Term One is now behind us and much has been done and achieved by our students and staff in a little less than nine weeks.

A great group of students have settled into the school as our new Year 7 cohort. This group of young people are to be commended on the enthusiastic and focused manner in which they have taken up secondary school. As well, students from all other year levels have generally settled quickly into their studies with the required purpose. The minority who haven’t made the appropriate start to the year have been identified through the mid-term progress checks. Support has been provided to assist these students in catching up, mainly through the requirement to attend supervised after-school redemption classes.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
MONDAY 22ND APRIL

There will be the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with all of their teachers on Monday the 22nd April, with the scheduling of interviews from 2.00 pm – 7.30 pm. Your son or daughter should have begun organising interview times for you, with their teachers, as the appointment booklets have been distributed for some time.

Please note, that if the industrial bans are still in place, the usual practice of holding classes in the morning will not be able to occur. Students will not attend formal classes on the day, but are strongly encouraged to accompany parents to the interviews with their teachers.

If the bans are lifted, we will resume our usual practice of holding classes for the first three periods of the day until 11.50 am. Whichever situation prevails, students are encouraged to come with their parents to the interviews. We do hope that you will understanding of the lack of clarity around this matter, at the moment.

STAFFING UPDATE TERM 2

Ross Eberhard will be taking long service leave for the whole of the second term, and in his absence his classes will be taken by Ed Harris. As well as being a teacher of English and History, Ross is the Year 7 – 9 Program Manager, and during his time away this role will be filled by Ashley Dawson. Ashley will also continue in his role as Year 7 Coordinator.

Gayle Anderson will be on leave for the first six weeks of Term Two, and her replacement will be Tom Reddaway. Juli Black will coordinate the VCAL program in Gayle’s absence, adding to her Careers responsibilities within the school.

BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

We have finally reached the point of having a building company appointed for the construction of our Sustainability Centre and the Sci-Tech Centre. CDK Commercial Construction will commence the excavation work on the 8th April during the holidays. We are currently in the process of working out the management of the two areas that will become construction sites for what optimistically will be for the next five to six months.

OPEN DAY

Open day was a huge success with record numbers attending. The heightened level of interest in the college must surely be attributed in some significant way to the impressive level of performance of our students, which has gone from strength to strength in recent years. Although there is much more to a student’s learning and development than what is measured...
by NAPLAN, this is one of the few measures available to those who are not part of the school community. Our 2013 NAPLAN results were particularly impressive within the context of local schools. Year 7 Reading and Numeracy results were above the average for Australian schools, as were the Year 9 Writing and Numeracy results. The gain our 2012 Year 9 students made in Numeracy from Year 7 was particularly outstanding, as well as being above state and national averages. The strength of our 2012 VCE results have been reported previously in earlier newsletters.

The strong academic performance of our students reflected in both our NAPLAN and VCE results, are ultimately a stronger drawcard than anything we can offer on an Open Day. Nonetheless, Open Days play an important role in informing prospective families about the programs and learning culture FCC has to offer. A very big thank you to all staff, students and parents who contributed to making this year’s Open Day an enormous success.

DESTINATION TANZANIA AFRICA
ANOTHER WORLD CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITY

In this edition you can read first hand accounts of our students' amazing experiences in Borneo on last year’s World Challenge trip—see below. It is also time to announce our proposal for the next World Challenge trip for 2014. Current Year 9 and 10 students who decide to opt for this trip will be venturing further afield and will be off to Tanzania, Africa. There will be opportunities to go on safari, trek across the Makonde plateau, and explore coastal towns close to Mozambique and untouched by tourism. They will be able to get involved in projects in local schools and villages, and work alongside different tribal groups. Trips like this are potentially life changing—as student testimonies below will confirm—and are an opportunity not to be missed by those who are up for the challenge. The information session for those interested in this trip will be held on the evening of Tuesday 30th April.

NEWLY ELECTED SRC

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC members—Year 12 Kingsley O’Connor and Karla Livingstone-Pardy, Year 11 Danielle Thielke and Brett Curran, Year 10 Bailey Perceval and Bella McMillan, Year 9 Isabelle Sturme and Tobias Thomas, Year 8 Andre Arellano and Flavia Hai, and Year 7 Imogen Braun and Jamie Brown. Thank you also to all of those students who nominated for the SRC and showed an interest and commitment to being actively involved the school.

There was wide and enthusiastic participation in the election process, and thank you to teacher, David Borg for playing a significant organisational role in this. We wish the elected representative group the best for a successful and productive year, and look forward to the growth of student voice within the school community.

On behalf of the college, we hope all families have time to relax and enjoy the upcoming break, and hope that all students return fully invigorated for the challenge of an eleven week term.

Maria Bawden - Principal

WORLD CHALLENGE EXPEDITION - BORNEO 2012

On November 13th 2012, twelve Footscray City students, teachers Kellie & Mark & the World Challenge leader Charlie culminated 18 months of planning & preparation by embarking on a month long expedition to Malaysian Borneo. Here are some edited thoughts from a few of our participating students with accompanying photos.

“It was a very different experience for me and definitely changed my life. Whilst being in a different country, with very different people you eventually learn to appreciate what you have at home. We ventured all over the country; from Sarawak to Sabah and everywhere in between. From our first drop off at Kuching the adventure had started and I was ready to tackle anything that would come my way. The locals were all very helpful, and made travel a lot easier. Mem-
bers of my group kept me going when I was feeling down, feeling homesick and when I was physically exhausted. Climbing Mt Kinabalu was by far the hardest thing I have ever done; but reaching the top was easily my greatest achievement. Whilst looking over the edge at the peak of the mountain a sense of accomplishment was felt by my whole team. I gained a lot of skills: how to deal with stress, team building and commitment to a task. World Challenge was really a life changing experience and I would recommend it to anybody who enjoys something different, challenging and wants to see the world”.

Rourke Velianovski Year 11

“For me, the month-long expedition to Borneo was absolutely incredible. I made some great friendships and developed skills in communication, organisation, and teamwork. I learnt to deal with stressful situations, and was challenged, both mentally and physically. The hardest part for me was the jungle trekking. I found that being so isolated and removed from civilization was quite mentally straining. But getting through that with the support of others made me a much stronger person and brought us closer as a group. The most rewarding part of the expedition was seeing our entire group reach the top of Mt Kinabalu, the highest point in Malaysia, at just over 4000m. With a tremendous amount of strength, we supported and encouraged each other all the way to the top of that mountain. The project in the remote village of Bario was also a highlight for me. Meeting and associating with the locals, whilst learning about their ways of life was both intriguing and invigorating. Working in the health centre for that week was a highly rewarding experience, and the hospitality of the local people was incredible. By the end of the trip, I felt that I had been through a lot but had also gained so much life experience. I now have the urge to travel again and hope to explore much more of the world.”

Hannah Clifton Year 11

“Our trip to Borneo was an experience I will carry with me for the rest of my life. The skills I learned and the friendships I made will serve me well. If you had asked me 4 months ago what kind of an effect I felt the expedition would have on me my response would have been sceptical to say the least. However, since returning I would not hesitate in encouraging others to embark on expeditions of their own. From seeing the world’s largest orang-utan to summiting one of the highest peaks in South East Asia, assisting in the development of a remote communities’ health clinic and simply interacting with village children I can hardly think of a more rewarding experience. Despite both physical and emotional challenges our team persevered and we became a family. Families are not groups that always get along perfectly or even well but they do look out for each other. They help push you and you help push them to be the best they can be. Families are dependable. Family knows that no matter the trials or tribulations family stick with you and that is what I have with the people who I embarked on this journey with and I could never be more grateful for anything than I am for that”.

By Eamon Gough Yr12 Co-Student Leader

As the reports indicate, World Challenge really does test the resolve of the students but the benefits & skills acquired makes it a life changing experience for all involved. On behalf of all involved, we would like to thank Maria Bawden & the School Council for their support throughout all the expedition & pre-planning stage. We would also like to announce that Footscray City is planning to tackle Tanzania in Africa late in 2014 so if you are in Year 9 or 10 this year & think you are up for the CHALLENGE OF A LIFETIME keep posted for further details.

Mark Komp - Co-Leader World Challenge 2012

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YEAR 7 NUMERACY?

It’s now the end of term, and to date, students have completed their first topic of the year, “Number,” revising their arithmetic, looking at patterns and developing their problem solving skills. In any new environment it is of high priority to assess our students to establish a base-
line to measure progress and from which to develop catered programs for individual students. Your child may have recently come home talking about this, the “On-Demand” competency test, they took online- make sure to ask them about it- what did they learn from this test? The maths teachers have worked very hard putting together a rigorous maths program at Yr 7. Students not only have a text to work from but for each topic taught, students are tested and assessed to allow teachers to develop a catered program. Students are provided with an Instruction and Homework booklet that allows them to revise topics from grade 6, consolidate their year 7 learning, and provides extended material for those students who are above their level.

Tom Falzon - Mathematics Co-ordinator

YEAR 12 PHYSICS DAY AT LUNA PARK
On 6th March, Footscray City College’s Year 12 physics class had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Physics Day at Luna Park. Students were able to feel first-hand the physics motion concepts they’ve been learning about in the classroom, on 9 different rides. These included rides such as “the Enterprise”- a fast-spinning disc that demonstrated concepts of circular motion; “Metropolis”, a roller coaster on which students discussed energy transformations and the “Twin Dragon” a pendulum-like ride demonstrating oscillating motion. Students also enjoyed investigating Newton’s First Law on the dodgem cars- demonstrating that you will continue at constant speed until something (like a wall or another car) stops you. My personal favourite was the carousel which, while demonstrating yet more physics concepts, moved at a far more suitable speed for my tastes (and for some students too, I suspect). Students were also fortunate enough to see the aerobatic display from the St Kilda foreshore provided by the RAAF Roulette team, who were available for students to talk to during the day. The Australian Defence Force was also present at Luna Park, talking with students about the aerospace engineering tertiary courses on offer after Year 12.

Tom Falzon - Mathematics Coordinator

MARIE CURIE SCIENCE PARTY
Last week saw the first meeting of the Marie Curie Science Party and we were lucky enough to have Jacinta den Besten from the Astrophysics Group at the University of Melbourne talk to the girls about her career in and pathway to the sciences. Below is an edited version of her blog, the full article can be viewed at http://telescopesinschools.wordpress.com

‘Last week I had the opportunity to talk at the inaugural all girl science club meeting at Footscray City College about being a scientist, and in particular about being a female physicist. The club is named after the famed Marie Curie, winner of two Nobel Prizes for her amazing research on Radioactivity. Around 25 students turned up for the first Marie Curie club meeting and it was wonderful to see such a huge interest in the sciences. Given that their namesake is such a famed and well known Physicist, I was also keen to introduce them to Marie and a few more amazing women who in various ways had contributed greatly to Science. With such a huge number to choose from and only a limited amount of time, I chose to speak about the following wonderful Scientists;

- Marie Curie, first woman to win a Nobel Prize for her work on Radioactivity
- Ruby Payne-Scott, born in Australia and first person to detect the Sun through radio waves and responsible for identifying many solar characteristics. She was the third female to graduate in Physics at the University of Sydney.
- Jocelyn Bell, discovered Pulsars during her PhD.
- Fabiola Gianotti, team leader of 3000 members responsible for discovering the Higgs Boson, nominated for Time Magazine’s Person of the Year 2012

I think everyone in Science has these women, and so many others to thank for setting precedents, activating for women and student's rights, for demonstrating that women have so much to contribute and for paving the way for so many more careers for women in Science. My message to the girls at the science club meeting was that it definitely appears to be easi-
er these days to be a female scientist and that as females we have many qualities to bring to the field of science. Science is fun, an exciting field to be in as it evolves constantly with each new discovery and allows us to contribute to the world in so many ways. It was a great pleasure to talk with the girls and I look forward to seeing them at the Astronomy nights and hearing about their other scientific pursuits.

THE AMAZING SPAGHETTI MACHINE
FCC is once again entered in the Amazing Spaghetti Machine competition. Organised by the Melbourne School of Engineering at the University of Melbourne, The Amazing Spaghetti Machine Contest was launched in 2011 as part of the School of Engineering’s 150th anniversary celebrations. The contest is an annual competition for school students in which knowledge and skills in maths, science, engineering, and project management are put to the test in the creation of a ‘spaghetti machine’ — the Italian term for an overly complex machine or device that is used to perform a relatively simple task. FCC has entered this contest every year and interested students should contact Adam Taylor ASAP. There are only 10 places on the team. Further information can be found at the website, http://www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/spaghettimachine/ and you can see an online article about last years’ team at http://bit.ly/MawMuH.

Adam Taylor - Science Coordinator

LATEST NEWS FROM FCC LIBRARY
POSITIONS AVAILABLE! WE NEED YOUR HELP!
FCC Library would like to re-launch HARBRINGER, the library’s online student anthology but we need some extra help from some exceptional students. If you think you have what it takes to be one of the 2013 Student Editors of HARBRINGER (this would look great on a resume or uni application) then we want to hear from you. If you are committed, responsible, organised, mature, good at or passionate about English and the Arts, have excellent computer skills and can work well as part of a team then give your application to Daniel in the library or send it via email to: micallef.daniel.d@edumail.vic.gov.au with STUDENT EDITOR in the subject line.
To apply, write no more than a page explaining why you want the gig and why you think you’d be good at it.

We want HARBRINGER to be outstanding this year so we need outstanding editors, therefore make sure your application stands out! Successful applicants will be notified early in Term 2.

YOUR FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO THE DIGITAL AGE!
All students from years 9 to 12 have recently been given a personal subscription to the Digital Age from our library. It gives you an exact copy of the print Age in digital format that is searchable and archived for six months. This is a fantastic resource for studying current issues especially for VCE students. To log on you need to open your school email account (yes, you have one) and follow the instructions that were sent to you by the Age. If you're not sure how to get into your email account speak to your friendly library staff or ask a teacher for help.

CINCITY
Footscray City College library presents CINCITY: An extracurricular club where students can view films from various times, genres and countries. There will be info sheets handed out on each film and students will be encouraged to think about and discuss the different elements of the filmmaking process and how these combine to create an effect or tell a story. CinCity will run during the colder months. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more info about where and when. A list of the films to be exhibited will be released next term.

Daniel Micallef - Librarian
FRIENDS OF FOOTSCRAY CITY COLLEGE
The Friends of Footscray were delighted to welcome many new faces to our recent meeting. We are currently working on fundraising ideas for this year. If you have suggestions please let us know. We will soon be calling for applications for small grants. Last year we were able to give $10,000 back to the school in many and varied ways. Once again we will be supporting and fundraising at the Chef’s dinner and are seriously thinking of another trivia night later in the year.

We are also offering the 2013/2014 Entertainment™ Book. The Entertainment™ Book contains hundreds of valuable ‘up to 50% off’ and ‘2-for-1’ offers from many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!

The new 2013 | 2014 Entertainment™ Books launch between March and May 2013. Follow the link below to secure yours now.

https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1885g74

FRIENDS OF FOOTSCRAY CITY COLLEGE - SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
URGENT: MORE STOCK REQUIRED.

Turn your used, out-grown and no longer needed uniforms into cash. We have a clearance rate of more than 80% within 2 months of receipt of garments.

Trading dates for Term Two:
Tuesday 17 April 2013 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Thursday 23 May 2013 9.00 am – 10.00 am
Tuesday 11 June 2013 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Garments can be purchased and deposited on these dates.
Come to the cafeteria. CASH ONLY. All garments 50% of new price.

Used uniforms can be submitted AT ANY TIME by arrangement with Michael Greenway.
Telephone 0401 800 811.

WANTED URGENTLY
Yarraville Glory F.C
Need U14 players for their soccer team.
If you are interested please come down to McIvor Reserve, Yarraville on a Wednesday or Friday night between 6 and 7.30pm
Mark 0422307227

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
La Trobe University is opening its doors for you
Date: 5th Apr 2013 9:30am - 4:30pm
To Register - Contact: Future Students Centre study@latrobe.edu.au

Future Student Information Experience La Trobe is designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to get a taste of what it’s like to be a Uni student for a day and get the inside scoop on what really happens after high school.
Participate in workshops of your choice, find out about student life and check out the Melbourne campus, including student accommodation. If you have any questions - University students and staff will be there to help you out.
Experience La Trobe is a free event - with lunch and entertainment on us!