Welcome to Spring

At last we have an end to the cold winter and despite the chilly mornings we can now look forward to some lovely days.

Uniform Blitz

We continue to monitor the student uniforms and have regular uniform blitzes and I’m pleased to say most students are compliant in wearing the full school uniform. Just a reminder that the girls uniform rules for term 4 are: no tights with the winter skirt, only plain white socks are to be worn.

Gladdy’s Got Talent

Once again our talented students competed in our annual Gladdy’s Got Talent competition. The talent pool keeps getting stronger each year and more diverse. Congratulations to all competitors and in particular the section winners and overall winners. This year the A Capella group consisting of Naite Brown-Nafatali, Kaine Mauri, Denzel King-Te Aramakutu and Bob Resture were the overall winners.

A huge thank-you to Mr Georgostathis for organizing the event and also to Mr Callegari and Mr Arney for their support.

Debating Team update

I’m very pleased to announce the debating team have won the latest round in the finals and now progress to the quarter-finals. This puts us in the top 8 in the state. Stay tuned for further updates.

Dance Crew Sydney trip

Thanks to the VCAL students, SRC and the whole school community for getting behind the fundraising for our dance crew to attend the finals in Sydney. They are well on track to raising sufficient funds to subsidise the trip. Good luck in the finals!

Italian Trip

It will be bon voyage to the staff and students attending this year’s Italian trip this Friday. It will be a life changing experience for you all and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable trip.
Boys State Netball Finals

On Monday 24th August, 2015 a busload of students headed off to Waverly Netball Centre to take part in the Senior Boys State Netball final. The students had won through tough competition against many schools in two previous rounds to get to the State finals, which is a pretty mean feat.

After an hour and a half in traffic, we arrived at the netball centre and ran straight onto court – we were penalised 2 goals for being 2 minutes late to the start of the game. However, we went on to win 25–2! Our second game was a lot tougher with a much more physically challenging opponent. We won with a nail-biting 15-14 final score.

Our third game had us playing against a very tall team who again gave us a physical challenge. Unfortunately we were a bit shaken and took time to settle into feeding the ball into the ring and as a result of this our shooting accuracy dropped. We lost this game by a few goals but still gained a place in the semi-final against Camberwell High School.

The battle began for a spot in the State Grand Final, and we valiantly kept to the game plan in trying to support each other, keep our passes small to avoid interceptions and our defence tight. Although the boys did a great job in all of this and in communicating around the court, we were eventually beaten in what was another very physically challenging match, meaning that on percentages we finished 3rd in the state! What a fantastic effort!

I would just like to express how very proud I am of the senior boys’ netball team. Mr Callegari took them for their first round and I took over after this, having not known or taught any of the players before. The boys have always been respectful and listened and carried out my instruction to the very best of their ability. As well as this, they are fantastic athletes who support and encourage each other at all times on and off court and who understood and accepted unequivocally when I made decisions when we needed to play particular players over others. All around, their sportsmanship and team work really stood out against other teams and made me so proud to be their teacher and coach. Congratulations on all of your fantastic efforts!

Miss Emma Jones

TEAM LIST
Nicholas Perera
Try Ebert
Jai Ebert
Darcy Kyte
Kyle Bramich
Aleks Milivojevic
Abdi Sheikisack (yr.11)
Duke Passi
Bradie Cetin (Captain)
Patrick Jankowski
Abdi Sheikisack (yr. 12)
Boys State Netball Finals
AFL Multicultural 2015

This year AFL Victoria teamed up with Calder Cannons and started up another multicultural program called the Ahmed Saad Squad. David Rodan a former AFL superstar came to Gladstone Park Secondary College with others from the program and held tryouts for this squad; they tested our 20m sprint, our agility and our vertical leaps. A few students were good enough to get a place in this squad, including myself, as well as 20+ kids from other schools. This squad focuses on developing skills and talent, helping us become better football players and better leaders. A few players will be picked and offered to go further into playing TAC CUP for Calder Cannons, this is where 70% of players get drafted into the AFL. Everyone at this program including players, trainers, coaches and staff are all welcoming and are eager to be in this program.

The following students were selected for the squad; Rainbow Ebert (10) Trey Ebert (11) Sebastian Kochary (10) Anthony Nehme (12) Tyson Paterson (10) Nicholas Perera (11) Nadeena Thenabadu (12) Roger Sooula (11) and Steve Tuua (9)

Personally I would like to thank all the teachers involved helping to organise this chance for myself and others in the school and a big thanks for all the encouragement they have given me so far.

Tyson Paterson
Year 10 VCD & Architecture VCD Excursion

ACMI – David Bowie and Urban Scrawl Melbourne Architecture Tour

Friday 21st August 2015

As part of students’ ongoing studies in Visual Communication Design, year 10 students were invited to attend a school excursion to Melbourne. Students visited the NGV to view the Bunyips and Dragons Australian Children’s Book Illustrations. The group then divided into two and some students visited ACMI to view the David Bowie Exhibition and whilst others visited various parts of Melbourne to explore the architecture in our city.
VCAL

VINEYARD

For the past 3 months several VCAL students have constructed a vineyard behind P1 and P2. Assisted by Mr. Centofanti, students were able to gather many materials and supplies such as wood, concrete, soil and tools. Throughout the time of constructing the vineyard, students had spent hours creating a monumental piece which will continue to inspire the construction of the vineyard.

The vineyard construction has accomplished many achievements such as installing wooden posts in the ground, digging and shifting up 22.5m$^2$ of dirt, installing garden beds and ordering soil. We planned and succeeded to finish this project by the end of August, which will allow the grafting to grow in this season.

So far the process has been a success and we look forward to growing fruits of the vine.
Ski Camp - 2015

SNOW, SPILLS & SKI JUMPS

On Tuesday, 25th August 44 very excited students boarded a bus bound for Mt Hotham. After a long drive up the Hume we turned off and headed to the pretty town of Bright and stopped for some lunch. Not long after Bright we started the slow climb up the mountain. As we climbed higher we were treated to some spectacular views and got our first glimpse of the snow-covered peaks. Arriving at Mt Hotham was amazing, the whole place was covered in snow and as we emptied the bus snowflakes gently fell on us.

After settling into the lodge we went to get fitted out with our skis and snowboards so we would be ready to go first thing in the morning. While we were gone Ms Minahan prepared the first of many amazing meals for us. After dinner a Ski Patrol Officer gave us a talk about safety on the mountain and showed a video that included some spectacular falls.

Up early, very early! Hearty breakfast, kit up and off for our first lesson. Nearly all of us are beginners, so our first lesson is learning how to stop on the snow. Forget stopping, some of us were just battling to stay standing! Snow is very slippery. We make it through our first lesson without breaking anything. After some morning tea, we head out with our teacher/leaders. I’m in Mr Caven’s group and he suggests we take the lift up the Summit. He assures me that it is easier to learn up there. On the way up in the lift he explains what I need to do when we arrive at the top. I listen, but when we get there my skies hit the snow and it all goes wrong. I end up sliding in front of him and taking him out. Not a good start!

Well believe it or not, over the next three days we did get the hang of it. With a lesson each morning and help from the teachers, we started skiing and boarding with some confidence. Some of the more capable ones got to see different parts of the mountain and most of us even had a go at some small jumps. On the Wednesday night we were given the opportunity to go night skiing. It was a totally new experience and a lot of fun.

We were lucky with the weather, we got it all. It snowed heaps and then on the last day the sun came out and we got to see the amazing views. It was the best camp ever! On behalf of all the students I’d like to thank Mr Caven for organising everything and Mr Jones, Ms Sneddon, Ms Munro, Mr Bulloch and Jimmy Johnsen for making Ski Camp such a memorable experience. A special thanks to Ms Minahan for all her work in the kitchen and for serving up such great meals!

Caitlyn Miles   Year 11
Ski Camp—2015
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Stamp Out Graffiti

GRAFFITI HURTS EVERYONE

WORKING AS A COMMUNITY TO HELP STAMP OUT GRAFFITI

Graffiti is a highly destructive problem which affects the entire community. It has damaging economic, social and environmental consequences and costs many millions of dollars each year to police and clean up. Every dollar spent on graffiti removal is a dollar that could be used in other positive ways in our community.

HOW STUDENTS CAN HELP
Your child will be exploring the issues of graffiti in an educational presentation. Delivered by leading educationalists Warner Youth Education, the Graffiti Education program informs young people about the legal, social and personal consequences of graffiti. It encourages them to be part of the solution by developing a sense of civic pride.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP
- Encourage your child to discuss with you and others what they learned in the presentation.
- Encourage your children to become involved in a range of city wide youth activities, programs and events. For information contact Hume Youth Services on 9205 2556 or visit www.hume.vic.gov.au/youth.

UNDERSTAND GRAFFITI LAWS

Tough graffiti laws in Victoria give police and Protective Service Officers special powers to search, arrest, fine or charge you. Penalties range from on-the-spot fines to imprisonment and can include:
- Marking property without owner’s consent - Jail term of up to 2 years and fine of up to $34,646
- Carrying a spray can while on or near public transport property - Fine of up to $3,609 or on the spot fine of up to $722

Phone the Hume City Council Graffiti Hotline
1300HUMECLEAN (phone 1300 486 325)

Report graffiti and vandalism in progress on private property to your local Police station:  
Broadmeadows  9302 8222  
Craigieburn  9303 4433  
Sunbury  9744 8111

Warner Youth Education  T: 03 9975 7375  E: info@warneyoutheducation.com.au  W: warneyoutheducation.com.au

4th September 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

LaTrobe Aspire Program
Receive a course offer in September
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire
## 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.