On Friday the 8th of August, 40 Year 9 students left early for Mount Buller. We were lucky enough to see some of the best snow in decades in Victoria, making for an exciting experience for the many students who had never seen snow before. This also made for a soft landing for those who were pushing their limits and good ammunition for those in the art of snowball making. Students undertook lessons in either skiing or snowboarding with all finding success, carving up a storm before we headed our way back down the mountain. A big thankyou goes to Mr Pell and all other staff who helped out on the day.

Year 9 Coordinating Team.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP - ALPINE SCHOOL 2014—UPDATE

The snow here is great, and it has snowed every few nights. We just got back from an expedition yesterday, and it is fair to say everyone is tired! After sleeping in -7 degrees, everyone was a bit slow in the morning, but we were commended on how we had a real sense of belonging amongst our group and we persisted on, until we got back to the school.

Luke Fisher (Alpine School Student)
This Newsletter
As I look through the articles in this newsletter I am frequently reminded of the fact that we have some fantastic young people in this College achieving amazing things.

I had the pleasure of accompanying 40 of our year 9 students on a ski day to Mt Buller two weeks ago and I was very impressed at the progress the group made on their first day on snow. Of course our year 9 students at the Alpine School are participating in an incredible 9 week experience which is also featured.

We celebrated the performances of students at the Kanga Cup in Canberra over the last vacation and now we have the Under 13 and Under 15 Boys’ Futsal Teams that will take part in National Championships in Queensland in term 4.

This week we have students from Mito Junior High visiting on homestay from Japan and another team of students will head off to Italy for homestay over the next vacation.

Many of the Leadership initiatives in the community which are being planned for this year have either just taken place or will occur in the near future. The great thing about these is the extent to which they have been initiated and directed by the students involved.

Pupil Free Day
Recently we held our Pupil Free Day for all staff devoted to curriculum planning. We are incredibly fortunate to have an outstanding level of action research being carried out at school by teachers within the College. This enables us to draw on teachers in the College to present on innovation in curriculum development and classroom instruction. We witnessed firsthand how teachers are using new technologies to support student learning. Perhaps one of the most exciting developments is the rapidly increasing use of technology to “flip” the learning in classrooms. It was suggested to me that parents would appreciate the opportunity to find out more about some of the latest work we are doing to enhance student learning. In response to this we are in the process of producing a more comprehensive document showcasing some of these new initiatives. This will be provided to all parents later this term. Some of this innovative work is very much at the forefront and will enable us to further enhance opportunities for teachers to differentiate instruction to students. Our LEAP program has taken differentiation to a new level in the College and this work will expand more broadly across the curriculum. I am genuinely excited about the potential of these initiatives.

NAPLAN Test Results
I would expect the individual report sheets for students in years 7 & 9 NAPLAN to arrive in the College prior to the end of term. As soon as these are received they will be posted out to parents.

Parent Teacher Interviews
I remind all parents that parent teacher interviews will be held on Monday September 8th. There will be no formal classes on that day however there is an expectation that students will accompany parents to interviews. The Interview summary sheet will be distributed to parents in the week prior. Interviews will be held from 1.30 through to 4.00 and then from 5.00 through to 8.00 p.m. finish.

Uniform Reminder
We have been in the depths of winter and it is timely to remind everyone that our expectations in terms of full school uniform have not changed. I have asked Year Level Co-ordinators to focus specifically on students who are out of uniform without a note. Where a student does need to be out of uniform there is an expectation that the matter will be addressed quickly. The uniform shop at school is open every Wednesday after school and Saturday mornings. In addition, Parents and Friends conduct second hand uniform sales on a regular basis. There is seldom an excuse to be out of full uniform.

Moving from One to One Computing to BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
From 2015 we shall commence the implementation of BYOD. This will involve a change to BYOD at some levels in 2015 with all other levels to progressively follow as the current Netbooks reach the end of their warranty periods over the following two years. At present we are finalising all aspects of the rollout plan and this is anticipated at the next College Council meeting. In the interim, we would advise that if parents are planning to purchase a computer for their child at our College we think it wise to hold off for a few weeks to ensure any device would be compatible with our school network requirements. The full implementation timelines and proposal will be published next month.

Geoff Pell Principal on behalf of the Principal Class

BARCELONA!

Steven Kotvas is in Year 10 and departed last weekend for Barcelona. Steven has been accepted into the Kaptiva Sports Academy in Spain to further his soccer development. Whilst in Barcelona for the next 12 months Steven will attend the International School. We wish him well.

Danny Dedes
Assistant Principal

COMING UP!
Literacy—Numeracy Week 25th—29th August
Scholastic Book Fair and other activities will take place during that week including a Spelling Bee and Numeracy Relay!
TAYLORS LAKES SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 9
MT BULLER
SNOW DAY

Photo collage of students participating in a ski trip to Mt Buller.
ABCN Female Leadership Event
Four female students were specially selected from the year 11 student leadership group to attend a mentoring program which was run over 3 days. The program had us placed in the heart of Melbourne giving an opportunity to experience corporate success while learning about the aspects of leadership. The program included several schools from the western suburbs of Melbourne all brought together to improve our skills as leaders, pass them on to our peers and implement them around our school. Traveling outside our school presented a wider variety of resources we could use to explore leadership such as being introduced to mentor, a group of female executives working in the firms where the program was run. The program encouraged us to ask and answer questions such as “what makes an efficient leader?” and “what is your reason to lead?” Through discussions with both our mentors and fellow students we gained different perspectives of what leadership is and different techniques which can be used. The program provided us with an opportunity to meet new people with different skills and weaknesses, we took time during the seminar to assess our own skills and faults sharing skills and teaching each other how to be better leaders. By essentially expanding our leadership team we gained friends with a variety of skills with whom we could work together productively and efficiently. We would like to thank Ms Burlak and Mr Greechan for providing us with this opportunity as we have taken away valuable skills that can be implemented in the school to enhance everyone’s leadership qualities.

Melanie Abdeen, Jacqui Bagaric, Jessica Cheal & Stefania Valerio

Year 10 PDP Careers & Community Day
On Tuesday 28th July, the Year 10 PDP class ventured out on an excursion to the Victoria University Trades Department. Students were taken on a tour through the Carpentry, Cabinet Making, Furnishing, Bricklaying and Plumbing areas to give them more of an understanding of what potential pathways are available post-secondary school. This provided a great opportunity for students to also ask questions about various trades and find out more about the daily tasks involved in each. The second part of the day involved the students visiting Mambourin Enterprises (Disability Centre) in Sunshine. As the school continues to build closer bonds with this organization, students participated in a number of activities (including a game of cricket, helping with the iPad/technology program) with clients. Students also gained more of an appreciation of the types of disabilities that affect people within the wider community. This introduction day was the first of many in which the PDP students will be working with these clients. The PDP major fundraising project will take place over the next term or so, and will involve students raising money for the centre as well as spending time performing hands-on tasks to help improve the physical environment. Anyone interested in donating to this project can contact myself at the school. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and will assist greatly enriching lives of the less fortunate.

Mr. Chris Greechan

PDP City Challenge Day
On Tuesday 19th August students from the Pathways and Development Program visited the Melbourne CBD. The first part of the day involved students sitting in on live Magistrates Court hearings which was quite confronting and certainly was an interesting experience to say the least. The class were thoroughly intrigued by the cases and much discussion was generated from the visit regarding breaking the law and dealing with the consequences. Students then challenged themselves and stepped outside their comfort zones at Hard Rock Rock-climbing Centre on Swanston Street. Most students were quite nervous to begin with however as time went on they developed more confidence and attempted some very challenging walls. It gave students an added opportunity of further building a strong sense of teamwork and everyone supported each other through the challenges.

Mr Chris Greechan
The Kanga Cup is the largest international youth football tournament in the southern hemisphere. Held annually each July in Canberra, the week-long event proudly champions the mission of uniting the youth of the world through football. The Taylors Lakes Soccer Academy was once again proud to be a part of such a prestigious tournament, this time, sending 46 students to compete. Two boys teams and a girls team, predominantly students from the Year 11 & Year 12 VET Sport and Recreation class, as well as several students from the Year 9 and Year 10 Soccer Academy joined forces to represent the school in their respective U/18 competitions.

With the World Cup in progress, there was a genuine buzz in the air at the possibilities of what could come from this year’s tournament, but with six games scheduled in four days as well as facing opponents from the NPL and potential international teams, students knew they were in for a challenging week.

The Year 11 boys team fared quite well winning one game, drawing two and losing three. The Year 12 boys found it difficult to compete but the story of the tournament came from the Girls team. Having won two, drawn one and lost one, the girls needed to win their last game to advance to the semi-finals. Things were looking good at half time with the scores at 0-0 and a real chance to win. Unfortunately, the game was abandoned due to a serious on field injury which meant a score line of 0-0 was recorded.

There were many stand out players at the tournament. For the girls, Monique Sposato, Michelle Vidanoski, Katherine Trajkoska and Sarah Frantzeskos all had good tournaments, but a special mention must go out to Stefania Valerio, who won U/17 Girls Kanga Cup Player of the Tournament. Stefania’s skills caught the eye of tournament organisers, scoring a couple of fantastic long range goals and she always displayed a great mentality towards her football on and off the field. A deserved winner of the award, well done Stefania!

For the Year 11 boys, Josh Kovac, Stefan Mavrelis, Jason Trajkovski and Jarvis Gardner (who scored most of our goals, Matthew Maunders also popped up for well taken penalty).

For the Year 12 boys, Andy Koroneos and Tim Nyugen battled well all week (Paul Formosa, a Year 9 fill in will be one to look out for in the years to come!).

Finally, a big THANK YOU must go out to teachers that gave up their personal time and helped make the trip such a fantastic occasion for all students involved. Chris Greechan, Mark Chan, Michael Kelliher, Tim Williams and Marie Sutton all worked tirelessly throughout the week to make sure students were well looked after. Thanks guys!

Mr Paul Castelli
Soccer Academy Program Co-ordinator
LOOK WHO DROPPED IN......

COREY MACDONALD and PETRIT IMERI both graduated with Senior VCAL Certificates in December 2012.

Where are they now?

COREY is very happy as a second year apprentice Diesel Mechanic, working with the large Toll Fleet company and doing his VET training at Kangan TAFE at Docklands. As a VCAL student at TLSC he completed his Certificate II in Automotive, which gave him 2 advantages: he received credits for his current training, and he also found his apprenticeship through the VET course when Toll Fleet contacted the school. He credits VCAL for this excellent opportunity becoming available. His career plan is to stay with Toll Fleet after he completes his training, and he looks forward to a good career future.

PETRIT started a personal training course with AIF after graduating from school, but after 6 months he decided that was not his preferred career direction. He worked for the remainder of the year and in 2014 he has now started an electrical pre-apprenticeship course at VU Sunshine; the course will finish in October and he looks forward to gaining an apprenticeship which he believes will offer him a better career path. Petrit credits VCAL for giving him the chance to finish year 12 and also the valuable experience he gained from work placements.

He may return to study and do VCE and possibly go on to University or TAFE, and he is now spending his spare time reading the classics which he finds very enjoyable.

It was a pleasure to talk to both students and see the positive pathways they have undertaken.

Christine Williams
VCAL Teacher
TLSC RAISING FUNDS FOR THE GORILLAS & RSPCA

Protect gorillas on the brink of extinction - donate your old mobile phone today!
One of the biggest threats to gorillas is the illegal mining of coltan, a mineral used in
mobile phones - YOU can help protect gorillas in their natural habitat by donating your
old phone. Your donation will help by:
Money raised from donated phones will support rangers in the Democratic Republic of
Congo to protect Gorillas
Donated phones will be refurbished and resold to disadvantaged community groups
internationally. This not only reduces the demand for coltan mining in threatened gorilla
habitats but also helps people in these communities improve their economic capacity
Since 2008, 95,896 phones have been donated and reused or recycled through They're Calling on You, raising more than
$180,000 for crucial primate conservation.
The Environmental Awareness Society (EAS) at Taylors Lakes Secondary College will be placing a donation box in the library
in Term 3. Please donate any unwanted phones – so far 31 have been collected!
(EAS meet every Thursday lunchtime in S5. Come along and get involved! Ms Postema)

The RSPCA needs your assistance to help fund the fight
against animal cruelty. Did you know that the RSPCA
receives less than 5% of its funding from the government?
Each year hundreds of thousands of animals turn to the
RSPCA for help. The cost of rescuing, caring for, treating and
rehabilitating these animals is over $50M per year. As a
charity that is not a government agency, they rely heavily on
the generosity of the community to continue vital work. Your
fundraising directly supports RSPCA shelters, vet hospitals,
programs, education services and inspectors.

The Environmental Awareness Society (EAS) is raising
money to support the RSPCA by celebrating Cupcake Day on
Thursday the 28th of August. We will be having:

- Vanilla & Chocolate cupcakes for sale ($2) outside S3
  at lunchtime as well as from our roaming EAS members
  (Look for the students wearing onesies!)
- A donation box at the front office during the month of
  August

Thankyou to Woolworths at Taylors Lakes who has kindly
offered to sponsor our cupcake ingredients!
http://www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au

Ms Postema

Attendance Office Direct Line: 8390 9207
Attendance Office now has a direct phone line. Please try to call in at the start of the day preferably before 8:30AM
when a student is absent from school.

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**Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015**

- There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from
  exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany,
  Holland, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway,
  Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here
  to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from February next
  year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing
  to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do
  this for them for the length of their stay or even some
  of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03)
  97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Yours sincerely
Klaus Schumann
WEP Community Coordinator
## COMING EVENTS

### August
- **Aug 19th – Mon 25th**: Japanese Homestay, Mito Junior High School
- **Aug 25th**: Assemblies
- **Aug 27th - Fri 29th**: Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
- **Aug 29th**: Parents and Friends 9.00 am
  - Second Hand Uniform Sales 12.30pm & 3pm in T12

### September
- **Sep 1st – Wed 3rd**: Year 8 Camp Rumbug, Foster North
- **Sep 3rd**: School Council
- **Sep 1st**: Parent / Teacher Interviews 1.30-4pm 5-8pm
  - **No formal classes on this day but students are expected to attend interviews.**
- **Sep 10th – 12th**: College Production
- **Sep 10th – Fri 12th**: Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp
- **Sep 11th**: Year 7 and 9 Immunisation
- **Sep 13th – Fri 19th**: VTAC, SNAP, SALT, SEAS & PPP applications due (school deadline)
- **Sep 15th**: Year 10 Gold Coast Tour
- **Sep 19th**: Year 11 Fit to drive
- **Sep 29th**: All school endorsements for VTAC due
  - **Last day of Term 3 (students dismissed at 2.30pm)**

### October
- **Oct 6th**: First day of Term 4
- **Oct 15th**: School Council 7.00 pm
- **Oct 18th**: Portrait Fundraising Event
- **Oct 20th**: Unit 4 VCAA exams commence
  - **Grade 6 Information Evening**

### November
- **Nov 4th**: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- **Nov 6th - 7th**: Year 10 Outdoor Ed. Camp
- **Nov 12th**: Grade 6 Soccer Night
- **Nov 17th**: Year 11 Exams commence
- **Nov 19th**: School Council
- **Nov 21st**: End of Unit 4 VCAA exams
- **Nov 24th**: Year 12 Graduation
  - **Assemblies**
    - End of Year 11 Exams
    - Year 10 Exams Begin
  - **Grade 6 Uniform fittings in L4/L5 during this week**
    - Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation
    - Grade 6 Uniform fittings in L4/L5 during this week

### December
- **Dec 1st**: Year 10 Exams continue
- **Dec 2nd**: End of Year 10 Exams
- **Dec 3rd – Fri 5th**: Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation
- **Dec 5th**: Last day of school for year 10 students
- **Dec 9th**: Grade 6 Orientation Day
- **Dec 10th**: School Council meeting
- **Dec 11th**: Course Confirmation Day (Years 8—10 in 2015)
- **Dec 12th – Fri 19th**: End of Year Program
- **Dec 15th**: ATARs released
- **Dec 15th – Thurs 18th**: VTAC Change of Preference
- **Dec 17th**: Presentation Night
- **Dec 19th**: End of Term 4
  - **Classes will finish at 12.30pm. Office will close at 1.00pm**

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**ALL SHOOK UP!**

Taylors Lakes Secondary College 2014 Production.

That time is nearly upon us once again and our production students have been working so hard on our 2014 musical "All Shook up", an incredibly funny and outrageous musical about love, friendship, being true to yourself and growing up. Not to mention all the songs are based on the one, the only – Elvis Presley.

Support our amazing and talented students.
Performances are on Wednesday the 10th September, Thursday 11th September and Friday 12th September at 7pm in the College Theatre.

Ticket $15 for students and $18 for adults.

Available from the General Office from Wednesday 27th September.