Another term is nearing completion, and second semester is past the halfway mark for the senior year levels of the school. In fact, the end of school days is drawing near rapidly for our Year 12 students, who finish their classes in the third week of next term.

**Year 12 Trial Exams**

In preparation for their final exams, the Year 12 students will commence their Trial Exams with English on the afternoon of the parent-teacher interviews. Most of the other exams will be conducted on the first Monday to Wednesday of the holidays. This scheduling of the Trial Exams is a change from the past when they were all held in the last week of Term Three. The purpose of this change is to give our Year 12s more class-time to do revision and preparation.

The trials will also be conducted by the same supervisors as the students will have for their final VCE exams. This helps to give students more of a real experience of what to expect in the final exam setting.

It is hoped that this little bit of tweaking to the Trial Exams will help to optimise our students chances of success in their final exams.

**Recent Student Successes**

Recently, our students have been picking up awards across the fields of science and the arts, and giving themselves and the college good reason to be proud.

There were our three Year 10 students, Alex Olsen, Rory Young, and Jake Lees, and Year 8 student Vincent Victory who brought home the winning trophy from the Amazing Spaghetti Machine Competition organised by the School of Engineering at University of Melbourne. Congratulations to this winning team who triumphed over 39 other entrants, and thank you to Head of Science, Adam Taylor who supported our team.

It has also become an annual event where our Year 9 Hot Doc students take out some of the top awards at the Bayside Youth Documentary Competition. This year Matilda Colebrook, Josephina Silva, Fatumah Ahmen and Urji Abbabiya won the Best Journalism Award for their documentary ‘Murder on the High Sea’ - an exploration of the issue of whaling. Year 10 student, Hannah Veljanovski also received a high commendation at the Bayside Festival for her film, The Day Ahead. Congratulations to these students on their film-making successes.

Sue Dwyer who has taught the Hot Docs students for the past six years, must also be acknowledged for her role in our students achieving so much success in this competition.

(Please find more detail on our students’ involvement in these engineering and the documentary projects, in this newsletter.)

**Building Project Update**

Any parents who have visited the school lately, will have noticed that the new buildings are now starting to emerge as a result of many months of construction works. The builder’s projected completion date is currently for the beginning of November, so it is expected that these new, state of the art classrooms in the Hi-Tech Centre and the Sustainability Centre will be ready for occupancy by our classes in January 2014.

**Staffing Update**

Term Four will see the return of Frank Raneri from his leave, while Gayle Gardner will be taking leave for most of the term. Vicki Tzentoglidis (Year 10—12 Sub-School Manager) will take Gayle’s Year 11 English class for the remainder of their school year, and Samira Redzovic will pick up her Year 10 and 8 classes. Michelle Pepi will be on leave from mid-October to mid-November, and we are currently recruiting for her replacement.

I also will be taking long service leave for approximately six weeks from the 23rd October. During my absence, Assistant Principals, Rob McLeod and Stephanie Campbell will share...
the Acting Principal role. Stephanie will fill the role for the first three weeks, and Rob will then take up the position for the final three weeks.

In spite of my absence for some of the time, I hope that next term will prove to be a positive and productive ending to another year for all of our students. We also look forward to meeting with parents at the Progress Report Day at the end of this term.

Maria Bawden—Principal

YEAR 9 DOCUMENTARY ON WHALING WINS 2013 JOURNALISM AWARD

Congratulations one more time, to the talented Year 9 Hot Docs students whose wonderful documentary film “Murder on the High Sea” won the Best Journalism Award in the 2013 Bayside Film Festival Youth Documentary project. Matilda Colebrook, Josepahina Silva, Fatuma Ahmed and Urji Abbabiya, interviewed volunteers from the Sea Shepherd ship currently docked at Williamstown. The documentary explores the issue of whaling and why people volunteer to spend months at sea to protest about whaling in the Southern Ocean.

The Youth Documentary Project, run by Bayside City Council, provided funding for professional filmmakers to work with year 9 Hot Docs students for several sessions during terms 1 and 2. The students work in groups on a topic of their own choice, learning how to plan, shoot and edit to a professional standard. They are encouraged to “think big” and to seek interviews and opinions from people in the broader community. About 50 films from about 10 schools across Melbourne were entered into the competition with some amazing entries from other schools, so our girls did very well.

Footscray City College entered seven films into the festival, all of which were screened in the Palace Cinema in Brighton during the Bayside Film Festival. The Hot Docs class attended the youth documentary part of the festival to see their films on the silver screen, which was very exciting. The films produced by FCC students covered topics including gay marriage, feral rabbits, gymnastics training, phobias, skatesetoppers and racial profiling. These films compared very well with those from other schools, demonstrating the great talent and hard work of the students at FCC. A fantastic effort all round!

In addition, FCC Year 10 student, Hannah Veljanovski, was highly commended for her entry in the Jumpcut open section of the Bayside Film Festival for her film “The Day Ahead”, a comedy about a man in midlife preparing for the day ahead.

The award-winning students attended a special “mini Oscars” night at the Palace Brighton Bay last Friday, hosted and entertained by comedian Justin Hamilton. Principal Maria Bawden, and Hot Docs teacher Sue Dwyer also attended to help celebrate. The girls are to be commended on their outstanding effort.

Sue Dwyer - Hot Docs teacher

MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL EXCURSION

On Thursday 29th August the library and English faculty teamed up to take 20 students of mixed year levels to the Melbourne Writers Festival. Our first session was an intimate insight into the origins and inspirations behind two great new Australian novels. Author Simmone Howell talked about her book Girl Defective, which is set in St Kilda and follows some teen outcasts trying to solve the puzzle behind a mysterious piece of graffiti. Fiona Wood discussed her book Wildlife, a “kind-of” sequel to the popular Six Impossible Things where students spend a whole term on a wilderness retreat with their school.

We then went to the Immigration Museum and experienced the Identity: Yours, Mine, Ours exhibition which gave students an insight into Australia’s rich migrant history, from the first arrivals to today’s asylum seekers. Students then enjoyed a 40 minute workshop with writer Archie Fusillo where he spoke very openly about his personal family history and about the labels we give ourselves and each other. He was very engaging and funny but at times also quite profound and emotional. It was thought provoking stuff.

Lastly we rushed back to Fed Square to see authors Cath Crowley and Kelly Gardiner talk about their writing process. Our students were extremely well behaved and were frequently offering great points for discussion and asking very astute questions. Thanks very much to Carol Hogan for helping to organise the excursion and to Gayle Gardner for coming along with us. An extra special thanks to the students who attended for being such enthusiastic and positive representatives for our college.

Daniel Micallef - Library Guru
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING COMPETITION
FCC BRINGS HOME GOLD
Footscray City College has cause to celebrate in our victory at this years ‘Amazing Spaghetti Machine Competition’ run by the School of Engineering at the University of Melbourne. FCC students Jake Lees, Alex Olsen, Rory Young and Vincent Victory took out first prize with their amazing golden version of a Rube Goldberg Spaghetti Machine; a contraption that uses a complex set of chain reactions to perform a very simple task.

The boys had worked tirelessly for the past four months, with the end goal to create a machine that could spray paint the word ‘Engineer’ across a surface. They combined falling weights, rising water, marbles, pullies, spray bottles and sodium carbonate and litmus paper into a seamless set of energy transfers in order to achieve their goal.

The competition was held at Wilson Hall at the University of Melbourne last Wednesday. There were many impressive entries on the day, resulting in some fierce competition amongst the fourteen schools who made this final judging round out of over 40 initial competitors. Footscray’s machine was tenth on the list to be judged. Tension mounted as our turn approached. A large crowd gathered to watch as our machine almost flawlessly worked to spray paint ‘ENGINEER’ in large bright red letters and claim the winning title!

Congratulations to our champions of the day!

ASTRONOMY EXTRAVAGANZA
Tuesdays Astronomy Extravaganza went off with a ‘big bang’. Pizza, drinks and sci-fi spoof Galaxy Quest was enjoyed by all. Fittingly the heavens permitted excellent viewing of Saturn and it’s rings and Venus was so bright a filter was required. This filter allowed us to view Venus in phase (like the moon) as it was slightly gibbous.

With such a large crowd it was one of the more raucous viewing nights but a fitting celebration and the more students who get to have a go at setting up and using the telescope the better. As always Jacinta den Besten from the Astrophysics Group at the University of Melbourne was on hand to answer all questions and share fascinating insights into the night sky.

I would also like to announce the TIS Astrophotography Competition. More information is available at the website http://telescopesinschools.wordpress.com/2013/09/02/astrophotography-competition/

Here you will find lots of ideas, inspiring websites and tutorials on astrophotography and post image production. There is a great potential for creativity within this competition so check it out.

The competition is open to all students, teachers and school community members and covers a range of Astrophotography along the theme of Colours of Space.

All entries are to be sent to me by 10th October and there will be an award and end of year function at the Melbourne Planetarium with a show on the 26th October.

There is a Traditional Astrophotography section and a Digital Art category. Get Snapping!!

‘BE A CHEMIST FOR A DAY’
On the 22nd of August, Chemistry teacher Soraya Davids and student teacher Gurpreet Kaur, took the Year 10 Chemistry class on an excursion to Victoria University (College of Engineering) Werribee. The students were invited to take part in a series of exciting experiments. Some experiments took them through the chemical changes of substances like Acetylsalicylic acids (aspirin) into another substance.

Kinetics is the word used to describe the study of the rates of chemical reaction. In this experiment, they changed the concentration of reactants and measured the change in the time it took for a group of reactions to complete. The students used stop watches to time when the solutions changed colour they were fascinated at the differing rate at which these changes occurred.

The reactivity of metals was examined by measuring the voltage developed between two different metals when they were placed in a conducting solution. The voltage developed is determined by whether equilibrium is established, at the electrode surface, between the elemental metal and its ions in solution.

Several samples of metal salt solutions had been prepared and were provided in pump-type sprayer bottles. The students used a spectroscope to measure the visible light emissions of
the various salts when they are heated in a flame. This allowed the students to identify the element due to its unique signature.

**GIRLS IN SCIENCE SYNCHROTRON EXCURSION**

On Wednesday 28th of August 15 members of the Marie Curie Girls in Science Club attended the L'Oreal Women in Science forum at the Australian Synchrotron. The day began with a talk by CSIRO Physicist and long-term friend of the school Dr. Gerald Pereira, on his research into fluid movement and the many ways in which his research is utilised, from special effects to natural disaster mitigation. The girls were then treated to pizza and soft drinks, provided by CSIRO, before heading over to listen to three leading female scientists talk about their research and experiences being a young woman in Science. The girls were fortunate to have the opportunity to ask questions of these scientists. They were then given a guided tour of the Synchrotron and learnt about research conducted there. The day ended with afternoon tea, refreshments and goodie bags!

*Adam Taylor - Head of Science*

**YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL DAY**

As part of the Year 8 Humanities course, all students participated in Medieval Day activities on Tuesday 27th August. This is an enrichment day which extends student knowledge beyond the classroom. The program involved students rotating through a number of activities and presentations. Weapons and Armour involved students participating in role plays with the use of props. In Crime and Punishment, students were able to peruse stocks, whips and torture instruments. Archery involved all students testing their skills with blunted arrows against rubber targets- this activity was very popular amongst all students. The Tournament provided the opportunity to train as a squire and take on a fighter using blunted weapons. Students had a good laugh viewing Horrible Histories which is an unconventional take on history's most gruesome unpleasant yet funny moments in history. A great day was had by all. A report prepared by Jasper and Finlay will give you an insight from a student's perspective.

*Dora Tsoukas - Humanities Coordinator*

**WHAT WE LEARNT ABOUT MEDIEVAL TIMES**

Last Tuesday the 27th August, the year 8s of Footscray City College attended an incursion where a group of medieval specialists came in and taught us about daily medieval life, including customs, war and punishments. We also watched horrible histories. In the armour and weapons presentation, we learnt about how armour and weapons improved over the medieval time. First, there were just farmers with sickles who couldn’t resist the fighting skills and weapons of the Viking raiders. When the Vikings came to raid and pillage, they slaughtered whole towns, so the farmers and townspeople needed to learn how to defend themselves. They started with simple weapons like axes and leather armour for protection. When Vikings were injured and captured, farmers of the town would offer them money and shelter in exchange for helping to protect them from future Viking attacks, as the Vikings had much better fighting and weapon skills. These Vikings were called the Barbarians. They were the first “knights”. Over time, as their weaponry and skills improved, came the knights of the kings that we are more familiar with.

We also learnt about crime and punishment. Many women were killed because they were believed to be practising witchcraft. The test was drowning. They were classified as witches if they were made of wood and floated like ducks. If they drowned they were innocent.

*Jasper Ramage and Finlay Kennedy 8A*

**HIGH RESOLVES - GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM**

At the beginning of August, Mr. Zac held the High Resolves Program at Footscray City College. He explained about Global Citizenship to the Year 8 students. We learned that Global Citizenship means working together and sharing ideas and it takes everyone to make the world a better place. On the 1st of August the participating classes were 8RW, 8ME and 8JD also on the 2nd of August the other participating classes were 8MK, 8AV, 8ER together with the year 10 leaders who were helping with the program. During the program we completed some cool activities such as the trading system between National and International groups. We had about 4 groups on the National side and the other 4 groups were on the International
side. Each group had their own culture: for example, mine was the Ear culture. We greeted people by holding our ears and looking down. The aim was to get six supplies in each box for the survival of everyone. But we had to be careful about the disease bad diarrhea that Mr. Zac told us about. The intention of the activity is to demonstrate that you can still cooperate even with totally different cultures; it just takes a bit of consideration by the people from each culture. What I learnt from this program is that we are all from one family. This is something I will never forget. This program will continue in October 2013 and we very much look forward to it!

**Kethpriya Peiris - Year 8**

**BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION**

Did you know that the library blog, [Curiositas](#) is ALWAYS on the lookout for book reviews to publish? Well it’s true! And to promote this fact we’ll award prizes for the best 3 book reviews received before the term holidays! Just send us an email telling us briefly what the book is about and why you liked or loathed it – but try not to spoil the story for others. Try not to make it too long or too short – around 150 to 200 words is perfect. Oh, and don’t forget to include the author’s name and book title so others can find the book you’re talking about if they like the sound of your review. Please also include your name and year level in the subject line.

Just send your review to this email address:

[curiositas@footscraycityblogs.com](mailto:curiositas@footscraycityblogs.com)

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FIRST WEEK BACK IN TERM 4!!**

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter (LINKS BELOW). If you ‘follow/like’ us you can keep up with all the library news as it happens!

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**CINECITY NEWS**

The next CineCity feature will be [Buster Keaton's](#) 1926 American masterpiece *The General*. This film is a fantastic example of a classic Hollywood silent picture. Filled with action, adventure and great visual gags it is considered one of Keaton’s finest works by critics, though at the time of release it was not very well received. Keaton himself, who began his career as a child star in a vaudeville act with his parents, thought *The General* was the best film he ever made. Orson Welles stated that *The General* is “the greatest comedy ever made, the greatest Civil War film ever made, and perhaps the greatest film ever made.” Screenings will continue each Monday and Wednesday through term 3. Any students who wish to participate need to see Daniel in the library to sign up. Bring your own popcorn!

**INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL SUCCESS**

In the last few weeks of Term 3 our Years 7 – 10 students have been competing in Interschool Basketball & Table Tennis competitions. All of our teams competed with gusto and most importantly with the right spirit and good sportsmanship.

The Boys results were:

- V. Braybrook 39 – 12
- V. Maribyrnong B 42 – 8
- V. Lakeview 32 – 17
- V. Brookside 35 – 16
- V. Creekside (Grand final) 28 – 13

The Girls results were:

- V. Gilmore 48 – 9
- V. Brookside 36 – 0
- V. Springside 70 – 0
- V. Maribyrnong (Grand final) 47 – 10

We are pleased to announce that both our Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball teams were successful against strong competition and in the end won through very convincingly. Both teams will now go on to Regional finals in late October and we wish the luck.

*Mark Komp & Adam Van Klaveren - Sport Teachers*

**A CRASH OF RHINOS QUIZ NIGHT**

We were thrilled with the response and support we received for the quiz night held here in the library last Friday night. The number of people who gave their time and energy to help to-
wards the success of the night was wonderful. $5,500 was raised for our school as well as a very enjoyable evening for everyone who attended. We would like to thank the following people:

All of the staff members, students, families and friends who attended which made the night a sell-out success; The Friends of Footscray Committee for organising the silent auction items and prizes and for their help on the night. We need to make special mention of the president Di Saward, who put in an extraordinary amount of work towards the night. We are extremely fortunate for the contribution Di has made to our school.

Cristina O’Connor for helping with the bar, Paula Morgan for helping on the door and with the raffle, Lisa Pattison for organising finances, Mike Sturmy for preparing the movie round, Tracey Doherty, Linda Lambert, Mary Mravlek and Michael Greenway for helping on the night, Ali Dullard for preparing the magnificent poster in multiple formats and for photographing the event, Adam Taylor for being an all-round legend helping with so many aspects of the night, Emma Crampton for her wonderful help behind the bar and in helping to organise and run the night, Alison Downes for lending us the glassware and allowing us the use of the hospitality coolroom, Chris Lovelock for driving down to Red Tomato pizza at the last minute to sort out our order – greatly appreciated. Emily Unt Wan for helping with signage on the night, Bronwyn and Olga for lending art supplies, Paul Dooley for organising his Year 12 bands to perform on the night and for being so flexible with his schedule, Dave Borg for organising the music including setting up for the bands and performing, along with pre-service teacher Todd Richardson and Year 12 student James McKenna. Our Year 12 Music students who performed on the night and our SRC students for preparing yummy homemade snacks for sale.

We are also grateful for the many donations that went towards the silent auction and prizes, notably:

Red Tomato Pizza Yarraville - providing us with significantly discounted pizzas which we were then able to sell at a profit. Sourdough Kitchen in Seddon – 8 loaves of sourdough for the winning table. Daria Edwards and Annette Kukula for their contribution towards bar supplies – big thanks.

Of course we’re worried that we’ve forgotten to mention someone. If we have, then thank you for the role that you played in helping make the night a success.

Thanks again everyone. What a ripper of a night!

Dan Micallef and Emma Pollock

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**CAUGHT READ HANDED BOOK CLUB**

**DATES FOR TERM 4**

Fridays in the library classroom

Week 2: 18th of October

Week 5: 8th of November

Week 8: 29th of November

Week 10: 13th of December

Please see Emma Pollock in the library or email her on pollock.emma.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Art Show**

Footscray City College

FCC Library

Opening Night
Tuesday 15th October 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Featuring ALL Year Levels Including:

- Art
- Photography
- Studio Arts
- Digital Art, Media, Fashion and Textiles
- Visual Communication and Design
- Music

Gold Coin Donation

Exhibition continues onto

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th October 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 19th October 9.30am - 3.00pm

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THE FRIENDS OF FOOTSCRAY AND LIBRARY STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN TO OUR QUIZ NIGHT.


In particular we would like to thank

The Year 12 Bands  SRC  Red Tomato Pizza  Dolce e Pane

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

FRIENDS OF FOOTSCRAY  CITY COLLEGE  PASTA DRIVE

Orders will close at 4.30pm Monday September 16th and the goods will be available for pick up from the school on Wednesday 18th between 3.00pm and 7.00pm

The full information sheet and order form will be emailed to you on Wednesday August 28th
Maribyrnong City Council
Small Worlds Recycled Art Competition - $3000+ of prizes!
Celebrate the reuse and recycling of small-scale materials in the Maribyrnong area! Make recycled art and win prizes, with a specific focus on youth and schools involvement.
The competition culminates in an exhibition of the best entries launched by a Gala Awards Night.
**Online submissions close 17 November**
Opening Night: Nov 27th, 6-7:30pm, Footscray Library.
Closing Night and film screening: Thurs Dec 19th, Footscray Library
**For more info** or to submit: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/smallworlds

Maribyrnong Council Youth Services: September Holiday program OUT NOW!
For more info on programs and bookings: www.phoenixyouth.com.au

Maribyrnong Council: Festival City Calendar September 2013-January 2014
Find out what festivals are happening in City of Maribyrnong:
September 2013 – Jan 2014
**Click here Festival City Calendar**

Maribyrnong Library Service - Crafternoon
**Description:** Creative afternoon for young people 12 years and over. School holiday activity
**Date & Time:** **Wednesday 25 September:** 1-2.30pm at Footscray Library: 56 Paisley Street, Footscray
**Friday 4 October:** 2-3.30pm: West Footscray Library: 539 Barkly Street, Footscray
**Cost:** Free
**More info:** Bookings essential: via website: http://maribyrnong.eventbrite.com.au or 9688 0290

Brimbank Youth Sports Day
**Description:** Join in an action packed day of sports – soccer, football, rugby.
**Date & Time:** **Tuesday 1 October:** 1pm-4.30pm
**Venue:** Sunshine George Cross Football Club: Chaplin Reserve: Anderson Rd, Sunshine
**Cost:** Free
**More info** Glenn Cook: Brimbank Youth Services: 0409 843 848