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Issue 8

November 2013

## Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

### Important Dates

#### DECEMBER

**Monday 2 - Thursday 5**  
Y10 to Y11 Stepping Up Program

**Thursday 5**  
Art Show 7pm

**Monday 9 - Friday 13**  
Y7,8,9 Stepping Up Program

**Tuesday 10**  
Grade 6 Orientation - **ON THIS DAY ONLY YEAR 7 STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL**

**Monday 16**  
**AWARDS NIGHT 7pm**  
Year level excursions  
**REPORT DISTRIBUTION AT THE END OF THE DAY**

#### JANUARY 2014 TERM 1

**Tuesday 28**  
EMA Applications

**Wednesday 29**  
**YEAR 7 & 12 STUDENTS ONLY**  
**ATTEND SCHOOL**

**Thursday 30**  
**YEAR 8-11 STUDENTS COMMENCE**

#### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 26**  
House Athletics

**Friday 28**  
School Photos

Two of our current Year 10 students Belvinder Singh and Deeksha Verma have been accepted from amongst 1800 students across Victoria into **The University Of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program**. This tailored program of events and activities will support and enhance their secondary studies, inspire their career plans and provide opportunities to interact with the university community.

**We congratulate both Belvinder Singh and Deeksha Verma on this wonderful achievement!**



# November 2013

## Principal's Report



2013 is coming to a close and we can all look back with pride on a year filled with rich learning opportunities and experiences that have engaged and extended our students. Looking through the college year book brings back many memories of the huge range of extra curricular activities and events that both extended our students as well as helped build a healthy and connected community.

This year as a school we have continued to focus on **high expectations** of all the members of our school community as well as providing opportunities to **build responsibility and leadership in everyone**. These key aims have been achieved through a number of approaches, programs and activities. The following is a summary of some of these:

**Raising the bar in our academic programs** with the common assessment tasks and pre and post testing has meant that learning expectations have been greater.

This year all subject areas have developed the **Scope and Sequence** of skills and knowledge that students will need to have in order to achieve in VCE. This will have a significant impact on our programs and in turn on our VCE results.

The further development of the **Catch Up Class**, which ensured that all students were expected to complete all work and provided with support to do this.

This year also saw the introduction of the **House System with House Captains** and many opportunities for involvement in activities to build connectedness and pride.

The many **state and nation wide competitions** that we have ensured our students were exposed to and as a result saw many students being extended and achieving great results.

**The introduction of the Debating Program** which saw students involved in academic debates extending their research skills, their critical thinking skills, their oral skills and their confidence. As a school we should be extremely proud of our achievements as our middle school team were state finalists having won against some high achieving schools.

**The Reading Coaches program** initiated by our Literacy Coordinator Mr Mitchell, provided the opportunity for students to be trained as reading coaches and then work with other students, assisting them in developing their reading skills. Peer coaching is a very powerful strategy and builds the capacity of both the coach and learner.

**The introduction of the UniBridges Program with La Trobe University** will further advance our senior students in the areas of science and both challenge them as well as guarantee them a place at university.

**The introduction of the Musical Futures program** has seen a revolution take place in the music faculty. This new program has already seen a rise in both engagement and performance in our music students and as this develops further next year we expect to see excellent results in our music program.

I would firstly like to commend and thank the teachers for their hard work and dedication that contributed to the development and growth of our students. Their team work and commitment has enabled us to provide teaching programs which are engaging, relevant and promote our college motto of "Learning For Life". Thank you also to our parents and families for the support and encouragement they give to their children and the school. Thank you to the school council members for their ongoing dedication to continuously improving the school.

And last but not least a big thank you to our wonderful students for their efforts and their contribution to making this a great school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe, enjoyable and rejuvenating holiday and may 2014 bring peace and fulfilment to all.

Helene Alamidis  
PRINCIPAL

## Farewell to Andree

I do want to make special mention of **Andree Poulter** who came to Epping SC as Assistant Principal in 2011, while our Assistant Principal Hans Mulholland moved to Reservoir High School, as part of a professional development exchange. This one year exchange in fact continued for a further 2 years as both Hans and Andree had begun important work in their new schools and were keen to continue their work. Firstly I would like to congratulate Andree on her appointment as Assistant Principal at Melton SC and wish her all the very best. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her excellent work as curriculum leader and manager of middle years. She has made many contributions to the improvement of the teaching and learning programs and developed very strong and positive relationships with staff, students, parents and local support agencies. She has also had a significant impact on our English as an Additional Language Program and worked tirelessly with her own EAL students giving them the best opportunities to succeed. I know that her work has been greatly appreciated by all and she will be dearly missed. Again we wish her all the very best and thank her for all she has done for our school.

**Helene Alamidis**  
PRINCIPAL

## City of Whittlesea Mayoral Awards

Our College Vice Captain Ivona Petkovska was nominated and awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the City of Whittlesea. This formal event took place at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre in the presence of the local community, other local schools, relatives and the Mayor Cr Stevan Kozmevski. Ivona was recognised for her demonstrated and outstanding initiative and leadership in line with the community's values. This is a very prestigious award and all Ivona's hard work within the school and local community has been suitably recognised.

## Congratulations Ivona !





# ABCN GOALS PROGRAM

Epping Secondary College was again invited to take part in the ABCN GOALS Program this year.

The ABCN mentoring program provided opportunities for students to learn about different industries in Melbourne's central business district.

Selected students were offered ongoing mentoring by business people working in a range of roles and businesses. The program raised awareness of the wider range of personal, educational and vocational choices.

This year we were very impressed with the 12 **girls** and 11 **boys who took part in the program**.

We are pleased to report that the GOALS Program was a complete success. The mentors were impressed with the dedication and **A BIG THANK YOU** to the parents and guardians who were able to attend the opening and closing ceremonies. Both students and mentors appreciated your support and enjoyed celebrating with you.

*Ms Basinski*

**YEAR 9 COORDINATOR**





**(9A) Riccardo Serbolonghi**

**(9A) Fazla Fawwaz**

**(9A) Zahraa Fakrooden**

**(9B) Massoud Ehssan**

**(9B) Brandon Weston**

**(9B) Madison Gainsford**

**(9C) Aaron Donnelly**

**(9C) Matthew Bonacci**

**(9C) Molly Lynch**

**(9C) Keira Cogdell**

**(9D) Mohammad Albadri**

**(9D) Shelley Love Finnigan**

**(9D) Brooke Walmsley**

**(9E) Corey Johanesen**

**(9E) Chelzia Paulson**

**(9E) Maryam Albousweilem**

**(9F) Dean Kingi**

**(9F) Nicole Pietrobuono**

**(9G) Sean Jenkins**

**(9G) Aaron Nicol**

**(9G) Jasmina Markovski**

**(9H) Luke Amores**

**(9H) Adriana Talevski**

*Congratulations to our GOALS students*





# November 2013

## Finding My Place

Students in year 10 at Epping Secondary College participated in Finding My Place during term 3. Eight students were involved in the program which was held in conjunction with Thomastown Library. Students attended many excursions on a weekly basis which included: Taekwondo, Drama Workshop, Mushroom Exchange visit, Drugs and Life Choices talk, Edlyn Foods, Jets Studios and Team Building and Leadership workshops. The purpose of the program was to encourage young people to look into their futures and engage with local community.



# November 2013

## Year 10 Japanese Immersion Experience



### 日本語



After having studied close to a year of Japanese the year 10 students were given the opportunity to be involved in a day of Japanese culture and put their skills into practice as part of their immersion experience.

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> saw the students travel into the city where they first visited the Consulate General of Japan and participated in a series of workshops. The students were exposed to the famous Japanese plastic food models, the innovative and emerging technology and the decorum of table manners when sitting down for a traditional meal. The modesty of eating in Japan was then put into practical use as the students dined in Takumi Restaurant, where they ate miso soup, bento boxes and authentic Japanese ice-cream.

The students then visited the Asian Food store where they had the opportunity to purchase the wonderful Japanese sweets they had previously tasted during class. The final destination before departing the city was Kimono House where the students dressed in traditional Yuka for boys and girls which was a highlight of the day as students practiced the complex art of traditional Japanese dress!

サラ キーチン ・日本語 の せんせい

**Sarah Keating – Japanese Sensei**

The other day our Japanese class went on a trip to the city to eat some Japanese food and legally step onto Japanese soil at the Japanese Consulate General. We played some games, learnt about food and also the culture in Japan. After the consulate, we went to a lolly shop and bought Pocky and my favourite lollies. We were also able to dress up at Kimono House and it was funny because everyone looked strange. I couldn't thank Ms Keating enough for going out of her way to organise this day for us, we really appreciate it.

サーラ カルテリ

**Sarah Calteri**

The Japanese excursion was great... buying lollies and eating Japanese food, visiting the Consulate General and Kimono House. Overall it was fantastic to see and do things I would never otherwise do.

デーリム レシーチ

**Derim Reshiti**

Everything that I saw and experienced has made me want to plan to go to Japan in the future!

クリス エンオーカ





# November 2013



## Congratulations to our 2013 Spelling Bee champions :



**Liana Pritchard**  
**8B**



**Natalie Karafilovski**  
**8E**



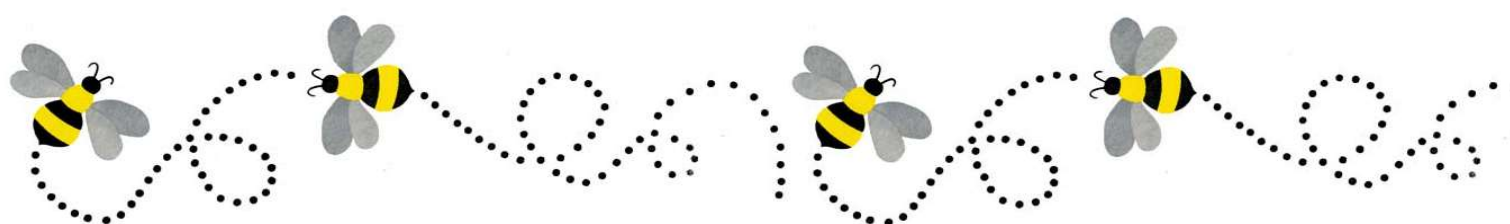
**Arian Ehssan**  
**8E**

On Thursday, 11th November, the library was literally "buzzing". All year 8s participated in the highly anticipated grand finale of the term's spelling competition. In this day and age of texting, use of acronyms and abbreviations, it is heartening to see the emphasis put back solidly on the seemingly forgotten and outdated skill of spelling.

Heats had been held across the seven year 8 classes over the term and culminated in this exciting and highly anticipated event. The 25 finalists, each proudly representing their home-groups, competed valiantly in front of a large audience, a formal and daunting judging panel and under a great deal of pressure.

After 10 rounds of stiff competition the field was reduced to three exemplary spellers who could not be separated for another 3 tense rounds! At the end of the day it all came down to the luck of the draw. The words fell in a way which suited one excellent speller over the others. Liana and Natalie battled admirably for the prize and coveted title of College Spelling Champion 2013. Ultimately Liana Pritchard (8B) emerged the victor with Natalie Karafilovski (8E) a respectable second and Arian Ehssan (8E) a commendable third.

Well done to all participants, class representatives and finalists. We are all better spellers because of this annual competition – the real winner on the day was the valuable skill of spelling!





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# Latrobe Escalate Program



This year a number of year 9 students were invited to attend a three day seminar run at Latrobe University aimed at enriching students in science. The three day program involved participation in Biology, Chemistry and Physics lectures and subsequent workshops. Each science had a particular theme – Microbiology (Biology), Nanotechnology (Chemistry) and Robotics (Physics). Students took what they learnt from the lectures and applied it in three practical workshop sessions. The workshops allowed students to create a rudimentary laser tag game, stain and identify bacteria that cause the common cold and create nanoparticles, memory wires and Ferro-fluids that have potential use in the medical and automotive industries. This program gave students the opportunity to experience some of the most modern advances in science at both a theoretical and practical level. Thank you to Mr Grieve (Science KLA Leader), the science KLA and all the students who participated for ensuring the program ran smoothly and was of great educational benefit.

**Daniel Hayman**  
Year 10 Coordinator



# *Year 10 Formal*





# *Year 12 Valedictory*





# Music Concert

After having to sacrifice many lunchtimes, recess and valuable class time, we are proud to say that it has all paid off! The Annual Instrumental Music Concert ended with a bang, leaving many parents amazed at our great students and their utmost skills in playing various musical instruments. The night started with the Junior Pop Band and continued with singing performances, piano recitals and violin show-offs. It ended sky high when several dedicated students from year 7 and year 9 took over the stage performing as a band, with the assistance of other older students that showcased their talents. The students that performed on the night did so with great passion. Their passion towards music has not only given them an extra skill but also an insight into the future. Therefore, on behalf of the Music Faculty we encourage each and every musically inclined student to expand their musical skills as there is never a stop in music.

**Belvinder Kaur**  
**(MUSIC CAPTAIN)**





# Italian Camp - Daylesford



Now in its eighth year, the annual Italian immersion camp at Daylesford is still a popular and important Italian extension activity. This year students from years 8, 9 and 10 participated in a variety of language based activities at the Boomerang Holiday Ranch over a period of 3 days. The purpose of this study camp is to immerse students in the Italian language and to expose them to the Italian language in many different contexts. Students always return feeling more confident and motivated and this in turn impacts positively on their future Italian studies.

During the camp our students initially took part in revision activities designed to encourage them to speak in Italian. Divided into groups, they competed against each other and demonstrated their strong oracy skills. These activities were followed by horse-riding and the study of Italian comedy with Mrs Taylor, Mrs Pulvirenti and Sara Salome the Italian assistant. Students performed theatrical sketches from the slapstick and improvised comedy style of La Commedia Dell'Arte, which first appeared in the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Italy and created exquisite Venetian Carnevale masks that were used in the comedy routines.

To further develop their listening skills, students completed activities based on songs and watched films in the Italian language. Although students studied conscientiously on camp, they also went on a tour of Daylesford and were involved in a number of sporting activities organised by Mr Biscaro. It was an intensive learning experience punctuated by games, sporting activities and a pasta making session. All in all, it was a very successful and productive camp. Well done to all the participants and thank you to the staff who made it happen!

**Toni Taylor**



# November 2013

## Road Safety Program

On Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of November, the year 11s spent the day at a road safety program for a new type of crash course about road safety outside the classroom. RYDA is a road safety education program that provides a one-day experience designed for 16-18 year olds as we move from our Ls to Ps. The day consisted of six workshops that groups were rotated in.

**Plan: B** focused on the impact that alcohol, drugs and fatigue have on driving ability. As well as the different 'Plan Bs' we could have if we were too "smashed" to drive.

**Road Choices** was delivered by an ex-police officer who had worked in the crash investigation unit. Following a very powerful and real story of a teenage girl's tragic accident, she had left us with a daunting question-if our lives were taken from us right now, who and how many will be affected by emotion and loss?

In **My Wheels**, we learnt about vehicle safety, covering topics such as ABS brakes, car maintenance and insurance as we draw closer to buying our first car.

**Hazards, Distractions & Risks** was a fast-paced discussion about how we could avoid or minimise the distractions and risks we choose to take, in order to dodge potential hazards and common causes of accidents on the road.

We were taken out on a long stretch of road in **Stopping Distances**. It involved a guessing game, a car and several brave students that demonstrated the distance it takes to stop a vehicle travelling at different speeds, highlighting the huge impact 10km/h could have.

And finally was **Crash Survivor**, a powerful presentation by a man named Matty, who had survived a motorbike crash but at a cost. Matty came out not remembering any sort of pain from his accident but with no feeling in his legs either. He survived with a spinal injury that left him paralysed waist down and he shared with us what has drastically changed in his life following his accident.

We had learnt a lot of things in the space of a day; information we probably would have snoozed right through if we were locked up in J4 or S1. RYDA was a new, different and refreshing approach from the routine 'don't drink 'n drive', 'don't speed' or 'don't give in to peer pressure' speeches. We all took a lot away from this great program.

*By Damika Anderson-Cutting*





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# Junior Debating Program

Term 3 this year saw our Junior Debating Program take place. Our school entered two teams of year 7 and year 8 students. Our first team consisted of Tabitha Anderson, Ethan Jordan and Kat McLain. Our second team included Ashleigh Newell, Ayesha Ahmed, Casey Kingi, Josh Grogan and Courtney Clemmet.

For the year 7 team members, this was the first debating experience that they had. For our year 8s, this was the first time they had been exposed to a formal debate. After attending a training night the students debated three times throughout the term. They argued that cigarettes should be banned in public places, fur in fashion should be banned and that voting should be voluntary. These were difficult topics and required team work, organisation, commitment and research.

These students should be extremely proud of their achievements. Debating is an extremely rewarding program and I encourage all students who wish to challenge themselves and represent their school to consider joining in 2014.

***Jessica De Bono and Kylie Caton***



# November 2013

## SRC Report

I am sad to be writing this article as I am saying good bye to an amazing group of young leaders. We held our last SRC meeting this week and it was sad but nice end to a very productive year.

This group of SRC students has proven to be outstanding, young leaders. They demonstrated motivation, resilience and engagement in the school community with a real drive to make Epping Secondary College a better place for all.

The SRC have been the voice of the student body this year and brought many concerns, ideas and issues from students, across all cohorts. We discussed these in our meetings and came up with solutions and ideas to present to staff and the leadership team.

This year many of the SRC students have been involved in student working parties and have brainstormed with teachers, ways to improve things like the Community Electives at year 9, by discussing what was offered. They also brainstormed ideas on how to improve student engagement and motivation in school.

The SRC was instrumental in helping with the roll out of the House System and many of the ideas about the team names, colours and associated events were chosen by the SRC.

A group of students within the SRC have been working closely with Ms Alamidis to report facility and property damage. These students have also helped Ms Alamidis decide where to place tables and chairs within the school. They came up with the idea of the PE Rugby Jumper (which will be rolled out next year) and a school bag with wheels, to help students who carry heavy books to and from school.

SRC students have also created, planned and facilitated all of the year level Recognition Assemblies this year. These have been a highlight at each year level. They have represented the students and have given them the opportunity to celebrate everyone's achievements over each semester.

I would particularly like to mention two outstanding SRC members who have demonstrated exceptional leadership of the SRC group this year. They are the President, Daniel Pietrobuono and our Vice President, Belvider Singh. These two students created the agendas for each meeting, ensured the group was organised and that all meetings functioned professionally and followed proper protocol; with a chairperson and minute taker. They also ensured all students were given a voice.

Congratulations this year's SRC members. It has been a pleasure to work with all involved. Our SRC team has become bigger and better than ever before. The positive impact these students have had on the whole school is shown through the large number of students who have applied to be a part of the SRC in 2014. I look forward to working with the 2014 SRC team and meeting these students at the Leadership Training Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Sarah Dempster**  
**Leading Teacher Student Development**



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# Peer Support Training

We had a very successful two days Peer Support Training with a group of 38 very mature young people. These students demonstrated excellent leadership and commitment to the program. I was very excited and proud to have them represent our school community in their first duty as Peer Support Leaders at the Grade 6 Orientation Day and into 2014. We also ensured that each year 10 Peer Support group was put in charge of the year 7 Home group which will contain their Buddy. This will create a strong link between the Peer Support Program and Buddy Program. It will also mean these 38 students will model to the rest of the year 10 cohort next year what being a Buddy and mentor looks and feels like.

All year 9 going into year 10 students will be writing a letter to their year 7 Buddy, which will be sent to students over the summer break to further forge strong bonds and rapports.

The organisation of the training itself is an enormous task and relies on a team effort. I would like to thank the following people for their enormous contribution to the success of this program: Peter Kaska the organisation of all the resources for the program and being the very exuberant facilitator through the training days, Melissa Foresio for the huge effort in the planning of the program, in particular the organisation and matching of all the Buddies for 2014 and the letter writing activity, also her amazing catering abilities for the two days and Jess De Bono for getting on board this year and taking everything in her stride over the craziness of the two days. Finally, to Helene and Erin who made an appearance during the days and shared words of wisdom with the students.

Again another successful and collaborative effort by everyone involved.

**Sarah Dempster**

**Leading Teacher Student Development**



# November 2013

## Sport Report

The year 7 girls' Softball team recently competed in the State Softball Championships after winning the Whittlesea Division during term 1 and then winning again at the Northern Metropolitan Finals later in term 2. During the State Championships, the girls won all 3 of their pool matches ultimately winning their way into the State Final. The girls fought hard in the final eventually losing to Brentwood College. The Epping girls put in a gallant effort against a dominant team in Brentwood and should feel very proud of their efforts.

Well done to the following students: Casey Kingi, Ashlee Moate, Taylor Santaguida, Rachel Burns, Chloe Jordan, Lulu Walker, Sarah Chambers, Adot Deng, Macy Atanasovski, Emily Bell and Amber Baddley-Kelly.

**Sarah Keating**

*Year 7 Girls Softball Coach*



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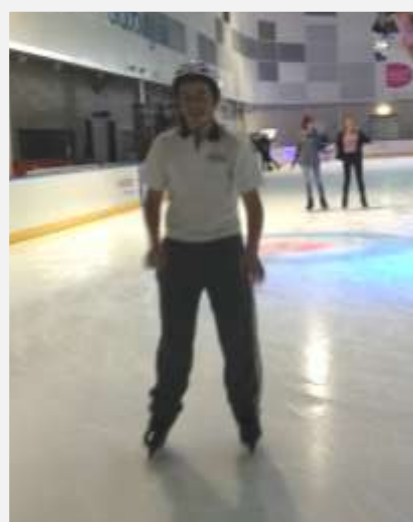
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# Community Electives SFA & CFA

Y9 Community electives CFA and SFA have had a busy semester which has culminated in a number of excursions in the past few weeks. Last week they participated in a bush walk at Greenvale, where students had to overcome heat and also came across some interesting insects and creatures on their walk. They attended Icehouse at Docklands where they had lessons on how to skate and plenty of free time to practise their new skills. In the last week of the program they will be going rock climbing in the city.



# November 2013

## ESC staff support Cancer Research Fundraiser

On October 16th Epping Secondary College staff participated in a Spin Class at Genesis Fitness Bundoora. Their efforts raised money for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute through Ms Rehak's fundraising efforts for the Weekend to End Women's Cancers. Like many, Ms Rehak's family and friends have been affected by cancer and she would like to raise money to help the Peter MacCallum Cancer Research Institute find cures and better treatments for cancer. Events like these raise awareness and give hope to sufferers and survivors that people care and that together we can make a difference.



## Staff Wellbeing Day

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we had a Staff Wellbeing afternoon after work, to promote the importance of both physical and mental health and to raise donations for Movember, Weekend to End Women's Cancer and the Red Cross- Philippines' Disaster. Many staff participated in either Tabata, Yoga or Dance fitness. We had qualified trainers from Genesis Gym take the classes and even though it was an extremely hot day, a fun day was had by all. Not all staff were able to attend, but those who participated dug deep and gave generously to the causes.

We would also like to thank the following organisations for their support and donations to our event:

Genesis Gym

Safeway – Polaris, Bundoora

Dan Murphy – Bundoora

Chemist Warehouse – Bundoora

Avon

**Antoinette Rehak & Gina Zorzan**





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# Pancake Day Fundraiser

A successful fundraiser for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Research Institute was held at recess on Friday, 8th November. Staff and students contributed by cooking pancakes, ordering and eating them!! Everyone enjoyed the sweet treats and the college community were very supportive of this fundraiser. The staff and students who were involved were all very busy preparing, cooking, taking orders and delivering. They all did an amazing job!

A big thank you to Rosa Croncitti, Linda Beker, Jodie Clohesy, Betti Skeparoski, Edna Cruz, Nadia Tomaselli, Gabby Renda, Shauna O'Donnell, Peter Kaska for their support. Also a great big thank you to the following students: George Mihalcev, Chelsea Mraovic, Stephanie Bordieri, Dakota Hart, Jai Martin, Eugene Cassar, Carol Anne Freeling, Jaspreet Singh, Nicholas Bernardi, Bethany Babinall, Jacinta Garner, Natalie Clarke and Ebony Callahan who all helped on the day.



November 2013

# Lunchtime Disco



On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, the year 11 VCAL students planned, organised and executed a disco as part of their major Personal Development group project. Students were assessed on their ability to work within a collaborative group to plan, budget, promote and execute an event.



The disco was a huge success and the money raised through the sales of tickets has gone to the Integration Department for much needed funding.

Ms Dempster



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- ♦ NO REFUNDS



## IMMUNISATION SAVES LIVES

This year, to encourage the year 10 students to take their Immunisation Consent Cards home, have them signed and returned to the school on time, the City of Whittlesea used a \$50 Westfield Voucher as an incentive.

It was as easy as that!

The vaccine, *Boostrix*, protects against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) and students were educated about the need to have the vaccine to protect them against just a simple injury, such as stepping on a rusty nail!

They were also reminded that the vaccine was only free for them this year and if they delayed having it, they would need to purchase the vaccine at a later date, especially if they were to travel overseas or work in an occupation at risk to any of the three diseases.

Congratulations to all year 10 students who returned their consent cards and protected themselves against these diseases. However, there could only be one winner of the voucher and that person is....

**\*\*\*JESSE TRIGG\*\*\***

For further information regarding the annual Secondary School Immunisation Program, contact Council's Immunisation Team on 9217 2044 or [teamimmunisation@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:teamimmunisation@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)



The Victorian School of Languages is a government school and offers the following languages at the secondary colleges listed below:

**Thomastown Secondary College, Main Street, Thomastown**

- Macedonian - Year 1 to Year 12
- Punjabi - Year 1 to Year 12
- Turkish - Year 1 to Year 12

**Roxburgh Park College, Donald Cameron Drive, Roxburgh Park**

- Arabic - Year 1 to Year 12
- Sinhala - Year 1 to Year 12
- Spanish - Year 1 to Year 10
- Turkish - Year 1 to Year 12

**Lalor Secondary College, Cnr David Street & Dalton Road, Lalor**

- Arabic - Year 1 to Year 12
- Italian - Year 1 to Year 10
- Vietnamese - Year 1 to Year 12

**Epping Secondary College, McDonald Road Epping**

- Chinese Mandarin - Year 1 to Year 11
- Greek - Year 1 to Year 12
- Hindi - Year 1 to Year 11
- Sinhala - Year 1 to Year 12

**Cost per annum - \$70 for Year 1 to 10 students  
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**Day/Time - Saturday morning – 9.00 am until 12.20 pm**

**For further information please call - 9464 0848.**

Interested parents and students should go directly to the respective school on Saturday between 8.30 and 1.00 pm commencing on the 8th February 2014 or enrol via the internet.

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 Mill Park Leisure

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\* Teen Gym members must be 16 years or over to participate in BodyPump.  
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# Diamond Creek Netball

## 2014 CLUB Registration

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Anytime between 4-6pm Although it is never too late to join!!

Registration forms available from clubroom anytime or  
can be downloaded. [diamondcreekforce.com.au](http://diamondcreekforce.com.au)

Uniform - \$57 always available from clubrooms

All games played Saturdays at  
Diamond Creek Netball Complex  
Training Monday after school

4-5pm 9/U & 11/U

5-6pm 13/U, 15/U, 17/19U

Cost to join the club and register  
with Netball Victoria

(per annum)

9/U & 11/U \$115\*

13/U & 15/U \$115\*

17/19U \$95 \*

(\*Subject to change depending on Netball Victoria Membership)


For further details call the clubrooms 9438 6098 or

call Kaye Ralph (Club Coordinator)

9718 2393/0428 898 393 or

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