Year 12 Class of 2015 - Celebration & Farewell

After just three weeks into the term, we said farewell to the Year 12’s of 2015 when they finished formal classes and completed their school education. Their final day of celebration was a wonderful event.

At Monash University Sir Robert Blackwood Hall, we acknowledged students in year 12 and their individual and collective achievements at the Awards Night, and farewelled them as a school community. The location is especially fitting to hold our Graduation Night. Sir Robert Blackwood was School Council President from 1951 to 1967, who then went on to be chancellor of Monash University.

The year 12 Awards evening, held on Thursday October 22nd at Monash University celebrated the academic, leadership and citizenship achievements of the graduating students from VCAL and VCE. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to all graduating students and award winners.

It was wonderful to present the awards in front of so many parents, family, school and community members. It was also a great pleasure to host our Council President, Mr Stephen Peacock and a number of community and business leaders at the event.

The class of 2015 had earlier marked the end of their formal school with an impressive celebration morning at the senior campus. The day began early as students arrived early in their themed costumes and they participated in a number of events and activities throughout the morning. The ongoing breakfast was a great success.

Without doubt the class of 2015 have continued the tradition of concluding the year in a fun and positive way. Their exemplary behaviour and leadership of our school sets the standards for others to follow. Congratulations!

KEY DATES
November
13th, 16th 17th Year 10 Interviews with student mgrs on senior campus
17th Musical Soiree
18th Year 10 Celebration Assembly. Year 9s to start day at Bluff Road.
18th 5.30-8.00pm Beaumaris Farewell
19th Year 10 Formal
19th Final day at Beaumaris Campus
23rd 2016 Year 10 course selections and interviews. Headstart commences Years 11&12 2016.
24th Year 9 commence regular classes at Bluff Rd
28th Great Vic Bike Ride leaves
30th Headstart commences Year 10 2016

December
4th Great Vic Bike Ride returns
7th World Challenge Launch - Bluff Road 3.30-4.30pm
9th 7-11 Presentation Night
16th Last Day of Year 2.30pm
International Students Graduation Dinner

A Graduation Dinner was held on Wednesday October 21st to celebrate the significant achievements our International students who have graduated in 2015. It is a magnificent achievement to travel to another country and complete the final years of schooling requirements. The evening provided us with an opportunity as teachers and principals to congratulate our students and wish them well as they prepare for final exams.

Many will return home or travel to other countries to complete their studies. Our sincere thanks to Denise Cornish and her team for their commitment to our students and the International program.

Without Pier Gallery Opening of Student Work

One of the absolute joys of our roles as staff working at Sandringham College is to witness firsthand the talent, drive and energy of students in so many pursuits. The opportunity for our Arts students to have their work displayed in such a prestigious gallery is indeed rare and so very much appreciated by all at Sandringham College. The works of the students were highly professional, visionary and highly creative.

New 7 & 8 Learning Centre ready to open!

It is with great pleasure that I am able to confirm our new centre is expected to be fully operational for the beginning of the 2016 school year. During term four our staff will move into the building and some trial classes may occur to allow us to trial our new facilities. We look forward to 2016!

Minister Merlino Visits Sandringham College

I am very pleased to report that the State Education Minister, Mr. James Merlino visited Sandringham College on Tuesday October 27th.

This visit provided us with the opportunity to provide a short tour of the senior campus and to further brief the Minister on upcoming building plans for both campuses.

Our school Council President Mr Stephen Peacock and Vice-president Mr Robert Caunce sought confirmation from the Minister that the Master Plan funding will be committed in upcoming budgets for both campuses to ensure the buildings will be completed during the current term and next term of State Government.

Allen McAuliffe, Viv McElwee, Russell Watson & Suzanne Reinhardt - Sandringham College Principals
Indonesia Bridge Partnership Program

Recently, Science teacher, Rosie Hindle and Indonesian Language teacher, Astrid Tielman, participated in a ten-day cultural exchange with our Bridge Partnership School in Kebumen, Central Java, Indonesia.

During a four day workshop in Jakarta, they learnt about Indonesian traditions, culture and religion, and toured important sites such as The Jakarta Greereja Cathedral, the Istiqlal Masqu and The National Museum. They met disaster management specialists from Gadjah Mada University, local government representatives and volunteers from the local NGO and the Education Minister at The Australian Embassy.

They also visited a Sultan’s Palace, Tamansari, and met a ‘mystic keeper’ of the volcano at Mt Merapi.

Ms. Hindle and Ms. Tielman then spent five days at Kebumen Number 1 High School with Tri and Nurul, our two partnership teachers who visited Sandringham College last May.

Ms. Hindle and Ms. Tielman were warmly welcomed. They were treated to performances of traditional dancing as well as music performances and all of the teachers and students were very excited to see them. In fact the whole town was excited and the local paper even ran a story about them!

One of the most important aims of the trip was to share understandings about teaching practices. Visiting classrooms certainly gave the teachers an insight into Indonesian curriculum, pedagogical and assessment practices, school organisational structures including timetabling, class size and the expectations of teachers and students. Ms. Hindle even gave a Chemistry class in English about rates of chemical reactions, much to the delight of the students.

The teachers were also excited to witness Tri incorporating teaching strategies she witnessed in Ms. Tielman’s Indonesian Language class at Sandringham. The students played a game of Celebrity Heads in English. They were instantly engaged and enjoyed the interactivity of the task.

The Year 10 Indonesian Language class has exchanged letters, emails and photographs and Ms. Hindle and Ms. Tielman brought back Indonesian textbooks for English, Science books in Indonesian on natural disasters as well as traditional artifacts that will be displayed in the classrooms. We look forward to developing connections in a number of classes next year.

Cathy Ferguson, Teaching & Learning Leader, Senior Campus
The Applied Learning Awards

The Applied Learning Awards were held on Thursday 15th October. These awards recognise the outstanding efforts of secondary students undertaking applied learning programs (VCAL, SBAT and VETiS), schools and education providers that offer Applied Learning programs, teachers that deliver quality training, co-ordinators that administer programs and businesses that provide students with workplace experiences.

Thank you to all staff who attended the Awards presentations and we are proud to announce that Sandringham College students and the school won in the following categories:

**Student Winners:**
- VCAL – Numeracy Stream - Liam Apps
- Technical Production - Liam Blake (St Michael’s Grammar – attends VET at Sandringham)
- Certificate III in Visual Arts - Harry Carter
- Certificate II in Dance - Dominique Cowden
- Certificate II in Community Services - Joshua Dunstone
- Certificate II in Hospitality - Jordon Flannigan (nominated by Holmesglen)

**Student Nominees:**
- VET Visual Arts - Marina Amagai
- VCAL Literacy - Caitlin Berger
- VCAL Work Related Stream - Curtis Birt
- VCAL Personal Development - Hayden Dupe
- VCAL Personal Development Stream - Daniel Hoarau
- VCAL Work Related Skills Stream - Alannah Stephens

**School/Education Provider Winners:**
- Vocational Education and Training in School (VETiS) Delivery: Sandringham College
- Champion Applied Learning School of the Year: Sandringham College


**Year 12 Graduation**

On Thursday 22nd October, Sandringham College held its graduation for the class of 2015. This event is held at Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash University in Clayton. This venue is significant, as it is named after a former school council president of the College.

This wonderful occasion provided students with the opportunity to celebrate the completion of their secondary school life in the company of their peers, family members, friends and the teaching staff of Sandringham College.

Congratulations to all of the students in the Graduating Class of 2015.

The following students have been recognized for their VCE and VCAL achievements:

- Estelle Ashkar
- Jess Bennett
- Rebecca Gallagher
- Lauren Hammond
- John Kathros
- Kelly Knowles
- Jaimee Lee
- Genevieve Paxinos
- Deanna Stimson
- Caleb Turner
- Sam Wickham
- Sam Williamson
- Kate Wyatt
- Yifei Yang
- Xuezhu Yang
- Zexiao Zhang
- Nicola Pohl
- Stephen Georgiannis
- Dana Rogers
- Tony Milos
- Cameron Watts
- Jordan Flannigan

Academic Achievement

Nicola Pohl Tristan Taggart Dance Award
Coutts Partners Business Award
Jessica Jacobs Memorial Award
Caltex Allrounder
Jenny Marks Memorial Scholarship
Awards Cont.
Polly Garrett Performing Arts Domain
Nicola Pohl Performing Arts Domain
Caitlin Berger VCAL Domain
Hayden Dupe VCAL Domain
D’arcy Roberton VCAL Excellence
Curtis Birt VCAL Excellence
Sarah Jensen VCAL Literacy Prize
Curtis Birt VCAL Numeracy Prize
Liam Apps VCAL Numeracy Prize
Dwahedah Smith Humanities Domain
Juliette Sapun Humanities Domain
Chloe Lee Humanities Sports Science
Genevieve Paxinos Businesss Domain
Griffin Van Businesss Domain
Stella Smallman Literature Award
Colleen Combrink EAL Prize
Genevieve Paxinos Further Maths
Stephen Georgiellis Further Maths
Makayla Bulte Food Technology
Zexiao Zhang International Domain
Yifei Yang International Domain
Yifei Yang Further Maths
Zexiao Zhang Further Maths
Yifei Yang Specialist Maths
Yifei Yang EAL Prize
Jaimee Lee Visual Arts Domain
Chiara Johnstone Visual Arts Domain
Breeze Buckley Literature Award
Madeleine Fitchet Health Sciences
Amy Wolchyn Technology Textiles Award
John Kathros Science Domain
Deanna Stimson Science Domain
Sam Wickham Science Domain
Kate Wyatt Science Domain
Sam Wickham English Domain
Sam Williamson English Domain
Kelly Knowles English Domain
Genevieve Paxinos English Domain
Caleb Turner English Language
Deanna Stimson English Language
Rebecca Gallagher Health Sciences
Lauren Hammond Technology IT Award
Caleb Turner Technology IT Award

Emergency Arrangements for Year 12 Final Examinations

If a student experiences the onset of a sudden significant illness, or the occurrence of an accident or traumatic event around the time of their final external exams, he or she may be eligible to apply for emergency exam arrangements and/or a derived score.

Emergency Exam Arrangements

The VCAA encourages all students to attend their examinations, except where there is specific medical evidence which advises against a student sitting an examination. **The school should be contacted as soon as possible and suitable arrangements will be made to support the student.** Medical or other appropriate documentation will need to be provided. Emergency special exam arrangements are determined by VCAA staff, who will decide upon the best solution for emergency situations. **This should be considered as a first option, before any possible Derived Score application.**

Derived Examination Scores (DES)

A Derived Examination Score (DES) may be approved for a student who is ill or affected by a personal trauma or ‘serious intervening event’ to the extent that their examination result is unlikely to be a fair and accurate indication of their learning achievement in that area of the examination. Students must have completed the course of study leading to the examination to be eligible to apply for a DES.

A **personal trauma** may include but is not limited to the death, serious illness, or an accident involving a family member, or family breakup. A **serious intervening event** may include but is not limited to an accident on the way to or at an examination, attendance at a funeral of a family member or other person of close relationship, or the required attendance at a court proceeding.

When a student applies for a DES for a particular examination or assessment on the grounds of illness or injury, he or she must consult with a registered independent health professional (ie. a medical doctor, psychologist or physiotherapist). Evidence from school-based personnel must be supported by external, independent evidence.

Please note that students are eligible for a DES if:

- They have completed the course of study leading to the external assessment, and have a result for at least one other graded assessment in the same study.
- They experience the onset of an illness or the occurrence of an injury, personal trauma or serious intervening event in the period before or during a VCE external assessment, that has either prevented them from attending the external assessment or significantly affected their performance during the external assessment.
- They provide independent professional written evidence that demonstrates the illness, injury, personal trauma or serious intervening event has affected their performance in the external assessment or has prevented them from attending the external assessment.

For each examination for which a student applies for a DES:

If the student attended the external assessment, the
SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY

Unit 4 Health and Human Development looks at a wide range of issues that impact on the health status of people living in developing countries. Poor sanitation and lack of access to health care means that many women and children die from preventable causes.

Year 12 students, through the Birthing Kit Foundation, assembled 200 birthing kits in class which consisted of soap, gauze, string, gloves, a sheet of plastic and a scalpel. These kits will be distributed to women living in rural areas of Africa who either cannot afford to give birth in a hospital or because they have to walk for days to reach one.

This experience helps to put into perspective the challenges faced by populations living in underdeveloped regions of the world and is a ‘feel good’ moment for the students knowing they are helping make a difference to others.

VCAL Student in Hipcat Circus

An interview with Annie Cox from year 11 VCAL at Sandringham college.

“I do circus performing for hipcat circus at the Frankston arts centre and will hopefully be applying for my bachelor of circus arts at NICA (the national institute of circus arts) after I finish my year 12 next year. I have been doing circus for almost two years. All up I do about 10 to 15 hours a week of training and training others, as I help teach and mentor a juniors’ class at hipcat on Mondays and do my own training outside of classes.

We recently just finished performing our annual performance this year being space themed and named ‘Spaced Out’. I do many things in the circus such as: mini tramp, hoop balancing, hoops, tissu silks, acrobatics, tumbling and handstands and a few others. My circus starts from ages 8 to about 25 and is hopefully something I can make a serious career out of.”

Photos here feature Annie’s silks tissu routine from ‘Spaced out 2015’.
This month's puzzle

As any rugby fan will know, a frustrating aspect of the sport is that when you see a score it is not always clear what has been scored.

This situation is down to the points system:

- 3 points for a penalty kick or drop goal;
- 5 points for a try;
- 7 points for a try and a conversion.

For example, if a team has 21 points, this could be three tries and three conversions or seven penalty kicks.

Here’s the question:

1) What is the highest rugby score that can be made with only one possible combination of penalties, tries and conversions?

In other words, if a team scores this amount you know exactly the breakdown of what was scored. And if they score any higher, you don’t. And two more questions for fun:

2) What is the highest rugby score that can be made in at most two combinations of penalties, tries and conversions?

3) What is the highest rugby score that can be made in at most three combinations of penalties, tries and conversions?

And a bonus question, if you thought those were too easy.

What is the highest rugby score that can be made in at most 49 ways?

Last month's puzzle - The Albert & Bernard brainteaser

Albert and Bernard have just become friends with Cheryl, and they want to know when her birthday is. Cheryl gives them a list of 10 possible dates: May 15, May 16, May 19, June 17, June 18, July 14, July 17, July 16, August 14, August 15, August 17.

Cheryl then tells Albert and Bernard separately the month and the day of her birthday.

Albert: I don’t know when Cheryl’s birthday is, but I know that Bernard doesn’t know too.

Bernard: At first I don’t know when Cheryl’s birthday is, but now I know.

Albert: Then I also know when Cheryl’s birthday is.

The only way that Bernard could know the date with a single number, however, would be if Cheryl had told him 16 or 19, since of the ten date options only these numbers appear once, as May 19 and June 18.

For Albert to know that Bernard does not know, Albert must therefore have been told July or August, since this rules out Bernard being told 18 or 19.

Line 2) Bernard: At first I don’t know when Cheryl’s birthday is, but now I know.

Bernard has deduced that Albert has either August or July. Bernard is told either 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19.

Albert: I don’t know when Cheryl’s birthday is, but I know that Bernard doesn’t know too.

All Albert knows is the month, and every month has more than one possible date, so of course he doesn’t know when her birthday is. The first part of the sentence is redundant.

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For Albert to know that Bernard does not know, Albert must therefore have been told July or August, since this rules out Bernard being told 18 or 19.

Line 2) Bernard: At first I don’t know when Cheryl’s birthday is, but now I know.

Bernard has deduced that Albert has either August or July. If he knows the full date, he must have been told 15, 16, 17 or, 14 he would be none the wiser about whether the month was August or July. Each of 15, 16 and 17 only refers to one specific month, but 14 could be either month.

Line 3) Albert: Then I also know when Cheryl’s birthday is.

Albert has therefore deduced that the possible dates are July 16, Aug 15 and Aug 17. For him to now know, he must have been told July. Since if he had been told August, he would not know which date for certain is the birthday.

The answer, therefore is July 16.
Student Leadership – Student Voice

Student Leaders have been involved in a number of events and activities over the past few weeks.

Graduation Night

Year 12 Senior Student Leaders spent time working on speeches, organising performances and preparing to represent their Programs on Graduation Night, and are commended for their contribution to such a successful evening. Science Leader Cameron Watts delivered the Valedictory Speech with Jaimee Lee.

A visit from The Minister for Education

Year 10 and 11 Student Leaders were on hand to assist with the visit from The Minister for Education, James Merlino. Rory Hall, Katherine Ellison, Poppy Marks and Graham Skorikov along with Calvin French, Wilma Skattang Stone and Thiamando Pavlidis have all applied to be a part of the Lion’s Club Youth of the Year Program and we wish them success in 2016.

Lion’s Club Youth of The Year Program 2016

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VCE Student Leadership Awards 2015

Year 12 finalist Makayla Bulte will attend the 2015 VCE Leadership Awards ceremony on 23rd November at Queen’s Hall Parliament House, where the winner will be announced. Makayla’s work as in Student Leadership and Student Voice has been outstanding throughout 2014 and 2015. Good luck Makayla!

Jenni Howard, Student Leadership & Student Voice Coordinator

Sandringham College Graduate Art Exhibition at Without Pier

Congratulations to all the students who had work exhibited at Without Pier Gallery as part of our Graduate Art Exhibition. The official opening was held on Monday 19th of October.

My thanks to Without Pier Gallery, who continue to provide invaluable support for our students, all the parents, friends and staff who visited and the Sandy Visual Arts staff who worked so hard to get the exhibition ready.

Rob Neale, Arts Faculty Leader
Campus Principal Report

Last week we were delighted to open the doors of the new Year 7 and 8 Learning Centre to welcome the parents of our 2016 Year 7 students. With strong enrolment numbers for Year 7 in 2016 it was such a positive event, which acknowledged the growth and vision of our college.

Sandringham 7-10 has also just held an Information Night for our Year 10 students of 2016 to present the subject selection process and offer guidance. In doing so we look forward to the return of many Year 9 students to the campus and welcoming others. These students, who are currently at the Beaumaris Campus, will return in November for their Headstart program.

At both information evenings it was great to hear further positive feedback about the new fence, which has generally received enthusiastic comments from the community. It certainly has provided further enhancement to impact of the new building. We thank all parents who have made voluntary contributions to our building program and enabled us to establish the new fence.

Currently our Science staff are working very hard on the process of moving equipment into the new spaces as we also set up furniture and IT requirements. This process will continue throughout Term 4, but still expect to hold further small events and trial classes before the end of the year. In Term 1 of 2016 we look forward to holding the official launch of our new learning centre.

Our Year 8 students continue to develop their leadership skills through the High Resolves program and we applaud Year 8 students who are now a part of the World Challenge program of 2016. We have two Music Evenings this term. The first was on October 27 and presented students work from their class studies, with a focus on the music of Disney. On November 17th our students in the Instrumental Music program will perform for a much anticipated soiree.

Along with great success in recent Chess Competitions, we have once again been able to celebrate victories at the Victorian Model Solar Vehicle Challenge as our Year 10 Science students won 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st places as well as best Poster.

We wish our year 10 students well as they complete final units of work and prepare for their exams. We also look forward to celebrating their time at the campus at the Year 10 formal and celebration Assembly.

Thank you to our students for their enthusiastic participation in the wide range of programs we offer and, once again, our dedicated staff who ensure these wonderful opportunities are provided.

Russell Watson, 7-10 Campus Principal
Transition news

On Thursday 29th October we welcomed the parents (and some students) of our 2016 Year 7 cohort to our new Learning Centre. It was wonderful to use the spacious auditorium, classrooms and Science labs to meet with the newest members of our school community and to begin the preparations for next year. The enthusiasm and optimism for Sandringham College was palpable: our 2016 Year 7 cohort is our largest in some years, and we continue to have strong support from our local primary schools and community.

We have recently been hosting local Grade 3 and 5 students for classes in the new spaces, which they have greatly enjoyed. A big thank you to Steven Dixon, Andrew Wilkinson, Mariza Pagel, Kerry Holmquest, Rosie Hindle, Ben Pisani, Rucio Sosnowski and Nigel Kain for their terrific work in these visits.

Preparing for 2016

We look forward to welcoming 7W, and to the return of our Year 9 cohort, to the Sandringham 7-10 campus from November 23rd. By then our Year 10s will have completed their Celebration ceremony and will be commencing the Headstart program (preparation for Year 11 classes) at the Senior Campus. Year 9s will commence their Headstart program for Year 10 on November 30th. Year 7s and 8s will continue with their regular timetabled classes, but will do some work within these in preparation for next year.

Uniform

A reminder that students should now be in their summer uniform, and that Year 10s need to retain their uniform for Year 11 2016. For those in need of new or replacement uniform items, Bob Stewart in Mentone will be open until 17th December 2015, then will reopen on 14th January 2016. The uniform policy, pricelist, and shop opening hours can be found on the Sandringham College website http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/our-college/uniform/

Cair Foster, Assistant Principal 7-10 Campus

Year 7 & 8

On the 19th October all Year 8 students participated in their final High Resolves workshop. The focus of this workshop was on Global Justice and students participated in a range of activities which explored the inequality that exists between different nations around the world. Students worked in small groups with some of our Year 10 leaders working with each group as facilitators. I was very impressed with all students and the thoughtful input they offered on the day. A huge thank you to the Year 10 leaders who were outstanding – and the first group of year 10 helpers who actually participated in the program when they were in Year 8.

It is pleasing to see so many students taking advantage of extra leadership opportunities. I have been most impressed by the Year 7’s who have been assisting with leading groups of Grade 5’s during their visit to the campus. They have set a great example to the Grade 5’s and were able to answer lots of questions about what it means to be a secondary school student.

Steve Dixon, 7 & 8 Sub-school Leader

Year 7

It has been a busy start to the term and the year 7’s have settled in well after the October break.

Thank you to all the year 7’s who have helped out with our Primary Schools visits this term. It’s hard to believe that not long ago they were starting Secondary School and it has been rewarding to see how supportive our year 7’s are, not only in the classroom but also as mentors during these important transition days.

Just a reminder that the sports uniform may only be worn to school on a Tuesday when the Year 7’s have their weekly team sports. On all other days the students are expected to come to school in their normal school uniform and change into the sports uniform for their sport classes. Sport Academy students are permitted to wear the sports uniform on a Wednesday. There seems to have been some confusion over this with the Year 7’s recently.

All year 7 students should be at school well before their 8.45am Form Assembly. When students miss this or their first classes of the day, they are missing important information and falling behind in their studies. Students who arrive after Form Assembly should be signing in for the day at the Campus Office.

Mariza Pagel, Year 7 Student Manager

Year 8 Student Manager’s Report

For weeks now the Year 8 students have been working hard on their Quest projects for English. One particular student’s project was brought to my attention this week by Mr Bottomley. Nick Kalitsis with the guidance of his grandfather who is a carpenter, has completely reformed the family back yard into a half pipe skating facility. The photos are amazing and the quality of the workmanship outstanding. Well done Nick - I cannot wait to see or hear about the other terrific projects that the Year 8’s have completed.

Semester 2 reports will be written soon so all students are reminded to get up to date with their work requirements, especially if you have been absent. Parents/Guardians can find out if work is overdue by checking on daymap or contacting specific subject teachers.

Well done to Amber Stelling and Anna Plessinger who represented the school in the State Athletics Championships this week at Albert Park. Amber finished 2nd in the shotput and 3rd in both the 100 and 200m (AWD) and Anna 4th in the 200 and 7th in the 400m.

Congratulations to the following students who won the...
$5 raffle for showing exemplary behavior: Paris Hassan, David Gurrin, Olivia Kelson, Zubin Chatterjee and Nick Kalitsis.

Just a note that some students continue to arrive late to school and have been given detentions. Can parents/guardians please support the school by ensuring that students are in form assembly by 8:45am every day. Remember that black sports socks for sports uniform are not accepted they should be white and that if your child is away please ring the absence line on 9599 5606 in the morning before 10am.

Jim Hiotis, Year 8 Student Manager

Year Eight Medieval Day

At the start of Term Three, the Year Eights began studying Medieval History. Throughout the term we learnt about serfs, Charlemagne, feudalism, religion and everything in between.

To finish off the medieval topic an incursion was organised for the year level. Presenters came from ‘History Up Close’ and taught the year level about medieval games, clothing, weapons and warfare.

Instead of just teaching us though, we were invited to join in and get involved. This included students playing games, dressing in clothing fit for the social standing in the feudal system and era (no matter how uncomfortable or weird it might have been!).

Students had a go at creating a shield wall and discovering faults and strengths of the tactic and trying their own at a sword fight (with correct safety measures in place!). Throughout the day as a year level, we were able to learn much more by getting involved and had so much fun. On behalf of the year level, I would also like to thank Ms Warren and everyone involved for the organisation of the event and all the work they did on the day.

Zoe French 8C, History Challenge

Year 10

It’s an exciting time for Year 10 students with the beginning of their Transition to the senior campus. The process over the next month is a busy one, but a very rewarding time. Students were given an outline of important dates and these have also been emailed home. Students will begin exams, then the Celebration assembly, followed by the Formal and then finally year 11 Headstart. If you have not paid for Year 10 Formal ($80) and Headstart ($47) please note they are now overdue.

Please ensure that students are touching base with all teachers to ensure that there will be no questions about their ability to fulfil the requirements of all subjects.

Adam Paterson, Year 10 Student Manager

World Challenge

World Challenge is underway! 24 students from years 8 and 9 are very excited to begin the process of preparing for next year’s expedition to China. The students are making a start on their fundraising efforts with some interesting and innovative ideas.

World Challenge afterschool meetings will continue throughout Term 4 on the 11th and 25th November. All students are looking forward to the Launch Meeting on the 7th December at the Bluff Road Campus (3.30 – 4.30).

Rosie Hindle & Laura Ritchie, World Challenge Leaders- China 2016

Victorian Solar Car Challenge – Spectacular Results!

For the past nine years Sandringham College has entered the Victorian Solar Kit Car Challenge, with Andrew Wilkinson (Wilko) leading the challenge. Students in Year 10 Chemics (Chemistry and Physics) produce the Solar Kit Cars in Term 3 as part of their elective curriculum. The kits levelled the playing field and made the race about the refinement of the manufacturing and racing cars to meet the varying weather and track conditions.

On Sunday 11th October the annual Victorian Solar Kit Car Challenge was held at Scienceworks with contenders from all over Victoria. While last year we were ecstatic to win first place for the first time in 9 years, this year the results leading into the quarter finals were astounding!
Sandringham College had six teams out of the final eight in Victoria. Another round down and we were the only school in the competition and all other schools started packing up their tents – we knew we were 1st through 4th place holders, the only school left in the competition! Wilko’s Chemics class had three cars in the competition; Craig Zetzer’s Year 10 Chemics’ class had one.

Sandringham College dominated the awards ceremony, taking out first, second, third and fourth place in Victoria. We also won best poster.

Congratulations to all who entered, to the parents who joined the fun on the day and special thanks to Craig and Wilko for all their hard work.

Building News

Our new Learning Centre at Sandringham 7-10 Campus is officially completed and our Certificate of occupancy has been issued. We hosted our first official function in the building last Thursday with our New Parents evening being hosted for Year 7 2016.

It was wonderful to see the auditorium, classroom and science lab areas full of staff, parents and students. We are still in the process of moving in, with audio visual equipment to be installed later this month and science staff working tirelessly to move in all their equipment. Official timetabled classes will commence next year, however we will commence giving our students an induction to the new building.

Plans for the Senior Campus and the Administrative wing at Sandringham 7-10 are with the Department and we anticipate going to tender late this year, with works commencing term 1, or early term 2. We very much look forward to having more wonderful spaces for our staff and students to enjoy.

Suzanne Reinhardt, New Buildings Works Manager

7 – 10 Mathematics

In August this year, 127 students across Years 7 to 10, undertook the UNSW ICAS Mathematics Competition. The competition is conducted annually across Australia and in 12 other countries and assesses students’ skills, knowledge and understanding of Mathematics.

On behalf of the Maths Faculty, I would like to congratulate all students on their effort and excellent behaviour in undertaking the competition. Our students achieved outstanding results. They achieved Certificates of High Distinction, Distinction, Credit and Merit.

In particular we had two students who achieved a High Distinction, (placing them in the top 1% of the state), 8 Distinctions, 37 Credits and 19 Merits.

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Marianna Hoult, 7-10 Maths Domain Leader

Disney Music Performance Night

Music performance for the wonderful world of Disney was a lovey quaint night of performances from our pianists, singers and the ukulele club.

Thankyou to all who came along to support the students and in particular the Year 10s who performed for the last time this year before moving up to the senior campus.

The instrumental soiree is coming up on Tuesday November 17th and is going to be a wonderful jam packed night of our woodwind, brass, piano and guitar students. Venue to be confirmed but hoping to use the newly built theatrette at the 7-10 campus.

The Year 7 band program once again proved to be a huge success and a number of these students will be performing for the first time at the soiree.

Kylie Deniese, Music Leading Teacher
Campus Principal Report

With Term 4 well under way, we now approach the time to move off the Beaumaris Campus and join with the other students at Sandringham 7-10 Campus. It has been a pleasure to have the Year 9 and 7W students with us this year, watching them grow as a team and many of them displaying strong leadership skills. Thursday 20th November will be our last day to have students on the Campus; however some staff will remain on site continuing the packing up of resources.

To commemorate Sandringham College’s involvement with the Beaumaris Campus, we are hosting an evening on Wednesday 18th November, where students, staff and parents involved with the Beaumaris Campus of Sandringham College, can come along, have a final tour of the site and potentially share stories with their friends. More details of the evening are included in this newsletter.

I would like thank and acknowledge the support of staff, students and parents in this process and to the families who have had long standing relationships with the Beaumaris Campus thankyou for your ongoing support of us. It is with mixed emotions that we move from the site, but very much look forward to all students being together on the Sandringham 7 – 10 Campus.

Building works will continue next year with a new Science, Maths and Media Centre to be built at the Senior Campus and a new Administration wing at Sandringham 7-10. The Department will assume responsibility for the redevelopment of the Beaumaris campus commencing 2016, so an exciting time for the development of Education in the Sandringham area.

Student move from Beaumaris to Sandringham 7-10 Campus

Please be advised that the last day for students on the Beaumaris Campus will be Thursday 19th November 2015. We have thoroughly enjoyed having 7W and Year 9 on the Campus this year, watching them grow and develop as a team. I congratulate the year 7 students on how well they have settled in to secondary school life and am confident they are ready for this transition. We now look forward to all students being together on the Sandringham 7 – 10 Campus.

The Department of Education will assume responsibility for the Beaumaris Campus from December 31st, commencing the redevelopment of the site as a 7 – 12 school.

Transport arrangements for students travelling from Mentone station are the same, i.e. the 825 bus travels directly past Beaumaris Campus to the Sandringham 7-10 Campus on Bluff Road. Sandringham College will continue to operate the School Bus, which departs Beaumaris Campus at 8:10am each morning and returns at the end of the school day. This service will run for the remainder of 2015 only.

Key dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 18th November – Year 10 farewell assembly Sandringham 7 -10 Campus (Year 9 to commence day at Sandringham 7-10 Campus)
- Thursday 19th November – Final day at Beaumaris Campus.
- Monday 23rd November – Year 9 – 2016 Year 10 course selections, confirmation interviews, locker allocation. Students required at interview time only.
- Monday 23rd November – 7W – first day at Sandringham 7-10 – classes as normal with regular teaching staff. Locker allocation and orientation tour.
- Tuesday 24th November – Year 9 commence regular classes at Bluff Road campus.
- Monday 30th November – Headstart commences Year 10 2016.

Should you have any questions about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Campus on 9589 8100.

Suzanne Reinhardt, Beaumaris Campus Principal

Local industry helps out

A big thank you to the Plastic Center in Cheltenham who donated goods to the Science Department.

The equipment was used to enhance the Science Academy - Primary Science Course.

The College is currently teaching science in three local primary Schools and is always looking for donations of goods that would help.

Thanks again to the generosity of the Plastic Center.

Andrew Wilkinson, Science Coordinator
Sandringham College Reading Challenge - Beaumaris Campus

What makes a good reader? It's not always about the number of books or type of books read, but instead it's about finding meaning in text. At Sandringham College we encourage students to read both for meaning and enjoyment (and let's face it...those aspects usually go hand in hand). Reading well is its own reward but as a sport centric society the academic arts sometimes get overlooked when planning celebrations. The college went some way towards remedying this when Beaumaris campus had its celebratory morning tea for those students who took part in, and completed, the college-based reading challenge.

The task was set to read 15 texts over the course of three terms. A number of avid readers completed double or triple that number!

Many thanks to O’Grady’s Pies on the Beaumaris Concourse for providing delicious hot treats for the students, and to Eleanor Schmidig for assistance with setting-up. Thanks go too to the students who participated so enthusiastically in the 2015 Sandringham College Reading Challenge at Beaumaris.

Sharon Brookes, Beaumaris teacher and Librarian

“Join us to celebrate and commemorate 27 wonderful years of Sandringham College in Beaumaris.”

Sandringham College will cease teaching at its Beaumaris Campus after 27 years this coming December 2015. The campus will then undergo an exciting transformation into a new Years 7-12 Public Secondary School.

The College would like to invite all former students, teachers, staff and community members who taught, worked or studied at the Beaumaris campus from 1988 to 2015, to an evening of celebration to mark the College’s handover of the site; and to recognise everything that was achieved by our College community over 27 years.

From 2016, Sandringham College will be a two-campus school, based at our Bluff Road site and at Holloway Road in Sandringham.

We would love to see you on the night, so please RSVP to the College Office on 8599 0500 by Monday 16th November.

Registrations will be taken at the door on the evening for commemorative purposes, and we’ll hear from Principals and students, both past and present. Tours of the Campus will also be conducted.

Date Wednesday 18th November 2015  Time 5:30 - 8:00pm
Venue Beaumaris Campus Library, Reserve Road, Beaumaris.
Tours of Campus 5:30pm, 6:30pm; 7:30pm
International Students

Year 12 graduation

This year 30 International students from China and Japan graduated from Sandringham College. We celebrated with the students on Wednesday 21st October at the restaurant of a former Sandringham College International student and enjoyed a banquet of tasty Chinese food.

The students also attended the College graduation ceremony at Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash University on Thursday 22nd October 2015. They all dressed to impress and proudly accepted their certificates and awards on the stage with the rest of the cohort.

Many International students were awarded academic achievement and endeavour awards for their outstanding commitment to their subjects this year.

Most of the graduates are moving onto further study in Australia whilst some are returning to study University in Japan, China and the USA.

We wish them all success and happiness in their future studies and careers.

Denise Cornish, International Program Director

Homestay Families Required

Homestay families are required for short-term and long-term accommodation for International students from China, Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Brazil, France & Italy.

A weekly payment is paid to cover the cost of food and lodging for each student.

We are seeking families, retirees, single parents and single adults who would be willing to offer an International student the opportunity and invaluable experience of living and studying in Australia.

This experience offers the Homestay family the opportunity of sharing and learning about language, food, cultural differences, festivals and celebrations with the student. We encourage Homestay families to fully immerse their student in their Australian family life.

Do you have a spare room available? Would you like to know more? If so please contact Kerry at the College on 8599 0521

Further details can be found at http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/international/homestay-families/
Great Victorian Bike Ride
Training Term 4

With a little under a month to go, Sandringham College has been busy preparing for the 2015 Great Victorian Bike Ride around the Goldfields of Victoria.

The group have been waking up early on Sunday mornings and have been busy riding up and down Beach Road, gaining some fitness and improving their skills in riding on the road. All of the students have improved and are looking forward to the event.

Despite the rain we used the Monday before Cup Day to experience a long ride down to Frankston and back - approximately 70 km that gave everyone a real taste for what a long haul will be like. Thanks to Alvina and Warren of BikeNow for their assistance and accompanying van support. Thanks also to our major sponsors Kirchner Constructions and AC Hall Airconditioning.

Michael McGowan

Year 10 Marine Science Scuba Adventure

On Friday 30th of October, a group of Year 10 Marine Science students went scuba diving at Rye Pier.

Most found it challenging to move around whilst being neutrally buoyant and were glad to have practiced in an earlier excursion at WAVES.

Ingrid Scharer, Marine Science Teacher

Students were amazed at the colour and life they found under Rye Pier. They were lucky enough to see a spotted ray, seahorses and a cuttlefish.

All of the students had a fantastic time and I am sure some are looking forward to further ocean adventures during the summer holidays.

A big thanks to Academy of Scuba for their professionalism and enthusiasm when working with our students.

Ingrid Scharer, Marine Science Teacher
Why keep your old school uniform?

In 2016 the PTF Recycled Uniform Shop was run by new volunteer parents, Sabrina (mob 0422 535 763) and Sue (mob 0412 446 233) on the first Thursday of each month 2.30pm to 3.30pm at the Bluff Road campus. As Sabrina moves on this year, we thank her for all her hard work and ask if there is anyone available a small amount of time each month to replace her next year.

Given the phasing out of the old uniform at the end of 2016 we have been discussing what becomes of the very large stock of old styled uniform both in our recycled uniform shop and in your cupboards at home. At the moment we are in negotiations with our local Rotary Club about the possibility of sending it overseas to schools in need. So, please don't discard the old uniform – we will update you throughout the year about our progress to this charity and will ultimately organise collections of clean and good quality uniform.

Please note if you had old uniform on consignment and would like it returned (rather than donated) please call Sabrina ASAP to organise. At the end of 2015, all stock on hand in our recycled Uniform Shop will be written off as donations and be included in our overseas schools program.

Uniforms (old and new styles) are accepted gratefully as donations, with proceeds benefiting families in need.

Help us name our new building

We are excited to be opening Stage One of our Masterplan, the Year 7 & 8 Learning Centre and Science Academy, in 2016. In preparation, the Sandringham College Council would like your help to name our new learning space.

We invite you to submit your suggestions for the official name of the building. The nominated names will be shortlisted by a panel of School Council, with the final decision to be made at a full meeting of Council.

When making your nomination, please consider the following guidelines. The name should:

• be of significance to the Sandringham College community
• reflect our College values and aspirations
• reflect the educational nature of the building and the College
• help to instil a sense of pride in the College and to inspire learning

Please submit your suggestions using the link below, or visit the Sandringham College 7-10 office to collect a nomination form. All suggestions must be received by 4pm, Tuesday, December 1st, 2015.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nameLearningCentre

Mindfulness in a Digital Age

Why are colouring books on the adult bestseller book lists?

Modern life is challenging. Multitasking and perpetually dividing our attention can undermine and stifle imagination and creativity. Hence the popularity of colouring books.

Today's digital natives consider Wi-Fi a basic human need. But is our 'pancake' style of relating to others, i.e. broad and superficial, offering meaningful communication?

While the frantic pace of our lives can be exciting, it can also leave us feeling overwhelmed and craving peace and quiet. With three-million Australians experiencing anxiety and depression, there has to be a better way to live.

During Psychology Week, Sandringham psychologist Dr Lisa Engel is delivering a free public lecture focusing on how modern life is re-wiring our brain. Lisa will offer practical Mindfulness strategies to strengthen our capacity to pay attention, improve relationships and stabilise moods.

Date: Monday 9th November 2015
Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Masonic Hall, 23 Abbott St Sandringham
Cost: Free

PTF Movie Fundraiser

At the last PTF meeting it was decided Sandringham College PTF would run movie nights at Dendy Palace Cinemas. For every ticket sold, $10 goes to Sandringham College PTF Fund to be spent on into various college projects.

We can book out the entire cinema or just a handful of seats – the movie will go ahead regardless and admittance age/ratings etc are all managed by Dendy Palace Theatre management.

The tickets are a standard seat price of $20 (no child, concession or membership rates). Students and friends welcome if they suit the rating of the movie.

Movie Night #1 – James Bond – Spectre

Rating: PG-13
November 12, 6.45pm movie starts.
$20 per ticket booked through http://www.trybooking.com/JPEA

Book your tickets before 10 Nov

Dendy Palace Theatre, 26 Church St, Brighton VIC 3186

Bring a print out of your try booking ticket to the movie theatre at 6.30pm to collect your movie tickets on the door.

Queries - Fiona Pollard 9599 5600