VIEWBANK CALENDAR

March
29 German Exchange depart (to 4/5)
31 Interschool Debating

April
1 Student free day
   M-Z Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
   NMR Swimming
3 Out of Uniform Day - wear pink for Pink Stumps Day
   Year 10 First Aid & Coaching students - Level 2 First Aid Course
4 G’Day USA tour depart (to 20th)
   Yr 12 Visual Com & Design Tech Top Design
   RMIT Excursion

End of Term 1 - 2.30pm Dismissal
22 Term 2 Commences
   Intermediate Music Workshop Week
23 Year 10 Vaccinations
   Year 11 & 12 Flu Vaccinations

Principal’s Report

Last Day Early Dismissal, Second Term Resumption and ANZAC Day:
Next Friday, 4th April is the final day of Term 1 and the College will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Bus lines will be notified about the early dismissal. The College will resume for Term 2 on Tuesday, 22nd April, allowing for the Easter Monday Public Holiday. However, another public holiday, ANZAC Day will fall on the Friday of that first week. We do not want students to take unnecessary days off in between those two public holidays, as for the College, it is a case of business as usual.

Reminder Tuesday 1st April
Student/Parent/Teacher interviews:
This is a quick reminder that the second round of Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday, 1st April from 1.30pm to 5pm with the evening session, beginning at 6pm and concluding at 8.30pm.

Last Tuesday’s General Assembly:
After Chelsea Tsaparis gave the ‘Welcome to Country’, Alicia Surtees opened with ‘Advance Australia Fair’ to set a fine start to the assembly. College Captain, Claire Youren gave a
speech summarising the term’s events and then, I gave students an analogy of the passive traveller; someone who embarks on a trip and does no advanced reading or planning. A passive traveller just lets it all happen. I explained that while that might be a little exciting because the experience can be quite random, it is also limiting and without forward planning, the result might be lots of wasted time in getting from Point A to point B or ever getting hopelessly lost along the way. By not planning, it is also the way of missing out on the great sights and experiences and maybe not getting everything out of a trip.

I used that analogy because it is easy to understand. I wanted to reflect to students that they can no longer passively sit back; hoping for a good tertiary course, a good job, a house and a nice car that might just come their way. Really wanting and achieving are two different things. They need to actively plan. Sitting back, saying, “She’ll be all right”, might be the Australian way, but it can also be like burying your head in the sand. I challenged students to focus on where they are going. What tertiary destination or apprenticeship? What job? How will you manage to get all the things they might aspire to?

Generally our students at this College have a reasonably easy life. However it is important to focus in on what is happening around them. Students at all levels, need to actively search for a career focus. It is a quest that does not mean they will be locked in. In fact this generation are likely to have more than twelve jobs before they are 35 years old. But they do need to get savvy about the world around them and why more than ever before, getting the best possible education should be the priority.

As we all know, this has been the year where there have been many announcements about government cuts to subsidies in manufacturing and many other fields. Clearly, there is not the money and the government is not in the business of propping up industries with tax payers’ money. I was not making a political comment to students but what I wanted students to consider is the impact of the current climate on the world of work. Taking the car industry as an example, Australia was 10th in the world for being a big producer of cars; including designing cars from scratch and manufacturing in significant volumes. The announcements earlier this year meant that by 2017, Mitsubishi, Holden, Ford and Toyota will be importers only. No longer can these manufacturers compete. Given that manufacturing, which involves design, innovation, engineering, product development and all the service industries currently accounts for 1,000,000 jobs, this will change. Manufacturing or the making of things will become very specialist. The mining and primary industries such as farming are increasingly automated and do not soak up workers like they once did.

Now I did not relate this to frighten students but awaken them to the need for planning and being smart about finding pathways. I explained to the Year 7 to 9s, that they may find themselves working in jobs that have not been thought of as yet. To the Year 10, 11 and 12’s tertiary courses and training needs to be their focus. A good education is an imperative. So that they could think of the areas where there is going to be demand, I gave them main areas of employment expansion:

- Health Care and Social Assistance (not just nursing and doctors; biomedicine, allied health, therapies, paraprofessionals)
- Construction - design, project management and trades
- Professional and Scientific and Technical services
- Education and Training
- Mining
- Retail
- Transport and Warehousing and Logistics
- Public Administration and Legal
- Food Services and hospitality trades
- Financial/Insurance Services
- The Arts

I assured them that the College will be creating opportunities for increased counselling over 2014 to help guide their search and planning. Referring back to my analogy, I told students that we do not want you to travel from the College in a fog, trying to find your way but we hope they will be the focussed with an eye on a destination and the preparation in place to make sure that they can enjoy the benefits of arriving and finding their way around with confidence.

After my address, it was a pleasure to recognize the six Year 12 students, who last year, achieved a 40+ Study score. Jerica Allery (Bus. Management), Stephen Mathieson (Food Technology), Constantina Papandreou
(Maths Methods), Candice Dyson (Psychology), Rebecca Lin (Maths Methods) and Adrian Bennett (Interactive Digital Media) were presented with a certificate to recognise their excellence in their accelerated subject last year. Badges of Induction were then presented to the SRC Leaders for Year’s 7 to 11 and the two Year 11 Communication Leaders: Jake Waltrowicz and Cara Lonergan. Chelsea Tsaparis and Oskar Casasayas introduced the Stage Band under the baton of Craig Harrison and they lifted the roof with ‘Sweet Home Chicago’. Crisp and exciting, they gave a taste of things to come at the Autumn Brunch coming up in on Sunday, May 18th. Magazine Captain Trelawny Hand, challenged the passionate writers and historians of the College to the Annual Poetry Competition. This competition is divided into two categories: Senior and Middle Years. The winners will have their poems read at the ANZAC Day assembly on the 24th April and their works will be published in ‘Phoenix’, the College magazine. Students are to see Mrs Peake, Head of the English Domain. Trelawny then introduced Ms Kate Butler, who spoke to the College about the role of the Middle Year Leaders before Claire Youren announced them for Mrs Gaffney and I to induct them as Middle Years Captains. A lot is happening and is about to happen in the world of LOTE, so LOTE Captain, Nicole Scully introduced Ms Fleming’s multimedia presentation which was very funny promotion for ‘The Language Perfect Competition’. Nicole wished the 14 students and Ms Fleming well for their exchange trip to Germany. They are departing this Saturday. They will be in Germany until 3rd May. Indeed we all wish them a safe journey and an exciting time embracing life in Germany, with their host families, in their German schools and of course, through the trips they will take.

Jack Kirkland, Health and Well-Being Captain, gave a Well-Being report about Youth Week and the Year 8 Heads Up Program that will take place in week two, Term 2. Jack then introduced the Stage Band’s second big number, ‘What IS Hip?’ by Tower Power. They played with lots of action, lots of big notes and gave the College a great performance. Sports Leader, Mark Eagling gave the College an update on the Sports program to date and that it is time to start signing up for the Term II Round Robin events. He did report that Viewbank College for the first time ever won the District Swimming Sports and will proceed into the Zone competition which is a fantastic effort from all of our swimmers. The results for the Athletics have been hotly awaited and Mark proceeded to announce that Stella came in fourth with 1049 points, followed by Terra in third place with 1294 points. Now this time, second place went to Ignis on 1315 points and the Champions were Hydra with 1624 points. It was a great carnival and after Hydra Captains, Ethan Cooke and Emily Kennan triumphantly accepted the trophy, Ethan introduced the Athletics Carnival multimedia presentation which provided great visuals of a successful carnival for the College. Claire Youren concluded the assembly, thanking the presenters and promoting the early events of Term 2.

Year 12 Bomber Jackets:
This week I met with Year 12 students after the assembly to speak with them about the Interim Ruling re Bomber jackets and the processes we follow for policy on uniform in the College. There has never been a policy for the Year 12 jackets as they are an optional item and there needed to be a clear understanding between when the College blazer is required to be worn and when students can wear their optional Year 12 item. I did promise them that I would take this matter to College Council this week as a matter of urgency. I appreciate that the jackets are important to the students and their parents. The policy that I proposed to Council and was supported by Assistant Principals, John Munro and Maree Gaffney is a result of consultation with the Year 12s and parents and is as follows:

- It is mandated that Year 12s wear the College blazer to official functions such as the College Assemblies, Year Level assemblies, excursions, incursions, and other official functions where students represent the College or present as Viewbank College
- All students in Year 12 must have a College blazer for their final year
- The College blazer is to be at the College in their lockers every day in readiness for an assembly or an official event
- The Year 12 jacket can be worn coming to and from the College and during the school day
- If a student is not wearing the Year 12 jacket, then the outer garment is the College blazer as per the uniform policy

Last Wednesday evening, the College Council endorsed this proposal as the official policy governing the wearing of Year 12 jackets. This is a three year policy.

Today, I began the day with a short meeting of the Year 12 cohort to explain the whole policy and the College Council’s ruling and they were pleased with the outcome.
Farmers’ Market:
The Farmers’ Market group approached the College last year with a proposal to hold monthly Farmers’ Markets here at the College. The College could see that this would be a boost to the local community and in return, we could get a small monthly income and have the opportunity to fund raise through bar-b-ques. We felt this might be money we could put away towards the Building Project. The Farmers’ Market Group proceeded to letterbox local households. However, there were subsequent challenges to the local council and in the end the Farmers’ Market Group withdrew but did not communicate this to local folk. While it was not ‘our’ market, I feel duty bound to let people know why the markets did not go ahead.

Judith Craze
Principal
“Caring for Excellence”

Senior School News

Thank you to the parents and students who attended the VCE Parent Information Night held March 12. It was very well received with over 100 attendees and the feedback on the Elevate presentation was extremely positive. I would also like to thank Mr Dunn for his very comprehensive and informative Compass presentation.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
The Interim Reports were made available Monday and many parents with surnames A–L have already spoken to teachers regarding their student’s progress at last night’s Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. The second evening for family names M–Z will be held this coming Tuesday April 1 from 1:30pm–8:30pm. I encourage parents to make appointment times, including those who were unable to make the Thursday timeslot. This is one of the final opportunities for Year 12 parents, in particular, to address concerns and to receive feedback on how their student can manage the challenges of the year ahead, and how they can implement strategies for improvement.

Term 1 Holidays
The holidays are nearly upon us and our senior students are looking forward to a restful break, especially after an eventful term. These holidays also provide a wonderful opportunity for students to establish effective study routines, reflect on their achievements and set goals for the new term. Concerns have hopefully been addressed and resolved successfully.
It is important for students to balance the welcome break from the routine of school with effective study. Year 12 students are strongly encouraged to use the next couple of weeks purposefully to reinforce their understanding of concepts and material covered, and to support their preparation for the upcoming May exam period.

It’s important for students to:

• Manage their time effectively by constructing a realistic study timetable
• Set specific and clear goals for the two weeks and for the new term
• Review their notes and ensure workbooks/Summary books are up to date
• Organise notes, handouts and clearly label them
• Identify concerns and difficulties and make a list of questions to follow-up with teachers in Term 2.

Students can speak to either myself or their Well-being Leaders on areas of concerns or if they require assistance in creating a study timetable.

Thank you,
Sue Calder
Senior Years Leader
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PINK STUMPS DAY

Next week on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of April, the annual students vs teachers cricket match will be held to support the McGrath Foundation which raises money and awareness for breast cancer. The cricket match will take place at lunch time on each day at the cricket pitch on the oval parallel to J Block.

On Thursday 3rd April there will also be an Out of Uniform Day where we encourage everyone to wear pink and support breast cancer sufferers, survivors, and their families, and to acknowledge the lives that have been lost due to the disease. A gold coin donation must be provided by each student who wishes to come in casual dress. So please come along to the cricket match and wear pink on Thursday to honour the foundation’s amazing efforts. Thank you.

Kate Indian
HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Food Technology News

Our Herb and Veggie garden is blooming……..
With a little sunshine and some watering our Herb garden is starting to flourish. Our Food Technology students use the veggies and herbs to create healthy and delicious meals throughout the year. We teach the students about sustainability by composting all of our food scraps and waste paper.

LOTE News

Japanese Spring Festival on the Friday 21st of March

Year 10 and 12 Japanese students attended Yarra Regional Library at Watsonia to participate in a wonderful portrayal of spring time as it is celebrated in Japan. The highlight of the morning was the puppet show which depicted a Japanese folk legend, where Momotaro who had appeared from a big peach defended his village from evil demons. The students also enjoyed taking part in a Japanese tea ceremony. The morning was concluded with our Year 12 students, singing "Frozen" from the Disney film in Japanese.

Mrs Suzuki
Japanese LOTE Area Leader

Canteen

Canteen Volunteers for week of 31st March to 4th April

| Monday | Tuesday: Student free day | Wednesday: Cambrini | Thursday: Johanna Foyster | Friday: Kay Morey |

Canteen Volunteers for week of 21st April to 25th April

| Monday | Easter Monday |
| Tuesday: Amanda Gagnon |
| Wednesday: Sharon Collins |
| Thursday: Lynette Matthew |
| Friday: ANZAC Day |
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.
Truth 4 Youth Promotional Day Next Friday Lunchtime 4th April…..

Truth 4 Youth is a wonderful initiative funded by Banyule Youth Services and the State Government. Currently we have a group of budding young journalists at Viewbank College who are writing insightful and quirky articles for Truth 4 Youth. Next Friday lunchtime we are hosting a promotional campaign for the release of the 3rd Truth 4 Youth magazine. It will be a fun filled event with live music and BBQ. Students are encouraged to come along and hear how they can make a difference.

For all enquiries please approach Linda Robertson or Darren Murray.

Uniform News

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second Hand Uniform Shop will next open on:
Saturday 3rd May, 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
Music News

Staff changes and Intermediate choir rehearsal time change
Sadly, 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 Chois from the beginning of term 2.
The Intermediate choir will be rehearsing at lunchtime on Wednesdays from week 2 of next term. In the first week of term there will be a music workshop for the choir. See details below.

AMEB (Australian Music Examination Board)
Any students wishing to enter for AMEB exams should speak to their music teacher. Please note that the cut-off date for the next session is this coming Monday. The relevant dates are as follows:

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Music workshops at Banyule Theatre
In the first two weeks of term 2 most large ensembles and choirs will have a music workshop day at Banyule Theatre. A notice will be sent home with your child/ren next week with further details but the dates are printed below. Permission for these workshops will need to be given by parents/guardians on Compass for students to attend.

Viewbank College ensembles
We have sixteen different ensemble including bands, orchestras, guitar ensembles and choirs, for students to become 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 Mrs Williams in 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:

Music workshop days at Banyule Theatre:

Tuesday 22 April Intermediate Band. Senior Choir: 9 – 1pm Intermediate Choir: 12 – 3pm.
Wednesday 23 April Junior Band and Stage Band.
Thursday 24 April Junior and Intermediate Strings.
Monday 28 April Senior Band, Intermediate and Senior Guitar ensembles.
Tuesday 29 April Jazz Band and Senior Strings.

Future dates to note:

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.

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

PaddlePower Holiday Program
An exciting Paddlesport program for young people with fun games and activities plus an introduction to moving water!
(Aimed at ages 10 – 14. Parents sessions also available).

Go Ahead Give it a Go!

90 minute sessions - All equipment provided (12 sessions available)
Location: Westernbark Park, Templestowe – Canoe Launching Ramp (take Main Entrance, turn right onto Lakeview Road)
Dates: April 7th, 8th, 17th, Sun 13th, Tue 15th, Thu 17th
Times: Morning session: 10am – 11:30am
Afternoon session: 2pm – 3:30pm
Cost: $30 per session ($25 per session for bookings of 3 or more sessions)
Booking: Essential as spaces are limited.
Contact: mick@paddlerescue.com.au or Canoeing Victoria - 8845 4120
This program will be delivered by qualified coaches from Melbourne Canoe Club and Etham College Canoe Club, and we thank Canoeing Victoria for their support through PaddlePower.

Traditional Indian Buffet
Authentic Bollywood Performance
Group Actvities

Friday 11th April
6:30pm - Late
$40 Per Head
R.S.V.P.
Call Rachel: 0430 739 553
or Crystal: 0430 811 278
Email: function@Indiarte.ca.com.au

Fresh Youth Theatre
more than a theatre company
fresh is looking for young performers
designers and techheads (12-18yrs)
If you are interested please contact
info@freshyouththeatre.com
P-5013 7274
www.freshyouththeatre.com
10/4 Robinson St Templestowe – No experience necessary.
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