund
This is a further reminder about the availability of application forms for any family with a variety of concession cards, but typically the Health Care Card (details elsewhere in the newsletter). This does provide access to a $225 benefit for the financial year about to commence. We believe there are still eligible families who have not yet applied. Application forms are available at the office.

Building Works
I am pleased to advise that the work on the Gym Floor replacement is now underway. The external plumbing works have now been completed and the floor itself will be replaced over a six week period expected to be completed and available by August 17th. This is a complete floor replacement.

We are about to undertake an upgrade of our Foods teaching area. This will involve a total upgrade of the food storage and preparation areas, a new staff workspace area and a total upgrade and expansion of one of the teaching rooms (S3) along with the creation of an adjacent outdoor seating area. Tenders have been called and the tender will hopefully be finalised later next week with an expected project completion in September. This is a significant building expansion project which we have managed to find essentially through parent contributions (voluntary levies), efficiency savings and optimising resource management. It will be an incredibly valuable asset in terms of supporting students in this very popular and successful area of the curriculum. I once again thank parents for your support through the voluntary contribution as it absolutely assists us to develop great facilities for students.

Thankyou
A big thankyou to Kirstee Cananzi who leaves us at the end of this term to take up an ongoing teaching position at another school. We also farewelled Frances Sepe from the office (Finances) recently. Frances has taken up a promotion position in another school. Congratulations and best wishes to both. As part of the office changes, Irene Kozak will now join the office team in reception on several days per week.

Beginning of next term
I shall be taking two weeks long service leave at the beginning of next term. During that time Danny Dedes will be Acting Principal. May I take this opportunity to thank all parents and students for your support throughout this term.

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

You are encouraged to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

Geoff Pell on behalf of the Principal Class
Danny Dedes, Lorne Anderson, Sasha Mildenhall & Louisa Norwood
LEADERSHIP CAMP continued…

On the 21st of May through to the 22nd of May the student leaders went on a camp to the city. On the camp we all participated in numerous activities to help us build a stronger bond between the leaders and to help us all improve our leadership skills. We arrived at the camp by train and after arriving in the city, we all participated in an Amazing race around the city. We all had to get along and lead in the hope of winning the race. We had to do things such as taking photos with statues, finding things in public places, and even asking random strangers about their opinion on publicly emphasised issues. In total we ran / walked a total of 18km.

We then had time to chill out and relax before we went out for dinner to La Porchetta. After dinner we participated in fun and games with the teachers. We saw a different side to the teachers as we all had fun participating in games such as celebrity heads, ninja etc... In the morning we all had breakfast before participating in a public speaking course. It was fun adding expression and different pronunciation to tongue twisters. It helped with our public speaking giving us helpful and useful tips. Before heading back home we all got free time to go exploring the city or time to do our own thing. We also got time to discuss and plan our community learning project and most of us made a lot of head way on organising it. It was a great experience, and for being run for the first time, the year 12 leaders and Mr Greechan did a great job organising it.

Fotios Demetriou Year 10

Leadership camp gave us an opportunity as leaders to step out from our comfort zones and showcase unique attributes and qualities that make us a leader. For instance, I myself was able to step out of my comfort zone and navigate my team throughout the course of the race around the city. Not only did we create new friendships, a bond between the leadership teams has developed and increased.

Britney Lay Year 10

MONEY MANAGEMENT – ASX Game

Students of Money Management have explored the world of Accounting, Business Management and Economics this semester through analysis of issues such as the Carbon Tax, the current tax system, the development of a business concept for a shark tank and personal investment options. Students have also ridden the rollercoaster through the ASX sharemarket game, experiencing dizzying highs and terrible lows. In two months of trading greatest of all has emerged Jake Moulin, earning $4192.44 to leave him 661st out of over 10,000 syndicates. He was closely followed by Noah Cavanagh who earned $3717.36 from his purchase of a small mining company in Newcastle, and Team Emily Zammit and Christie Chui who made $2810.62 from a diversified portfolio. Whilst Jake won the game every participant in education is a winner and I congratulate all members of the Money Management classes for being winners in commerce. Onwards and upwards young entrepreneurs.

Mr John Vithoulkas
Teacher of Money Management

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Forty students from Year 10 – 12 studying Japanese got an opportunity to attend a Japanese tea ceremony demonstration session led by a Tea Master, Adam Wocjinski on 28th May.

Adam took the students through the historical background of Samurai tea art form. All students were able to have a taste of traditional Japanese sweets and green tea.

Mr Shingo Gibson-Suzuki
Japanese Teacher
THE POSTCARD PROJECT

This semester in Textiles, 7J have or are in the process of completing a postcard project. As we know, the 25th of April 2015 marked 100 years since the Gallipoli landings. In order to do the postcard project, the students have had to create an ANZAC themed design to celebrate the ANZAC Centenary and embroider it on one piece of fabric. Also, on a piece of calico, they were meant to write a message to their families as if they were a soldier or a nurse during World War I. This was then dyed in tea. Towards the end of the task, they sewed them together with bias binding so each and every project ended up looking like a beautiful fabric postcard. One of the best parts of doing this project is that the postcards will end up being in The Anzac Day Schools’ Awards. Some may even end up being exhibited in the Royal Melbourne Show.

By Lisa Beres

YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS BOWLING EXCURSION

Once again this year the Year 9 students took part in a bowling excursion. Students and teachers walked to Watergardens Bowling. They have a game of bowls and they collect their own data to use it for their Chance & Data project on which they are assessed.

Students and teachers had lunch at Watergardens and everyone seemed to have enjoyed their time there.

Data (Statistics) is being taught in year 12 Further Mathematics and it is one of the major topics in this subject. This year there are seven year 12 Further Mathematics classes.

The year 9 mathematics team would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Findlay, Mr Chan and Ms Parkinson for their assistance and support on these days. These teachers belong in other domains but were willing to sacrifice their spare periods to support this event.

Well done students, well done teachers, well done year 9 team!

Ms Anthy Violari
Teacher-In-Charge of excursion

Mrs Kaaren Minahan
DANTE ALIGHIERI POETRY COMPETITION

On Tuesday 16th June, a group of 17 students from Years 9, 10 & 11 Italian classes participated in the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition at Melbourne University. This competition is one that schools from all over Victoria participate in. The students recited a poem in Italian and were assessed. This year we celebrate the 750th anniversary of Dante Alighieri – a very famous Italian poet.

The students were quite nervous on arriving as they thought they needed to recite the poem to the entire auditorium! It was a great experience for students to extend their language skills beyond the classroom. After the competition, we made our way to Lygon Street for some authentic Italian lunch.

Let’s hope we have some finalists from this group. We now anxiously await results!

Well done to the students for participating and practising so well for this event.

Bravi! In bocca al lupo!
Professoressa Deluca

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club Program has been a great success this semester with different "Specials of the Day" being made each week. The Breakfast Club runs every Wednesday morning from 7.15am until 8.30am.

A very big THANK YOU goes to the students from the Year 12 VCAL Foods class for their outstanding effort in running this program and for their dedication to the very early morning starts.

Examples of some of the foods on the menu have been pancakes with maple syrup and ice cream, egg and bacon muffins, french toast, waffles, berry/yoghurt parfaits, banana bread, fruit salad, fruit smoothies to name a few.

The good news is that next term the Year 10 Sweet Dreams class are looking forward to continuing with the Breakfast Club Program.

Students, staff and parents are welcome to come along and enjoy a great start to the day.

Continental Breakfast is $3.00 per person. This includes unlimited juice, cereal, toast and hot drinks.
Full Buffet Breakfast is $5.00 per person. This includes the total Continental package and the "Specials of the Day".

Hope to see you there!!!!!!!

Ms Susanne Johnson
Home Economics Teacher
SCHOOL PRODUCTION:

'Back to the 80's' Flyer Competition Winner:

In Term 1, students across the college were given the opportunity to contribute to this year's School Production of 'Back to the 80's' by entering the School Production Flyer Competition and creating a flyer for the show.

The winner of the Flyer Competition is...... Isaiah Morris of 9I! Congratulations on submitting a creative design for the show!

Isaiah's winning flyer design for this year's School Production. Isaiah will receive a JB-HI-FI gift voucher and a free entry ticket to our show 'Back to the 80's' on one preferred night.

A big THANK YOU to all students who entered the competition and for your creative ideas!

Also, thank you to students, staff and parents who have contributed in the School Production thus far!

Spread the word about our School Production of 'Back to the 80's' and be prepared to have the time of your life! Performance details are on the flyer.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our show!

School Production Camp: 'Back to the 80's':

With a splash of 'Footloose', a hint of 'Material Girl', a dollop of 'Wake me up before you go go', and a handful of 'Love Shack' (to name just a few songs), the cast and ensemble band of our School Production of 'Back to the 80's' concocted a great mix of positive energy and team spirit at the Production Camp on Thursday 11th June-Friday 12th June.

The Production Camp allowed students to rehearse for the college's upcoming show, to enhance their theatrical and musical skills in a positive environment, and build on creating strong friendships amongst the cast and crew. Students demonstrated a growing confidence in their role in the production.

The camp was very productive with lots of singing, dancing, playing live music, rehearsing scenes, watching the '80's' based film 'The Karate Kid' at the camp's in-house cinema and many good laughs were had and memories made along the way.

Thank you to all the talented students involved in the production, and the support of staff (Mark Chan, Tracy Lee, Bobby Vasilevski and Ric DiClemente) who also attended the camp and for making the two days together a great success.

We're looking forward to performing 'Back to the 80's' at the college on Wednesday 26th August - Friday 28th August!

Thanks,
Livia Fasulo
Drama Teacher and School Production Co-ordinator
School Holiday Program

Want something to do these school holidays? READ BELOW!

June 30
Movies, bowling & laser tag (at Watergardens)

July 1
ACMI & Circus Oz (in the city)
Young people need to be 12 to 17 years.
  • Due to limited places young people have the option of choosing one activity, to allow more young people to attend the program.
  
  The cost of the activity is $15 or $4 for Centrelink concession card holders – this cost includes all travel expenses, activity and lunch.

Young people can purchase a show bag and each of the show bags contain 3 double passes to activities that they and a friend/relative can attend in their own time, the vouchers are only valid during the school holidays.

Show Bags:
  • Will include double passes to Fun City, Sunshine Leisure Centre and AMF bowling (Watergardens).
  • Young people need to be 12 to 17 years, live, work or study in Brimbank to able to purchase a showbag.
  Young people who choose to purchase a showbag are ineligible to participate in the school holiday program.
  
  The cost of the showbag is $15 or $4 for Centrelink concession card holders.

Show bags will go on sale from the 22 June and can be purchased from Deer Park and St Albans Libraries and Brimbank Youth Services at Visy Cares Hub, 80b Harvester Rd Sunshine.

All information regarding the school holiday program will be available on our website from the 22 June www.brimbankyouth.com
Alternatively you can contact Dudu on the contact details below for more information.

Dudu Orman
Youth Programs Officer and hours Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2.30pm | Youth Services
VISY Cares Youth Hub - 80B Harvester Rd Sunshine Vic 3020
T  +61 3 9249 4218 | F  +61 9249 4351 | www.brimbank.vic.gov.au

YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS

Unfortunately the Council was unable to complete all the Year 9 students last week when they visited. The Council has assured us that they will complete these early next term. We have not yet been given a date but it will be posted on Compass when we know more. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thanks,
Carmel Gusman
RN Div. 1
School Nurse

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

As previously advised the Government is providing additional support to families in relation to costs associated with camps and excursions. A credit of $225 per student will be available to be held at school for any eligible student. This credit of $225 is for the 1 month period from the start of term 3 this year and will be able to be used as part or full payment for any excursion or camp costs at school. The following eligibility test is applied for this credit to be available:
A parent or legal guardian must be an eligible beneficiary within the State Concessions Act i.e. the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or be a temporary foster parent.

Cards must be valid on the first day of either term 2 (13 April 2015) or term 3 (13 July 2015).

Application forms are now available and need to be completed at the Office before the end of term 3 2015.
Applications close at the end of term 3, 2015.
COMING EVENTS

TERM 2
June
- Thursday 25th: College Instrumental Music Concert in the Performing Arts Centre 6.30pm (Free)
- Friday 26th: Parents & Friends

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
- Monday 20th: VET only –subject selection enrolment portal opened for student choices.
- Monday 27th: Parent Course Information Evening (opportunity for students and parents to learn more about VCE, VCAL, VET and Acceleration Studies)
- Tuesday 28th: Acceleration Studies Application Forms due 11am (By the end of recess)
- Wednesday 29th: Year 11 into 12 Course Advice Day (No classes for year 11 students)
- Friday 31st: Year 10 into 11 Course Advice Day (No classes for year 10 students)

August
- Monday 3rd: PUPIL FREE DAY
- Tuesday 4th: Year 9 into 10 Course Advice Day (No classes year 9 students)
- Thursday 6th: Year 10 into 11 and Year 11 into 12 Course selection forms due by end of school day—careers office 3.30pm (must be signed by Parent/Course Counsellor/Advisor and Career Development Co-ordinator)
- Monday 10th: Year 9 into 10 Course Selection forms due by end of school day careers office 3.30pm (must be signed by Parent/Course Counsellor/Advisor and Career Development Co-ordinator)
- Friday 14th: VET only—subject selection enrolment portal closed
- Wed 26th—28th: College Production—Back to the 80's
- Mon 31st—Sept 2nd: Year 8 Camp
- Mon 3rd—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.)
- Mon 14th—Fri 18th: Year 10 Camp
- Friday 18th: Last day of Term 3 (students dismissed 2.30 p.m.)
- Last day to apply for CSE Fund

TERM 4
October
- Monday 5th: First day of Term 4
- Wednesday 7th: Year 7 HPV & Boostrix
- Wednesday 21st: College Council Meeting
- Wednesday 28th: 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 Year 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