VIEWBANK CALENDAR

October
31 VCE Exams
Unit 3&4 Performance & Oral Exams

November
1 Second Hand Uniform Shop 10am - 12pm
3 VCE Exams
4 Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
5 VCE Exams
Year 9 Assembly - Peer Support
Strings Soiree 7pm - Library
6 VCE Exams
7 VCE Exams
10 Parent Payment for 2015 Electives due
VCE Exams
Year 11 Drama Solo Performance Evening
Year 9 Music Performance Assessment
11 VCE Exams
Year 9 Music Performance Assessment
Year 11 Drama Performance Assessment
Friends of Viewbank (FOV) Meeting 7.30pm

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

Principal’s Report

Here we are at the end of October and VCE exams have begun in earnest and we are in readiness for the new scholastic year which commences on the 24th November, as well as having all planning in place for the start in January. Given that Term 1 is only 8 weeks in length in 2015, this year’s early start up will enable students to get into their studies rather than waste valuable time. Our VCE students will find this particularly valuable.

Along with this early start to the College year, the restructuring of Year 10, the curriculum development, the increased focus on vocational pathways and the introduction of personal learning devices and e Learning at Year 7 and 10, we recognize that these are significant changes.

In undertaking these big challenges, in this year of implementation, we are changing the traditional rhythms of the College and innovating new approaches to learning.

These changes have come after a great deal of consultation, planning and preparation and the focus has been on student engagement and students having a greater sense of purpose about their approach to the schooling and
hopefully, improved student outcomes.

**Year 10 1:1 with “Learning Fields” Evening:**
Optimum student outcomes are arrived at when students are engaged by stimulating learning; have an understanding of the relevance of their learning and how they can apply it; and feel that they are stretched to achieve more than they believe they are capable of. This week just listening to a group of adults socially talking about teachers from their past, the focus at first was on some of the worst teachers they ever had and really what they had to say was an indictment of the bad old days of education. However, I asked the group could they recall a great teacher from their years at school. Almost in every case the person they chose was a teacher who motivated them and pushed them to succeed at things they never believed they were capable of. I agreed, a strong learning environment needs to have teachers who will stretch students and encourage them to strive for personal bests by providing stimulating, challenging learning opportunities. We are confident that the new directions at Years 7 and 10 with the introduction of 1:1 personal devices will provide stimulating learning for students and we believe we have effective teachers who strive to build strong learning relationships to engender curiosity and capacity.

Last night, we wanted yet another opportunity to communicate with Year 10 parents and students and answer their questions about the 1:1 personal device program. However, we also wanted to launch ‘Learning Fields’ and then to explain that the 2015 booklist will be quite different than any other they have experienced. For Year 10s, while we will ask parents to buy necessary stationary, the number of hard copy texts will be miniscule. No longer will parents complain about costly books in excess $60.00 upwards and the fact that some books never seemed to have enough usage, nor the fact that when they want to resell them, they have become the out-of-date edition. Instead for Years 7 and 10 the requirement will be the purchase of an annual subscription (January to January) to ‘Learning Fields’ which offers a one stop eBook library of texts from which their teachers will be bookmarking pages and chapters and students will have with them at all times on their laptops. It will allow them to read online or offline. ‘Learning Fields’ offers 550 eBooks in its suite which translates to 7,000 chapters. Year 10 students undertaking a VCE study will be able to access Unit 1 and 2 eBooks, while students needing reinforcement will be able to access resources to help them catch up their skills. This gives students access for extra reading and enables teachers to prepare materials for differentiation in class. Teachers can collaborate with colleagues towards producing quality learning experiences based on the abundance of resources. Caroline Hartley from ‘Learning Fields’ took parents through the possibilities and demonstrated how a teacher might bookmark a chapter to be read in a certain book but also, a chapter from other resources. She demonstrated how students can easily access more information on any topic for projects, independent research, group work and for presentations. Students have a note-taking facility and also a bookmarking facility and much more. Together with the other programs that are to be loaded onto the laptops, it gives students access to abundant learning possibilities at their fingertips.

From the ‘Learning Fields’ presentation, Compass Consultant Travis Gandy, who is advising the College on this exciting learning development, reported to parents about the pleasing take up to date and how he is negotiating to get the best possible package of programs for the laptops. The College devices come with a complete package of programs that parents cannot provide for the same costs elsewhere and of course, come with insurance for accidental damage. The College cannot vary from the preferred device as this is about uniform readiness in the classroom: devices, programs, eBooks and servicing. We are mindful that we are asking parents to purchase a Dell Inspiron (two models to choose from) and with ‘Learning fields’, we are ensuring that for students, their new devices will be their main resource and they must use them. They have to grow their ICT skills along with deep learning. The College has actively sought to get the best possible outcome for parents. Depending on elective choice, the difference between the eBook subscription and the cost of last Year’s 10 texts on booklist is between 25% and 40% per cent. Roughly over the three years of the laptop, the saving on eBooks will be almost the cost of a
device.
Last night was a great opportunity for parents and students to ask all the questions they wished about their laptops and about the changes that will deliver exciting learning possibilities. It was a great opportunity for us to get feedback from parents too and we appreciated that. Our purpose is to ensure that our College programs are building the skills needed by students as they prepare for their tertiary studies ahead and for the global workplace. Recently, I attended the University of Melbourne Vice-Chancellor’s Dinner for principals whose colleges produce a strong cohort of students attending the university. I was very interested to hear the Vice-Chancellor talking about the challenges of meeting student needs for online courses and how the traditional models of lectures and tutorials are being surpassed. The demand is increasingly for online courses and discussion time with academics which is proving a huge challenge. In terms of an international ranking, the University of Melbourne is ranked within the top 50 in the world and they certainly, understand the implications for students in terms of eLearning and building student capacity towards their future careers. I am confident that like the University of Melbourne, that Viewbank College has the vision to confidently develop and implement relevant learning opportunities that will cater to students, grow skill capacity and make learning relevant.

**Cup Day Eve:**
If students are absent on Monday, please ensure that absence is authorised. However, for planning purposes, if you know your child is going to be absent on Monday, please enter their absence in Compass ahead of the day. Where there are significantly reduced numbers at a level, classes will be collapsed and students will follow a suitable timetable.

**Explanation of Police Presence on Wednesday, 29th Home Time:**
On Wednesday afternoon, just on home time students and parents would have been very aware of police patrolling Warren Road and would have been aware of an ambulance in the College grounds. However, the presence of the two services were completely unrelated. We did have a very ill child that needed to be assessed at a hospital and thankfully, that child is fine. In terms of the police presence, the College had asked for a patrol as a precaution. Earlier in the day, at lunch time, a group of boys from out of the College had arrived, looking for trouble but were deterred. College leaders and staff patrolled the gates throughout lunchtime to make sure they did not return. As a further precaution, the police were asked to patrol at the end of the day in case the boys decided to return. They did not return and we are pleased that no student was at risk.

**Exams Periods:**
The Year 12 exams have begun in earnest and to date the examiners have reported that our students have been punctual and very focussed. Certainly, it was good to hear that generally students were delighted with the English paper and most said that they felt it was very fair. As every student has to sit that paper, I think there is a great relief when it is over and they have their first exam down. I think many students use it as a gauge of how they’ll go against other papers.

**Schedules for Years 11, 10 and 9 Exams:**
Teachers are putting final touches to exam papers for Years 11, 10 and 9. These exams will assess Semester 2 units of work and students at these levels must sit their exams. Any student who is ill will need to provide a medical certificate to the Year Level Well-Being Leader and there should be no other circumstance for missing an exam. Health permitting, students who have provided a medical certificate will have the exam rescheduled in that week only if possible.

- Year 11 exams commence on Thursday November 13\(^{th}\) and are scheduled until the 20\(^{th}\) November. (6 days)
Year 10 exams begin on Monday 17th November through to Friday 21st November. (5 days)
Year 9 exams are held on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November. (2 days only)
Students at these levels will be given exam schedules, revision advice and expectations.

2015 Parent Payments:
As the commencement of the new scholastic year fast approaches and will begin on the 24th November, parent payments for 2015 electives are now required. These payments were signalled in an earlier newsletter and can be made through Compass. Parents will have received statements this week.

While students have been allocated to electives and given their 2015 subjects confirmation, this will be subject to necessary payments by the 10th November, 2014. Please note that a student’s final entry is conditional on a satisfactory completion of their current Year Level and full payment of any elective fee.

A list of parent payments has been emailed to all parents via Compass.

Anaphylaxis Training:
We have a considerable number of students in the College who are anaphylactic; some with severe allergies, others mild. Hence it is vital that all members of staff are qualified to attend to the possibility of an emergency situation. This is a reminder that on 18th November, the College will be dismissed at 2.15pm for staff to undergo mandated three hour Anaphylaxis Training. Every three years, all staff members must access an intensive three hour professional learning session and this is why we need to have an early dismissal. In every other year, they must do an hour long update.

Judith Craze
Principal
“Caring for Excellence”

Senior School News

Key Dates:
Monday November 17 – Friday November 21 – Year 10 Exams
Thursday November 13 – Thursday November 20 – Year 11 Exams

Year 12
Valedictory Dinner
Save the date – Friday November 21 at 7.00pm – The Centre Ivanhoe. Families are invited to share in the final farewell to our Yr 12s and to celebrate their achievements. To book click on the following link: http://www.trybooking.com/GELL
Please note: there is a limit of 4 tickets per family (Year 12 students plus three others). It is advisable if people would like to be seated at the same table to note the table number and book at the same time.
*Cost:
$50 per Viewbank College Year 12 Student (if College fees have been paid)
$90 per Viewbank College Year 12 Student (if no College fees have been paid)
$90 per Adult/Other Students
*Please note that there is a 30 cent per seat Trybooking fee.

Parents with any questions – please call or email me!
Regards
Di Allan
Year 12 Well-Being Leader
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Senior School continued...

Year 11
2015 Subject Lists - Year 12, 2015
All students have received their subject selections for 2015. It is important that students check that the subjects they have selected meet the pre-requisite requirements for the career that they wish to pursue after school. If students are unsure about pre-requisites they need to meet with our careers teachers and have a discussion about future pathways.

Year 11 Exams
Year 11 exams are coming up quickly and are less than two weeks away. Exams will run from the 13th – 20th of November. All students have received their exam timetables and are strongly encouraged to begin their revision now. We hope that all Year 11 students are practicing positive study strategies in preparation for both their Unit 2 exams and their Year 12 studies.

Samantha Sissons
Year 11 Well-Being Leader

Asha Dey
Assistant Year 11 Well-Being Leader

Year 10
2015 Subject Lists
Students in Year 10 received their subject lists for 2015 at an assembly last week. Students need to check these lists carefully, especially the Elective choices. If there are concerns, then students will need to speak to Ms Thatcher immediately.

Tamara Thatcher
Year 10 Well-Being Leader

Sean Hiller
Assistant Year 10 Well-Being Leader

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END-OF-YEAR WRITTEN EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Each examination commences with a 15-minute reading period. The reading period is included in the times shown in the timetable.
The following examinations have an audio component:
• Music Style and Composition
• Music Performance
• VET music: Technical Production
• Languages except Indic Languages of Victoria, Classical Greek, Classical Hebrew and Latin.

Monday 16 November
9:00 am – 10:45 am
English (A and A) 2
11:45 am – 2:00 pm
Business Management
2:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Further Mathematics Exam 1

Tuesday 17 November
8:00 am – 10:45 am
Further Mathematics Exam 1
11:45 am – 2:00 pm
Business Management
2:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Further Mathematics Exam 1

Wednesday 18 November
8:00 am – 9:45 am
English (A and A) 2
9:45 am – 11:30 am
English as an Additional Language (EAL)
1:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Economics

Thursday 19 November
8:00 am – 9:45 am
English (A and A) 2
9:45 am – 11:30 am
English as an Additional Language (EAL)
1:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Economics

Friday 20 November
8:00 am – 10:45 am
Biology
11:45 am – 2:00 pm
Further Mathematics Exam 1
2:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Indigenous Languages
Japanese FL

Monday 23 November
8:00 am – 10:45 am
Mathematics Methods (CAS) Exam 1
11:45 am – 2:00 pm
Product Design and Technology
2:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Health and Human Development

Tuesday 24 November
8:00 am – 10:45 am
Mathematics Methods (CAS) Exam 1
11:45 am – 2:00 pm
Product Design and Technology
2:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Mathematics Methods (CAS) Exam 2

Wednesday 25 November
8:00 am – 10:45 am
Technology Studies
9:00 am – 10:45 am
VET Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm
VET Information and Communications Technology

Thursday 26 November
8:00 am – 10:45 am
Technology Studies
9:00 am – 10:45 am
VET Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm
VET Information and Communications Technology
1:45 pm – 2:20 pm
Geography
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Literature

Friday 27 November
8:00 am – 10:45 am
Specialist Mathematics Exam 1
11:45 am – 2:20 pm
Chemical Studies
2:20 pm – 5:15 pm
VET Interactive Digital Skills

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Sue Calder
Senior Years Leader
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Wellness Team News

Viewbank Wellness Team –
Be Smart Choose Tap!

As part of Yarra Valley Water’s Choose Tap initiative, Viewbank College has purchased a number of the 800ml water bottles. These are available for staff and students to purchase for $6 from the Well-Being Leaders office.

The drink bottles:

• Are BPA (bisphenol-A) free
• Are Made in Australia
• Are made of LDPE (low density polyethylene)
• Have a Clearview® strip with measurements
• Are dishwasher and freezer safe
• Have a straw incorporated
• Retail for up to $15 per bottle
• Promote the re-filling of drink bottles...Choosing Tap!

Did you know?
• It can take up to 3 litres of water to produce 1 litre of bottled water.
• The charge for 1 litre of bottled water is up to 1,500 times the cost of tap water.
• Over 90% of the cost of a bottle can be traced back to the bottle, lid or label.

$6 from the Well-Being Leaders Office

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will next open on:
Saturday 1st November, 2014
10.00am to 12.00pm
(Gymnasium Cloakroom)
Doors do not open until 10am
(Cash Only – No EFTPOS)

VIEWBANK COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

Open every Wednesday morning
(during school terms)
in R13
Hours: 8.15am - 9.00am
Science News

Year 10 Science textbook BUYBACK
The Science Domain is looking to acquire a class set of Pearson Science 10 textbooks.

We will be offering $40 for the first 15 second-hand Pearson Science 10 textbooks that are in good condition that are shown to Mr Patterson in the G-block staffroom.

Student names will be recorded at this stage

Students will be able to retain their textbooks until the end of the Year 10 exam period, when the textbooks will be able to be exchanged for a voucher that is redeemable at the front office.

Students will need to act promptly to take advantage of this opportunity – due to the 1:1 program beginning next year with 2015 Year 10 students, the opportunity to on-sell textbooks in the second-hand market within the college will be extremely limited.

ASTRONOMY EXPERTS and ENTHUSIASTS

In 2015, a new ASTRONOMY Science elective for Year 9 students will be running for the first time.

Any members of the college community with an interest and/or expertise in any aspect of Astronomy are encouraged to contact John Patterson (Science Domain Leader) on 9091 3856 or email: jpatterson@viewbank.vic.edu.au with a view towards enriching this exciting new program at the College

John Patterson
Science Domain Leader

Canteen

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Sport News

INTERMEDIATE BOYS CRICKET
On Wednesday October 29, 11 boys in year 8 went down to Banyule Flats to play against Greensborough in a 30 over match. After a cool, cloudy start to the day, the sun eventually shone on what would be an amazing Viewbank victory.

Opening batting, Connor Rutland led the charge and eventually was dismissed for 94. While this was happening, 21 seemed to be the number of the day, with 3 batters being dismissed for that total. Eventually, Viewbank are 4/208 - an imposing total and setting a run rate of almost 7 per over. Greensborough were shaky to start, losing their first wicket on the 3rd ball, and then the opening order toppled - they lost 4 further wickets for 20 runs. Still, their middle order managed a little comeback and held together, but were eventually dismissed all out for 69 off 17 overs. Congratulations to all the boys on the win - we now progress through to the next round in 2015.

PLAYERS:
Spencer Veal, Connor Rutland, Alex Pannel, Thomas Mistica-Churchland, Nicholas Mayne, Aaron Luber, Callam Kirby, Thomas Hooper, Thomas Hall, Nicholas Farren-Price, Vinuga Caldera.

Ross Purcell
Coach

INTERMEDIATE GIRL’S SOFTBALL
The Intermediate girls played Softball at Mill Park on October 29.
The team consisted of the following players:-

Angela Milesi          Lana Wallace
Maggie Wright          Chelsea Owen-Smith
Tara Draper            Nikita Trachevski
Hannah Nugent          Lauren Ware

Results:
Viewbank 23 St Helena 7
Viewbank 18 Greensborough 0

The girls played very well on the day even with one player short. They were excellent at sneaking bases and batting. Maggie took three catches and Chelsea took one. We had a three homers hit on the day by Maggie, Nikita and Chelsea. Well done to all of the girls!

Julie Ashdown
Coach

We are supporting the Poppy Appeal and Watsonia RSL for Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November.
We are selling the following in the General Office:
Poppy's are $1, $2, $5 and $10
Wristbands are $3
Music News

Stage Band performance
Congratulations to Mr Craig Harrison and the Stage Band students on their superb performance at the Rosanna Golf Links Primary School fete last Sunday. The audience clearly enjoyed listening to the band with Madalyn Ryan and Sarah Ware providing beautiful vocals. Well done everyone.

String Soiree next Wednesday 5 November
Our annual string evening will be held next Wednesday 5th November in the Viewbank College Library. All violin, viola, cello and double bass students are working towards either playing a piece on their own or in a small group. All students are expected to perform in the concert.

Details for the evening are as follows:
Date: Wednesday 5th November
Where: Viewbank College Library
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30PM (Students to arrive at 6.30pm)
Dress: Neat Casual
Free entry: All parents and friends welcome

BBQ Concert Thursday 13 November
Come and enjoy the talents of our music students while you dine. Bring a picnic dinner or purchase BBQ food and drinks from our Friends of Music committee from 6pm. The entertainment will begin at 6.30pm.

Where: Viewbank College outdoor stage (weather permitting)
When: Thursday 13 November from 6pm – 8.30pm
Performers: Junior Concert Band, Christmas Choir, flute, clarinet, saxophone, brass (Swimming Koalas) and percussion ensembles, and Junior Latin Jazz Band.

Important dates to note:
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 – Details above.
Tuesday and Wednesday 2&3 December: Jazz Band primary school tour
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 1st, 2nd & 3rd December: String workshop for any interested string players at Blackburn High School – all string students from grade 1 AMEB level or equivalent are welcome to apply.
Details available from the music office.

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

“Friends of Music BBQ concert raffle donations”
The Friends of Music are seeking donations of festive food and items for a Christmas Hamper to be raffled at the upcoming Music Barbeque on Thursday 13th November 2014. If you are able to assist please deliver donated items to the General Office by Friday 7 November. Your donations support the College’s music program.

Shane Crowe
President, Friends of Music
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

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 Watson on 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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EWT MELBOURNE OFFICE
274A Canterbury Road, Surrey Hills, VIC, 3127

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Toll Free: 1800 337 930
Community News

**HONDO IN CONCERT**

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

A singer ‘...Of fantastic voice’
-Herald Sun

‘An actor gifted with “presence” and fine movement’
- The Barefoot Review

**Sunday November 23 - 7:30pm**
Banyule Theatre Complex
Buckingham Drive, Heidelberg

Under 18 years - $15
18+ years - $20

Book your tickets at
trybooking.com/FZNL

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@hondros
@AndrewHondo

**YPRL Open Chess Tournament 2014**

Watsonia Library

**Saturday 15 November**
12.00pm – 5.00pm

Chess players of all ages and abilities are invited to take part in the Nillumbik-
Banyule Open Chess Tournament. This tournament is intended for entry
level players. **ACF-rated players** are welcome to play but are not eligible for
prizes. **This competition has limited places. Bookings are required.**