PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Exams & More Exams
Our year 12 students are now well and truly into their final exam period, having started on the 29th October. So far reports from students and teachers are that the exams have been as one would expect, with no unpredictable or unpleasant surprises. This hopefully works favourably for our students and their results. But, as we know, exam performance is generally not just the result of what you know, but is mixed with levels of anxiety, with the two factors varying in proportion, according to the individual student.

Year 11s start their end of year exams this Friday (7th Nov) and finish up the following Friday.

On Monday 17th November, the students will commence their Year 12 program. It is compulsory and vitally important that all students attend these classes. The program runs until Friday 28th November and covers the first two weeks of work for Year 12. The early commencement program for Year 12 is to give our students a head start, as many other schools do, and it is essential that students take advantage of this opportunity and treat it seriously.

Year 10 students will also follow suit shortly after year 11s, with their exams commencing Monday 17th November. The in-house exams for years 10 and 11 are about developing students’ revision and exam techniques in preparation for year 12, as well as testing the knowledge and skills they have learnt in their current year. It is expected that students put serious effort into the preparation for, and the sitting of these exams, to assist in optimising their academic outcomes, both for now and in the future.

Art Show
While exams and academic outcomes are of great importance, there are other parts of school life that are also important. The recent Art Show was an example of this, showcasing some of the finest creative talent we have. For all who visited the exhibition, I am sure you will agree our students’ work in all mediums – painting, drawing, photography, digital art, ceramics, wood design and graphic design – was typically of high standard with some pieces of exceptional artistic merit. Thank you to all students who had work exhibited, and thank you particularly to teachers Bronwyn McCoy, Olga Kurbienko, Beth Cleary, and Paul Dooley and pre-service teacher Jessica Geraghty-Wreford who organized all displays and were basically responsible for the Art Show happening. Thanks Also to Jessica and her students who create a beautiful glass lamp which will take pride of place on the main reception desk. Finally, a big congratulations to the winners of the People’s Choice Award, and please read Bronwyn McCoy’s article on the Art Show to find out who these two talented young people are.

FCC goes to Tanzania - World Challenge Trip
The school’s involvement with the World Challenge program since 2007 has been part of providing a rich variety of extra curricula opportunities for our students. So far different groups of students have visited Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Borneo, and on the 18th November another group will be taking off for Tanzania on the east coast of Africa. These World Challenge trips focus on developing students’ leadership and independence skills, as well as developing their sensibilities as global citizens.

The Year 10 and 11 students along with teachers, Kellie Catanese and Mark Komp have an impressive itinerary for the Tanzanian trip. Some of the highlights are:

- general orientation to Tanzanian life, including buying fresh produce from local markets for cooking classes run by the local women
- volunteer work with a village community, helping with the construction of new classrooms and teaching the students English
- a safari trip to see the impressive East African wildlife
- a major trek in the Livingstone Mountains and along the shores of Lake Nyasa
finally, a few days of rest and relaxation on the Swahili coast. For the students on this adventure it has every prospect of being an exciting, fascinating and possibly life changing experience. They will not return until midway through the last week of the school year, so I guess we will have to wait until the new year to hear reports of their experiences. Meanwhile, it will be business as usual at FCC, with the rest of us being kept busy with such things as course commencement programs for all year levels, awards assemblies and presentation night, Year 10 work experience, and the end of year activities program, etc, until the 19\textsuperscript{th} December.

\textbf{Maria Bawden - Principal}

\textbf{‘BEST FIJI TRIP EVER’ }

As they say at the Olympics, this was the ‘best Fiji trip ever!’ The recent year 10 and 11 trip to Fiji was as always a pleasure to be part of and not for the reasons you may think.

While it’s true the snorkelling, fishing, sea kayaking, bush walks, reef adventures and explorations are a fun and exciting part of the trip the real depth of the trip comes from the cultural exchange with the village community. It is a pleasure to see the students embrace relationships with the locals through various activities whether it be basket weaving, coconut husking, language activities or culinary investigations (i.e. eating local food!) The main activity though is the dance rehearsals for the big performance on ‘Feast Night’. The students spend a lot of time with the villagers, who are very generous with their time, learning the traditional boys and girls dances but also developing strong bonds with them. This makes for a great night in the village with the feast, exchange of gifts, the performances and then general partying and even some teachers were seen to dance. I think the students are generally a little surprised at the depth of feeling they develop with the villagers and the final farewells are rarely a dry-eyed event.

A special thanks to Mike Sturmey and Elaine Rose for the enormous amount of effort they made before and during the trip to make sure everything went smoothly, your efforts are appreciated by everyone involved.

\textbf{Adam Taylor}

\textbf{ART SHOW 2014}

Congratulations to the large number of highly creative and skillful students whose work was displayed at the Arts Show. All year levels were represented with work from Art, Photography, Studio Arts, Visual Communication and Design and VET furnishing.

Opening night was well attended with families, friends, and teachers having a difficult time voting for their favorite work for the peoples choice award, with two students being chosen. The winners are Katelyn Macdonald and Maddie Vernon Hayes, both of year 12 whose exceptional drawing skills have impressed the crowd.

Students have started to collect their work from the show and all students are encouraged to collect art works and visual diaries from their teachers to show families the variety of work completed throughout the year.

\textbf{Bronwyn McCoy - Teacher VCD and Photography}
Our library has recently switched over to a new Library Management System called Access-It, which will give staff and students a far greater researching experience and allow them access to their own borrowing records. We have also got a new look library website, which links to online news sources and databases, referencing information, our eBook lending platform, book recommendations and has dedicated pages for both parents and staff! Of course you can also search our library’s collection from the website using our new OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue).

The ‘Fast Find’ search on the new OPAC allows students and staff to search our library’s holdings as well as global search engines like google and subscription only databases like World Book Online all in one single search!! It also has very powerful filtering and sorting functions to allow users to hone in on the most appropriate resources.

Students are now able to login and have a bit of control over their personal accounts. Once logged in they can renew overdue books, reserve items, request items and even write reviews on books they’ve read. They use their school username and password to login (the same one as Compass).

Anyone can access our new library website and OPAC via links on the FCC website or on Compass under ‘School Favourites’ (click on the star icon).

Alternatively, to see our Library Website go to: http://library.footscray.vic.edu.au/
To search our OPAC go to: http://librarysearch.footscray.vic.edu.au:2000

Creepy but Comfy

The library’s proceeds from our recent fundraising (last term’s ‘Parliament of Owls’ trivia night) are starting to be put to good use. New computer task chairs have been purchased and are more comfortable and ergonomic for our short use PCs. New colourful stools are in and more purpose built tables and chairs are due in any day now.

By creating more variation in the types of spaces offered within the library we can accommodate more variation in the types of students that use our facilities outside of class time. Bringing the comforts of ‘home’ into learning space design also has the ability to include more of the student population than that of a sterile space. Comfort and the ability to relax while working can help students think and the safety one generally associates with home can help the library become an inclusive place of learning.

Stay tuned for more innovations in the FCC Library.
FFCC SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
Saturday, December 6th
Turn your old Uniform into CASH
Bring your Quality used garments to the Canteen area on either Friday Nov 28th 3-4.30pm,
Tuesday Dec 2nd 3-4.30pm
or
Friday Dec 5th 5-7pm
Vendors receive 30% of the cost of the new item.
Buyers pay 50% of the cost of the new item.
The Friends of FCC receive 20% commission.
Please note we will only accept quality garments.

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FFCC SECOND HAND BOOK SALE
Turn your 2014 Text Books into CASH
Bring your 2014 text books to the Library anytime between now and Wednesday November 26th.

Fill out the form, that you get from the Library, with your details and attach it with sticky tape (NO GLUE) to the inside back cover of the book.

We will take your book and place it for sale at the Friends of FCC Second Hand Book Sale on Saturday, December 6th. If sold, a cheque will be posted to you less the sale commission.

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Second Hand Uniform Sale - Price List

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A reminder that to join Saver Plus people need to:

- Be over 18
- Have a concession card from Centrelink (health care card or pension concession card)
- Have some income from work (themselves or their partner; part time or casual work is fine)
- Have children already at school, starting school next year, OR be studying themselves
- Have not completed the Saver Plus program previously.

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Daniel Crotty, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 9312 0932 / 0419 607 295
or daniel.crotty@thesmithfamily.com.au

JobCraft

Looking for part-time, full-time, casual or permanent work over the next few months?

JobCraft is an organisation that links young people with local job opportunities, support and training that interests YOU!

"Like" their Facebook page and check out their web page for more information.

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www.jobcraft.com.au

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WANT Welcome Wagon

in conjunction with

Seddon Community Bank Branch

presents

FOOD DRIVE

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Items needed are:

- Tea
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Long Life Milk
- Flour
- Cooking Oil
- Eggs
- Tinned Goods
- Legumes
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Spices
- Noodles
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Reconditioned Liquid
- Cleaning Cloths
- Cleaning Products

Please drop items to Sunshine Bank
29-30A Charles St Seddon
23 Oct - 15 Nov

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Secure Parking will donate $1 to Footscray City College for every transaction made using Secure-A-Spot.
Each time a parking booking is made using promotion code: FCC, Secure Parking will donate $1 to Footscray City College.
Secure Parking has $5 Night & Weekend parking all over Melbourne PLUS weekday early bird parking from $10.
This offer applies to weekend parking, evening parking, early bird parking & casual parking all over the city when booked online at www.secureparking.com.au using promo code: FCC.
You will also earn 2 Qantas Frequent Flyer points for every $1 spent.

Have an upcoming community or sporting event?
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