Memories of many years of classes, teachers, subjects, excursions make up a year 12 class and this has been quite a thoughtful week as we said farewell to our 2013 graduating class. Friday night’s Graduation Dinner was an outstanding success and thanks go to Resmie Recpeoglu, Eva Dearaugo, Vicki Tentzoglidis and Rob McLeod for all their work in organising the night’s festivities. Students Peter Wroblewski and Karla Livingstone Pardy are to be commended for speaking so beautifully on behalf of the whole class. In the same vein, I now write on behalf of the staff of FCC to all the 2013 parents and carers. ‘Congratulations and thank you for trusting us with the education of your child throughout the last six years. We are very proud of their accomplishments and truly hope that as they enter the adult world as young people, they have the capacity and the desire to contribute to, and enrich the community in a myriad of positive ways.’

Good luck to all our year 12’s during the examination period. Remember Year 12 teachers are available to assist throughout this time.

This past week has also seen many of our students off on a range of excursions. Amongst other things, the year 10’s went to Melbourne University, 7SC did a self-designed city tour and art and photography classes went out collecting images and ideas for their artworks. It is very rewarding when a member of the community takes the time to say, either in person as happened to me this week, or by phone, how responsible and caring our students are towards members of the wider community.

Maria Bawden was also given a fond farewell when she left for a short break earlier in the week, and Rob McLeod, Ross Eberhard and myself are ensuring that business is as usual at FCC.

**Stephanie Campbell - Acting Principal**

**Netbook Collection**

Students of Year 7 and 9 have recently been notified that they are required to hand their netbook computers in to Tony, our Netbook Technician for maintenance and reimagining. There are a number of new programs on the new image including an eBook reader allowing students to borrow and read novels from the library.

Students should ensure that all their data has been backed up on their SD card, and if possible to another device.

Students in Year 9 are to hand their netbooks in on or before Thursday November 28

Students in Year 7 are to hand their netbooks in on or before Monday December 4

On Thursday December 12 students will be able to pick up and set up for initial login and configuration of their device, with the assistance of our technicians.

Please note that all settings will have been set back to the factory default and therefore home printers and internet will be need to be reinstalled.

**FAREWELL TO YEAR 12 OF 2013**

With a Final Year Level Assembly, a Graduation Dinner at Flemington Racecourse and a BBQ lunch to celebrate the end of classes, our Year 12 students have completed a busy last few weeks.

Over the past few years, I’ve admired their extraordinary array of talent, their kindness and the level of genuine warmth shared with each other and the staff. I’ve loved the way they’ve grasped opportunities to make their mark (mostly in a positive way) and enrich their lives.

From a school perspective they’ve challenged us to be responsive; to trust them and to embrace their youthful exuberance. On balance this has built a level of mutual respect and bond we can all be proud of.
I’d particularly like to recognise the role of Peter Wroblewski and Karla Livingstone Pardy who as School SRC reps have been simply superb – great role models, encouraging, supportive and extremely positive people. I’ve watched them grow as leaders and respect them enormously.

My final message to our students has been to shape their world rather than allow it to shape them. But be sure to do it with a clear Moral Purpose – we’d like to think that between their parents and our school we’ve provided them with the necessary training in setting their moral compass – knowing right from wrong, and the shades of grey in between! I have challenged them to go out and make their mark on life – to be brave and aspirational in their pursuits.

And perhaps most importantly, shared how proud we are for them to be ambassadors of Footscray City College.

On behalf of the Year 12s I’d like to express appreciation of the fine efforts of our teachers and support staff, particularly Maria Bawden School Principal, Robert McLeod the Assistant Principal and the Senior School team - Eva Dearaugo Yr 12 Coordinator, Will Marshall Yr 11 Coordinator and Elizabeth Simpson Yr 10 Coordinator and Julianne Mulholland Attendance Officer. The pictures on this page give you a small snapshot of the fabulous evening that was Graduation 2013.

Vicki Tentzoglidis - Yr 10-12 Program Manager

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE - AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance of ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by school councils on a whole-of-school basis, or by parents/guardians for individual students.
Friends of Footscray City College
Second Hand Book Sale
and Uniform Sale
Saturday Dec 7
10am to 12noon
Watch this space for more details

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WHAT'S ON / WHAT'S NEW

Maribyrnong City Council is seeking nominations for our annual Civic Awards
Civic Awards celebrate those who achieve excellence in their chosen field including:
- Young Citizen of the Year Award (aged up to 25 years)
**Nominations open Monday October 14 and close Friday November 29.**

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](http://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/smallworlds)

Big West Festival
Big West Festival is the leading community-based, contemporary arts festival in Melbourne’s West.
**22 November to 1 December 2013**

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](http://www.wypin.org.au)