CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 12 GRADUATES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING RESULTS & TERTIARY OFFERS AND TO ALL STUDENTS WHO EXCELLED IN 2013

During 2013, Zachary Giordmaina was enrolled in and undertaking his VET CERTIFICATE III Media (VET Interactive Digital Media) course as part of his final VCE Year 12. Zachary was extremely focused on his studies and as part of the Digital Media course he was required to complete a major study using Adobe Dreamweaver and Flash animation software. It was clear that his score would be very high for his practical projects and he was encouraged to enter the annual VCAA Top Designs 2013 awards.

Zachary’s work was selected for Top Designs as he also achieved a very high study score for his VCE Digital Media exam. His work will now be on exhibition for 3 months (March-June 2014) at the Melbourne Museum Victoria in Carlton. Top Designs showcases student works produced for the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Media, Design and Technology, Food and Technology, Systems Engineering, Visual Communication and Design and Victorian Education and Training (VET) Interactive Digital Media (2013).

All works are accompanied by folios and design plans that document the students’ development of ideas, production stages, client feedback and evaluation of results. The strength of this unique exhibition is the opportunity to view developmental folios and design plans alongside the finished work – from furniture to fashion and film to food menu plans. Top Designs is proudly presented by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and Melbourne Museum as part of the VCE Season of Excellence.

Zachary is continuing his tertiary studies in Bachelor Of Information Technology (Industry Scholarship Program) at Swinburne Hawthorn Campus. Zachary was a pleasure to teach and I congratulate him for all his effort in gaining such recognition and success and wish him the best for his future.

Ms Catherine Damon
VET Certificate III in Media Teacher
FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS

Congratulations to last year’s Graduates
A little later this semester we will send out more detailed summary information concerning our VCE and VCAL outcomes from last year, but the following summary statistics are cause for celebration. 85% applied to VTAC for further studies of those eligible 96% received first round offers.

Start of Year
After the initial assemblies on day 1 it was great to see students down to work by recess time on their first day. The year has started well and the students have coped well with some warm weather. Our oval is in very good condition with a thick green turf cover and students have also enjoyed this great facility at recess and lunchtimes. Over the break there has been a lot of painting and general maintenance work completed. Our new student attendance and student management system (Compass) is up and running and parents will also gain access to this system near the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the following new staff to the College this year:

- Maryann Bennett  Maths
- Tom Broadbent  Maths
- Emily Dickinson  Maths Science
- Rick Di Clemente  Instrumental/Classroom Music
- Carolyn Drenen  Chemistry/Maths
- Bridie Else  Geography/Humanities/Outdoor Ed
- Gabriella Farinacci  English
- Elizabeth Green  English (0.6)
- Maddiyle Hammet  English
- Kelly Parkinson  Food Tech
- Stephanie Rogers  Special Ed/English
- Hayley Giarrusso—Office Reception

In addition it is a welcome back from leave for the following staff
- Cathy Filardo  Italian
- Angela Kelsen  Italian/EAL
- Louise Turok  Music/Instrumental
- Marian Rollard  Library
- Julie McCarthy  English
- Rob DeBernardi  English

At the end of last year Ms Bev Bydder retired from teaching after a lengthy career in a range of schools. I would like to wish Bev a most enjoyable and healthy retirement. In addition, the following staff left us at the end of last year and I would like to thank them for their service and wish them well into the future
- Helen Anastasiou
- Lyndel Chetcuti
- Simone Harrison
- Monica Johansen
- Jerry Kong
- Nhung Luong
- Naomi O’Brien
- Sandra Potgieter
- Michelle Roberts
- Matthew Saada
- Bella Xinopoulos

Communication
As I mentioned in the mailout sent to all parents in January, we are looking at increasing the amount of electronic communication with parents this year. Obviously when Compass is available to parents it will give parents live access to student attendance for your own child, on a period by period basis, including any lateness to class. In addition, we want to ensure that any parents with an email address receive relevant information by this means. I would ask parents to ensure that we are advised whenever an email address changes. Newsletter links will also be sent out electronically, however the Newsletter will still be available in paper format.

Student Tutoring
We often receive requests from parents to access tutoring for their children. On occasions such services will be advertised through paid advertisements in the Newsletter. In addition, some past students of the College who are now at University are advertising and these notices are on display in the VCE Study Room and Library. Of course we cannot endorse any particular provider.

A Uniform reminder
As soon as the weather starts to cool off a little in the mornings we have students wearing new jackets and jumpers to school and taking them off during the day. Regrettably they are often left in the yard or classrooms and are commonly unnamed. Please ensure that all jackets and jumpers have a name inside them to enable speedy return. In the case of a jumper we recommend that the student’s name is written on the inside of the jumper behind the logo. The items are far too expensive to lose yet this does happen every year. Please label!

College Council
The College Council meeting on Wednesday 19th February will be the final meeting of the current Council. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Council Members whose terms end with this election.

- DEECD: Sasha Mildenhall and Marian Robinson
- Parents: Shan Ali and Paul Lorimer
- Co-Opted Members: Dylan Mamo and Lisa Blakeborough

College Council Elections
The details about the election for the 2014 Council are also included in this newsletter. I would like to thank all members of the 2013 College Council for their contribution to the College, especially Graeme Watkins for his leadership as President. Thankyou to all 2013 Council members for their contribution.

Current Non DEECD Employed Parent Members
- Greg Allen, Sarina Hill, Georgia Maximos, Shan Ali and Paul Lorimer
- DEECD Employed: Sasha Mildenhall, Marian Robinson, Joanne Pullens and Danny Dedes
- Co-opted Members: Stefania Valeerio, Dylan Mamo, Graeme Watkins and Lisa Blakeborough
- Executive Officer: Geoff Pell

Council Elections
A more detailed notice appears at the end of this Newsletter in relation to College Council elections. Nominations are now called for the 3 vacant parent positions as well as the 2 DEECD employed vacancies. Nomination forms
are available from the office and must be in according to the schedule below.

The timeline for the election of the new Council will be as follows:
- Nominations called Tuesday February 11th (Newsletter notice)
- Nomination forms are available from the office.
- Nominations close Friday February 21st at 4 p.m.

The ballot if required will close at 4 p.m. on Friday March 7th.

It is no longer necessary to include a nominator. People wishing to stand only need to sign the form themselves.

Second Hand Book Sales
Some students and parents did not collect their money for books sold in the last week of term, thus, we shall provide a final opportunity on Thursday 13th February 2014 between 3.00pm – 4.00pm for students and parents to collect any money for books sold as well obtain any unsold books. Money collection will be from the Office area.

Absence Hotline
Please remember the dedicated phone line is available for all calls in relation to student absence. The number is 8390 9207.

Payments at the Office
At this time of year the office is very busy taking payments for various camps and excursions. I want to remind all parents that there are various means of avoiding queues at the office. Permission slips must always accompany payments.
- Early payment
- A drop box at the passage side of counter for anyone wishing to pay by credit card, cheque or EMA
- An option to pay by phone if paying by credit card (93903130)

Office hours are 8.15am-4.15pm

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

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Year 10 Work Experience in December 2014
A number of year 10 students have organized their Work Experience already for 2014. It is an opportunity to experience life in the workforce around Melbourne. Students can explore the requirements and skills involved in a diverse range of areas. Students need to come to the Careers Office to collect a Letter of Confirmation. The dates are 9-13 December. Students are required to come to the Careers Office and collect the letter of Introduction to commence their planning.

Class of 2013 and their tertiary Applications for 2014.
Students from the Class of 2013 are busy settling into their 2014 destinations whether they be University, TAFE or employments.

Of the year 12 students completing Year 12 successfully last year 85% applied to VTAC for further studies this year. Of those eligible 96% received first round offers last month.

68 students visited the Pathways Team in the last week of school in 2013 to discuss their VTAC preferences in light of their received ATAR. For some students this meant a change of preferences. A very small number of students did not take this opportunity to discuss their career planning and as is usually the case these students were the only students not to receive a first round offer. It is an important note to make that the College provides comprehensive support to students in this position by 2 nationally qualified Career Development practitioners and the importance of a school visit at this time will be reinforced with current year 12 students via their Homegroup classes.

76% of the offers were for University and 24% for TAFE places. Second round offers will be out on Thursday February the 6th. Student can access these offers on line.

From Left to right:
Jayme Vagias left TLSC with her VCAL, Intermediate and Senior certificates as well as Cert II in Community Services. She is continuing her studies at VU in Dip Community services. Bilal Ahmet who is at RMIT in B. Public Relation, Ebony Cappelletti our College Dux, with an ATAR of 97.75 who is at the University of Melbourne in B.Science. Aaron Sanfillippo is undertaking Biomedical Science at VU and Ryan Machell who is studying Animal Science/Zoology at Deakin University.

New VET in 2014
Two new VET programs are commencing this week in the College. Classes in Cert II in Dance and Cert II in Acting (Screen) are underway this week. We welcome Kerrie Power from Isolation Studios for Dance and Lincoln Busby from the Australian Academy of Dramatic Art to the College.

Ms Marian Robinson
Career Development Teacher and VET Coordinator
Congratulations to Sara McInnes of Year 10 who on Australia Day was announced as Melton Youth Citizen of the Year for her efforts within the community, including her efforts as a Student Leader at Taylors Lakes S.C, her dedication to the Whitten Project, her work with the Girl Guides and her voluntary work for Riding for Disabled. Sara’s award is a marvellous recognition of her hard work and dedication to improving the lives of her local community. Well done Sara!

Mr Greechan
Co-Curricular Co-ordinator

Congratulations to Stefan Mavrelis and Mitchell Gration both of Year 11 on their inclusion into the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Programs at the University of Melbourne for 2014.

A tailored program of events and activities will support and enhance their secondary studies, as well as provide the opportunity to interact with other Young Scholars and members of the University community. KLDYS are also eligible for a $2500 Global Mobility scholarship to study abroad in their 2nd year of study at the University of Melbourne.

Ms Marian Robinson
Career Development Teacher and VET Coordinator

The views of parents are always welcomed and valued in trying to make the college the best possible learning environment. To date, the Parents and Friends Group has been involved in areas such as fundraising, new college uniform upgrade, social events and supporting literacy and numeracy programs and second hand book sales.

The group is scheduled to meet at 9.00 am on the last Friday of each month, with the first of the meetings being held Friday February 28th 2014. This year the Parents and Friends Group will continue to hold evening meetings throughout each term for parents who are unable to attend the morning sessions. The first of the evening meetings will be on Wednesday, March 19th 2014 at 7pm.

Any parents interested in becoming part of the TLSC: Parents and Friends Group in 2014 are asked to complete and return the slip below to the college office as soon as possible. Further information about this group can be obtained by contacting Danny Dedes on 9390 3130 during school hours.

Danny Dedes
Assistant Principal

TLSC: Parents and Friends Group Reply Slip

TLSC Parents & Friends Group

Name: …………………………………………………………  Contact Number ……………………………

Email: ……………………………………………………………

The proposed time and day for the ‘Parents and Friends Group’ Meeting is suitable: YES/ NO

If the proposed times does not suit, please indicate other possible options that will enable you to attend the ‘Parents and Friends Group’ meetings

Days: ……………………………………………………..  Times: ……………………………………………………..
**WHITE RIBBON DAY 2013**

Last year Natasha Mirtsopoulos and and Lisa Peng have finished 3rd with their entry to the White Ribbon Poster Competition. White Ribbon is an Australian campaign to stop violence against women. Statistics show that one in four 12 to 20 year old Australians were aware of domestic violence against their mothers or stepmothers by their fathers or stepfathers and that one in three woman over the age of 15 have experienced physical violence. Having conversations and creating awareness (such as poster competitions) about preventing violence against woman can be helpful in awareness raising but for some can trigger past events or situations.

As part of this campaign students in schools in Brimbank were invited to create a poster that could become the poster used for the White Ribbon Day. We congratulate Lisa and Natasha on their achievement. They were required to research White Ribbon, consider how they could promote the idea through a poster and design the poster. Their position in the top 3 is well deserved and we thank them for their efforts. Their poster was on display at the Visy Cares Hub in Sunshine during the White Ribbon Campaign in December last year.

Below are phone numbers and websites that may be useful.

Mr John Vithoulkas

**MERIT CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR 7 2013**

The Merit Championship allows any teacher to award a student a ‘Merit’ for a meritorious act. This can be for excellence in a particular field or an excellent behaviour as displayed by successful students. Once students reach a landmark merit figure they show their HG teacher who organises a certificate for the student. The Merit Championship for Year 7 in 2013 was completed and I am pleased to announce the following students as the Merit Champions of 2013. These top 20 students received a certificate and a prize for their selection by the teachers of Taylors Lakes as the most meritorious. Congratulations in alphabetical order to Leon Bektash, Spencer Brites, Rebecca Coleman, Elena Demetriou, Anthony Dimovski, Yianni Gerolemou, Ramy El–Maghraby, Eric Lay, Paige Lemura, Katie Lichini, Joichiro MacDonald, James McDonald, Natasha Mirtsopoulos, Jasmine Najjar, Nicollette Pecipajkovski, Lisa Peng, Olivia Rycroft, Ashlee Scerri, Isabelle Tran, and Harris Zervakis.

Well done to the above 20 students on winning the championship and well done to all other students on the achievement of their merits. Onwards and upwards in 2014!

Mr John Vithoulkas

**YEAR 7 TO 9 HOMEWORK CLUB**

The Year 7 to 9 Homework Club is an initiative of the college to enable students to get help with their school work outside of normal class time. The homework club has run successfully for several years, and at times has seen as many as 70 students working in the library.

Students are able to come along to complete school work with the help of teachers who volunteer their time to assist. Each student who attends homework club has this recorded in addition to the subject they are completing work for. This information is then shared with the whole school so teachers are able to see when one of their students are working on their particular subject. Also, at times teachers may specifically request a student to attend so they can help them catch up on work. While students are completing homework they are also building positive relationships with teachers.

The Homework Club runs every Wednesday from 3.04 to 4.00pm in the College Library. We would encourage all students in Years 7 to 9 to at some stage experience the homework club. To attend students are required to have notified their parents, however there is no formal forms to complete. They just need to turn up.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or the school.

Mr Graham Taylor
What’s happening in 2014

Observing Sessions
During terms two and three, staff from both the school and Melbourne University will run an observing session every Monday evening after school in the Mound area. The session will start at 6:30pm and generally finish by about 9:30pm. All students, teachers and their families are encouraged to attend.

Student Certificate in Telescope Operation
During the course of these two terms we will be offering students a program to train them in the use of the telescope and the process of running an observing session. They will learn how to setup and use an advanced telescope as well as how to image various astronomical objects, all of which should take three to four hours. Upon completion of their training they will receive a certificate from Melbourne University. This training is also available to parents of students as well.

All students interested in completing this training should see Mr. Davie in the Maths/Science workspace.

What can you expect to see with through our telescope?

Moon                                     Globular Cluster – 47 Tucanae    International Space Station    Jupiter

……………And much more besides! If there are particular astronomical objects you would like to view then let me know and I will arrange for you to both view and if you wish image them as well!

Mr Robert Davie
Maths /Science Teacher

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property is located in the TECHNOLOGY WORKSPACE again this year. Check the window there if you have lost your keys BEFORE getting your padlock cut off, as it may be hanging there. To avoid this, name your keys, put them on a lanyard or attach a footy tag or similar so you can identify them if lost. Also give a spare key to your Homegroup teacher. Keys, school jumpers and jackets are the items most often handed in, so at approx. $90 each for the clothing items, make sure you have a name on yours NOW!

Parents and students are welcome to come to Lost Property before school, after school, at recess or lunchtimes and ask for MRS MINAHAN. A list of recent items in Lost Property is published in most Newsletters.

ALL ITEMS HANDED IN WHICH ARE NAMED WILL BE PROMPTLY RETURNED!

LOST PROPERTY FROM END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Have you lost - a pale blue towel, pair of brown RUBI thongs, a white SUPRE singlet top with skull/Indian picture and a yellow TLSC polo from the End of Year Activities last December? If so, see Mrs Minahan in the Technology Workspace to claim.

LOCKER CONTENTS FROM 2013

If you did not clean out your locker at the end of last year, please see Mrs Minahan (before the end of this term) in the TECHNOLOGY WORKSPACE or your belongings will be donated to charity.

CONFISCATED CLOTHING FROM 2013

See Mrs Minahan also in the Technology Workspace also (by the end of this term) to collect any clothing that was confiscated by a Coordinator in 2013, or it will be donated to charity too. Eg. ‘hoodies’, beanies etc.

Mrs Minahan
In Charge of Lost Property
“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.”

Did you know…?
Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.
There is a direct link between students’ school attendance and their level of school achievement.
Once students form a pattern of absence and lateness from school, it often escalates through subsequent school years.

100% attendance
Like every school, we have a concern about ensuring that student attendance is as high as possible. We want all students to aim for 100% attendance. In saying that, it is understood, that students do get sick and it is necessary to be absent, but we genuinely seek parent support to ensure student attendance is as close to 100% as possible and that the school is made aware when a student is absent. In the later years there is an attendance component, which can result in a student receiving a ‘Not Satisfactory’ (N) result for a subject or multiple subjects if attendance requirements are not met. At any level we are able to provide a parent with an attendance report on request. These can be issued at any stage through a telephone request to our Attendance Officer, Marie Taylor.

Overseas Trip Arrangements
We wish to convey a very clear message that attendance is a key contributor to success in schooling. If a student needs to be absent for a genuine reason please ensure that an explanation is provided. Some parents may be concerned about timing of overseas trips and the impact of these on their child’s education. In many cases we have arrived at a compromise that has suited the parent and has minimised any impact on the child’s education; however, we encourage parents to speak to a member of the principal class team on these issues prior to any booking being made. Below are the term dates (2014 and 2015) for reference.

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Absence Notes – procedures for all students
Every absence from school needs to be explained by an absence note. We expect all students at all levels to place their absence note in the absence note slot at the counter of the Attendance Office. This should be done immediately on return to school. It does not involve queuing up and the note should clearly state the following information:

**ABSENCE NOTIFICATION**

1. Name of Student
2. Home group
3. Date(s) of absence
4. Reason for absence
5. Name of person supplying note and signature
6. Daytime phone contact for person supplying note

We still would appreciate parents/guardians’ initial contact by phone at the start of the day when a student is absent from school.

Lateness and Early leavers – procedures for all students
Marie Taylor, our Attendance Officer, operates from the attendance office near the main staffroom. Students arriving after 9 a.m. or who wish to leave early for any reason must report and sign in/out at the Attendance Office (not the General Office).
If leaving early, students must have a note from parent. **They also need to see their Year Level Coordinator to obtain their permission and signature on the note.** The student then brings the notes to the attendance office. Parents wishing to collect a child for some reason should come to the General Office initially.

If parents/guardians have any concerns regarding student attendance please contact the school and speak to one of the Year Level Coordinators for that particular year level.

**Compass Program**
From term 2 parents will also be able to access Compass and you will be able to:
- Easily check on your child's attendance at any time
- See any excursions or events your child has coming up
- Approve lateness and absences online
- Pre-approve absences if your child has an appointment coming up

As the College rolls out Compass School Manager in term 1 students will also have access to a Kiosk near the attendance office. Once students have their Student ID Cards they will be able to use this Kiosk to:
- Sign in when late and print a late pass – A slip will be generated for the student to take home, have signed by a parent and return to the attendance office
- Sign out and print early leavers passes (For year 12 students who have permission to leave when they have study periods after lunch)
- Top up printing credit or order a new ID card if necessary

**Frequently asked questions**

**What can I expect from the school?**
Taylors Lakes Secondary College will:
- Monitor student attendance and regularly review progress
- Alert you if your child’s attendance is putting them ‘at-risk’ of not meeting the attendance requirements of the College
- Support you as a parent encourage your child to go to school

**What is my responsibility as a parent/guardian?**
Make sure your child:
- Attends school on ALL school days and is punctual. The school day begins at 8:50am (9:00am for year 12 students) and it is expected that students arrive at school at a time where they can prepare themselves to begin the school day on time.
- Make sure you:
  - Provide the school with an explanation if your child is away
  - Contact the school if your child does not want to go to school
  - Arrange doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours (Where possible)
  - Arrange birthday or other celebrations out of school hours (Where possible)
- Do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons.

**Must I send my child to school every day?**
Yes, unless:
- Your child is too sick or injured to go to school
- Your child has an infectious disease
The principal is provided with any other genuine and acceptable reason for absence.

**What if my child is involved in sport?**
It’s ok and will be recorded as an approved absence, provided that it is a part of the school program such as Inter-school sport, and has been approved by classroom teachers/Year level coordinators

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**Attendance Office Direct Line: 8390 9207**

The Attendance Office now has a direct phone line. Please try to call in at the start of the day (preferably before 8:30AM) if a student will be absent from school.
ITALY TRIP 2014

LOOKING FOR SOME MORE STUDENTS TO JOIN US!!!!
Preparations are well underway for the planning of the 2014 Italy Trip. There is still time to sign up for this fantastic opportunity for students at TLSC. The trip takes place during the September holidays and Week 1 of Term 4. We will be visiting places like Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Milan to name a few! Students will have the opportunity to take part in home stay in Rome with an Italian family. The cost of the trip is still to be finalised but will be approx. $6000 and this will include all flights, accommodation, meals, entrance into museums and places of interest.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BE PART OF THE 2014 ITALY TRIP WHICH PROMISES TO BE A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!
If you are interested, please come and see Mrs Deluca in H2 or contact her 9390 3130

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

During the hot weather it is important for everyone to remember to drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. Headaches can be caused by not having enough to drink during the day. Sunscreen is available in the sickbay for students use during the day. Please feel free to come and apply it.

IMMUNISATION DATES 2014
Thursday 20th Year 7 HPV injections; Year 9 boys HPV injections; Year 10 Boostrix injections
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Ms Carmel Gusman
School Nurse.

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The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPi) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28th January 2014) which is the first day for teaching staff and Term 3 (14th July 2014).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28th February 2014 for the first payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $200 for primary students and $300 for Year 7 students and $250 for all other eligible secondary school students and is paid in two instalments. Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28th February and prior to or on 1st August, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

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The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28th January 2014) which is the first day for teaching staff and Term 3 (14th July 2014).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28th February 2014 for the first payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $200 for primary students and $300 for Year 7 students and $250 for all other eligible secondary school students and is paid in two instalments. Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28th February and prior to or on 1st August, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

During the hot weather it is important for everyone to remember to drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. Headaches can be caused by not having enough to drink during the day. Sunscreen is available in the sickbay for students use during the day. Please feel free to come and apply it.

IMMUNISATION DATES 2014
Thursday 20th Year 7 HPV injections; Year 9 boys HPV injections; Year 10 Boostrix injections
ALL CARDS which will be distributed late February MUST BE FILLED OUT, SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE HOMEGROUP TEACHER WITH YES OR NO BY MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2014

Ms Carmel Gusman
School Nurse.

Information on the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) - forms available from the office now
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
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School Council Elections 2014

What is a school council and what does it do?
All Government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within Departmental provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent Category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.
• A mandated elected DEECD Employee Category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
• An optional Community Member Category. Members of this category are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider
• standing for election as a member of the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the timeframe stated on the Notice of Election Schedule. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
• Ask the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
• Consider standing for election to council this year.
• Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Taylors Lakes Secondary College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00 pm on 21/2/2014.

The ballot will close at 4:00 pm on 7/3/2014.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal
Geoff Pell
Taylors Lakes Secondary College
11/2/2014
## COMING EVENTS

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