SCHOOL COUNCIL 2013

The School Council for this year had three parent representative vacancies and two staff representative vacancies. Nominations for these positions closed at the beginning of this week. On closing, there were three nominations for the parent positions and two nominations for staff positions, hence these candidates have been elected unopposed.

The three parent representatives are Michelle Hethorn, Craig Jones and Michael Sturmey. We welcome Michelle as a new member, and it is welcome back to Craig and Michael who have served on Council previously. All positions on Council have a two year term, and Michelle, Michael and Craig will be joining the two other parent representatives—Bernice Murphy and John Cumming—who are in the second year of their term.

Bill Lensky and Chris Lovelock were re-elected as the staff representatives, and Tom Falzon will continue in the second year of his term as the third staff representative.

The new Council for 2013 will meet in March, when office bearers will be decided. There will definitely be a new face in the President’s position, as Tanya Druce, our President for the past three years, decided not to renominate. Tanya has been a member of the Council for six years in total. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Tanya, on behalf of the college and Council, for the strength of her dedication and commitment to furthering the growth and development of FCC, for the benefit of our students, both current and future.

As President, she brought wisdom and balance to the role, and we thank her for her exemplary efforts in providing guidance and leadership within the Council. It is appreciated that all parent representatives on Council are volunteering their time to the school, and the role of president is especially demanding in terms of time. We particularly appreciate the many extra hours Tanya put into the role, and hope she enjoys some time to herself now.

2012 VCE High Performers Presentation Assembly

At the end of last week we had the pleasure of acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of our highest VCE performers from last year, at an assembly for Year 10 to 12 students. All students who were ranked in the top 20% of VCE students across the state were invited back to attend the assembly to receive an award acknowledging their achievements. The Dux award went to Jay Heffernan who, as previously reported attained an outstanding ATAR of 99.10. He was followed by our twin sisters Sasha and Nicole Carrie, who achieved ATARs of 96.45 and 96.4 respectively—and, yes they are identical twins with almost identical ATARs.

In addition to recognising the achievements of our Year 12 students from last year, we also presented awards to those Year 11 students who studied a Year 12 subject and obtained a Study Score of 40 or above. For those unfamiliar with VCE, students receive a score out of 50 for every subject they undertake. A score of 40 or above places students in the top 8% of students statewide for that subject. Our Year 11 students with scores of 40+, and who are now in Year 12 include Catherine Crosato, Dominic Cernaz, Jessica Saveski, Audrey Saward and Peter Wroblewski.

Congratulations to all of our students who were presented with awards at this assembly. We are very proud of their level of personal achievement, and we are proud of the fact that they
have been important contributors to Footscray City College having the best VCE results locally.

Tertiary Placements for 2012 VCE Graduates
The tertiary courses that our graduating students received offers for include:

**University of Melbourne:** Science, Commerce, Arts
**Monash University:** Commerce /Law, Arts
**RMIT:** Engineering/Biomedical, Engineering/Civil, Accounting, Legal Practice, Chiropractic/Health Science
**Deakin University:** Commerce, Arts, Management, Film & Digital Media
**LaTrobe University:** Science, Agricultural Sciences/Business, Agricultural Sciences/International Development, Health Sciences/Clinical & Prosthetic Devices, Health Sciences/International Development, Politics
**Victoria University:** Education, Engineering/Civil, Arts, Clinical Exercise Science, Paramedic, Creative Industries
**Swinburne University:** Biomedical Sciences, Design/Building
**Australian Catholic University:** Nursing, Nursing/Mental Health
**RMIT TAFE:** Laboratory Technology (Biotechnology), Advertising, Japanese, Textile Design & Development, Visual Merchandising
**Victoria University TAFE:** Interactive Digital Media, Fitness, Sport Development, Administration, Screen & Media-Games Development
**Swinburne TAFE:** Information Technology Networking, Graphic Design, Interior Design & Decoration, Theatre Arts
**Footscray City Films:** Film & Television Production
**Box Hill College of TAFE:** Animal Technology

As is evident, our students have selected to study across a diverse range of courses, and we wish all of them every success in their chosen courses and ensuing careers.

*Maria Bawden - Principal*

**YEAR 7 & 8 SWIMMING SPORTS**
Congratulations to all Year 7 and 8 students on their excellent behaviour and participation at the recent school swimming sports held at Oak Park pool. It was really pleasing to see so many students getting in to the spirit of the event and enjoying the fantastic weather. The Oak Park pool manager complimented me on our students’ behaviour throughout the day.

Thanks also to Year 7 & 8 Homegroup teachers for their support before and on the day as well as my great staff and student officials, who ensured the day ran smoothly.

The following were the top swimmers for each year level:

**Year 8 Girls:**
1st Maddison Buckner 8AV
2nd Lucy Redmond 8AV

**Year 8 Boys:**
1st Declan O’Rourke 8AV
2nd Hamish Hobson 8AV

**Year 7 Girls:**
1st Caitlin Holland-Symons 7SC
2nd Imogen Braun 7EU

**Year 7 Boys:**
1st Archie Beattie 7 HI =2nd David Nguyen 7EB, Jack Filipovic 7EB & Reece Lewis 7EB

The overall results were:

**Year 7:**
1st 7HI 168 pts, 2nd 7EB 136, 3rd 7SL 126, 4th 7EU 109, 5th 7SC 108

**Year 8:**
1st 8AV 172 pts, 2nd 8MK 74, 3rd 8ME 26, 4th 8RW 24, 5th 8MA 14, 6th 8PD 8

The top swimmers will now go on to represent the school at the Interschool Swimming later this term.

*Mark Komp - Sport Coordinator*

**ZOO EXPERIENCE**
On Tuesday 19th of February the Year 10 Psychology class went on an excursion to Mel-
bourne Zoo. Students had the fascinating experience of observing animals in their natural habitat in order to practice their data collection skills. With the help of a Zookeeper, students observed the social behaviour of meerkats and baboons using qualitative and quantitative data collection methods. Students also participated in an ethics discussion and learnt about their own tendencies to obey authority in the zoo classroom. The brave class even handled a snake!

The zoo staff were impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm shown by Footscray City College students. We had an engaging and memorable zoo experience and students valued the opportunity to apply their growing knowledge of Psychology.

Holly Inglis - Psychology Teacher

NEWS FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT
In the last two weeks the school musical has been announced and cast. Following in the wake of our ultra successful 2012 musical "Little Shop of Horrors", this years musical is "13 The Musical".

Hal Leonard Australia - "13" is "a grown-up story about growing up! When his parents get divorced and he's forced to move from New York to a small town in Indiana, Evan Goldman just wants to make friends and survive the school year. Easier said than done. The star quarterback is threatening to ruin his life and his only friend, Patrice, won't talk to him. The school freak sees an opportunity for blackmail and someone is spreading the nastiest rumours. With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, 13 is an hilarious, high-energy musical for all ages about discovering that cool is where you find it, and sometimes where you least expect."

This year's cast are enthusiastic, vibrant and enormously talented and with many new faces, as well as the usual suspects, it is sure to be a fun-filled adventure for both cast and crew. Rehearsals start this Friday, but it is not too late to get involved. Any students who missed out can see me in the Drama office.

Emily Unt Wan - Director

HOMEWORK CLUB
Every day after school, the library stays open till 5.00 pm so that students can get their homework done,

- Or use a computer
- Or listen to an audiobook
- Or work with a partner
- Or get help from a teacher
- Or read a book

That is, every day except Friday. Those students who need help will need to see either of three teachers: Ryan Wiese, Johnny Kesselschmidt or Emma Banks.

Free tutoring is offered and other teachers often attend to help or get their own work done because the library is a pleasant and quiet place to work. It also sets a great example to kids when they see adults at work in the library.

Homework club is strictly voluntary. However some teachers understand volunteering in the totalitarian sense of the word. This means, that if any of their students are behind with their work, they have automatically volunteered.

But seriously, please help us encourage your students to volunteer to come and get their work done!

Address any questions about the Homework Club to Johnny Kesselschmidt on 83713456

Johnny - Homework Club Coordinator
ITALY 2013
Loretta Laudato, Italian teacher, has been working with her Italian language students to raise funds for the Footscray City College trip to Italy since last year. Last week there was a wonderful cake stall in the school forum, selling home-baked cakes and cookies - baked by students and their families! Stay tuned for more fundraising events for the trip to Italy. The trip is planned for Semester Two.

Sohi Lawrence - Languages Coordinator

LIBRARY NEW ARRIVALS
We are constantly acquiring new books for our fantastic fiction collection. However if you want to read something and we don’t have it, simply fill out a BOOK REQUEST form from the front desk! Make sure to put in all the details so we can find the right book and can then let you know when it arrives.

Check out some of these brand new arrivals in our library:

**COLIN FISCHER** by Ashley Edward Miller & Zack Stent: Colin Fischer, is a 14-year-old boy who barks like a dog when upset or overwhelmed. Colin hates being touched. He has trouble reading other people's expressions. But he enjoys analytically recording his experiences and investigating things he doesn't understand. His dedication to observation and "cool, clear-headed logic" makes him a junior-grade Sherlock Holmes, which comes in handy when someone fires a gun in the school cafeteria and Colin realizes the wrong boy is accused. A very entertaining read for anyone who enjoyed Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time*.

**THE PALADIN PROPHECY** by Mark Frost: Will West is careful to live life under the radar. At his parents' insistence, he's made sure to get mediocre grades and to stay in the middle of the pack on his cross-country team. Then Will slips up, accidentally scoring off the charts on a nationwide exam. Now Will is being courted by an exclusive prep school... and followed by men driving black sedans. When Will suddenly loses his parents, he must flee to the school. There he begins to explore all that he's capable of--physical and mental feats that should be impossible--and learns that his abilities are connected to a struggle between titanic forces that has lasted for millennia. Try it if you liked *I Am Number Four* or *The Maze Runner*.

**ALEX AS WELL** by Alyssa Brugman: Alex wants change. Massive change. More radical than you could imagine. Her mother is not happy, in fact she's imploding. Her dad walked out. Alex has turned vegetarian, ditched one school, enrolled in another, thrown out her clothes and created a new identity. An identity that changes her world. And Alex—the other Alex—has a lot to say about it. Alyssa Brugman’s new novel is a confronting and heartfelt story of adolescent experience—of questioning identity, discovering sexuality, navigating friendships and finding a place to belong. Alex is a strong, vulnerable, confident, shy and determined character, one you will never forget. Try it if you like John Green.

**LIFE IN OUTER SPACE** by Melissa Keil: Sam Kinnison is a geek, and he’s totally fine with that. He has his horror movies, his nerdy friends, *World of Warcraft* – and until Princess Leia turns up in his bedroom, he doesn’t have to worry about girls. Then Sam meets Camilla. She’s beautiful, friendly and completely irrelevant to his life. Sam is determined to ignore her, except that Camilla has a life of her own – and she’s decided that he’s going to be part of it. Sam believes that everything he needs to know he can learn from the movies... but now it looks like he’s been watching the wrong ones.

Daniel & The Library Staff

YOUTH CENTRAL
Are you young, active and passionate?
Then get Involved
The search is on for 19 young Victorians aged between 12 and 25 to provide advice to the Victorian Coalition Government on a range of youth related issues through membership of its Involve Committee.
Minister for Youth Affairs Ryan Smith said the Victorian Coalition Government’s *Involve Committee* gave young people the chance to have input into government decision-making by providing direct advice and feedback on issues affecting young people.

“If you are between the ages of 12 and 25 and are active in your community and passionate about Victoria we want to hear from you,” Mr Smith said.

Established by the Coalition Government two years ago, the *Involve Committee* is made up of eight young people aged 12 to 17, eight aged 18 to 25, and one youth representative each from the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, the Centre for Multicultural Youth and the Koorie Youth Council.

“The Coalition Government is committed to supporting young people’s involvement in policy and program development across a range of issues,” Mr Smith said.

“*Involve* provides a direct pathway for young Victorians to provide advice to Ministers and the Victorian Government, across all portfolios.

“When young people have a say in the decisions that affect them, it builds stronger communities and creates future leaders.

“I encourage all young people who are passionate about making a difference in their community, be it through sport, the YMCA or volunteering, to apply to become part of *Involve*.”

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Jeanette Powell welcomed the addition of a Koorie Youth Council representative to the *Involve Committee*.

“It is important that the views of young Indigenous people are sought out and heard and I am delighted that a representative of the Koorie Youth Council will play a key role in the *Involve Committee*,” Ms Powell said.

Successful applicants will be chosen based on a range of criteria including their communication skills, past experiences in other youth-based organisations and interest in community issues.

Committee members are required to attend 12 meetings, over an 18-month period, on Friday evenings and take part in training and other activities.

*Involve* is a key part of the Coalition Government’s Youth Statement *Engage, Involve, Create*, which outlines the Government’s vision for Victoria’s young people.

Applications close 11 March 2013. Further information including an application form is available at Youth Central, the Victorian Coalition Government’s website for young people, at www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/involve.

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**A COMPETITION FOR EVERY STUDENT**

A Photography Competition is being held which I would like you to encourage your students to enter (Years 7 – 12). The idea comes from the webpage listed below.

Please encourage your students to capture their place/s in an artistic manner.

They can use their phones, a digital camera or some such device.

Then email the photo from their school address so we can identify each entry.

Thanks to Emma Pollock for the inspiration!!

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Make the ordinary, extraordinary!

And help decorate our College for Open Day

Take a photo that illustrates that we live in a fascinating part of Melbourne

Get your inspiration from [http://52suburbs.com/suburb/melbourne/](http://52suburbs.com/suburb/melbourne/)

Email the photo to: info@footscray.vic.edu.au

Email Subject: Photo Competition

A selection of entries will be printed and displayed around the College for

Open Day on March 17

**Competition Closing date: Friday March 8**