**Principal’s Update**

**Battle of the Bands**

Our annual **Battle of the Bands** with Penola Catholic College was held last Friday 14th August at Penola. As always it was a great night, but what I particularly enjoyed was watching the development of our students’ talent and confidence over the years. It’s a real credit to the fine work of the instrumental music teachers. This year saw the addition of bands from Hume Central College and Hume Anglican Grammar. The talent from all four schools was absolutely spectacular. Congratulations to all the award winners and thanks to Mr Dave Sutton for being MC on the night. Thanks again to Penola Catholic College for hosting the event.

**Gladdy’s Got Talent**

Auditions and Semi Finals have taken place with the Final being held on Tuesday the 1st of September in the PAC at lunchtime. This is another opportunity to showcase the amazing Gladstone Park performing arts talent. Thanks to Mr George Georgostathis for his work in running this annual event.

**School Sports Teams**

We have had an unprecedented number of teams compete, or about to compete, at regional level this year (well over 20 teams) and 3 teams have so far made it to the state level.

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Tennis - second in their pool, Senior Girls Table Tennis - third in the state and good luck to the Senior Boys Netball, who play on the 24th August.

Thanks to the students, coaches and Ms Talbot for their time and effort.

**Debating and Public Speaking**

Under the expert tutelage of Mr Matthew Burke, we have had unprecedented results in our Debating and Public Speaking teams this year.

Our senior debaters have been competing in the finals and have so far achieved the status of being one of the top 16 teams in the state. This week they defeated Methodist Ladies College (MLC) and compete in the next finals round next week.

Congratulations also to Amal Wehbe of year 9 for making it through to the Grand Final of the public speaking competition, which will take place in two weeks.

I wish all competitors well in the finals and thank you all for your efforts and participation.
Year 7 Workshops - Revved Up and MPower

On Friday 31st July and 7 August, all year 7 students were involved in a personal development program run by our year 10 Peer Support Leaders. Girls participated in “M-Power” workshops and boys participated in “Revved-Up” workshops. This is the first year we have run the program, and we are very pleased with its success, especially with the personal growth opportunities it gives the Year 7s and the leadership and mentoring opportunities it gives the year 10s.

MPower girls’ workshops aim to encourage students to talk about what it means to be a girl, what it means to be a good friend, what issues can arise between individuals and groups and how this affects them. Girls work together to discuss and resolve issues within their groups, through visual references, imaginative tools and role play. This encourages deeper discussions and provides a greater understanding of the learning outcomes.

The purpose of the program is to:
· Better understand different relationships between female students and practise new ways of relating to one another.
· Develop confidence in the students so they are able to express feelings openly and honestly.
· Explore feelings in a personal and social context.
· Develop and practise different forms of communication.

The Revved Up boys’ program works with students to help them identify personal triggers for anxiety or anger and more effectively manage reactions and responses through discussions and activities. Through the program, students are taught ways of relating positively with others and as a result, how to be aware and of theirs and other peoples’ feelings. The program is designed to encourage young people to:
· Explore a range of feelings and the negative consequences that can occur if situations are handled inappropriately.
· Develop communication and problem solving skills.
· Practice ways of relating positively to others, so that they can consider both their needs and those of other people.
· Feel Supported in initiating positive change.
· Take responsibility for their actions.
Supervising Teachers’ comments:

“I admire the ability the year 10s displayed. They were leading beautifully, listening and acting as real role models. They were amazing, really mature and well trained.”
“The year 7 girls absolutely loved having the older girls run the class.”
“The Year 10s were excellent! They should consider teaching as a career. Year 7 girls responded well.”
“I just wanted to say that the program for the year 7’s was one of the best I have been part of. I was extremely impressed with the girls who delivered the program and the material they covered.”

Year 7 Students’ comments:

“I got to know not just the girls from the other class, but the 4 year 10 girls too.”
“It was a great way to realise how our friendships worked sometimes.”
“I felt safe to talk about the things girls know without boys around.”
These year 10s, a couple of years ago were year 7s and they probably had the same experiences that we have today.”
The year 10s were great – they would give suggestions about what you can do to make things better.”
Year 11 Chemistry students were among the first to experience the brand new TLC laboratories at Latrobe University. This is a purpose-built facility dedicated to their various Secondary School programs, including Uni-Bridges, run by the university. Some of our students were videoed and photographed for the university’s promotional media. Students enjoyed their day out. Here’s some of their feedback:

The excursion was great. We were able to expand our knowledge on the prac work that we did as well as the school work we were doing. It was interesting to see the theory work we were doing coming to life. Overall a good excursion, learned heaps – Ruchika Kodituwakku

It was good to see the difference in labs and facilities compared to our school. There is so much more that we could do and actually see, like the distillation of water, and ion exchange columns. Overall it was a good experience and introduction to Uni life. – Bradie Cetin

Our Latrobe University excursion was very insightful and beneficial to see, and to use some of the equipment in a university laboratory. Four experiments were conducted based on water, our major area of study this term. It was a very fun and interesting experience overall. – Marcus Szalai

The acid & base experiment was my favourite. Some of the instructors were hard to understand as they explained things at university student level. Getting lunch afterwards in the Agora (centre of the uni) was a highlight. – Brittany Thompson-Clarke
Year 11 Chemistry Excursion to La trobe University
Lion King Excursion
Year 10 Holocaust Museum Excursion

Rania Fahd of Year 10 at the Holocaust Museum excursion.

Rania volunteered to light the candle of remembrance for those who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

She then lead the group to the memorial room where she placed the candle.

She is standing with one of the Holocaust survivors, Helena, who had just finished giving her story of survival.

Year 10 Science Leadership Workshop

On August 7th, a group of year 10 students attended a ‘Creating Humanity’s Future’ Science Leadership Workshop at the Victorian Space Centre in Strathmore. The day began with a presentation by Dianne McGrath who is one of the remaining 100 applicants for the MarsOne mission. Dianne spoke about the selection process, the science behind the one way trip to Mars and her personal growth throughout the last two years.

Following Dianne’s informative talk, students were broken into 3 groups containing students from GPSC and students from eight other schools throughout Victoria. In these groups, they performed some experiments related to achieving a sustainable human colony on Mars. These include astronaut health checks, determining the most suitable part of the planet for life and purification of Mars soil.

After lunch each student was placed into a group with seven students from other schools and they were required to answer the following question. Should humans inhabit Mars, or is there a better solution? Each group presented their findings to the remaining students and teachers. All presentations were of an excellent standard.
Our Debate Team

Gladstone Park Debaters Through to Top 16

Our A Grade debating team have qualified for the round of 16 in this year’s state-wide DAV competition. The team, made up of Okan and Volkan Ozer (11), Aida Zepcan (12) and Hemashi Jayathilake (12), eliminated tournament favourites Methodist Ladies College this week to progress to the last 16. To make it so far in such a prestigious competition is a remarkable achievement.

Throughout the season the team has successfully argued topics such as “We should not ban smoking in prisons” and that “we should not regret the emphasis that developed nations place on a university education.” The team have really hit their straps at the right end of the season and they go into the next debate brimming with confidence. The round of 16 debates will be held at St Leonard’s College, Brighton next week.

-Matthew Burke

Volkan Ozer

Aida Zepcan

Okan Ozer

Hemashi Jayathilake
Battle of the Bands
Secondary Education Grant

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.
Career Centre

ACU Early Achievers Program


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

"RMIT Revision Lectures"
Chemistry - Monday 21/09, 9.30-2.30pm
Maths Methods - Friday 25/09, 9.30-2.30pm
English - Monday 28/09, 9.30-2.30pm
https://rmitsnap.eventbrite.com.au

"RMIT - Master Classes"
Art and Design - Monday 21/09, 10-11.30am
Aerospace Engineering - Wednesday 23/09, 10-11.30am
https://rmitsnap.eventbrite.com.au

"Explore VU"
Health and Biomedicine - Thursday 03/09, 6.30-8pm
Law and Justice - Tuesday 08/09, 6.30-8pm
Education - Thursday 10/09, 6.30-8pm
Sport and Exercise Science - Tuesday 15/09, 6.30-8pm
Arts - Thursday 17/09, 6.30-8pm
Business - Tuesday 22/09, 6.30-8pm
Engineering and Science - Tuesday 24/09, 6.30-8pm
www.vu.edu.au/explore-vu

"FREE" VCE Revision Lectures
12/09 - 02/10
http://www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/free-vce-revision-lectures

RMIT Flight Training Open Day
Sunday 23/08/15
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/study-information-sessions/2015/august/flight-training-open-day/

LaTrobe Aspire Program
Receive a course offer in September
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire
University & Tafe Open Days - 2015

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Year 12 Career Agenda 2015 - 2016

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:15am to 4:15pm

Friday
8:15am to 4:00pm

Last day of each Term the office will close at 2:30pm

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.

All upcoming dates can also be found on our Website:
www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au