Congratulations to all of our students who have successfully completed Semester One, and particularly to those who have put in maximum effort in all of their pursuits at school, both academic and extra-curricula.

Second term has been a long one – eleven weeks – and also a very demanding one for many students. Our Year 10 and 11 students have had their exams, and are to be commended for the serious manner in which they conducted themselves in the formal exam setting. Year 12 students and Year 11s completing Year 12 subjects, also sat for their GAT. The external supervisors for the GAT, once again, praised our students for the politeness and high standard of behaviour in the exam setting. Of course, it was not only our senior students who have undertaken exams and tests this term. Our junior students in Years 7 and 9 also underwent three days of testing with NAPLAN.

Apart from the core academic business of the school, much has also happened in our extra-curricula programs in sport, music, drama, SRC, photography club, girls science club, astronomy club, chess club, reading club and film club.

Our student participation in interschool Sport competitions is at an all time high, and you can read more about this and our different teams’ success in the article by our Sports Coordinator, Mark Komp.

In the Music department this term we have had a VCE Band Evening, a Year 12 Solo Evening, and an Instrumental Evening. As well, the Year 11 and 12 Music students have recently done two morning performances for the children of one of our local feeder primary schools, Footscray West. The music program of Footscray West PS is also supported by two of our teachers, Paul Dooley and Rodney Hales, who provide weekly sessions in instrumental music to their students.

Our Drama students have been rolling out productions on what seemed to be a weekly basis. Year 10 Drama students performed a modern adaptation of Shakespeare’s comedy, Taming of the Shrew, under the guidance of their teacher Emily Unt Wan. Emma Schmidt worked with her Year 11 Drama class to produce Togas and Tights. This involved performing adaptations of the Greek tragedy Oedipus the King, and the 15th Century morality play Everyman. Penny Owen worked with her Year 12 Theatre Studies class to stage a moving production of Find Me. The play was about a young girl growing up with autism in 1950s – 60s England, and this group of students are to be commended on their decision to donate to Amaze Autism Victoria, the $1,600 that they raised on the three nights of the production.

The Girls Science Club is leading the way on the scientific front with the organisation of the Marie Curie Science Party series of lectures and science activities celebrating women in science and engineering. Grade 5 and 6 girls from some of our local primary schools have also been invited to participate in this program with our girls mentoring and guiding them in the practical activities. Girls from Footscray Primary attended the first and very successful afternoon of the series, where they were mentored by our girls in the experiment activities. More detail on this and other science based activities can be found in the article by Adam Taylor, Science Coordinator. Finally, thank you to our science club girls for representing our school so wonderfully, and for giving the Footscray Primary visitors such a positive experience of science and of FCC.

A further thank you and special acknowledgement must also go to our students from the current Year 9 Hot Docs class and some from last year’s class for the mentoring and support they have given to the Grade 6 students of Wembley Primary in their film-making project. Due to the collaboration between Wembley Grade 6 teacher, Juliet Taylor, and our teacher, Sue Dwyer we had all Grade 6 Wembley students visit FCC for a morning, and then our stu-
Students reciprocated with a visit to Wembley. This all culminated in us attending a screening of the impressive short films of the Wembley students at the Sun Theatre. Juliet from Wembley, was full of praise for our students and the manner in which they worked with their children on the project. The generous contribution of time and energy by the teachers Sue and Juliet to make this project happen is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to further collaborations with Wembley in the future.

The SRC is proving itself to be a well organised group representing the student voice in the school. They have come up with a number of initiatives that they would like to pursue, and as of next term they will lead all student assemblies. The first opportunity for this will be the large Year 7 – 11 Awards assembly in the second week of term.

The Photography, Chess, Reading and Film Clubs have all provided opportunities for students to pursue their interests in these areas, thanks to the dedicated staff of the Library. In fact, thanks must go to all staff who have volunteered their time to enable the variety of extra-curricula activities for students throughout semester one.

**Staffing Update**

At the end of this term, we are farewelling a long term member of our staff, Karen Pyke. Karen has been the Student Welfare Coordinator at the college since 1993 and has provided invaluable support, guidance and care for hundreds of our students over these years. She has been a fierce and constant advocate for the wellbeing and welfare needs of our students, and her extensive knowledge and experience in this area will be seriously missed. Karen has also been a Humanities teacher and has been a very strong contributor to curriculum discussions. We thank Karen for her significant contribution to the college and to the lives of so many of our students. We wish her the best in her new life that will not be defined by work, and this may have some short-term challenges for someone like Karen who has been enormously dedicated and passionate about her work.

For the remainder of the year the Student Welfare role will be shared by Ross Cornell and Juli Black. Ross will be responsible for Years 7 – 9 students and Juli will be responsible for Years 10 -12.

There will be a small number of teachers on short-term leave at the beginning of term with Alice Armenopoulos, Will Marshall and Elizabeth Simpson away for the first two weeks. Frank Raneri will be on long service leave for the whole of Term Three, and will be replaced by Soraya Davids.

Finally, thank you to staff for their hard work and support for our students over the semester. I hope all staff and students enjoy a well-deserved break.

*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*

**A BIG COUPLE OF WEEKS IN SCIENCE AT FCC**

Two fantastic speakers shared their stories about their pathway into their current career in science to the Marie Curie Girls Science Club and some visitors from Footscray Primary School. Astrophysicist, Professor Tanya Hill from the Planetarium boggled our minds with tales of deep
space and other amazing space facts while also sharing with us what initially got her interested in the sciences (it was a great teacher of course!) and how she got to where she is now. After an excellent lunch our Science girls then mentored the primary school girls, teaching them about global warming and running them through some science prac. A special thanks to the team who did an excellent job including Madi Peake, Aniya Younge, Flavia Hai, Tia Altschwager, Elise Elliot, Hanna Johnstone, Josephina Silva and Nadire Thomas-Caper. A big thank you!!

Most recently Dr Elizabeth Verghese talked to the club about her research into Kidney Disease and her life as a lecturer as well at university. The girls learnt some fascinating facts about renal failure and the function of the kidney, its prevalence in society and even acted out the reforming of kidney cells.

Turning from the very small to the enormously large Tuesday night saw the weather gods smile on us as it was perfectly clear for a night with the telescope although maybe a little chilly! Once again Saturn was a big hit with the rings perfectly visible. Students (and staff and parents) were also amazed to see that one of the pointers from the Southern Cross is actually a binary star (two stars revolving around each other). We also had a look at some star clusters including the Jewell Box, as the name suggests a beautiful cluster of stars with a variety of colours.

The Marie Curie science talks and Astronomy nights will continue next term, interested students should see Adam Taylor for more information.

Another annual science event of the college, the Melbourne University Amazing Spaghetti Machine competition is looming closer and our team will be in at school on the first Tuesday of the holidays. Interested students can meet at school at 9am that morning.

Adam Taylor - Head of Science

CURIOSITAS IS BACK ONLINE!
The Library’s blog, CURIOSITAS is back on the web at this address: http://footscraycityblogs.com/curiositas

CURIOSITAS is the online persona of Footscray City College Library. It is a place for revelation and discovery, a place of oddities and curios, full of fact, fiction and fantasy. Here you will be privy to the latest news about our library, including what great reads are hitting the shelves. You will find some fascinating factoids and can follow lots of lovely links. You can also post comments and book reviews. CURIOSITAS is so smooth, so strange, so stunning. Bookmark the page and check it regularly. We often have give-aways for no apparent reason, so don’t miss out!

You can also find us on FACEBOOK and TWITTER so why not follow us to keep up to date?

WE’RE DONATING BOOKS TO AFRICAN SCHOOLS
FCC Library has once again made a donation to the Australian Books for Children of Africa. This charitable group has been providing educational materials to impoverished schools in Africa since 2003. Our library has been a supporter for a while now and has made previous contributions of books that were weeded from our collection. We have just given them another book load this week, which will hopefully go to good use in African schools.

This wonderful organisation is having a fundraiser on the 30th June at the White Bar 127 Fitzroy St, St Kilda. It’s only $25 to see Valanga and Andrea Khoza, who are amazing musicians. They mix up kwela rhythms with African ballads. The funds raised will help keep ABCA doing the fantastic work they do.

If you’d like to volunteer to help them you can contact them through their website. You can see a video of Andrea Khoza talking about why ABCA’s work is so important to so many children in this CURIOSITAS post or on the ABCA website: http://www.abca.org.au/ Some of the books in the video came from FCC Library!

Daniel Micallef - Librarian
SPORT AT FOOTSCRAY CITY
A very busy term of sport is coming to a close at our school. The most pleasing aspect has been the level of student participation at Interschool competitions. Huge numbers of students have been involved in Volleyball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Netball, Badminton, Soccer & AFL footy from Year 7s through to Year 12s.
Recently, we had over 80 Year 7’s out in a single day of sport – I think our largest Interschool Sport participation day of all time!
Along with these terrific participation rates, Footscray City has also enjoyed success in Term 2. Teams to progress to Western Metropolitan Region finals after winning our local competition include Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball, Intermediate Girls Volleyball, Senior Boys Footy, Senior Boys & Girls Hockey & Year 8 Boys Badminton. Our Year 7 Boys Soccer also went through their day undefeated only to miss out on goal difference.
Also, well done to all students who have represented the school for their behaviour & sportsmanship displayed. It has been really pleasing to witness the spirit & goodwill shown throughout these competitions. Finally, many thanks to the staff that have volunteered to coach our teams both at sport days and after school.
Mark Komp - Sport Coordinator

CAUGHT READ HANDED
The book club met in the library classroom during lunchtime on Friday 21st June and enjoyed discussions on favourite authors and books whilst eating yummy cake. It was great to meet up with such a lovely bunch of students who share a love of reading. For anyone who would like to join the group please see Emma Pollock in the library or email her on pollock.emma.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
Term 3 book club dates are:
Friday 22nd July     Friday 12th August     Friday 9th September
Happy reading!

CineCity NEWS
The library’s weekly film club, CineCity will return in Term 3, with screenings every Monday and Wednesday at lunchtime in the Cinema. Over the last few weeks, students got to experience the nail-biting action of Steven Spielberg’s 1971 telemovie DUEL and the contemplative sci-fi epic 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY. Next term we’ll start off with PSYCHO, Alfred Hitchcock’s classic suspense thriller. We will also be screening a French fantasy (you’ll find out later which one but it’s an awesome film) and possibly some old silent movies too. Any students who wish to participate need to see Daniel in the library to sign up.

CHESS CLUB...AND THE WINNER IS!!!
The Semester 1 Chess Competition has now been completed. The overall winner with the maximum possible points of 21 is Samuel Kleinig-Neumann of 8AV. Equal Runners up on 17 points are David Nguyen (7EB) and Kyle Maynard (11H).
These students will now receive an invitation from ‘OZ Schools Chess Challenge’ to compete in the inter school chess competition.
The Semester 2 In-House Competition will begin Thursday 25th July at lunchtime. Interested students can enrol in the library.
Mustafa Eyiam - Clubs Coordinator

“13 - THE MUSICAL”
Rehearsals have been going full steam ahead for some months now for the annual musical production. Both band and cast have put in many hours of work to prepare for the public performances from August 1-3. Two school holiday rehearsals have been planned for Monday July 1 and Friday July 12, 10am -4pm. Tickets will go on sale from the first day of term 3, July 15. On-line bookings only http://www.trybooking.com/DBWG . The FCC website also has a link.
Paul Dooley - Head of Creative Arts
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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