**VIEWBANK CALENDAR**

**September**
- 15 **ICT Meeting 5.30pm**
- Buildings & Grounds Meeting 6pm
- Finance Meeting 6.30pm
- AMEB Music Soiree, Seminar Room 7pm
- 16 **The Great Debate - lunchtime, Library**
- 1:1 Information Evening *Yr 7 (2015) at 7pm*
- 1:1 Information Evening *current Yr 9 at 8pm*
- 17 **College Council Meeting 7.30pm**
- 18 **Year 12 Drama Solo Performance evening**
- Yr 9 Duke of Edinburgh Camp depart
- 19 **Yr 9 Duke of Edinburgh Camp return**
- **End of Term 3 - 2.30pm Dismissal**

**October**
- 6 **Term 4 commences**
- 13 **Year 10E excursion to Austin Hospital**
- Gala Concert
- 14 **Year 7 Health & Well-Being Cybersafety**
- Canteen Meeting
- Friends of Viewbank (FOV) Meeting 7.30pm
- 15 **Education Meeting**
- **Strategic Planning & Review Meeting**
- 16 **Year 8 Volleyball**
- Year 10 Cultural Enrichment
- Friends of Music (FOM) Meeting 7.30pm

**School Term Dates 2014**
- Term 1: 29th January - 4th April
- Term 2: 22nd April - 27th June
- Term 3: 14th July - 19th September
- Term 4: 6th October - 18th December

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please be advised that Student absences are to be reported to Attendance Officer at absences@viewbank.vic.edu.au or viewbank.co@edumail.vic.gov.au and by accessing Compass by clicking on the following link.

**End of Term:**
Next Friday is the end of an action – packed Term 3 and students will be dismissed at 2.30 pm. Bus companies will be notified of the early dismissal. While the holidays will begin for students and staff, Year 12s need to maximize their school-free time towards preparing for their exams which begin on Wednesday 29th October. During this vacation period many Unit 3 and 4 teachers are running revision classes and practice exams to best position students. Teachers are giving up their own time and no student should be missing from a scheduled session. There will be time enough after the exams for students to holiday. What is of vital importance is that students put in every effort in these last weeks as their performance in the exams is top priority; their exam results influence their SAC results and overall Study Score for each subject. I wish our Year 12 and the Year 11 students completing Unit 4 a very productive time over this school-free time. I thank our dedicated teachers who are offering lots of support.
Viewbank College 1:1 Laptop Program:
By now parents of next year’s Year 7 intake and this year’s Year 9 Level have been invited to a meeting to outline the implementation of the 1:1 Personal Learning Device Program for 2015. The College is keen to give an overview of the planning and consultation to date and the timeline of the key dates going forward. This is a reminder that on this coming Tuesday evening (16th September) there will be two separate sessions held in the Library:

- **Year 7 (2015):** The meeting will commence at 7.00pm - 7.45pm
- **Year 9 into 10 (2015):** The meeting will commence at 8.00pm - 8.45pm

We look forward to meeting with parents of both cohorts to outline this exciting implementation and the learning journey it will allow our students.

Uniform Matters:
The Uniform Committee met this week and several items were on the agenda.

**Sports Uniform:** The committee will seek designs for a new sports uniform for 2016. Students have been requesting something that is easy to dry and certainly, a more attractive sports uniform that they would feel proud to wear. The current sports uniform was developed in 1994 so it is time to look to a new design with far more user friendly fabrics.

**Girls’ Shorts:** Several parents of this year’s Year 7 expressed disappointment that the College did not offer girls the opportunity to wear shorts during the summer months. As a result, the Uniform Committee has agreed that the College will offer tailored girls’ shorts as soon as we can source them. They will be navy blue with a College logo clearly visible.

**Tights:** Girls have been finding it difficult to source navy blue tights and with this consideration, the committee believes that black opaque tights will be acceptable to be worn with the winter skirt next year.

**Shoes:** At this time of the year, shoes are looking a bit worse for wear and certainly, in need of a polish. It had been disappointing to see many students representing the College or being involved in Music events looking terrific in all aspects of uniform but their unpolished, uncared for shoes. Please ensure that shoes are given a regular clean and polish.

Please be mindful that when it comes to adding in new uniform items, it takes quite a goodly amount of time as we consult with designers, suppliers, retailers and also consulting with students and parents but we are excited by the prospect of a smart new sports uniform and introduction of shorts for girls.

On another matter associated with uniform, Stewarts of Ivanhoe has now been rebadged as Noone Imagewear, effective immediately. Noone Imagewear is a uniform supplier to over 1200 schools nationally, servicing 120 schools in Victoria. Despite the change of name, Dean Knape and his staff will continue to offer the personalised service that we have come to expect from the East Ivanhoe Store and the Uniform Shop at the back of R13 which is open on Wednesdays during the school term at 8.15am until 9.00am.

Chess Success:
On Thursday, 4th September as I came into the College at just on 8 o’clock in the morning, I was greeted by an enthusiastic group eagerly awaiting their early get away to participate in the Northern Zone Chess Tournament. Their day out proved most rewarding and I would like to congratulate them on such a successful campaign.

In the Open Secondary category, our team of four Year 10 students managed to secure second place to
take out the Team Silver Medal behind Northcote High. In addition to the Team Silver Medal, Matthew Norton and Emilio Braulio were awarded individual bronze medals for their shared third place in the individual standings with a score of 5/7 each. Jack Cai and Marlon Gunawardana, also scored 5/7 but unfortunately, narrowly lost out on a count back.

In the Middle Years category, Viewbank College won gold with a perfect 28 for the team score. Brothers Alex (Year 7) and Michael van Zyl Smit (Year 9), Christian Popovic and Lauren Ware (also Year 9) all scored 7/7 which is a remarkable effort. The Gold Individual Medal went to Alex van Zyl Smit while brother Michael secured the Silver Medal and the Bronze Medal was shared by Christian Popovic and Lauren Ware. Gabrielle Xue (year 8) came 5th with a score of 5.5/7, followed by Chakhila Ediriweera (Year 7) and Adelle Xue (Year 7) on 5/7. Joel Ooi (Year 7) scored a credible 4/7 in only his second tournament.

This has been the College’s best results to date and we congratulate all our representatives who participated. A special congratulations goes to Alex van Zyl Smit for his Gold Medal as this is a first for the College.

It is exciting to think that Viewbank College has now qualified for State Finals in both age categories and we wish all chess players further challenge and success.

Jazz Night:

Last Monday evening, the Instrumental Music students and their teachers showcased their Jazz talents at the Watsonia RSL. While this is an informal evening, the jazz is serious. Families enjoyed a meal while listening to a variety of groups and certainly, a diverse program of jazz. The beauty of this night is that students get to showcase their musical talents and so do the teachers. It is always a wow factor when the staff and students combine for the big band numbers. Congratulations to all students who so enthusiastically performed and treated us, the audience to a night of cool jazz. Congratulations go to Master of Ceremonies Mr Matt Poynter and to all the teachers (and their partners) who came in to perform as well. It was wonderful to have ex-student Katie Davies who is studying at the Conservatorium of Music, University of Melbourne and her boyfriend Spencer, come along to play in the combined teacher/student big band. It is three years since Katie graduated from our College but clearly the links are still there and we were delighted for her to perform.

Mrs Sarah Williams, Director of Music, did a fine job organizing the event and must be proud of her Music students and staff.

Election of College Captains for 2015:

There may be a State Election in November but this week Viewbank College has been in the grip of its own election fever. It has been a big week for 11 student candidates who have nominated for the position of College Captain for 2015. We are delighted that 6 boys and 5 girls have been prepared to step up and take on these key student leadership positions. The Year 11 students and the Staff have cast their votes and the our 2015 College Captains will be announced at the end of the day on Monday.
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh

Sarah Ozzimo and Jessica Petro visit Rosanna Childcare Centre on Friday afternoons for Duke of Edinburgh placement. They work in separate rooms, alternating each week, one with the babies and the other with the kindergarten aged children. By the time the girls arrive, the babies and toddlers are beginning to wake-up from their afternoon sleeps. Sarah spent the afternoon playing with the babies and toddlers, as well as other duties like cuddles and feeding. As it was a beautiful afternoon, all the kinder children where outside playing. Jessica had fun with the children in the sandpit, cubby and on the swing. Jessica said, “The best thing about this placement is that the children really look up to you”. Both Sarah and Jessica felt they were valued and appreciated by the children who looked forward to them coming each week and remembered them.

Samantha Black and Kelsey Ingham visit Interlaken Kindergarten for their placement. After “story-time”, they were engaged with puzzles and craft with the children and looked to be enjoying the interaction. Samantha said she liked “getting to know the children” and the staff made a point of saying how well the Viewbank girls were received by the children.

Jessica Scurry
Acting Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Lost Property

The General Office has a box of lost property - glasses, USB's, keys, jewellery, Miki cards, calculators, wallets and items of clothing. If you are missing any items, please come and have a look - it may be here!
All lost property clothing not claimed by the last day of term (19th September) will be donated to our 2nd hand uniform shop.
Friends of Music Gala Concert

Monday 13th October, 2014

Come and see the many talents of the College music students. This year’s concert will be held at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre on Monday 13th October commencing at 7.00pm.

Tickets for the Gala Concert are available by clicking on the following link:

http://www.trybooking.com/FPMP

Ticket prices are:

- Adults: $20.00
- Student/Concession: $10.00
- Family (2 Adults, 2 Children): $50.00

Performers will not require a ticket

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**Trybooking** - Viewbank College Gala Concert is managed by “Trybooking”.

Trybooking is an online system that has been designed to look after event ticketing. You can/will:

- Purchase tickets 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- View and select your preferred seating
- Be automatically provided with a booking confirmation, receipt and ticket via the email

Trybooking is simple to book tickets, just click on the link provided, select event, select your seats, confirm quantity of seats (adults and/or children/students), complete booking details and credit card details and then process.

All bookings are to be paid for by credit card (Mastercard or Visa) and incur a 30 cent booking fee per seat. Any ticketing enquiries please contact Ann Shaw in the General Office on 9458 28411.
Maths News

**Math Club**

*Come join the math club, it will be as sweet as \( \pi \).*

The Math Club program is open to all students every Thursdays during lunch time. There will be fun and competitive activities that any student can participate in. You will learn to view maths is not as a set of rules or guidelines, but as an art. Maths is a subject full of creativity and opportunity that you enjoy.

It will be held in G9 during lunch time at 1pm sharp.

There will be prizes each week.

Music News

**Gala Concert Monday 13 October**

Our next musical extravaganza is not too far off. The annual Gala Concert, held at the Plenty Ranges Conference Centre, is a showcase of all our large ensembles and choirs plus a couple of outstanding VCE soloists. All students in the following ensembles are required to perform at this important concert so please mark the date in your calendars:
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Concert Band
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Strings
- Intermediate and Senior Choir
- Intermediate and Senior Guitar ensemble
- Jazz, Stage and Funk Band

On this date there will be a rehearsal during the day at Plenty Ranges Conference Centre. Students will be taken to the rehearsal by bus but will need to make their own way to and from the concert in the evening.

**AMEB Soiree – this Monday September 15 from 7pm - 8pm**

Please note the change of date for the AMEB soiree. This evening is an excellent opportunity for students who are preparing for AMEB (Australian Music Examination Board) exams to perform their repertoire.

**Music theory lessons with Mr Eagling**

Theory lessons are held every Thursday at lunchtime in A5. All interested students are welcome. These lessons are highly recommended for VCE music students.

**Important dates to note:**

- **Monday 15 September** AMEB soiree, Seminar Room 7pm – 8pm (students to arrive by 6.45pm). All students preparing for AMEB exams.
- **Monday 13 October** Gala Concert, Plenty Ranges Conference Centre – All ensembles and choirs (details above).
- **Wednesday 5 November** String Soiree, Library 7 – 8.30pm – All violin, viola, cello and double bass students.

Sarah Williams
Director of Music
swilliams@viewbank.vic.edu.au
History News

History News - Competitions
In addition to the two competitions mentioned in a recent newsletter, details of another competition have been forwarded to the College.

Living Spirit Fellowship
This is the ‘Living Spirit’ Fellowship, awarded annually by the Greensborough RSL Sub-Branch. These fellowships were established to ‘nurture younger generations to understand the part played by many Australians in ensuring the great freedom we enjoy today is never forgotten.’
Students are required to make a submission in accordance with an Application form and are asked to state what their expectations are regarding a visit to Hellfire Pass and what message they would bring back to the community. This is an amazing opportunity for students to take up. The Fellowship provides airfares, accommodation and organised tour to Thailand for ANZAC Day 2015 for the successful student and his/her parent.
Application forms are now available. Students should see Mrs. Jones in the A block staffroom if they are interested. This fellowship is open to students in years 10, 11 and 12. The closing date for all submissions is Friday 24th October.

A reminder of the other two competitions:

Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Competition
The Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize inspires young people to explore the ethos displayed by the Anzacs at Gallipoli and the Western Front and reflect on how those values apply in Victorian communities today. The Prize is open to students in year 9 and 10 at all Victorian secondary schools. Through the competition 12 students from across Victoria will travel on an overseas study tour to Gallipoli and the Western Front.
Students are required to respond to a question about the ANZAC centenary and can enter research essays, artworks, musical compositions or audio, video or web-based presentations. Entries must be received by Friday 17th October, 2014.
All students in year 9 and 10 are encouraged to think about participating in this competition. See www.veterans.vic.gov.au for more information.

Anzac Day Dawn Service Tour
See www.anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au for information on how to apply.

Students interested in applying for any or all of these tours should see Mrs. Jones in the A block staff room.

Jo-anne Jones
Humanities Domain Leader

Canteen

| Canteen Volunteers for week of 15th September to 19th September |
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| Monday           | ~                |
| Tuesday          | Caroline Robertson |
| Wednesday        | Carolyn Brindley |
| Thursday         | ~                |
| Friday           | Andrea Driscoll  |

| Canteen Volunteers for week of 6th October to 10th October |
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| Monday           | Susan Lee        |
| Tuesday          | Kanella Tsirbas  |
| Wednesday        | Lambrini Pappas  |
| Thursday         | Michelle Selbie  |
| Friday           | Nina Kafka       |

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY GROUPS
Mondays in G3 with Mr Fisher & Mr Papadakis
3.20pm - 5.00pm

Thursdays in C5 with Ms Morris & Ms Pastro
3.15pm - 5.00pm
Uniform News

Second Hand Uniform Shop Volunteer Required
If you have a few hours available once a month on a Saturday morning we would greatly appreciate your time to assist with the Secondhand Uniform Shop at the College. Please contact Natalie Kennan, Business Manager on kennan.natalie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au if you can offer the College your valuable time.

Natalie Kennan

SALE OF SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS
The second-hand uniform shop opened on Saturday 6th September 2014
Items sold were:

5156  5157  5173  5174  5178  5211
7001  18006  51429  51431  51432  51438
51439  51444  51454  51469  91401

The College greatly appreciates any donated uniform items. If you have uniforms items to donate or sell, please drop them at the General Office (this is preferred so that items are ready for sale on the day) or to the SHU shop when it opens. If you would like to know how the SHU shop operates, an information page may be obtained from the General Office.
Community News

**GIRLS COME AND TRY CRICKET**

- AGES 8-16
- NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- COACHING PROVIDED
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

**MEET VIC SPIRIT PLAYER KIRSTY LAMB!**

**Wednesday 1st October**
**10-11:30am**
**at Cutting Edge Cricket**
**Unit 7/19 Enterprise Drive Bundoora**
TO RSVP CONTACT RACHEL ON 0413 087 225

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**HONDO’S JAZZ CLASS**
**RETURNS FOR TERM 3**

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**Chess for Fun**

**Watsonia Library**
**Saturday 20 September**
**12.30pm – 1.30pm**
If you love playing chess come and learn some new skills from chess coach Jim Cannon. Our Chess Tournament is on the 15 November! All welcome.