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Principal's Report

Students in Years 7 and 9 have completed their **NAPLAN** testing in Literacy and Numeracy and I commend them on the way they approached the tests. NAPLAN gives the school a snapshot of student performance across these two key areas. NAPLAN testing is valuable as it enables a standardised nation-wide look at the literacy and numeracy skills of Australian students. As a school we know that NAPLAN provides a view of student performance on the tests that are given on a particular day in May. That data is put with all the other things we know about our students that build a picture of how they are progressing academically, socially and emotionally. The results of the NAPLAN Tests will be available later in the year.

Year 10 and Year 11 exams are about to get underway. I encourage all students to put the extra time in to prepare for their exams. This is vital experience for Year 12 and really develops the important skills of time management, planning and committing knowledge to memory. Students in these senior years should be working regularly to review the topics they have been studying. Writing summaries, making flash cards and posters, listening to Edrolo revision, completing practice tests and essays are all positive ways to ensure you do well. I wish every student the best for their exams.

Research indicates that when young people have a problem they are much more likely to speak to their friends before they speak to an adult. **Supportive Friends** training was conducted for about 50 Year 10 and 11 students. This is a great opportunity for these students to build their skills in recognising students who are struggling, students who are lonely, students who might just need a friendly face. They work on strategies to support others, they learn what are the things they can do and when things are of a more serious nature and should be reported on to teachers. It is wonderful to think that there are so many of our senior students willing to take on this vital role. It plays a huge part in ensuring students at the College feel safe and know there are people they can talk to.

It has been a very busy week as interviews for **SEAL, Sports and Arts Academy** positions for 2017 have been conducted. There have been large numbers of students from a wide range of primary schools arrive at the school keen to make a positive impression in their interviews. Well done to Ms Bray, Ms Adams, Mr Wiggins and Ms Etccl.

Mount Erin Idol was conducted this week – what a highlight in the school calendar. The auditorium has been packed every lunchtime as students paid their 50c to hear some wonderfully talented students. Panels of judges set the tone for what has become a real Mount Erin institution, giving feedback to each contestant. Congratulations to every performer who has participated this week. Congratulations also go to the staff who joined in on the Friday session to show their amazing vocal talents: Mr Manks, Ms Yang, Ms Andrews and Ms Lewis. All funds collected go to support our sister school in Bali.

The recent **storms, high winds and heavy rains** have exposed roofing issues in some of the older buildings in the school. The Department is committed to working with the school to address these issues and we are hopeful that repairs will be underway in coming weeks.

The newly established **Grounds and Environment Committee** will be meeting to begin planning and designing the area between the DATS Building and D-Block. A number of our VCAL students are also keen to get involved in this work and we look forward to creating some lovely areas for students that will be here for many years to come. Any parent or community member willing to assist the committee would be most welcome. Please contact Mr Caspar via the General Office on 5971 6000.

Finally, I would like to raise the issue of **attendance**. The number of unexplained absences remains high. While there are always legitimate reasons why a student may be away from school, in some cases, students are just deciding not to come. We have a 90% attendance policy. We expect every student to be here every day. We know that if you are not at school, you are not learning. Regular absences put students behind before they even begin. We also know the clear correlation between attendance and high scores in VCE. Our students who achieved in the 90s in the past few years have had a 90+% attendance rate. I ask parents to play an active role in ensuring your son/daughter attends school every day.

Karen Lee
Principal

Deaf Education Centre (DEC) News

We are on the home stretch now, but still travelling flat-out, towards the end of term. Two of our students have had term-time holidays (not that we're jealous!), experiencing different countries and cultures and it has been great to talk to them about their travels.

Year 10 and 11 exams, which mark the halfway point of the year, are in full swing. We have one Yr.10 student sitting the exams this week and we wish him luck during these exams as he completes the end of semester 1.

On the 11th of May, our Yr.12 students attended a workshop/drama presentation of "The Life of Galileo", which is one of their study text for English this term. This gave a greater understanding to the text and the topics of conflict in which they are required to study. The General Achievement Test (GAT) for the Yr 12s will be on 7th June. We wish them luck also.

This month we have Laura coming from Australian Hearing, as usual. This provides a valuable occasion to check hearing, hearing aids, cochlear implant processors and Roger systems. This is a great opportunity to troubleshoot potential issues and all be together.

Winter is coming so stay warm and well. Enjoy the last few weeks of term 2.

Important Dates:

June 7th – GAT – Yr12s

June 10th – Whole School Assembly

June 13th – Public Holiday (No School)

June 14th – Australian Hearing visit.

June 24th – Last Day of term / last day to buy a butterfly badge.

DEC Staff.

Year 10 Careers Expo

On the 17th of May, the Year 10s and VCAL students went to the Chisholm TAFE centre in Frankston. Students got the chance to experience new possibilities for their future. There was a lot of stores such as universities, and other pre apprentices giving students a chance for new opportunities. There were many interactive activities such as sample foods, make up, hair, nails, massagers, photo booths, guessing games, games in general, and plenty other activities. The people at the store were friendly and very informative. We learnt about the courses we want to do and how high and low the ATARS have to be to get in. We learnt lots of new chances to open our minds to new things. We had an awesome experience and collected lots of freebies which was everyone's highlight.



Upcoming Important Dates for June:

- June 7th (Tues) – General Achievement Test
(Students completing Yr12 subjects)
- June 8th (Wed) – 2017 Yr.10 & 11 Information Evening & Senior Pathways Expo
- June 10th (Fri) – Whole School Assembly
- June 13th (Mon) – Public Holiday (No School)
- June 17th (Fri) – MESEM – Worlds Shortest Garage Sale
- June 20th (Fri) – Free Dress Day

Year 10 ASPIRE Awards

Congratulations to the following ASPIRE award winners of Year 10: Mitch D, Jenna C, Molly J, Meg G, Declan A, Emma J, Haley D, Perry N, Annie M, Naynor P, Ashleigh T, Ethan L, Amber V, Aleesha S, Joshua W



Staff Profile

Janice Townsend

Year 7 Wellbeing Leader



Describe your current role at Mount Erin College. As Year 7 Leader my main focus is, together with our dedicated team of Year 7 teachers, to ensure that all Year 7 students have a smooth transition into Secondary School. I feel it's really important to make students feel happy and confident in their first year of high school so that they can quickly establish good study habits for learning. This year I teach Maths and Science to four different year 7 classes, including the SEAL class. This has enabled me to get to know many Year 7 students which has been advantageous for my Wellbeing role.

What is your background in education? After completing my Science degree I worked for many years as a Regulatory Affairs Associate in a Pharmaceutical Company, compiling dossiers for the Therapeutic Goods Administration for new prescription pharmaceuticals. I then went back to University and completed my Diploma of Education in Science and Biology and began teaching. I started teaching in a Government school in West Gippsland and then moved to Mount Erin College where I initially started in the Year 10 team, then became the SEAL Coordinator and have been the Year 7 Wellbeing Leader for 4 years.

Which things do you enjoy most about working at Mount Erin College? The most favourite part of my day is teaching. The old cliché of 'light bulb moments' still never fails to make me happy. Spending time with students, helping them progress and watching their faces when they finally understand a concept or are able to make new connections with prior learning is definitely a highlight of my day. Taking the time to make a difference in the life of a young person today is so rewarding.

What has been your highlight so far this year? There have been many highlights for me as Year 7 Leader: watching the shy and timid students on their first day of school to seeing them come out of their shells on the Year 7 Camp! However, my favourite time so far has been the "Our First Term" evening where we celebrate the achievements from Term 1. The ASPIRE awards are presented to two students from each Home Group that have demonstrated the school's values and we also formally announce and congratulate the two Year 7 Student Leaders for the year. It is always an exciting time when we celebrate success at the College.

Tell us about your hobbies or passion outside of school. I am married with three beautiful children. I spend most weekends watching my daughter sing or perform in Musical Theatre or watching my sons play football. I enjoy spending time walking my gorgeous West Highland Terriers (Toto and Lulu) down the beach, reading



and relaxing by the fire at home and going out for dinner and the movies with friends and family.

Do you have a message you would like to share with the school community? My message to the school community would be to get involved with what's going on at school and in particular with your child's education. Having support from home is always so important to both the wellbeing and the education of all students. I would also encourage parents and guardians if you have not already done so, to use COMPASS to keep up to date with both Learning Tasks and other news items of interest. There is always so much happening at Mount Erin and it is important to be a part of it!

Year 10 Driver Simulator

As part of Project Me the Year 10 Classes participated in the Safety Sense Driver Education Program over 4 days. The sessions involved discussing with students the different things that can affect their ability to drive safely once they begin to drive. Each student had time in a driving simulator, where they "drove" under a number of different conditions. They learned how distractions affect a driver, to be a safe responsible driver and passenger by simulating reality. They learned to prepare a safe vehicle for themselves and anybody that travels with them. They learned to pride themselves on being a responsible driver, plan to remain part of their family, plan to enjoy time with their mates and plan not to be a statistic. Students realised that they actually retained some of the information they learnt last year by having a second attempt at the driver simulator. All in all a successful and fun program.



MESEM News

Indonesian/MESEM Sleepover

The Indonesian sleepover experience on Friday 13th May had a great mix between learning and having lots of fun. There were interesting prizes that were fun that you won from playing the Indonesian based games. We also got to cook traditional Balinese chicken for dinner and Balinese pancakes for breakfast - it was a great meal. We also learnt an Indonesian game called congklak that included a board with shells which was played with 2 people and you take turns. It was a lot of fun once you got the hang of it.

We also talked about where the money we used to pay for the sleepover was going and how we were helping 5 different Indonesian charities, such as our sister school in Pemuteran. Overall it was a fun and enjoyable night and the students would love to have the opportunity to participate in another sleepover next year. Thanks to the teachers who made this immersion night possible, especially Miss Linz for organising everything!



Free Dress Day

On Monday 20th June MESEM will be running Term 2's Free Dress Day. All proceeds will go to MESEM's "Term Bali" charities: B.A.R.C (Bali Animal Rescue Centre), our sister school in Pemuteran, the Pemuteran Childrens' Foundation, the Reef Seen Turtle Project, and Gaya Dewata.

World's Shortest Garage Sale.



MESEM will be holding the World's Shortest Garage Sale at lunchtime Friday 17th June. All students, teachers, Baxter Village Residents and parents of the College are invited.

Here's how you can get involved:

1. Donate an item for us to sell.
2. Hire a table and sell your own goods (keeping the money yourself.)
3. Hire a table and a MESEM student sell your goods (keeping the money yourself.)
4. Bake us something to sell on the day.
5. Come along and snap up a bargain on the day.

Please note: there will only be second hand and baked goods for sale on the day. Parents will need to park in FBlock and enter by the external gym door.

MESEM students have voted the five following Balinese charities as the recipients of the funds we will raise at this event as well as Term Two's Free Dress Day and the Indonesian Sleepover: our sister school in Pemuteran, The Pemuteran Childrens' Foundation, The Reefseen Turtle Project, the Bali Animal Rescue Centre and a Balinese LGTBI charity.

Mount Erin Idol / Mount Erin's Got Talent

On the 23rd of May, Mount Erin held its 11th annual Mount Erin Idol and Mount Erin's Got Talent. The week consisted of unique and talented performances. A huge congratulations to all entries. The week was wonderful and everyone performed with excellence. There were many fantastic renditions of favourite songs as well as some incredibly written original songs. The winners for Mount Erin Idol were Amelia B. in 3rd place, Belynda M. in 2nd place and Lily C. in 1st place.

Mount Erin's Got Talent provided us with outstanding acts that ranged from bands, dancers, duets and ventriloquist performances. Each and every person provided entertainment and laughs. The winners of Mount Erin's Got Talent were the band 'Feel Good Inc.' in 3rd place, Skye G-M. and Sena F. in 2nd place and Tyson C. in 1st place. MESEM would really like to thank all the wonderful judges that we had for the week, they offered insightful and helpful feedback to allow the students to improve their skill sets and gain more confidence. We would like to say a massive thank you to all the MESEM helpers who made the week run smoothly and efficiently, we really could not have done it without them. Most importantly an incredibly huge thank you must go out to Miss Linz and the senior captains who ultimately made Mount Erin Idol/Talent possible. Thank you to all who helped and contributed to the week.

Trish S. – Captain.



On Wednesday 18th May I had the pleasure of taking five Year 7 and five Year 8 SEAL students to GTAC in the city. The program was designed specifically to immerse students in the use of cutting edge technologies currently used in Scientific Research.



Students were split into smaller groups working with current Melbourne University students who are completing their PhDs in a variety of different science areas.

Students rotated through the following three specialist workshops:

1. **DNA technologies for genetic testing;** isolating specific genes responsible for genetically inherited diseases,
2. **Focus on research microscopy;** learning how our body cells are specialised and then being able to identify diseased cells and introducing the use of stem cell technology,
3. **Technology shows us the Why;** applying biochemical technologies to separate milk into its different components to measure nutrient content and improve milk quality.

It was a fantastic day for our students to use highly expensive scientific equipment such as the Gel Electrophoresis, Centrifugation, Fluorescence and Scanning Electron microscopes.



We were also able to visit Melbourne University across the road to have our lunch, which was possibly the first time many students had even been to a University. They were a delight to take on excursion and congratulate them on their excellent behaviour.



Andrew S – 11B



- Andrew has recently been selected to play for the Frankston Heat development squad for cricket. This is the highest level that Andrew can play at for his age group. Well done Andrew!

Grace G – 11B



- Congratulations to Grace in Year 11 for competing in the 2016 BMX National Championships (where she barely missed out on finals by 1 point) and the last round of the Australian National Series (where she made it to her first junior elite final) both held in Bathurst NSW last week. Well done on achieving a personal best in your sport.

Sarah H – 8B



- Sarah recently competed in the Australian Knockout finals for athletics at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park. Sarah placed 1st in the 100m final and 2nd in the 200m final. Excellent work Sarah!

Monash University

Mount Erin College now has a partnership with Monash University which is available to families of the Mount Erin College community. The partnership is intended to assist in empowering parents to make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager with confidence. Through interactive online activities, parents can develop skills in emotional intelligence, supporting their teenager through difficulties they face, and maintaining a close relationship with their teen. This program was developed by researchers at Monash University and the University of Melbourne, and is based on Parenting Guidelines that were published in partnership with beyondblue, and have been accessed and found helpful by thousands of parents worldwide. Please see the attached documents for more information and find the links to access the program online.

Dear parent,

Raising Resilient Teenagers: A Free Online Program for Parents

Researchers at Monash University and the University of Melbourne are pleased to offer parents of students aged 12 to 15 a **free online parenting program** designed to empower parents to **make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager with confidence**. This program provides strategies for parents to raise a resilient teenager, which are **supported by research evidence and international experts** in the field. It is based on Parenting Guidelines that were published in **partnership with beyondblue** and have been **accessed by thousands of parents internationally, many of whom have found them very useful**.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child aged 12 to 15, you may be eligible to participate in a free trial of the program. After completing a survey, you will receive your parenting program, comprising of either a **personalised feedback report and interactive online modules**, or a set of **five factsheets about parenting adolescents**. Participation will take a few hours of yours and your child's time over 12 months. Both you and your child will be **reimbursed for your time**.

To sign up for a free trial of this program, please visit: www.partnersinparenting.net.au

If you have any specific queries about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the Partners in Parenting team via email, med-partnersinparenting@monash.edu or phone, (03) 9905 1250.

Thank you,

Dr Marie Yap
NHMRC Career Development Fellow
Senior Research Fellow and Psychologist
School of Psychological Sciences
Monash University



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A **FREE** online
personalised parenting
program to help you
make sense of the
teenage years



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 **MONASH** University

Raising Resilient Teenagers:

A **NEW** Online Program for Parents

Researchers at Monash University and the University of Melbourne are pleased to offer parents of teenagers an **evidence-based online parenting program**, which has been shown to help improve parent-child communication and reduce family conflict. Through interactive online activities, parents can develop skills in emotional intelligence, supporting their teenager through difficulties they face, and maintaining a close relationship with their teen. The program is based on Parenting Guidelines that were published in partnership with *beyondblue* and have been accessed by thousands of parents internationally.

Parents will receive either:

- a personalised feedback report and interactive online modules, OR
- a set of five fact sheets about adolescent development and wellbeing.

You are eligible to participate if you:

- are a parent or guardian of a child aged 12 to 16
- live in Australia,
- are fluent in English, and
- have Internet access.

Participation will take a few hours of yours and your child's time over 12 months. **Both you and your child will be reimbursed for your time.**

To sign up for a **FREE trial of this program, please visit:** www.partnersinparenting.net.au

Questions? Contact us:

Email: med-partnersinparenting@monash.edu

Phone: (03) 9905 1250

 **MONASH** University

Men's Sheds

Do you know a man who could benefit from any of the following?

- Meeting other like-minded men
- Being more engaged with their community
- Learning new skills (like woodworking, gardening, cooking and many others)
- Sharing a special skill with others who may want to learn

They may be interested in joining a Men's Shed.

Men's Sheds are places for men to meet others and learn or take part in activities in a welcoming and friendly environment.

Not all Men's Sheds are the same. They have different programs to suit different interests. They may have men from a range of ages, from different backgrounds and with different abilities.

Men's Sheds are also places for men to talk about health and personal issues in a supportive environment. The program provides many opportunities for men to make valuable connections with others and contribute something toward their community.

To find a Men's Shed near you, visit <http://mensshed.org/find-a-shed/>.



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HANGOUT LOCATIONS

Frankston North Hangout

Frankston North Community Centre
28 Mahogany Avenue, Frankston North 3200

Frankston South Hangout

Frankston South Community Recreation Centre
55 Towerhill Road, Frankston South 3199

Karingal Hangout

Karingal Place Community Centre
103 Ashleigh Avenue, Karingal 3199

Seaford Hangout

41 Railway Parade, Seaford 3198

Carrum Downs Hangout

Lyrebird Community Centre
203-205 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs 3201

Langwarrin Hangout

Langwarrin Community Centre
2/6 Lang Road, Langwarrin 3910



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FOR 12 – 17 YEAR OLDS

June/July
Phone: 9768 1366
www.frankston.vic.gov.au/youth



BOOKING INFO

Programs are FREE unless a price is stated.

Programs are subject to change.

Please wear suitable clothing to suit weather conditions.

Bookings required, contact
Frankston Youth Central - 60A Playne Street
(next to Frankston Library)

For information please contact
Frankston Youth Central on 9768 1366.

Activities leave from Frankston Youth Central or
from where mentioned under each activity see @.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Bookings open TUESDAY 14th June 2016.

Places are limited. To secure your spot book and pay at Frankston Youth Central

Download Indemnity and Behaviour Guideline forms at www.frankston.vic.gov.au/youth.

Payment is by exact cash amount or EFTPOS only. Payment required upon booking with completed required forms submitted.

Payments can be made via phone or in person at Frankston Youth Central.

Refunds are given only on presentation of medical certificate.

Please note: Bring your own snacks, lunch, a drink, sunscreen or wet weather gear if required on the day.



MON 27TH

PARC

Meet @ PARC
Cost: \$3
Time: 1-4pm
BYO: Bathers and towel



SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT

Meet @ North Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm



CENTRAL DROP IN

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm

TUES 28TH

THEATRE SPORTS, ZUMBA & HIP HOP

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
This is a combined Council activity. Pizza lunch provided.
Cost: \$12
Time: 10:15am-3:30pm

AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Meet @ Carrum Downs
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm
Drums supplied

CRAFT DAY @ CENTRAL

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm
Materials supplied

WED 29th

GHOST TOUR AT WESTERNPORT

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: \$16
Time: 6.20-11pm
BYO: Warm jacket, walking shoes and water



MINI OLYMPICS

Meet @ Karingal Hangout.
Cost: FREE
Time: 12-3pm
FREE: Sausage sizzle

CENTRAL DROP IN

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm

THURS 30th

DFO/MELB STAR

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: \$12
Time: 9.30am-4.30pm
BYO: Lunch or money for lunch and money to shop

COMMUNITY GARDEN ART

Meet @ Seaford Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm

POOL COMP @ CENTRAL

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm



FRI 1st

GRAVITY ZONE & LASER TAG

Meet @ G.ZONE Oliphant Way
Cost: \$16
Time: 9.15am-12.30pm
BYO: GZ Socks or \$2.50 for Socks

BIG SCREEN MOVIES

Meet @ North Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 12-4pm



CENTRAL DROP IN

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm

MON 4th

PARC

Meet @ PARC
Cost: \$3
Time: 1-4pm
BYO: Bathers and towel

AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Meet @ Carrum Downs Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm
Drums supplied



BOARD GAMES @ CENTRAL

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm

TUE 5th

JURASSIC WORLD EXHIBITION

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: \$18
Time: 9.30am-2pm
BYO: lunch or money for lunch



BIG SCREEN MOVIES

Meet @ Seaford Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 12-4pm

CENTRAL DROP IN

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm

WED 6th

HOYTS MOVIES

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: \$10
Time: To be advised
BYO: Snacks
Drink provided

DREAM CATCHER MAKING

Meet @ North Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm



CENTRAL DROP IN

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm

THURS 7TH

SCIENCEWORKS

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: \$12
Time: 9.45am-4pm
BYO: Lunch

KARINGAL COOK OFF

Meet @ Karingal Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 10am-2pm

MANDELA DRAWING @ CENTRAL

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm



FRI 8TH

ROCK CLIMBING

Meet @ Frankston Youth Central
Lunch provided.
Cost: \$15
Time: 9.30am-1pm
BYO: Water

BOARD GAMES @ FRANKSTON NORTH

Meet @ North Hangout
Cost: FREE
Time: 1-4pm



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AS WE HAVE A SKATE EVENT ON FRIDAY 8TH @ CARRUM DOWNS.