

Principal's Report

Hello from China once again. I am currently part way through a visit to China, travelling with the Department of Education. The tour has taken us to many cities in central and eastern China including Xi'an, Beijing and Shanghai. This has been a wonderful opportunity for Lilydale Heights College to be represented on an international stage and for the benefits of the Victorian Education System to be shared across the world.

College Council

Parent and staff representatives form an integral part of all College Councils. They help provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. College Council elections for 2017 have been completed. Thank you to departing College Council members Mrs Laura Di Gregorio and Mrs Lisa Walsh and welcome to new and returning members Mr Domenic Colaneri, Mrs Cathy Skinner, Mrs Lynda Nel, Mrs Karon Austin, Mrs Leanne Panton-Michaud, Mrs Danielle Burgham and Ms Dorianne Oliver. Ms Shannon Sargeant, Ms Emma Steeper and Mr Michael Waddell are the elected staff representatives on College Council and Ms Tracey Green and Ms Fiona Purcell join Council as Community members. Executive positions on College Council have also been determined for the 2017 school year. Congratulations to the following position holders:

College President: Mr Domenic Colaneri
Vice President: Mrs Danielle Burgham
Treasurer: Mrs Leanne Panton-Michaud
Minute Secretary: Ms Tracey Green

Annual Implementation Plan

The Annual Implementation Plan: for Improving Student Outcomes (AIP) is a detailed plan encompassing strategies and other significant projects that will be put into operation, monitored

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2017

31 March 2017	Parent-Teacher Interviews
31 March 2017	Last Day of Term 1
18 April 2017	First Day of Term 2
25 April 2017	ANZAC Day Holiday

Please note: all dates and times are subject to change

and evaluated in the College over the next 12 months. This plan aligns with the College Strategic Plan and has been approved by College Council. The key priorities for the 2017 school year include:

- Building the capacity of teachers in Literacy and Numeracy
- Improving Curriculum and Assessment Practices.

Learning Focus and Curriculum Day

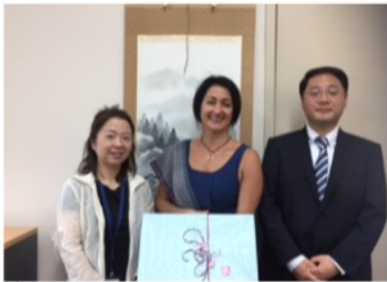
Wednesday March 8 was our first Curriculum Day for the year. Teachers worked in faculties to cover three sessions during the day. The main objectives achieved on the day included:

- Ensuring all lessons are based on explicit learning intentions and success criteria that allow students to take ownership of their learning;
- Incorporating Writing To Learn strategies into lessons aimed at improving students' understanding of topics as well as their writing skills;
- Ensuring our curriculum plans align with the new Victorian Curriculum that came into effect at the beginning of 2017;
- Professional Learning on supporting students with learning difficulties.

Educational Support Staff also used this time to confirm their goals for the Performance and Development process. Thank you to Tracey Green and Tim Chapman for their work on this day.

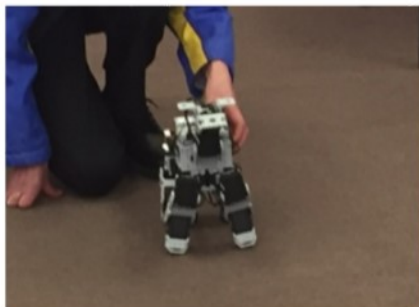
Ota Daiichi Visit

Our sister school visitors arrived on Friday March 10. They have, once again, been hosted by our supportive families. The eight students and two staff were formally welcomed to the College at a whole school assembly held on March 14. Kerry Barrett organised a range of activities for the students and teachers, including a visit to Lilydale Primary School and a visit to meet the Mayor of Yarra Ranges. Lilydale Heights College is proud of its longstanding relationship with Ota Daiichi High School and values the benefits this relationship brings to students, staff and the wider communities associated with both schools.



Visit from Gill Callister

Gill Callister, Secretary of the Department of Education, visited the College on March 14. As Secretary, Gill manages and leads staff to deliver and improve early childhood, school education, vocational and higher education services across Victoria. Gill was visiting the school to hear from students, first hand, their experiences as a part of the Yarra Ranges Technical School Pilot Program. Year 9 students, Kai Martin, Matthew Burgham, Sophia Clune and Faith Williams represented the student cohort at the meeting. The secretary was keen to engage our students in conversation regarding their role in the pilot robotics program being run at the new technical school. Thank you to all the students involved.



Student Leadership: CFV Program

Four of our Year 10 students attended a three day camp sponsored by Cystic Fibrosis Victoria. Hannah Smith, Rebecca Nel, Gen Bowen and Tayah Griffiths were nominated by staff as suitable representatives earlier this year. The camp raised awareness of CF but also aimed to develop leadership potential in all candidates. Reports back from the students has been very positive and they are looking to hold a free dress day in Term 2 to help raise funds and awareness of CF in our community.

Student Achievement

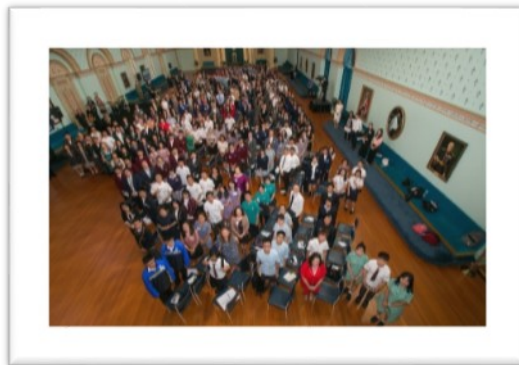
Congratulations to the following two students on their recent outstanding sporting performances:

Zane Wheeler won a bronze medal in the Victorian Athletics Championships for his age group. Zane has now qualified for the Australian Championships that will be held in Sydney this month. Congratulations Zane and we wish you all the best with the Australian Championships.

Isabella Theophanous-Maddison won the age group championship award at the recent Yarra group Swimming Carnival. Isabella won every event in which she competed. Well done Isabella! An outstanding achievement!

Victorian International School Student Welcome

Congratulations to Kane, Tony and Lena, three of our International Students who attended the welcome reception at Government House this month. They were exceptional ambassadors for our College and International Students across the state.



I wish everyone in the College community all the very best for the upcoming break. See you all again in Term 2.

Rosina Fotia

Principal



Coding Competition

For the first time, Lilydale Heights College entered a Junior Team in the 2017 Code Masters Competition run by Melbourne University.

Without knowing exactly what to expect, Year 9 students Darian Michaud, Roman Lovett and Liam Thorburn rose to the challenge, forming a team to compete against students from around Australia.

At precisely 9:35am on Thursday 16th March our students commenced tackling problems that included word morphs, number finders and number patterns.

The students displayed fantastic teamwork and focus and are to be congratulated on a great morning's work.

Hopefully this will be start of a long association with the competition.

Michael Lester,

ICT/Coding Teacher

It's Not OK to Be Away

Attendance is not optional but compulsory.

Students are expected to maintain a satisfactory commitment to all units in which they are enrolled. Full attendance and punctuality is required at all timetabled classes, assemblies, group meetings and compulsory activities.

When a student is absent he/she is required to provide an explanation from a parent. A medical certificate is required for absences in excess of three school days.

Parents can submit absences in a number of ways:

- Via Compass home page, click on attendance listed under your student's name, then you can enter the absent type;

The screenshot shows the 'Compass' home page for a parent. The page is titled 'Homepage' and 'Welcome to the Hogwarts P-12 Portal'. It features a navigation bar with 'Main Menu' and 'Tools'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Your Child/ren' (listing Ron WEASLEY and Ginny WEASLEY with links to their profiles, attendance notes, and reports), 'Alerts' (listing reports, insights cycle, course confirmation, event consent, and attendance notes), and 'News' (listing a cauldron sale and homework club). The user is identified as Mrs Molly WEASLEY.

- Via the school phone number 9735 1133 and follow options for the absence line;
- Via a note brought to the General Office within three days of the absence.

Helene Butterworth

Congratulations Zane Wheeler!

Zane Wheeler of Year 10 has won gold for the third year in a row at the Little Athletics Victoria Eastern Metro Region Championships. He jumped an impressive 1.75m. He broke the Yarra Ranges Athletics Centre record the week before with a 1.77m performance.

Zane went on to compete in the Athletics Victoria Junior States on March 5th, where he came 3rd in his next event, jumping 1.75m, and has progressed to competing in the Little Athletics State Championships on March 12th, where he won a silver medal, and the Nationals on March 25th in Sydney.

Well done Zane!

Erin Doughty



Congratulations Pat Bruzzese

Pat Bruzzese has been working extremely hard to achieve his goals playing football. I would like to congratulate him on behalf of LHC for the following achievement. We wish you the best of luck this season and into the future.

Erin Doughty

My Journey to Eastern Ranges

In November 2016, I was invited to try out for U18s Eastern Ranges TAC Cup Squad. There were 80-90 other kids that were invited to try out for the team. I had a rough start, as the day before we started our first training session I threw my hip out and had to do work in the gym with the rest of the injured boys. I recovered from my hip injury and had three nights of full training until I punched the ball and badly bruised a bone in my hand and missed a month while that got better, so that was another month in the gym keeping fit. They had a cut over Christmas where they went to 60-70 kids. After Christmas, I got through that cut and fully recovered my hand and was ready to train fully. First night back I kicked the ball and felt a bad pain in my hamstring. I went to the physio and he said it was strained, so I went back into the gym to keep fit for another two weeks. At this point I was thinking it wasn't meant to happen. But finally, I was cleared the week we had a scratch match and I was able to play in that. I played well in the scratch match and it was time to progress to the two practice matches against a proper opposition. I played in the twos for the first practice match and had a pretty good game. They did a cut after the game and I got through. The next week I was put up in the ones to play with the top age players and after that game they did a final cut and I made it through that and that meant I made the official list for Eastern Ranges in 2017. They picked a team of 50. Then on Tuesday nights they pick 30 to come and train Thursday and on Thursdays they pick 24 to play the game coming up and repeats for the whole year. Since the squad was picked, we played one more practice match and we have done the AFL Victoria Fitness Testing.

We had a camp in Geelong for team bonding and then we had our jumper presentation on 22nd March. I was presented with the number 25 and selected for the team to play in Round 1. So I guess, through all the injuries and setbacks, that hard work pays off.

Pat Bruzzese

A Trip to the Shrine of Remembrance

On Wednesday 15th March, Ms Doughty's Global Conflicts class went to the Shrine of Remembrance. In class, we are currently learning about the causes of World War I, where the war was, war fronts such as the Western and Eastern Fronts and Gallipoli. We have also been learning about the ANZAC legend and spirit.

The Shrine was very interesting and enjoyable. We split into two groups and had a tour guide each that showed us around the Shrine and explained what things were like in World War I for the soldiers, nurses and people back at home. We learnt what the Shrine does to remember the ANZACs and all the wonderful traits the ANZACs showed in the face of fear. I got the opportunity to see and take a photo of three of my relatives' names in one of the many books they have with all the soldiers' names who fought in World War I.

It was a very good experience and I am looking forward to learning more about the World War I in class.

April Buttress, Year 10



Year 10 Peer Support

On Thursday 16th March, Miss Doughty took the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders to the Year 7 Phillip Island Camp. We had organised some beach activities to have fun and continue to build our relationship with the Year 7 students. We held numerous sandcastle activities including a creative competition where they had to find three or more objects from the beach that were not sand and add it to their sandcastle. We even held a furniture competition that had to hold the weight of at least one person. We also ran an iron man challenge that most people participated in including the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders. Afterwards, we played some fun beach activities, such as beach volleyball and cricket. Along with these two activities, all students had free time to swim or play games on the beach with the Year 10 students. Overall, it was a very enjoyable day for both the Year 7s, Peer Support Leaders and the staff involved.

Brooke Watson and Kacey Buller, Year 10



Peer Support Primary School Visit

On Thursday, 9th March, Ms Doughty and the Year 10 Peer Support students went to Lilydale West Primary School. We walked up to the school and introduced ourselves and our position as leaders in the Peer Support Program. We then ran some ice-breaker activities with them in small groups. We played games including: spaceships, barnyard and knots. This was enjoyable for the leaders and the Grade 6 students as it allows us to develop a relationship with the primary school. It gives them time to have fun while participating in activities and a chance to see what the Peer Support Program is like at our College. As leaders, we got to experience running games with Grade 6 students, which is a valuable life skill that can be taken outside of school. Overall, we really enjoyed the hour we had with them and look forward to visiting them again.

Bec Nel



2017 Year 7 Camp

Phillip Island

Between March 14 and 17, our Year 7s spent four days at Christian Youth Camp (CYC) in Cowes. Throughout that time we explored some of Phillip Island and had our days packed with activities. CYC itself had much to offer. Their 'High Swing' tested our nerve, though students met this daunting activity with enthusiasm. The Flying Fox and trampolines were less nerve-racking experiences, but were popular nonetheless. Many students enjoyed mountain bike rides and took on the mechanical climbing wall. Indoor activities included table tennis, pool and 'Ed's Alley', which became a favourite. Mr Denny suffered defeat after defeat on this nineteenth century style saloon game: The students proved far superior! However, the swimming pool was a favourite for most, and on more than occasion, the students refreshed themselves after a hot, action packed day.

We also had other great experiences around the island. All students went to A Maze N Things. This gave them the opportunity to try a 'high-ropes' circuit. It did not look so high from the ground, but proved to be an adrenalin rush. Students also enjoyed the mind-boggling mini-golf course, and got lost in the mirror maze, among various other labyrinthine and puzzling activities. Many of our students also went surfing at Smiths Beach. The instructors here and the consistent break are famed for getting people standing on a surfboard, and our experience was no exception.

For me personally, the highlight of the camp was the Penguin Parade on Wednesday night. The penguins were quite interesting, but what impressed me was our students. Surrounded by tourists and other schools, the crew from Lilydale Heights was fantastic. They demonstrated our school values of excellence with their polite behaviour, responsibility by being mindful of their environment, and respect by considering others around them and keeping the noise levels down. It made me feel proud to be part of our school community.

Other evening activities included an evening beach walk and disco. On the beach walk, Ms Serle led a handstand and cartwheel competition that gave several students the opportunity to amaze us with their athletic ability. The disco on our final evening rocked with the beats of D.J. Grouse (AKA Mr Smith), and had nearly all the students engaged. However, there were some that joined me in a game of 'Uno' that had quite possibly the longest list of rules of any card game in history.

Given that the objective of the camp was for students to get to know one another and their teachers better, it was great success. Like any camp, we had our 'ups' and 'downs'. However, I'm sure that all students will take away lasting memories. I would like to thank all the staff who attended that, in their own ways, contributed to looking after the students and making this camp a great experience. You are a reflection of the professionalism and student-centred approach that makes our school such a great place. However, I would mostly like to thank all the Year 7s for being such a great group to share this experience with. The Junior School Team looks forward to seeing this great behaviour and enthusiasm continue into Term 2 and beyond.

Bryce Denny

2017 Year 7 Camp Phillip Island continued...



Science Club

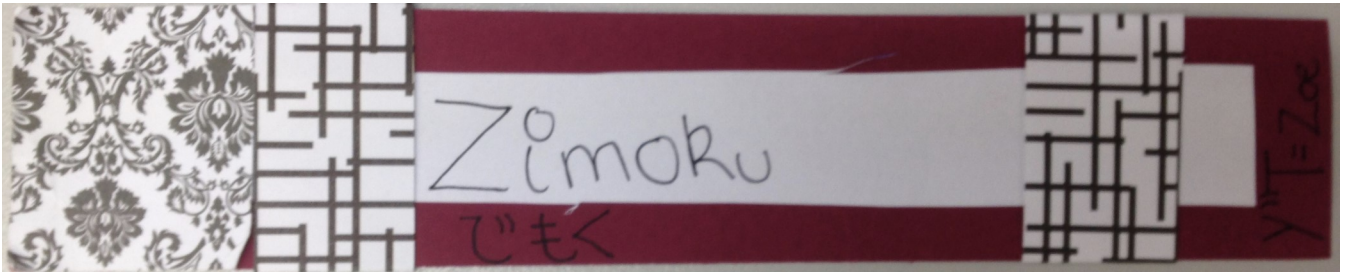
We have had a fun start to Science Club this year. A dedicated group of Year 7 students have been coming Thursday lunchtimes to observe demonstrations and participate in experiments. In our focus on pressure we saw how a candle can draw water up a cylinder, crushed a heated can by placing it in water, blew the lid off a milo tin and made film canister rockets. In our last meeting we changed our focus and made traffic light colours in a flask – without touching it!

If you are interested in doing experiments and learning about how things work, then join us in Science Club, Thursdays at 1:15 pm B4.

Ms Sargeant (Ms King and Ms Inglese)



Japanese @ LHC



Zoe Gee7B - Ninja Name Book Mark

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Jacinta Richard Yr 9 Invitation

Farewell Tomomi

Tomomi Matsubayashi has been our latest Japanese Assistant and will finish her year here at the end of the term.

Tomomi is a very competent young lady who has shown much initiative, resourcefulness and has contributed to the school in many ways, not just through the Japanese Program. She has run the Japanese Club every Monday lunchtime, assisted students with their Japanese inside and outside the classroom, created many useful and interesting resources for our students, formed friendships with both staff and students, been heavily involved in the International Students Program, translated numerous documents, including the school website, prepared staff and students for the tour to Japan last year, supported the visit from Ota Dai Ichi this month, performed the tea ceremony at Harmony Day and the Languages Expo and presented Ikebana (flower arrangement) in class. During her time here, she has also spent one day a week at Lilydale Primary School. Through her connection with the primary school, our College has begun to establish a quality relationship with Lilydale Primary School, resulting recently with the Lilydale Primary School Choir performing a song in Japanese at our Harmony Day. Besides all of these achievements, she is a very special person with a beautiful personality and character and she will be greatly missed by so many at the College. I would like to wish her the very best on her return to Japan and I hope this is not the last we will see of Tomomi.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tomomi's host families, the Griffith and Sutherland families. Without your support, this program would not run. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Kerry Barrett



Year 7 Softball

On Wednesday, 23rd February, the Year 7 Softball Team was ready for its first interschool competition. The girls were scheduled to play one full game as there was only one entry from the other schools in the Yarra District. Unfortunately, on the day of competition, our opponents had to pull out. It is difficult to field teams in interschool sport but something we pride ourselves on. We are overwhelmed with the support that the Sport Program receives from students, staff and parents at the College. The girls did not let the withdrawal dampen their spirits. We trained during Period 1 with the help of James Mann in Year 10 (accredited softball/baseball umpire and a baseball/softball player at a high standard). During Period 2, we organised a game and played against the boys from 7A.

The boys hit the lead in the first innings 5-3. The girls' fielding was exceptional in the second inning, led by some great pitching by Hayley Burgess. They followed up with some tremendous batting to come away with a 9-all draw.

Well done to all involved. It was a great team effort. The team will now go through to the Eastern Zone Competition in Term 4.

Erin Doughty



Year 7 Baseball

Our Year 7 Baseball students have been training during Term 1 for the Yarra Group Competition. Unfortunately, we were the only school to enter teams from all the other schools in the Yarra District.

We decided we wouldn't let this stop us from having a full competitive game and played our two sides against each other as our own Yarra Group Grand Final. We played a 3-innings game on the oval all kitted out in our team uniforms. The game was exciting with some great fielding and batting. Franc D'Couto demonstrated great batting skills hitting a home run and Riew Prachuabsuk delivering some great pitches for his team. Nick King proved to be a vital team member as catcher in the final innings.

Franc's team came away with a 10-9 win, just beating Coen Persagati's team in a nail bitter.

Well done to the following boys who will be heading through to the Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals in Term 4:

Riew Prachuabsuk

Franc D'Couto

Nick King

Coen Persagati

Kenan Smith

Eddie Skinner

Jamie Knight

Kieran McLaughlin

Kane Hennessy

Nic Paroissien



Erin Doughty



Swimming Sports

It was a great day at Croydon Memorial Pool for our annual Swimming Sports. Students arrived in the brightest, most colourful and varied types of house outfits for the Swimming Carnival. The Melbourne weather produced a beautiful day and students and staff had a fantastic time, with wonderful student attendance and participation.

The house spirit was high throughout the day, many students entered events to win points for their house. Students who competed also earned points for themselves in order to compete for Age Group Championships. The champions were:

	BOYS	GIRLS
UNDER 13	Bailey Griffiths	Bella Theophanous-Maddison
UNDER 14	Kurt Wishart	Tash McGrath
UNDER 15	Beaudon Nash	Taylah Griffiths
UNDER 16	Dean Warren	Brooke Watson
UNDER 17	Kurtis Hoegel-Clinch	Peta Popa-Jeske
UNDER 21	Corey Delmo	Tammarah Brown

We also had some Best Dressed awards, including Alex Schafer as the Inflatable Man, Ryan Clarke in his suit and tutu, and Sarah Bast and Ash Miller as Avatars, as well as a bunch of grapes: Aden Stares, Ben Moran and Tyler Beck.

Congratulations to everyone in Yarra House, the 2017 Swimming Champion House, with Ms Doughty as House Head and Tammarah Brown and Jett Buller as House Captains.

Sonya Tamos

