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## KEY COLLEGE DATES

### Term Two 2009

9th—12th June	• Year 7—11 Exams
12th June	• Primary School Assembly
15th June	• Secondary School Report Writing Day
16th June	• ELC IncurSION— Fairytale Puppet Theatre • Yr 9 Excursion— Sovereign Hill
17th June	• Yr 1 & 2 IncurSION - Insectamania
18th June	• Yr 7 Excursion - Hellenic Museum
19th June	• Primary School Report Distribution Day • Primary School Assembly
23rd—24th June	• Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews ( <b>Primary School</b> )
24th—26th June	• Year 12 Camp— Phillip Island
26th June	• Term 2 Ends

### Term Dates 2009

Term Two	21st April—26th June
Term Three	14th July—18th Sept.
Term Four	5th Oct—11th Dec

## COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There are now only three weeks remaining until the end of the term. During that time and over the school holiday period, there will be extensive works/refurbishment taking place at the College. Major works include the interior painting of the Secondary School, renovation of its four toilet blocks and the installation of synthetic turf in the outer yard for a futsal/hockey enclosure. We have also planned for general maintenance and landscaping across the College. These improvements to our College have been supported by the \$200,000 we successfully applied for to the Federal Government as part of the Building Education Revolution – National Schools Pride initiative.

This week the Primary School staff will be completing their student reports in preparation for their distribution to parents next week. This year the Primary School teachers will be conducting interviews during the last week of this term. Please ensure you take up the opportunity to meet with all of your child's teachers.

Secondary School students are this week sitting their end-of-semester exams. Our VCE Year 12 students have mid-year exams in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Accounting, while the General Achievement Test (GAT) will be conducted on Thursday for all our students in Years 11/12 studying Unit 3&4 subjects. Students in Years 7-11 have up to two exams per day. Many have gained their parents' consent to be dismissed from school at the conclusion of the last exam for that day. Mrs. Theodore and the Secondary School staff have made it clear that this means students should immediately proceed to their homes to study for the following day's exams. We would appreciate it if parents reinforced this point with their children to ensure the coffee shops of Oakleigh or shops of Chadstone are not filled with maroon-coloured school uniforms during the school day.

Secondary School student reports will be written following the exam period and should be ready for distribution at the end of the term. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for the Secondary School will be conducted

in mid-August to allow for discussion about student achievement in Semester One and matters related to Semester Two studies.

### **UPDATE - H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu)**

Attached to this newsletter is a letter I have prepared to the school community with the most up-to-date information about the H1N1 Influenza which now has affected more than 1,000 people in Victoria. The advice to schools has changed significantly. Please take the time to read it to be better informed about recommendations and actions related to this virus.

### **2009 Annual Ball**

This year's Annual Ball will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at Princes Court Receptions in Mulgrave. This year's event is aimed at the whole family - parents, children, grandparents, relatives, friends and business associates.

Live entertainment will be provided by Meraklides Band, our College's Greek Band and Student Dancing Groups. Further information will be sent out to all families soon but in the meantime, make sure you keep Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September available to attend this special event.

### **Article by Mr. Roubos to our School Community**

Mr. Roubos has articulated what many of us feel about the litter problem around our school. This has been an ongoing matter that we have attempted to address with our students in a consultative way for a long time. It is difficult to understand how young people can seemingly have such a disregard for their immediate environment and expect others to clean up after them. It is an attitude that goes against everything that is taught at school. It is a sad reflection on young people that automatic approaches and forms of punishment are sometimes needed to at least immediately deal with a situation, while we maintain our belief and commitment that working closely with young people will lead to achieving the long-term goal.

**Mr. Steve Charisis—College Principal**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

### **Examination Week**

From **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June till Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** students in Years 7-11 will be having examinations. Letters have gone home informing both students and parents of the special timetable and arrangements during this week. If parents want their children to stay at school for supervised study, they must return the signed form that has been sent home. If the form has not been signed students must remain at school. A reminder that students must **go straight home** after their scheduled examinations for the day and **not go to shopping centres or cafes. Full College uniform must be worn.**

### **Year 12 VCE Mid Year Examinations**

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June there are examinations in Biology, Physics and Accounting
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June students studying Chemistry will be sitting for their examination.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June students in Year 11 and 12 who are studying a VCE Unit 3 / 4 subject will be sitting for the GAT.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June normal classes resume for Year 12 students.**

### **Report Writing Day for Secondary Teachers**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June will be a **Student free day** for Secondary School Students.

### **Special Year 9 Police Program**

The Year 9 students are involved in a special three week program with Victoria Police. The focus of the program is to raise awareness and promote informed discussion about alcohol, drugs and personal safety issues.

This program will culminate in a **Parent's Information Session** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.30 p.m.** Year 10 students and their parents are invited to attend the evening.

However, attendance by Year 9 students is compulsory for this event. Further information will be sent home shortly. If you have any questions with regard to this event, please contact Mrs Sharron Frame.

### **Excursions**

Year 7 students will be attending the exhibition on the Athenian Democracy at the Hellenic Museum on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Year 8 students on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June and Year 9 students on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 9 students, as part of their History topic, Gold Fever, will be visiting Sovereign Hill on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

### **Camp**

**Year 12 VCE** students will be on camp at Phillip Island from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### **State Futsal Championships**

Selected students from Years 7-10 will be attending this competition in Bendigo from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **SRC Leadership Program**

Selected students from Years 7-10 will be attending a leadership program at Genazzano on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The SRC Leaders will be announced in assembly next week when they will be presented with their badges.

### **ICAS Competitions**

Students from years 7-10 will be sitting for the ICAS Science Competition on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June and ICAS Writing Competition on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

*Marina Theodore—Head of Senior Years Education*

## STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

### **2009 SRC Members**

#### **Congratulations this year's Student Representative Council :**

Year 7:	Ami Panapoulos Stefan Momcilovic
Year8:	Chrissy Athanasopoulos Georgina Kalogiros
Year 9:	Nicholas Cassimatis Anne Marie Barker Eugenia Karambatos
Year 10:	Peter Daviotis

All representatives will attend the Leadership forum to be held at Genazzano College on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. This forum will prepare each representative to broaden their own views and become focused on issues in the College that make them mad, sad or glad. It is this concept that was introduced in 2008 by RU Making a Difference and I feel it really places a strong emphasis on resourcing teenagers to creatively solve their own issues. We look forward to a very productive and student driven year.

*Mary-Anne Lewis—Head of Student Services  
(Secondary)*

### **Second-hand Uniform Shop**

The College Second-hand Uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 3.30pm—4.30pm. This is located in the Multi-Media Room 301.

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT**

### **‘You’re a Winner with Languages’**

A special Assembly was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May for the LOTE Department in the Primary School. The Prep and Year 3 students performed a number of traditional and Modern Greek songs. The Year 4 students danced the Καλαματιανό and the Κοφτό. All students were involved in reflecting on some of the reasons for learning Greek at our College. The students were given a sentence, ‘We enjoy learning Greek because...’ and were asked to complete the sentence and express their thoughts about learning Greek as a second Language. At the end of the assembly a group of students from each class was asked to parade their class poster and present it.

With an aim to promote the learning of Languages amongst students, the MLTAV (Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Victoria) invited all Victorian Primary and Secondary school students of LOTE to design the new 2009 MLTAV advocacy stickers.

As this was the Colleges first ever entry into this competition we decided to only select a small number of students as a trial. The art teachers and I identified a few students that show artistic talents in years 5 and 6. The students were given a circular template diameter 10cm and an inner circle of 6.5cm in which the words ‘You’re a Winner with Languages’ were to be written and an illustration of children learning Languages. I must say that the entries from our school were outstanding as we not only were the winning school but had two highly commended entries as well.

The MLTAV was overwhelmed with the number of entries and the caliber of the designs. The difficult task of choosing one winning design from the Primary year levels and one from the Secondary year levels was undertaken by the MLTAV Committee. There were also many ‘Highly Commended’ entries and overall, the MLTAV was delighted to have so many unique designs to incorporate into the Association’s Advocacy materials.

The winning designs were from Ashwood College (Secondary) and Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College (Primary). The students responsible for the winning designs were awarded an iPod shuffle, as well as \$250 towards our School’s LOTE program. An MLTAV Executive member the President of the MLTAV Mr. Andrew Ferguson was able to personally visit and attend our special LOTE assembly to award the prizes to the winner of the competition.

Highly Commended ‘Certificate of Merits’ were awarded to students at the following schools: Primary- Melbourne Grammar Schhol, Grimwade House, Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College, Presbyterian Ladies’ College Junior School. Secondary- Haileybury College, Newlands, Kilbreda College, Melbourne Girls’ Grammar, Victory Christian College.

Each student who sent in an entry has received a ‘Certificate of Merit’ for their personal contribution to the success of the competition. Our College is proud to be involved in such competitions and is happy to support and embrace such opportunities to advocate for Languages.

<b>Students Name</b>	<b>Awarded Prize</b>
Kathlea Tamvakis	Winner of MLTAV design competition Primary
Elizabeth Goss	Highly Commended Certificate
Christopher Alevizos	Highly Commended Certificate
Leah Chatgoglou	Certificate of Merit
Michaela Takos	Certificate of Merit
Nicola Karris	Certificate of Merit
Ioannis Tsourekas	Certificate of Merit
Dion Yiannakakis	Certificate of Merit
Anthony Derimboglou	Certificate of Merit
Anthony Angelis	Certificate of Merit
Michael Panayi	Certificate of Merit
Danai Angelopoulou	Certificate of Merit

*Mandy Zoumboukos  
Curriculum Leader LOTE Prep-Year 6  
LOTE Department*

## STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

### PRIMARY SCHOOL VIPS AND STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS—15/5/09

Prep A	Evie Starakis	Iliana Gerantidis
Prep S	Victoria Turewicz	Chrissie Micallef
1P	Harry Antoniadis	Irene Pilakis
1T	Alec Alexellis	Lia Bauzon
2P	Peter Stabelos	Kelly Nicopoulos
2V	Billy Douvos	Angelica Theodore
3K	Christina Antoniadis	Panayiota Karambatos
3M	Electra Tsiros	Liam Diamantopoulos
4C	Maria Arvanitakis	Liam Theodore
4T	Markella Sarris	Rence Derimboglou
5G	Taylor Prokopiou/	Perry Katopodis
5P	Angie Lapatas	Christina Milonas
6A	Kimon Diamantopoulos	Deanna Koutsioulis
6P	Francesco Macri	Christina Liatsos

### LITTERING IS ILLEGAL

After spending an enjoyable five day trip accompanying our Year 6 students and staff to our national's capital Canberra, which rates as one of the cleanest cities in Australia, it was highly disappointing returning to school on Friday evening to, what I could only describe as, 'filth.' The walkway that extends from Mrs Adams office and leads to the amphitheatre was filled with discarded paper bags, plastic wrappers and bottles, and, worst of all, rotting food scraps. It was horrifying! Embarrassing!

Many staff, students and parents have commented on the extent of rubbish that covers our school grounds. Many believe it has worsened over time. The Primary School has decided to address this problem with the introduction of our 13<sup>th</sup> Community Rule:

#### Caring for our environment

*As members of the school community, you are responsible for making sure the environment you play in is kept clean and tidy. You should show respect for yourselves and others by not dropping litter inside the classroom or outside in the yard.*

*(Ron Clark 2004)*

We do realise, however, that this may not be enough! We would like parents to read the following extract taken from the Victorian Litter Action Alliance website (<http://www.litter.vic.gov.au>) and then discuss with your children, what we can do about this problem.

*Litter is the most visible sign of pollution. It is anything that is left where it is not meant to be. Litter is unsightly and dangerous. It can cause injury to people and wildlife. It encourages pest animals such as rats, mice and seagulls as well as the spread of germs and disease.*

**Under Victoria's Environment Protection Act 1970, littering is illegal.** *The Act authorises EPA, local government, police and other litter enforcement agencies to take action against offenders. These agencies generally issue 'on the spot' fines. Enforcement of the litter provisions of the Environment Protection Act 1970 (the 'EP Act') is a vital tool in reducing the prevalence and impact of littering.*

*In the 2006/07 financial year, 20,745 fines were issued across Victoria. Over the past five years the number of fines issued has increased by 155 per cent from the 8,142 fines issued in 2001/02.*

Should we introduce 'on the spot' fines for those who are caught littering our school? Will this be enough to alter some of our students' blatant disregard and disrespect of our school's rules and environment? I wonder! If any parents have any other ideas or strategies please contact me at any time to discuss. I am sure that we all agree on one thing though. This cannot go on! THE LITTERING MUST STOP!

*Con Roubos—Head of Student Services (Primary)*