

Semester 1 – Term 2, 25th May 2015

Term Two Important Dates

Junior Campus

25th May	Athletics Carnival
8 th June	Queen's Birthday holiday
10 th – 11 th June	Year 7-9 Exams
12 th June	Report Writing Day (no classes)

Senior Campus

25th May	Athletics Carnival
2 nd – 9 th June	Year 10-11 Exams
8 th June	Queen's Birthday holiday
12 th June	Report Writing Day (no classes)

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College Principal's Report

Sister School Visit

I am very excited to let you know that 19 students and 3 teachers from our Chinese sister school, the High School Attached to Yangzhou University, will be visiting our school early next term. This will be the first time we have hosted overseas students and teachers and I'm sure it will be an excellent experience for our students and staff. Our visitors will be with us from Thursday 23rd July to Tuesday 28th July (four days and five nights). They will attend school each day and take part in normal classes. They will have a chance to see what education in Australia is like and to practice their English. We will have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what life in China is like and to practice our Chinese.

We are looking for homestays for both the teachers and students for 5 nights. Families who are able to host 1-2 students or a teacher will receive \$200 per person to cover costs of the stay. Families will be responsible for bringing the student or teacher to and from school each day and providing them with breakfast and dinner. The school will provide lunch. Families will take their visitors along with them to whatever activities they would normally do and show them a bit of life in Australia over the weekend. I'm sure they would enjoy watching a game of football, visiting with relatives or whatever you would normally do. Families who are interested in being hosts will need a volunteer's Working With Children's Check, which the school will organise at no cost to families. If you are able to host some of our Chinese visitors please contact me or either of the Campus Principals by ringing the school to register your interest or email me on simson.genevieve.s@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Students return from China

Our Year 9 students, Kira Siharath and Phong Le, together with Assistant Principal, Mrs Atzarakis, returned from their six week China study tour recently. I was privileged to attend the presentation of their learning and cultural experiences to the Parliamentary Secretary for Education last week at the Treasury Theatre in the city. Congratulations to Kira who presented the Parliamentary Secretary with a piece of artwork she had done while in China, which now hangs proudly in her office!

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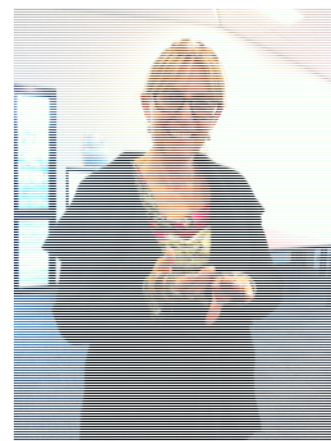
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Wildlife Incursion

Last week I attended a Wildlife Incursion with our Year 7 students which was organised by our Science teachers. Adam, a past student of the college, and Amy from A&A Wildlife, taught students about each species as part of their understanding of classification of species, predators and their prey. Students saw albino and other pythons and blue tongue lizard, a scorpion, a fresh water crocodile, a sugar glider, a galah. Here I am holding a Stimsons Python, which is the smallest in the world.



Successful Schools Conference

Recently the Assistant Principals and I attended the Successful Schools Conference organised by the South West Region of the Department of Education. The regional director launched the regional school improvement plan, which has a focus on improving student attendance at school, writing, Numeracy and English. This plan fits in very well with what we are already doing at school so we will not need to change the focus of our strategic plan.

Athletics Sports

The Athletics Sports, held on Monday at Aberfeldie Park, were very successful. Congratulations to all those students who competed in events and to the winners and place getters. It was pleasing to see so many competitors winning points for their houses. The Year 12 students were a wonderful example to the other students on the day. They came colourfully dressed in a wide variety of costumes in their house colours and tirelessly supported their houses with cheering and encouragement all day. Well done to the PE staff and student teachers who organised a very well run and successful event. The day was an excellent contribution to our college community.

Exams

Mid year exams are coming up in June. I'd like to take the opportunity to remind students to be completing set work and revising for the exam period.

Genevieve Simson



VUSC News

Senior Music Soirée

As senior and VCE music teacher, I was proud of the combined efforts and talents of the music department's sensational Instrumental Teachers, Music Captains and school students, who helped staged the 2015 **Senior Music Soirée**. Our talented musicians relished in the opportunity to perform for their peers, family, friends and teachers in a supportive environment. It was wonderful to see students' family and friends, Leading Teachers, Principal Class and Instrumental Teachers come to support our students.

Items included VCE Unit 3 & 1 solo guitar, flute solos, vocal and group pieces, solo, trio and mini choir vocal numbers, and the year 10 contemporary jazz ensemble.

Congratulations to the following students for their comradeship, participation and performance.

Ms Stavropoulos

JEZOVITA	Daniel	10F
PULIS	Tangi	10A
REI	Christian	10F
SCHEMBRI	Luke	10E
VONGPRACHANH	Anonh	10B
ALASCO	Keana	10G
ROSETE	Chad	10G
SAN MIGUEL	Jackielyn	10D



CLAYTON	Cassidy	11A
GORNALL-RUNDELL	Kaeleb	11B
HA	Man	11A
LEASIOLAGI MONA	Florence	11A
LI	Jimmy	11A
POMALE	Mele	11D
SANTOS	Kristina	11C
SEXTON	Kyle	11B
TO	Kevin	11A
BRIMBLECOMBE	Nicole	12B
DAM	John	12B



Drop off and Pick up at Junior Campus

A reminder to all parents/guardians to please respect the neighbours when dropping off and picking up children at the Junior Campus. Please do not park across driveways. Be aware that it is illegal to park on a school crossing as well as in disabled parking spots without showing a disability sticker on your car. We understand that parking is difficult so meeting your child in another location other than the front of the school could be an option.

Ready Steady Cook

Year 10 students of Ready Steady Cook have been working on healthy meal planning, designing three course meals in teams under guidance of Mrs Saracino. Some of the photos below show the beautiful range of meals. Ready Steady Cook students, Well Done!!



VCAL HAPPENINGS

This week we bring you Keanan Hogan and Ricky Multanen’s personal development project. They are volunteering at Arcare Aged Care facility in Burnside (with residents pictured below). They visit every Friday spending their time listening and recording the stories of the older residents.

In the next issue of VCAL happenings we will inform you on the progress of the group of students undertaking the design and painting of a mural at Brimbank bicycle education centre at Green Gully.



NAPLAN Tests

2015 Annual NAPLAN tests were held across Australia from Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th May. Students at the Junior Campus are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour and attitude. Well done to the Year 7 and 9 students!



Teaching and Learning Corner

In classes all across the college, students are participating in **Writer's Workshops**. Students collaborate with their peers and staff (other than their own teacher) to give each other feedback about their writing, which has produced some great results. With specific feedback from peers about what makes the writing successful, how to improve it further and questions about the piece of writing, students have been able to achieve better outcomes for writing in all subjects.

Photos: Year 8 English class in a Writers Workshop, providing feedback on their text response essays.



THE WRITER'S WORKSHOP - By Franz Justice Dalupang 7H

The Writer's Workshop is a kind of activity where you could share your writing pieces and get feedback from other students and your peers. One of the good things about the Writer's Workshop is that Ms Wooles made us sit in random spots, which makes us interact with different people.

The Writer's Workshop during Tuesday was about our essay about, The Heaven Shop by Deborah Ellis, and we shared it with the people around our table. There were teachers there to help us.

While someone is reading an essay, during his/her talking you have to write some feedback, for the person reading it. You then have to finally hand in everything, feedback, checklist and your final piece.

For feedback we used P-Q-P which is praise, question and polish. Polish means something the other person could improve. We also had to write a reflection about what we were going to change after hearing our feedback and what we liked/didn't like about the activity.

I really liked the workshop and how you could share with other people.

Athlete Development Program by Khoa Tran Yr 7

On Monday 11th May the following students from the Athlete Development program attended a fitness testing session at Whitten Oval in Footscray:

Khoa Tran, Melissa Sichampanakone, Kelly Whetton, Rebecca Dominic, Eda Cabuk, Kaychia Dominic, Mitchell Fegan, Minh Nguyen, Chelsea Cawen and Tyla Schwass.

We met at the end of recess and the bus took us to Whitten Oval. Whitten Oval is named after the late E.J Whitten, a former Footscray AFL player. We did a number of fitness tests during the session including the 20m sprint, balance test, body measurements and the vertical jump. We ran out of time though and didn't get to do all of the tests. I tried my hardest but didn't sweat at all. We also got time to look at the Western Bulldogs museum. One thing I learnt by looking at this was that Brad Johnson played the most games for the Western Bulldogs with 264 games.

Writer's Workshop for Parents:

An Essential Tool For The Craft Of Writing



The Need

Students are being assigned more writing than ever before, yet are often still struggling to become better writers. Many educators report feeling frustrated by the time it takes to provide effective feedback to student writing, and often see little impact on their students' writing progress as a result of their extensive efforts. These educators are looking for innovative ways to support their students' writing success. The Writer's Workshop provides the tools, strategies and skills needed to bring out the best in what is possible for students and their writing.

The Results

- Learn how to successfully implement writer's workshops in any learning environment
- Experience the power of a writing community
- Unleash student excitement about writing
- Learn the writing feedback that students will truly value
- Develop targeted writing instruction where all writers can reach success

About the session

This interactive professional learning session takes parents through the exploration of how students can improve in the craft of writing. Dr William De Jean will run sessions for parents at the College who are interested in joining a group. He will explain to parents how their assistance will have a phenomenal effect on students' writing.

Students are eager to write and keen to read their writing to parents. Parent feedback is then provided to assist in refining their writing.

Interested Parents

Please contact Junior Campus Principal, Ms Elaine Hazim, if you are interested in helping out our students and College on 9363 1155.

Regards,

Elaine Hazim



Year 7 Wildlife Incursion

For our year 7 students during their classification and ecology topics in Science, we wanted them to have an authentic and engaging experience. The wildlife incursion was just that: fun and interactive. Students were given the opportunity to get up close and personal with animals that would otherwise only be seen through glass enclosures. There was a range of native Australian animals such as pythons, lizards, crocodiles, sugar gliders, birds, insects and more that we learned about.

Right: Mitchell Fegan 7F holding a Coastal Carpet Python



Below right:

Jordonn Vitiello 7F holding two Blue Tongue Lizards (one is albino), Antonio Caruso 7A holding a Woma Python, and Destiny Eustace 7F with a Sugar Glider.



Sports Corner

Term 2, 2015

Rugby League Wrap

2015 U18's GIO Trophy – West Qualifier

Congratulations to the Victoria University Open U/18's team who have earned the right to be the Victorian representative in the semi-final stage of the prestigious Southern NSW Country GIO Trophy. This was achieved after convincingly winning the West qualifier at Langama Park, Sunbury on May 13th where the team was able to put together three strong performances against quality opposition.

During the day VUSC played some outstanding Rugby League footy with every member of the team playing their role in both attack and defence. This resulted in us scoring the most points on the day and conceding the least – **a fantastic result!**

Game 1: VUSC defeated The Grange College 32 - 6

Game 2: VUSC defeated Craigeburn S.C. 28 - 4

Game 3: VUSC defeated Hume Central S.C. 24 - 10

With 8 weeks until the next phase of the competition, the boys will continue to work hard to take their game forward and be ready for the phase of the completion to be held in Cootamundra on July 23.



Sports Academy Update

AIS CAMP – DO NOT MISS OUT THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SCHOOL YEAR!!!!

Reminder that progressive payments need to be made to the Office for the Australian Institute of Sport Camp. If students/families are having any questions regarding the AIS camp, can you please contact your academy coach.

Training:

Our Sports Academy programs have been busy preparing our students athletes physically and mentally for their sports. Our compulsory training sessions have been buzzing with excitement!!! We thank our student athletes who continue to commit to their personal gains and the program.

Training Schedule:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:30 - 8:30		SDP SENIOR SKILLS		SDP SENIOR SKILLS	
PERIOD 1 9.00 - 10.12		VCAL STUDENTS WEIGHTS			GIRLS RUGBY WEIGHTS
PERIOD 2 10.12 - 11.24		& CONDITIONING	BOYS RUGBY Y11 SKILLS/CON	VCAL STUDENTS WEIGHTS	BOYS RUGBY Y12 WEIGHTS
RECESS 11.24 - 11.49				& CONDITIONING	
PERIOD 3 11.49 - 1.01	Y9 RUGBY CODES CON/MOVEMENT	Y9 RUGBY CODES CONDITIONING	GIRLS RUGBY SKILLS/CON		BOYS RUGBY Y11 WEIGHTS
LUNCH 1.01 - 1.51	ADP JUNIOR CONDITIONING	ADP JUNIOR WEIGHTS	ADP SENIOR CONDITIONING	SDP JUNIOR SKILLS SNR EXTRA SESSION	ADP SENIOR WEIGHTS
PERIOD 4 1.51 - 3.03					
AFTER SCHOOL 3.03 - 5.00	SDP JUNIOR CONDITIONING	RUGBY ACADEMY TRAINING	SDP SENIOR CONDITIONING	VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM	
3.03 - 4:30		SDP JUNIOR SKILLS Volleyball Program			

2015 Sports Academy Application is STILL OPEN!!!!

Any interested students who are not currently part of one of our Sports Academy programs and encouraged to complete a Sports Academy Application, which is available at each campus office.

VUSC Sports Academy Programs:

- Sport Leadership Program (Year 9-12)
- Rugby League Academy (Year 10-12)
- Rugby 7's (Year 10-12)
- Soccer Development Program (Year 7-12)
- Volleyball Development Program (Year 7-8)
- Athlete Development Program (Year 7-12)

Sport-Coordinators and Sports Academy Staff

If students and parent would like further information about the College Inter-School Sport Program, please contact the below staff members:

VUSC Senior Campus Sport Coordinator – Mr. Steven Quinn

VUSC Junior Campus Sport Coordinator – Mr. Rocco Giovanniello

VUSC Rugby Coordinator – Mr. Tony Adam

VUSC Soccer Coordinator – Mr. Rocco Giovanniello and Mr. Tony Squeo

VUSC Athlete Development Program – Mr. Marshall, Ms. Hogarth and Mr. Pearce

Sports Academy Strength and Conditioning Coach – Stewart Cain

JOIN A SPORTING CLUB!!!

Any Student interested in joining a sporting team outside of school, please see Mr. Marshall or your HPE Teacher for further information.

SHAPE Department Report

Lastly, we look forward to the continued support and dedication of our student coaches and helpers. Students, who are interested in coaching a College sporting team, need to see Mr. Marshall for further information or your campus sport coordinator.

Sporting quote of the Month: *“Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion.” (Michael Jordan).*

Mr Dale Marshall

Sport Promotion Leader