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Principal's Report

We are in the last few weeks of the 2017 school year and there is so much to **celebrate**. 2017 has been a very positive year for our school and our students. I have been particularly proud of the diligent way students have approached their studies this year. In particular, the Year 10, 11 and 12 students have developed a strong culture around the study and preparation required to be successful in exams. Staff have been very impressed by the way students have approached what can be a stressful point in the year.

The **Early Commencement Program** began last week and students have moved seamlessly up to the next year level. A series of welcoming assemblies have been held for each year level and work was immediately underway. Students have embraced the change and have welcomed the challenge. It has been particularly gratifying to see how well the Year 12 students have begun their studies in what will be a very important year. Feedback from staff has been overwhelmingly positive. Congratulations all around.



There have been outstanding examples of **high quality work** from our junior students across all the subjects and electives undertaken. What has been impressive this year has been the confidence students have shown in having their work on display. Of note has been the wonderful art and graphics displays in the foyer, the PAPE building and the DATS. Much of this work has been quite inspirational and of a very high quality. Congratulations to those students and to the staff who have nurtured and encouraged these talented young people.

I have also been very impressed this year with the musical talents of our students.



Our **College Choir**, "Take Note", which only began in April, has built a strong and confident repertoire. The numbers of students involved has grown over the year and they have performed at many of the important school events including our whole school assemblies, Open Night and Awards Night. The students have performed at the Village Baxter monthly meetings, at Peninsula Health to patients, staff and families and at a recent Christmas choral presentation at Karingal Hub. They have grown in confidence and have represented the school with pride. I congratulate each one of the choir members and Mrs Doyle on the fantastic work she has done over the year.

Another aspect of our **music program** that has really grown this year has been the number of students undertaking instrumental music tuition. We now have large numbers of students learning guitar and drums, piano, saxophone, flute and voice to name a few. It has been terrific to see these students come together and form both the junior band and the senior group – "Suit No Tie". The showcasing of their talents has been fantastic. We have had the extraordinary talents of Callum and Jackson McP, Senna F, Lily C, Lucy and Caitlin McK, who have entertained us all throughout the year at assemblies and special events.



They have represented the school on many occasions at

public events such as the Anzac Day Service and joined the talented cast for the College Production of "Grease" earlier this year. The energy emanating from our Music Centre is exciting and I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Whelan, Mrs Doyle, Mr Wilson and Mrs Clough for their work with students over the year.

We have had some very exciting **sporting achievements** this year, with several teams making it through to State level competition. Well done in particular to the Junior Girls Hockey Team, who finished 3rd and the Year 7 Boys Cricket who finished 4th. What great achievements. These students have worked and trained hard and have represented the College extremely well. We have several students competing in the State Schools Sport National titles representing Victoria. Miles H made the Boys 16 and under Softball and Emily B made the Girls 16 and under Hockey team. Both will be competing in the first few days of December in Adelaide and we wish them all the best.

Awards Night was held last Tuesday and what a wonderful night it was. Awards were presented by a number of special guests. Chris Crewther, Federal Member for Dunkley, presented the Dunkley Shield to Year 7 student Kaitlyn F, in recognition of a student who has contributed to all aspects of the College. Mr Stuart Shaw, Steve & Vic Walker, Lorraine Holt and Kate Nelson from the Village Baxter presented the community service awards. Mr Kincade from the Vietnam Veterans presented the Long Tan Leadership Awards and Ash Martin, a former College Captain and now local business man, presented awards to students who had achieved so well in their VET and VCAL programs. We had the pleasure of hearing Caitlin Tilders, Dux of 2016 speak about her studies at Deakin University where she is studying a combined Nursing and Midwifery degree, Miranda P was given the Caltex All Rounder Award for her outstanding academic, sporting, performing arts and community performance. It is such a pleasure to acknowledge and recognise the efforts and achievements of students from Year 7 to Year 12 and across all fields of endeavour. Our talented musicians and vocalists entertained us throughout the night. It was a very great pleasure to announce the Principal's Awards for 2017 which were given to Caitlyn and Ashley Green (Student Award), Mrs Leonie Veale (Educational Support Award) and to Mr Wayne Burgess (Teacher Award).

A terrific **End Of Year Program (EOYP)** has been arranged and I urge parents to complete the consent forms and payments, and return them to the office as soon as possible. Parents must also notify the school via the same form if they intend for their son/daughter not to participate in the EOYP.

And so the end of the year nears. I thank all our parents and carers for their continued support over 2017. Our College Community is strong and focuses always on how we can improve the opportunities and outcomes for every student at our school. I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas

and holiday break and look forward to seeing you when school returns in 2018.

Karen Lee
Principal

College Awards Night Sponsors

THANK YOU

*SAB Motors - Mitre 10 - Lamont Books
Baxter Village - Baxter Village Residents
Vietnam Veterans Association - All Points Glass
Gravity Zone - Kmart - Medical Solutions
Ross Hayward Sports*

Important College Dates

Dec 12th (Tues) – Grade 6 Orientation Day
Dec 15th (Fri) – MESEM Christmas Concert
– Year 7/8 Top 20 Excursion
Dec 18th – 21st – End Of Year Activities Program

MESEM PRESENTS:
FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

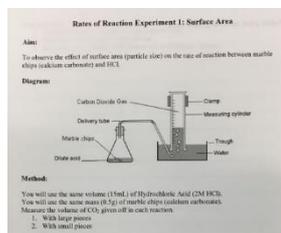
LUNCHTIME, FRI 15TH DEC.
@AUDITORIUM

Deaf Education Centre (DEC)

2017, what a year we have had in the Deaf Education Centre! Excursions, sports days, many student achievements, special guest visitors, Australian Hearing demonstrations and more.

Early Commencement has started and we have all hit the ground running. Students are now getting settled in to their new classes and subjects. We congratulate Kenny who has been accepted in to the SEAL program for 2018. (SEAL – Select Entry Accelerated Learning) We wish him all the best and we know he will rise to the challenge and already is making progress.

The students have been re-energised with the start of new classes and meeting some new classmates. Here is Jasmine, Charlotte and Brooke of Y9 Science class doing an experiment on the 'Rate of Reaction' Very interesting!



We are looking forward to welcoming new students in the DEC next year at the College as part of our cohort for 2018, including four new Year 7's. They will have a taste of secondary school-life over the next few weeks as they begin their transition days. It's all very exciting and I know our current students are waiting to greet them and help guide them through.

Charlotte has made this beautiful Christmas Diorama for her Food Around The World class. Well done!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. See you in 2018!

DEC Staff - Geoff, Sarah and Kathryn.

Season's Greetings from Germany!

Our first day of snow today with the temperature ranging from minus one to one! Christmas is huge here and we are enjoying the wonderful atmosphere, especially the Christmas Markets.

Everything is going well. We spend most of our time in a small city called Neuss on the Rhine River, over 700 kilometers from its source in Switzerland. The area is rich in history dating back over 2000 years when the Romans settled here - archaeological digs are regularly popping up on building sites. The Middle Ages saw the city besieged and much later Napoleon occupied the area - we have even had dinner in the restaurant where Napoleon and his generals had a meal. Add to all this the history of the twentieth century, and you can see that I have more than enough to keep me busy! That said, we are really enjoying all that modern Germany has to offer: friendly people; great public transport; cycle paths everywhere, a rich culture and endless festivals.



I'm organizing to run some English tutorials for a group of young people who are refugees from many different countries. I visited some of their classes and was really impressed with their enthusiasm, and just how quickly they were learning German, even though they have only been here a couple of months. They also have to learn English. I'm learning German too (not so quickly), and while I'm getting better at deciphering the world around me, I'm very grateful for 'Google Translator'! On another educational note, my teacher friend in Switzerland has enrolled to do some PD at Berne University - two workshops looking at the research of John Hattie.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season and happy holidays wherever you might be.

Helen Smalley

Changes to the Mobile Phone Chain of Consequences Effective Early Commencement

As of the beginning of Early Commencement the following consequences will apply.

First offence – phone is confiscated and handed to the front office. Classroom teacher to enforce appropriate consequence (recess or lunch).

Second offence – phone is confiscated and handed to the front office. After School Detention (ASD) will be issued by a Year Level Leader/Assistant after being notified by the front office.

Third offence – phone is confiscated and handed to the front office. Parents to be notified by a Year Level Leader/Assistant/LT of Junior or Senior School. The phone must be physically picked up at the school by a parent *plus* appropriate consequences applied on top of that.

Any student who has had the 3 strikes can only bring a phone to school if it is signed in and out at the front office each day. If this is not followed then further consequences including suspensions may apply.

Attention Parents and Guardians of Year 8 students, Year 8 Teachers and Well-being Staff

We want your feedback on the ***teen Mental Health First Aid*** course for Year 8 students.

As you will be aware the Year 8 students at Mount Erin College participated in a program called ***teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA)***. tMHFA taught students how they could support a friend with a mental health problem. The program developed their knowledge and skills in:

- Recognising warning signs that a friend is developing a mental health problem
- Understanding how to talk to a friend about mental health and seeking help
- When and how to tell a responsible adult
- Where to find appropriate and helpful resources about mental illness and professional help
- How to respond in a crisis situation.

Mental Health First Aid Australia and the University of Melbourne are conducting an evaluation of the course that involved the students completing pre- and post-course surveys. **We are now seeking feedback from year 8 parents/guardians and year 8 teachers/well-being staff in the form of a short on-line survey.**

For more information and to participate in the 15-minute survey go to:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tMHFA7-9_PGT

You can also contact Dr. Kathy Bond, Senior Research Officer (kathybond@mhfa.com.au) if you have any questions.

Administration News

Payment of College Fees

Just a reminder that if you have not paid your College Fees for 2018, then payment would be appreciated immediately. Family statements will be sent out shortly which outline what is required to be paid for 2018 College fees.

If you are unable to pay these fees in full, you can enter into a payment plan – see below for more information.

The College can only charge for materials/activities used by students and payment of these fees ensures that we can provide your students with the very best programs available. Students will be unable to attend any excursions or activities if College fees have not been paid or a payment plan started. With 2018 fast approaching, it is important to plan well ahead.

Payment Plans for College Fees

If you are unable to pay your College fees in full, we are more than happy to discuss the option of a payment plan. By doing this, it means you can make regular payments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) at a cost that is affordable to you. It is advisable that you sign up to a payment plan early in the year so that your payments can be paid over a longer period of time and therefore making them more affordable to you. By signing up later in the year, your payment plan will of course be higher than it needs to be.

We have two options available:

1. **Centrepay:** If you receive family allowance or pension payments from Centrelink every fortnight, you can elect to have an amount deducted from your payment. This payment will come to us automatically every fortnight. There are no fees involved for you.
2. **Debit/Credit Card:** We will deduct the agreed amount through our EFTPOS facilities here at the College. All you need to do is provide your Credit Card number, Expiry Date, CVV and complete the Authority Form and we will do the rest.

If you would like to commence a payment plan, please feel free to call the College and speak with Erin Gray in our Administration Office, who can discuss the various options with you. PH: 5971 6000.

Upcoming Payments Due

- ✚ Compass Payment Plan: next instalment due 8th Dec.
- ✚ Year 7 camp: \$300 due 8th Dec 2017
- ✚ Indonesian tour: \$385 due 20th Dec 2017
- ✚ Central Australia tour: \$120 due 20th Dec 2017

Please ensure you have adequate funds available on your debit/credit card on the due date. A \$10 admin fee will be charged for late payments. Thank you.

CSEF Applications Close Early 2018

If you have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible for the Camps/Sport/Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment. You will have received an application form in your student pack posted home in October. Complete this form and return to us along with a copy of your card. Payment is \$225 per student for all students in all year levels. This funding will be used towards excursions, camps and sporting activities run through the College.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

Office Hours December 2017 and January 2018

December 2017

Monday, 18th Dec to Thursday, 21st Dec:

Open 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday, 22nd Dec: Closed

January 2018

Thursday, 25th Jan: Open from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Friday, 26th Jan: Closed – public holiday

Monday, 29th Jan: Open from 9:30am to 4:00pm
All staff return

Tuesday, 30th Jan onwards:

Open from 8:00am to 4:00pm

End of Year Program

Payments and permission forms are due by this Friday 8th December.

If your child is NOT participating, the 'permission to stay at home' form must be signed and returned to the College.

Year 7/8 Tertiary Discovery Days

During November, our junior classes were fortunate to participate in career oriented Discovery Days. The students went off campus to visit our local institutions and were introduced to some aspects of tertiary life.

Year 7 Adventure Day at Chisholm

On the 2nd November, the Year 7s travelled to Chisholm TAFE Frankston, for the inaugural Adventure Discovery Day. Over 1,000 students from participating Bayside Schools spent the morning 'discovering' the Trade Training Centre (TTC) located behind the PARC.

With its purpose built VET in schools building, designed exclusively for secondary college use, students were intrigued with the surrounds, facilities and equipment on offer. This gave them some idea of their destination when they wish to pursue vocational studies in their senior years.

On show, with many interactive displays, were the TTC areas of Building and Construction, Beauty, Hairdressing, Health Services, Robotics, Sport and Recreation and Visual Arts. Students were also able to ask questions of many and varied industry providers, including the Police, Defence Forces, Peninsula Health, Vic Rail, South East Water, MAS Apprenticeships, JMC Arts Academy and the very popular Games and Multimedia Designers.

Our thanks go to Alison Wall, the Trade Training Centre Facilitator, and the TTC team for their organisation of this free and worthwhile event and to Chisholm for reimbursing our travel costs.

Here are a few comments received from students who enjoyed...

'learning about all the different jobs and careers I could do in future'

*'having such a great learning experience and it was fun'
'getting my hair extensions'
'visiting the Army stand and getting some free things'
'seeing Chisholm and it was a great experience!'
'getting some free stuff and learning about all different jobs'*

Year 8 Discovery Day at Monash

Their first experience with the Access Monash Program saw our Year 8 cohort travelling to the Peninsula Campus of Monash University on Thursday 9th November. This was a day specifically designed for Mount Erin College students with half attending the morning session, and the other half in the afternoon.

Hosted by the Monash Student Ambassadors who were supported by college staff, our students were initially involved in a fun 'Q and A' activity in a lecture theatre, where they were both quizzed, and informed, on many aspects of university life. Divided into 3 groups for each of the half days, our students were then escorted on a Campus Tour which showcased the extent of the buildings, grounds and facilities.

The two 'hands on' interactive group activities were held in the Sports stadium with a time trial, and the Marketing Conference Room where a 'brain storming' session culminated in group presentations of an inventive new product of their own design. In 2018 these students can look forward to the opportunity of a mid-year Discovery Day at the Clayton Campus, which will focus on student interests and abilities in career pursuits, as well as a comprehensive tour of their vast facilities.

We thank the Monash Access Program for these junior student campus visit opportunities and for their generous reimbursement of the bus transport costs to enable our students to attend free of charge. These are greatly appreciated by the college.

Some student reflections on this activity:

'I thought it was great to see what a university campus looks like'

'The sports obstacle is what I liked most about Monash University'

'It was very worthwhile going as we had the opportunity to see the different spaces '

'I liked looking around on the tour and it was enjoyable. It got me thinking about what I want to do in the future and I learnt about university life'

'All the activities were enjoyable and the supervisors explained everything clearly'

'This was an engaging experience and looking around the campus was interesting'

Year 8 Market Day

I think the most important part of today was not to make lots of money, but to gain knowledge about business and how it works. While we made quite a lot of money, we also learnt a lot about how to run a "somewhat" successful business. We experienced some of the ups and downs of running a business for example I got pretty stressed when there was a high demand for a time consuming product in a limited amount of time, yet when I finished and handed the product over their happiness made me feel proud of my accomplishment.

Ethan F. 8C



While the rest of the school was recovering from the fuss and fury of Melbourne Cup Day, the Year 8 students were hard at work preparing for Market Day. After time spent planning, plotting and prepping, the day came and plans were enacted.



The students prepared the stalls, products and pitches, and were awaiting the arrival of the primary school students, the first of whom arrived slightly early sending Mr Robinson in to a slight tailspin. However this was quickly overcome and the business of doing business started.

Lots of stalls were out there trying to attract trade, with numerous bakery's running as well as stalls selling stress relieving devices and a brisk trade in Slime, some of it was even intergalactic (according to the advertising). There were home decoration items such as pottery, and even the

opportunity to buy some tie dyed shirts and socks. At the other end of the business market there was strong competition on the pet area, with a number of pet rock stalls and even a pet vegetable stall selling potatoes and carrots. (Yes they did make a profit!)



It's important to make heaps of money because you need to learn how to keep track of your money. But I also think it was about learning how to figure out stuff like budget and marketing plus planning everything out. I now think that it is not so important to make money. I enjoyed making people laugh because I was being funny.

Texas W. 8C



Most of the stall holders did make a measurable profit and have learnt plenty from the experience, particularly in the arena of what it really costs to make things. Thanks must go to the Primary Schools for coming along and all the Year 8 Hums team for their hard work in helping arrange and organise the event. But the greatest praise must be reserved for the students who took to the task, worked hard and in a number of cases achieved a profit after their costs of over \$100.

We are all looking forward to next year to see just what businesses do well when next the Mount Erin Market comes to town.



I liked working with the elderly and talking to them. I found them interesting – Flynn 9G

Croquet was very fun and we came back from 5-1 to win 6-7 - Patrick 9G

I enjoyed the food, activities and talking to the residents of Baxter Village, and walking around the village - Attila 9G



This term in the Year 9 Centre, we have been focused on community engagement. As part of this program, students had the opportunity to visit, interact and participate in programs with the residents at Baxter Village. The visits included walking tours of the village, learning to play croquet, trivia, craft (including sewing buttons), and playing games and chatting to the residents. All the students enjoyed themselves, and so did the many residents the students came in contact with.

Year 9 Centre News **Baxter Village Visits**

Our visit to Baxter Village was really good and I enjoyed doing croquet. I thought the people there were good and friendly and wanted us to be there - Rhianna 9G

What I enjoyed about going to Baxter Village was doing the activities with the residents and having lots of biscuits, scones and coffee – Eddy 9F



The croquet was fun and learning to sew a button was good - Kereama 9G

I liked playing croquet and talking to Steve and all the other residents - Jordyn 9F

VCAL Awards



On Thursday October 26th, the VCAL Awards for the Mornington Peninsula / Frankston area were held. Two of our Senior VCAL students, Tom C. and Jack A. each received awards on the night. Tom spoke well, about the benefits of the VCAL program both in general and directly to him. They were accompanied by Mrs Tonizzo and Mr Caspar.



Senior School News

As our Year 12s await their final scores it is timely to remind all students that their Year 12 score isn't a measure of who they are, but more importantly it is ensuring that they continue to pursue their Personal Best in every endeavour, being Adaptable and Socially Aware.

There are many paths that you can take to reach your destination and probably the biggest challenge for our senior students is trying to work out the destination that is right for you – not your teachers, parents or anyone else. This is the hard part. Once you have determined the right path it is your passion, persistence, courage to change and striving for Excellence that will determine your success rather than your ATAR. We wish our Year 12 students every success as they take on the next stages of their lives, knowing that they are kind, supportive and compassionate young people with great futures ahead.

Please don't forget that the Careers Team, Mrs Tonizzo and myself are all here to support you now and into the future. If you need to change your preferences please come into school to see Mrs King or Mrs Wall who are here to assist you. We look forward to hearing about your journeys over the coming years.

This is a wonderful moment to celebrate the success of one of our past students, Sam Humphrey. Sam completed school in 2012 and has achieved great success due to his professionalism, unwavering work ethic, and wicked sense of humour.

Sam was born with a highly rare genetic condition, which has meant that he is now only 127 centimetres tall. Sam has never let his skeletal dysplasia stand in the way of fulfilling his passions and at school took everything in his stride, participating in all aspects of College life including sport, the Debutante Ball and school productions where he emerged as a very talented actor. It is acting that has been his lifelong dream.



Sam has made his mark in documentaries and in "Neighbours" before going on to star in "Jeremy the Dud". This year he has travelled to Hollywood where he is in the main cast of "The Greatest Showman" a 20th Century Fox feature film starring Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron. Directed by Michael Gracey and written by Michael Arndt, "The Greatest Showman on Earth" is an original musical inspired by PT Barnum's life. Barnum is most famous for co-founding

the Barnum & Bailey Circus with James Anthony Bailey, which decades later merged with the Ringling Bros. World's Greatest Shows. His other accomplishments include being a politician, businessman and notorious hoax creator, but as the title clearly states, Barnum will always be best remembered as a showman first.

"The Greatest Showman" opens in cinemas this Christmas and I encourage you to take the time to go and see one of our past students who has pursued his dreams and truly symbolises the ASPIRE values. Congratulations Sam!

From everyone in the Senior School Team, we wish you a safe and happy Christmas break. Make sure you take time to relax, read your English novels and complete your holiday homework as this will ensure a successful 2018.

Heather Worrall
Associate Principal, Senior School

Year 12 Parents and Students

The Mount Erin Careers Office Team would like to offer their congratulations as the Year 12s successfully complete their secondary education. Well done on a notable achievement.

At this time students may require some assistance relating to the next stage of planning for the future. While guidance from the Careers Team is available to all college students throughout their secondary schooling, students are welcome to continue to seek advice after they have finished their formal education. In fact, we would advocate students returning for advice and/or instruction on any careers area they wish to discuss. The following may be of assistance:

VCE Results and ATAR – VCE results and ATAR (VTAC website) are available on Friday 15th December from 7.00am and mail by Wednesday 20^h December 2017.

Change of Preference – Students wishing to make changes to their VTAC applications should be aware that Change of Preference opens on Friday 15th December from 12.00 midday and closes at midday 12.00 on Wednesday 20th December. The careers office will be open during this time and we will be able to support you during this process.

To change student preferences there is a great deal of advice and instruction on the website. Go to www.vtac.edu.au/courses/cop, use the allocated VTAC number (beginning with 4) and 4 digit pin to access the account.

Non VTAC Education Courses (EG: Chisholm TAFE) - contact the Careers Office to make an appointment any time during business hours to discuss entry requirements and enrolment processes.

Seeking Employment or Apprenticeship

Contact the Careers Office during business hours.

We are available to discuss any of these options. Contact the College on 5971 6000 (Administration Office) or direct to the Careers Office on **5971 6039** to discuss options or arrange a meeting.

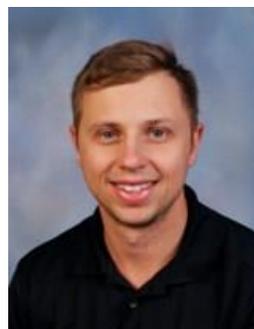
We wish all families a happy Christmas season and every success in the future to the students.

Melinda King and Alison Wall
Mount Erin College Careers Team

Staff Profile

Lachlan Cove

VCE Health and Physical Education and Year 10 AEP



Describe your current role at Mount Erin College. Currently the Year 10 Wellbeing Coordinator, I am also a part of the AEP team and teach VCE Health and Human Development and VCE Physical Education.

What is your background in education? I completed my Bachelor of Education in 2014 at

Monash University. Prior to getting into university I had a gap year in which I worked as an AFL Trainee at a local High School in 2010.

Which things do you enjoy most about working at Mount Erin College? Everything! I enjoy working with the students and seeing them working hard to achieve their best. The staff at Mount Erin are fantastic and are supportive.

What has been your highlight so far this year? My highlights would have to be having such a fantastic group of Year 12 students in my HDD class. I wish them the best in whatever they choose to do in life, I know they will be fantastic people in our community. It has been an absolute pleasure to be their teacher this year. The other highlight would be seeing the Year 10s grow as adults and the fantastic work they have been completing during this year, especially during the work experience week.

Tell us about your hobbies or passion outside of school.

I am a mad sports person, so outside of school you will see me at my Football club during the winter. I also am an assistant coach of an under 19 football side at the football club I play at. Most of my life outside of school is spent at the footy club. During the summer, I am down watching the local cricket or enjoying my time down at the beach.

Do you have a message you would like to share with the school community? My message would be to make sure you enjoy your life and always live in the present. Make sure you are always striving to be the best you that you can be.



Year 7 Boys Cricket

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Cricket Team who finished in the Top 4 teams in the state. Thanks to Mr Hameeteman who coached the boys to this victory.



Nara University High School

Japanese Visit



Mount Erin College was very pleased to welcome 40 Japanese students from Nara University High School, on Thursday 30th November. Our SEAL and Sports Academy students were excellent hosts to their new Japanese friends, discussing everything from sport and school to technology and fashion, and taking students on a tour of the College.

Christmas Crackers

What do you call an elf who sings?

A wrapper!

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

Because it soot's him

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinselitis!

What's the difference between the alphabet and the Christmas alphabet?

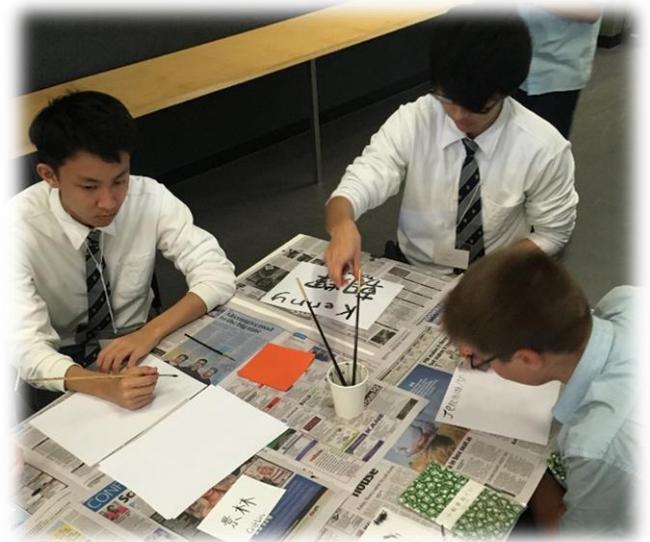
The Christmas alphabet has NOEL.

What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?

A pineapple!

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

Can you smell carrots?



Our current 9A and 9B students then guided their buddy through an activity. Our first group were creating calligraphy and origami pieces of artwork. Mrs Pudney helped students communicate with their Japanese buddies to learn to write their names in Japanese, or make a beautiful little paper crane. For the other group, Mr Clutton organised some extremely competitive sporting activities including soccer and basketball.



(Mount Erin Student Events Management)

2018 College Captains

Our 2018 College Captains attended the Annual Halogen Young Leaders Conference.

Alice

The thing I enjoyed most about the Halogen Leadership Day was one of the speakers, Gemma Triscari. Gemma spoke about the struggles in life that we all face. Coming from a sporting background I found it easy to relate to Gemma and the things she has gone through. Gemma taught me that you can do anything you put your mind to no matter the challenges you face.

Jayden

The most memorable thing that I've taken with me from the Halogen Leadership Summit was a quote from Nick Dal Santo. He shared with us his personal stories and sacrifices he made to make it to an elite sporting level. He said, "It's not a sacrifice, it's an investment". Something to remember every time you make a choice. Will it get you where you want?



We have been lucky enough to host the Nara students for a number of years, and every year we are blown away by the generosity and politeness of the Japanese students and their teachers. Every year we learn new things about the rich history of the Nara area in Japan, and the similarities and differences in culture. I would like to thank the 9A and 9B students who have assisted with these activities, to make this visit such a positive experience.

Miss Bray.



Jordan

The best part about the Halogen Leadership Youth day was John Coutis. He spoke about his struggles about going through life with disabilities and then making the decision to get his legs amputated. He made sure we all knew that that nothing is taken for granted in life and that we are all special.

Shanae

My favourite speaker was John Coutis because his story was inspiring through all the challenges he overcame in life while still managing to keep a positive attitude. He made me realise that nothing in life should be taken for granted and everyone should do the best with what they have.

Food Technology

Christmas Cakes by Year 9 students in a 'Food For Fun' class.



'Chain of Poppies' at RSL Park



Caitlyn R, Christie C, Brooke A and Kaitlyn F, present a crocheted chain of poppies on their latest visit to RSL Park. Many thanks to all students who were involved in this project in various ways and in particular to Ms Carolyn Scott.



Don't forget to also join the MESEM Facebook page: "MESEM – Mount Erin College."



On Tuesday 14th of November the Arts Academy Showcase was held to demonstrate the learning outcomes that the students have achieved this semester in Years 7 – 9. There were over 90 pieces of Art work on display, musical performances and the dramatic performances.



Congratulations to Ms Murray, Ms Whelan, Mr Young and Miss Andrews for a fantastic celebration of the end of the year. Well done!

Newsletter

Editors Note

2017 has been a fantastic year! I have enjoyed putting the news from around the College together in one easy place for you to read. The variety of items including: student and staff successes/achievements, student work and articles and photos has been amazing. As a reminder, the Newsletter is out every 3 weeks, and is available on Compass and the College website.

Next year, I encourage you to take some time and read each issue, as I know it will be another year full of great events and happenings. I look forward to bringing you the Newsletters in 2018 (the first issue scheduled – Term 1, Week 4). Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Sarah Parker





Anglicare Victoria—Linking Youth and Families Together and the Youth Support and Advocacy Service (YSAS) Frankston Teams present:



'LYFT Up Your Family'

A confidential six week evening group for parents and carers of young people (aged 12-18 years) experimenting or using alcohol and other drugs and displaying challenging behaviours.

COMMENCING TUESDAY 13th of February 2018 6-8pm
 @ Headspace - 62 Playne St, Frankston VIC 3199



Participant feedback
 "A very comfortable forum to share, listen and learn"
 "So glad that this type of support is available, wish I was here earlier."
 2017

Are you worried about your son or daughter who uses alcohol and other drugs? Takes risks? Or challenges rules and boundaries?

Topics covered include:

- Drugs and alcohol education
- Adolescent development
- Setting Boundaries and consequences
- Managing conflict
- Communicating with youth
- Resilience and self care

For referrals please contact Reynold Ephraim at Anglicare Frankston 9781 6700 or email Reynold.Ephraim@anglicarevic.org.au



AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS 36 ACU - FRANKSTON



Australian Defence Force Cadet Depot, 35 Robinsons Rd Frankston,
 PO BOX 4030 Frankston VIC 3199 Email: 36acu@cadetnet.gov.au Phone: (03) 5971 3279

RECRUITING INFORMATION NIGHT

The Australian Army Cadets is a leading youth leadership organisation. Cadets is about learning new skills, challenging your self, making new friends, having fun all in a military setting!

As an Army Cadet you will pick up many attributes which you will be able to take with you through the rest of your lives! To name a few:

- * Leadership
- * Confidence
- * Courage
- * Teamwork
- * Discipline
- * Mateship
- * Initiative
- * Respect

You will also be taught different skills which are relevant to the Army itself such as:

- * Drill
- * First Aid
- * Fieldcraft
- * Marksmanship
- * Safe weapon handling
- * Navigation
- * Signals
- * Engineering
- * Robotics

Sounds great doesn't it!
 So why not come on down to our information night and see 36ACU cadets showing these skills.

Eligibility for Enrolment

- a) Be between the age of 13 (and in year 8) - up to 17 years old,
- b) Be and Australian resident,
- c) Be physically and psychologically able to participate in cadets activities
- d) Not be a member of the Australian Navy Cadets or the Australian Air Force Cadets, or the Australian Defence Force
- e) Be available to attend 80% or more of the activities conducted by the Army Cadet Unit that they wish to join .
- f) Agree to abide by the AAC Code of Conduct
- g) Complete the application form and all documentation required by the AAC and,
- h) Have their application accepted by the Army Cadet Unit Officer Commanding.

When

Thursday 30th NOV 2017 1900 Hrs (7pm)
 Thursday 08th FEB 2018 1900 Hrs (7pm)

Where

Australian Defence Force Cadet Depot
 35 Robinsons Road , Frankston (Mel. Ref. 102 J10)
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