CONGRATULATIONS to our year 7 girls’ soccer team: Emily Stamatopoulos (Team Captain), Jacqueline Adzijovski, Waad Ahmed, Chelsea Calleja, Teri Danoucaras, Brianna Kostadinovski, Sasha Majdandzic, Kaitlyn Martinez, Isabella Mielicki, Sienna Morfa, Rhea Rao, Chelsea Rayner, Chiara Scimone, Emily Stojanovska, Olivia Brne AND…our two coaches: Sabahat Rexhep and Michelle Vidanoski …AND…Mr Castelli for all his help!!!

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CONGRATULATIONS to Ms Gemma Jamieson and her wonderful behind the scenes Team and the Cast on the successful performances of the College’s 2014 production—All Shook Up! The musical was performed to a packed house on each night and the local primary schools enjoyed the matinee performances. Thank you also to Ms Johnson and her Home Economics Team for providing delicious cup cakes, chocolates and drinks during interval. Well done EVERYONE.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS

A reflection

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting our six students involved in the School of Leadership program at the Alpine School at Dinner Plain where they have been for the last 8 weeks. They completed the presentation of their Community Learning Project in front of representatives of the nine schools there this term. They did themselves proud as would have been expected. In sharing this time of celebration with the six year 9 students I reflected on the fact that on the same day we had another group of students hiking and camping in Wilsons Promontory National Park and a much bigger group back at school preparing for the final performance of All Shook Up. On Saturday morning 78 year 10 students left for Queensland. Next week another group leaves for Italy for homestay. What wonderful opportunities students at our College have to take up opportunities to pursue their interests.

The College Production of All Shook Up was a phenomenal success. We were able to use the Performing Arts area this year in a much more powerful way to support the production, with live bands performing as well as the use of the built in recording facilities. Over 50 students were involved in the production itself and they were supported by others in front of house and catering. I would like to acknowledge the amazing work of Gemma Jamieson as producer this year, along with assistant producer Mitch Gratton and all of the staff who supported the production through music coordination, set design, lighting and sound, props, advertising, makeup and catering. Of course the performers make the show and how they have progressed. The quality of the production was a reflection of the wonderful talent, along with the hard work that has been put in over many months in preparation. Well done!

There is no doubt that term 3 has provided a huge range of great opportunities for students to become involved in co-curricular programs. We have had Environmental Recreation camps, along with the Year 8 Camp, many special event weeks and visits from Mito in Japan. Many students have also been involved in leadership fundraising initiatives and the new SRC model for student representation has been developed over the term. Our Year 7 Girls’ Soccer Team has achieved the title of Sate Champion.

Course Selections for 2015

All students at years 9, 10 and 11 (2014) have now finalised these selections for next year and we are well advanced with placement of students into classes. I would expect that we will be in a position to confirm subject selections with students very early next term.

NAPLAN

This year’s NAPLAN data came in a little earlier than previous years and we were in a position to make this available to parents at parent teacher interviews. Any that were not collected on that day are in the process of being mailed out and will be posted prior to end of term. We were very pleased with the growth shown by students since their last NAPLAN with some great results across all areas of Literacy but particularly in relation to Reading.

Uniform Changes

At the last College Council meeting Council considered some changes to the College uniform and has approved these for implementation for next year. More details will be provided in term four but the key changes will be the following:

- A longer girls’ skirt (pleated) will be introduced
- A new cut of girls’ slacks will be introduced

Further discussion is being held in relation to a new style of shorts for boys.

Holidays

Most VCE 3&4 students will sit practice exams over the vacation at school. Details of these are provided separately to the students, whilst in some subjects there will also be an additional revision class during the vacation. Most other students will however have a chance to take a well earned rest prior to term 4 and I wish all who can take a break at this time a happy holiday. Hopefully the weather starts to improve to make times even more enjoyable.

Geoff Pell
Principal
on behalf of the Principal Class

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On 20th and 21st of August, the Year 10 Environmental Recreation class went to Brisbane Ranges National Park to test their newly learnt navigational skills walking 10km from Little River campsite to Boar Gully.

Each student played a part in getting us to our destination and setting up camp when we eventually got there. We played several games in the dark and around the fire which entertained us until we had to head to bed. When dawn broke after a long night the students packed up camp and headed off 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. Most students gave it their best on this trip away and should be extremely proud of their efforts.

A big thank you goes to Ms Drenen and Ms Hammet for all their help on this camp!

Mr Brendan Hodges
Outdoor and Physical Education

On Tuesday August 26th our five Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental studies 'city girls' began a 4 day, 50km river journey canoeing down the Murray River from Barmah to Echuca with 4 'country boys' from Horsham College. The contrasts between personalities and experiences in the students was fantastic to see, with it expanding many of the girls' perceptions of how teenagers can interact with outdoor environments. Students enjoyed unseasonably sunny days as the river carried us along at around 3km per hour without us even paddling.

We were lucky enough to camp on the edge of farming and vineyard properties on our first few nights with the owners coming out for a chat, to discuss how they utilise the Murray River. Our final day began at 5am for a dawn paddle with students bracing the cold to cruise down into Echuca as an array of birds woke up with the sunrise.

Over the 4 days our class enjoyed many humorous conversations with the boys from the country, and I would like to thank the staff from Horsham College and Miss Sampson for making it such an enjoyable and rewarding trip for everyone involved.

The work done on this field trip forms an important component of the final written exam in the subject.

Mr Brendan Hodges
Outdoor and Physical Education
On Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} of August, the Instrumental Music & Dance program held its first ever ‘Soiree’. Due to the rapidly increasing numbers in the program, only music and dance students from years 7-10 were involved in this concert which focused on solo, duo, trio and small group performances. Once again it turned out to be a great success, with a huge turnout of parents and friends there to watch a plethora of talent in music and dance. It is very encouraging to see more and more students working very hard towards preparing for solo performances, which speaks volumes about their confidence and improvement in recent times.

Congratulations to all performers for putting on a fantastic show, and to all Instrumental Music and Dance teachers for their ongoing work and support throughout the year.

Mr Bobby Vasilevski
Hello everyone!
We survived Expo 2! We camped in the snow for 3 days and 2 nights in sunshine, rain and snow. It was an experience we will all remember. We woke up at 7:30am each morning and cooked breakfast on trangias. We slept in small tents with three people in each. We left the Alpine School on the 31st of August, a nice sunny day and came back on the 2nd of September, covered head to toe in snow. What a great way to end our last Expo. We skied from Mt. Hotham back to the Alpine School. We thought winter was over, we thought wrong. We had an awesome spring feeling here, eating lunch outside and playing basketball but then the snow came back and it should last until the end of our time here at the Alpine School.

Our CL Passports are coming along nicely and we can't wait to share them back at school. We are making the most of our last 3 weeks here and doing the best we can to finish our Passports.

Visiting weekend was great. Everyone got loads of junk food and lollies, watched TV and got to see their families after being apart from them for 5 weeks. Now we have to step up and show the teachers what we can do as leaders of this school. Hope to see you all next term!

Maddison Lorimer
Year 9

The Year 8s this year went on a fun and adventurous camp, Camp Rumbug. We did all sorts of activities that were both challenging and thrilling. These activities often involved us working together as a team. It topped our expectations and the majority of us completed all the activities that were set.

We all got muddy, dirty, wet and we were all freezing cold. Beside that however, camp was a blast! The really difficult part at camp was (and we think that everyone would agree) the dreaded steep hill we had to walk or run up many times a day. Overall, we all had an amazing three days at Camp Rumbug. If it wasn’t for our coordinators our camp wouldn’t have been so well organised. We hope that next years’ Year 8s attend this camp as we thoroughly recommend it. Once again, a special thank you to all the teachers who made camp so enjoyable.

Ceyda (Jayda) Gokmese & Thereza Sokolaj
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE IN DECEMBER

A number of year 10 students have organised their Work Experience. 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 8-12 December.

LA TROBE AMBASSADOR BUS

The La Trobe Ambassador bus came to TLSC on September 5th at lunchtime. They provided students with information on courses and careers with free snacks thrown in. A great opportunity for Year 12s to gather more information and ask questions regarding their VTAC applications for 2015.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS and THEIR TERTIARY APPLICATIONS for 2015

All (VCE & VCAL) Year 12 students will complete their tertiary entrance applications by the end of term 2. Students with special circumstances, as outlined in the SEAS categories, were required to provide the College with evidence/information by Friday 12th September. This includes Alternative Entrance programs – SALT at LaTrobe, SNAP at RMIT, PPP at VU. Information for students and targeted assistance is available in Year 12 Home Group classes.

Parents — This is all about YOU. If you are not already on Compass then contact the General Office for your password. Passwords issued earlier in the year have expired and you need to request new ones. This will allow you to monitor attendance, progress and also the Careers and Pathways information provided for students in their decision making.

Marian Robinson
Career Development Teacher, VET Co-ordinator

YEAR 10 RONALD Mc DONALD HOUSE

On the 14th of last month, the inspired year 10 leadership group, accompanied by Ryan Pullens and the great Miss Cagrier, went on a spiritual journey to the Ronald McDonald House. Our intention was to bring a bout of happiness into the lives of the families living there during their time of need, and we believe we achieved this aim. While there, we decorated cupcakes with some of the children, as well as offering them a gift bag full of goodies. It was a really eye-opening experience for all of us and we felt that it was a truly worthwhile cause that we had assisted.

Ryan Pullens & Chanel Tarquinio

CHOICES - World Champion visits TLSC

Earlier this term we had the privilege of World Champion Sam Soliman and his boxing partner Sam Colomban present to 30 of our senior male students. The Choices program is designed for the sole purpose of educating adolescent boys about the dangers of violence and weapons carriage, the importance of positive decision making and consequences that come from making good, bad and ugly choices.

As this program was delivered by two professional boxers the messages were very powerful and made a real impact on the students. Students stated that it was the most engaging and inspiring program that they have seen. They got a real thrill from meeting a World Champion and most importantly the message made a real impact. Students have also stated they have thought about the possible consequences when faced with situations since the program ran, and made positive choices.

Mr Michael Freedman
Over the last four weeks we have enjoyed some excellent viewing conditions as the clouds have cleared every Monday evening and, with such low temperatures leading to less air movement, our telescope is able to see objects more clearly.

Some of the sessions have been quite well attended with students, parents and staff.

We have managed to photograph a number of interesting objects such as Saturn being eclipsed by the Moon. We have also taken some great shots of Saturn such as the one below.

I am particularly fond of the image below which shows the Globular Cluster known as Omega Centauri. These clusters contain some of the oldest stars in the Universe and are also believed to be the building blocks of galaxies. Also, as a matter interest, when astronomers run simulations on supercomputers of the formation of these objects they invariably find that large numbers of planets form around the stars in these clusters. Given that the stars in these objects can be as old as 12 to 13 billion years, that means that any such planets forming with these stars are also of the same age making them far older than any of the planets in our Solar System.

Observing Times
During terms two and three the observing sessions were run every Monday evening after school in the ‘Mound’ area and, when the weather has not permitted viewing then astronomy related activities were provided in S5.

Mr Rob Davie

Once again we have a sensational selection of student pieces that have been chosen as entries in this year’s Royal Melbourne Show School Arts and Craft Competition. They all represent hours of work, and these students are to be commended on the high standard of entries as per usual.

Naomi Fanani - a bag decorated with a pineapple theme
Satomi Valencia - a hand made COTTON book
Alexandra Trajcevska - a black and white vinyl bag
Kuljit Kaur Bains - a pink ruffled handbag with a silver chain handle
Janelle Ingles - a calico bag with beaded bird decoration

The Show runs from September 20th to October 1st, so if you are going along, their entries will be on display in the Arts and Craft and Cookery Pavilion which is on the right hand side as you enter the main Epsom Rd entrance.

Hoping for some wonderful ribbons and certificates again this year! Well done everyone!

Mrs Minahan
Technology Teacher
On Friday September 5th 2014, 14 year 7 girls, two year 11 girls (coaches) and myself, headed off to Darebin International Sports Centre in Thornbury to play soccer. Several months ago the girls had played and won the Western Division finals and today they were playing in the state finals. Taylors Lakes was in pool B and had 3 other teams to play. They drew the first game, then won 2 to 1 in the second game and won 7 to 1 in the third game. This now meant they were in the final.

The final started at 2.15 in the afternoon and we played against Brighton. We were all nervous before the game!!! As the game proceeded, Brighton got the first goal. Not long after Taylors Lakes got their first goal. We went into half time break with even scores. Second half of final began. Emily Stamatooulos (team captain) fell to the ground trying to kick a goal. Emily Stojanovska took the free kick and got the goal, however, the referee didn’t allow the goal. Emily Stojanovska was allowed to re-kick the goal and she got the goal: Taylors Lakes ahead by 1 goal. They played a brilliant game!!! Final score was: Taylors Lakes 2 to Brighton 1!!!
Victorian Child Oral Health Survey (VCOHS)

The Victorian Child Oral Health Survey (VCOHS) is coming to Taylors Lakes Secondary College on the 27th October 2014. For those families that have been selected to participate in the Survey, a reminder to return your consent form and questionnaire by 20th October via mail or 22nd October via school 2014. Your participation will help contribute to the collection of important and useful oral health data used to improve dental services across Victoria.

For more information about the Victorian Child Oral Health Survey contact a member of the VCOHS research team on (03) 9341 1785 or email vcohs@dhsv.org.au.

Sheryn Mitrevics
Secondary School Nurse
Health Well Being & Engagement

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUND RAISING EVENT

Taylors Lakes Secondary College $15 Photo Fundraiser

On Saturday the 18th of October
Only $15 for your 10” x 13” Portrait with frame
We need lots of bookings so share the link with friends, neighbours and family – anyone can book in!
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COMING EVENTS

September
Fri 19th All school endorsements for VTAC due
Mon 22nd – Fri 10th Oct Last day of Term 3. School finishes 2.30pm
Italy Study and Homestay Tour

October
Mon 6th First day of Term 4
Thurs 9th Year 10 (2015) Parent Information Night Re BOYD 7pm Library
Wed 15th School Council 7.00 pm
Sat 18th Portrait Fundraising Event (see page 9 of this newsletter for details)
Wed 29th Unit 4 VCAA exams commence
Grade 6 Information Evening

November
Tues 4th Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Thurs 6th, 7th Year 10 Outdoor Ed. Camp
Wed 12th Grade 6 Soccer Academy Information Evening 6.30pm
Mon 17th Year 11 Exams commence
Wed 19th School Council 7pm
Fri 21st End of Unit 4 VCAA exams
Mon 24th Year 12 Graduation—Melbourne Town Hall 7.30pm
Assemblies
End of Year 11 Exams
Year 10 Exams Begin
Grade 6 Uniform fittings in L4/L5 during this week
Tues 25th – Fri 28th Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation
Fri 28th Last day for year 11 students

December
Mon 1st Year 10 Exams continue
Tues 2nd End of Year 10 Exams
Wed 3rd – Fri 5th Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation
Fri 5th Last day of school for year 10 students
Tues 9th Grade 6 Orientation Day
Wed 10th School Council meeting 7pm
Thurs 11th Course Confirmation Day (Years 8—10 in 2015)
No regular classes for students in Years 7-9 (2014)
Fri 12th – Fri 19th End of Year Program
Mon 15th ATARs released
Mon 15th – Thurs 18th VTAC Change of Preference Period
Wed 17th Presentation Night
Fri 19th End of Term 4
Classes will finish at 12.30pm. Office will close at 1.00pm

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance
From 1 January 2015, parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance.
The end of the EMA payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

2015 School Term Dates
Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start)
30th January (students start) to 27 March
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Alpine school students, Thomas Cardwell, Noah Cavanagh, Maddison Lorimer, Luke Fisher, Ishara Williams and Natalie Williams, presented their Community Learning Project last week.