The Year 10 RYG Program launched the annual Reach Day held at TLSC on Monday May 5th. It was a great day. Close to 200 students in Year 10 participated in 3 Career and Heath curriculum sessions.

We welcomed guests from a wide variety of organisations. Our first presenter was Sonya Karras. She delivered her seminar “Whole New World”, based on serious key social issues regarding drugs and alcohol affecting young people today.

Our second presenters were from “Brainstorm Productions”. This is an awarding winning in-school production and two actors Blake and Sarah presented our students with an audience interactive play called “Wired” when explored the reasons why young people can become stressed and/or depressed.

The third session was from “Living Positive Victoria”. This an organisation directly connects to people living with HIV/ AIDS in Victoria and we had Sandy Porter and Peter Davis present.

At the end of this session there was time for an information session on Careers & Pathways in preparation for this year’s Course Counselling. This was delivered by Ms. Robinson our Careers Development.

Catherine Damon
Reach Your Goal Program Coordinator

On Monday May 26th Year 7 students participated in a Homegroup Day which was designed to support the Homegroup program curriculum. Students completed a range of activities aimed at developing knowledge and understanding of bullying, cyber safety and their ability to deal with conflict resolution.

The day began with students participating in a range of interactive team building activities. Students then attended a presentation from the Police regarding internet rights and responsibilities. A play from Brainstorm productions outlined issues that can arise within the school yard and a discussion was held about topics raised by the play.

I would like to thank all students involved for their fantastic behavior and participation. Furthermore, a big thank you to all staff who contributed to the successful running of the day, especially Karen Relf and Chris Greechan.

Ms Josephine Postema
Yr 7, 8 and 12 Home group Co-ordinator
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS**

**Arrangements for the remainder of term**
I shall be on leave from next Monday for the remainder of this term. During my leave Danny Dedes will be Acting Principal. Mr Jun Hayashi will be Acting Assistant Principal during this period.

**NAPLAN tests**
We have now completed the NAPLAN tests for year 7& 9 students. I would like to thank everyone associated with the organisation of the tests at the school level and of course congratulate the students for the manner in which they undertook the tasks. Whilst everyone would love to see results quickly, it will be the end of term 3 before the results are returned. These will be mailed out to parents once they are received by the College.

**Mid Year Exams**
We held an exam preparation evening at school last week for any parents and students across years 10-12. The majority of people in attendance were from year 10 which is understandable. In addition to this there has been an extensive preparation program for students who will sit the GAT this year. There have also been follow up sessions for all students who sat the GAT last year and will sit it again this year.

The Exams are about to get underway for all students in year 10, 11 and 12. Year 10 and 11 exams from Monday June 2nd through to Wednesday June 11th. Students in year 12 (along with other students studying unit 3 + 4 VCE subject this year) will sit the GAT on Wednesday June 11th. Year 12 students will then have a combination of SACs and practice exams over the following 3 days from Thursday June 12th through Monday June 16th inclusive.

Year 12 Exams will run on the Report Writing Day on Friday June 13th. No other students will attend school on that day.

**Mid Year Reports**
Mid Year reports will be posted out at the end of term and for the first time will also be available on Compass for parents to access.

**Car Parking and Student Pickup**
It is always busy on the roads around the College before and after school and it is timely to issue a few reminders as we have recently experienced one near miss of a student crossing Parmelia Drive away from the school crossing. Although most students being dropped off in Parmelia Drive by bus and car do walk to the crossing we do have some who do not. Crossing anywhere along Parmelia is incredibly dangerous in the morning for two reasons: there are lots of cars around and also motorists travelling east (towards the city) are driving straight into direct sun. I ask in the strongest possible terms for parents to discuss this matter at home. Regrettably many of the situations we deal with are where students are dropped off by car by a parent. We ask Brimbank Council officers to enforce no parking areas adjacent to school crossings and they do that usually by photographing cars illegally parked and send an infringement notice. Please also respect driveways of residents in the area by not parking across them and absolutely not parking in them (we have received complaints in this regard too).

**VCAL Work Placements**
All of our year 11 VCAL students are currently out in the workforce undertaking a two week work placement. This is the first of two blocks of work placement for these students this year and is a compulsory component of the VCAL qualification. The students will be visited by at least one of their teachers during the placement and we look forward to many stories on their return next week.

**Student Attendance**
The DEECD now has new procedures around the enforcement of school attendance. These procedures became effective from March 1st this year. One of the main changes now is that there is an Attendance Officer in each school region and this person has the legal power to issue the parent with an infringement notice and fine where an absence is unexplained. The infringement notices are enforceable through Civic Compliance. Schools are able to initiate this process if a student has 5 or more unexplained absences.

**Compass Passwords and Update**
We have encountered a few situations where students have gained access to their parents’ passwords to Compass. This does present a security issue that forces us to disable the account for the parent in question. Could I please strongly request that parents ensure that the parent password is not handed over to the student. Students have their own password with different functions available for each group. Also on Compass, students can now use the self-serve booth for entering late arrivals and early departures from school. The parent note is still required and is to be deposited in the slot in the attendance office at the same time.

Geoff Pell on behalf of the Principal Class
Danny Dedes, Lorne Anderson, Sasha Mildenhall & Louisa Norwood
On 19th and 20th of May, the Year 10 Environmental Recreation class went to Lady Northcote Camp to apply their understanding of the adventure theory, pushing their limits of fear on the high ropes course and 'Leap of Faith' from almost 7 meters above the ground. After this we made our way to Boar Gully campsite in the Brisbane ranges National Park where students set up camp and completed a range of initiative activities showing a great ability to think outside the box.

Many students then had a go of lighting the fire with a basic flint with success being found after a few hundred attempts and striking styles. When dawn broke we woke and undertook the long and undulating journey down to Little river campsite, with every student playing a role in navigating our way there.

All students successfully tested their nerves and skills learnt in class to complete all activities and the 10 km hike so should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Thank you to Mr Kozak and our student teacher Miss Ruane for all of their help on this camp!

Mr Brendan Hodges
Environmental Recreation Teacher
On Friday May 2nd, Ms Earl’s Year 10 Crime and Punishment class set off to visit the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court and also to take part in the Watch House Experience at the Old Melbourne Gaol. Unfortunately, our class was unable to view a case at the Magistrate’s Court as it was a non-sitting day. This meant that out of the twenty-five court rooms, there were only two that were open and available for public viewing. The Supreme and County Court were able to be visited. The students who were able to go into the Supreme Court witnessed a case and heard evidence given.

Those students that went to the County Court watched a variety of cases. For some students, the judge answered our questions when the case he was presiding over concluded.

After a walk in the rain and lunch at RMIT, our class reached the final destination of the day which was the Old Melbourne Gaol. We were ordered into two single file lines and separated by our genders. The Sergeant, who was in charge of our visit, took us on a tour through the Watch House in which we experienced a day in the life of a prisoner.

Overall, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Earl for going to so much trouble to offer her students such a wonderful and educational experience in which we all learnt many new things. We would also like to thank Mr Whitefield for coming with us and enjoying the day just as much as we did. Also, thank you to Miss Perez, our student teacher for the day, who accompanied us on our excursion.

Finally we would like to say a big thank you to Bowey and Sara, two members of our class, who both attended the excursion with a broken leg and crutches!

Jade Mantynen 10G
Doris Kovacevic 10I

On Thursday May 1st, my Year 10 Crime and Punishment class got to experience a great excursion to the Magistrates’ court in the city.

We got to go around to different court rooms and witness some interesting cases such as drug offences, traffic offences, parking offences and domestic violence; many of the cases were fascinating and very interesting.

Straight after we walked to RMIT University for lunch to experience what it’s like to go to university, the food was great. After lunch we walked to the old Melbourne Gaol to experience life as a criminal. We had to be searched and asked lots of questions. We also got to go in and look at the cells. The police officer showing us around told us some stories about what happened in the early days of the Gaol. We got to take mug shots and look around the Gaol. It was a great experience!

Dylan Rogic 10H
Fortunately, a quick prayer to the weather gods rewarded us with a beautiful and sunny 20°C day for our annual TLSC Athletics Carnival.

This year's venue, Keilor Park Athletics Track provided the perfect setting for a day of friendly competition. We opted for a new layout, where all House teams and festivities were located in centre-field. As a result, the atmosphere was energetic and inclusive. Both staff and students gave it their best and fun was had by all. At the day's conclusion, Parmelia House was the victor of the 2014’s House Championship. Well done to everyone involved.

A special thanks to Kalia McKnight for her visit and best of luck to her at the 2016 Olympics. Also a special mention to Chris Mitrevski, Payton Ozols, Heidi Najjar and Chris Redli for their outstanding athletic performance.

See you all next year!

Mr Lajos Kozak
YEAT 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION  WERRIBEE ZOO

On Monday the 5th of May the Year 11 Biology classes ventured to the Werribee Zoo to study the detention and diet of different animals. When we arrived, we had a class in the Discovery Learning centre where we investigated different skulls and scats of animals to determine whether they were herbivorous, carnivorous or omnivorous and if they were ruminants or non-ruminants.

We were treated when the zoo keeper brought out a live snake to observe and analyse, as well as the skull of real animals to study.

We went on an open range safari where we could observe the animals up close and have a firsthand account of the information we were being taught.

It was a fantastic day and a great opportunity to use what we had learnt in class in a real situation with live animals.

Stefania Valerio 11F
Jacqui Bagaric 11F

JAPAN-ASEAN-OCEANIAN STUDENT & YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Congratulations to Yasmin MCGARVA in Year 10 who has been selected as one of the three secondary students in Victoria who will participate in the JENESYS 2.0 Japan Trip program in late May.

This is a youth exchange program promoting Japanese language and culture initiated by the Japanese government. This year they invited 362 Youth from ASEAN countries including 80 Australians.

Yasmin will be spending one week in Japan and participating in a variety of activities including sightseeing in Tokyo and Chiba, homestay, school exchange, agriculture experience, company visit, discussions with other participants from other Asian countries and a cultural festival at the end of the tour.

Mr Jun Hayashi
Japanese Teacher
TLSC seniors boys AFL team has progressed through to the next round after two resounding wins. The team comprised of both Year 11 and 12 boys who showed skill, determination and passion as they brushed aside teams from Harvester College and Copperfield College.

The first game against Harvester was ultimately the decider as to who went through to the next round. Lead by the captain Jeremy Hayes, we kicked our first goal within 30 seconds of the first bounce. The ability to win the ball from the middle was evident as we kicked away in the first half. Zac Curmi showed signs of brilliance with the ball in hand. The second half saw more of the same as the boys continue to pepper the goals. A highlight was the hard running of Ben Farrigua from full black to calmly slot a well-crafted goal. The impressive nature of the team to win the ball back was particularly exciting. This allowed small forwards, Brayden Waugh and Karan Randwana to kick six goals between them.

**TLSC vs Harvester**

*Final score: 16.10 (106) d 0.2 (2)*

Goals: 4 B.Waugh, 3 J.Hayes, 2 K.Radwana, 2 Z.Curmi, 1 B.Farrugia, 1 S.Davoli, 1 B.Flack, 1 J.Karipoglou, 1 C.Freiberg

Best Players: Z.Curmi, J.Hayes, B.Waugh, K.Radwana, C.Vulic, J.Karipoglou, T.Nyugen

The second game of the double header was reduced to 10 minute halves. This did not stop the boys as they launch the ball forward at every opportunity. The defence was particularly pleasing as Lockie Rayner and Zac MacDonald collected several telling possession. Despite the wet conditions, the boys had a handy buffer at half time. The last half was dominated by our midfield as Corey Freiberg collected the ball with ease. His influential passing and hard running brought everyone into the game. Eventually, the boys ran out winners to the praise of the opposition coaches.

**TLSC vs Copperfield**

*Final score: 6.7 (43) d 0.0 (0)*

Goals: 2 H.Petkovic, 1 S.Davoli, 1 K.Radwana, 1 B.Waugh, 1 J.Pabst

Best Players: Z.McDonald, H.Petkovic, B.Waugh, L.Rayner, C.Freiberg

The next round will be played on Thursday, the 26th of June

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The library has successfully completed a one period orientation session for VCE English students in which classes were provided with tips to assist with their use of Newsbank, an online database containing newspaper articles dating back 15 years. It can be used from home and accessed via the following URL or web address:

infoweb.newsbank.com

Students who wish to use this extremely useful resource should speak to the library staff in order to obtain the login details. In addition the library also has several logins through which students are able to access the digital edition of The Age Newspaper Replica during school hours:

shop.education.theage.com.au

Once again students need to request login information from the Library staff.

The focus for the remainder of term will be on the Premiers’ Reading Challenge (PRC). The library has arranged for each of the Year 7 & 8 English & EAL classes to visit the library to hear news about new novels, view book trailers, borrow books & update their online reading records. We would urge students to read regularly at home – one to two hours per week - as it not only provides an opportunity to obtain a PRC certificate, but more importantly assists students in the development of their vocabulary and reading comprehension.

The Book Club has been meeting regularly at lunch time on a Thursday. The club members are very excited about their upcoming excursion to the Writer’s Conference at ACMI which is held annually in August.

For this edition of the newsletter, several of our Library staff have provided their views and recommendations about some of their favourite titles in 2014. Ms Penny Earl’s three best reads of 2014 includes:

‘Pandora Jones Admission’ by Barry Jonsberg
‘Cicada Summer’ by Kate Constable
‘The Impossible Knife of Memory’ by Laurie Halse Anderson

Ms Susan Strolla, a fan of all things vampiric and angelic, enjoyed:
‘Life in Outer Space’ by Melissa Keil
‘Eleanor & Park’ by Rainbow Rowell
‘Every day’ by David Levithan

Finally, the library is helping to celebrate the 450th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s birthday. The achievements of this famous Elizabethan playwright is showcased through a book display, which features biographical works as well as a wide range of his famous plays.

Mr Vincent Antonetti
Resources’ Co-ordinator

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Year 9 and 10 students attended a “Learn, Experience, Access, Professions” at Victoria University – Sunshine Campus this month to explore the world of engineering. The program was run by the Engineering Department of La Trobe University at the VU campus.

Students undertook two hands on workshops. The first had them designing crumple zones on their model cars to minimize the G Force of a simulated crash. The second encouraged students to maximize the charging capacity of remote control cars.

Students were also able to gain detail about the myriad of engineering specialist areas.

The next “Learn, Experience, Access, Professions” event is the Health Careers Day at Sunshine Hospital on May 30th.

Ms Marian Robinson
Careers Development

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So far this year we have run four Monday evening sessions with all except one with clear viewing skies. These good viewing conditions have allowed us to see numerous objects such as; Mars, the Moon, Saturn and numerous other objects.

We have welcomed some new faces this year and I would like to extend a very public thank you to Greg, Gemma and Rebecca Allen for their ongoing help in running these sessions.

As a reminder of what can be seen by the telescope, this image of Saturn below was taken last year. We hope to improve upon this in the coming months.

**Observing Times**

During terms two and three the observing sessions will run every Monday evening after school in the Mound area. The session will start at 6:30pm and generally finish by about 9:30pm. Any students, teachers and their families are welcome to attend.

Mr Robert Davie
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If you were paid the first instalment of EMA at this school you do not need to reapply for the 2nd instalment. If your child was not enrolled at this college for the first payment or you are now an eligible card holder (valid from 14th July) you must apply at the college office for the 2nd instalment of EMA by 1st August. NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

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