



Principal's message

As Acting Principal while Amadeo is absent on an International Recruitment Trip in China, I write the Principal's address for this edition of The COG with much pride and excitement.

Amadeo is currently in China with representatives from the International Division from the Department of Education and returns on Friday 27th March. On this trip his main objectives include recruiting more international students for McClelland's growing International Program, building relationships with Educational Agents so that recruitment can be plentiful and sustainable in the future, and meeting our current International students' families and providing them with personal feedback on their child's progress at McClelland.

This is incredibly important work and injecting time and resources into the program in its infancy is absolutely crucial to its success and longevity. Having done the trip myself in October last year, I am all too aware of the gruelling schedule. Days off simply don't exist (I'm still trying to reconcile with the fact that I travelled all the way to China but didn't see Tiananmen Square or the Great Wall of China!). The itinerary is crowded, with back-to-back Educational Agent meetings, sample lessons, Educational Fairs on the weekend, and travelling to numerous cities.

Amadeo visits Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing (twice), Nanjing, Wuhan and Shenzhen in the two weeks he is away.



Mr. Ferra and Winifred Wang's mother in Beijing

Farewell School Council Members, and welcome to New Members
 We were very sad to farewell a number of parent representatives from College Council: Kirsten Casanova, Debbie Clough, Kim Mackie Julie Baumann, Heather Garnier and Stewart Steele (College Council President). I know Amadeo wanted to communicate a big personal thank you to Stewart Steele who has been School Council President through huge changes to our school. Stewart, along with all the outgoing members, has worked to make sure we have the best school possible for the betterment of all our students and have helped make McClelland the school of choice in our area. I also recognise the commitment of Mr Eric Budd who will step down from his role as DET representative. I would like to formally thank all of these members; your contribution and dedication to the College has been considerable and will not be forgotten.

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It is my pleasure to welcome the following new parent representatives to College Council: Patrick Lee (President), Belinda Simpson, Simon Thorning, and Elizabeth Treadwell. Staff representatives include Amadeo Ferra, Karin Miller/Kathryn Henderson and Brendan Hickey. Our school captains Louise Holtzinger and April Walters comprise the two community members on College Council. My final thank you goes to all parents who nominated to be on College Council and to those who voted.

Open Night

The Information Commons was literally brimming with keen primary school students and their parents on the evening of March 17th. So much so that we were at capacity and needed to find extra chairs for all the interested guests! Mr Budd led the band who played some upbeat tunes and set the mood as guests, showcasing our students' great talents.



MCCLELLAND COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT 2015

This year a concerted effort was made to ensure the evening was more interactive; a mix of formal and relaxed.

After the formal speeches that discussed McClelland's programs and vision (through the framework of our values: Community, Ownership and Growth), parents were invited to visit expo stalls that a number of teachers set up. At these stalls parents relished in the opportunity to talk to teachers informally, build relationships and learn about specific programs and pathways. Students even had the opportunity to try out a class activities – like Science experiments and Japanese iPad games! Whilst this was occurring four Bake Off students roamed the crowds – offering parents and students a taste of their signature bakes (yummy slices and cupcakes) and the opportunity to vote for their favourite. A 'Day in the Life of a Year 7' video was also created and played on the evening. Please check it out on our website: Mataya Bosmans and Jacob Weeks are Hollywood stars now and signing autographs every recess and lunch by the bike sheds!



Mataya Bosmans and Jacob Weeks 'Take 1: "A Day in the Life of a Year 7 at McClelland College Video"'.
(Note: The original text contains a typo 'McCiel-' which has been corrected to 'McClelland' in this transcription.)



Principal's message

Our enrolments are rising and our data shows us that it is not just our feeder schools comprising our Year 7 population – increasingly students are coming from schools like Skye Primary, Rowellyn Park Primary, and even schools as far down as Seaford North and St Joachims are showing more and more interest in McClelland. Personalised Learning works, and word is spreading! Please feel free to recommend our College to your friends and family: word of mouth is the most powerful form of promotion and definitely the most genuine.

Farewell Steve Capp

Steve Capp has been successful in gaining the position of Principal at Bentleigh West Primary School. This is a tremendous achievement for Steve – one that is well deserved! He is going back to his roots, as it were, and he feels that being back in a primary school is the right fit for the next stage in his career. I know the decision was not an easy one for Steve, and he misses the staff and students of McClelland greatly. He is however enjoying facing a whole set of different challenges and is ready to be Principal.

To communicate the tremendous value Steve has brought to McClelland is difficult to condense into a few short words. His infectious and positive personality, his passion for learning, his insight into the best teaching methods, and his unwavering commitment **to always put the students' needs first, sit at the heart of what makes Steve such an outstanding educator.** On behalf of the College I wish Steve all the very best of luck in his new role as Principal. I know he will prosper and the community of Bentleigh West are very lucky to have him!

Karin Miller will continue as Acting Assistant Principal for the duration of Term 2.

Happy Holidays

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of Term 1. The years seem to go quicker and quicker – perhaps that is age catching up with me! The second half of the term has been filled with so many exciting activities: Year 7 camp, Rubicon Camp, Swimming Sports Carnival, Open Night, Japanese Cultural Day, excursions to the Grand Prix and the first meeting of the 10+ Club and 40+ Club – to name but a few! Amongst all this, students have been settling in to their studies, submitting assessment, and setting goals with the guidance of their teachers, to improve their performance and academic outcomes.

I wish all families a safe and happy Easter break. I hope that all students return to school in Term 2 relaxed, rejuvenated and ready for what is destined to be yet another jam-packed and exciting term.

Kathryn Henderson
Acting Principal

Year 7&8 News

Year 7 News

In Year 7 we have had two of our three camps at Mahaikah where students have been canoeing, rock climbing, mountain bike riding and doing various other activities. The camps so far have been a fantastic experience for staff and students to interact outside the class room. We look forward to our final camp occurring in April.

Andrew Harms and Frances Italia



Information about Year 7 Immunisation. We have had the first round of immunisations completed. Students who for whatever reason missed out on having these done, may pick up a new Immunisation pack at the office. This can then be done in the second round, commencing in June



Year 7&8 News

The 2015 Swimming Carnival... where to begin?! The events that were held were outstanding, people were dying to jump in and participate. A few of the events were free style, butterfly and there was even a boat race! Everyone who joined in did a great job representing their house. Those who didn't participate did a fantastic job cheering on the students racing.

My personal highlight of the day, was spending time with my friends, and getting behind the swimmers and cheering on Amor!!!!

Everyone seemed to have a blast. I can't wait for next year!

Congratulations to all the competitors!



Year 9&10 News

Year 9 News

It has been a busy term and it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of it! Year 9's have been out on excursions to Birrarung Marr and dumplings, interschool sport, surfing, the Grand Prix and much more. We encourage students to make the most of these opportunities as they enhance the learning that has occurred in class.

To ensure that students stay up to date homework club runs in the Year 9 Max every Thursday from 3:30-4:30.



Year 9&10 News

If your child needs some extra assistance with work please encourage them to attend as teachers will be on hand to help with any questions. **Your child's attendance at homework club will be required** if they have not completed set tasks or a falling behind in class.

Enjoy the Easter Break
Annie Eastwood and Marley Richards
Year 9 Educational Leaders

Year 10 Work Placement 27/4-1/5/2015

At this stage of the term, all year 10 students should have made inquiries to secure a work placement for the last week of April. This opportunity is so worthwhile and we already have several students with work placements in exciting career pathways like advertising and aircraft engineering. However, there are still many who are yet to secure their placement. Parents can help in the following ways:

- If you have a relative, colleague or family friend that is in the industry your student is interested in, help them make initial contact.
- There are some compulsory forms that must be completed by the student, parent and employer before being brought back to school for final approval. This will require the student visiting the workplace - students may need transport to get this done.
- Parental encouragement is vital - this is a big step for many students and can be an anxious time. If your student is struggling to secure a placement, suggest they talk to their teacher or to Jackie Woods, our careers advisor.

Students who are completing Personal Futures under a VCE enrolment must complete this work placement in order to pass. Students who are under the VCAL Work Related Skills enrolment, it is not compulsory to do the placement but there are a number of workplace safety and ICT use assessments that are best done in the workplace. We want all of our students to complete a work placement so that they can make the best decisions for their future when it comes to selecting a course for 2016.

Swimming success! - Caleb Brown

Congratulations to Caleb Brown of Year 11 who made it to Southern Metro Region finals in swimming. Swimming in the 16 years 50m Breaststroke Caleb did a fantastic job to get to this level after a number of years of great swimming for the college. Looking forward to watching him take another step next year! Well done Caleb!



Visual Arts Academy

The Visual Arts map is a great opportunity for everyone to be able to express themselves in an artist manner, the aim of the art map is to be able to test and gain new ability's to perform and improve your skills. Each year the map holds a special expo to show off some of the great ideas they have been able to explore through the term.

We asked students about the map and they said, "It's a great way to express yourself and help grow my skill in art". Everybody is happy in the map and finds it really relaxing, because they can choose what they do. This map is more about the students and their skill and abilities in the art area. It helps students to develop and work on new skills.





VCE Senior School

The end of term has come around quickly and VCE students should be establishing effective study habits both at school and at home. Some important tips to help parents **navigate their child's VCE include;**

Ensure they have a quiet study environment at home that is conducive to learning. Avoid areas where there is potential distractions that can occur e.g TV

Students should be developing their own study timetable. Their PLJ has an opportunity for them to plan their timetable around extracurricular activities such as sport, work and family commitments. **As a family, support your child's learning** to ensure they stick as much as possible to their study timetable so they can establish routines in their study.

Encourage your VCE student to teach you aspects of their learning. This aids consolidation of what they have learned through the day. Question their understanding with What, Where, Why, How questions.

Maintaining adequate nutrition and exercise is also important for their learning and improving memory.

Encourage activities that students enjoy outside of school. Managing stress is a contributing factor to a successful VCE year and participation in activities other than school provides for a balanced attitude towards study.

When your VCE student says 'I don't have homework!' Don't believe them! Even if a teacher has not set specific work, at a VCE level especially Unit 3 and 4, students should already be completing follow up tasks such as summary notes of topics, practice exam questions, using Edrolo to revise topics.

40+ Club

On the 4th March, the 40+ Club was launched which is aimed at students who are aspiring to 40 + study score in one or more of their Yr 12 VCE subjects. Students listened to two ex-students Joshua Hughes and Belinda Van Schalkwyk who both achieved 40+ study scores in their VCE year. Josh and Belinda both spoke about the importance of organization and establishing good relationships with their teachers. Students also assessed their own study habits to determine areas of improvement and set some study score goals for their chosen subjects. The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd April period 3 during Study Space Map.

Lateness to class

A reminder to families that if your senior student is running late for class period 1 that notification to school is required. This can in the form of a note or a phone call to the main office. Students will be issued a late pass and can attend class where rolls will be adjusted. Students who arrive after 5 min late to class must have a valid reason for their lateness otherwise it will recorded as an unauthorized absences and they will be sent to work outside the Principals Office. Well done to all students who have arrived to class on time this term, since this new policy has been implemented in the school. Attendance rates for lateness has been significantly improved since the introduction of the Senior School Policy.

Updated Contact Details

It is a requirement of all VCE students to have accurate personal details recorded at the school. This includes updated address, phone and email addresses. If the school does not have accurate records, VCAA cannot award VCE certificates to

Senior News

School Visit – Neuroscientists from the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

All VCE Psychology students were visited by two Neuroscientists from the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health during Brain Awareness Week 17th -20th March. They learnt about current research in Risktaking behavior as well as research into drug addiction on the teenage brain. Students gained valuable insight into research methods and provided them with opportunity to see how research is conducted especially using animals



Study Space – Wednesday afternoons after school

A reminder to all students that Study Space is open to any student wishing to use the Senior Centre for afternoon study. Teachers can be accessed during this time for extra support, tuition, SAC and exam revision. A snack is provided by the Senior Team to keep you nourished for the afternoon!

Year 11 & 12 Celebration Assembly

Year 11 and 12 VCE Celebration assembly. The first assembly,

Mr Ferra gave a presentation on what school life was like in China for our International Students. Ms Miller introduced herself as Acting Assistant Principal for Yr 11 & 12 VCE, Belinda Van Schalkwyk (Dux 2014) spoke about strategies she adopted that helped her achieve the score she did. The Senior Captains – Louise Holtzinger, April Walters (School Captains), Sabrina Fischer, Braden Newbold (Vice Captains), Emma Tadday (Science Captain), Rose Gatluak Jal (Sport Captain), Ebony Hart, Jasmine Manly (Environmental Captains), Chloe Ballantyne, Jordan Millar (music captains) were all presented with their badges and gave a brief presentation on themselves and a vision for their role as Captain for 2015.

Congratulations to Tate Bosmans who was successful in achieving the Peninsula Education Precinct award.

The Peninsula Education Precinct (PEP) is a consortium of education providers, councils and support services that have joined together to explore ways that they can provide enhanced educational opportunities to students in the region. McClelland College received funding for 2 x \$500.00 scholarships in 2015. The scholarship was advertised to highest achieving students in Year 11 who also demonstrated strong leadership qualities.

There is one more scholarship available, any interested students will need to see Mrs Andrews for the application form.

Presentation Ball – Friday 17th April.

There is an air of excitement at rehearsals as the finishing touches to the dance presentation are occurring. It is recommended that girls should now all have purchased their shoes and be practicing in them. Last week the boys were measured for their suits and ticket forms for their guests were due.



Senior News

Sayonara – Mrs Andrews is heading off on Long Service Leave to Japan and will be unavailable from the 15th April until 1st May. Any issues involving year 11 students please direct to Mr Holt and any issues involving Special Provision please address to Mrs Bucher. A huge thank you to the Japanese staff, in particular Mr Hickey for running the Japanese lessons for parents. It is amazing how much of the Japanese language I have picked up on in only a matter of 5 lessons. I have enjoyed these lessons so much, I plan to continue when I return.

Special provision – applications for VCAA Special examination arrangements are now closed. School based special provision applications are ongoing and if a circumstance arises an application form is available from Mrs Andrews. All students who have applied for special provision have now been given a letter outlining their supporting strategies. Please be reminded that: Students granted special provision are not exempt from meeting the requirements for satisfactory completion or from being assessed against the outcomes for a study. The aim of this process is to give students equal access to the success in their VCE given the circumstances but not confer an advantage. It is the students responsibility to make Mrs Bucher or Mrs Andrews aware of any changes in their situation so that this can be addressed.



Student Work in the Spotlight



Brittney Mitchem Year: 12

Currently completing VCE and completing a School Based Traineeship with Peninsula Health. Brittney was successful in gaining a School Based Traineeship with Peninsula Health. She is working with PAG (Planned Activity Group) at the Mornington and Hastings Community Centre that assists people with Dementia, Alzheimers Disease, intellectually disabilities and **those that are socially isolated who don't** have any contact with friends and family.

What is your position at PAG?

I work with clients and attend outings and activities such as animal farms, historical places, shopping centres. It helps them get out of the house and interact with others one day a week. I also help facilitate activities such as exercises, painting, knitting, board games and participates in scenic drives.

What certificate qualification are you completing with this traineeship?

I am completing a Certificate III in Health Services which is equivalent to a PSA (Personal Services Assistant) with some extra night course training as a PCA (Personal Care Attendant).

How long have you been doing this?

This is my second year. I will finish my traineeship at the end of this year.

What is your favourite thing about the job?

My favourite thing about the job is that I am always learning something new each week. **It's never a dull moment with the** clients. I love the chats we have together and gaining an insight into what they used to do when they were younger and how their life was.



Senior News

Hi everyone! My name is Braden Newbold and I am one of the school's college vice captains for 2015. It is an absolute honour to represent the school as I have a passion for leading and making the school a more enjoyable environment for students where possible. My subjects are English, Maths Methods, Further Maths, Business Management, Chemistry and Japanese as well. My interests include music and performing arts which can be demonstrated by my involvement in the college choir, concert band, Themestocks and other awesome plays as well.



Vice-captain Sabrina.

My name is Sabrina Fischer and I am school vice-captain of 2015.

This year I will strive to support the SLC and help to organize events. I would like to work on school participation and work alongside the SLC to keep McClelland up to date.

I have chosen to be in the position of vice-captain because I want to contribute to McClelland in my time here. I wish to have the ideas of others heard and have the opportunity to express my own ideas along with everyone else's, creating opportunities for our high school life.



SES Cadets

The SES cadets have made a great start to the year, this year we have a total of 31 first, second and third year students participating in the program. While the First years are just starting their General Rescue qualification, the others are just finishing theirs. The senior cadets have also commenced their Rescue Boat qualification. They completed a swim test at the sports day recently by swimming 100m with their clothes on and then treading water for 2 minutes, by no means an easy thing to do!

The Year 1 class has been introduced to the Frankston SES headquarters and are training down there regularly. All of them have now managed to safely use the various types of ladders and can use a generator and lighting to light up an emergency scene. They are looking forward to their camp at Mahaikah from 20th to 25th May where they will have SES volunteers extend their Rescue training with many challenging activities.

Please remember that regular Career Newsletters are attached to the college careers website,
www.mcclellandcollegecareers.com

University open day dates can be found on website too!!! This website also has a personal area that each student can set up which includes resume tips and templates.

Any questions please contact Jackie Woods 9788
2030 woods.jackie.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Year 10 Structured Work Placement – If students are having difficulty obtaining a placement for the week commencing 27th April, please tell them to see me ASAP.

Jackie Woods

MIPs, VET & Transitions Coordinator



VCAL Happening

Students in VCAL undertake 3 days of school, a TAFE or VET course and one day a week in their chosen work place. When at school, they study Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills and a project based subject called Personal Development Skills.

Below are examples of what 2 groups of students have taken on in their VCAL lives.

Tafe Recap

Last year, Matt Bodde was studying Sport and Recreation at Frankston. Little did he know, that everything was about to be turned upside down! Matt was offered a traineeship in Sport Recreation at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. He has been involved with MSAC for 11 months now. Matt is now continuing Community Recreation and has 6 months left on his contract working there.



My Work

My work for VCAL is also at the Melbourne sports and aquatic centre! My role at work is being part of the customer service team. My duties include selling and renewals of memberships. Selling swims and stadium entries and some general customer service duties! I am very satisfied with my job at this point in time it pays very well and I have made some new friends throughout my MSAC journey.

Being the youngest in the centre (working) I was trained very well and now I am a junior CS supervisor!



Matt Bodde Year 12 VCAL

VCAL Voice

VCAL VOICE is a newsletter that will be edited and published for the VCAL students in the 20 local schools in our region.

It is being compiled by Jayde Edwards, Chloe Patten, Katie Downie and Kevin Maguire.

They aim to get contributions in the following categories: Individual photos, stories and articles; upcoming events; work that students are proud of; artwork, puzzles, surveys; fundraisers and achievements.

We look forward to the first edition this term.



Camps and Events

Year 7 Mahaikah Camps

Over the past couple of weeks there has been two Year 7 camps enjoying the wonders that the environment provides us with! The Year 7s had the opportunity to attend the college's own camp site 'Camp Mahaikah' which is just outside Mansfield in the small town of Tolmie. There were many activities but the students' favourites were rock climbing and abseiling, canoeing and mountain biking. Some students conquered their fears of heights while other students rode a bike and canoed for the first time. From all reports from both staff and students, everyone that attended had an excellent time.



Clean Up Day

Clean up day on February 27 was very successful. On this day the environment team did a litter trade for delicious muffins and cookies. Students simply had to go around and pick up 10-15 pieces of rubbish and had to bring it to the table where the environment captains were. The amount of rubbish was counted and thrown into the bin, and then the students were allowed to choose either a cookie or a muffin. Some students went and did another round or five and picked up another 10-15 pieces of rubbish just to get another cookie and muffin! Out of these efforts we were able to achieve nearly filling an entire bin!! This just shows how much rubbish accumulates within the school over a day or a couple of days. Great job McClelland students.



Camps and Events

Swimming Sports

On March 12 at swimming sports the environment team contributed to the day by having our school mascot for litter "Bouncer" the dolphin walking around all day handing out hugs reminding kids not to litter as it may harm our precious wildlife and Bouncer's home. Bouncer also helped promote fundraisers that were happening as well.

At the end of the day the environment team got houses to pick up bags of litter and bring them to the environment captains to be weighed, the house with the most litter collected got rewarded with points towards their houses total. Blue house won from picking up two kilograms of rubbish!

Although it was disappointing to see not many students involved with picking up litter, we all know it's not the most glamorous thing to do. But even still with the students that did participate it was sad to see how much litter was still lying around at the end of the day, and it's important for everyone to remember that any litter dropped on the ground can end up getting washed down the stormwater drain and into Port Phillip Bay, so please make sure you put it in the bin!



Year Level Litter Competition

This year's litter reduction competition will be year level based. Most year level areas are centralised around their main locker area, or learning space as shown in the picture. YEAR 10 and 11 will be sharing an area so the amount of litter picked up in this area will be halved between the two. Signs will be put up soon to remind students of their allocated area.

Camps and Events

One day a term, SLC members will go out and will pick up and weigh the rubbish in each area. This will be compared to the baseline collected this term of:

Year 7: 1.4kg
Year 8: 3.2kg
Year 9: 1.6kg
Year 10: 1.2kg
Year 11: 1.7kg
Year 12: 800g

The year level with the **LARGEST REDUCTION IN MASS** of litter from their baseline will win for the term and will get to decide **the prize, which you'll get to input into at your year level assembly.**

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to see your year level environment captain.

Jasmine Manly – Year 12

Ebony Hart – Year 11

Chloe Chambers – Year 10

Sara Riippa – Year 9

Summer Krimhand and Heather Emery – Year 8

Please remember – **CARE FOR OUR BAY, LITTER WASHES AWAY.** And we don't want our school to look like a rubbish dump either.

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is a worldwide grassroots movement uniting people to protect the planet, and is organised by WWF. Engaging a massive mainstream community on a broad range of environmental issues, Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 7000 cities and towns worldwide, and the one-hour event continues to remain the key driver of the now larger movement.

Earth hour is this Saturday March 28 from 8:30pm to 9:30pm and we are celebrating this at school on Friday March 27 by turning off all lights for the entire day. Also with the lunchtime activity of creating a giant 60 out of staff and students in the PAC lit up by electronic devices, torches anything **that gives off light. We'll put a photo in the next COG!**

Even though we are celebrating this at school on Friday there is still things you can do at home to contribute. The first thing anyone can do to get involved is to turn off their lights on Saturday. But there is much, much more. It is encouraged that people take on this action by going beyond the hour. This time could be used for a walk around the neighbourhood, get together with friends, play board games etc. Also you can fund a project or add your voice to support projects anywhere around the world on Earth Hour Blue. You can find more about Earth Hour Blue on <http://www.earthhour.org/earth-hour-blue-faqs>

Phillip Island Eco-systems

Last week my six year 11 Biology students spent 2 jam packed days of biology at Phillip Island.

Here they sampled rockpool organisms, observed koalas and penguins and got to go for an early morning snorkel (as well as keeping me awake talking til after midnight!). We have a great couple of days and everyone wished we had been able to go for longer (except me as I really needed a good night's sleep!).



Camps and Events

Climate Change Programs at CERES and Moonlight Cinema with a Difference.

Earlier in March, year 9/10 Scientific Exploration students spent the day at CERES Environment Park in Brunswick. Among many other things, they learnt about climate change and how burning fossil fuels is contributing to it, as well as about solutions such as renewable energy. A few students learnt how much energy is needed to operate common household devices such as a kettle and how doing those things using fossil fuels adds to the climate change problem. Highlights of the day were seeing Zac Holton trying to boil the kettle to get out of a detention with me and Caleb Stuart filling up a bag with exhaust fumes from a car to see the amount of carbon dioxide produces. Oh, and Eric V's dance moves to the wind up/solar radio – GOLD! Related to this excursion, I also got to go the world's only pedal powered moonlight cinema at Melbourne Girls College the same week with members of the Student Leadership Council. They have bikes set up to generate enough power to run the movie and audience members are encouraged to contribute by riding a bike for a set amount of time. They also had a really cool bike/clothes line carousel that powered fairy lights. Would love to get one of them here!



Young Einstein's/Sustainability Map Snorkelling

No sooner had I dropped the Bio kids back at school from Phillip Island then I was back out snorkelling with Ms Collins' MAP class. We went to Davies Bay in Mt Eliza where there is a really awesome spot with loads of fish, sea urchins and seastars Mr Harms told me about. It was a long swim out to the boating sign where the action was but is was well worth it when we got there and we had a great afternoon



Upcoming Excursions In Science

In the last week of term we have excursions going out to Scienceworks, the Gene Technology Access Centre and Ecolinc, so stay tuned for pics of those in the next COG.

MCC Swimming Sports 2015

Although the weather looked quite ominous at the start of proceedings, it managed to hold out and be a fun-filled day for all 600 odd staff and students. The new venue out at Doveton provided greater space, a better kiosk, 3 pools and a few new novelty events such as Water Polo.

There were excellent levels of participation by all students and staff and a great deal of effort went into dressing up with house colours and spirit. The staff were able to comfortably win the staff vs students relay too! Congratulations to all the students who won races and progressed to compete for the college in the Northern Peninsula division swimming finals. Despite a great competitive day from all house groups there could only be one winner and the results were as follows...

1 st	King - Gold	772
2 nd	Pryor- Blue	644
3 rd	Armstrong - Green	564
4 th	Amor- Red	532

Our next whole school sports carnival is Athletics which will take place at Ballam Park on the 23rd April.



13th April	9/10 PE—Go Karting –Pd 3
14th April	10+ Science/VCE Biology Neuroscience Extension Program Presentation Ball Rehearsal 4.30-6pm PAC
15th April	Keys Please
16th April	Presentation Ball Rehearsal 4.30-6pm PAC
17th April	Unit 4 PE SAC 2 Prep Excursion—all day Presentation Ball
20th—22nd April	Year 7 Camp No. 3—705, 706 & 707
23rd April	Athletic Sports
23—24th April	City Art Camp
27th April—1st May	Year 10 Work Experience
27th April	VCE Drama Excursion
28th April	Parent/Teacher Interviews 12 to 8pm
1st May	11/12 VCD Melbourne Museum Excursion
5th May	Top Designs Excursion
6th May	VCE Drama Ensemble Performance PAC 6pm
7th May	VCE Drama Ensemble Performance PAC 9pm
8th May	Year 10 Careers Expo
11th May	Jnr/Inter/Senior Boys Netball
14th May	Senior Sport Macbeth Theatre Production 7-9pm PAC
20th May	SES Yr. 1 Cadet Camp Mahaikah
26th May	Jnr Band & String Class debut concert 6-7pm PAC

**What's happening in
the Information Commons**

Opening Hours : 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.

Services Available

Laminating \$1 A4 + A3

Binding \$2

Anzac Day

During Lunchtime and recess, students have been involved in marking poppies for the Anzac centenary.

Some of the knitted poppies will be included in the event being held at Federation Square to celebrate the Centenary of Anzac Day.



Knitting Group

The focus of the group next term will once again be knitting squares to make into blankets to donate to a charity.

We invite students to come along and make themselves a Pom Pom bookmark.



Library News

The ROK and ROK ON programs are progressing well.

A number of students are past 1500 pages.

Best reads of the month

Junior school :

The wrong boy, Suzy Zail

The story of a Jewish girl sent to Auschwitz with her family. She falls

in love with the wrong boy - the German son of the camp commander.

Senior school :

The Lavender keeper, Fiona McIntosh

Lavender farmer Luc Bonet is raised by a wealthy Jewish family in the

foothills of the French Alps. When the Second World War breaks out he

joins the French Resistance, leaving behind his family's fortune, their

home overrun by soldiers, their lavender fields in disarray. Lisette

Forestier is on a mission of her own: to work her way into the heart of a

senior German officer - and to bring down the Reich in any way she can.

What Luc and Lisette hadn't counted on was meeting each other.

New Releases

Winter's bullet, William Osborne

Revenge of the Zeds, Stewart Ross

Waterborn, Rachel Ward

Dare, Dee Phillips

Runaway, Dee Phillips

Titanic, Dee Phillips

Virals, Kathy Reichs

1915 : Jimmy's war, S. Clark

Batman : Catwoman's nine lives

Superman : The planet collector

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday.



Wellbeing and Student services

Student Services

Student Wellbeing is a fundamental component to school engagement, school enjoyment and positive mental health. Here at McClelland student wellbeing is integral component of the school with all staff members working collaboratively to ensure the welfare of the individual is optimal.

We are fortunate at the college to have a number of skilled individuals working within the student services department to support the needs of both students and parents. The services provided by the wellbeing department and the relevant contacts for each are as follows:

Student Services Contact Information

Sarah Williams: Wellbeing Co-ordinator 9789 4544

Sue Warfe: Integration Support 9789 4544

Michael Ellison-Jones: Youth Health Nurse 9789 4544

Jackie Woods: MIPS (Managing Individual Pathways) 9789 4544

Susan Agius: Hands on Learning Program 9789 4544

Tracey Stever-Cunico: Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO) 0475 818 909

Michael Pallegirino: Registered Psychologist 9789 4544/0412 135 996

ACAP: University Students from the Australian College of Applied Psychology, offering support for parents and students

KESO

My name is Tracy, I am the newly appointed KESO (Koorie Engagement support Officer) for McClelland Secondary College. I joined the Department at the end of last year and I am very excited to commence working with you all in the new future. My role is to work in partnership with Koorie families, schools, community and service providers in the following areas:

- Early years participation
- Student engagement and wellbeing
- Entry into and successful completion of higher qualifications

I look forward to meeting and working with yourself and staff, to achieve better outcomes for our Koorie students and families.

Kind Regards,

Tracey Stever-Cunico

Michael Pallegirino -Introduction of Synergy Psychological Services.

Michael Pellegrino of Synergy Psychological Services is now offering on-campus counselling sessions for students, families and adults within the McClelland Secondary College community.

Counselling sessions are fully bulk billed if the client consults their General Practitioner and requests a Mental Health Plan.

Please see the Synergy website for details.

www.synergypsych.com.au

For further information please contact the wellbeing team or

Michael Pellegrino 0412 135 996.

Additional Supports

Frankston City Council Youth Services are available to all youth aged 12-24 years with the HANGOUTS in the suburbs running great after school-programs and Youth Central (next door to Frankston Library) where they can use free computers, play pool or go for advice on where to find any local Youth Services or programs.

Like the HANGOUTS on Facebook 'The Hangouts-Frankston' or visit

www.frankston.vic.gov.au/youth to see

where your closest HANGOUT is and what's on each day after school.

Wendy Glover 9768 1366

Sarah Williams

Student Wellbeing

McClelland College

(03) 9789 4544



McClelland Announcements

Safety Drills

I wish to advise all parents of our students that we intend to conduct various safety drills in the future. These drills consist of fire drills, which see students assemble in a safe place away from all buildings, and lockdowns, which see students locked into their classrooms while any risk is assessed and dealt with. These drills are mandated by the Department of Education and Training. When these drills are being conducted a message will be placed on Compass via Newsfeed moments before the drill to inform all parents of the upcoming evacuation/lockdown. Students are not permitted to use their phones during these drills. However, should they contact you via their mobile phones, please logon to Compass for timely information. Your understanding and support with these important procedural matters is greatly appreciated by the College.

Three big changes to the vaccine program

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

The Frankston City Council's immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school receptionist, Angela Malone, by 30 April 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Frankston City Council.

In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

You have already received your immunisation cards and most have been returned. **This is a reminder that if you haven't returned the cards that you need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.**

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Karin Miller, Acting Assistant Principal

From the Tech Office

We would like to remind parents that the Compass School Manager is an excellent way to:

Check your child's attendance.

View your child's reports.

See what excursions are coming up.

Pay online for certain things.

Directly contact your child's teachers.

Update your contact details.

These features and more are slowly being used more frequently, with other features coming online over the next few months.

With the wealth of information available on Compass, we strongly encourage you log on regularly to see what is happening. We endeavour to mail access details to families as they come to the school, however if you have forgotten them, or you are yet to receive any 'snail' mail, please contact the College.

Veenu Kandasamy & Stephen Baker

Easy Peasy Japaneasy Lessons for Parents

During term 1 the Japanese Team have been running free Japanese lessons for those parents with a student in Year 7. The philosophy behind the lessons is simply to offer the opportunity for our parent community to experience Japanese lessons similar to those that their children take, and thereby demystify the whole Asian language learning process.



Currently we have four 'students' who attend each week and the focus is on having fun, learning a new skill, building community relationships, and last but certainly not least, helping you to help your child learn Japanese together.

This term, parents have learned how to meet and greet in Japanese, write their name, count up to 20 (and beyond!), and how to teach their children Japanese at home using games.



The class takes place on Wednesday afternoons at 4pm and is an informal, social learning space. One of our 'students', Ms. Andrews, however, was late once and narrowly avoided detention by bringing a late pass!



Due to the feedback we have received from parents we will expand the classes to include parents of our Year 8s in term 2. For information on these free Japanese classes please contact Brendan Hickey on 9789-4544.



NEIGHBOUR DAY

The Karingal Local Area Planning Committee is facilitating a community event on

Sunday March 29th
11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

at
Gretana Park

(Old Karingal Tennis Courts, Gretana Crescent)



Drop in and Meet

Your Ward Councillors
 Representatives from Karingal sporting clubs
 and
 Community Organisations



view
 Council Plans for development of the Gretana Park site



For further information:
 Phil Lodge: 0419 133 877
 Michael Long: 0406 358 472

Hockey players wanted.

Mornington Peninsula Hockey Club is currently seeking players (Male + Female) who are interested in playing hockey.

Training is on a Tuesday for U14B. all U16 players

Urgently need U14 girls training is on Wednesday night.

Games are Friday nights.

Home venue is The Peninsula Hockey Centre.

Monash University Frankston. Parking end of Bloom Street Frankston.

Anyone interested please contact Cheryle 97667478 or email junior.vice.president@mphc.org.au

FRIDAY NIGHT
AUSKICKALL ABOUT
THE KIDS

**FRANKSTON YCW
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**





YCW AUSKICK
 STARTS FRIDAY 24TH APRIL
 5.30 – 7.00PM
 AGE GROUPS 5-12 YEARS

**PLAYERS WANTED
DO YOU WANT TO PLAY
FOOTBALL?**

WE ARE RECRUITING NOW
READY FOR THE
2015 SEASON



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT DANIELLE ON 0407 558 126

