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30TH JUNE 2017

# NEWSLETTER



## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 30th, 2017

Report Distribution

Whole College Assembly 2:45pm

Term Two Concludes

July 17th, 2017

Term Three Commences



**Please only park in designated parking bays when dropping off or picking up your child from school. "Double parking" is dangerous and creates a traffic hazard. Please also use the roundabout for right hand turns into the visitors car park. Thank you to all parents and carers who observe car park regulations.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of my resignation from the College, my last day will be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to say that making this decision has not been taken lightly as working at Mt Hira College has been such a positive experience and one for which I am grateful. I have been Principal of Mt Hira College for two and a half years and from the very first day I was impressed by the warmth and openness of this Community. It has been a privilege to work here with such wonderful students, dedicated staff and caring parents. In the time I have been here our enrolments have grown by an additional one hundred students and our results have significantly improved. I will miss Mt Hira College, this is a great community and I have appreciated my time here. I wish every family all the best and hope that every student enrolled here continues to enjoy their time and the opportunities provided by the School.

I would like to welcome **Mr. Ian McKenzie**, whom you may have seen with me on many occasions, to the role of Principal for the remainder of the year.

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**Sareh Salarzadeh**

College Principal

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*Last Tuesday, the Year Five students had a fun Mathematics morning which Mrs. Katie Curtis organised for us. We played lots of games in our groups, some of our parents came to play and to support all the students. The morning was for us to learn about number fluency and to get fluent with numbers. We all had lots of fun at Mathematics morning.*

*By Gurnaaz Kaur Bajaj 5S*

**Julie Parker:**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
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**VCE Support Classes - Term Three**

VCE Unit 2 and Unit 4 after-school support classes will resume from Tuesday 18th July, 2017. The timetable will be available to download from the College website and will also be available on SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage. A printed copy of the timetable will be provided with the Semester One report for all VCE students.

**m After School VCE Support Classes** (updated 27/06/17)

*Classes commence at 3:45 p.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
U1-4 Health & Human Dev. Mr. Diviny/Ms. Woods R9	U1-2 Maths Methods Ms. Moneer R9	U1-4 English Ms. Apak/Mr. Franklin/ Ms. Phillips R8	U3-4 Religion and Society Br. Raiban R11	U1-2 Biology Ms. Nazreen SL1
U3-4 Informatics Mr. Johnson ICT2	U1-2 General Maths U3-4 Further Mathematics Mr. Doshiwale R10	U1-4 Chemistry Ms. Cheema/Ms. Haddad SL1	U1-4 Turkish Mr. Vatandas POD	U3-4 Biology Ms. Shakeri SL1
U1-4 Physical Education Mr. Diviny/Mr. Eroglu R10	U1-2 Studio Arts Ms. Cherry ART2		U1-4 Legal Studies Ms. Kovacs/Ms. Nahas R10	U1-4 Business Management Mr. Campbell/Mr. Traikowski R8
U1-4 Psychology Ms. Keegan R8			U3-4 Maths Methods Ms. Moneer R9	

**A lot of time and effort goes into supporting our student's academic needs. It is hoped that the students take full advantage of programmes and classes being held.**

**VTAC Information Evening**

6:30pm, Tuesday 15 August 2017

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36-38 Lewis St  
Springvale

Find out from VTAC representatives how to apply for tertiary courses, scholarships and special consideration. There will also be information about the ATAR, scaling and offers. This presentation will be most useful for Year 12 students and their parents; Year 9-11 students and their parents are also welcome.

**Tim Campbell:**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
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Congratulations to all Junior, Middle and Senior School students who have achieved success and the necessary academic growth over 2017 thus far. Semester One has been productive for many of our students and we hope to continue to build on all aspects of the learning and educational opportunities that Mt Hira College offers moving forwards. Semester Two will no doubt provide further challenges for our students and we hope that students continue to develop positive learning habits that assist them in achieving their own varying levels of success. Importantly we hope that all of our children and young adults have a relaxing and enjoyable break during the school holidays.

It must be noted that our Senior school students in particular do need to make use of the school holidays and the break in their education to continue to build on their skills and knowledge for each of their subjects (as well as making sure they have plenty of 'downtime'). In order to do this completing set holiday homework tasks, attending VCE Holiday classes (where applicable) and regularly revising their work is integral to maintaining an above satisfactory level of performance.

**Whole College Assembly and Report Distribution – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - 2:45pm**

There will be a **whole College assembly commencing at 2:45pm on Friday 30th June** in the Gymnasium. This assembly will be a celebration of our successful Semester One. There will be a large number of awards distributed at the assembly. These awards will be given to two students from each year level (Foundation-Year Twelve) for **excellence** and also for two students from each year level for making the most noticeable **improvement** over Semester One 2017. We would love to see as many parents as possible in attendance.

Student reports will also be distributed on this day. Junior school students will receive their reports prior to the assembly in the afternoon while Middle and Senior School will receive theirs at the conclusion of the assembly in the gym. If students are unable to collect their reports on the last day of school through absence, then they will be forwarded to the office and parents will need to approach the office staff to receive them. Reports can only be passed onto the student recipients, older siblings or parents.



**Year  
Twelve  
IFTA**



### Year Eight Sport

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Mt Hira College sent a team of Year Eight students to play badminton at Inter-school Sport. The students played off against different schools in the region in single and double competitions. The students developed their skills and game tactics throughout the day. The boy's team improved throughout the day and managed to beat Dandenong High School in their last match. The girl's team played well and managed to win some singles games throughout the day. Sami Abouzolf is to be commended on his performance as he showcased his skill by winning the majority of his single matches.

**Andrew Diviny:**  
**Head of Health and PE**



# DANDENONG JOURNAL

Keysborough students are taking a STAAR-ing role against violence and bullying. Mt Hira College senior students Fozia and Rafal

established the Students Take an Active Role (STAAR) Club last July. "They wanted to ensure all students felt a sense of belonging at school and provide an opportunity to get involved in worthwhile school and community-based projects which are decided by members of the club," Mt Hira College head of student well-being Yasemin Savran said. "The club is open to all middle and senior school students once a week during lunchtime, when they meet to collaborate on their chosen project." This term STAAR Club got involved with nation-wide project One Million Stars to End Violence and Bullying as part of National Day of Action against Violence and Bullying. "The members of the STAAR Club have been weaving stars using ribbon in school colours to show that they stand united with the rest of the nation against violence," Ms Savran said. "The students pledged to weave 200 stars which will be sent to the Gold Coast to feature as part of a display at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. "With various schools and community groups contributing, this display will consist of a million stars."



It is a chemically amazing news that our enthusiastic young scientists of Year Twelve has synthesized their first organic compound in our aromatic and good looking science lab. They put their raw hazardous chemical together and went through heating, cooling, vacuum filtering to get their first medicine in petri dish. Our young scientist were so focused on

making Aspirin that they didn't even realise the chemical odour in the fume hood. Their reaction was **CHEMICALISTIC** (means releasing happy hormones like *Dopamine, Oxytocin, Serotonin, and Endorphins*) to see their FIRST own organic synthesis.

**Sonia Cheema:**  
**Head of Science**



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of June Mt Hira College sent two students, Sami Abouzolf and Alissa Mohamed Mokhtar, to the Southern Regional Cross Country at Ballam Park in Frankston. The students represented the College by competing against over fifty different schools in a three kilometre race. The students ran a good race but were not quick enough to qualify for the State Squad for their age groups. Nevertheless, these students should be commended on their performance.

**Andrew Diviny**



## **ART AROUND THE COLLEGE**

Amazing things happen in the Art Department from Year Nine ceramics to Foundation chicken pictures. Great work everyone!



**Melissa Cherry**  
**Head of The Arts.**



## Term Three

### Foundation to Year Five

Keep a look out for notices about improving our health and fitness.

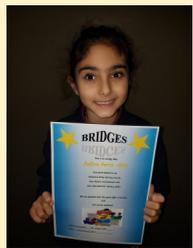
**Exciting events are happening in Middle School. Watch this space to learn more about the new "Personal Best" programme being launched in Term Three.**



Mr Andrew Stock  
Head of Middle School (Year Six to Year Nine)  
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On the 27th June, 2017 the Middle School Chess Club attended a competition at Nossal High School in Berwick. The experience was extremely exciting and challenging. Our team versed a range of opponents from Years Seven to Nine. All players showed determination and lots of enthusiasm. A round of seven games were played and each round had its own challenges. The team developed in their chess skills and our top scorer for the day was Mariam Albir. We were placed fourth out of six schools. Congratulations to the entire team. We are now looking forward to our next match.

Natasha Padayachee.



Aesha Abdelkader

*3S and 3B went on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. First we went on the bus and I sat next to Haalah. It was a long ride but we eventually got there. When we arrived we started eating our recess. Then we went to look at animals. We went to the butterfly house and it was warm and a butterfly landed on Fatima's head. Then it flew away and two other butterflies came on her head. They looked really pretty and colourful. Then we saw a stick insect that was black. We also saw monkeys. They looked cheeky and were showing off. They were also really funny. Then we went to see the baboons. They were really big and fluffy and their tails were white and puffy. Then we ate our lunch. After that we went to see the reptiles and they were really cool. Then we went on the bus back to school. We had such a great time at the zoo.*



**Congratulations on completing the BRIDGES programme.**

Ms Ashley Beardsley  
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