PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

One term down!

Now is the perfect time to reflect upon the achievements our school and our students, have achieved in the first nine weeks of school in 2014.

As a school, we have grown in numbers, established a new class, employed a new teacher, had a great start with our two new Assistant Principals, launched our Specialist Science classes with huge success, almost completed our “Cooking Lab”, and managed to settle in 75 new students to our school (including 56 Prep students).

98 of our senior students have completed an eight week swimming program and almost one hundred participated in the district athletics carnival.

Our new Prep students have completed a school entry assessment, settled into the fun and routines of full time school and already are showing signs of excellent learning.

Year six students shall receive their year six “polo top” – tomorrow I believe - which will promote their feeling of being "pretty special" in their final year of primary school.

Next Term

We have a Curriculum Day on the first day of term two; Tuesday 22nd April. So there are only two days of school that week for your children;

Wednesday 23rd April and Thursday 24th April.

For years five and six, inter-school sport takes place on Fridays, in Tee-ball, netball, soccer and football.

Cross Country event is also in the early days of the term, so maybe aspiring longer distance runners could do some “endurance jogging” over the break.

Excursions are planned for the middle and junior classes in line with their planned topics, and there’s Education Week. NAPLAN and June reporting to parents: Enough to go on with I think!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

Who Empties Your Dishwasher?

The choice of who empties the dishwasher in your family tells a great deal about your parenting philosophy.

If you or your partner usually does it then I humbly suggest that you may be working too hard. You’re letting your kids off the hook.

On the other hand, if one or all of your kids (over the age of three) have this job then congratulations. You’re travelling down the road toward redundancy, and your children are heading toward independence.

Many parents would love their kids to do this task but pragmatism (“It’s easier to do it myself”), lack of faith (“They’re sure to break something!”) and unwillingness to let go (“It’s my job after all”) get in the way.

Why the dishwasher?

Good question. Here are seven good reasons:

1. These days almost every house has one, and it’s a job that just has to be done!
2. It’s fiddly and tedious, and it needs to be done right, which is a great lesson for kids to learn.
3. Kids learn that everything has a place in the kitchen, which is a great lesson for those who are organisationally challenged.
4. It’s emptied every morning/day, second morning/day so kids learn about routine.
5. As it needs to be emptied whether they feel like it or not, kids learn about grit (the ability to stick at a task even though it’s boring) and self-control (through delaying gratification) – two important character strengths that contribute to kids’ success.
6. If they don’t do it then who will? It teaches kids that others rely on them, as well as the other way around. Believe me, I see many young people who’ve never learned this lesson at home!
7. Kids can learn to help but they need the opportunity to do their bit at home. The dishwasher is the perfect opportunity that never goes away!

Okay, but does it have to be the dishwasher?

Smart parents put principles into practice to suit their circumstances. So, if you buy into the notion that kids should routinely help at home without being paid, and that your aim is to make yourself redundant – but getting them to empty the dishwasher just doesn’t cut it in your world –
find a similarly regular, laborious task that they can do that will also benefit others.

**How emptying the dishwasher can build independence**
You can learn a lot about a family by knowing who clears their dishwasher. Who empties yours?

**No dishwasher? You have an advantage**
Of course, families without a dishwasher have a great communication mechanism at their disposal. That is, one person washing (a parent) and the other drying (a child or teenager) provide a fabulous shoulder-to-shoulder parenting opportunity. As many parents have discovered, when a child or young person’s hands are busy their tongue suddenly loosens up and the chat happens naturally.

Helen Miller  
Principal

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### DIARY DATES

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| 4th April | Last day of Term 1 | Assembly: 1:15pm  
Students Dismissed: 2:00pm |

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### ART ROOM - WANTED

We are still in need of clean meat trays! If you are able to help then please leave them at the office. Thank you.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Student of the Week / Achievement / Encouragement Awards on Friday at assembly: Rital, Matilda, Chaltu, Carlos, Gabrielle, Karan, Omar, Gina, Charlotte, Vijeta, Miljan, Riziki, Leah, Vini, Mason, Ahmed A., Durar, Ishita, Paradise, Sofia T., Jonah, Victoria, Dan, Jye N., Alice V., Yahya, Sana, Saeed, Calie, Hebatallah, Stephanie, William H., Jack, Yashil and Ach-Erdene.

### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

**How does the Challenge work?**
The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge has now commenced and officially ends on 12 September 2014. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or ‘experience’ 30 books during this period. Students in Years 3 to 10 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books during this period.

If your child is interested in participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge please speak to Gaye Clark in the Library for further information.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

“Happy Birthday” to Calvin, Billy, Farouk and Bradley C.

who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.

“Happy Birthday” also to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays during the holidays: Yunes, Jo, Ashleigh T., Andrew, Jianing, Makelita, Denholm, Paakhi, Alita, Neishar and Durar.

### PASCOE VALE GIRLS COLLEGE

Lake Avenue, Pascoe Vale.

Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend one of our information sessions at our College. You will have the opportunity to meet College leaders and hear about our curriculum and programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College.

The information sessions will occur on the following days at 11:00am:
- Tuesday 29th April  
- Thursday 1st May

An evening session is also available commencing at 7:00pm on:
- Wednesday 30th April
Bookings are essential. Please phone the College on 9306 2544 to reserve a place.

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL
855 PLENTY ROAD, RESERVOIR.

Reservoir High invites you to attend our Showcase and Information Evening on Thursday 1st May 2014 at 7:00pm in the Library.

Reservoir High are also welcoming Applicants for our 2015 SEAL Program and our 2015 Scholarship Program. Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au or obtained from the General Office. Please complete and return it to Reservoir High by Wednesday 7th May 2014.

For more information phone 9470 3555 or go to www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
77 Story Street, Parkville

The Acceleration Program at The University High School is designed to:

- **Challenge**: The subjects studied are sufficiently advanced and delivered at a pace to sustain interest and challenge the learners in the program.
- **Offer Breadth and Depth**: Students are given the opportunity to undertake a range of subjects across the domain areas and are encouraged to explore special areas of interest to a high level of expertise.
- **Provide Complexity**: The curriculum reflects the capacity of learners to engage in abstract thinking and conceptualisation to a high level.

In 2014, the following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2015 Year 7 intake:

1. Test administered by EduTest on Saturday May 10th at 9:00am at The University High School.
2. Interviews with shortlisted applicants and their parents/guardians.

Please apply online via the link on our school website. www.unihigh.vic.edu.au

The closing date for applications is Friday May 2nd, 2014. For more information visit our school website and join us on our Open Day on Wednesday April 30th. We are running two Open Day sessions. Session 1: 2pm-3pm and Session 2: 7pm-8pm. Please only attend one session. There is no need to book for either session 1 or 2.

FREE EVENTS AROUND MELBOURNE

**FREE** Port Open Day Boat Tours
*Last Sunday of the month*
Visit Australia’s busiest container terminal at Swanson Dock. See the massive ships and cranes up close and learn more about the port in these guided boat tours. Departs Gem Pier, Williamstown: 9am and 11am (90 min return). Will not run in July and December. Victoria Harbour Docklands: 1:45pm, 3pm and 4:15pm (60 min return) 96831565 portomelbourne.com

**FREE** Fitzroy Gardens Daily
Historic gardens where families can have a picnic or see the conservatory, fairies’ tree, model Tudor village, Captain Cook’s cottage as well as statues and fountains. Free guided walking tours every Wednesday, 12:30pm. Fitzroy Gardens 230-298 Wellington Pde, East Melbourne. 9658 9658 melbourne.vic.gov.au

**FREE** State Library of Victoria
Details: slv.vic.gov.au

**FREE** Arts Centre Melbourne
100 St. Kida Road Melbourne
1st April to 6th of April 2014
03 9416 2966
Design Portal- a free design hub including exhibitions, social events and food on the Arts Centre Melbourne Lawn. **Some other events may incur a cost.

**Swiss Festival**: Queensbridge Square
Sunday 6th of April
11am- 5pm
1 Queensbridge Square South Bank
0435 510 442
The Swiss Festival is the main event for Victoria’s Swiss community and it showcases Switzerland’s unique culture and traditions as well as those of its European neighbours. Come along for an entertaining and fun filled day- think Swiss cheese and wine, Swiss dancers and singers, Swiss chocolate and much more from the Swiss culture.

**Melbourne Museum**
EXHIBITION: AZTECS 9 April- 10 August 2014
An epic story of Life and Death Ancient Civilisation of the Aztecs rises again in a stunning new exhibition. The Aztecs emerged as the dominant force in central Mexico in the 15th century but Spanish invaders put an end to their empire after only 200 years. Melbourne Museum has worked in partnership with the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa in
Wellington and Sydney’s Australian Museum to bring the exhibition to Australia.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Many parents are very concerned about our children crossing High Street up near the train crossing. These kids walk over to the other side of the railway line. As you know the traffic in High Street is very fast and includes large trucks as well as buses. We also know from experiences that cars and trucks just do not stop when the light turns red. Hence the danger to our kids; they assume when the green light tells them to walk that it is safe. School Council is trying to have the crossing supervised, and has prepared a petition to present to Darebin Council. Copies are at the office if you wish to add your name.

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**LAKEVIEW TENNIS CLUB**
**LEAMINGTON STREET, RESERVOIR.**

**Easter Holiday Clinic**

Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th April
10:00am – 3:00pm
Cost 1 day: $40, 2 days: $70, 3 days: $100
Discounts when 2 or more family members enrol. See website for further details.
Enrolment enquiries contact John on 0419 188 908 / john@grippingpotential.com.au
Email about a Free trial to all who would like to give tennis a go!

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**KEMIZO ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**
**844 COOPER STREET, SOMERTON**

- Roller Skating
- Laser Tag
- Rock Climbing
- Playground
- Bumper Cars
- Parties and Functions

For more information go to www.kemizo.com.au or phone 9305 1772.

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**TRICK OR TREAT MAGIC VENUE**

For some School Holiday Magic ‘Trick or Treat Magic’ can be found upstairs at Kids Space, 560 High Street Epping (enter off Railway Road).

**Magic Show:** Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th,

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th at 11:00am
Approximately 50 minute show
Price: Child 2-12 years $15 and Adults – No Charge

**Magic Class:** Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th at 12:30pm
Approximately 50 minute session
Price: Child 5-12 years $15 and Adults $5

**Super Session Magic Class:** Friday 11th and Monday 14th April at 12:30pm
Approximately 3 hour session for Intermediate to Advanced Magicians
Price: All Ages (Child/Adult) $50pp

**Book now on 0412 969 931**

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**ANZAC DAY**

The ANZAC appeal begins in early April and runs up until ANZAC Day on the 25th April. Most of the funds are raised through the sale of ANZAC badges. The badges are available in different denominations with the basis for the range being the ‘Rising Sun’ ANZAC Appeal brandmark. This emblem is well known to all Australians and has been used during the appeal for many years.

**Badges:** $2:00 or $5.00
**Wristbands:** $3.00
**Bag Tag:** $4.00
**Pens:** $5.00

Children will be able to purchase these in their classrooms at lunch eating time each day.
Subway lunches are on FRIDAYS ONLY - orders are collected on THURSDAY at 9.00am

Place money and order in an envelope or bag marked clearly with child’s name and Group and give to the classroom teacher. Separate orders are required for each child. Correct money is required, no change will be given.

Please note that Subway do not put butter on their rolls.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CIRCLE WHICH NUMBER YOU WISH TO ORDER – YOU ALSO NEED TO CIRCLE WHAT SALAD ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE

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Please Note: Late orders will not be accepted