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VIEWBANK CALENDAR

March
24  ICT Meeting 5:30pm
   Buildings, Grounds & Finance Meetings 6pm
   VCE & Senior Soiree - Library 7pm
   Australian Geography Competition to 28th
25  General Assembly
   Year 11 Presentation Ball Meeting 7pm
26  Year 8 Public Speaking
   College Council AGM 7pm
27  Student free day
   A-L Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
28  Year 11 Biology Excursion—Queenscliff
29  German Exchange depart (to 4/5)
31  Interschool Debating

April
1   Student free day
2   M-Z Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
3   Year 10 First Aid & Coaching students - Level 2
   First Aid Course

Results College Council Election:
This year the number of returns for the College Council Election demonstrated that parent interest was high and given the strong candidates, it was always going to be competitive. We thank all candidates for their interest in nominating and for their commitment to Viewbank College. We urge candidates who are not successful on this occasion to nominate in the future.

The successful candidates in alphabetical order are:
- Kristina Garla
- Amanda Hale
- Lynette Matthew
- Joanna Nuttall
- Damian Schulz
- Kay Morey

The two Viewbank College DEECD representatives are:
- Assistant Principal, Maree Gaffney
- Year 9 Level Well-Being Leader, Lisa-Marie O’Connor

The two Principal Co-opted Members are:
- Helen Donnard
- Greg Flynn

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is this Wednesday evening at 7pm which is the final meeting of the 2013 outgoing College Council and it is at that meeting I will publicly thank the retiring...
councillors for their valuable time, commitment and wise counsel. They have made such a valued contribution to this College. Those retiring are:

Mr Martin Lobe – President of College Council, member of the Finance and Buildings and Grounds Committees.

Ms Teresa Bennett – Chairperson of the Education Committee and Strategic Planning and Review Sub-Committee.

Mrs Rhiannon Matthews - member of the Finance and Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committees.

Mrs Laraine Ross - member of the Strategic Planning and Review Sub-Committee.

The Annual General Meeting of Viewbank College will commence at 7pm and all members of the College community are invited. Please contact the general office to advise if you wish to attend so that we can arrange seating. The new council will convene briefly afterwards to be welcomed in and elect office-bearers and organize membership to the Sub-Committees.

**Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences:**
Reminder that the A-L Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place this coming Thursday, 27th March. The afternoon session will commence at 1.30pm and conclude at 5pm sharp for teachers’ dinner. The evening session will commence at 6pm and conclude at 8.30pm.

On the following Tuesday, April 1st the M–Z Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place with the same session times.

To avoid disappointment, please book appointments. Teachers are heavily subscribed and in most cases will not be able to accommodate you on the day. We look forward to meeting with students and parents on these two occasions for feedback.

A reminder that students are required to attend interviews in uniform but will not be required at school during the two days of conferences. I have asked teachers to set work for the two days so that students are gainfully occupied while the conferences take place.

**Solomon Islands Collection:**

We know our community is a generous one and this was evidenced this week by the overwhelming contributions made to the call that went out to help a primary school in the Solomon Islands where the landlord decided he did not want the school as a tenant and got a court order and moved ALL of the school’s property outside in tropical rain without telling the school admin. They lost every piece of furniture and every resource. There was 360 students at this school. Combined with another organisation — Uplift bras, we received an amazing amount of donations of brand new bras and undies for the teenage girls who do not go to school when they have their period unless they have undies. The organizer in charge of this call for help has more than she ever expected and it will be a big container taking much needed items to the women and students of the Solomon Islands. After this photo was taken, we continued to receive more donations. Bravo Viewbank College!
Students In the News:

Marie Trevithick: National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra

Marie last year attended the State Schools Constitution Convention at the Victorian Parliament House where she gave a speech on the media and politics. From that convention of 100 state school student delegates, twenty-five were chosen from Victoria to travel to Canberra for the National Schools Constitutional Convention which was held last week. They stayed at the Rex Hotel and over three days were treated to a variety of venues of national importance: Parliament House, the National Archives, Old Parliament House (now Museum of Australian Democracy) and also the High Court. Marie was one of 117 drawn from all over Australia. They were greeted by the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who read a letter of welcome from the Prime Minister, Mr Tony Abbott. Each student received their own personal letter of welcome from him.

After the reception they travelled to the National Archives and viewed the rare and fragile Federation documents signed by Queen Victoria and got to look at the public exhibitions.

On Day 2 they had a 6.45am start with an official photograph of the student delegates on the steps of Old Parliament House and then a welcome by Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO who was the host of the convention. Senator Ryan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education opened the Constitutional Convention. A panel discussion between academics from the ANU gave the case for and against the Commonwealth assuming full powers over water and health, thus introducing the concept of Federation and referendums.

The students then broke into working groups and looked at the constitutions of different countries, comparing them to the Australian Constitution. They also had to give their views on whether they believed health and water should be under Federal jurisdiction. They had dinner at the High court and heard the Young Australian of the Year, Huy Nguyen speak of his work with refugees.

Day 3 saw the group at Old Parliament House and examining what Referenda actually means and the historical record of why only 8 out of 44 that have been held returned positive. They were given prompt cards and had to re-enact the Tasmanian Franklin Dam debate of the 1970s.

Their last engagement was in the House of Representatives where a communique for the convention was presented by the President of the Senate, the Honourable John Hogg. The students actually got to sit in the chamber as if they were Members of Parliament and after a tour of the new Parliament House it was time for Marie to wind her way home, leaving all that heady politics behind. Marie Trevithick of Year 12, is to be congratulated on her selection for this convention and I am sure she was a fine ambassador for the College.

Music Students Entertain Adults With Disabilities:

On Thursday 13th March, three music students, Matt Trachevski, Chris Nice and Oscar McDermott, gave a performance at the Drop-In Centre at the Heidelberg Uniting Church for adults who are mentally and physically disabled. Director of Music, Sarah Williams was highly complimentary of the boys for the calibre of their performance and their capacity to entertain an audience that could be at times challenging. It was wonderful to receive the following email from Barb Brook, the organizer of the centre who wrote, "Thanks Sarah for a great morning. Your musicians are very talented and were greatly appreciated". This was a lovely community involvement for the boys and we are proud Matt, Chris and Oscar.

No Fire at Viewbank College:

As we emerged from the Strategic Planning and Review Committee meeting on Wednesday evening at about 9.30pm, two fire brigade units came thundering in because someone had reported our College was on fire. While there was definitely smoke all around us and the smell of a fire close by, despite concerns it was not our College. We thank the parents who have rung concerned about the possibility of a fire but it is a pleasure to say it was not us. Thank goodness!

Judith Craze
Principal
“Caring for Excellence”
Year 12 News

Year 12 VCE 2014 Jackets
In the interim, until School Council is able to endorse a new policy, Year 12 students will be permitted to wear their 2014 VCE Jackets on Thursdays and Fridays only. At all other times standard uniform, as specified in the College Planner and on the College website, is to be worn.

Ms Dianne Allan
Year 12 Well-Being Leader
allan.dianne.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Year 11 News

2014 DEBUTANTE BALL
INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 25th March, 7:00pm

The high point of the Year 11 social calendar must be the Presentation Ball, which will take place at The Centre, Ivanhoe on Saturday, 9th August, 2014. On Tuesday 25th March, at 7.00pm in the College Library, we will begin the journey towards the Presentation Ball and would like interested students and their parents to attend this information evening. This is an information session only and no payment will be required at this time. We need to get an understanding of numbers and would like parents to find out as much information as possible at the outset. Any parents who would like to help Mrs. Lynette Matthew organize this special event can let us know on the evening. The Presentation Ball is a very happy and proud evening for the presenting students, their families and for the College so we are very much looking forward to the 9th August.

Samantha Sissons
Year 11 Well-Being Leader
sissons.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Food Technology News

Our Barista Course is up and running…
All of our Year 10 Food Tech students have the wonderful opportunity of undertaking our Viewbank Barista course. The training is done by Cate Frampton, our In-house fully qualified Chef and Dynamic Canteen Manager. The course is free and offers the students the potential to get a part-time job in a Café or restaurant. For all enquires please see Linda Robertson in the Food Technology Learning Area

Linda Robertson
Food Technology Leader
Grade 6 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 8th May, 2014

Viewbank College Tours:
Tours are led by the College’s Student Leaders, giving you the opportunity to see over the College, meet Teachers in various Learning Areas and gain an insight to the curriculum and extra-curricular activities available at the College.

Beginning at 5.30pm in the College Gymnasium
Last tour departs at 6.30pm

*College tour times will be confirmed on our website

Official Presentations
College Gymnasium 7.30pm

Staff will be available for a short time in the College Library after the Official Presentations for any further questions.

Enhanced Acceleration Placement Testing

Testing for entry into the 2015 Viewbank College Enhanced Acceleration program will take place on Saturday 17th May 2014 at the College. Students will be required to sit 3 short tests to assess aptitude and ability in Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning and Literacy.

When: Saturday 17th May, 2014
Where: Viewbank College Library, Warren Road, Rosanna
Time: 10am till 12.30pm
Cost: $40 (non-refundable) plus 30 cent Trybooking fee

Applications are made via the Trybooking link http://www.trybooking.com/EFOOQ found on our website www.viewbank.vic.edu.au

Applications close Tuesday 13th May. Late applications will not be accepted.
Music News

Junior Band
Weekly Junior Band rehearsals will commence on Wednesday March 26. All beginner flute, clarinet, saxophone, bass guitar, trumpet, trombone, french horn and percussion students are required. Rehearsals are held in R6 from 8 – 8.50am.

Staff changes
Singing teacher Mel Hann will be leaving Viewbank College at the end of this term. We thank Mel for her contribution to the music program over the last 12 months. Merran Wickham will be taking all singing lessons and the Intermediate and Senior Choirs from the beginning of term 2.

AMEB (Australian Music Examination Board)
Any students wishing to enter for AMEB exams should speak to their music teacher. The relevant dates are as follows:

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New students
All new students have been allocated their instrument/voice and lessons have commenced. There are still vacancies on some instruments. Please contact me if your son/daughter would like to enrol but hasn’t done so yet.

Viewbank College ensembles
We have sixteen different ensemble including bands, orchestras and choirs for students to get involved in at the College. Any students who are learning instruments or having singing lessons outside of school are welcome to join these groups. Enrolment forms and further information is available from the Music Office.

Second-hand instruments
If you have any instruments at home that are no longer needed that you would like to put on our second-hand instrument register, please bring the instrument in to school to be assessed by our music teachers and collect a second-hand instrument form. Forms should be filled out and returned to the Music Office.

Upcoming and Important Dates:
Wednesday 26 March: Weekly Junior Band rehearsals commence: 8 – 8.50am in R6. Please arrive in time to start promptly at 8am.
Sunday 18 May: Autumn Brunch: School Gym – 10am-1pm
Junior, Intermediate, Senior concert bands, Jazz, Stage and Funk bands, Junior and Intermediate Strings.
Thursday 22 May: Autumn Nights: 7.30pm Banyule Theatre – Intermediate and Senior choirs, guitar ensembles, Senior Strings, Flute ensemble, Double Bass ensemble.
Monday 8 September: Jazz Night, Watsonia RSL
Monday 13 October: Gala Concert, Plenty Ranges Conference Centre – All ensembles and choirs.

Canteen Volunteers
for week of 24th March to 28th March

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STUMP UP FOR THE MCGRAITH FOUNDATION

WE ARE HOSTING A

PINK STUMPS DAY

So come on - grab the family and get your hot pink on... FOR A FUN DAY OUT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MCGRAITH FOUNDATION!

WHO: Staff vs Students
WHERE: Cricket Pitch - Viewbank College
DATE: 2nd - 3rd April 2014
TIME: Lunch time

All proceeds on the day will help the McGrath Foundation ensure all families experiencing breast cancer in Australia have access to a breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation as well as increasing breast awareness in young Australians.

Another hot pink initiative from the McGrath Foundation

McGrath Foundation

together we can make a difference
Community News

Please help Heidelberg Primary School win $5000!

Heidelberg Primary School has entered “The M Factor” competition through Aussie Farmers Direct. This involved recording our version of the John Williamson song “Island of Oceans”. The school choir with the most “likes” wins a prize of $5000!

We had a lot of fun recording this, however are competing with some very big schools – so we need YOUR help!

How to vote:

Visit Aussie Farmer Direct Facebook page (http://bit.ly/TheMFactor_HeidelbergPS)
Click “like” Please share the video with your friends, family, work networks (they need to “like” the video at its location on the Aussie Farmers Direct page for the vote to count)

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP & EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE - APPLY BY 31ST MARCH

Scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $10,800 are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year. Students can also make a saving of up to $1,000 off their exchange program fee with an Early Bird Discount:

The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for all programs departing between October 2014 – March 2015 is Monday 31st March 2014.

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information

VIEWBANK JIU JITSU
SUNDAY 2 - 4PM

The Viewbank Jiu Jitsu Academy teaches traditional martial arts for self-defence, fitness and fun.

Come along and try it out.
19 Graham Road
Every Sunday 2 - 4 pm
http://viewbankjru.info
Sensei Mark Dransfield (sensei.mark@bigpond.com)
Community News continued..

WANTING TO PULL ON THE BOOTS IN 2014?
LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSFUL FOOTY CLUB TO PLAY AT?
THEN MACLEOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB IS FOR YOU!!!!

MJFC is currently seeking players to enhance our numbers for 2014, especially in U15.

With 4 players in the last 4 years being drafted to the AFL (Michael Hurley, Aidan Corr, Billy Longer and in 2014 Ben Lemon) and a strong number of players in the Northern Knights (4 from U15s alone), Macleod is a strong breeding ground to further develop your football skills to help you achieve your dreams.

With players from Tackers (U9s) thru Colts (U17s) welcome, all coaches are accredited with at least level 1 coaching accreditation, great social events for players and parents alike, State of the art facilities (including new lights for night games), strong affiliation with Macleod Football Club—Division 1 NFL Team enabling steady transition from Colts to U19 MJFC is a strong club with strong family values and a great place to play and live out your football dreams.

For further information contact:
U15 Team Manager: Trevor Jeffs on trevor.jeffs@banyule.vic.gov.au
or 0425 785548
U15 Coach: Graeme Morgan on belgramorgan@msn.com
or 0419483978

For other Age Groups contact: registration@macleodjfc.com.au
Or look at our website: www.macleodjfc.com.au
Community News continued….  

HONDO’S BANYULE THEATRE CLASSES

BEG./ INTER. JAZZ  
5:00-6:30PM / $20

MUSICAL THEATRE  
6:45-7:45PM / $15

(or BOTH classes for $30)

@ Banyule Theatre, Heidelberg, 3084

SINGING LESSONS WITH HONDO  
(Andrew Hondromatidis)

$55 per hour  
M: 0401 334 815  
E: andrewhondromatidis@hotmail.com

About the lessons

Lessons are focussed primarily on developing and maintaining healthy vocal technique as this is of paramount importance. However, individual artistic flare is encouraged and nurtured.

For people of any age & any vocal ability

Hondo utilises modern technology for music scales, exercises and orchestral backing tracks. He teaches out of his private home studio.