Principal Report

Last Wednesday Year 12 students completed the GAT (General Achievement Test), while back at school teachers looked at the new reporting system for Years 7-10 and had time to write their reports. I mentioned in the last newsletter that this semester the reports will not have comments as we transition to the new system.

You are invited to parent teacher interviews on Thursday 26th June, in E Wing from 4.00 – 6.30pm to meet with your child’s teachers to gain more detail regarding their progress. Due to camps and excursions to Melbourne the following staff will not be available:

Ms K Herridge, Mr C Rando, Mr C Martin, Mrs M Calandro, Ms K Farrell, Mr Des Quirk, Ms R Coulbourn, Ms C Canty, Mr A Zaydi. If you would like to speak to these teachers please contact the school for an appointment early next term.

Last day of Term 2, Friday 27th June is a normal school day students will be dismissed at 2.15pm.

On Thursday I had the privilege of judging Year 9’s cake decorating competition. It was a difficult task as the quality was excellent. Last week Susanne Gill and I also judged a Year 8 ‘Master Chef’ class where students cooked a dish of their choice. Once again the end products were excellent and the judging was difficult. The dishes varied from gnocchi, pizza, stuffed capsicums and chicken sausage rolls.
Year 8’s were at Rubicon Outdoor Education camp last week and had a wonderful time, Horse riding, mountain bike riding, hiking and rope climbing as well as learning how to get along and work in teams.

There have been some problems with the McGuire website, so you may have found that it has not been available from time to time. Our provider Sponsor-ed has been very apologetic and have worked around the clock to rectify the issues. You will find that there are two newsletters on the site now as we catch up after they have done some work behind the scenes.

Jan Gregory
Principal

McGuire College’s “Giro d’Italia”!

Next Saturday, 21 June, Michael Archer (Yr 11), Constance Teunissen & Jennifer Parker (Yr 12), will be going on a 16 day Educational Tour of Italy. Their adventure will start in Rome, the eternal city, from there they will travel to Mount Etna in Sicily and then they will travel northwards to Como visiting many historical and interesting sites along the way. We wish them a wonderful and memorable tour and look forward to hearing about their memorable “giro” on their return!
The 3 students will be accompanied by Mrs Calandro and Mr Rando.

Looking for host families for exchange students from Italy!

We have been asked to host 4 exchange students (2 boys and 2 girls) from the city of Verona, in northern Italy, who will be attending McGuire College for 4 weeks during Term 3 this year. The students are 16 / 17 year old with various interests, and have been selected for exchange to Australia on their academic merit and good behaviour. Their main motivations for visiting Australia are to improve their English, to experience a different culture and to make new friends.
The students’ school is “Liceo scientifico Girolamo Fracastoro” and its website is: www.liceofracastoro.gov.it
We are now urgently looking for families willing to host a student to secure the exchange.
If you would like to be a host family, the exchange student would live with your family, as a member of your family whilst attending McGuire College. Then, in the future, your child can go on exchange to Italy and be hosted by the Italian student’s family. The exchange experience is rewarding and enjoyable for both the exchange student and the host family.
If you are interested in hosting an exchange student or would like more information please contact the school (Mrs Calandro or Ms Sloane) as soon as possible as we need to finalise the students’ accommodation within the next week.
Rollercoaster
In Science this term we are focusing on energy, so our class were given a project. We had to make a rollercoaster out of cardboard. This is because a rollercoaster displays energy such as gravitational potential energy and kinetic energy. It shows gravitational energy because when it goes around the loop gravity pulls it to move around the loop. It shows kinetic energy because the marble has stored energy and then it moves. We liked making the rollercoaster because we think it was a fun group activity to do.

- Maddi Newey & Daniel Daldy

Education Maintenance Allowance

ATTENTION: All eligible parents/guardians are able to claim for second half Education Maintenance Allowance.
To claim for the second half of E.M.A. please follow the guidelines for the card that is applicable to you:

1. If you have already claimed for the E.M.A. this year and your details have not changed you do not need to reapply.
2. If you have not applied this year or your first claim was rejected then you must produce your Health Care Card or Pensioner Health Benefits Card to the General Office no later than 4.00pm August 1st 2014.
3. Your card must be valid as at and including July 14th 2014.

*LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

Debutante Ball 2015

Students in years 11 & 12 in 2015. If you are interested in participating in the 2015 Debutante Ball and have NOT got a copy of the application form please call in to the General Office.
This form needs to be completed and handed in with full payment by Friday 27th June 2014.
If you would like further information please contact the general office on 58589800.
Reminders

- ‘At Monash’ – 17 June Student Experience; 26 June Teaching, Sport/Outdoor Recreation; Book: www.monash.edu/seminars.

1. ACU BREAKS DOWN THE BUDGET – The recent Federal Budget included changes to higher education funding which will have significant implications for Australian universities. The Australian Catholic University summarised the proposed changes that will affect students:
   - Universities will set their own fees – from 1 Jan 2016, universities will set their own fees for Australian undergraduate courses.
   - The government will contribute less – from 1 Jan 2016, students will pay more towards the cost of their degree, and the government will pay less. The Commonwealth contribution will reduce by 20% overall.
   - Extending the demand driven system – this system has been expanded to provide Commonwealth Supported Places for any undergraduate qualification offered by a university – diplomas, associate degrees. Government funding has also been extended to students studying at registered higher education providers (incl TAFE).
   - Repaying the debt sooner – The HELP loan will still be available, so students will not have to pay their fees upfront. However, the government has reduced the income threshold so graduates will start making their repayments sooner – when they are earning approx. $50,638.

   For ACU students (if the changes pass in parliament), this means: Current ACU students or those who have accepted a place at ACU and elected to defer that offer on or before 13 May, 2014, will not be affected as long as they complete their degree by the end of 2020. Students who accept an offer of enrolment from 14 May 2014 until 1 Jan 2016 will be charged under the existing arrangements till 31 Dec 2015. After that, they will be charged under the new arrangements. ACU will be consulting with stakeholders over the coming months to determine the appropriate fees for ACU’s courses. Other universities will, no doubt, make statements in due course.

2. NEW WEBSITE FOR MONASH UNIVERSITY – CHECK IT OUT! Monash has created a new website to help you succeed in the final years of secondary school, and to access vital information in one place. For example, it includes important dates, deadlines, registration for Monash events, VCE tips, study options and information about career paths. See: www.destination.monash.

3. ARTS AT MONASH - The Faculty of Arts has interviewed some new Arts students to ask them about their aspirations, why they chose Arts at Monash, and their hopes for after graduation. See videos at YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxWbq_J0vyk. For more information about Arts degrees, see www.arts.monash.edu.

4. BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS – What is problem-based learning (PBL)? PBL is offered as part of the Bachelor of Business at the Monash Peninsula campus. PBL uses a small group approach, and focusses on problems similar to those in the workforce. Working in a small team with a mentor, students create solutions to real-life problems, learning the principles of each subject. Site visits/industry placement, form an integral part of this approach. Three ‘majors’ are offered at the campus: business strategy, sports management, and marketing and communication. Students may also undertake a different major, including accounting, at another Monash campus.

   Information on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5_b5UuA4Ds.
5. **COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP** – This seven-day event is for students in Years 9-12, giving an opportunity to experience everything connected to computer games and information technology. Learn from experienced industry professionals, talk to like-minded individuals and expand your networks by participating in workshops, tournaments, presentations, and activities. If you are interested in **multimedia, designing or playing games**, or looking to **a career in IT**, this is for you. **When:** Sat 5 – Fri 11 July; **Where:** Monash Clayton; **Info/register:** [https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/](https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/)

6. **ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE** (MADA) – MADA is hosting a range of three-day workshops for Year 11/12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. Students can build folios and attend foundation workshops in architecture, interior architecture, communication design, industrial design and fine art, and experience life at MADA. Industry professionals and academics will run the workshops and guide students through the lessons and activities. **When:** 1-3 July & 24-26 Sept; **Where:** MADA, 900 Dandenong RD, Caulfield East; **Enquiries:** 9903 1517, mada@monash.edu, **Information:** [monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.amc.edu.au)

7. **NURSING AND MIDWIFERY** - Deakin University invites you to information evenings to learn about courses. **Where/When:** Burwood – 6-8pm, Wed 23 July & 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 26 July, Building Y, room 1.11 A and B; Geelong: 6-8 pm, Wed 23 July & 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 26 July, Building AD, room 2.217; **Warrnambool:** 7.30pm, Fri 25 July, Timor St. **Info:** health-enquire@deakin.edu.au or ph. 9251 7777.

8. **INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH ANIMALS?** Holiday programs are on offer:
- ‘Winter Wonderland’ is the theme this year.
- **Healesville Sanctuary** - a chance to get close to some of our most endangered alpine animals. The **Keeper for a Day** program allows you to help keepers and learn about their job.
- **Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary** - see the vets working with real life cases
- **Keeper for a Day at Werribee Open Range Zoo** - find out what a keeper’s day is really like.
  **Who?** Year 7-12; **Booking:** 9285 9406; **Info:** [www.zoo.org.au/whats-on/school-holidays-at-zoos-victoria](http://www.zoo.org.au/whats-on/school-holidays-at-zoos-victoria)

9. **LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** – The annual Melbourne JD Showcase is coming up. At this workshop, master classes will be held on legal issues like **So Sue Me!** (what a negligence action is all about); **dispute resolution** interactive session, **refugee law**, and the **environment** – who is responsible for contamination? The Showcase will give school students an interactive experience, combining sample law classes with information about Melbourne Law School and the JD degree. **When:** Wed 2 July; **Cost:** $66 (incl. morning tea and lunch); **Registration and payment:** by 25 June at [www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/schools](http://www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/schools); **Info:** Yvonne Au, 8344 8879, y.au@unimelb.edu.au.

10. **A CAREER WITH BOATS?** The 2014 Boating Industry Association **Boat Show** will have a stand offering a range of information about **careers associated with the boating industry** including boat and engine manufacturing and retailing, marine accessories manufacturing and retailing, boat and marine engine repairs, marine distributing and wholesale, and tourism. **Visit stand A36 from 11am-6pm, Thurs- Sun for career advice.** **Where:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank; **When:** 11am-6pm, Thurs 12 – Mon 16 June. (Some free tickets are available for students from kaz@oellen.org.au). **NOTE:** Are you aware that the **Australian Maritime College** in Tasmania offers courses from certificates through to degrees in areas like boating, fishing, engineering and maritime architecture? Check out courses at: [www.amc.edu.au](http://www.amc.edu.au)

11. **WANT TO STUDY ACCOUNTING?** Many accounting firms offer **cadetships to Year 12 students** planning to study business/ accounting at university. For example, Deloitte, EY, PwC, KPMG, and many others offer cadetships. The usual arrangement is that cadetship holders study part-time and work with the company offering the cadetship part-time. This means that recipients gain real-world **work experience**, are likely to be offered **employment** on completion of their degree, and are **financially rewarded**. A good starting point to find out what is available is at: [http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/National-event-info/Cadetships.aspx](http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/National-event-info/Cadetships.aspx)

12. **EXPERIENCE RMIT** – If you are considering studying at RMIT, and in Years 10-12, don’t forget the RMIT ‘Experience Days’ and Tours on offer in the coming holiday break. They cover marketing, advertising, public relations, journalism, engineering, information systems, science laboratory visits, a science day, a trades’ day, and many more. **See details at** [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays) and [www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover](http://www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover).