TLSC U/16 Girls Soccer crowned FFV Girls FC Champions!!! Congratulations to Sabahat, Katherine, Sarah, Jenny, Stefania, Nicole, Stacey, Melanie, Bree, Despina and Michelle! These girls represented the school in the inaugural FFV Girls FC 7-a-side tournament held at the Darebin International Sports Centre on the weekend. They were great ambassadors for the school approaching all games with the utmost professionalism and good sportsmanship. They were undefeated in all 6 games played over Saturday and Sunday (3-2, 3-2, 4-0, 7-0, 3-1), and they won the final 2-1 in extra time. If you see these girls around, give them a 'high five'; they deserve it! They battled hard all weekend against fully registered soccer clubs but came up trumps! Well done girls!!

Mr Paul Castelli
Soccer Coach
VCE Top Designs Award Presentation
The front page of the Newsletter features the achievements of Zachary Giordmaina in the top design awards. We are very proud of his outstanding achievement. Congratulations Zachary.

A Big Jump!
Congratulations to Chris Mitrevski of Year 12 who came third in the Australian National Championships in Long Jump (22cm short of an Olympic Record) recently. Chris has won many awards at the College for his athletic prowess. This one is an outstanding achievement.

Instrumental Music is Growing Rapidly
This year we have seen rapid growth in our Performance Arts area. We have employed additional staff in the areas of Voice and Dance and there has been a big increase in numbers in these areas.

There is no doubt that one of the most exciting parts of this growth is to walk through the new centre during the day and see the venue in full use. A pleasing aspect of this is to see the number of students using the facilities independently and voluntarily for additional practice at lunchtimes and after school. Any students wishing to sign up for tuition within the program are invited to do so by leaving their name at the Centre and they will then be followed up by the program co-ordinator, Mr Bobby Vasilevski.

Student Leaders plan their year
This week all student leaders from years 7-12 met for a full day session developing ideas and then mapping out action plans for this year. I was particularly impressed with the level of enthusiasm, the range and quality of ideas arising and the determination of students to make a difference in some way. Whilst some of this work was about actions around the College many of the ideas generated involved working with the community and making a difference in the community. The leadership group now exceeds 100 students across the College. The Year 12 Leaders mingled and supported students at other levels in the development of their plans. Whilst I chatted briefly with each group today, I look forward to more detailed outlines of action plans over the next few weeks as I meet with each year level group. I am very committed to ensuring we have a strong Student Representative Group capable of making real input on school issues, but I am equally delighted that there is also a very strong focus on thinking beyond the College as well. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of the Program Leader, Chris Greechan as well as the liaison teachers supporting each year level.

Cybersafety Day for Year 8
We have a focus on Cybersafety at all levels and a special day was held at year 8 level today. The day included a play around cyberbullying issues, followed by some excellent presentations from Victoria Police on the issue of cybersafety. The day was rounded off with team building games held in the gymnasium. Particular thanks to Josephine Postema and Christopher Greechan for organisation of the day and to all of the presenters who assisted with the day.

Term 2 – Lunchtime Activities are underway
As the weather cools down, we increase the number of lunchtime activities available to students. The lunchtime activities are advertised around the school and all students are free to join in. (See page 8 for details)

Some Big Events coming up later in the year
This week students will be advised of the process for selection for the teams to compete in the Kanga Cup (Futsal competition) held in Canberra over the mid year holidays. This year we plan to send three teams (a year 12 boys’ team, a year 11 boys’ team and a girls’ team from years 9-12). Our first entry into this very significant competition last year was a great success and the number of teams has been increased this year. Students will be invited to nominate for selection in the next few days.

The Italy Homestay and Study Tour is now locked in and flights booked. Students participating have been issued with payment plans and we look forward to another great experience in September/October.

In August we have a Japan Homestay visit to Taylors Lakes this year. Expressions of interest are now being called from parents/families who would like to host one of our homestay students for the 6 nights of the visit. Further information will be available this week from any of the Japanese teachers in the College, but ideally from the program co-ordinator, Ms Danielle Thomas.

Finally we had a long line of students paying their deposit for the year 10 Queensland trip. The trip is fully subscribed with a waiting list.
COMPASS Passwords
All parents are now able to access our student learning management system (Compass) online. The system is password protected and it is necessary to obtain the password which will give access to information (including all attendance data in real time) about your child/children. The passwords were available for distribution at parent teacher interviews at the end of last term and are available at the General Office for collection. If you have not yet collected the password I ask that you call by the office to do so. The passwords will only be sent home via a student if specifically requested in writing by the parent.

NAPLAN Testing
NAPLAN testing will be conducted from Tuesday May 13th to Thursday May 15th for all students in years 7 & 9. Any parent wishing to seek an exemption for their child from the testing is asked to contact our NAPLAN Co-ordinator, Ms Shaalu Chaudhary. The testing takes place over the three days and the results typically come back to the school for forwarding to the parent in September.

Exams are Coming!
Exams always seem to be just around the corner and that is certainly the case. Students in years 10 and 11 commence their exams on Monday June 2nd. The exam timetable for year 10 and 11 students will be issued soon via an assembly. Prior to then there will be an exam information session for students and parents. Students sitting for any unit 3&4 VCAA exam this year will also sit the GAT on Wednesday June 13th. There will be a specific GAT information session run for students prior to that time on May 19th. Many of our staff are involved in marking VCE exams at the end of year and we now have an increasing number of staff also involved in marking GAT papers across the state. Following the GAT, year 12 students will be involved in a series of practice exams across all of their unit 3&4 subjects.

VCAL Work Placements
Whilst almost 100% of our current year 12 VCAL students are involved in weekly work placements in their program, our new placement model for year 11 is about to get underway. The year 11 VCAL students will have a 2 week block of 4 days per week placements mid term (19th-30th May). Some students are still finalising these placements but many are already locked in. This change to the program has come about to enable students to gain a more realistic placement experience over the period this term and again during term 3.

Extended Professional Learning Session for all Staff
College Council has approved a slightly earlier finish for all students on Monday May 19th to enable staff to be involved in an extended professional learning session focussed on student wellbeing. Students will be dismissed on the day at 2 p.m. The actual dismissal time is designed to fit with bus times. The special buses will still run on the day at earlier times. The Library will remain open after school as usual and students are welcome to still use the Library after school as would be the case on any school day. Precise details of bus departure times will be provided to students closer to the day.

Maintenance
A great deal has been done around the College over the holidays. This has ranged from tree lopping and maintenance to the new carpet in the passageway adjacent to the computer rooms. Sections of the SPACE have been painted as well as the exteriors of quite a few relocatable classrooms, especially in the year 7 area. Further work has been done on paths around the college to minimise risks associated with slips, trips and falls.

College Council Membership
The College Council election period has now been completed. The 6 Non employed DEECD members are: Shan Ali, Greg Allen, Nicole Cross, Sandra Evans, Sarina Hill and Georgia Maximos. The 4 DEECD employed members are: Joanne Pullens, Danny Dedes, Sasha Mildenhall, Marian Robinson. Co-opted Members are: Sabahat Rexhep, Stefania Valerio, Graeme Watkins and Lisa Blakeborough.

Congratulations to Graeme Watkins who will continue as Council President with Greg Allen as Vice President. Danny Dedes has again been appointed as Treasurer.

Pathways and Transitions
The Pathways and Transition Team has collated data tracing the destinations of Yr. 12 students who were enrolled at Taylors Lakes Secondary College at the end of the 2013 academic year. The 2013 Year 12 cohort enjoyed a great deal of success in their applications for further education in 2014. Similar numbers of students, gained offers, compared to last year, however a greater proportion of offers were received from the Higher Education sector (Universities) rather than the Further Education sector (TAFEs). Interest in private Providers remained significantly lower and stable. Most of the offers were for higher level (top three) preferences.

Significant interest and successful offers for courses in Science / Applied Science and Computing IDM reflect the growth in these areas within government and public sector employment rates.

A total of 149 students completing studies towards their Victorian Certificate of Education (at unit 3/4 level) and 32 VCAL Senior Certificates were enrolled in November 2013. This is a total cohort of 181. Of these 181 students 99% of students, who were competing the requirements for VCE and VCAL studies in 2013, successfully completed sufficient studies to be awarded the Victorian Certificate of Education or VCAL Senior Certificate.

96% of students of those eligible (VCE and VCAL) for tertiary study placement offers in 2014, applied to the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre, for an offer in 2014. This rate can be attributed to the maintenance of the Year 12 Home group Program which was introduced to assist students with this process.

96% of students who successfully completed VCE/VCAL and applied to VTAC were offered tertiary placements for 2014:This was similar to 2013 (97%).

Geoff Pell on behalf of the Principal Class
Danny Dedes, Lorne Anderson, Sasha Mildenhall & Louisa Norwood
On Monday 24th March this year, the Year 10 Reach Your Goal classes comprising of over 200 students were involved the VicHealth program aimed at ‘Preventing Violence before it occurs’. This program was timely and fitted perfectly into our RYG Health Unit and so topical throughout the media at the moment.

The program identifies three interrelated themes to guide action to prevent violence against women:

- promoting equal and respectful relationships between men and women
- promoting non-violent social norms and reducing the effects of prior exposure to violence (especially on children)
- improving access to resources and systems of support.

To support this learning, the Year 10 students were able to view a one man theatre based play called “You the Man”. The Actor John Shearman acted out a series of 6 scenarios that affect young people who experience violent relationships and offer strategies to ensure that they have a voice. The play ran for 40 minutes and was followed up by a panel discussion from people from the community. The panel made up of Sgt Rob Palmer who is the Family Violence Advisor, North Western Metro, and Tara Schintler from WestCasa and Josie Mitchell, Secondary School Nurse, Child Learner & Families Branch who was instrumental in organising the event.

After students watched and listened to the performance of “You the Man”, students were able to write their questions and present them to the expert panel for strategies and advice. This experience prompted serious discussion and action towards best ways to change behaviour while being sensitive to individuals’ situations.

The Year 10 students certainly showed that they were able to respectfully participate in such serious and relevant young adult discussion. They listened carefully to questions presented as students actually took a stand at the microphone in front of their peers. The panel provided at best, answers to clarify social issues affecting families and young people. Congratulations to all Year 10 students in attendance and to the RYG teachers who delivered this essential unit as a part of the Year 10 RYG program.

Ms Catherine Damon
Year 10 Reach Your Goal Co-ordinator
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Ms Marian Robinson
Career Development Teacher

MEDIBANK ICEHOUSE EXCURSION

On the 3rd of April, 2014, the Year 9’s went on an excursion to the Medibank Icehouse in Docklands, Melbourne. There, they were split into two groups and participated in two activities, curling and of course ice skating.

For the first activity, students got a 15 minute ice skating lesson, learning how to balance and move on the ice, as well as the safest way to fall over as this happens to most students. The students then got an hour and a half of free skating. Students made the most of their time on the ice and at least had a go!

In the second activity, students were taught Curling. This is a sport in the Winter Olympics that involves two teams trying to get their rock as close to the target as possible using brooms. Students were a little challenged with this activity as the rocks were very heavy but the ice was still slippery and some students slipped and tripped. In the end, students enjoyed themselves and had a fun day out. Teachers were involved in both activities and looked to have enjoyed themselves alongside the students.

Maddi Lorimer 9B

LIBRARY NEWS

During term 1, the library staff completed a 3 period orientation program with all of our year 7 students. In addition the library provided introductory sessions for all of year 7 & 8 students for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Over the last 7 years staff and students have worked conscientiously on this program and in 2013 we were able to assist 201 students to complete the challenge. Our goal this year is to try to match or exceed this figure and we implore all parents & guardians to support our reading and literacy program by encouraging your children to spend between 2 and 3 hour per week (20-30 minutes per night) on their reading. Students who successfully complete the PRC will receive an attractive completion certificate from the Department of Education.

The TLSC Book Club has resumed and is proving extremely popular. We would like to congratulate Olivia Trentos (9A) for being Library captain, and Daniel Crossley (8K) who recently was made an official Library monitor.

Forthcoming events include a visiting author, Oliver Phommavanh, during term 2. In 2013 Oliver performed a remarkable show for our appointed Book Club Captain for 2014. This club, which welcomes new attendees and runs each Thursday at lunchtime, not only offers teacher & student book talks, but also provides students with the opportunity to discuss new and favourite books as well view exciting book trailers.

Congratulations also needs to go to Ramandeep Kaur (9I) who was appointed Year 7 students. Using personal experience, humorous anecdotes as well as audio visual material, he was able to keep students and staff thoroughly entertained. He has released a number of highly successful novels including a ‘Con-nerd’ & ‘Thai-rific’; his most recent novel is Thai-mite. Further information about this author and his books can obtained from: http://www.oliverwriter.com/

Mr Vince Antonetti
Librarian
Explaining Absences – Procedures for all students
Every absence from school needs to be explained in one of the following ways:

- By phoning the attendance office directly on 8390 9207
- By logging on to Compass and explaining your child’s absence
- Providing an absence note on the student’s return to school. This can be given directly to the attendance office and include the following information:
  - Name of student and their Homegroup
  - Date(s) and Reason for absence
  - Name of person supplying note with signature, date and daytime contact number

“Taylors Lakes Secondary College believes that students need to attend school regularly in order to gain maximum benefit from their schooling. Regular attendance enables students to access a comprehensive education, enabling them to reach their full potential.”

Mr Tim Williams
Student Attendance

FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

HOMESTAY PROGRAM 2014

Last year we held a very successful student homestay in Japan and this year we will be hosting students from our sister school, Mito Junior High School, for a week from 19th to 25th August. There has been a keen community interest in the homestay program and we are currently inviting families to express interest in being a homestay family.

Should you wish to discuss the commitment further at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact Danielle Thomas.

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REPLY SLIP (EXPRESSION OF INTEREST)

I am interested in hosting a Japanese student from Mito Junior High School as part of the homestay program this August 2014.

Student Name: _____________________________ Home Group: __________.

Parent Name: ______________________________ Phone number: __________

Parent Signature: ___________________________ Please return to Danielle Thomas
SOVEREIGN HILL

On the 24th and 25th of March the Year 9 classes travelled to Sovereign Hill, a place trapped in time. The moment that we stepped through the entry gates of Sovereign Hill, it was surreal, it felt as if we had gone back in time. It was amazing how well they had managed to capture the feel of the gold mining era. Along the main road lay many buildings and shops alike, each providing us with new knowledge and a new experience. We were allowed time to explore the many wonders of Sovereign Hill, however we also attended several activities which allowed us to expand our knowledge on our current topic (Chinese on the Goldfields). This included a theatrical play which spoke of a meeting to repel the Chinese on the goldfields of Victoria. Although this meeting did not actually occur in Victoria a few were recorded to have transpired in NSW. The play was fantastic in my opinion, the actors performed at a high standard, and I personally felt as if I was attending the meeting. We were also guided on a tour of Sovereign Hill and its Chinese Joss House (shrine of worship) as well as the Chinese tents and gardens. We learnt that the Chinese were given the worst living conditions and terrain to live on however the Chinese were clever and used this to their advantage. Finally there was the mine tour.

We followed our guide and delved into a mine located several meters below the Earth’s surface. As we continued to explore and rummage through the mine shaft our guide advised us that we were merely metres below the surface, many mines during the goldfields went as far down as 1000 metres! Miners would get inside an elevator (not a modern one of course) in order to reach the surface once more, however if the elevator was not working the miners would have to climb a ladder, all the way to the top. It could take one and a half hours to reach solid ground again, glad I wasn’t a miner!

We were fortunately also able to view a very interesting holographic story about two Chinese men, however I won’t ruin it!

As our activities concluded it was finally time to return to Taylors Lakes, but all of us will remember our trip back in time to Sovereign Hill. This excursion not only allowed us as a year level to learn more about the Chinese on the goldfields, but also allowed us to do so in an interactive and enjoyable environment. For that reason I highly recommend that future Year 9’s attend this excursion not only to learn but also to have fun.

Ms Silvana Ferraro
Humanities Teacher

The Australian Maths Competition 2014

TLSC students are invited to enter the Australian Maths Competition to be held at school on Thursday the 7th August (term 3). It is on the same date and time that the competition is held throughout Australia. The competition aims to be accessible to ALL students. Over 1,000 students share the prizes and all students receive a Certificate of Participation. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem. Forms are available from your maths teacher, the Maths/Science workspace or the office. **Forms must be returned and paid for by Wednesday 7th of May, the cost is $6.00.**

You can find more information at [http://www.amt.edu.au](http://www.amt.edu.au), or see Mrs Pacoski in the Maths/Science workspace.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property is currently OVERFLOWING with un-named school jumpers. Traditionally there is a HUGE rush for these once the first cold snap hits, and that's when everyone suddenly discovers they can't find their jumper!

Please check if your child has their CORRECT jumper, and if you have forgotten to put a name on it, **now** is the time. Once it's lost, it is highly unlikely you will get the same one back again without a name to identify it - **Year 7 parents please note!**

Students can visit Lost Property before school, recess, lunchtimes or afterschool. Parents are welcome before or afterschool also, check in at the General Office first.

Mrs Minahan
YEAR 10-12 EXAMS-Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday 21st May, an information evening will be held from 7-8pm for parents of students in years 10-12 who would like further information about exams and how to best support their children through the exam period. The presentation will include general information on effective strategies for preparing and completing exams, how to organise time outside of school in the lead up to exams, and advice on how to manage stress and remain healthy during the exam period. How the VCE is structured, the purpose of the GAT, how ATAR scores are calculated and special provision will also be covered. Students are also welcome to attend.

Further information regarding this event will be sent shortly and you are asked to RSVP to this event.

Ms Louisa Norwood
Assistant Principal

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

I encourage as many students as possible to attend these clubs which generally run on a certain day for every lunchtime of Terms 2 and 3 and some of Term 4. If students are interested in any of the clubs listed they should attend the room shown on the scheduled day to express their interest. More information please contact me on 9390 3130.

Mr Chris Greechan
Co-Curricular Coordinator

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NAPLAN Mathematics assessment for Year 7 & 9 Students

This year, the NAPLAN mathematics assessments run on Thursday 15th May for students in years 7 and 9. Please ensure that your child has a working calculator so that they have the opportunity to do their best. The school recommends the TI-30XB calculator.

Mr Jason Florence
Numeracy Leader.

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COMING EVENTS

April

**Tuesday 22nd**
- First day of Term 2

**Wednesday 23rd**
- Grade 5/6 College Tour 9.30am

**Tuesday 29th**
- Year 7, 2015 Information Evening 5.30-8.00pm

**Wednesday 30th**
- Grade 6 College Tour 9.30am
- College Council 7pm

May

**Thursday 1st**
- Year 10 CRP—Melbourne Magistrates’ Court and City Watch Excursion

**Friday 2nd**
- Year 11 Legal Studies—Parliament House and Magistrates Court Excursion
- Year 10 CRP—Melbourne Magistrates’ Court and City Watch Excursion

**Monday 5th**
- Werribee Zoo Excursion

**Wednesday 7th**
- Grade 5/6 College Tour 9.30am

**Thursday 8th**
- Athletics Carnival (Whole School Event)

**Tues 13th – Thu 15th**
- NAPLAN testing for all Year 7 & 9 students

**Wednesday 21st**
- Year 10-12 Exam Information Evening for Parents

**Monday 19th**
- Classes for students finish at 2pm on this day
- All staff Professional Development

June

**Mon 2nd – Thu 12th**
- Year 10 exams

**Mon 2nd – Thu 12th**
- Year 11 exams

**Monday 9th**
- Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

**Wednesday 11th**
- GAT exam (for all students studying a Unit 3/4 subject)

**Thu 12th - Mon 16th**
- Year 12 June Examinations

**Friday 13th**
- **Report Writing Day – no classes for students**

**Wednesday 18th**
- Year 10 Gold Coast Tour

**Friday 27th**
- **Last day of Term 3 - 2.30pm finish**
- Kanga Cup, Canberra

July

**Monday 14th**
- First day of Term 3

**Thursday 17th**
- Year 12 Formal - Docklands

August

**Thursday 7th**
- Australian Maths Competition

**Tue 19th – Mon 25th**
- Japanese Homestay

September

**Mon 1st – Wed 3rd**
- Year 8 Camp Rumbug, Foster North

**Monday 8th**
- Parent / Teacher Interviews

**Sat 13th-Fri 19th**
- Year 10 Gold Coast Tour

**Friday 19th**
- Last day of Term 3

**Mon 20th-Sat 9th**
- Italy Study Tour

October

**Monday 6th**
- First day of Term 4

**Wednesday 29th**
- VCAA exams commence

November

**Tuesday 4th**
- Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

**Monday 24th**
- Year 12 Graduation

**Friday 28th**
- Last Day for Year 11 students

December

**Friday 5th**
- Last day for Year 10 students

**Friday 19th**
- Last day of Term 4

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**TLSC PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP**

Any parents interested in joining the TLSC Parents & Friends Group are most welcome to attend.

Meeting schedule for the remainder of this term:

- **Friday 2nd May** 9.00am
- **Thursday 22nd May** 7.00pm
- **Friday 30th May** 9.00am
- **Friday 27th June** 9.00am

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Mr Danny Dedes
Assistant Principal