NICOLA ROXON VISITS FOR TOUR OF CONSTRUCTION

Last Tuesday we had Nicola Roxon visit the college to do a tour of the construction sites of our new buildings. As the Federal member for Gellibrand, Nicola was impressed with the potential these new facilities will bring, for increased and exciting opportunities for our students.

These new buildings are being funded by a Federal Government grant which aims to increase the range of courses and pathways available to secondary students, especially those at the senior end. The Sustainability Centre on Farnsworth Avenue site will be an excellent facility for the teaching of environmental science from Years 7 to 12. VCE VTET Horticulture will also be delivered from this facility, and will be open for students from other secondary colleges to enrol. The Sci-Tech Centre will be a purpose built facility for higher-end science and technology, such as Physics, Robotics and Electronic Engineering. VCE VTET Aeroskills – Avionics will be delivered from this facility and it too, will take enrolments from students in other schools.

Thank you to our two Year 9 SRC representatives, Toby Thomas and Isabel Sturmey who met Nicola Roxon on arrival and played a leading role in escorting Nicola around the two building sites. The School Council President, Michael Sturmey and the President of the Friends of FCC, Di Saward were also part of the welcoming group who accompanied Nicola on the tour. Tim Watts who is the endorsed candidate for the seat of Gellibrand for the next election, accompanied Nicola on the visit to the college, as well.

The tour was followed by an afternoon tea where Nicola and Tim were greeted by Year 7 & 8 SRC representatives, Flavia Hai, Andre Orellano, Imogen Braun and Jamie Brown — unfortunately the senior SRC members were involved in exams and final assessments for the semester. A number of parents and staff also attended the afternoon tea. A special thanks to Year 12 student Audrey Saward who made a colourful array of delicious cupcakes, and to Tia Altschwager, Madelaine Drury and Lucy Redmond who did a superb job as waiters, attending attentively to all of the guests.

We now look forward to an Opening ceremony for the two Centres which should be completed in the Term Three holiday — providing we don’t have a particularly wet winter.

FIND ME – YEAR 12 THEATRE STUDIES PRODUCTION

Congratulations to our Year 12 Theatre Studies students who last week, staged Find Me by Olwen Wymark, for two evening performances and a matinee. This was a major assessment task for the students, but it was so much more than an assessment task. It was a very compelling performance that investigated the complexities of the psyche of Verity Taylor, a young girl and later woman, with autism in 1950s - 60s England. The exploration of Verity’s personal torment, the institutionalised response to her condition, and the impact on her family and friends certainly presented a powerful challenge to the emotions and understandings of the audience.

The production was very much a team and student led effort, and Kingsley O’Connor, Oti Willoughby and Patrick Tuikaba put an admirable effort into their joint role as directors. While their teacher, Penny Owen is keen for all credit to go to the students, her professional and creative guidance and teaching must be acknowledged too.

We now wish these Year 12 students all the best in their monologue performance exam in October — and last week’s production of Find Me, suggests the assessors will be treated to some very strong performances.

Maria Bawden - Principal
Footscray City College has recently signed up for a suite of computer tutorials to assist students and their families to make the most of the technology and software available. Tutorials cover the Microsoft office suite, apple and android phones and tablets, digital photography, internet safety and a lot more.

Just go to the Footscray City College website and click on the Computer School link.

The password is footscray

Students could begin by making sure that they have a thorough working knowledge of ‘Microsoft OneNote’ which is a terrific note-taking, exercise book style program which can assist you child to keep their Netbooks organised.

Stephanie Campbell - Assistant Principal

LIVE THEATRE OPPORTUNITIES
Over a number of years Footscray City College has built up a number of excellent industry relationships within the Melbourne Theatre community. As a result of these networks our students have been offered some incredible opportunities to attend preview performances of large scale touring shows like last year’s "War Horse". Again, this year we have been fortunate in being able to take students to "Legally Blonde" and recently "King Kong The Musical" at the Regent Theatre in Collins Street.

There is nothing better than seeing the sheer radiance of our students smiling faces and hearing their chatter after a rousing first act of one of these fabulous shows. For many young people access to large scale productions like these is not a given, so we are very grateful to be able to get so many of our students into these precious theatre seats if the opportunity arises. The popular nature of musicals makes them a good choice for enticing our students and encouraging them to develop a love for live theatre. This time around we had 200 students take up the offer to see Kong roar. You can't beat that!

Thanks goes to Emily Unt Wan and Paul Dooley, Vicki Tentzoglidis and class teachers for helping make such a large scale excursion possible.

Emma Schmidt - Drama Teacher

SCHOOL MUSICAL UPDATE
Our rehearsals for "13 - A New Musical" are well under way and the cast are getting stronger and stronger each rehearsal. The enthusiastic group of students are working tirelessly to make this show the best it can be.

We are almost half way through and the term 3 performance dates are coming up fast. Keep your eyes out for ticket sale announcements in the coming months. With the amazing talent we have here at FCC, "13" promises to be one of our best musicals yet!

Emily Unt Wan - Director

"MAKE A SCENE"
Year 11 Theatre Studies students had an incursion with Rosa De Campagne from "Make a Scene" to learn about the ancient form of Italian farce; Commedia Del Arte. After attending Carlo Goldoni’s reworked classic "A Servant of Two Masters" titled "One Man Two Guvnors" at the Arts Centre, the students already had the experience of seeing first hand how this hilarious slapstick theatre comes alive in performance.

Incursions are also a fantastic form of Professional Development for the class teacher as well as providing students with expert tuition in a particular curriculum area. The students were enthralled by the physical mask activities playing different clown characters like Alechino, Il Dottore and Zanni. This very practical hands on learning helps students truly understand different
art forms and ultimately improves their ability to fulfil their VCE written outcomes too.

Emma Schmidt - VCE Theatre Studies

FOOTSCRAY CITY FILMS
In addition to the Year 10 Career Expo programme, our TAFE Media arm (Footscray City Films) recruits students statewide through stalls at The Age & Herald Sun Careers Expo as well as regional expos like WRICA (Werribee), as well as individual schools like Melbourne Grammar. The TAFE program endeavours to demonstrate our school’s excellence, not only to post Year 12 students but to show the media career advantages in enrolling in our VCE in order to qualify for our media scholarships and range of arts subjects.

These stalls are expensive and require enormous weekend time commitments but are very effective in promoting Footscray City College’s name as a provider of quality educational opportunities statewide. The range of our offerings and the prestige of our Media and TAFE Year 13 Film and Television courses are often of considerable surprise to the tertiary sector and the thousands of secondary students who attend the expos. It even surprises some of our own secondary students who are unaware of our Year 13 TAFE program and its successes. Our Film & TV courses have graduated students who have won Oscars, Emmy’s and Cannes Film Festival awards as well as launching many careers in the media, including Julie McGauran who was recently appointed head of television production at Channel 7, and Amiel Courtin-Wilson who’s recent feature “Hail” won Best Picture at the Melbourne International Film Festival.

Bill Lensky - Media Teacher

HOMESTAY REQUIRED FOR CHINESE STUDENTS
We would like to ask for expressions of interest for parents to provide homestay for 5 nights - July 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26. This is for a group of Chinese students participating in a study tour at Footscray City College. The students’ ages are 14 to 15 years. There will be a payment for providing homestay during this time and it would be most appreciated if parents could assist. Please contact either myself on Mob: 0417 592 495 or Carol Witton on Ph: 8387 1518, for further details.

Maureen O’Flaherty - International Student Coordinator

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION
The Australian Maths Competition is open to all year 7 to 12 students who wish to sit the test on the 1st August 2013. Time and location will be decided at a later date. Any student interested is required to pay $5.50 to the front office. Any student who enters will be in the running for great prizes. Each student will receive a certificate of participation and level of achievement.

Who is it for?
The AMC is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve thirty problems in 75 minutes (Years 7 to 12). Students mark their responses on a mark-sense sheet and these are processed by computer. The earliest problems are very easy. All students should be able to attempt them. The problems get progressively more difficult until the end, when they are challenging to the most gifted student. Students of all standards will make progress and find a point of challenge.

Scope of the AMC
FCC believe this to be the largest event in Australia for which participants pay an entry fee. It is the original competition which started in 1978 and has been run every year since then. The number of entrants in Australia alone in recent years has been of the order of 400,000, enough to fill the MCG four times! There is a Middle Primary Paper (Years 3 and 4), Upper Primary Paper (Years 5 and 6), a Junior Paper (Years 7 and 8), an Intermediate Paper (Years 9 and 10) and a Senior Paper (Years 11 and 12).

If you would like to know more contact me on 83871515.

Tom Falzon - Mathematics Coordinator
The Friends would like to thank everybody for their support for the Chef’s Dinner which was a very successful fund raising event, as well as a wonderful opportunity to experience the talents of our Hospitality students who provided a wonderful three course meal under the guidance of Guest Chef Sean Donovan from the Station Hotel in Footscray.

The following businesses were very generous with their donations for the silent auction and we would like to publicly thank them.


The Friends of Footscray City College donate all money from their fundraising efforts back to the college in the form of Small Grants Awards which the staff and students must apply for.

From last year’s funds the recipients are:

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HOST FAMILIES WANTED!

**JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (WED 24 - TUE 30 JULY)**

We are looking for FCC families to host students from Tokorozawa Nishi Senior High School in Saitama, Japan.

A group of Years 10-12 students will be spending a week in Melbourne on study trip. FCC has an ongoing relationship with Tokorozawa Nishi SHS; their teachers and students have been visiting FCC for many years now. A group of FCC students on the Japan Trip in 2012 were fortunate enough to visit them and spend a day at their school.

Dates: Wed 24 July to Tue 30 July (6 nights)

Note: There will be a farewell BBQ (dinner) for all students and host families on Mon 29 July

Stipend: $240

We would love to get more families from the FCC community to take part in this experience. If you are interested, please contact me (sanada.satoshi.s@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Sohi Lawrence (lawrence.sohi.s@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Satoshi Sanada - Japanese Teacher
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