Assistant Principal’s Report

Planning with the end in mind

With the printing of this Newsletter we are ending Week 6 which, for those who assess and reflect on their performance, becomes an ideal opportunity to plan forward to ensure a successful end of term.

At this stage of the year students should be once again – on a class by class basis – ascertaining what is completed, as well as the due dates for incomplete work. With the advent of Compass this year, completed work, overdue work and future due dates should be much clearer for both students and parents. Given this improved transparency, parents can play an active role not only by monitoring progress, but also by encouraging and supporting their students in the effective planning and completion of work tasks at home. With Interim Reports to be accessed via Compass by the end of Week 8, students effectively have one week to make a difference – to complete a range of tasks across their overall program. We encourage students to assess their current progress and to use their time strategically and productively over the next week to achieve an optimal result.

Just as importantly, if your student, for any number of reasons, requires some help and support with their work, please encourage them to attend either the Homework Club (Wednesdays, 3:20pm to 4:30pm in the Library ) and/or the Maths Club (Thursdays, 3:15 to 4pm in S15 ). At these sessions students can ask questions and seek tuition in a one to one or small group setting. Attending these clubs, even for a short period of time, may make a significant difference in terms of understanding key ideas, mastering specific skills and tasks and, crucially, can boost student confidence in their ability to learn.

Presentation Balls

We are pleased to celebrate and acknowledge the great success of last Friday’s Presentation Ball, which we sincerely hope was enjoyed by debutantes, partners, parents and friends, as well as the attending teachers. Such events are a premier highlight of the school year for our Year 11 students, and we are proud to maintain this tradition. The students participating in Presentation Ball 1 were resplendent in their formal attire and staff accounts of the evening indicate that all the dancing practice was well worthwhile. We expect that the couples debuting in Presentation Ball 2 (tonight) will enjoy similar success and thoroughly enjoy the experience. In supporting the ongoing and seamless success of the Presentation Balls this year, we would like to thank our Parents and Friends Association and our Office Staff, whose dedication, organisational skills and expertise underpin this event. Well done all.
**Snow Camps**

Over the last three weeks, students from a range of year levels have enjoyed some sunshine but, more importantly, powder snow conditions at our August Snow Camps. We would like to thank the students for their exemplary behaviour and their enthusiasm throughout what is for many an annual event. These camps offer city students opportunities to expand their repertoire of skills and embrace new experiences. We will continue to offer a diverse extra-curricular program because we firmly believe that these activities extend students in terms of team skills and building relationships and encourage a more balanced approach to life. Lastly, we sincerely thank the camp organisers and teachers who, whilst they enjoy the snow environment, demonstrate great commitment to their students and the College by participating in these camps.

**VTAC Briefings and Appointments**

Over the last week Year 12 VCAL and VCE students have participated in VTAC Briefings which prepare them for developing their post-school options and pathways for 2017. As of next week the Careers Team engages all Year 12 students in one-to-one VTAC meetings to ensure that the VTAC process is correctly implemented. Good luck to students in their aspirations and their selections, and thank you to our diligent Careers Team in supporting and nurturing effective decision making.

**City Experience**

Also next week our intrepid Year 9 cohort embarks on the annual Year 9 City Experience. This exercise introduces our suburban middle school cohort to the social, cultural, artistic and sporting diversity of the Melbourne CBD. During this week students explore a broad range of Melbourne’s landmarks and tourist destinations via the themes of Sport, Science and Art. Year 9 students look forward to and readily enjoy this experience, and we hope that this week provides a glimpse of the myriad attractions on offer in a bustling international centre. Good luck in your endeavours next week.

Graeme Scott

Assistant Principal
City Experience

The City Experience Week for Year 9 students commences this Monday, 24th August 2015. The week has a multitude of purposes including developing independence, introducing students to the city and developing interpersonal skills. Importantly, it is an enjoyable experience with friends and students to learn about the theme they chose in a way that is not possible in a classroom.

A couple of weeks ago students received forms about the activities, logistics and payment. Payment and the permission forms are due today. Furthermore, please be aware of the early start times on the first day of the City Experience. All students are to meet in their designated rooms (lists will be displayed in the Hub) at the following times:

♦ Sport 1, Sport 2 and Science 3 - meet before 8:45am
♦ Art 4 and Art 5 - meet before 8:30am

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kiri Katsikis
Year 9 and 10 Curriculum Leader

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Entertainment Book
In Week 8 of Term Three, Year 8 students Tahnee Riky, Steffi Huybers, Pariss Hibbert, Leila Tatai, Meg Cresp, Gabby Newton and Lauren Panettieri will be running a new fundraising event called the Support Challenge. They have been planning this challenge for more than a year with the help of Miss Triance, Mr Meager, Mrs Lozanovski and the SRC. The Support Challenge was created to help people less fortunate than ourselves and to give back to those who have helped us and at times their help has not really been fully appreciated. The week’s events are as following:

| MONDAY 31/8 | BBQ out the front of the gym at lunchtime
Hamburger $3 with all proceeds going to the Royal Children’s Hospital. Vegetarian options will be available. |
| TUESDAY 1/9 | Teacher Appreciation Day – morning tea for all staff at the school to thank them for their ongoing support and dedication to our learning. |
| WEDNESDAY 2/9 | Australian Red Cross Blood Drive – the year 8 girls will be promoting blood donations throughout the day and booking students and staff in for an off campus blood donation at Bundoora (date TBA). |
| THURSDAY 3/9 | Basketball games and other activities with students from the Diamond Valley Special Development School on the basketball courts during recess and lunchtime. Feel free to come and join in. |
| FRIDAY 4/9 | The annual Teacher VS Year 12 Student Netball Match in the gym. A gold coin donation will be required to watch the match with all proceeds going to the Make A Wish foundation. |

These seven girls will also be participating in their own 40 Hour Famine. They will be camping with no furniture, no heating, no social media and the only electronics they are taking with them will be a battery powered torch each. The food will be basic food necessities which all has to be prepared and taken into the tent with us to last the whole 40 hours.

We would appreciate any support throughout the week. Please feel free to place donations in the charity tins at the front office.

Thank you.
PFA Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 25th August 2015
Time: 7:00pm til 8:00pm
Location: Staffroom

All welcome.

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25th Anniversary School Fair
Saturday, 17th October 2015
10am-4pm

Raffle: Great prizes to be won.
Tickets will be mailed out shortly.

Unlimited Ride Tickets: Presale will be open shortly—$30 for unlimited rides.

Thank you to all of you that have already put your hands up to help. But for this size celebration we need a lot more hands.

Please contact Margaret McNicol on 0418 146 166 or dandm@people.net.au for further information.
Reminder: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications close 18 September 2015

CSEF FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Victorian government is providing $148.3 million over four years for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.

It’s important that Principals and Business Managers inform their school community about the availability of this assistance and are aware that the CSEF application process closes at the end of term three (18 September 2015).

Eligibility for the CSEF program is the same as the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) program — which ceased at the end of 2014. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. A special consideration category also exists.

If eligible an Application form is located on Compass - Community - School Documentation - Resources - CSEF Application Form.

The CSEF is an important source of school funding intended to assist eligible students so they are able to fully participate in school trips and sporting activities.

For more information, see: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
### Upcoming Events

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| 24th August| • City Experience Week  
             • VTAC Appointment 1                                               |
| 25th August| • Stepping Stones Program  
             • Principal Detention @ 3.15pm  
             • Maths Club @ 3.15pm  
             • Italy Trip Parent Information Night @ 7pm  
             • PFA @ 7pm                                                   |
| 26th August| • Homework Club @ 3.15pm                                             |
| 27th August| • 7D & 7E Lygon Street  
             • Principal Detention @ 3.15pm                                 |
| 28th August| • Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Walk                                              |
| 31st August| • Band & Choir Tour of Gold Coast  
             • Yr 10 Outdoor Ed 1000 Steps                                      |
| 1st Sept   | • Stepping Stones Program  
             • VTAC Application Process—VCE Students  
             • Principal Detention @ 3.15pm  
             • Maths Club @ 3.15pm                                                   |
| 2nd Sept   | • Homework Club @ 3.15pm                                             |
| 3rd Sept   | • Principal Detention @ 3.15pm                                       |
| 4th Sept   | • Interim Reports will be available  
             • Yr 9 Adventure Ed: Rock Climbing/Trampoline                      |
| 5th Sept   | • Saturday Detention                                                 |
| 7th Sept   | • Parents Book Interviews                                           |
| 8th Sept   | • Yr 7 Round Robin  
             • Yr 9 Adventure Ed: Rock Climbing/Trampolines  
             • Principal Detention @ 3.15pm  
             • Maths Club @ 3.15pm                                                   |
| 9th Sept   | • Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Wilsons Prom Camp  
             • Homework Club @ 3.15pm                                          |
| 10th Sept  | • State School Spectacular Rehearsal  
             • Principal Detention @ 3.15pm                                     |

### General Information

**Student Absences Hotline**  
Phone: 9433 2699  
*Alternatively*  
Use Compass to record a student absence

**Term Dates 2015**

- **Term 1**  
  30th January to 27th March
- **Term 2**  
  13th April to 26th June
- **Term 3**  
  13th July to 18th September
- **Term 4**  
  5th October – 18th December

**College Council**

**Parents:**  
Nicole Llewellyn (President), Mark Roberts, Stella Goldsmith, Peter McGinty, Michelle Molinaro & Evelyn Stone

**Co Optees:**  
Jay Dower & Daina Peet

**Department of Education & Training:**  
John Conway, Sharyn Campbell, Glenn Jenner, Sharyn Niclasen & Roz Manly
Sparkle & Co Events

Presents...

MARKET AT THE MANOR

Sunday 23rd August 2015
Ashton Manor
41-55 Main Street Diamond Creek
10am–2pm

Indoor Stalls and outdoor stalls
Coffee and Food
Face Painting for the kids

2015 Dates
20th September / 18th October
22nd November / 20th December

For more information contact Amanda
marketatthemansion@sparkleandcoevents.com.au

www.facebook.com/asvdesigns
*YOU ARE INVITED TO TEPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

WHERE:
- Thomastown East Primary School
  82 Cedar St Thomastown

WHEN:
- Friday 11th September 2015

WHAT’S HAPPENING:
- Afternoon Tea from 4pm to 7pm for Former Staff Members and Students
- Photo displays
- School Tours
- Writer’s Festival Display
- Children’s Writing Display ‘What TEPS Means to Me”
- Opportunity to Purchase TEPS Paver for $25.00

For further details or to RSVP please contact the school by phone on 03 94653032 or Email thomastown.east.ps@edumail.voc.gov.au or check our Website at www.thomastown-east-ps.vic.edu.au
Romsey Primary School is 150 years old this year.

You are invited to join us for our celebrations on Saturday October 24th between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

- School tours and visits to the old school site,
- Displays of student projects, old photos and other memorabilia,
- Performances and demonstrations by students,
- Devonshire Teas and gourmet bar-b-que.
- Market Stalls
- A formal ceremony to mark the occasion at 2.30pm

Catch up with old friends or discover RPS for the first time!

For further information contact us on 03 5429 5099, email romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or visit www.romseyps.edu.au

On Saturday evening: Attend a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Hall
On Sunday visit Sydney Seymour Cottage World Children’s Day activities
On Sunday enjoy a family picnic day at the old school site
And while you are in town look out for special deals in our cafes and restaurants

Major sponsors:
Macedon Ranges Shire Council (community grants scheme)
Bendigo Community Bank—Romsey Branch
Parkwood Green Medical Centre—Romsey
Romsey Amcal Pharmacy
McKimmie’s Gas maintenance and General Plumbing, Kyneton.
Community Announcements

GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITION

WHAT
New all girls T20 cricket competition for the Diamond Valley

WHEN
Wednesday Nights, commencing late October 2015

WHO
Girls aged 10-15, no experience or equipment necessary

Free come and try sessions
Sunday 30th August
Sunday 13th September

3-4pm
Cutting Edge Cricket
Unit 7, 19 Enterprise Drive
Bundoora

To register contact
Tony Mash
dvca.juniors@gmail.com
SOCCER: Rules of the Game

Watsonia Library
Wednesday 9 September
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Attention soccer players, coaches, parents, and fans you are invited to an evening discussion with a local soccer referee about the Rules of the Game, exploring 'what if?' game situations and dispelling some of the myths about the rules of soccer. Get clarification on the offside rule and other often confusing rules.
Community Announcements

Chess for Fun

Watsonia Library
Saturday 15 August & 19 September
12.30pm – 1.30pm

If you love playing chess come and learn some new skills from chess coach Jim Cannon. Suitable for all ages and skill levels.
READING HOUR:
Banyule and the Overflow

Watsonia Library
Tuesday 18 August
6.00pm – 7.00pm

The Poets @ Watsonia will read a selection of their favorite traditional and new poems including their own. Come and celebrate reading!
Make the most of Your Superannuation and Centrelink Entitlements

Watsonia Library
Wednesday 19 August
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Chris Risteski from Column Financial Solutions will explain a number of tax effective strategies to enhance your superannuation as well as how you can access your super after 55 and access Centrelink entitlements.
BANYULE CITY COUNCIL AND FREEZA PRESENT

YOUTHFEST 2015

BANYULEYOUTH.COM/FESTIVAL

SUN 13TH SEPT • 12PM-5PM
BIRDWOOD AVE, MACLEOD PARK

30 BANDS & DJs ACROSS 3 STAGES • RIDES • STALLS
INCLUDING HENNA • BODY ART • TEMPORARY TATTOOS
SPORT & ART ACTIVITIES • STREET ART • PHOTOBOTH
SKATE PARK AND MUCH MORE ALL FOR FREE!

FREEZA IS A VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE. ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY AMELIA BEST.
ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 29 October 2015.

Kiran Jadhav
Maths, Physics & Business studies learning centre
Prep to VCE

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