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NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

Student Free Days for the

Remainder of 2017

Thursday 12th October

(Interviews)

Monday 6th November

(Melbourne Cup)

Tuesday 7th November

(Melbourne Cup)

27th November

(Curriculum Day)

28th November

(Curriculum Day)

Term Dates

End of Term Three:

Friday 22nd September

Beginning of Term Four:

Monday 9th October

End of Term Four:

Thursday 14th December

Please confirm your enrolment at Mt Hira College for 2018.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happiness is a choice. You can choose to be happy. There's going to be stress in life, but it's your choice whether you let it affect you or not.

Valerie Bertinelli

Spreading the Happiness Germ

If you are feeling happy then you can thank your friends and family. Because happiness is infectious, you spread it to your friends and they pass it on to you.

As well as your friends, your next door neighbours and your brothers and sisters can spread the contagion of happiness. Even on Facebook, people with smiling faces tend to cluster together. And your happiness is increased if your friendships are mutual – in other words, if the people you see as friends also regard you as their friend you will be even happier.

The lesson is – surround yourself with happy people. The old saying, “Birds of a feather flock together” can work in other ways too. Just as you can catch flu from people close to you, it seems you can catch bad habits too, like eating junk food or not taking enough exercise or skipping schoolwork.

Sometimes adults fear peer pressure because they worry about the bad things your friends may persuade you to do. But peer pressure can be a good thing too. We have already seen that if your friends are happy you will be happy too. If your peers make good choices you are more likely to make good choices too.

So perhaps the first good choice to make is to choose friends whose personality, behaviour and values are good for you. That way, you will be happy and you will help them be happy too. (Acknowledgement: British Medical Journal)

Ian Mckenzie
College Principal
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National Youth Week Leaders Forum

Isaacs Lecture

Students listened to the renowned Australian children's book author and educationalist specialising in Literacy, Mem Fox.

Julie Parker:
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SAVE THE DATE!

MT HIRA COLLEGE ACTIVITY DAY

Thursday 30th November

Tickets are now available to purchase at **\$40 each.**

Tickets will be available for purchase up until the 20th of October (Week Two of Term Four).



Students **must** purchase a ticket and receive a wristband to wear on the day in order to enjoy unlimited access to the rides and activities. Mt Hira College is excited to share another fantastic event with the our school community and expect to share this experience with all our students.



Tim Campbell:
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Mt Hira College – Student Hat Policy

Mt Hira College is a SunSmart school and all of our Junior, Middle and Senior school students receive education about sun protection and how to minimise the risk of damage from the sun. Childhood and adolescence are very important times in establishing appropriate sun protection behaviours that are proven to minimise the risk of skin damage from the sun later in life.

An important part of the College's sun protection program is the requirement for all students from Foundation (Prep) to Year Five to wear a hat outside at all times during Term One and Four. All Junior School students require a hat at school for recess, lunchtime, physical education classes and any other learning opportunities they may have outside of the classroom.

Unfortunately for Junior students who do not have a hat with them during the above times their access to outside (other than the bathroom and the canteen) will be very limited. Can all parents please ensure their children have an appropriate navy blue hat with them whilst at the College commencing from the first day of Term Four.

2018 Secondary School Scholarship Applications

2018 Middle and Senior School Scholarship applications officially opened on Monday the 11th of September. The process is very similar to that followed in previous years. Students who are performing to an **above satisfactory** level **academically** and who meet the general expectations of the college (e.g. abide by College values) on a consistent basis are strongly **encouraged** to view the application form and scholarship requirements to see if they would like to apply. Scholarships are open to students from Year Six-Twelve in 2018. If you are planning on applying, then please make sure that you are very organised because it does take time and effort to go through the scholarship process. Information about the scholarship process has been available for collection from Mr. Campbell from Monday the 11th of September. The first part of the Scholarship Application process is the **academic portfolio** which is due for current Mt Hira College students on Friday October 13th.

Best of luck to all individuals who make the effort to apply!

Whole College Parent Teacher Interviews

Whole College Parent Teacher Interviews are on **Thursday 12th October** in the first week of next term. This day will be a **student free day** but students are strongly encouraged to attend the interviews with their parents/guardians; the interviews begin at 9am and finish at 6pm. Students will receive their Term Four interim reports on this day.

Forms have been distributed to students to pass onto parents about this very important evening. In order for students to achieve their potential it requires a team approach and effective communication between the students, parents and teachers. Parent-Teacher Interviews can greatly assist with this process! If you are unable to attend the Parent-Teacher interviews then please inform the office so that all relevant teachers are informed and aware of this. If necessary then we can get in contact with parents or possibly reschedule another appointment to discuss any important areas or concerns. Communication for Parent Teacher Interviews could also be organised through the SEQTA Direct Message function.

Putting Knowledge into Practice

It is reported that Abu Barza al-Aslami (r.a) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said:

“No one can move on the Day of Judgment until he is asked about his life and how he spent it, about his knowledge and what he did with it, about his wealth and how he earned it and how he spent it, and about his health and how he wore off his body.”
Tirmidhi, Qiyamah 1/2417

The knowledge is not a virtue in and of itself, but it is a mean to advance humans to more lofty levels. The real virtue is putting the knowledge into practice. Knowledge that is not practiced in life helps nothing but to be a proof against its owner. As a matter of fact, the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) considered a scholar who does not put his knowledge into practice equal to an ignorant person. Tirmidhi, Ilm 5/2653

In the above hadith presents the first and foremost issues for which humans will be held accountable on the Day of Judgment. They are the life, knowledge, wealth, and health. Allah the Almighty decreed certain rules concerning each one of them and made some requests. *Life* should be spent as it is prescribed by Islam in performing beneficial deeds. One must not acquire *knowledge* as a means of pride, but must put it into practice and also teach others. One must obtain *wealth* through honest earnings and spend it on his family needs and doing good deeds. One must know that *health* is a divine trust and must be used in accordance with Allah's will.

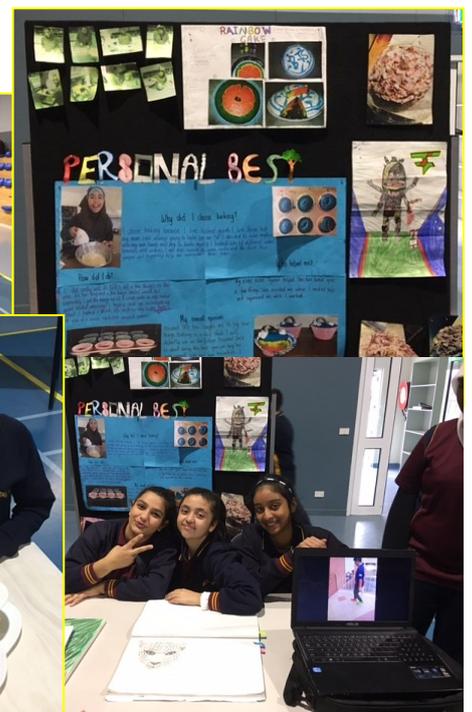
As a matter of fact, one will be held accountable for everything he did with the blessings of Allah. The issues listed in our hadith are the first things that humans will be held accountable for. And one of these is the issue of putting our knowledge into practice. It is impossible for humans to enter into Paradise before being held fully accountable for it first. So, putting our knowledge into practice in this world is the smartest way to ensure both Allah's contentedness and appreciation of others.

Muhammed Sezgin Head of Religious Affairs

This year, Middle School has undertaken a wonderful project called **Personal Best**. The objective of **Personal Best** is to allow students to bring out their potential and try their best by learning a skill which they may start learning or continue learning if they wish to improve a skill. This project allowed students to learn time management and that many things could be learnt outside of school. On the day of the **Personal Best** Showcase, all **Personal Best** projects were presented with the pride of Middle School students. There were many wonderful achievements that were displayed and presented. From driving go-carts to playing music, singing original songs to ballet performances, creation of fashionable clothing, cooking of delicious deserts, interior and exterior house design, photography of wonderful views, fitness and health improvement, sports and even skiing! These are some of many things achieved by Middle School students throughout their **Personal Best** projects. The day started with amazing performances of ballet, singing, music playing and a showcase on an amazing homemade dress, all from amazingly talented individuals! Then all of the remaining projects were shown which were just as amazing as the live showcases. Each class had a wide variety of skills learnt from their students and it was stunning to see the amount of effort that has gone into all projects of Middle School students. Middle School students are all trying to find their passion, and this project has definitely helped the them.

Mustafa Tahery 8K

**Member of the Middle School
Core Leadership
Team**



On Monday 18th September, Mt Hira College took forty-one students to the Greater Dandenong Division Athletics at the Knox Athletics Track. The students represented the College in both track and field events. The students competed against seven other schools from the district including Dandenong High School, Keysborough College, Minaret College and Lyndale Secondary College. The College would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding athletic performance. Andrew Diviny.

Salma Bassiouni: Salma finished in first place in the 200 metre and second place in the 400 metre.

Aanas Mahmoud: Aanas finished in first place in the 800 metre.

Tahir Syed: Tahir finished in second place in the 800m.

Esra Ozyurek: Esra finished in second place in the 800 metre.

Sami Abouzolf: Sami finished in second place in long jump.

Ayesha Saitov: Ayesha finished in second place in triple jump and third place in shot put.

Hafsa Ali: Hafsa finished in third place in the 400 metre.

Ali Ibraimi: Ali finished in third place in triple jump.

Mersim Memeti: Mersim finished in third place in high jump.

Umut Ince: Umut finished in third place in long jump.

Tahaullah Ibrahimi: Tahaullah finished third place in shot put.

Harun-Ahmet Sevgi: Harun-Ahmet finished in third place in the 800 metre.



YEAR THREE CAMP

When we arrived in Marysville we had to put our suitcases in our cabins. Then we were shown around and met our group leaders. I was in Group One. We went canoeing and bush building on the first day. After dinner we had a talent show. The next day we went rock climbing and walked to the Marysville town and saw some sculptures made out of wood and learnt about the bushfires in 2009. After dinner we had a pretend campfire and learnt some funny songs and were told some stories. The last day we did an obstacle course and played some rock climbing games. Then we went on the bus to go home. I thought camp was fun and entertaining. Sara Jujic
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Congratulations to
Ahu Savas 3S for com-
pleting the
Bridges Programme.



Budding Artists at
Mt Hira College

Theatre Studies and Drama Excursion
Victorian Arts Centre



AFL Day



On Footy Day we did lots of fun activities. In class we did Times Tables, footy jersey's, create our 'Dream Team' and create our footy shoe. We had to learn to tie our shoe laces! Outside we did kicks, rucks, handballs, hip and shoulder also tackles.

At lunch people ordered sausages and a few staff members were working on cooking it so that it was ready before lunchtime.

In the morning and when we were outside the team theme songs were playing. I go for the Pies. I had so much fun!

Zayn Tairi 2T

