



DATES TO REMEMBER

24th March, 2017

Middle School Assembly 12.50pm

29th March, 2017

- Parent Teacher Interviews (Junior School)
- Junior School - STUDENT FREE DAY
- Year 6 - City Excursion (all day)

30th March, 2017

- Parent Teacher Interviews (Middle and Senior School)
- Middle/Senior School - STUDENT FREE DAY

31st March, 2017

- TERM 1 FINISHES
- Senior School Assembly 12.50pm

02nd April, 2017

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS END

03-14 April, 2017

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

17th April, 2017

EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL

18th April, 2017

TERM 2 BEGINS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy yet enjoyable fortnight with both the Junior School Athletics Day and the Middle and Senior School Athletics Day being held. It was a delight to see the excitement on the students' faces upon arrival to the College. Thank you to all the parents who came down to Ross Reserve over the two days to help and assist and to also cheer on the competitors. The Red, Blue, Green and Yellow never looked better than seeing it sprawled out across the Reserve.

Harmony Day was a great success especially in the Junior School where the sea of Orange could not be missed. I sincerely thank parents who made time to join us at the Whole College Assembly. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity, a day of cultural respect for everyone that calls Australia home and it is this diversity that makes Australia such a great place to live. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and it is at the heart of who we are. Multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own culture and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs,' the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day as traditionally orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Finally, a reminder that Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held next Wednesday and Thursday. It is of utmost importance that parents attend these interviews.

Sareh Salarzadeh

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Attendance and VCE Study periods

There are currently many VCE students at Mt Hira College who consistently use their study periods (in the library) productively. We still do need to see a greater sense of self-motivation and urgency from a number of our VCE students.

All Mt Hira College students are expected to be at school from 8:40am-3:30pm every day. In order to pass their VCE subjects students must have attended 80% of their scheduled VCE classes.

The students who utilise their study periods effectively and are always in attendance give themselves a much greater chance of meeting their potential during VCE. VCE students at school during their study periods can seek assistance from their teachers and give themselves the greatest chance of success. Students who attempt to leave when they do not have a scheduled class or are absent on days of school when they do not have many scheduled classes are obviously not using their time at school effectively and unfortunately based on research this will have a negative impact upon them, as they form poor work habits and do not complete all set tasks.

Every VCE student has **always** got work to complete, be it in the form of revising, practical tasks or assignments.

If a student is ill or unable to attend school, it is very important that the office is notified so the necessary arrangements can be made and the teachers are aware of the students' absence. This allows us to provide the necessary support to the student to accommodate for their absence.

Unfortunately despite regular reminders, this still does not occur on a consistent basis often to the detriment of your children.

We want all of our students to reach their potential and the best way for that to happen is for the students to be at Mt Hira College during all scheduled school hours when they are physically, mentally and emotionally able to attend.

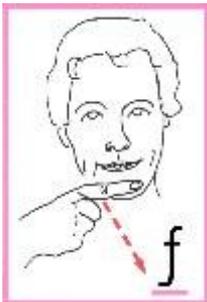
Mr. Tim Campbell

Assistant Principal (Administration)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ACADEMIC AND INNOVATION

Cued Articulation

What is Cued Articulation?



It is a set of hand cues for teaching the individual sounds in a word. The hand movements are logical – each hand movement represents one sound and the cue gives clues as to how and where the sound is produced.

It is not a sign language where the whole word is signed – but Cued Articulation can be used alongside sign language. Cued Articulation should not be confused with 'Cued Speech'.

Colour Coding is also used for the written letters which represent these sounds.

Julie Parker

Assistant Principal - Academic and Innovation

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY



YEAR 3 SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION

Wow! Did you hear the exciting news about Year Three?! We went on an amazing excursion to Scienceworks! We went there and learnt how seasons work and other things about space, like the Sun and Earth. It was Monday 20th March and it was raining. When we reached Scienceworks we had a snack and then we were in a dome called a planetarium that was huge and in that dome we watched a show about how seasons work and change. After that 3S went to 'Sportsworks' while 3B went to 'Think Ahead'. Then we switched places so we could have a chance to see the other stuff and we learnt a lot of information in both places. After that we went to this place which talks about how seasons change and the axis of the Earth. Last, we had lunch and went back to school. I think the best thing that Year Three did was when we went in the planetarium and got to sit on the lounge seats that made us lay down. That was very cool! Everyone enjoyed it and learnt a lot of stuff. Thanks for reading!

Fatima Syed (3S)



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INTERSCHOOL SPORTS - TENNIS

Ilyas, Ayhan, Medin, Zekry and Can from years nine and ten competed at an excellent standard against Dandenong and Carwatha on Wednesday 15th March in our interschool sports tennis competition.

Congratulations to Medin on winning one of his single matches and narrowly missing out on a second victory in a nail biting tie break. Our doubles teams also had some great success winning a match each. The boys were all great sports in the 33 degree heat and should be proud of their efforts.

Samantha Woods
PE TEACHER



ATHLETICS DAY - YEARS 2 TO 5



Please refer to the College website for more photos

