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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENT OPINION SURVEY—FINAL REMINDER

If you were one of the randomly selected parents asked to complete the Parent Opinion survey we ask if you could please complete it by **26th August**. Many thanks to those who have already done so.

Student Free Day

On Tuesday 7 August, our school organised James Anderson, author of *The Agile Learner*, to work with our School Leaders. The leaders learned about Growth Mindset and were shown how to work with students and teachers to help build determination, confidence and motivation in our learners. This is one of our Key Improvement Strategies of our Strategic Plan and will be more of a focus in 2019. All other teachers and support staff had an opportunity to work in teams or individually developing curriculum and positive learning opportunities for all students.

Wakakirri

The Wakakirri team represented us proudly as they performed at the Moonee Ponds Clocktower on 26 July along with other secondary schools. We have just been informed that our team were awarded the 2018 Wakakirri Story Award. Our school will present their story at the Wakakirri Awards Night where the Panel Representatives will announce the Secondary School Challenge Story of the Year nominees from Victoria. We are very proud of the achievements of our students so far and wish them every success in the next stage of the competition. If you would like to attend the Awards Night, it will be held at Palais Theatre, St Kilda on Tuesday 11th September. Ticket costs are \$37.

Music

The Music Competitions are always a memorable event that our students and staff look forward to attending. This occurred on Friday 10 August. The House teams have been practicing and working diligently on their performance with the support of their House Leader and the music staff. This event is one of the highlights of term 3 and our final inter-house competition for the year. Congratulations to Silver House for winning the competition. Again, our students from Year 7 to 12 performed very well and entertained the audience throughout the afternoon.

Congratulations to our Jazz Syndicate who were chosen to perform at the upcoming Secondary Principals Conference in Melbourne. This is a fantastic state-wide recognition for our School Music program. They performed extremely well and were commended by a number of principals as well as the president of the Victorian Association for Secondary Schools Principal, Sue Bell.

International Student Dinner

Our school organised the first International Student Dinner, which was held this week. The purpose of this event was to celebrate our International Student Program and thank their homestay families and staff for all their work with our students. We invited special guests who discussed with our students the importance of cybersafety, as well as all the opportunities to

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

Monday 27 August

General Assembly
VCAL GForce Mock Interviews
Yr 7 & 8 Art/Technology Trimester 3 begins

Tuesday 28 August

Yr 8 Gold Form Activity, Rollerway
Yr 12 Biology—BioLAB
Yr 10 Empowerment Event

Wednesday 29 August

Romeo & Juliet, Playhouse Arts Centre

Thursday 30 August

Ebony House Bake Sale
Yr 12 Biology—BioLAB
Student Leadership Seminar, Geelong College

Friday 31 August

Geelong History Roadshow, Northern Bay College

Monday 3 September

General Assembly
7P & 7G Form Activity, Rollerway
Parents Association Meeting, 7.15pm

Tuesday 4 September

Out of Uniform/Footy Colours Day, fundraiser for Cancer Foundation
Junior Jazz Tour, primary schools
8G, 8M, 8R & 8E—Point Addis, Rich Task Excursion
VCAL Barwon Water Career Program, Forrest, Apollo Bay

Wednesday 5 September

8B, 8N, 8P—Point Addis, Rich Task Excursion
Yr 9—Gordon TAFE & Deakin University
VET Music Industry performance, Oxygen Music Centre, 6-9pm

Thursday 6 September

Year 9—Mock Interviews
Finance Committee meeting, 7.45am

Friday 7 September

connect in Geelong. Our student leaders were also invited, along with our music students who performed during the night. The night was very successful and I thank Simone Buchanan-Huhn, our International Student Coordinator, who suggested the idea and organised the event.

We are very aware of the importance of building global citizens in all our students and this was one initiative that helped connect our local and international students. Our student leaders are keen to find other ways to build the relationships with the two groups of students that will help strengthen their understanding of each ones' culture and language.

Sandra Eglezos, Principal

24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

5241 0090

Parents only to call to report student's name, house/form, reason for absence, and date.

Parents can also report absences on Compass.

Department of Education and Training guidelines require schools to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. Parents are required to contact the school or update Compass to explain all absences.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

The Parent/Teacher/Student interviews and end of term 3 arrangements are as follows:

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews—Thursday 20th September, 12.00—7.00pm (this is a student-free day)

End of Term 3—classes as usual in the morning, students dismissed at 12.45pm.

Michael Caccamo

Assistant Principal

SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL

New Out of Bounds Area

Students, staff and parents need to be aware that the driveway area north of BioLab is no longer accessible to students due to OHS concerns regarding the constant movement of vehicles in this area. Belmont High School has a Traffic Management Plan which reduces the interaction between vehicles and pedestrians on school grounds.

Some students are also leaving the school grounds via this exit during the school day without signing out at the office, compromising our duty of care over these students. There is now clear signage indicating that this area is Out of Bounds and students are not permitted to walk through or be in this area.

Jo Treble (OHS Manager) & Michael Caccamo (OHS Nominee)

MUSIC NEWS

It has been a very busy time for the Music department over the past few weeks, with many performances both in school and further afield.

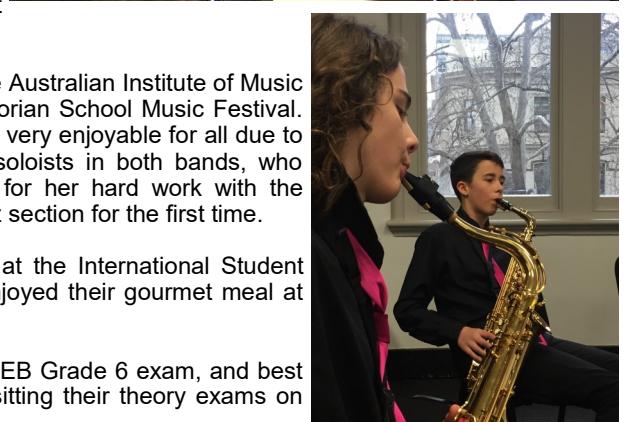
Last week, the Intermediate and Senior Concert bands participated in the Victorian School Music Festival at the Geelong College, receiving Bronze and Gold shields. The onstage tutorials were very valuable, and both bands performed extremely well. Many thanks to Amanda Linton for her excellent direction of the Intermediate Band, and to all the music staff for assisting with supervision on both the day and evening performances.



Following this, many of our students were also involved in the House Music competition, performing for their House, or entertaining the school while the judges made their final decisions. Special thanks to students from the Year 12 band and Jazz Syndicate who not only assisted with set up, but also put together a band to entertain the crowd, and stayed long after the end of the day to move the equipment from the gym back to the bandroom. Much appreciated!!



Congratulations to all those students who were brave enough to get up and perform in front of the school, and of course accolades to the winning house, Silver! I think that 'Mamma Mia' is now officially Silver House's anthem. Many thanks to our judges, Vicki Gaye, Jim Davidson, and Bec Goring, for sharing their expertise and enthusiasm with us on the day.



Jazz Syndicate were invited to perform at the Victorian Association of State School Principals conference on the 14th August, and travelled to Albert Park for the event, performing with great professionalism and flair.

Last Tuesday, Intermediate Jazz and Jazz Syndicate travelled to the Australian Institute of Music in King St Melbourne, to participate in the Jazz Section of the Victorian School Music Festival. Both groups performed to the best of their ability, and made the day very enjoyable for all due to their positive attitude and great playing. Special mention to our soloists in both bands, who performed with flair and professionalism, and to Amanda Linton for her hard work with the Intermediate Jazz group, many of whom were performing in the Jazz section for the first time.

Jazz Syndicate and one of our VET bands, Alby-Jay, performed at the International Student Dinner on Wednesday 22nd August, entertaining guests as they enjoyed their gourmet meal at Truffleduck, in Fyansford.

Congratulations to Asha James for her outstanding result in her AMEB Grade 6 exam, and best of luck to Jack Jervies, Deborah Walker and Elsa Lam, who are sitting their theory exams on Wednesday 22nd August.

Our VET music students are working hard on Wednesday afternoons, preparing their material for their upcoming night at Oxygen Music. Please come along and hear the amazing talent emerging from these groups!

Vet Music Industry Performance

Wednesday September 5th

Oxygen Music

22 Gordon Avenue

7-9pm

FREE entry!

Come along and support our young musicians!



The Spring Concert is fast approaching, and will be held at the Geelong West Town Hall on Tuesday 16th October.

All school ensembles will be performing, and it is a great night to celebrate the achievements of our music students for 2018. Seating is cabaret style, so bring a picnic, your best friends and family, and make a night of it!

If you are able to assist our fabulous Band support group with any help for this event, please come to the Band Support group meeting on Wednesday 29th August at 6pm in the bandroom. If you can't make the meeting, but can help us out on the night, please email Jason Steinwedel on jason.steinwedel@deakin.edu.au

Junior Jazz are heading out into the community on September the 11th, touring local primary schools to showcase what music can be at secondary school. They will visit Fyans Park PS, Belmont Primary School among others, and will be great ambassadors for both our school and the music program.

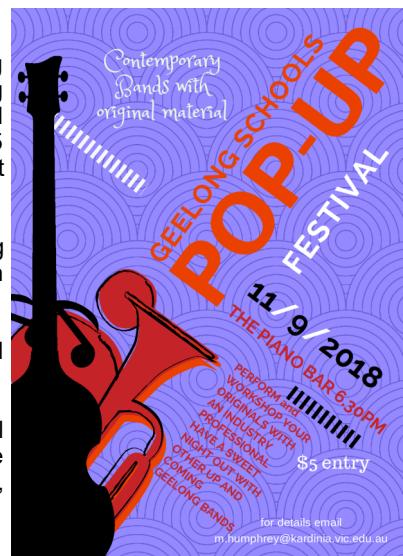
Also on this date, Belmont High School and Kardinia International College are joining forces to host the Geelong Schools Pop up Festival, offering contemporary bands writing original material the chance to perform their work. An industry mentor, renowned composer and performer Ed Fairlie, will be working with bands on the night. Tickets are \$5 at the door, so head down to the Piano Bar in Malop St on Tuesday 11th September at 6.30pm, and support some talented musicians from across the region.

Our Rockband group is currently seeking drummers to join the fun – if interested in playing with this group, please see Mr Rob Gador on Wednesday afternoons, or on Thursdays in S4.

Geelong Summer Music Camp is a day camp for students of Concert Band, Vocal and Orchestral instruments, and this year is being held from the 13th-19th January.

Our Band Support group is offering 4 scholarships to the camp for Belmont High School music students, to assist with the cost of the camp. Please contact Rose Humphrey in the bandroom for more information, and to pick up an enrolment form. Alternatively, information about the camp can be found on the camp website, www.gsmc.org.au

Rose Humphrey, Director of Music



City of Greater Geelong IMMUNISATION SERVICE Provided by BARWON HEALTH 2018

Year 10 students who missed the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine on 23/8/18 can catch up through Barwon Health

Immunisation Centre	Immunisation Hours
Belmont Community Health Centre Barwon Health 1-17 Reynolds Road, Belmont, 3216. (Please note that this is the Barwon Health building, not the Maternal Child Health building)	Wednesday morning (Appointment only) 9 am - 12.30pm Open sessions (No appointment required) Wed and Friday afternoons 1.30pm - 4.45pm Saturday morning (Appointment only) 08.30am – 12.15pm
Corio Community Health Centre Barwon Health 2 Gellibrand St, Corio, 3214.	Every Wednesday 9.30am - 11.45am (No appointment required)
Newtown "Ariston" 245 Pakington St, Newtown, 3220.	1 st Friday of each month 9.30am -11.45am (No appointment required)
Ocean Grove -Boorai Centre (behind Aquatic Centre) 4-50 Shell Rd, Ocean Grove, 3226.	2 nd and 4 th Friday of each month 9.30am -11.45am (No appointment required)
Newcomb Library meeting room (upstairs) Corner Wilsons Rd & Bellarine Highway, Newcomb, 3219.	1st and 3 rd Friday of each month 9.30 – 11.45am (No appointment required)



Immunisation or GP prior to 31/12/18 when the funding ends.

Please phone ahead to book an appointment if you require overseas immunisation histories to be assessed for Australian compliance or to begin a catch-up schedule, as these can often be quite time consuming.

For all enquiries phone
4215 6962

For a copy of your (or your child's) Immunisation History Statement, simply visit: www.mv.gov.au and follow the prompts. If you have any further queries about vaccines received through Barwon Health Immunisation Service, you can email us at:

ROAD HOME GEELONG WINTER APPEAL

A huge thank you to our school community who contributed so generously to the SRC/ Road Home Geelong appeal for warm clothing, blankets etc. for the homeless.

BHS contributions:

Coats/jackets – 77

Jumpers/hoodies – 71

Blankets – 24

Other clothing (pants, pyjamas etc)

Miscellaneous – 31

We will be handing the items over to the Road Home Geelong next week to distribute to the needy members of our community.

Students who want to enter the Geelong Homelessness Awareness poster competition have one more week to do so. Entries to the Library by Friday 31st August – A3 sized paper, original artwork or photography only, with a focus on homelessness in Geelong. Following in-school judging, the entries will be given to the Lions Club of Corio Norlane for judging against other schools. Best of luck!

Many thanks on behalf of the SRC for your kindness.

Thanks also to the many generous donations to the **Geelong Food Relief 2018 Toucan Appeal**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Any unsold uniforms and/or books which are not collected by the end of Term 3 will become the property of the Parents Association.

Please encourage your children to visit Lost Property before the end of term 3 as any general lost property, ie. casual clothing, jewellery, drink bottles etc, will be donated to Op Shops at the start of Term 4. The majority of lost school clothing will become Parents Association property at the end of Term 3. These timeframes are necessary to prepare for the end of year sale.

If you have any questions please contact Jo Read, 0411 274 945.

VCAL NEWS

On Tuesday 21st August, the Senior VCAL students attended the Young Workers Centre Seminar at the Trades Hall in Melbourne. The guest speaker, Danielle, provided the students vital information which educated them to improve work readiness, reduce the chances of injury and accident, and give our students the confidence to speak out against illegal work practices. The interactive program explored: Your rights at Work, Safety at Work and bullying and Discrimination at Work.



Recognised Training

VCAL students recently completed a Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) certificate with Eclipse Education. With hospitality now a trending industry in Geelong and the Surf Coast region this certificate will be valuable for students looking for part time work or a career in the Hospitality Industry. Students that previously gained their RSA certificate completed an introduction to Barista course at the Geelong Industry and Trade Training Centre (GITTC). Students gained knowledge of the many types of coffees available in Cafés. Zane Krupa (12 Silver) showed exceptional skills to whip up high quality cappuccinos. Well done to all students on successfully completing the training.

Ministry of Food

Currently Year 11 students are participating in the Ministry of Food program run by Jamie Oliver's Food Foundation. Not only are students developing specific cooking skills they are also completing outcomes for VCAL Work Related Skills and Personal Development Skills strands. The Ministry of Food creates a real life work environment where students work together to complete their products using a range of soft skills to achieve the desired result. The work environment also highlights the importance of Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace and gives students the opportunity to learn with a hands on approach. Congratulations to students for your willingness to learn new skills and special thanks to the Ministry of Food training staff and volunteers for providing an engaging program.



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Positive Pathway

At the end of 2017 Celine Altun (12 Green) decided that VCE was not her preferred pathway. Celine got on the front foot and decided to make the switch to VCAL. This has been a great decision for Celine as she now has a clear pathway when she completes her Senior VCAL Certificate at the end of this year. While completing VCAL outcomes at Belmont High School this year, Celine is also completing Certificate III in Early Childhood Care as a School Based Trainee employed by Pathways Education. This involves training at the VFA every Wednesday afternoon and using this knowledge in the workplace every Friday at Norlane Childcare Centre. Celine has shown great progress over this year and is now looking forward to studying the Diploma of Childcare in 2019. Celine is also using her skills with her VCAL Community Service placement at Barwon Valley School assisting with the Swimming program. Thank you to VCAL teaching staff for making the transition smooth for Celine. Congratulations Celine and all the best for the remainder of the school year!



Gforce Mock Interviews

During week 7 normal VCAL classes will be interrupted with students participating in Mock Interviews at GForce Employment Solutions. Students have been busy updating their resume and cover letters in preparation. Thank you to Tracey Fulmer from GForce for hosting our VCAL students and giving up her time to provide valuable feedback for our students. The GForce/Belmont High VCAL partnership has been successful over the last few years with a number of students picking up school based traineeships or a full time placement following the interviews. The interviews are a great opportunity for students to network and put their best foot forward as GForce is a large employer in the Geelong Region. Good luck to all students and I hope you enjoy this fantastic learning opportunity.

Darren Lynch

VCAL/VET Coordinator

ROCKIN' RED HOUSE

Red House put in an amazing performance at the recent House Music Competition. The theme was 'Australia vs The World' and Red chose 'Woman' by Wolfmother as their Australian song and 'Mr Brightside' by the Killers as their international number. Both songs were executed perfectly and the talent of our band was there for all to see and hear!

Having won the music competition for the last 2 years the band were hoping for the 3-peat, but the judges must have been looking for something different this year and amazingly, Red finished in 3rd place.

The Red House Band are: **Rhiannon Winsor, Max Combridge, Charlie Hudson, Kyle Mitchell, Aiden Vanbeek, Lazar Vlahovic (Year 12), Callum Marriot, Jarrod Pagels (Year 11), Tristan Cochrane (Year 8) Charlie Thompson (Year 7)**

I'd like to especially thank the Y12's who have been part of Red House music from Year 7 right the way through to Year 12. They are an awesome group who have gained many admirers over the years and have been an asset not just to Red House but the whole music department. It is so good to see our students following their passions and I'm sure they will continue to play after school. Several teachers commented that they would pay to see the Red band play outside of school the quality was that good!

A big thankyou to the Music Department for running the show, the IT crew for the mixing desk and all the judges. Congratulations to the overall winners, Silver.

The House Music Competition is definitely one of the highlights of the year and I look forward to next years' group. We will be looking for more musicians next year, so if you play an instrument, sing or would like to be involved in the band, please let me know.

For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)!

David Ellis

Red House Leader

The Humans in Geelong Writing Competition 2018

Kids - 'Discover your Inner Journalist'

You could win a \$100 or \$50 JB Hi-Fi Voucher

Three age categories - High School, Upper Primary School Gr 3-6, Lower Primary P – Gr 2.

First Prize \$100 and Second Prize \$50 will be awarded to each category.

The stories are to be factual, with a 400 word limit, about an inspiring person in your local community who is making a difference. If possible, feature someone who is originally from a different culture. It might be a coach, relative, neighbour, friend or volunteer.

First prize winners will have their stories published in Humans in Geelong

www.humansingeelong.com (subject to editing and gaining permission from the person featured)

Stories **MUST** be emailed with **ENTRY** in the subject line to humansingeelong@gmail.com by **Sunday 9th September**, stating your Full Name, Year Level and School.

Read a few of Humans in Geelong's 250+ stories to gain inspiration and Good Luck!

www.humansingeelong.com

Winners are to be announced at the Humans in Geelong Expo 2018

Sunday 7th October at 10am Deakin Waterfront.





GREEN House

At our House Assembly this week, one member from each of the Green Forms took part in a toothpaste race. The aim was to squeeze as much toothpaste out of the tube as possible. Lewie from 10N was adjudged the victor! Following this, they were tasked with getting as much toothpaste back into the tube as possible, using just a BBQ skewer. The metaphor behind it was that when people say things either in person or on social media, it is hard for them to be 'put back in.' The Green students were happy to be leaders in taking care of one another in their interactions and staying the positive members of the community that they are! Thanks to Jack 7N, Brody 8N, D'Artagnan 9N, Lewie 10N, Max 11N and Noor 12N for being good sports and representing your Form Groups.

Mitchell Gaunt
Green House Leader

CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

The Year 9 school captains are running a cancer awareness week which will culminate on Tuesday 4th September (Footy colours day/Out of uniform day). Each year more than 130,000 Australians are diagnosed with cancer which is more than 350 each day. Treatments and technologies have improved 5 year survival rates by 20% since the 80's. Still, more needs to be done if we want to protect future generations. Please support the junior school captains in their endeavours to raise funds to support this important work.

Opportunities to donate will include Daffodil Day merchandise (which can be found in the staff room), Zoe's fight wrist bands to help fight a cure for brain cancer and a sausage sizzle on the 4th September.

VCE STUDENT NEWS

Key Dates:

6/8: VTAC applications open.

14/8: Exam timetables distributed to students

28/8: Year 12 meeting, Graduation information handed out.

19/9: Year 12 English Practice Exam Afternoon.

20/9: Parent Teacher Interviews

All SAC dates and VCE Information will be published on COMPASS. These will be continually updated.

We are over half way through the term and for Year 12 there are only 31 days of actual school days left. SCARY!! Over the past couple of weeks the Year 12 students have had the opportunity to discuss their current progress with Mr. McAndrew and also work with Mr. Masters in looking at pathways for next year including submitting their VTAC university preferences.

For the Year 11 group, students have finalised their selections for 2019, have the Year 11 formal coming up and the process for ordering their Year 12 jumper will begin early next week. We will also be starting the school captain process shortly as well.

All VCE students should be ensuring, as the term winds down, that they are working on a well established study regime and are utilising teacher advice and feedback to optimise their results.

Exams:

The Year 12 Written exams start with English on the 31st October. They run for about 3 weeks with the final exam on Wednesday 24th November, even though most students will finish before this. Students should also be aware that performance exams occur at the start of Term 4 with language and performance exams occurring.

Personal timetables are now available and will be handed out over the following week in Form Assembly. Students should keep this from safe and take a photo of it as security but also to have their VCAA number saved and instantly accessible.

Students that have decided not to sit the end of year exams or are considering this option are required to see Mr. McAndrew to discuss further. Failure to do this has an impact on every other student doing VCE at Belmont so please be considerate and go through the process with Mr. McAndrew.

Year 11 Exams are being held earlier than previous years and will run between the 25th October and the 31st October.

Graduation:

The Graduation is on the 26th November. The Graduation will be held in the new stand at the Geelong FC. It was challenging dealing with this and the space in 2017 but in the end the 2017 function was a huge success and no doubt so will 2018. Information for this event will be distributed as a package next week and ticket sales will begin the first week of September.

ATAR Predictions and Discussions

The discussions on student progress, study and exam prep and ATAR predictions have been running and I have seen over 80 students. These discussions are very valuable and students are encouraged to sign up even if they don't want their ATAR or ATAR predicted. It is more for students that wish to reach or exceed potential and it gives students a snapshot of where they are and give them the skills to get them to where they need/want to be.

Sign-up sheets are on Mr. McAndrew's window. Sessions take about 15-20 minutes but may go a little longer depending upon how much information students require.

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Following on from these discussions will be the invitation to students to come and discuss study habits and design study planners to use for upcoming school holidays and more importantly the exam period.

Connect Education Revision Lectures

Belmont HS is running a program of exam revision sessions and lectures again this year. These sessions were excellent last year and assisted students to enter the end of year with increased confidence and skills. They will run at the school on a staggered timetable. Each session is 2.5 hours and comes complete with a book of revision notes. These sessions run during the school day and are at school, so no travelling. Last year we had a huge 404 sign ups, but presently numbers are down this year. Students are strongly urged to take up this wonderful study opportunity and parents to support and promote it to their children. These sessions were definitely one of the key initiatives identified for increasing our results in 2016 and 2017. It is worth noting that we are the only school in Geelong running this type of program.

If you would like any further information on any of the above information, then please contact Mr. McAndrew. I can be contacted by phone through the school or at mcandrew.john.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

YEAR 11 AND 12 DATES TO NOTE:

Yr 12 last day of classes: 22 October

Yr 12 Celebration Day: 23 October

Yr 12 exams: 31 October—21 November

Yr 11 exams: 25 October—31 October. No Year 11 classes

Yr 10/11 2018 Early Commencement Program: 22 Nov—5 Dec

Yr 12 Graduation: 26 November

Awards Day: 17 December

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS—Thursday, 20 September (student free day)

END OF TERM 3—Friday 21 September, students dismissed at 12.45pm

YEAR 8 PERSUASIVE WRITING

Truancy - it's no big deal

Truancy is totally and completely outrageous! How are students meant to learn anything if they aren't even at school? These children are our future; I can't stress enough to you how important a child's education is. The only reason students ever ditch their class is because they are simply bored out of their minds. But have any students ever talked to their teachers about making the classes more entertaining? No! I highly disapprove of bad students and I will not tolerate any more truancy at my school. I believe that any misfit who truants should be punished.

WOW. Powerful. And highly persuasive too.

According to the Education Victoria's Truancy Officer, Brian Kent, around 14% of student's skip class once a week, 15% truant more than once a week, 1% of children ditch school almost every single day. Only 15% of students have claimed to never skipped class before. If you have ever skipped school, you should really rethink what you're doing. No one has the right to skip their classes and I will make no exceptions for anybody. Education is so vital in a child's life. Having a good education is the key to success in a young person's later life. Don't you want your kid to get a good job? It is a teacher's responsibility to watch after the students in their class and if the student has not attended their class, it makes it hard for them to do their job. Teachers need to know at all times where their students are.

Excellent.

Nine or more unexplained absences is mainly considered as child neglect which can lead to a fine and putting the student's parents in jail. The fine can be anywhere from \$300 - \$1500, depending on how many times the child has skipped school. Parents of a misbehaving child can go to jail for up to one month for child neglect. This is why it is so important that you as a parent make sure you are certain your child is attending class every day. It is crucial that the school knows where your child is. You don't want to get fined for your child's behavior, do you? Child neglect is a form of abuse and means that you have failed to meet one of your child's basic needs. If parents are charged with child neglect, then why aren't delinquents punished for truancy?

Another strong and convincing argument.

When I was in high school, there was this one student who would never show up to any of class. He missed so many classes that he wasn't able to keep up with any of the school work and failed every single test. As a consequent for his actions he had to repeat the same grade multiple times. This student was so passionate to get into a good university and pursue his dream of becoming a successful lawyer, but this long life goal soon came to end when he didn't score high enough to get into any university, not even one. He had become so ruined by his decisions, he decided to put his life back on track and went back to high school. If this misbehaving student could turn his life around and get out of bad habits, it isn't too late for your child to do the same.

Truancy can lead to numerous devastating outcomes. Some can be way more heartbreaking than others. It is vital that you make sure your child is attending every class they have. A good education is the key to success. All students who truant should rethink their actions before they completely ruin their life. No child has the right to ditch class.

Siri Baker, 8 Blue



On Friday 10th August Mango House had an amazing 12 students who performed at the annual House Music Competition. Congratulations to Logan Bryce, Ricky Wang, Ewan Breakey, Jacqui Howard, Bowan Prosser, Grace Brown, Nicki Badii, Emily Davidson, Claire Breakey, Flore Mendoza and Ava Libbis who pulled off fifth place and put on an amazing show that the crowd loved. I would like to thank everyone involved for giving up their lunchtimes, after schools and day off for rehearsal and putting in extra time for practice. I hope to see you all back on the stage next year!

Over the holidays we also had a number of Mango students who went to Sydney with the senior band to perform at the Australian International Music Festival where we were lucky enough to meet and perform against other bands from all around the world. Part of this trip was the opportunity to perform at the Sydney Opera House which was an amazing experience for everyone involved and will not be soon forgotten. Our many hours of rehearsal for this paid off and we were awarded a silver shield.

More recently, these students in senior band also performed at the Victorian Schools Music Festival where we were able to perform against schools from around Geelong and get a gold award.

Congratulations to all those students who have had recent music successes within Mango House and keep on playing!



INTERNATIONAL AND CULTURAL STUDENT DINNER

On Wednesday 22nd August, BHS held their first International and Cultural Student Dinner at Truffleduck. 65 guests made up of students, parents, homestay families, staff and guests from Department of Education, Deakin University, Victoria Police and GISA (Geelong International Student Association) all enjoyed a fun and informative evening to celebrate our global citizens and the journey they have embarked on. The senior Jazz syndicate and rock band ALBEJAY played along with Rain Wu who stole the show with her musical talent and it was wonderful to have her Dad Mark Wu, fly out from China for the occasion.

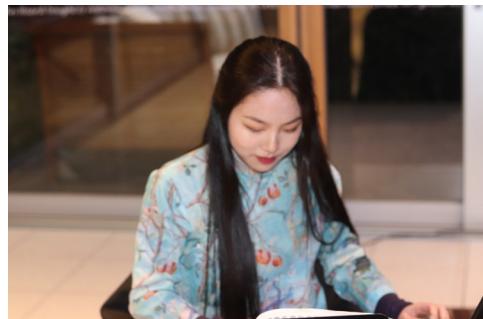
A short activity to try at home:

Take the letters T and M out of your vocabulary, time yourself to see how long you can go. This highlights one of the obstacles our students with English as their second language experience every day.

Simone Buchanan-Huhn

Director

International Student Program



Alexander Thomson Cricket Club THE VIKINGS



Play cricket at the family club Alexander Thomson Cricket Club

WHAT: SEASON 2018/2019 REGISTRATION

WHEN: FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST

WHO: U11 – U13 5.30pm – 6.30pm U15 – U17 6.30pm – 7.30pm

WHERE: Clubrooms Roslyn Road, Highton

(Oval adjacent to Highton shopping centre, next to Highton Woolworths)

COST: \$100 Eftpos/Cash/Direct credit (club cap includ, sibling discount available)

ALL WELCOME

2018/2019 Milo In2 Cricket 5 to 8 yr olds & Milo T20Blast 7-12 yr olds

Simply visit playcricket.com.au for information, select where can I play **3216**, select **Alexander Thomson**, register & pay.

Enquires: Jacinta Rodda, Junior Co-ordinator Ph 0411 285 570

PYTHON BEGINNERS PROGRAMMING COURSE

Term 4, 2018

Date: Monday, 8th October 2018

Time: 5pm - 6:30pm

Venue: 74 McKillop Street, Geelong (at the Mentor HR meeting room)

Price: \$160 for the term (8 weeks)

To enquire or book a place please contact us via email: justin@thelab.org.au

REQUIREMENTS

All students welcome within ages 10 - 17.

Students must bring a laptop with the following software installed:

- Eclipse (eclipse.org/downloads/)
- Python Installation (<https://www.python.org/downloads/>)
- Java and the JDK (oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html)

Please advise Justin in advance if you wish to borrow a laptop during the workshop.

BANK DETAILS

All payments go directly to The Lab at:

Name: Business Trans Acct

Bank: Commonwealth Bank Australia

BSB: 063 138

Account: 108 585 08

Reference: "CODE" and the student's name

**Reminder: Highton Cricket Club Junior Sign On Evening, Friday August 24th 2018
4:30pm-6:30pm, McDonald Reserve Clubrooms, Reynolds Road Belmont 3216.**



With Highton's best school's all nearby, Highton Cricket Club has a healthy stable of junior teams.

The club runs the Woolworths Cricket Blast program on Thursday nights (for 5-7 year olds) from October-December, and fields teams in the Geelong Cricket Association's under-11, 13, 15 and 17 divisions. Boys and girls are welcome. All teams play and train at McDonald Reserve, on Reynolds Rd. Their season runs from October-March.

Under-11 and 13 teams play Friday nights 5-8pm. Under 15 and 17 teams play Saturday mornings 8.30-11.40am.

Each team trains once a week.

For more information about playing cricket at the Highton Heat in 2018-19, phone the junior co-ordinator Terry Wise on 0424616237 or come along to our sign-up night on Friday, August 24th, 4.30-6.30pm at the McDonald Reserve clubrooms, Reynolds Road Belmont.

Looking forward to welcoming you to our club.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Junior Cricket Coordinator Terry Wise at admin@hightoncc.com or terry.wise@csiro.au

TRACK & FIELD ATHLETICS

Athletics Chilwell is currently welcoming new members/athletes to join the club for the upcoming 2018/19 track and field season.

Competition is held on Saturday afternoons at Landy Field, commencing on Saturday 6th October 2018 until February 2019.

Senior athletes aged from under 14 to Veterans are welcome to participate.

Coaching is available in all disciplines, eg. Sprints, middle/long distance running, throws and jumps.

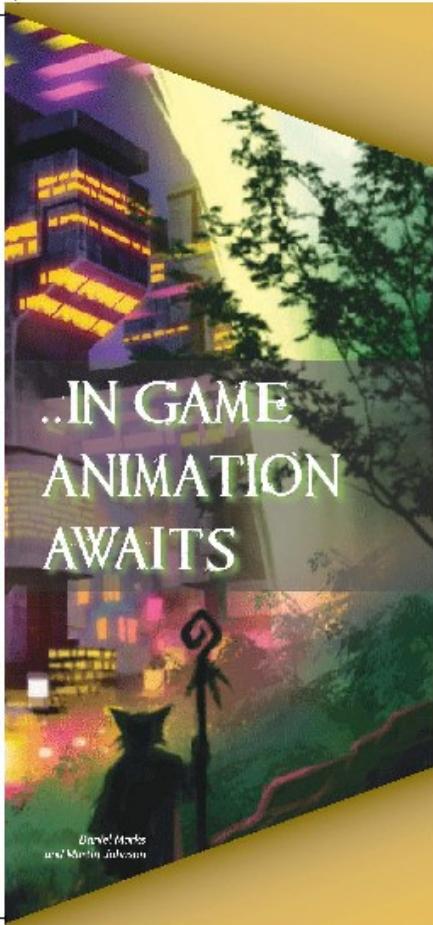
For further information, please contact **Mary McDonald** on 5229 3920 or email: athletics.chilwell@gmail.com.

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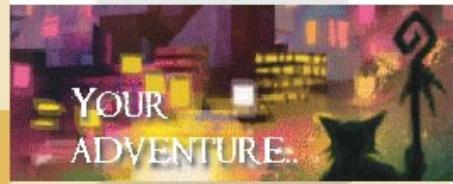
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The Lightmare Program is available in the following locations:

Melbourne CBD
Box Hill
Geelong
Moonee Ponds
Frankston

Victorian Regional Online Live Classroom
(For students 40mins+ from an In-Person location)

If a student is not ready to come to our Discovery Day by visiting www.lightmarevic.com, they can contact:

0421 00 42 00

*Australian IDEA Learning Impact Awards 2014 People's Choice and first runners up, IMS Global Learning Consortium Learning Impact Silver Award 2014, Victorian Training Award Finalist 2014, in conjunction with The Gordon and Holmesglen.

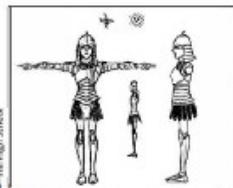
*Eligibility determined by VCAA via VASS.
+Source: Victorian Auditor-General's Office analysis of Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority data.

Available across Victoria and completed by secondary students from over 90 schools, the highly acclaimed and multiple award winning* Lightmare Program opens doors for Victorian Year 10 and 11 secondary students in Melbourne, Geelong, Frankston and rural localities, who, like us are passionate about the ultra-modern industry of game development and digital design.



OUTCOMES

Earn money working from home after school for an established game development studio, being mentored by game industry experts to create artwork and test commercial games.



Become proficient in 2D concept sketching, pixel art, 2D animation, 3D modeling, texturing and 3D animation, creating your own 3D character and walk cycle animations.



The program is delivered over (min.) 6.5 months, with wages amounting to over \$1600 during the traineeship for full attendance.

Earn a Certificate III from TAFE learning game modeling and animation over 18 weeks

Those eligible*, on completion will earn additional VCE units and a substantial 10% block credit onto their VCE ATAR, to significantly boost their university entry score.

A valuable diploma pathway in games with Swinburne University is available, as a direct flow-on course from the Lightmare Program upon completion of secondary school. It includes diploma training and further in-depth game industry work experience with Lightmare, building on the foundational skills learned during the traineeship and bridging the way to degree courses.

An innovative, modern, creative 'academic traineeship' under a school-based traineeship (SBA) heading. Suitable students are commonly from art, visual communication or media streams.

The Lightmare Program is proud to deliver a national average completion rate of 85% in comparison to the state average for traineeship completions of around 62%.

TRAINING MODEL

The award-winning traineeship model utilises blended learning of both training and vocational experience involving seven hours per week of live, internet-based, part-time paid employment for thriving game developer Lightmare Studios, learning industry secrets directly from expert game development professionals who act as both supervisors and personal mentors. Employment shifts are structured around school and personal commitments.

Students carry out onsite TAFE training for one full school day per week for eighteen weeks at one of our TAFE training partner locations; to achieve a nationally-recognised Certificate III qualification. (N.B. Training fees apply and vary at each training location.)

Students living in rural Victoria without access to our partner TAFEs may train online in live sessions with Box Hill Institute, via home or their school to study during school hours.

Please contact Darren Lynch in the Careers Room if interested.

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