Principal's Report

Update on Footscray Education Precinct Concept

In our last newsletter it was reported that FCC had been invited to participate in discussions with Victoria University, Maribyrnong City Council and Footscray City Primary to explore the development of an education precinct. The college council endorsed the school's participation in these discussions. The council was of the view that the education precinct concept had merit and potential, with some exciting possibilities for developing greater connections between the education sectors from crèche to tertiary level.

It was also reported that there was a suggestion to relocate FCC to a state-of-the-art facility, possibly on the Nicholson Street campus. As well as such proposals being significantly dependent on funding and feasibility factors, it should be noted that Victoria University intends to fully utilise their Nicholson Street campus buildings as part of the master planning to progress their ‘university town’ concept for Footscray.

Since publication of the most recent newsletter there has been a further development, with the Leader of the Opposition, Daniel Andrews, announcing that the Labor Party is putting its support behind the education precinct concept. It has pledged $15 million to advance the concept with a feasibility study, master planning and possible relocation of FCC with expanded capacity, should Labor win the state election on 29th November. This commitment was announced last Tuesday (5th August) when the Leader of the Opposition was joined by Marsha Thomson, Wade Noonan and the Shadow Minister of Education, James Merlino at Footscray City Primary. It was also stated that currently there is no specifically identified site for a re-location. Clearly nothing is a fait accompli at this point in time and the whole discussion of advancing the education precinct concept is significantly predicated on the outcome of the state election in November.

In principle, the college council welcomes the commitment to put more funding into education within the community. It would also be keen to include our school community in wide consultation to explore the potential benefits and opportunities for our students, with any options that may be forthcoming.

Council is pleased with the current growth and development of the college, and in particular the substantial growth in our enrolments. Supporting and strengthening the stability and growth of the school will be our over-riding consideration in any planning initiatives for the future.
2014 School Production
The Addams Family

The four performances of our 2014 production were a sell-out, playing to packed audiences. The school has a long tradition of staging high quality annual productions, and this year’s was no exception. In fact, the relatively new musical ‘The Addams Family’ was one of the most ambitious and challenging shows staged at the college. The music was complex and there were high demands on the actors, singers, dancers and stagecraft crews. Undaunted by this the large cast and musicians gave a highly polished and professional performance, supported by quality work and effects from the backstage crews.

The success of the production seemed to be largely due to an amazing collaborative effort. It involved approximately 60 students and a large team of teachers, ex-students, parents and friends who generously donated their time and expertise. Special mention must go to our volunteers who included: Maddie Kerr a year 12 Graduate who returned to co-direct the show, to Sarah Mulholland also an ex-student who returned to assist with the makeup, to Clare Madsen and Steven Smith, two of our parents who have given invaluable assistance with prop/set design and construction for the last three of our annual productions, and to Steve Colebrook, another parent who supported our musicians in the woodwind section of the band. A very special acknowledgement must also go to Emily Unt Wan, the dynamic director and driving force behind the production, always striving for perfection and getting the best out of the students with their various theatre related skills and talents. All students and others involved are to be congratulated on the level of dedication and commitment that resulted in an outstanding performance.

Of course, as a college we are very proud of the level of our students’ talent that not only enabled them to meet the demands of a challenging production, but most importantly that kept their audiences delightfully entertained.

The students included
**Lead characters:** Laura Kerr, James Madsen-Smith, Madison Peake, Jamie Brown, Leo Palmer, Bella McMillan, Oscar Lillicrap, Maddison Vernon-Hayes, Rourk Velanovski, Andrew Price

**Ensembles:** Georgia Doslov, Lainey Drake, Maddie Drury, Lucy Redmond, Vincent Victory, Imogen Braun, Darcy Altschwager, Emily Matijevic, Nadia Harley, Izzy Sturmy, Larissa Goates, Ruby Baum, Samira Reason, Rylee Whitlow, Lily Veal, Claire Welch, Claire Trevena, Jada Kyle, Dhaun Coupe, Finnia Gray, Rosy Jones, Kimberley, Bianca Bestrin, Andrew Page
**Maria Bawden - Principal**

**The Addams Family - from the Director**

Well, the school musical has closed for another year and boy was it a rollercoaster! If I said that this production was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life, it would be an understatement. “The Addams Family” is the largest and most complex musical I have ever been involved in, but it is also one of the most extraordinary. Being one of the first school or amateur groups in Victoria to ever perform this new musical didn’t stop us from giving everything to make this show incredible. The fact that the music was written for professional musicians (some, we believe, with eight arms), and that we had 40 students and a band to squeeze onto our fabulous yet compact stage, were simply speed bumps. So when faced with these challenges, my answer to this? Get help. The call was heard loud and clear. A huge number of people donated their time and expertise and I believe it is the biggest production team we have ever seen. Along with staff and parents, we have seen the return of ex-students and the addition of some talented and incredibly generous consultants and theatre professionals.

But, the true shining lights of this production have been the students. The sheer talent and dedication of these young people has surpassed any expectation I had. The ensemble was talented, vibrant and enthusiastic. Our band is the youngest we have had in years and will become our future stars in the years to come. We have also seen what is possibly the largest backstage team ever. All of the sets were created in partnership with our students, using their ideas and designs. All their hard work and dedication resulted in what was a SOLD OUT season! The first time this has ever happened in my time at FCC.

To our amazing cast, both on stage and off, you amaze me every day and I am incredibly proud of you all for this brilliant achievement.

A huge thank you to our very talented team of teachers, parents and volunteers. We have had the most amazing support this year and it showed in the final product, which was spectacular.

Thank you to: Emma Schmidt, Margaret Erickson, Louisa Rankin, Madi Kerr, David Borg, Paul Dooley, Rodney Hales, Mark Gusman, Clare Madsen, Steven Smith, Adrienne Chisholm, Simon Bainbridge, Rhonda Delaland, Resmie Recepoglu, Nicole
Dunn, Ali Dullard, Gary Delaney, Beth Cleary, Adrienne Johnson, Bronwyn McCoy, Yoni and Trish at Deakin University, Krystal Waters, Sam Olivieri, Mark Matthews, Steve Colebrook, Lisa Heap, Michael Victory, Karen Ingram, Garry Thomas, Melbourne Theatre Company (MTC) and our always supportive Principal Maria Bawden. See, I told you it was a big team!

To all the families, thank you for supporting FCC and your beautiful children. Please enjoy having your life back.

Emily Unt Wan - director

Year 7 and 8 Athletics

Congratulations to all Year 7 and 8 students who participated so well in the school athletics sports held at Aberfeldie track in unusually calm conditions for this time of the year. We were very lucky with the weather and really pleased with the high number of active participants in a range of athletic and novelty events.

The overall results were as follows:
Yr 8: 1st 8DB 304pts, 2nd 8ME 227, 3rd 8SK 206, 4th 8PD 119, 5th 8RW 109,
Yr 7: 1st 7SK 283 pts, 2nd 7SC 226, 3rd 7JD 185, 4th 7FR 114, 5th 7JB 100, 6th 7ER 72

Congratulations to the individual winners at each year level:
Yr 7 Girls: 1st Maddison Wallace 7SC, 2nd Larissa Goates 7JD & Denise Tran 7ER
Yr 7 Boys: 1st Jackson Glover 7SK, 2nd Riley Marshall 7SK
Yr 8 Girls: =1st Eliza Lucid 8ME & Crystal Huynh 8SK, 2nd Maxine Huntsmann 8ME
Yr 8 Boys: 1st Will Morgan 8DB, 2nd Josh Savage 8DB

Winners of all individual events will now go on to represent the school in the interschool athletics later in Term 3. Many thanks to all homegroup and assisting teachers, as well as pre service teachers and senior students, for their help in making the day run so smoothly.

Mark Komp - Sport Coordinator

Rowing

Another excellent tie between Footscray City College and Footscray Rowing Club has come to light with the news that Patrick U’Ren of Year 9 recently came 2nd in B Section of
the State Rowing titles held in Geelong. It was his first competition race.

A number of our students have gone on to great success at State & National level rowing after taking up the sport through their Sport Ed. Classes at our school.

Rowing is offered at Year 9 level Sport Ed. In Term 4

**LEAP Program helps year 8 students discover Pathways**

Recently our Year 8 discovered more about the Design, Health and Law professions as part of their Pathways Program.

A visit by three of the LEAP into... Profession teams helped Year 8 students learn more about design, health and law professions through some themed, hands-on activities. The session was an introduction to these very different career areas. Students examined a car accident scenario from the perspectives of each profession. They had great fun learning about the law, graphic design and health, and gained an insight into what people actually do in these different professions.

Students Angie and Grace made the following comments about the day:

“Yesterday all the year eights did pathways, where for three periods we learnt about the different sort of jobs there are and the sort of things you do in the health, design and law professions. What we did, for instance, in health was they had a scenario of someone who was in a car crash and then we would go through the whole process of getting her to hospital and performing surgery etc. By going through the whole process it meant we could find out a lot about the different jobs in the health profession. It was interesting and good because we could choose what happened to the patient and we got to dress up as doctors [etc].” Angie

“In law we looked at how this car accident would go through the court. We also looked at how the court rules at the end of it. We got to dress up as different roles of the court and act out a scene. In design we looked at what kind of designing changes we could make that could prevent this car crash. At the end of it we did a quiz of the different types of brand logos and see if we knew what they where.” Grace

**Parents Victoria Conference**

Parents Victoria is hosting its annual conference, “Education for Everyone - Let’s Engage!” on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30, 2014 at Melbourne Zoo. Visit the Parents Victoria website to find out more and to register for the event.
Footscray City College Scouts Raffle

By now your raffle books should have arrived in the mail. Our raffle is a partnership between FCC and Scouts Victoria. With decades of fundraising experience behind them Scouts Victoria handles all of the administration the raffle booklets and 123 prizes including a fantastic first prize of a Toyota prius C Hybrid.

We hope your family can get on board and start selling as many raffle tickets as you can. The more tickets you sell, the more we can fund new equipment for our students.

For every $2.00 ticket sold a $1.50 will come back to FCC

All money raised plus ticket stubs sold or unsold must be returned to the office by Monday 19th of August 2014. If you run out and require further tickets please contact the office.

VU Open Day

VU invites you, your students and their families to discover the opportunities we offer that will get your students on their path to victory.

Our Open Day program is packed with information sessions, interactive displays and hands-on workshops designed to help your students make informed decisions about future study. We encourage your students to plan their day using our interactive planner to ensure they attend the sessions and activities that are most important to them.

Discover the opportunities of a VU education on Sunday 24 August.

http://www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2014/

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21st Century Library... moving with the times

We are currently in the process of collecting all of our books of short stories and putting them all together in one easy to find location. This will include fictional stories like ones by Paul Jennings or Neil Gaiman and some true stories, perhaps about war or being bullied or seeking asylum. This new Short Stories shelf can be found near the blue chairs on the other side of the Quick Reads. Also, don’t forget we also have a great Graphic Novels section with a wide range of different styles and genres of comics.

For a different reading experience check out our library’s eBook lending platform at: http://footscraycity.wheelers.co/. Here you can download a great selection of fiction and non-fiction titles. They can be loaned on any device (including your netbook) and will stay on for two weeks, after which they are automatically returned. Patrons need to log on with their school username and password to borrow eBooks.

The library is also preparing for a big change in the upcoming few weeks as we transition to a new Library Management System called Access It. This new system will allow staff and students to access our catalogue from home. It will also let patrons renew and reserve books themselves, wherever they are and to access many different databases with a single search query. The library will be closed on Monday 15th September for staff training in Access It. This new system will provide a much more user friendly and efficient service to staff and students at FCC and we warmly welcome the change.

Daniel Micallef
Library Manager

Hello everybody! Throughout this year some keen students have been meeting fortnightly in the library discussing the other worlds and other people that make up the fantastic world of fiction. This group is Caught Read Handed! When you join our little group we can show you many new worlds and stories to keep you from boredom. So far our group is only quite small, but we are waiting for people like you to join us. The more the merrier! Meet us on the 21st of August at lunch in the library classroom for our next session. We will be waiting.

Sincerely,

the Caught Read Handed team.

Here are some books we would recommend:
- *F for Vendetta* by Alan Moore & David Lloyd
- *A Song of Ice and Fire (Game of Thrones)* by George R.R. Martin
- *A Measureless Peril* by Richard Snow
- *The Billionaire’s Curse* by Richard Newsome
- *Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy Series* by Douglas Adams

Tickets are now available for the trivia night fundraising event of the year, A PARLIAMENT OF OWLS. You can pick up tickets at: http://www.trybooking.com/FNGY or via the links on the school website. So keep Friday night of the 5th September free for fun and games. If you want to eat pizzas on the night you will need to pre-purchase them when buying your tickets online. Simply enter the quantity you want next to the type of pizza you want. Admission prices are $15 per person or $90 for a table of eight. Get a team together and enjoy a battle of the brains!!

A PARLIAMENT OF OWLS will no doubt be a hoot, with heaps of fun, frivolity and music. All proceeds will be shared between the Friends of Footscray City College and our Library, to go towards school improvements. So join us for a night of laughs and prizes. Be quick, we sold out last year!
A Parliament Of Owls

FOOTSCRAY CITY COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY SEPT 5TH

6:30 PM FOR 7PM START
BYO FOOD - DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

$15 PER PERSON OR $90 PER TABLE OF 8 - PIZZAS ARE AVAILABLE TO PREORDER WHEN BOOKING TICKETS

PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAM
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
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Ten common discipline mistakes

Here are 10 common and easily avoided mistakes parents make when disciplining their children. Replace these mistakes with better techniques and you’ll be on your way to parenting ease.

1. Setting no limits
   - Remember, kids expect and deserve clear, consistent boundaries. When a child knows what is expected, how to behave and where limits will be set, they’re more likely to follow through.

2. Failing to follow through
   - Talk to your child to set the rule, let them know what the consequence will be if they don’t follow through, and then ensure that consequence is actually delivered. Don’t delay or “forget” about it.

3. Making consequences too harsh
   - “You’re grounded for a week.” Or “You’re not allowed to go to his birthday party.” These types of consequences can be too harsh if they’re not age-appropriate or if they’re not followed through.

4. Applying consequences when you, or they, are angry
   - It’s best to wait until you’re calm to apply consequences. If you’re angry, it’s hard to be objective and fair.

5. Mixing discipline with counselling
   - Sometimes parents will want to have meaningful conversations with their children to understand their perspective. It’s best to separate these conversations from discipline so they don’t get mixed up.

6. Being too soft or too strict
   - It’s important to find a balance between being too soft or too strict. Too soft and your child may not take your discipline seriously, while too strict can lead to feelings of resentment and anger.

7. Not having a consistent routine
   - A consistent routine can help kids feel secure and supported. Make sure you’re setting clear expectations and sticking to them.

8. Not giving enough praise
   - Positive reinforcement is just as important as negative reinforcement. Make sure you’re acknowledging your child’s positive actions and behaviors.

9. Not being consistent
   - Consistency is key when it comes to discipline. Make sure you’re always clear and consistent in your expectations and consequences.

10. Not being a good role model
    - Kids learn by watching their parents. Make sure you’re setting a good example and modeling the behavior you want to see in your child.