Welcome back to all for Term two, and we look also look forward to welcoming parents and students to the first parent teacher Interviews on Monday (22nd April). These interviews are quite a significant occasion in terms of parents and teachers communicating and working together to support our students, and we optimistically anticipate a high level of attendance.

**Building Project Construction**

Apart from the new building projects causing some disruption, particularly to the main entrance to the school, all else has started smoothly. In spite of the inconvenience of the cordoning off of part of our walkway and a section of the front grounds, it will be well worth it to have our new Sci-Tech Centre at the end of it all. The construction of the Sustainability Centre on the Farnsworth Avenue site is of no real inconvenience and it will be an exciting addition to the school’s facilities, providing a state-of-the-art centre for students from Years 7 to 12 to study Environmental Science programs as well as Horticulture. The construction of these two centres is expected to be a six month process, with the builders projected completion date for September.

We are also pleased to be returning to school with the prospect of a long overdue resolution to the industrial situation. The official endorsement of the proposed agreement is yet to occur, but we are commencing the term with all bans lifted.

**Year 7 Family BBQ Thursday 9th May**

Our normal practice for many years has been to invite our Year 7 parents and families to a BBQ early in Term One. As it was not possible in Term One of this year, we are now extending an invitation to all Year 7 families to attend a BBQ at the college on Thursday 9th May. Homegroup teachers will be there to meet with parents in a more informal situation compared to the parent-teacher interview day. Also it gives parents the opportunity to meet the parents of their child’s new friends. We do hope everyone will be able to attend, and specific invitations with an RSVP will be distributed.

Finally, it is hoped that all students will be able to settle into a productive and rewarding term, so that, come the end of June, they will be very pleased with their success and achievements for Semester One.

*Maria Bawden - Principal*

**MUSIC REPORT**

It’s been another great start to the year in music, with record numbers of students enrolling in the instrumental music program, and a number of exciting performances having already taken place. This has included a visit from international music guru Sandip Burman who, showed off his skills on traditional Indian instruments, the Sitar and Tabla finger-drums, and shared his experiences of recording with artists such as the Beatles and Journey.

A reminder that although instrumental lessons are up and running, there are still positions available for students with or without experience, especially in brass and woodwind classes. Our YCB (Young Concert Band), catering for players of these and other instruments, will be kicking off again this term, so students who are interested should inform David in the music office ASAP. There will be special ‘Pizza-Rehearsals’ and an upcoming excursion to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra for YCB members, as well as other music students.
Upcoming Music Events

Year 7 Parents BBQ Concert: Thursday 9th May
A rooftop performance featuring: 7EU & a student covers band

VCE Music Evening Concert – Wednesday 15th May - FCC Theatre
Year 11 and 12 VCE ensembles perform their prepared repertoire

Recital Assessments: May 20th - May 31st - During lesson time
Instrumental students perform solo pieces for assessment

Ensemble Assessments: May 27th - June 7th - During lesson time
Instrumental students perform in groups for assessment

Sing! Evening Concert – Week 9: Date TBA – FCC Theatre
Students in the singing program perform in concert

Chef’s Dinner Concert: Wednesday 29th May
A selection of covers and originals by senior music students

Mid-Year Evening Concert – Thursday June 6th – FCC Theatre
A showcase of our best music performances of the semester, across all year levels and instrument groups - FCC Theatre

“13” THE MUSICAL
Rehearsals are officially underway for this year’s school musical, ‘13’. The cast has been selected and the band is being assembled, ready for rehearsals. There is a lot of excitement around this production and we are already looking forward to opening night in week 4 of Term 3! Stay tuned for further updates.

David Borg - Music Coordinator

THIS WEEK IN SCIENCE

Sea Shepherd Conservation Science Excursion
On Thursday the 18th of April 9C ventured to Williamstown harbor to explore the Sea Shepherd boats. We were guided through the Steve Irwin and the Sam Simon. Our guides explained the important role they play in keeping our ocean balanced and saving the whale species from extinction. We really enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about how a working ship operates, and the predicaments faced when living in Antarctica, while trying to save a species. Many of the students are now thinking about becoming members of Sea Shepherd when they are older, or finding ways to fundraise and help Sea Shepherd continue their mission, as they are only funded by donations. In their last campaign Sea Shepherd saved 932 whales from slaughter. 9C is now discussing the importance of our oceans and is looking forward to making a difference.

Isabelle Sturmey - Year 9

Engineers Without Boarders
Engineers Without Borders will visit some year 9 science classes to deliver a water filtration module. The water filter module involves the issue of access to clean drinking water in places like Cambodia, East Timor and Nepal. The workshop gets the students to break into groups representing a ‘country’ and then each country needs to buy the materials to build a basic water filter. At the end of the workshop dirty water is poured through the water filters, with the aim to have the water come out as clean as possible. We then have a short class discussion about how we might solve these problems in the real world. More information about Engineers Without Borders can be found at http://www.ewb.org.au/

On a similar note the FCC Environmental Justice Club had its first meeting on Friday to discuss the way forward. They will initially be fundraising for Sea Shepherd the anti-whaling group and further activities will be student driven. Any students interested in joining this group may contact Elaine Rose (Science staffroom) for further information.
FCC ASTRONOMY EVENINGS
All Parents and Budding Astronomers
This year FCC will be holding astronomy viewing on a tri-weekly basis beginning Tuesday 23rd April. To avoid confusion the events will run regardless of weather/viewing conditions. To kick start these events FCC is lucky enough to have Dr. Alan Duffy, Melbourne University astrophysicist, sharing his experience at the recent Federation Square event asking the question Are we alone in this vast universe, or are there planets outside our solar system teeming with life?
Proceedings begin at 6:30pm until approximately 8:30pm and will consist of a talk from Dr. Duffy in conjunction with viewing of the night sky with the schools telescope. Saturn rises shortly after sunset and offers a spectacular viewing experience at this time of the year. Students, parents and siblings are all welcome and should meet in the front foyer of the school. Further enquiries can be directed to Adam Taylor via the school.

MARINE EDUCATION PROGRAM—TEACHWILD
Students in Y8 and Y9 at Footscray City College are involved in the Marine Education Program through TeachWild. Students and teachers have the opportunity to get involved in hands-on field research across Australia. Marine debris affects more than 270 species of marine animals worldwide, however little is known about the impact on Australia’s wildlife. Marine debris affects the entire food chain, but we know very little about the full impacts. Students and teachers at Footscray City College have the opportunity to get involved in hands-on field research. TeachWild will survey and map the distribution of marine debris to better understand marine debris and its impacts on Australian wildlife. Students at the College have identified a site close to Williamstown Beach to carry out a beach survey and will be visiting this site to complete transect studies.
During the Term One vacation, I was given the opportunity to take part in an exciting EarthWatch scientific field trip to Phillip Island. This involved similar field research to that which will be undertaken by the Year 8 and 9 students involved in the Teach Wild program. The highlights of the field trip included
- A presentation on recent research of Phillip Island’s penguin colony
- Completing transect studies on marine debris (eg fishing nets, rope, polystyrene and plenty of hard plastic)
- Necropsies of recently dead birds including penguins, revealing the ingestion of a lot of plastic waste
- A presentation on seal entanglement at Seal Rocks

The whole week was filled with science learning experiences which were of immeasurable professional value for us as educators and will certainly be beneficial in enriching the learning experiences of our students.

Michael Hardiker (Sustainability Co-ordinator)

LIBRARY CENTRED EXTRA-CURRICULA HAPPENINGS TERM 2

CIN CITY—Film Club
Footscray City College library presents CINCity: An extracurricular club where students can view films from diverse 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 in the next few weeks. See Daniel Micallef in the Library if interested.

Photography Club
Photography Club is happening again and will meet Tuesday lunchtimes in the Library computer Room. The first meeting will be this week on 23rd April. There are already two very
interesting photographic excursions planned for the club members this term. One will be a
trip to the zoo on the 2nd May, and the other will involve an Architects' Tour of Melbourne.
Thank you to Mus Eyiam, one of our library staff who organises the club, and to Andrew Fil-
ipovic, one of our parents, who generously provides his time and professional expertise to
assist our students develop their talents in photography. Andrew worked with this club
throughout 2012, and we are most appreciative that he is returning to continue his work with
us again this year.

Chess Club
The Chess Club is well underway, and meets every Thursday lunchtime. The students in-
volved in this club are currently involved in an in-house competition run by an external body,
Oz Schools. The competition runs for seven weeks, and Oz Schools provides a range of
prizes for the successful competitors. Following the in-house competition, club members will
be moving into an interschool competition. See Mus Eyiam in the Library if interested in either
the Photography or Chess Clubs.

Harbinger—Student Online Anthology Editorial Board
POSITIONS AVAILABLE! WE NEED YOUR HELP!
FCC Library would like to re-launch HARBINGER, 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 HARBINGER (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
e-mail 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 HARBINGER to be outstanding this year so we need outstanding editors, therefore
make sure your application stands out! Be quick - applications close at 5pm on Monday
29th April and successful candidates will be notified that week.

Mustafa Eyiam - Clubs Coordinator             Daniel Micallef—Library Manager

HOMEWORK CLUB
Every day after school (except Friday), the library stays open till 5.00 pm so that students can
get their homework done,
Those students who need help will need to see either of three teachers: Ryan Wiese, Johnny
Kesselschmidt or Emma Banks.

THE SMITH FAMILY
Families with Healthcare or Pension cards can receive free $500 for education expenses
If you are not already familiar with the Saver Plus program, it is a completely free program
(delivered by The Smith Family in Brimbank, Melton and Maribyrnong) that provides parents
with financial education and asks them to save up to $50 a month for 10 months, which we
then match, up to $500. The $500 we give them must be spent on education costs such as
uniforms, textbooks, stationary, laptops, sports and music lessons and school camps/
excursions (pretty much anything school related except fees).
Below is a link with more information about the Saver Plus program.
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:
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.

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. See our ad below 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

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM 2013

INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS

As a result of fundraising activities, the Friends of Footscray City College have again made available $10,000 to the school. These funds will be distributed through a small grants program.

Teaching staff, parents and students are encouraged to apply for a small grant using the application form and are to be submitted by close of business Monday the 6th May 2013. Contact footscray@mac.com.

The Friends of Footscray City College will assess the applications against the following criteria:

- Link to educational outcomes
- Benefit to the whole school community
- Originality of concept

Smaller cost concepts (up to $2000) are preferred as this enables the funds to be spread across applications. As part of the process, applications will be discussed with the Principal to ensure that existing funds are not available to fund the concept.

Please note that only submissions received on application forms will be considered.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications in writing during the week of 13th May 2013. Successful applications will be announced in the school newsletter and on the website.

It is an expectation that you or a nominated person be present at the annual Chef’s dinner to give a brief overview of your successful application.
Inclusive Technology Workshop

A workshop for tweens, teens and young people with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, their parents/carers and educators and other professionals.

Date: Saturday, 4 May
Time: 1-4pm
Cost: Free
Venue: Victoria University
Sunshine Convention Centre
Gate 1, 460 Ballarat Road, Sunshine

This special 3-hour workshop will look at a range of Inclusive Technologies that are being used in schools, universities and workplaces throughout the world that support people with learning disabilities such as dyslexia in reading, writing, spelling and organisational skills.

Presenters

Gerry Kennedy  ICT Consultant And Trainer In Inclusive Technologies.
Dip. T., B.Ed., M.Ed.

Reece Gains  Director, Diversity Exchange; Bachelor Social Work (RMIT);
Diploma of Arts; Certificate: Social Cultural Animation In Cultural Social Work

Trevor Boyd  Quantum Technology
Vision Australia Library

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