

Principal's Report

May has been a very busy month at Lilydale Heights College. The College has been busy hosting current and potential families, students have undertaken NAPLAN testing and the Athletic Sports were a success despite the inclement weather.

Open Night

Open Night was held on Tuesday May 3. The evening was a huge success. All staff attended and the school has never looked better. Displays were colourful and many faculties had interactive activities for students to be involved in. Over 125 families attended the evening. Many thanks to Cathy Skinner; she shared a parent's perspective during the formal part of the proceedings. Congratulations to Tim Veevers and the Transition team on a wonderful outcome and thank you to the current students who worked alongside staff to make the night such a success.

NAPLAN and Exams

Year 7 and 9 students have undertaken the NAPLAN, National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy tests. NAPLAN tests skills in Literacy: Grammar and Punctuation, Writing, Reading and Spelling, and Numeracy: Calculator and non-calculator skills. Results of NAPLAN testing are made available to parents in September.

Year 10 Keys Please Program

Year 10 students recently undertook the Keys Please program. Keys Please is a program run by VicRoads and offers information and practical ideas for Year 10 students on how to use the

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2016

6 June	Croydon Wind Symphony
6-10 June	Year 11 Exam Week
13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
14-17 June	Middle School Exam Week
14-26 June	Central Australia Tour
20-24 June	Year 10 Work Experience Week
24 June	Last day of Term 2

Please note: all dates are subject to change

learning to drive period, getting 120 hours of practice and becoming safe drivers.

During this session year 10 students learnt about many areas relating to driving, these included:

- The reason young drivers are at risk and why driving experience is so important.
- The importance of learning to drive in stages – from simple tasks on quiet roads to more difficult drives in all sorts of road, weather and traffic conditions.
- The importance of developing a positive partnership between learners and their parents.

Athletics Sports

Despite inclement weather the annual Athletic Sports went ahead on May 9th. A majority of the program had been completed before the clouds erupted and activities needed to be abandoned. Costumes and color were the order of the day and some outstanding results were posted.

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Mother's Day High Tea

The Vallydale Café has been very busy throughout this term but no busier than on Friday May 13. This day was dedicated to a Mother's Day high tea. The café looked amazing in all shades of pink and patrons were spoilt with an exquisite selection of sandwiches and desserts. The service, as always, was impeccable and a high time was had by all.

Thank you to Sharon Francis and Anne Wilkins for their passion and dedication. Thanks too, to their wonderful team of students.



Picture: Mother's Day High Tea

Compass App

As you may be well aware the College recently moved to the Compass Learning Management System. This system allows parents, students and staff to work together and communicate readily regarding student learning needs including: Learning Tasks, Attendance and various other communications. There is an "app" available for students and parents to install on their phones for easy, anytime access.

The "App" can be downloaded from the App Store and is called Compass School Manager.

Rosina Fotia

Principal



College Traffic Management Plan

Notice to all Parents

Just a reminder to all parents to follow the Traffic Management Plan and...

**only use the external indented parking bays
along Nelson Road as a drop off zone.**

Please do not use the Staff Carpark as a drop off zone. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

- Students identified as having mobility issues are exempt
- Pedestrian access is clearly indicated along designated pathways
- VicRoads School Zone traffic – *please obey the signs*



Year 11 Central Australia Tour

Six weeks to go until we leave for Central!!!!

Staff and students are now getting very excited. The trip is a great opportunity for students to extend their learning outside of the classroom.

Students will make new friends and the food is awesome! They will have the opportunity to do things they may never have thought possible like climbing St. Mary's peak, camping out under the stars, finding an opal and experiencing the most amazing sunsets, camel rides and holding reptiles!!

To quote a *Central* student from last year:

"It's exhilarating!"

[Check out photos from last year.](#)

Cannot wait...

Laura Morley

Central Australia Tour Co-ordinator



College welcomes Tomomi Matsubayashi

Lilydale Heights College would like to welcome our new Japanese Assistant, Tomomi Matsubayashi.

A graduate from Doshisha Women's University, studying International Studies, Tomomi comes to us with a vast experience teaching foreign languages.

She has spent two years living in Canada, hence has excellent English skills and can also speak Chinese and Spanish.

Tomomi loves traditional Japanese culture in particular, Ikebana (flower arrangement) and Sado (tea ceremony).

She will be running the Japanese Club on a Monday lunch time.

Museum Day

On Friday 10 June, Year 7 and 8 students will host **Museum Day**, displaying artefacts and presenting their Research Projects on Ancient Societies and the Medieval World.

Parents, family and friends are invited to join us to admire students' research and presentation skills, as well as the artefacts they have produced!

- Where: H-Wing
- When: from 2pm
- The Valleydale Café will also be open during the afternoon.

We hope to see you there!

Tim Chapman

Curriculum Co-ordinator



Work Experience

Year 10 Students - last week of Term 2, 20 - 24 June.

Less than one month to go until work experience week!

For those students who have not organised their placement yet, please make this a priority. In Future Directions classes, students will be given time to research and make contact with employers. Work Experience is very valuable; it is a fantastic way to find out what you might or MIGHT NOT want to do when you leave school.

Tips on finding work experience:

- Speak to family and friends to see if they have links to businesses of interest
- Check the yellow pages www.yellowpages.com.au by entering business types and locations and calling
- Take a walk through a local main street, shopping centre or industrial estate to ask businesses
- Speak to Ms Byrne or your Future Directions teacher for some leads/ideas.

The official Work Experience Form (located outside the Careers Office, sent as a PDF on Compass, available on our Careers website www.lilydaleheightscareers.com or by searching *work experience arrangement form Victoria*) needs to be filled in and signed by student, parent and employer before it comes to the school for Mrs Fotia to sign.

Closer to the date, all students will receive a copy of their form, along with other documents, to hand to their employer.

Julie Byrne

Careers & Work Experience Co-ordinator



Harmony Day

Harmony Day was a great success.

It was organised by the SRC who should be commended for their vision, enthusiasm and team work.

A big thank you to all the students who donated a plate of food, representing their cultural background (or a favourite international dish), for the Harmony Day Lunch. Other activities included the Wasabi Challenge (Vegemite Challenge for the Japanese visitors), Origami and Chinese Tea Ceremony.



Education Week

We celebrated Education Week (16-20 May) at Lilydale Heights with a number of activities throughout the week, including several centred on this year's theme, "**Technology: Create your Future**".

- On **Monday** the Year 10s headed to Swinburne University and Box Hill TAFE to explore the range of courses on offer for further studies.
- On **Tuesday** there was a netball match between Year 7 and 8 students who wore the College's GPS trackers to monitor their speed and distance travelled, followed with analysis of the data. Also on **Tuesday** was the Languages Expo in H-Wing, with activities including a Tea Ceremony, hosted by our Japanese language assistant Tomomi, a Manga Drawing Competition, Obento Lunch Box competition and a Martial Arts Demonstration at 1pm.
- On **Wednesday**, the student Coding Club met at lunchtime in the H10 computer lab with new students welcome to attend.
- On **Friday**, the Valleydale Café run by our Middle School Café Culture class opened from 9:30am to 10:30am and from 12:40pm to 2:30pm for lunch and quality barista coffee, with parents encouraged to come in to be waited on by students. Finally, on **Friday evening** at 7pm the Year 12 Theatre Studies class demonstrated their skills in acting and stagecraft with a performance of "The Insect Play". The play was performed in the PAC.

Tim Chapman

Curriculum Co-ordinator



Languages Expo - Education Week

H-Wing was a hive of activity at Lunchtime on Tuesday 17 May.

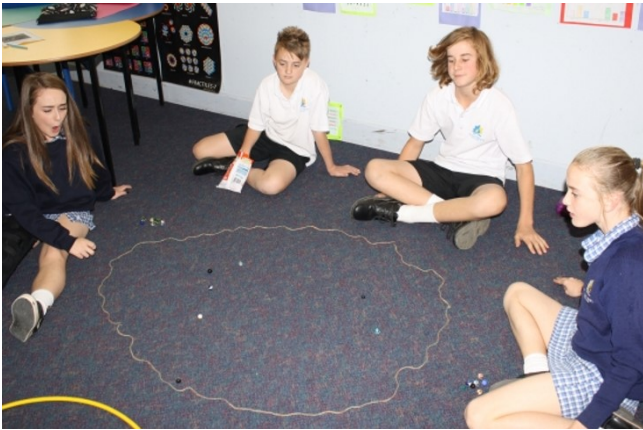
Year 7 and 8 students organised a range of Indonesian and Japanese cultural games and activities.

Plus...

- **Martial Arts** demonstration performed by Anthony Maggi, Heath Smith, and ex-student Lauren Griffith;
- **Tea Ceremony** presentation by Tomomi;
- **Manga Drawing Competition** run by the Japanese Club; and an
- **Asian Fashion Display** by the Middle School Asian Pop Culture class.



Languages Expo - Education Week Continued...



Japanese March Visit

We experienced another successful visit from our sister school, Ota First Senior High School - lots of fun, laughs, embarrassing moments, with great friendships and unforgettable memories made.



The relationship has now entered it's 21st year and would not still be going without the support of the whole school community.

A big thank you goes out to our amazing host families.



Mrs Phillips & Miss Serle are looking forward to visiting Japan with a group of our students in September.

Sport Events and College Athletics

Many sports events occurred during Term 2! Numerous inter-school competitions at all year levels included:

- Badminton
- Football
- Netball and
- Volleyball

With even more Sports events to come!

The **College Athletics Carnival** was held at Knox Athletics Track on Monday 9 May.

The day started well with lots of students participating, trying to earn points for their House Team to see if they could knock Yarra and Melba off, for the House Team of the Year.

Unfortunately, Melbourne's weather turned nasty and we had to make a mad dash for shelter as the marshalling tent flew away!

Due to this not all the events were completed on the day. These will be held at the College the near future and students and parents will be notified when these events will be held.

In the meantime, announcement of Age Group Champions and the winning House will be postponed until all events are complete.

Watch this space!

Yarra Group Cross Country

On Friday 13 May, a number of talented Lilydale Heights College students competed in the Yarra Group Cross Country Competition.

The students ran extremely well and represented Lilydale Heights College with pride. 13 students qualified to represent the Yarra Group and the College in the Eastern Region Cross Country to be held on 14 June at Yarra Glen racecourse.

Congratulations to all of the students and staff involved.

Qualifiers are:

U 13 Boys

Dylan Biggs; Jarah Benbow-Wandin

U 13 Girls

Jade Mason

U 14 Boys

Brendan Davis

U 14 Girls

Hannah Wells; Samantha Di Gregorio

U 15 Girls

Gen Bowen

U 16 Girls

Rachel Theobald; Rickeylee Brown

17-20 Boys

Brody MacDonald; Devlin Cunningham

17-20 Girls

Kiara Bax; Kariesha Porch

Natalie Middlemast

Valleydale Cafe



**Valleydale Café will be open on
Monday and
Friday until mid-June**

Opening hours are:

Monday 11.30am-1.30pm

Friday 9.30-10.30am and 12.30-2.30pm

**It is advised that you contact the school to make sure
the café is not closed due to a school event**

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