VIEWBANK CALENDAR

October

20  Units 3 & 4 Performance & Oral Exams  
Year 11 Music Performance Assessment
21  Units 3 & 4 Performance & Oral Exams  
Year 11 Music Performance Assessment  
Year 10 First Aid/Coaching students First Aid  
Course at Banyule Theatre  
Friends of Performing and Visual Arts (FOPAVA)  
Meeting 7.30pm
22  Units 3 & 4 Performance & Oral Exams  
Year 11 Music Performance Assessment  
Yr 8 Boys Hockey  
Yr 8 Boys Basketball  
Year 12 General Assembly  
**Early Dismissal after General Assembly (approx. 12.30pm)**
23  Units 3 & 4 Performance & Oral Exams  
Year 11 Music Performance Assessment  
24  Units 3 & 4 Performance & Oral Exams  
Year 11 Music Performance Assessment  
Year 10 Exam Information Assembly  
Year 11 Public Speaking

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

Wednesday 22nd October - Early Dismissal  
Tuesday 4th November - Cup Day Public Holiday  
Tuesday 18th November - 2.15pm dismissal (Staff PL)  
Monday 1st December - Curriculum Day

Principal’s Report

**Farewell to Year 12 General Assembly:**  
Tomorrow the College will formally farewell the Year 12 Class of 2014 in an assembly commencing at 11.15am and concluding at about 12.30pm. I am aware that there are Year 12 parents who would like to attend the assembly and you are most welcome. However for seating purposes, we need for parents to contact Deanne at the General Office to indicate that you wish to attend. Immediately after the assembly, the Year 12s will enjoy a bar-b-que with staff before participating in activities on the oval. We hope the Year 12 students enjoy their last day at the College. After Wednesday they need to be completely focussed on their exam preparation as exams begin on 29th October. All thoughts about Schoolies Week needs to be put away and students need to remember that their real holidays do not begin until after the Valedictory Dinner on 21st November.
**Early Dismissal and Security:**
Mindful of ensuring student safety during this time, the tradition is for the rest of the College to dismiss at the conclusion of the assembly. The bus companies have been notified of the early dismissal. The Year 12 students have been informed of the security arrangements and expectations of how they conduct themselves during this period. They have been informed of the Trespass Act and how it will be enforced in the case of entry after College hours, either in this setting or in the case of students from one school visiting another. All secondary colleges in this immediate area have an agreement about consequences for any anti-social behaviour and trespass. The consequences are severe. The College will employ a night security team during this week to patrol the grounds. All colleges are concerned to maintain safety and security during this transition period. Year 12 parents have been notified of the College expectations and the consequences for any breach.

**Cup Eve Arrangements:**
Cup Day falls on Tuesday, 4th of November and as a result, many families take the Monday and have a long weekend. There are considerable reductions in student numbers on the Cup Eve Monday. The College very definitely will be business as usual. Depending on numbers at any level, classes may be intact or collapsed but please understand that students will have a program during that day.

**Year 10 Parent Meeting for Learning Fields:**
In the preparation for the introduction of 1:1 technology at Years 7 and 10 for 2015, the imperative has been to reduce booklist costs for parents. The College has very carefully screened booklist requirements across all levels. However, along with the phasing in of 1:1 technology and the exciting learning that will accompany it, the booklist for Years 7 and 10 is considerably altered. There will be only a few hard copy books and students at these levels will be working from eBooks. The College has negotiated a package of eBooks for students at both levels which will enable them to access not just one electronic book for a particular subject but a suite of books. This is at a greatly reduced amount compared to current costs for hard copy of textbooks. Students will of course, still need exercise books and general classroom materials.
‘Learning Fields’ is the name of our provider and they are very proactive in terms of communication and training. We have asked them to present to our Year 9 into 10 parents and to the Year 7 parents on separate occasions and they are very pleased to do so. For the 2015 Year 10 parents, the ‘Learning Fields’ eBook presentation will be held in the Library at 7pm, on Thursday 30th October. I ask Year 9 into 10 parents to put this date into their diaries as this is a wonderful opportunity to see how comprehensive the range of eBooks and resources are on offer and gives an opportunity to ask questions about costs. For the 2015 Year 7s, ‘Learning Fields’ will present at the Year 6 into 7 Evening, on Thursday 27th November.

**Gala Concert:**
This year’s Gala Concert will go down as one of the all time greats. Last Monday, 13th October, at The Plenty Ranges, South Morang was a sell out and the feedback from parents at Interval and at the close of the evening was complete praise for the variety and quality of the student performances. Not lost on parents was the sheer number of students coming on and off stage and this attests to the strengths of the Viewbank College Instrumental Music Program. It was a big program of 16 performances to showcase the talents of VCE students and the excellence of the ensembles, bands and choirs.
As is the tradition, the evening opened with a vibrant Brass Fanfare, from ‘The Royal Fireworks’ by Handel. It was an exhilarating opening and Cameron Stark’s brass students, demonstrated great authority and purpose. The Intermediate Band, under the baton of Mark Eagling, opened with ‘Siesta San Anton’ and ‘The Curse of Tutankhamun’. Exotic and full of beautiful nuance, these two pieces showcased the
breadth of the band’s skills. The next item was the delight of being treated to a performance from one of our VCE students. Harry An, who is an outstanding pianist, played ‘Consolation No. 3’ by Franz List. This was a moment early in the concert to close the eyes and just let his beautiful playing wash over your senses. Bravo Harry! The Jazz Band then launched into a spirited performance of ‘Gimme Some Lovin’ and ‘Can’t Take My Eyes Off You/Sway’ with Georgia Dempsey, Charlie Lewis and Andrea Magill, the featured singers. It is exciting to see the maturity in the girls’ voices which gives this band another dimension. Patrick Broadbent is always on the lookout for an added entertainment factor and this year the audience was greatly entertained when he invited Andrea to dance with him while the band played their melody.

Marcus Kurban’s Senior Guitar Ensemble has grown in number which gives greater depth to this group’s sound. Led by master guitarist, Year 12 student Paul Kascamanidis, the group showed their serious guitar intent with ‘Spain’ by Chick Corea and the Easybeats classic, ‘Friday on My Mind’. For the Year 12s: Paul Kascamanidis, James Lowe, Patrick Keenan, Jakob Smith, Simon Toulet and Jade Ingvarson-Favretto this was their last ensemble performance. They all should be very pleased with their sound. The shift from guitar to the Junior Strings brought with it an entirely different mood. Lia Boulton’s ensemble gave a performance of delicate strings with ‘A House in Holland’ and a very western piece, ‘Fiddles Out West’. Again, the program swung back from the strings to guitars with the Intermediate guitars taking the stage with confidence. Featuring something for Santana fans with ‘Europa’ and then the classic toe-tapper, ‘A Crazy Little Thing Called Love’ by Queen, they are taking on the mantle that the Year 12s are vacating. Craig Harrison’s Stage Band continued the toe-tapping material with ‘The Chicken’ (not to be confused with the Chicken song sung at parties) and then ‘I’m Beginning to See the Light’ by Duke Ellington. Sarah Ware and Madelyn Ryan were the featured singers and they sounded strong and confident. This lively presentation was followed by Merran Wickham’s Intermediate Choir of girls singing ‘Defying Gravity’ with by Patty Wu of Year 9 accompanying on the piano. Patti’s accompaniment was excellent but then she came back into the choir as it moved into a different configuration. Their masterpiece was a rendition of Lorde’s great hit ‘Royals’; singing it is almost two harmonic rounds. Such a highlight performance! The Senior Concert Band, under the baton of Patrick Broadbent, took us to Interval with the lively ‘Quad City Stomp’ and ‘Curtain Call’, a piece which sounds as if it is from Vaudeville. These two pieces featured flute rifts a with a huge percussion sound to excite us as we anticipated Interval.

In the foyer, Elizabeth Arnaud’s flautists in the Flute Ensemble continued the musical feast for guests. The second half opened with the Junior Concert Band playing ‘Bunyip Blues’, ‘Applachian Folk Dance’ and ‘Spookyville’. Cheryl Clark’s young charges demonstrated evidently, how their skills and confidence
as players has developed over this year. Congratulations Year 7 and 8’s! Chelsea Tsaparis is almost a household name for people of our College Community as she has performed for the College in many events and as leads in the last five College Productions. Accompanied by Merran Wickham on the piano, Chelsea’s parting gift to the Instrumental Music scene was to showcase one of her VCE Solo songs, ‘Still Hurting’ by Jason Robert Brown, from the musical ‘The Last Five Years’. Chelsea sang with all of her capacity to interpret this song which is about rejection, hurt, anger and disappointment. There is no other adjective but ‘outstanding’ to describe this performance. Bravo Chelsea!

The Intermediate Strings are a very large group who play with great confidence. Sarah Williams is their conductor and it is evident they love their music. With Khairi Mikael as the solo violin, they played ‘In a French Garden’ and followed this with, ‘All Star’ from the movie ‘Shrek’. The large Senior Choir has a big mix of male and female singers and they followed with Rhys Wilson taking the lead in an African piece ‘Emergi’. This is a first solo performance for Rhys and his rich voice proved to be a perfect lead to the choir. ‘Sweet Disposition’ was their second capella number and again this featured a variety of voices. The Choir’s performance was sophisticated and demonstrated their strength as singers. Sarah Williams’ Senior Strings then showcased seriously talented string playing, as they performed ‘The Idylls of Pegasus’ by Richard Meyer. Evlambia Vafiadis was featured as the solo cellist and her playing was sublime. This long program was fast coming to an end and all that was left was the Funk Band and when they finished, we wanted more. The Funk Band and Senior Choir combined for ‘Someone to Love’ by Freddy Mercury. Jai White, Jade Ingvarson-Favretto and Madalyn Ryan were the three lead singers and this was a big, big sound. Accompanied by Chelsea Tsaparis and the Funk Band, Jade Ingvarson-Favretto, another great name associated with Music and drama in the College, sang the piece she penned and performed recently at the State Schools’ Spectacular. Her piece ‘Something Special’ was indeed every bit special. Again the word, ‘outstanding’ can only describe this performance. The Funk Band completed the evening with ‘Lygon St Meltdown’ by the Melbourne Ska Orchestra. Matt Poynters group had left us wanting more and more.

I have used lots of superlatives about this year’s Gala Concert and all deserved. I wish to congratulate Director of Music, Sarah Williams for inspiring the Instrumental Music Team and for ensuring such quality. Our visiting Instrumental Teachers go beyond the call of duty and congratulations go to: Elizabeth Arnaud, Lia Boulton, Patrick Broadbent, Anthony Citino, Cheryl Clark, Mark Eagling, Craig Harrison, Neil Jowsey, Tom Krieg, Marcus Kurban, Andrew Laveglia, Matt Poynter, Cameron Stark and Merran Wickham. A special thank you goes to Anthony Citino for his stage management. I also wish to thank Assistant Principal, John Munro and the following teachers, Sue Calder, Rachael Smith, Samantha Sissons and Mike Matthews for their work in organizing students behind the scenes. The Music Secretary, Lisa Provis did great job supporting her first Gala Concert.

‘Friends of Music’ led by Mr Shane Crowe organized the distribution of tickets and ensured that Front-of-House ran smoothly. Lots of thanks go to FOM.

As the Performing Arts Captain, Chelsea Tsaparis, is to be congratulated on her fine work in compering the evening and her fine work and participation throughout 2014. She is to be heartily congratulated on her warm, witty and generous introductions to the performers. Emotionally, Chelsea got to congratulate the 2015 Music Captain elect, Valentina Griesheimer as she realised that her tenure on this key role was coming to an end.
The following Year 12 musicians, have been strong participants and we thank them for their passion and commitment and for being such great role models for younger students: Harry An, Casey Cooke, Sophie Gutknecht, Jade Ingvason-Favretto, Paul Kascamanidis, Patrick Keenan, James Lowe, Ben Richardson, Jakob Smith, Alicia Surtees, Lachlan Thorpe, Simon Toullet, Marie Trevithick, Chelsea Tsaparis. Well done Year 12s! I would like to thank the student tech team for their excellent work behind the scenes. On behalf of everyone who attended last Monday evening, I wish to congratulate all the students who participated. They were truly inspiring and I hope all continue their journey in music.

Music Captain 2015:
It is great pleasure to announce that the Music Captain for 2015 is Valentina Griesheimer.

Queen Scout Award:
The College celebrates the fine achievements of students in their endeavours outside the College. Just as Year 12 is drawing to a close, two of our Years 12 have been very busy achieving in another field and their hard work has been recognised. Belinda Dennis and Rowan Weaver were each awarded the coveted Queen Scout Award. On the 4th October, at Government House, Belinda Dennis and Rowan Weaver were presented with their awards by His Excellency, the Governor and Chief scout of Victoria, Alex Chernov AO QC. There were only 65 recipients of this award from across the State. Rowan Weaver was selected to deliver the Scout message of loyalty and thanks on behalf of the 65 recipients.

To get this award is really a testament to determination, commitment and self motivation. Venturer Scouts are younger members of the Scouting movement between the ages of 14 and 17, both female and male, and while every Venturer Scout has the opportunity to strive to become a Queens Scout , only a few have what it takes to actually get there. This award represents hundreds of hours of endeavour in activities which include service to the community, leadership, personal growth and outdoor activities. From the beginning when Venturer Scouts set their own challenges it takes about three years to complete. To achieve this successfully, the Venturer Scout has to monitor their own progress and needs to be committed to undertaking activities which extend their own personal, intellectual and social development. This is a prestigious achievement well-recognized by the community and very highly valued by employers.

Interestingly, Belinda and Rowan do not belong to the same Scout group. Belinda was a member of the 1st 2nd Greensborough Scout Group and is now a member of the Kooranunda Venturer Unit. Rowan was a member of the Macleod Scout Group and is a member of the Watsonia Venturer Unit. However, during their time as Venturers they both attended the Australian Venture in Tasmania in 2012 and the New Zealand Venture in 2013. Belinda also attended the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. The College is very proud of Belinda and Rowan’s endeavour towards this great achievement. We have amongst us two exceptional young people and the Queen’s Scout is in every way a recognition of personal excellence.

Student Excellence in Drama - Five Boys Successfully Audition for Footloose:
A group of self-motivated Year 11 boys who have already demonstrated in the College that they are passionate about their music and drama, successfully auditioned for roles in an out-of-school production of Footloose, which is being produced by Stage Masters and will be performed over the week of Tuesday 21 October – Sunday 26 October at Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park. Students from all over Victoria competed for a role, so for 5 students from one school to win roles is very impressive!
There are 2 casts that alternate performing and our 5 Viewbank College students are split between these two casts (Red and Blue).

Rhys Wilson will feature as “Willard”, one of the principal characters, in the Red Cast and along with him Toby Hope and Jordi Hankinson will perform. Andrew Vassett and Jack Stoddart will perform in the alternative Blue Cast. We congratulate the boys on their initiative to go and audition and then especially on their success at being chosen as cast members. We hope that members of our community may like to consider attending a performance as a support to our boys.

**Safer School Leaver Week Celebrations:**
DEECD have asked principals to circulate information about safety during ‘SCHOOLIES’ week which takes place between November to mid-December.

Some coastal areas offer organized services and activities. Specifically, many of our students head down to the Surf Coast (Lorne and Torquay), Bass Shire (Phillip Island and Inverloch) or Morning Peninsular Shire (Rosebud, Dromana Rye, Sorrento and Portsea) the advice is that students should register with the appropriate Shire via the links below. Students attending any of the above Shires should register with the Shire Council by late November/early December. By registering, students have access to free community transport, water bottles, welcome packs, a text messaging service and discounts and offers from local businesses.

It is important for students to be extremely cautious about drug and alcohol use. There have been recent reports of overdoses in young people aged 18-25 related to GHB use. GHB is a drug that many young people will have limited knowledge of.

The Youth central websites provides important information for students and parents about celebrating safely and reducing the risks associated with alcohol, drugs, sex, sexting and social media.

Fact sheets on a range of illicit substances can be found at the Australian Drug Foundation website:

While attending ‘Schoolies’ with mates has nothing to do with the College and is for the student and their families to manage, as a College we hope each and every one of our students is safe and is aware of the risks.

Judith Craze
Principal
“Caring for Excellence”
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following information with regards to changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

**Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

“From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to the Business Manager of your school about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents/guardians will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents/guardians to assist with education costs.”

If you have any questions about this change, please contact either Natalie Kennan, Business Manager or Judith Crazes, College Principal.

Yours sincerely

Damian Schulz
Viewbank College Council President

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**Canteen**

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Senior School News

Key Dates:  1. Wednesday October 22 – Year 12 Final Assembly
         2. Friday October 24 – Year 11 Public Speaking Final

Year 12

Next week marks the culmination of six years of secondary schooling for our Year 12 students. It is an exciting time as they embark on the next phase in their lives. To help support them, a ‘final days’ assembly was held last week to recognise some special achievements and ensure that students are well informed of the expectations we hold of them over their final formal days at the College.

Mrs Judith Craze spoke to the students about the importance of utilising their final days well, working productively during ‘swot vac’ and taking advantage of the resource of their highly knowledgeable teaching staff.

Badges were presented to students who were part of the College’s production of ‘Hairspray’, and to recognise Marie Trevithick’s important contribution to the Social Justice Group.

Mr. Dean Bettiol outlined the plans for the last three days:

- Monday October 20th is ‘Goodbye Uniform Day’
- Tuesday October 21st is ‘Dress-Up Day’ - students are reminded of the need to dress ‘appropriately’ on both days. Students dressing inappropriately will be sent home.
- Wednesday 22nd - a casual awards presentation in the morning, followed by the formal Farewell General Assembly. Students are expected to be in complete, formal College uniform (including blazers) for the assembly. A BBQ lunch will follow the assembly before ‘the games’ begin on the oval.

Parents are invited to attend the assembly which will be held in the Gymnasium beginning 11:15 am. Please notify the Office on 9458 2811 or viewbank.co@edumail.vic.gov.au so that seating can be organised.

Mr John Munro informed the students, as required by law, of the Trespass and Summary Offences Act. Year 12 students are not permitted on the College premises, outside of College hours, during the days before and after their final formal classes. Security guards will be on the College premises at these times.

Students are, of course, encouraged to attend within College hours to consult with their teachers and use the study facilities available. Parents should have received a copy of this information this week in the mail.

I reminded students that their lives are about to change and urged them to celebrate their final days at the College in a manner that is safe and acknowledges the contribution that the College has made to their lives. Students were also reminded to become very familiar with the information provided at the Navigator assembly last term – e.g. exam conditions, what’s allowed and what is not, exam timetable and VCAA student numbers. I also reminded students of the importance of ensuring that all SACs have been satisfactorily completed – we don’t want any unpleasant last minute surprises!

We strongly encourage students to seek assistance from their teachers during what can be a very demanding time. Please note that teachers should be available during normal Year 12 class times. However, a phone call, or email prior to confirm a meeting time, is recommended.

We want the final few days to be fun and safe, with good memories for all. Whilst we don’t anticipate trouble, we do ask the students, in their final three days, to be mindful of the College Policies relating to behaviour, attendance and uniform and celebrations should reflect these. Any breaches will receive appropriate consequences.

For your convenience, a copy of the exam timetable is on the next page. Alternatively, you can visit www.vcaa.vic.edu.au for more information.
Senior School News continued...

**Valedictory Dinner**

Save the date – **Friday November 21 – The Centre Ivanhoe**. Families are invited to share in the final fare¬well to our Year 12s and to celebrate their achievements. Details will follow shortly.

Parents with any questions – please call or email me!

Regards

Di Allan

Year 12 Wellbeing Leader

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**Units 3 & 4 Exams**

We wish all of our Year 12 students, and those students undertaking a Unit 3/4 subject, the very best for the study period in preparation for their final exams, beginning with English and EAL on Wednesday October 29. Already, exams have begun for students who are studying a subject that has a performance or oral component such as languages, dance, drama, theatre studies and music.
Senior School News continued...

Years 10 and 11
Students in these year levels received their subject lists for 2015 at separate assemblies this week. Students need to check these lists carefully, especially the Elective choices. If there are concerns, then students will need to speak to either Ms Thatcher or Ms Sissons before next Wednesday.

Thank you,
Sue Calder
Senior Years Leader
9091 3870.

Music News

Gala Concert
Congratulations to all students who performed in the Gala Concert on Monday night. It was a wonderful showcase of our talented students. I would also like to thank our Music and Theatre Secretary, Lisa Provis for her huge role in organising the concert.

Stage Band performance next Sunday
Where: Rosanna Golflinks Primary School Fete
When: Sunday October 26
Time: 2-3pm

Important dates to note:

Sunday 26 October
Stage Band performance. Details above.

Wednesday 5 November
String Soiree, Library 7 – 8.30pm – All violin, viola, cello and double bass students.

Thursday 13 November
Friends of Music BBQ concert, Viewbank College outdoor stage - Flute ensemble, brass ensemble, clarinet ensembles, saxophone ensembles, Latin Jazz band and percussion ensemble.

Sarah Williams
Director of Music
swilliams@viewbank.vic.edu.au
YEAR NINE GOLD COAST TRIP, JUNE 2015

Each year, Viewbank College conducts an extended, exciting educational tour to a special location in Australia. This year we will again be heading to the Sunshine State and enjoying an adventurous Health and Wellbeing Camp on the Gold Coast. Students will be involved in a number of activities throughout the 6 days. These include; surfing, paddle-boarding, swimming, beach volleyball, yoga, rock climbing, trips to Dreamworld and Wet ‘n’ Wild and many more fun filled team, leadership and wellbeing exercises at night. We will be travelling up by bus to the Gold Coast and flying directly home from Coolangatta to Melbourne. This trip will be a fantastic opportunity for students to build effective and positive relationships with peers and their teachers and to encourage healthy minds and bodies.

Details are as follows:

Dates: Sunday 21st June to Friday 26th June, 2015 (Last week of Term 2)

Cost: Approximately $995 (Dependent on flights and accommodation)

Deposit: $180

This is required to fix the booking and cost of the airfares and should be paid to the General Office by **Wednesday 28th October, 2014**. The deposit gives us an indication of numbers for costing so please consider carefully. **According to the refunds and returns policy deposits will not be refunded.**

Final Payment: Due by **Monday 18th May, 2015**. Parents and students are welcome to pay in advance by instalments. However, **50% of the total will be due by Monday 13th April, 2015 (First day of Term 2).**

Behaviour: It should be noted that students who are not behaving in an appropriate manner in classrooms may be excluded from participating in the trip at the discretion of the Year 9 Well-Being Leader.

Any queries should be directed to the Year 9 Team.

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Yes, I would like to have a week’s holiday in June while my “little darling” is in Queensland. I have completed the form below and attached a remittance of $180 for the deposit.

STUDENT’S FULL NAME (CAPITALS PLEASE) ____________________________

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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
Junior Production News

Viewbank College Presents:

**ATTACK OF THE ZOMBIES!**

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets are now on sale for our 2014 Junior Production of **Attack of the Zombies**

Dates and Times as follows:

- Wednesday 10th December  7.30pm
- Thursday 11th December  7.30pm

**Ticket Prices:** All tickets are $10.00

(**Please note that there is a booking fee of 30 cents per seat)**

Click on the following link to book: [http://www.trybooking.com/GCVU](http://www.trybooking.com/GCVU)

**Trybooking**

Viewbank College Junior Production of Attack of the Zombies 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 enquiries regarding the production, please contact David Henning or Amanda Watso non 9458 2811.

Any ticketing enquiries please contact Deanne in the General Office on 9458 2811.
G’DAY USA 2016 INFORMATION EVENING

All parents and students interested in the April 2016 G’Day USA Tour are invited to an Information evening:

**DATE:** Thursday 13th November, 2014

**TIME:** 6:00pm (registration from 5:50pm)

**WHERE:** Viewbank College

**ROOM:** Library

The G’Day USA Program provides students with the opportunity to live with an American Host Family for seven days and experience daily life in the United States of America. The tour itinerary also includes four fun-filled days in Anaheim / Los Angeles and three days exploring scenic San Francisco.

Students travel as part of a supervised community group with Mr Hiller as the main Group Leader. Representatives from EWT will also be located in the hotels and host city.

The main Group Leader, Mr Hiller coordinating this event will be in attendance at the parent information evening, along with a representative from EWT who will explain the program in detail, distribute application documents and answer any questions.

**MAIN GROUP CONTACT:** Mr Hiller – Email: shiller@viewbank.vic.edu.au OR 03 9458 2811

**EWT REPRESENTATIVE:** Ms Kirstin Laraia – Email: kirstin.laraia@ewt.com.au OR 0418 882 477

☐ We will attend the G’Day USA information evening

☐ We are unable to attend, but wish to be contacted with more information about G’Day USA

Student Name: ___________________________ Year/Class: ________________

Parent Name: ___________________________ Phone: ________________

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the gardening and takes care of her older brother. He is very excited to learn all about
Australian lifestyles and to meet new people. He wants to share some Thai
greetings and food with his host family.

Andrea (17) from Italy is looking forward to making his dream come true when he
comes to Australia. He enjoys trekking in nature as well as swimming for pleasure
and is equally happy reading a book or spending time with his friends and family.
His parents say he is helpful at home and as they both work he sometimes helps
with the cooking. Andrea also likes to take photographs and can’t wait to
experience Aussie culture, nature and the beautiful landscapes.

Gabriel (15) from France was born in Spain and moved to France when he was four
years old. Therefore he is fluent in both French and Spanish. He enjoys swimming,
surfing, soccer, bike riding and watching movies with his friends. He and his father
enjoy cooking together or watching sports on TV. Gabriel is very excited to
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