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Principal's report

End of the road for the class of 2014, work begins in earnest for the class of 2015
The end of the academic year is rapidly drawing to a close and most of our students have now completed all of their examinations and for those undertaking a Year 12 subject in 2015, the Flying start program. This program allows students a final opportunity to commit to their selected Year 12 studies. It is also an opportunity to begin the course work and take advantage of the summer break to begin their studies. The program incorporates a Study skills session. Students also complete On Demand testing so that we can get a snapshot of their current ability to enable us to personalise their program.

On Tuesday October 21 we had a final assembly and farewell luncheon for the Year 12s. It was a delight to see both staff and students mixing so comfortably at this event. I congratulate the Year 12 students on the mature and responsible manner in which they approached their end of year activities. On that evening we held our annual Year 12 Celebration Dinner. It was wonderful to see so many students, parents, teaching and educational support staff come together for the night. The Celebration Dinner provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of every year 12 student. Many of our talented music students had one final opportunity to display their musical talents. Thank you to all members of the college community who attended this night and a special thank you to Andrea Wood, Teagan Steen and Joel Octigan for their support and guidance of our Year 12 cohort throughout the year.

At the end of this year, we will farewell two valued members of staff from the college community after many years of service. Val Sutherland has been an integral part of the English department at Box Hill Senior for 27 years. I know that the many students and staff who have benefited from her commitment to the teaching profession will join me in wishing her all the very best for her future. Val plans to travel and enjoy time with her grandchildren.

John Baker is also retiring after having been a valuable and committed member of the Mathematics department at Box Hill Senior for 11 years. He plans to take a well-earned rest before he spends his days travelling and playing lawn bowls and golf.

I wish to congratulate Fern Brisbane, who has been appointed as Assistant Principal at Wellington Secondary College, from the commencement of the 2015 school year. Fern has contributed significantly to the ongoing development of Teaching and Learning at the College in the 5 years she has been here.

Whilst the students may be winding down the staff are now very busy, writing reports and planning their programs for 2015. The Leadership team of the college are also busy developing strategies and setting targets to achieve the goals that will form the Strategic Plan. This plan sets out the intended focus areas for the next four years and is built from a process of self-evaluation and feedback from students, staff and parents together with advice from a panel of
reviewers that included Steve Cook, a DEECD approved reviewer, a member of staff from Box Hill Institute and a Principal from another college.
We look forward to seeing many of you at Awards Night which will be held in the College Hall on Wednesday December 17 from 7pm to 8.30pm.
I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break over the Christmas period.

Fiona Erwich
Acting Principal

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

I am writing to alert you to imminent changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Program, to be implemented in 2015.

The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

- From 1 January 2015, the Government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents (as currently occurs).
- Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.
- Additional equity funding will be allocated to eligible schools according to Victoria’s existing needs-based funding model, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.
- Box Hill Senior Secondary College does not qualify and will consequently not receive any of this funding in 2015.

Further information about these changes can be found at:

If you are experiencing financial hardship or have any queries about this change in funding arrangements, please contact our Acting Principal Fiona Erwich or Karen Leeder, Business Manager.

Farewell Class of 2014
We hope you have enjoyed your time with us and we wish you well for your exams and goodluck as you move onto new challenges.
**Year 12 Students - End of Year Results & Tertiary Places**

VCE results and ATAR are available on the following website [resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](http://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au) from 7.00 am Monday 15 December until 5.00 pm Friday 19 December - (VCAA student number and PIN are required).

- Results will arrive in the mail from Tuesday 16 December to your home address.
- Students can change their tertiary preferences up to 12 noon on 22 December.
- First round tertiary offers will be made available on the VTAC website [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) from 19 January 2015.

Further information regarding Yr 12 results and ATAR is attached to this newsletter. Students requiring their VCAA number should contact Frank De Melis before the completion of the exam period. Students are welcome to ring or come in and see Frank De Melis once results are published if they require assistance in changing their preferences.

**Year 12s Celebration Day**

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on making it to the end of classes. Tuesday 21st of October was a day of Celebration for the College. The assembly and party at the College was a great way to finish the year and we are so proud of the way our Year 12 celebrated with their peers and teachers. It was a lovely family night with the Year 12 students in attendance being recognised for their personal achievements. A number of students have already been successful in securing their intended pathway, having gained and started apprenticeships. We wish all our Year 12 students the very best for their upcoming exams and intended pathways!

**Science News**

**Wild Action at BHSSC**

On September 9th and 10th Chris Humfrey of Wild Action presented his famous Australian Animal shows for each of the year 10 science classes. Students had the opportunity to touch and hold a variety of Australian animals including a 15 kilogram olive python, a baby emu and a green tree frog. This was part of the Evolution unit and enabled students to focus on the structural and behavioural adaptations of our unique flora. Pictured is Ebony Sans getting to know an emu.

**NYSF Meeting at Commonwealth Serum Laboratories**

On October 18, BHSSC student Natasha Morey was selected to attend the National Youth Science forum at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, supported by their teachers, parents and nominating Rotarians. Of the 2000 brightest young minds across the nation competing for a position at the forum, Natasha Morey of BHSSC was selected to participate in the NYSF in Canberra on 19-31st January 2015. Pictured to the right is Natasha Morey and her proud mother Cheryle Morey.

**2015 VCAL students**

Off to a Flying Start in the kitchen!
Dance

Karli Dinardo, an ex BHSSC VCE VET DANCE student, VCE graduate of 2012, is experiencing great success in New York, and we are thrilled she is making her USA National Tour debut in the incredible role of the lead performer in *Flashdance: the stage musical*.

This is her dream role. Karli participated in the BHSSC DANCE program, performing in the Dance Showcase, and was co-host of student-run lunchtime dance classes for BHSSC students during her time with us.

Karli maintains strong friendships with fellow BHSSC students, and is in contact with BHSSC staff from time to time.

We wish Karli all the best in her performance endeavours, and are grateful for the contributions she made here.

Ex- BHSSC Dance Students Alyssa Lynikas, Tayla Baxter and Lucas Biondo have all been very successful in their Patrick’s Studios Australia full-time Dance courses, and have had many performance opportunities this past year.

Congratulations also to Sarah Manfield and Jeannie Young, Graduates of BHSSC DANCE 2014, for having secured full-time dance placement training for 2015.

We wish all these students well in their future Dance training, performance and successes.

Fashion Parade 2014
Flying start fashion excursion

The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier - From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk.

Held at the National Gallery of Victoria International St Kilda Rd.
Students had the opportunity to view this inspiring and very innovative collection. The highlights of the day were the introductory talk on Gaultier and a creative workshop where the students were able to explore his design process. Patrons were delighted as students showcased their artwork on the gold mirror carousel in the federation court at the NGV international.

Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Faculty have prepared a selection of artwork from the recent 'Inside the box' art exhibition displayed on a YouTube channel –

To view the art work follow this link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS7Bapso1fA or type the following into the Google search engine: Box Hill Senior Secondary College – Inside the box - Visual Arts Exhibition.

Once again, a big thank you to all parents, friends and staff who attended the exhibition held between 14 - 17 October.
Foods
Year 10 International students and Year 11 Food students did an outstanding job to work collaboratively and produce over 100 cupcakes. At a cost of $1 each, the students managed to raise $125 in total which will be donated to the Nischay Girls School.

Students controlled all aspects of the task and the cupcakes were not only delicious but the level of presentation was exceptional too! Fantastic effort team, a job well done!

Sport News
Important Sports notice for 2015
All students need to be aware that fitness testing and induction will be conducted differently in 2015.

We have tried to minimise the impact on the school timetable and advise you of the following dates:
1. Thursday January 29: 9.30 to 1.30pm = AFL academy players from all year levels (this is the day before Year 10/11 students return)
2. Tuesday February 3: 9.30 to 1.30pm = Tennis athletes from Grade 5 to Year 12 and Future Stars
3. Tuesday February 10: 9.30 to 1.30pm = Basketball Academy athletes from all year levels both boys and girls.
Please bring running shoes, suitable clothing and a water bottle.

These are compulsory sessions!!!!

HOT NEWS
New York Knicks just sign Australian Centre Jordan Vandenberg - past student BHSSC and graduate of US College North Carolina State earlier this year
Congratulations Jordan from Head Coach Kevin Goorjian and all your friends at BHSSC
Shaquille O’Neal calls Australian basketballer Ben Simmons ‘the best player in the world’

Future Australian basketball star Ben Simmons is pictured with his parents Dave & Julie signing with Louisiana State University last Thursday but it went to the next level when Shaquille O’Neal commented “LSU just signed the best player in the world. Check him out”.

Terrific news Ben, from all at BHSSC.

Michael Wearne, the 6’1 guard from Melbourne, officially signed with Eastern Washington University and he has been described as ‘a perfect fit’. Michael committed to Eastern Washington in October.

Michael’s basketball history is extraordinary for his age. Playing SEABL basketball for Dandenong as well as being a part of the U18 State team and currently in tryouts for the Under 20 State team. He has represented his school proudly and has captained the team to many Premier and Vic College Championships as well as the McDonald Cup. Congratulations Michael from all your friends at BHSSC.

Brit competed in the Oceanic Track Cycling Championships last week. Brit won a Bronze medal in the U19 Womens Sprint. A fantastic result in an individual event as one of the youngest riders. She also achieved personal best times in the 200m and 500m Time Trial, qualifying 4th overall in both events.

SSV Sport and Basketball.

Once again we have had a successful sporting start to term 4 with the Intermediate boys winning the McDonalds Cup beating White Friars 66-55. Congratulations go to Marcus Adams, Joel Donnelly, Bailey Gay, James Goulding Wales, Daniel Hurst, Barclay Kaipuke, Aaron Mason, Tom O’Connor, Leigh Pomponio, Blake Putney, Emiliano Scully-Lopez and Brandon Ward.

The intermediate boys and girls also went to EMR basketball where they represented the school well but found a couple of schools on the day a little better.
In athletics our students went to EMR and acquitted themselves extremely well on the day. The winners of the events that day went on to State. Rachael Limburg was outstanding winning four gold medals at State in the high jump, long jump, 100m hurdles and in shot put set a new State record. Antony Baldwin finished a respectable third, in the 400 metres.

All the way to the USA.
The BHSSC USA Basketball trip departs on Sunday, 30th November. Students will tour California playing against like schools, showcasing their skills and creating an opportunity to be offered a USA sporting scholarship. Our coach, Kevin Goorjian, strongly believes a number of our students have the ability to gain a College offer for 2015.

Wellbeing Section – November 2015

ReFresh program – recruiting for 2015
The ReFresh program allows students to upgrade their secondary education and gives them a strongly supported pathway into VCAL, VCE, further study, training and employment. It is designed for students aged 15-19 who have had a break in their schooling. See attached flyer for more information.

Eastern Community Legal Centre – Traineeship
This is a unique opportunity especially for local school leavers. On offer is twelve month employment contract with ECLC which includes ongoing workplace support and supervision, and on-the-job practical skills training in addition to completion of a nationally recognised Certificate III in Business, fully funded by the Centre. Further details can be found at www.eclc.org.au/employment

Eastern Diversity Group –October Calendar
EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who identify as sexually diverse and/or gender diverse. We always welcome new members so feel free to contact Beck on 9890 2673 or alternatively via email rgranata@fan.org.au. The October calendar of events is attached.

International Students Survey
Headspace Hawthorn are working with a PhD student from Monash University to assess the health needs of International students. The purpose of the study is to improve access to culturally appropriate services for this cohort. The survey is easy to do and multiple choice. Students can potentially earn a $20 gift voucher. Please share with appropriate students. The link is https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StudentHealthAustralia

Q-East Alliance Survey
The Q-East Alliance is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of same sex attracted and gender diverse (SSAGD) young people in the eastern region. This survey is for same sex attracted and gender diverse young people aged 10 - 25 and their supportive allies / young people with same sex attracted / gender diverse parent/s, friends who live, work, study or hang out in Boroondara, Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Monash, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges. Participants can also be in the running to win 1 of 10 $50 JB HiFi Vouchers Please follow this link to the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/qeast-survey
WHITEHORSE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE 2015

IF YOU ARE A YOUNG PERSON AGED 12-25 YEARS IN THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE AND ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A YOUNG LEADER, THEN THE WHITEHORSE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE (WYRC) MAY BE FOR YOU!

BEING A MEMBER OF THE WYRC YOU WILL:

TALK TO OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM
BE A STRONG VOICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY AND REPRESENT THEM TO COUNCIL
LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AND CONSULTATION
LEARN MORE ABOUT AND INCREASE YOUR CONNECTION TO YOUR WHITEHORSE COMMUNITY
LEARN ABOUT AND CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL AND BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS
MEET NEW PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR PASSIONS AND INTERESTS
HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

For more information, contact Jacqueline from Whitehorse Youth Services on 98989340 or email on jacqueline.piper@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
or download a form from www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Youth-Services.html
City of Whitehorse

Whitehorse Youth Representative Committee (WYRC)
Roles and Responsibilities

Coordinator of WYRC: Jacqueline Piper   Youth Participation Officer
Classification: Volunteer

Tenure: 12 months (with possibility of extension)

Goal Statement: To represent the interests of young people in the City of Whitehorse to the community and council through active membership in the WYRC and ongoing development of leadership, advocacy and consultation skills.

Key Responsibilities:

**Whitehorse Youth Representative Committee:**

- To contribute to a safe and productive platform for discussion of youth issues.
- Participate in relevant training and skill development.
- Actively build on knowledge of services and activities available to young people.
- Implementation of a variety of avenues whereby consultation with young people can occur.
- Advocate on behalf of young people to relevant departments and individuals in council.
- Distribution of relevant information on activities and services available to young people.

**WYRC Position Specific Responsibilities:**

- Attendance at fortnightly WYRC meetings: Minimum of 80%.
- Contribute to meetings including discussions, rotating minute taker and chair person and treasurer roles.
- Respect other committee member’s opinions.
- Active involvement in organized key WYRC activities.
- Communicate with others in the committee and respond to emails.
- Participate in community and local government consultations.
- Set goals and identify personal development areas.

Notes and comments: It is expected that if a committee member is experiencing difficulty in continuing with the WYRC that they approach the coordinator as soon as possible to discuss options.
CITY OF WHITEHORSE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!

The City of Whitehorse Youth Services series of activities for young people (aged 12-25) are free. Activities offered in the Term 4 School Holidays for 2014-2015 include:

"BOUNCE BLACKBURN & LUNCH"

When: Tuesday 13th January from 9am to 3pm
Where: “Bounce: Free Jumping Revolution, 22 Joseph street, Blackburn North, lunch after at Youth Connexions
Cost: FREE!

"MAKE YOUR OWN SOAP!"

When: Tuesday 20th January from 3-5pm
Where: Youth Connexions @ Box Hill Central, Suite 2, level 1, Main Street, Box Hill. Cost: FREE!

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE! BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

For more information or to book a spot contact Youth Services on 98989340 or email on jacqueline.piper@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Are you passionate about creating a community inclusive of Same Sex Attracted, Sex and Gender Diverse (SSASGD) young people?

Maroondah Youth Services wants YOU for an exciting new project starting in February 2015.

RAW(Y) is an opportunity for 15 - 25 year olds passionate about equality to connect with one another, increase awareness of issues faced by SSASGD young people, and promote a positive image of SSASGD young people in the Maroondah community.

Find out everything you need to know about RAW(Y) at our information session on December 1st, 4:30pm - 6:30pm at EV's Youth Centre, 272 Mt. Dandenong Rd Croydon.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Mel on 9294 5705 or melinda.jeffery@maroondah.vic.gov.au
The VCAA and VTAC offer three options for accessing VCE results, VCAL results and ATARs:

- internet
- SMS
- mail.

VCE results and ATARs are available from the 2014 VCE Results and ATAR Service from 7.00 am Monday 15 December.

Only 2014 results are recorded on this service.

You will need your VCAA student number and PIN, which is the first four digits of your birthdate (for example, 17 July = 1707).

If you have registered with VTAC or are a current VTAC applicant, you will need to use your VTAC PIN.

**INTERNET**

resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

The internet service is free and available 24 hours a day from 7.00 am Monday 15 December until 5.00 pm Friday 19 December.

**MAIL**

VCE and VCAL results and ATAR statements will arrive in the mail from Tuesday 16 December.

VCE and VCAL certificates are distributed by schools and colleges, rather than mailed with the results.

**SMS**

19 787 888 SMS cost $1.10 max. (incl. GST)

To register to receive your results by SMS, send a text message as follows:

- student number – eight digits only, not the letter
- space
- PIN (four digits)
- send to 19 787 888

Salmat Digital – SMS cost $1.10 max. (incl. GST). Obtain bill payer’s permission before using this service. Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration.

You can register from 9.00 am Monday 10 November until midnight Sunday 14 December.

Requests sent after this may be delayed.

You will receive your results from 7.00 am Monday 15 December. SMS access is available until 5.00 pm Friday 19 December.

SMS results are reported by using the first two alpha characters and numbers of the study. For example, Further Mathematics is represented by MA07, Mathematical Methods by MA11 and Specialist Mathematics by MA09.

To find out more about VCE Examination results, a statement of marks can be obtained. Further information is available on the VCAA website: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

**POST RESULTS AND ATAR SERVICE (PRAS)**

If you have questions after receiving your results and ATAR, contact the Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) by phone, email or via the PRAS blog.

7.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday 15 December
9.00 am – 5.00 pm Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 December
03) 9032 1717 (metropolitan callers)
1800 653 080 (freecall)
pras@edumail.vic.gov.au
http://resultsandatar.wordpress.com/

You cannot access results through PRAS.