VIEWBANK CALENDAR

December
1  Report Writing Day—Student Free Day
2  VCE Studio Arts Excursion: Jean Paul Gaultier
3  Volunteers Recognition Evening 6pm
4  Year 7 & 9 (2014) Immunisations
   Second Hand Book Sale 5.30pm - 6.30pm
5  Booklist due back to school
   Year 11 Awards Assembly
   Year 10 Awards Assembly
6  Second Hand Uniform Shop 10am - 12pm
8  Peer Support Training
9  Grade 6 Orientation Day
   Year 9 (2014) Excursion
10 Year 9 (2014) - Reduce the Risk Program
    Junior Production Performance 7.30pm
11 Year 9 (2014) - Reduce the Risk Program
    Junior Production Performance 7.30pm
12 Year 9 (2014) - Reduce the Risk Program
   Year 9 (2014) Award Assembly
15 Year 7 (2014) Funfields Excursion
16 Year 8 (2014) Luna Park Excursion

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please be advised that Student absences are to be reported to
Attendance Officer at
absences@viewbank.vic.edu.au
not viewbank.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
or by accessing Compass by clicking on the following link

COMPASS login

Principal’s Report

Correction Day:
Monday, 1st December is Report Writing Day and students are not required at the College. Teachers will be busy completing reports so that they can be read for errors before they go to the Year Level Well-Being Leaders and Principals. Reports will be available to parents on 18th December, 2014 which is the last day for Years 7 and 8.

Start of the New Scholastic Year:
The historic first day of the 2015 Scholastic Year began on Monday and it is evident that students are very positive about being in their new forms. In their informal feedback, they are conscious about having the opportunity to do real work at this time of the year, to give them a great start to next year. The start-up for VCE classes, Units 1 & 3 has been very purposeful and staff have been pleased with the application of their new students. Generally there has been calmness and sense of purpose. Our teachers have put in a truly exemplary effort.
**Launch of the New Careers Website:**
Quite a number of students and parents have already been accessing the new Careers Website which is a one stop shop for everything parents and students need to find for reliable information on pathways and careers information. We are hoping parents help their child/children use this website for self-directed careers exploration. The site contains a huge amount of up-to-date information and should be the first port of call in looking for anything to do with jobs, careers, University and TAFE courses, apprenticeships and training and it is constantly updated with current information. From 2015, this is going to be an important program in terms of online student goal setting. We are hoping that parents will be involved with this process as it will be accessible from home. Students will set their goals on this site, have the opportunity to create resumes direct from the site and have excellent information to access in their searches for courses and careers. The site is also very useful for obtaining information regarding important dates during the pathways decision making process, including information on University and TAFE open days. The “Workplace Learning” area contains information regarding Work Experience and the necessary documents for downloading. The website contains a student login area and on December 8th, Mrs Ruth Perkins, the Vocational Pathways Leader, will take all Year 10 students through the program. All other year levels will be given an introduction early next year. It is important for students to routinely check the site as well as accessing their Viewbank College email to receive important information from the Careers Office. Ruth Perkins can be contacted on perkins.ruth.c@edumail.vic.gov.au should students or parents need specific information or wish to make a counselling appointment. She would welcome feedback about the new site. I encourage students and parents to explore the site to see how easy it is to access and to see the array of resources to help you support your child as they consider different study and career pathways and options. Visit [www.viewbankcollegecareers.com](http://www.viewbankcollegecareers.com)

**Year 7 Welcome Evening:**
Last night we had the pleasure of meeting our Year 7 Class of 2015 and their parents at the Grade 6 Information Evening. The Senior Strings under the baton of Mrs Sarah Williams opened the evening with an impressive repertoire. After my welcome to parents, they gave their final performance with “Pirates of the Carribbean”. The Senior Strings exemplified our motto “Caring for Excellence” and I am sure this was not lost on our Grade 6 students and their parents.

Ms Amanda Watson outlined the Transition process and what would happen on Orientation Day, on the 9th of December. She briefly took parents through the information packs prepared by College Registrar, Ms Lindy McKie and spoke of the need for any medical issues to be clearly communicated on or prior to Orientation Day. Already the Year 7 Camp is planned for Week 6, in Term 1 so parents were given an understanding of the importance of that camp and that $100 deposit is due Friday 12th December.

Assistant Principal, Mr John Munro, in charge of the 1:1 Laptop implementation, gave an overview of the program and congratulated parents on how they have embraced this new initiative. He introduced Ms Carolyn Hartley, from ‘Learning Fields’, to demonstrate what the program offers to students and parents. It was exciting to see the bright eyes of the students as they watched how this program will shape their learning and it was great to see all the positive nodding of heads from parents. Carolyn certainly demonstrated the breadth of resources available.

Assistant Principal, Maree Gaffney concluded the evening, explaining the requirements of the College Uniform and then, explaining the positive approaches to Student Engagement. We thank Noone Image-wear for creating a comprehensive presentation of all aspects of College uniform, for parents and students. Last night was such a positive evening. It is always exciting to see our latest Year 7 intake and we look forward to the Orientation Day when they will have their first full day with us.
Valedictory Dinner:
Last Friday, 21st November, the College held The Valedictory Dinner at The Centre Ivanhoe. This was a warm, dignified celebration and farewell for the Class of 2014. Approximately, 389 attended the function, including Mr David Jensz, the founding Principal of the College for whom the David Jensz Award, the highest honour of the College, is named.
While we congratulate every student who successfully completed Units 3 and 4 and who received their VCE Certificate and who received subject awards last Friday evening, a very hearty congratulations go to the following high calibre students:

Major Award Recipients:
- The David Jensz Awards - Marie Trevithick and Chelsea Tsaparis
- The College Ethos Award - Claire Youren
- The Art and Design Award - Oskar Casayas
- The Friends of Music (FOM) Award - Jade Ingvarson-Favretto
- The ADF Long Tan Award - Chelsea Tsaparis
- The Caltex All-Rounder Award - Alicia Surtees.

A special feature of the evening was the musical items from some of the leading musician Year 12 students: Harry An on piano; Jade Ingvarson-Favretto and Paul Kascamanidis for a moving duet and Chelsea Tsaparis for her rendition of ‘Over the Rainbow’. A big thank you to Mr Mark Eagling for his accompaniment.
Year 12 Well-Being Leader Ms Dianne Allan and her Assistant, Mr Dean Bettiol did a fabulous job in organizing the impressive evening. I thank Assistant Principal Mr John Munro and Ms Sue Calder, Senior Leader for their contribution and a special thank you to Mr Damian Schulz, College Council President for his involvement in the Valedictory Dinner. Damian gave a wonderful speech, congratulating parents and students with a very complimentary affirmation of the work on our dedicated teaching staff.

Please note that VCE Results will be available to students on Monday, 15th December, but are the confidential property of the individual VCE student.

Anaphylaxis Training for Staff:
On November 18th, all staff engaged in the mandatory triennial Anaphylaxis Training, run by St John’s Ambulance personnel, to meet DEECD compliance. The few staff members absent, due to illness or leave, will along with new members of staff, be given the training early in 2015. For the next two years, staff must undertake an annual refresher course of one hour’s duration. The College has 18 students registered as suffering from anaphylaxis and each student has a management plan and their epipens are stored in a secure but easily accessed cabinet. The College Nurse, Melissa Sullivan is charged with overseeing their management plan and medication.

Buildings and Grounds:
- The new technology building will arrive next Tuesday with another relocatable building arriving on the 6th December and the last one on the 23rd December. Already the College has placed an order for the purchase of 4 projectors, 200 chairs and 100 tables for all the rooms. It is likely they will need an interior paint and we are hoping the floor coverings do not need replacement. However, by February 2nd they will be ready for our students.
- Altogether 220 lockers have been ordered in readiness for 2015. We are hoping to proceed with a new locker facility adjacent to the J Block Locker rooms, to the side of the J Block Courtyard. The plans for this much needed locker area with roller doors on each end for security are being finalized. The architects are getting quotes from builders for this project.
• The cricket ‘nets’ have been removed to accommodate the new technology relocatable and will be replaced next year with improved facilities, costing approximately $20,000. We may have to make do without them during this summer as the College will need to budget for these replacements.

• Electronic hand dryers and soap dispensers have been ordered for student toilets. I hope when parents read of these improvements, they realise that we could not proceed without parents paying for the Essential Items and contributing to the Building Fund.

The Government contributes by providing grants for specific maintenance and utilities but without parent support we could not provide all the things that we believe make this a well-resourced attractive environment for students to attend. We want to thank parents for their Parent Payments; the payments govern the extent of our capacity to upgrade facilities.

Teacher Awarded Fellowship:
Library Teacher, Amanda Baker, is a passionate advocate of the importance of reading which she promotes with students and staff alike. Amanda has created exciting reading challenges for students, initiating with the English Domain, dedicated reading time at the beginning of each Year 7, 8 and 9 English class. This week Amanda has been awarded a School Librarians Association of Victoria (SLAV) Fellowship as recognition of her focus on Building Reading Communities. She has also been busy this week, presenting the topic ‘Building Reading Communities’ at two conferences, the SLAV Conference and the Victorian Association of English Teachers Conference. Amanda is currently completing a Masters of Education. We celebrate Amanda’s enthusiastic promotion of reading in the College and her forum presentations to peers and we congratulate her on this prestigious fellowship. We strive to build a love of learning at Viewbank College and promote the concept of lifelong learning; Amanda certainly, is modelling this for students in the College.

Don’t forget to book for this year’s Junior Production, “Attack of the Zombies” which will be staged on Wednesday, 10th and Thursday 11th of December at the Banyule Theatre. To book click on the following link [http://www.trybooking.com/GCVU](http://www.trybooking.com/GCVU) It’s going to be fun!

Judith Craze
Principal
“Caring for Excellence”

Year 12 (2014) News

Dear parents and students - a final reminder (if you haven’t already done so) to make sure that your 2014 locker is empty, clean and left open by next Tuesday December 2nd.

You may come in during school hours to do this.

Locker maintenance to prepare the lockers for 2015 will begin on December 3rd.

Regards
Di Allan
Year 12 Wellbeing Leader
Middle School News

Middle Years Leadership
On Monday the 24th of November, we introduced our new Middle Years Leadership Team for 2015. These students underwent a very intensive process at the end of last term to apply for these positions. They have written applications, produced speeches, developed campaign posters and have also conducted interviews to demonstrate their leadership skills.

The Middle Years College Captains and Middle Years House Leaders will play a very large part in increasing student voice throughout the Years 7, 8 and 9 at our College. They will work with the Senior Student Leaders, SRC and Middle Years Student Council Representatives to voice their opinion and raise issues relating to our school, with the common goal of improving Viewbank College for all students.

I congratulate these students on their promotion into their leadership positions:

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Year 9 (2014) News

The (2014) Year 9’s (2015 Year 10’s) will be presented with Alcohol Awareness information on Thursday December 11th, period 3 as part of Reduce The Risk Program.

Alcohol Presentation for Students

On Thursday 11th December your child will receive an informative and interactive presentation on the associated risks and harm to adolescents from drinking alcohol, with a focus on binge drinking.

Experimentation with alcohol can be common among teens but it’s not safe or legal. The presentation will equip them with the understanding, knowledge and strategies to socialise without negative consequences.

Information covered in the session explores youth, alcohol and preventative strategies, including:

- The consequences of alcohol on teenagers, from both male and female perspectives.
- The impact of alcohol on teenagers, including binge drinking and the developing brain, alcohol poisoning and drink spiking.
- How to look after a friend and when to call 000.
- Debunking the myths in relation to alcohol consumption.
- Strategies/ideas/options/prevention on situations involving alcohol.

For Parents

Effective communication between parents and teenagers about the use of alcohol is important. Your support and involvement will contribute to your teenager’s understanding and attitudes towards the responsible use of alcohol. For a helpful guide on how to discuss the use of alcohol, visit the Australian Government’s website: www.alcohol.gov.au and download their information booklet: Teenagers and Alcohol: A Guide for Parents

Tamara Thatcher
Year 10 Well-Being Leader
**Year 8 (2014) News**

**Advance Notice:**

**Luna Park for the Year 8 Students**

As part of the end of year program on Tuesday the 16th December, the year eight will be going to Luna Park. The cost of the program will be $33.00 and this will include entrance to the park and the bus ride to and from St Kilda. Students will have unlimited access to ten exciting rides and can either bring their own lunch or take advantage of the numerous food outlets. Permission forms are now online via Compass and the due date for payment is the 11th December.

Margot Schmidt  
Assistant Year 8 Well-Being Leader

**Science News**

**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

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will next open on:  
**Saturday 6th December, 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
Important Booklist Information

Campion Education Booklist Collection Day

Date: Tuesday 27th January, 2015
Venue: Viewbank College
Room: R20
Time: 12pm - 6pm

Campion Education Book Collection Day - REMINDER for non collected parcels

If you have prepaid your order and cannot collect it on the collection day, please arrange for a family member/friend etc, to collect on your behalf. Any prepaid parcels returned to Campion may be charged an additional $5.95 by Campion on collection from the Retail store.

If you have not prepaid your order and do not collect it from the collection day, this parcel will not be available for collection as it will be returned to stock.

Natalie Kennan
Business Manager

Years 8, 9 and 10 Geography classes – Booklist information

Parents of students in Years 8, 9 and 10 (2015) please note that you do not need to buy your student a new atlas for 2015. Whatever edition Jacaranda atlas they already have is what they should retain for the rest of their Geography studies at Viewbank College.

Years 8 and 9 Geography and History Books 2015

For parents buying the Humanities Alive packs for History and Geography in Years 8 and 9, 2015, please note the following:

You can buy the following books included in the Humanities pack second hand (you don’t need the new editions of these – and you don’t need to buy them as a pack.)

- History Alive 8 for the Australian Curriculum
- History Alive 9 for the Australian Curriculum
- Humanities Alive 8 Economics and Citizenship
- Humanities Alive 9 Economics and Citizenship

You will need to buy a new Geography book as it has changed for the Australian Curriculum – but these can be bought separately:

- Geography Alive 8 for the Australian Curriculum
- Geography Alive 9 for the Australian Curriculum

You just need to ensure that the title has ‘For the Australian Curriculum’ on the spine (of the History and the Geography books).

Any queries please contact me.

Jo-anne Jones
Humanities Learning Area Leader
Music News

Jazz Band Primary School Tour
The details for the annual Jazz Band tour are as follows:

When: Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} December
Time: 9 – 3.10pm each day
Who: All members of the Jazz Band
Dress: Full school uniform, including blazers
What to bring: Own instrument, money for lunch or own food and drink
Transport: Bus

Students will travel by bus to perform at a number of local primary schools. Consent must be given on Compass by Friday 28 November for students to attend.

Christmas Choir performance at Warringal Shopping Centre

When: Thursday 4 December 10.30 -1.15pm
Dress: Full school uniform
Transport: School bus

Consent must be given on Compass by Wednesday 3 December for students to attend.

2015 re-enrolments
Instrumental music re-enrolment forms for lessons and ensemble participation in 2015 are now due. Forms have been emailed to relevant families and are also available from the Music Office. All forms should be returned to the Music Office.

Important dates to note:

Tuesday and Wednesday 2&3 December  Jazz Band Primary School tour.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 1st, 2nd & 3\textsuperscript{rd} December  String workshop at Blackburn High School – all string students from grade 1 AMEB level or equivalent are welcome to apply. Details above.

Sarah Williams
Director of Music
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Library News

LIBRARY BOOKS
Could all overdue library books please be returned to the library as soon as possible in order for us to carry out our yearly stocktake. Any books not returned by December 1st will be invoiced to parents. If a book is lost or misplaced please chat to your friendly library staff!
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 Watson on 9458 2811.

Any ticketing enquiries please contact Deanne in the General Office on 9458 2811.
Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Let us take care of your kids these school holidays!
Ages 5 – 12 years BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

SWIMMING LESSON HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Develop your child’s water safety and skill development quickly!
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

Sports Camps Australia
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SCA / South Melbourne F.C Holiday Camp
Camp Name: SCA / South Melbourne F.C Holiday Camp
Camp Location: Field 18, Albert Park, Aughtile Drive Middle Park
Camp Director: Matthew Bonsicwicz
Dates: 19-21 January 2015
Times: 9am-3pm
Fees: $105
Skill Level: All Skill Levels Welcome
Age Group: 6-14 Years
Gender: Co-ed


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VIC 17 & UNDER BOYS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Here is an opportunity for young netball enthusiasts to represent VICTORIA in 2015.

The Victorian Men’s Netball League (VMNL) is seeking young male netballers to take up an opportunity to join the Victorian 17 & Under Boys Netball team.

The team will travel to Sydney in April 2015 to contest the 17’s division of the Australian Championships. The team will be a part of a much larger squad of 150 players, coaches, managers and trainers. The squad will head to Sydney on Saturday April 4th, returning on Sunday April 12th.

The team will train regularly in the lead up to the event, developing skills, strategies and building a great team culture.

Enthusiastic players should attend the following training sessions if interested in this great experience:

- SUNDAY November 30th: 9am to 11am
- SUNDAY December 7th: 9am to 11am
- Banyule Netball Centre – Somers Ave, Macleod

NOTE – if anyone receiving this email is outside this age bracket, but would like to be involved in other teams, please make contact via return email.