ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL
TUESDAY 21 MAY 5.30 PM
All school community members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College Council next Tuesday at 5.30 pm. At this meeting the Annual Report to the Community will be presented. A major section of this report includes the school’s data relating to VCE and NAPLAN results as well as student attendance, student engagement, retention rates and student destination data. This data is also represented graphically in relation to the results of all students in Victorian government schools. Our students can be proud of their achievements as they stand up very well within the state wide context. To hear a more detailed account of the school’s performance and some of the explicit directions of the college please feel welcome to attend the AGM next Tuesday.

MID-TERM PROGRESS CHECKS
Mid-term Progress checks will be completed by teachers during the week of the 20th May, and once completed they will be made available to parents via Compass. These particular checks are vital in terms of ensuring that students are on track to successfully completing their subjects for Semester One. Coordinators will be following up with the parents of any students who appear to be at risk of not achieving success in their first semester, and these students will be required to attend after school classes to complete any outstanding work. Parents please note that all of your child’s progress reports and semester reports are accessible to you at any time once they are initially made available to you on Compass. In addition to the 2013 reports, the 2012 semester reports are available on Compass for any students who attended the college last year.

STAFFING UPDATE
We have an unexpected change commencing this week, with personal circumstances making it necessary for Elizabeth Simpson to take leave for the remainder of Term Two. Fortunately we have a very able young Canadian teacher, Charlie Mishra who has taken over Elizabeth’s teaching load. Year 10 Coordination will be the responsibility of Vicki Tentzoglidis until Elizabeth returns.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TUESDAY 28 MAY – STUDENT FREE DAY
On Tuesday 28th May, all staff will be involved in a curriculum development day and students will not be required at school. The main focus of the day will be to ensure our curriculum is aligned with the national curriculum and to produce the appropriate documentation.

FCC STUDENTS PROFILED IN THE AGE
VCE student, Kazim Mosawi who arrived in Australia from Afghanistan last year featured on the front page of this Monday’s Age, photographed in his lifesaver outfit. Kazim who has no family support in Australia, has signed up as a volunteer with the Williamstown Surf Lifesaving Club for reasons that are best put in his own words ‘I want to do something for this country because this country has done so much for me.’ Kazim, with his particular circumstances and his commitment to giving back to his community makes him an exemplary role model within our school and within the wider community.

Fantine Banuls, one of our Year 10 students, was also featured in the Arts & Entertainment section of last Saturday’s Age. Fantine is performing in On the Bodily Education of Young
Girls, a play which is directed by Adena Jacobs and will be presented as part of the Melbourne Theatre Company’s Neon Festival of Independent Theatre. Jacobs describes it as ‘a gothic fairytale except there is no evil witch or big bad wolf to kill off, and relieve the tension.’ The article also quotes Fantine with some insightful comments on the theme which is based around the notion that ‘obedience is the only path to happiness.’ The college is proud of both Fantine and Kazim and their contribution in the wider world, both making their mark in different but special ways.

Maria Bawden - Principal

THEATRE STUDIES
Students of Year 11 Theatre Studies have been rehearsing and performing their Greek Theatre and Medieval productions of “Oedipus” and “Everyman” as part of their VCE unit 1 assessment. The study of Ancient Theatre has been a wonderful experience for all of us, the richness of the history and the themes presented make it a very challenging creative process. Students have learnt some of the differences between the formal acting style of the Greeks compared with the more physical theatre of the street performers and roving players from the middle ages. Group photos show Hannah Spratling, Grace Gangl, Brett Curran, Rourk Velianovski, Briley Randall.

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’s 150th anniversary celebrations. The contest is an annual competition for schools 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.

Team members meet in the Science room every Tuesday lunchtime, bring your lunch!!
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.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!
The Amazing Spaghetti team needs your help. We need marbles, ball bearings, wind up toys and toy train tracks or something similar, but any old toys or construction sets like Leggo and Mechano would be appreciated. Contact Adam through school (83871544) or the General Office.

SOLAR ECLIPSE
Last Friday bright and early with the help of Brad and Alan, Astrophysicists from the University of Melbourne, we watched with our special glasses as the Sun gradually turned into ‘PACMAN’ before returning to normal about 10.00 am.

Though invisible to the naked eye, there was audible amazement from students with gasps of ‘Wow!!’ and ‘That’s awesome!’ to be heard continuously once the students donned the solar glasses. The next partial eclipse in Melbourne will not be until 2018. Not an everyday event.

NEXT ASTRONOMY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY
MEET AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT 6Pm
Bring the whole family!!

There will be a lecture by an astrophysicist regardless of weather
CINECITY STARTS MONDAY 20th MAY
If you are a fan of cult, arthouse or classic movies then this is the club for you! We will be regularly screening films from various times, countries and genres and talking about the techniques used to make them. The first screening will be of Steven Spielberg’s 1971 action-packed thriller, DUEL on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May in the cinema at lunchtime. The films will start promptly at 12:50pm - bring your lunch with you.

Caught REaD Handed
Book Club dates for Term 2:
Monday 31st May  
Friday 21st June
Book club will be held in the library classroom. Students are welcome to bring their lunch and we will be discussing favourite novels and authors. Snacks provided. Please email Emma Pollock to express interest or with any queries pollock.emma.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
Cheers, Emma Pollock

YEAR 9 & 10 PATHWAYS UPDATE
Year 10 - Wednesday May 15  Visit to La Trobe University
Year 10 - Launch of Work Experience 2013
“Work Experience. The Play” - Students are attending this “in-house” performance to launch the Work Experience countdown and illuminate the challenges of the “real world”. Before the play, students will need to consider these four questions:
How do I know I am getting the right pay?
Why are some people paid more than others?
Why do young people get lower pay?
What is the difference between an unpaid trial work and the work experience program?

WORK EXPERIENCE DATES - Year 10 students please note
Work Experience is in the final two weeks of school for this year Monday, December 2nd until Friday, December 13th 2013.
You should start organising your Work Experience now.
Do not leave your Work Experience arrangements until the last minute.
The deadline for the Work Experience Arrangement form is the first day of Term 4 Monday October 7th.
Full details will be released on Tuesday, May 21st - watch this space!

WHAT IS LEAP?
Check it out at  http://www.leap.vic.edu.au
LEAP aims to help you and your child learn more about their career options in different professions, and the role of university study in attaining their career goal, by offering access to a range of university campus, workplace and school-based activities and online resources. The LEAP Program can show your child the importance of higher education by focusing on professional careers. The first professions include the Design, Engineering, Health, and Law. Other professional fields will be added over time.
Eight Victorian Universities and the Victorian campus of the Australian Catholic University, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and Independent Schools Victoria are all partners in the LEAP program.

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL STUDY
Participants needed: FREE study for overweight young people looking for help.
Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program for overweight adolescents.
Participation involves completing height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measurements and an online questionnaire at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months. Parents are also invited to participate. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those participants who have kept their appointments. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for 550 overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne.

Enquiries Karly Cini 9345 6954 stayingfit@mcri.edu.au
For more info: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit

PARENTS VICTORIA ONLINE CONFERENCE
Parents and other interested participants are warmly invited to take part in the seventh annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held nonstop on the internet during Education Week, commencing at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday 19 May, with discussion topics including:

Reporting School Canteens Teachers Inclusive Education Education Funding
The Impact of Technology Bus Safety The Role of the School

There is also the opportunity to comment on other Education issues. Participation is free. No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate are provided. Each day there will be a PV host and/or special guests who will be able to respond to comments and stimulate discussion.

To register go to http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/default.php
For further information, email: office@parentsvictoria.asn.au
Telephone (03) 9380 2158 or visit: www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

The conference is proudly supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS
I would like to bring to your attention a study being run by the University of Melbourne which may be of interest to parents and teenagers aged 12-15 at Footscray City College. The study is titled First Aid Training for Parents of Teenagers (TPOT study) and aims to teach parents how to recognize and respond to emerging mental health problems in teenagers and how to help a teenager should they require first aid, by offering a two-day course to parents for FREE. The following courses are offered (a Certificate will be awarded on successful completion):

- a 14-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid course, which teaches the skills to recognize the early signs of mental illness, identify potential mental health-related crises, and assist teenagers to get the help they need as early as possible and
- a 15-hour Australian Red Cross Apply First Aid course, which teaches the skills to sustain life, reduce pain and minimise the consequences of injury and illness until professional help arrives.

Both of these courses will be held at Red Cross College, 23-47 Villiers Street in North Melbourne on 25-26 May 2013 (from 9am – 5pm)

Registration is done online at www.tpot.net.au. During the registration process, the parent is randomly assigned into one course or the other. Before parents can attend their free course, a brief telephone interview is required by both the parent and teenager. These are done separately and can be booked at a time that suits each individual.
The Hospitality Department and Friends of Footscray invite you to join us to experience the culinary expertise of our Year 11 and 12 students who will be guided by Sean Donovan from the Station Hotel in Footscray. Book a seat, or a table at the General Office 8387 1500

The Friends have been working hard to gather goods for silent auctions. Some of which include:

- A round of golf at Medway Golf Course
- A barista course
- A photo shoot
- Dinner at the Quietman or maybe at STRATUS 233
- Perhaps you would like to sit in on a session on ABC radio with JOHN FAINE and then have a tour of the studios
- Yoga at Yogaville
- Thai Massage at True Thai in the city
- Considering selling or renting out a property soon? BARRY PLANT have put together 2 great prizes reducing the price of both
- A big bean bag from King Kahuna
- A pack of beautiful condiments from the Regimental Condiment Company
- Maybe you need a webpage designed: YTelco have offered this service valued at $495

These are just a few of what will be up for grabs at our wonderful Chef's Dinner.

FRIENDS OF FOOTSCRAY CITY COLLEGE

The Friends of Footscray were delighted to welcome many new faces to our meetings. We are currently working on fundraising ideas for this year. If you have suggestions please let us know. Our fundraising last year enabled us 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
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.

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**FOOTSCRAY LACROSSE CLUB**

**BOYS AND GIRLS**

Great way to keep fit, make new friends, see the other school for fun.

**AGE GROUPS**

1st, 2nd and 3rd

**TRADING TUES & THUR**

Amphco Reserve Yarraville
PLAY SAT MORNING (BOYS)
SUNDAY MORNING (GIRLS)

Contact

Junior Boys – Shane Adams 0425 789 897
Junior Girls – Anne Keenan 0413 008 798

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**A FURTHER IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**COMPASS - PARENT PORTAL**

Please go on to our website www.footscray.vic.edu.au and log in to the parent portal for Compass, here you can check our new student management system, record an absence for your child, check their timetable, homework assignments, excursions and other school information which also includes your child’s report.

Your should have received a letter with your login details, if you didn't, or have misplaced it, call the General Office 8387 1500 and we will provide them for you again.

We strongly encourage all parents to login and familiarise themselves with this portal as we build it to become a major communication pathway within our college community.