Principal’s Update

Hot Rockin’ Concert

Last Thursday we held our annual Hot Rockin’ concert, where we were entertained by our various school rock bands. These nights take many hours of work in rehearsals and setting up to reach to the professional standard we get to enjoy. It’s always amazing how far the students come each year with the development of their talent. This year I noticed a huge increase in the level of confidence of our performers. It was evident that there have been many, many hours of coaching and practice on behalf of all involved and it has certainly paid off.

Thanks to Michael Callegari, Director of Music; his team of dedicated instrumental music and voice teachers; staff and students working on front of house, backstage, sound and lighting; Jo Siatos for her photography and to all students involved in the performances. In particular, a big thanks to Dave Sutton for his MC performance on the night.

Without everyone’s effort in putting these events together we wouldn’t get to showcase and enjoy our students’ superb talent.

Very much appreciated and well done to all.

NAPLAN Testing

The NAPLAN testing took place for all year 7 and 9 students last week. We replicated exam conditions for the year 9 students by having them sit their tests in the Gym and N block, so they get a sense of what will be expected later this year.

The organisation for the tests went very smoothly, thanks to Michael Keenan and Wendy Van Dyk and the teaching staff involved. Results come out later in the year and full reports will be passed on to parents. Remember, the NAPLAN takes a snapshot of how your child is performing at that time. The school uses this data to look at overall trends for the year levels, over a number of years and is only one of the many data sets we use to inform our practices.
La Trobe Excursion Year 10

On Tuesday May 12th the Year 10 “The Next Generation” science class went on an excursion to Latrobe University “Get Into Genes” activity.

The 22 students who attended completed four activities related to plant and animal breeding. These included DNA extraction, gel electrophoresis and a study of restriction enzymes and molecular markers. Our students were congratulated by the presenters for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiastic participation in the learning activities.

After the two hour session students had some free time to buy their lunch and observe university life in the Agora.

This Excursion was, in part, sponsored by the Dairy Futures CRC, the Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics and the Latrobe Outreach program. The work done by the students may also become a component of the Unibridges program.

Michael Jaques
On Monday 18th of May Gladstone Park Secondary College Senior Girls tennis team competed in the state finals at Boroondara Tennis Centre. The girls won their first match against Myrtleford in a tightly contested battle (21-17.) Unfortunately, McKinnon girls were too strong in the second match (21 – 10), however our girls fought back well to have a convincing win over Horsham Secondary College (21 – 14). This put the team through to the semi-finals! What is a day at state finals without some controversy … the top team, who our girls were due to play any minute had been disqualified for playing their ranked players out of ranking order. We were in luck! The only hurdle left was Box Hill Secondary College; also known as a “tennis academy school.” But we had used up all our luck and the girls from Box Hill were too strong going through to play off against McKinnon in the final. CONGRATULATIONS to Nada Govedarcia, Mirijana Manigoda, Brittany Thompson Clark, Aida Zepcan, Yeliz Behich and Tugce Ayata for a brilliant effort making it to the Semi-Finals at State Level. The girls displayed excellent tennis etiquette, had a fun day of sport in beautiful conditions, and gave it their best shot.
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"Focus on Melbourne" events

- Commerce - Tuesday 26 May
- Environments - Wednesday 27 May
- Science - Tuesday 2 June
- Law - Thursday 11 June
- IT - Thursday 11 June
- Music - Wednesday 24 June
- Fine Arts - Thursday 25 June

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/focus-on-melbourne-2015?
utm_source=flyer_focus2015&utm_medium=eprint&utm_campaign=oa_n...=%20now

If you are considering;
* Monash - Medicine
* Latrobe - Dentistry
* Latrobe - Oral Health Science

You need to register for the UMAT Test before 5 June 2015
http://umat.acer.edu.au/

ACU Early Achievers Program

Ready, Set, Design Workshops - FREE
* Essential for all students interested in Design *
  Saturday 27 June - Folio development
  Saturday 19 September - Interview and folio presentation

RMIT Experience Engineering Day
Monday 29 June
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/june/experience-engineering-day-city/
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RMIT Experience Business day
Monday 29 June 2015
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/june/experience-business-day/

ACU - University Experience
29 & 30 June
www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience

RMIT Experience Health and Medical Sciences day
Tuesday 30 June

RMIT Experience Science day
Wednesday 1 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-science-day/

RMIT Experience Music, Sound and Live Production day
Wednesday 1 July

RMIT Experience Justice and Legal day
Wednesday 1 July 2015

RMIT Experience Sustainability day
Thursday 2 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-sustainability-day/

RMIT Experience Engineering day
Thursday 2 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-engineering-day-bundoora/
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RMIT Experience Advertising, Marketing and PR day
Thursday 2 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-advertising-marketing-and-pr-day/

RMIT Experience Project Management day
Friday 3 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-project-management-day/

RMIT Experience Art and Design day
Friday 3 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-art-and-design-day/

Experience LaTrobe Bundoora – 09 July
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events
2015 Important Dates

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:15am to 4:15pm

Friday
8:15am to 4:00pm

The office is CLOSED during all school holiday periods

Have you changed your details?

Please immediately notify the College of any changes to your address or contact details.

-Thank You-

Attention Year 11 & Year 12 Parents

Parents are reminded that where a Year 11 or Year 12 student is absent from school due to a family holiday, this will be considered an unapproved absence.

VCE and VCAL have attendance requirements which must be met in order for a student to pass.

Student Accident Insurance

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers should you require one.