Farewell to year 12 Students
As this will be the last newsletter before our year 12 students have their final classes on Wednesday 23rd October, it is timely to say farewell to them. On behalf of the college, I would like to wish the VCE students the very best for their exams, and wish all Year 12 students—VCAL and VCE—every success in pursuing fulfilling and happy futures, at both a personal and career level.
Thank you also, to all of our Year 12 people for being a part of life at Footscray City College, and for the varying contributions each of you have made in your individual ways, throughout your years with us.

Building Project Update
Our two building projects—the Sustainability Centre and the Sci-Tech Centre—are nearing completion. It is expected that all major building work will be finished by the beginning of November. Undoubtedly, there will be some finishing up tasks still to be done both inside and in the immediate surrounds of both new buildings, but we will be able to look forward to students having classes in these new facilities from the beginning of next year.

Staffing Update
For those who received the last newsletter, you will be aware that I will be taking long service leave for approximately six weeks from 23rd October to 6th December. During my absence, Stephanie Campbell will be Acting Principal for the first three weeks, and Rob McLeod will assume the role for the last three weeks. The Year 7-9 Program Manager, Ross Eberhard will take on the role of Acting Assistant Principal for the full six weeks.
Michelle Pepi is commencing four week’s leave from the 15th October, and she will be replaced by Andrew Johnson. As also noted in the last newsletter, Gayle Gardner is on leave this term and her English and Humanities classes are being taken by Samira Redzovic, and her literacy sessions are being taken over by Claudia Esquivel.

End of Year Course Commencement Programs
Although I personally won’t be here for most of the remainder of this term, it is still a very busy and demanding one for those staff who will be here. Apart from preparing our senior students for exams and continuing with the junior programs, we also have a commitment to giving our students a head-start with next year’s program. This means that as soon as teachers finish the 2013 programs with their students, they then launch into commencing the courses for 2014.
For many years we have had end of year Course Commencement programs for VCE students, but more recently we have engaged our Year 7 to 9 students in the same process. Apart from giving our students a head-start, this approach has also been very successful at keeping our students much more productive and engaged through to the end of formal classes.
Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 7 to 11 students the very best for success in the last leg of their 2013 programs, and hope that the commencement of their courses for 2014 gets off to a very positive start. And I will see all who have not finished up classes for 2013, on my return in mid-December.
Best wishes

Maria Bawden - Principal
VCE NEWS
Our year 12 students are rapidly approaching the end of their Secondary schooling. Formal classes will end on October 23rd with a yr 12 BBQ at lunchtime. Following this, students will be dismissed and their preparations for their SWATVAC week will commence. VCAA exams begin on October 30.
During SWATVAC and the exam period, students can access the school resources to study quietly or have additional teachers support sessions, provided prior arrangements have been made. Parents and family are an invaluable support to our students, as they work their way through the stress of the final weeks of preparation for their exams. Family support, adequate sleep, a nutritious diet and balanced physical activity are all strong influences on our students achievements.
I have also attached a document with valuable study tips for exam preparation. Please take the time to speak to your children about this and encourage them to devise an appropriate study timetable. Eva Dearaugo and I are available to assist students if needed.
At Footscray City College we look forward to acknowledging the successes of our Year 12 students at the Graduation Ceremony, to be held at Flemington Racecourse on October 18th at 6.30-11.30PM. We look forward in celebrating with you.

Vicki Tentzoglidis - Yr 10-12 Sub School Manager

THE BIG READ – A BIG SUCCESS
Once again our students participated enthusiastically in our celebration of reading at Footscray City. On Wednesday 28th August over 100 of our students, from across all year levels joined in our celebration. Many had dressed as their favourite characters showing great imagination, creativity and ingenuity in the design of their costumes.
Our afternoon began with small teams competing in our Trivia Lit competition. Each question produced a buzz of whispered conversations to work out the answers. Our winning team were a Lit savvy group from 7HI, Spencer Davis, Darcy Smith, Sam Sharkey and Mitchell Blackburn. This activity was followed by our famous / infamous creative reading position competition. Students had to be able to hold a position for at least five minutes while reading a book. This event always displays our students’ creativity, agility and athleticism and produces waves of giggles and groans as they attempt to stay in position. Many of our students form cooperative teams for this devising ever more elaborate positions. Our winners this year were Nicholas Baldwin-Sloan from 8ME and Asher Dunn 7HI both adopting individual contortionist poses. Highly commended prizes went to Tracey and Mia from 7EU.
This was followed by the Best Dressed Competition – which is always extremely difficult to judge and this year was no exception. All the students who made the effort looked fantastic. Our winners were Jack Pardy as Arthur Dent and Emma Pickett as Arthur Kirkland. Runners up were, Finlay Kennedy as Kickass and Nadia Harley as Dorothy.
As we worked out our winners students finished the last competition which was a sheet of word quizzles. Our winning team was Jay Curtis Year 7 and Andrew Strachan Year 8 - a wonderful effort to finish the afternoon.
One of the nicest aspects of our Big Read afternoon is that it brings together students from across the age groups, all have reading enthusiasm in common.

Carol Hogan – English Faculty Coordinator

BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION WINNERS!
At the end of last term the library ran a competition calling for students to submit reviews of books they had read recently. We received many great entries, all of which will be published both on the Curiositas blog and Harbinger, the student online anthology. Three reviews stood out in particular because they were very well written and demonstrated a real love of reading by the students who penned them. Each of these students will be given a brand new book from a selection in the library!

And so, without further ado, the winners are:
Maddison Vernon-Hayes Year 11  Joel Verth Year 8  Spencer Davis Year 7

A big THANK-YOU TO ALL students who entered! Remember, the library is ALWAYS on the lookout for writing and art submissions to Harbinger and for book reviews to Curiositas
Just send your work to these email addresses:
For book reviews:
For ANY art, writing or other creative expression, please submit to: harbinger@footscraycityblogs.com

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!
https://www.facebook.com/curiositasblog
https://twitter.com/CURIOSITAS1

Daniel Micallef and the Library Staff

Caught REaD Handed
Book Club dates for Term 4:
Friday 18th October
Friday 8th November
Friday 29th November
Friday 13th December

Book club is 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.

CINECITY NEWS
On Monday 7th October we began screening Francis Ford Coppola’s star studded drama about teen angst, The Outsiders. Francis Ford Coppola had not planned to make a film about teen gangs until Jo Ellen Misakian, a library aide from Lone Star Elementary School in California, wrote to him on behalf of her students about adapting The Outsiders. When he read the book, he was moved not only to adapt and direct it, but to follow it the next year by adapting Hinton’s novel Rumble Fish.

The next film to be screened will be the artistic and emotional tour de force, Grave of the Fireflies, directed by, Isao Takahata (co-founder of Studio Ghibli). This animation depicts the fall of Japan in WWII through the eyes of two children who struggle to survive. Screenings will continue each Monday and Wednesday through term 4. Any students who wish to participate need to see Daniel in the library to sign up. Bring your own popcorn!

YEAR 12 STUDY TIPS
Below you will find some VCE study techniques to help you with your study for exams.
Please take the time to read these and try and implement what you can.

Revision
Effective revision enables you to get material from your short term memory into your long term memory. Long term memory is like a library – information that is placed in it in a systematic way is more likely to be retrievable. Below are some tips to help you revise.

Try to comprehend the overall structure of your classes
What were the main concepts? How did your teacher set out their argument? Pay particular attention to establishing how all the individual pieces of information fit together to produce a coherent whole.

Organise notes into topics/areas
It is easier to remember individual details when they are grouped into mini-sections. Make a list of the areas you need to know in each subject and write down headings and subheadings.

Add material you have learned from your reading to your notes according to the subject area. Underline/highlight/write comments in order to emphasise the idea of each section.

Revise actively
Don’t fall into the trap of spending 99% of your study time mindlessly writing out notes and 1% of your time actually looking at them. The more ‘active’ you are in writing notes, the better you will be able to remember them. This may involve reconstructing your notes in a different format, such as:

Written summaries for each topic - Numbering each point can help with recall in the exam.
Diagrams such as flow charts and mind maps. During the exam, it is easier to recall information which has been represented diagrammatically. Colours are particularly helpful to stimulate the memory.

Audio – Try recording your summaries or prepared answers to practice questions onto a portable recording device. Comprehension improves if you listen and read at the same time. The other advantage for those who like multitasking is that you can listen while doing something else like walking, or sitting on a bus!

Distinguish between recall and recognition

Many students, after having read over material several times, assume that because it looks very familiar they have learned it. Simply being able to recognize material does not automatically mean that you will be able to recall it later in the exam.

Practise recall

The following suggestions may be useful:

When learning definitions, divide a piece of paper in two vertically and write the words on one side and the definitions on the other. Cover the words and practice recalling them, using the definitions. Then cover the definitions and practice recalling them, looking at the words.

Use cards with the subject on the front and the information to be recalled on the back. Look at the subject, practice recalling the information, then look on the back of the card to check.

If you need to memorise diagrams, make large ones and stick them up on your walls.

Use rhymes and to assist recall. For example, to remember how to write an analysis apply the I-C-E THEORY I- dentify (the technique) C- lassify (what is it called ie: name it) and E- xample/evidence of intended effect. You can do this for most subjects.

Revise with a friend or a study group to share knowledge and exam strategies and to practice recall.

Reduce anxiety and stay motivated

There are several strategies you can try to reduce your anxiety before and during exams.

Start early and stay on track with your exam preparation to reduce your stress levels. If you have trouble getting organized and making a study plan and would like someone to help you, see Vicki or Eva

Look after your health. Get plenty of sleep, eat healthy food and try to find time to exercise. Many people find that yoga and breathing exercises can help keep them in tune both physically and mentally.

Keep things in perspective. Although it may seem at the time that the next exam will be the most important event in your entire life, this is probably not really the case and thinking like this only puts more pressure on yourself.

Take a break. Notice when you are tired or losing concentration. If you feel like this late at night, you could make more effective use of your time by going to bed and getting up earlier the next morning to study when your mind is feeling fresher. A good way to refresh a tired mind is to go on a brisk 15 minute walk. A 15 minute TV break is mind numbing rather than refreshing and can easily turn into a one hour break.

Set rewards for yourself. Rewards for good progress can assist with motivation. Try setting yourself a goal and rewarding yourself when you achieve it. A reward can be as simple as a cup of coffee or your favourite TV programme.

I hope you have found this useful. Please remember despite that this is a very stressful time for you, you are not alone. Your family, teachers and coordinators are happy to support you in any way that they can.

Vicki Tentzoglidis - VCE Program Manager

GOOD LUCK, and REMEMBER WE BELIEVE IN YOU!

HOLLYWOOD VISITS FCC

Deborah Nadoolman-Landis celebrated Hollywood costume designer for movies such as the “Blues Brothers” “Raiders of the Lost Ark” and of video clips like “Thriller” delivered a workshop on costume design principles to Footscray TAFE and VCE Media students which demystified the professional practices and career paths for our ambitious film students who responded with a vigorous Q & A session and sustained applause. It was a very timely session by Deborah (who is also director John Landis’ wife and Professor of Costume Design at UCLA) because of our up coming documentary production TAFE camp in New York in 2014.
Students were delighted by her fundamental proposition that costume is character and carries the narrative in our lives as well as films. She is currently curating Hollywood Costumes at ACMI.

*Bill Lensky – Media Teacher*

**ARE YOU EX ARMY NAVY, OR AIR FORCE?**
Then **Carry On (Victoria)** may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2014, **please telephone Carry On (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.**

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. **For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.**

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and **applications should be submitted by 7 November 2013.**

**BUS TRAVEL AND MYKI CARDS**

From Monday 27 May 2013 the sale and top up of myki cards commenced on metropolitan buses. Bus drivers will sell and top up MYKI cards. A Full Fare MYKI costs $6. A Concession, Child or Seniors MYKI costs $3.

If a student purchases a MYKI on board the bus for immediate travel they must also top up with myki money at the same time. **The student will then need to touch on their MYKI for that trip.**

Students must purchase or top up their MYKI’s with cash The minimum top up is $1 and the maximum top up is $20. EFTPOS or credit cards are not accepted for top up on board buses. **Students with invalid MYKI’s or negative balance**

Any student who does not have a valid MYKI (e.g. their MYKI is defective or cannot be topped up), shall be requested by the driver to purchase and top up a MYKI on board and directed to a staffed railway station, or the PTV Call Centre 1800 800 007 to resolve any issues with their defective card.

If a student presents a MYKI with a negative balance, the driver will request the holder to top up the MYKI with sufficient money so it can be touched on for travel. A MYKI which cannot be touched on for any reason is **not valid** for travel.

*Chris Lowe – Executive Director, Bus Association Victoria*

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**Friends of Footscray City College**

**Second Hand Book Sale**

**and Uniform Sale**

**Saturday Dec 7**

**10am to 12noon**

Watch this space for more details

Turn these 📖 and this 🍎 into $$$$
Footscray City College
Art Show
FCC Library
Opening Night
Tuesday 15th October
6.00pm - 8.30pm
Year 12 Bands 7pm-8pm in College Theatre
Gold Coin Donation

Featuring ALL Year Levels
Art, Photography, Studio Arts,
Digital Art, Media, Fashion & Textiles,

EXHIBITION CONTINUES ONTO
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th October 3.15pm - 6.00pm
MARIBYRNONG WORKERS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE NETWORK (MWWYPN) E-NEWS

MWWYPN is a forum for workers in the City of Maribyrnong to talk about emerging issues for young people, share information on upcoming activities and programs and includes guest speakers on topical issues.

**Next meeting:** 29 October (9am-11am)
**Where:** Phoenix Youth Centre: 72 Buckley Street, Footscray
**For more info:** mwwypn@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or Sandra 9091 4712

**VEOHRC - My Work Rights Project – Young Women’s Rights at Work**
The project aims to raise awareness of young women’s rights at work. Young women are encouraged to take the ‘my work rights’ quiz at www.myworkrights.com.au - at the end of the quiz is a link to the short feedback survey. The survey is anonymous and takes 10 minutes or less to complete. The information gathered will help provide better services to young people in the workplace.

**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.

**Online submissions close 17 November**
**For more info or to submit:** maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/smallworlds

**Maribyrnong Young People’s Consultative Committee MYPCC Applications Open**
For young people aged between 12-25 years old who live, work, study or recreate in the City of Maribyrnong who would like to represent the voices and interests of local young people.

**Meetings take place:** Once a month  Phoenix Youth Centre: 72 Buckley Street, Footscray
**Info Sheet and Registration form attached**
**For more info:** Sandra 9091 4712 or Sandra.digiantomasso@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

**Lead On Again – Leadership for Young Women Applications Open**
Five day leadership program for young women between the ages of 16 and 24 from the western suburbs of Melbourne.
Run in partnership by WYPIN, Women’s Health West and Melbourne Citymission.
Program to be run from 20 January – Friday 24 January 2014: Phoenix Youth Centre: 72 Buckley Street, Footscray
**Applications close: 6 December**
**More info:** gobrien@mcm.org.au 8311 5405 or www.wypin.org.au

**Name:** Victorian Skatepark Leagues – North-Western series (Maribyrnong Heat)
**Description:** Skate and BMX comp. Prizes to be won. 3 divisions in each category: 12 and under, 16 and under, Open male and female
**Date & Time:** November 16: 11am-5pm
**Venue:** Yarraville Skate Park: Cnr Williamstown Road and Anderson Street, Yarraville
**Cost:** Free (includes free bbq)
**For more info:** Phoenix Youth Centre: 9091 4700 or www.phoenixyouth.com.au