FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, students and all members of the Avila community,

This week we remember in particular our VCE students who have begun their final examinations and we ask the prayers of St Teresa of Avila for the students’ success over the forthcoming weeks. I urge all students and families to re-visit the examination timetables that have previously been sent home to ensure all students arrive in time for all required examinations.

The past fortnight has, again, been another busy time with numerous events involving students, staff, families of Year 12 students, the College Board, the Parents and Friends Association, prospective Avila families, as well as past students who left the College 30 years ago. On Monday 21 October we farewelled the Year 12 students of 2013 with a final assembly followed by a memorable Eucharist celebrated by Fr Brendan Dillon, Canonical Administrator, and the Graduation dinner at Caulfield Racecourse. Our students celebrated their last day with respect and dignity and I thank all staff who organised the various celebrations held to recognise the students’ completion of their formal years of secondary schooling.

On Friday 25 October, World Teachers Day, the Parents and Friends Association hosted a morning tea for all staff. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank the parents who contributed to this event in various ways (all the home made baking was greatly appreciated) and we hope that this can be the start of some regular events with staff and parents in a more social setting. Later that same day we welcomed back to the College approximately 25 past students who had completed their HSC in 1983. After a tour of the College, a chance to look at some memorabilia, as well as a brief glimpse of the new website (where the Avila Alumnae section will be expanded) and the singing of the ‘Avila school song’ – it was then off to share some more catching-up time.

The Avila College Art Show was officially opened on Monday 28 October with a combination of student works and, for the first time, staff art works on display. My thanks and appreciation to Ms Kirkwood, Arts Curriculum Leader, art staff and student art captains for the success and organisation of this event. The Open Morning held on Tuesday of this week was again well attended with good numbers of families visiting the College to hear from staff and students about what makes Avila College a good choice for their daughters’ secondary education.

If you have not yet visited our new College website I urge you all to do so. This new site will allow us to share with the broader community in a timely manner all the great events that happen in the life of our College. A reminder to all members of our Avila College community that Monday 4 November (the day prior to Cup Day) is a student and staff free day. As there are VCE examinations on this day the school will be open only to those students who are sitting examinations on this day.

With God’s blessing to all members of our Avila community.

Ms Louise Gunther
Principal
FAITH MATTERS

As you receive this Newsletter, the Church will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints Day. Traditionally, the day after All Saints Day, the Church celebrates All Souls Day. Following is an extract from an article, *What are the Origins of All Saints and All Souls Days* written by Fr William Saunders. Additionally, during the past week, the College Community brought to prayer the life of Sr Raymonde Taylor, pbvm a past Principal of Avila who died a year ago. It's good for us to call to mind the origins of our great feasts as we celebrate them and, in doing so, call to mind all those we love who have died. I hope the following excerpts provide you with some food for thought, prayer and reflection.

Let us first address the Feast of All Saints. The exact origins of this celebration are uncertain, although, after the legalization of Christianity in 313, a common commemoration of Saints, especially the martyrs, appeared in various areas throughout the Church. For instance in the East, the city of Edessa celebrated this feast on May 13; the Syrians, on the Friday after Easter; and the city of Antioch, on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Both St. Ephrem (d. 373) and St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) attest to this feast day in their preaching. In the West, a commemoration for all the saints also was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The primary reason for establishing a common feast day was because of the desire to honor the great number of martyrs, especially during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian (284-305)...A common feast day for all saints, therefore seemed most appropriate.

The designation of Nov. 1 as the Feast of All Saints occurred over time. Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in the original St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all the saints on Nov. 1 (at least according to some accounts), and this date then became the official date for the celebration of the Feast of All Saints in Rome...

With the spread of Christianity and the establishment of All Saints Day, some of these pagan customs remained in the English speaking world for All Hallows Eve (or Halloween, All Saints Eve), perhaps at first more out of superstition and later, more out of fun. Nevertheless, All Saints Day clearly arose from a genuine Christian devotion.

Along with the Feast of All Saints developed the Feast of All Souls. The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory...

In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would remember them in prayer. In the 6th century, the Benedictine monasteries held a solemn commemoration of deceased members at Whitsuntide, the days following Pentecost...

Other customs have arisen over time in the celebration of All Souls Day. The Dominicans in the 15th century instituted a custom of each priest offering three Masses on the Feast of All Souls. Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 approved this practice, and it rapidly spread throughout Spain, Portugal and Latin America. During World War I, Pope Benedict XV, recognizing the number of war dead and the numerous Masses that could not be fulfilled because of destroyed Churches, granted all priests the privilege of offering three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the particular intention, one for all of the faithful departed, and one for the intentions of the Holy Father.

...All Souls Day as well as All Saints Day are rooted in Christian belief and arose in this life of the Church through a healthy spirituality, despite some pagan trappings that may have survived and have remained attached to their celebration.

As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day, let's make the prayer of the Church our own: May those we have loved and who have died, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mr John Rhynehart
Director of Faith and Mission
ADMINISTRATION NEWS

MYKI CARDS
In 2014 all students will be required to have their own MYKI card for excursion use where public transport is the method of travel. Students will also be responsible for ensuring their MYKI is topped up prior to the excursion.
A concession MYKI card (includes concession, seniors and child myki) costs $3. A full fare card costs $6.

VCE EXAMINATIONS
The exam timetable is available on SIMON at http://teresa.avila.vic.edu.au/pdf/VCE_Exams2013Timetable.pdf. Students sitting Unit 3 and 4 examinations are reminded to refer to the VCAA publication, VCE Exams Navigator 2013, which contains important information about approved materials and equipment permitted for each examination and examination rules. Students are reminded to arrive punctually at the College in preparation for the examinations and to report to the examination area at least 20 minutes prior to the examination.

Looking for host families in 2014
Students from Kagoshima Immaculate Heart College, Japan will be visiting Avila next year. We are seeking families that would be interested in hosting a student for 4 weeks whilst they are in Australia; Sunday 9 February until Friday 7 March 2014. Japanese students are all 18 or 19 years old. Before travelling to Australia, students attend a series of orientation sessions and undertake a one-semester Australian Studies course. If you are interested in hosting a student and would like to receive further information please email me at rcetrola@avilacollege.vic.edu.au

Miss Rebecca Cetrola
Deputy Principal – Administration

Parents and Friends Report
The PFA had a very productive meeting on 17 October and there was much excitement amongst the group as we allocated dates for the various activities and events planned for 2014.
Our first ‘official’ PFA function was to host a Thank you Morning Tea, on behalf of all parents, for the wonderful staff at Avila College. We selected Friday 25 October, which was World Teachers Day, to have this event to formally acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the teachers and supporting staff. As parents, we have all seen just what a difference the dedicated teachers at the school make for our daughters. Special thanks must go to Helene Diamantopoulos who coordinated the event. Her excellent organising skills meant the morning tea ran very smoothly. Thanks to the PFA Committee members who helped prepare and serve the food on the day and also to the parents who donated delicious food for the occasion.
On Tuesday 12 November I will have the pleasure of introducing the PFA Committee to parents of Year 7 students joining Avila College in 2014. We will be promoting the Year 7 Welcome Picnic that we will be hosting on Friday 7 February next year. I know it will be a great chance for families to get to know each other at the start of the new school year.
Although the Avila PFA has only been formed for a few months I feel that the group has achieved some great things and there is more to follow. My thanks go to the Principal Louise Gunther for having a vision to establish an Avila Parents and Friends Association and also to Louise and Annie Opray, the Director of Marketing and Development, for their wonderful support in attending all our meetings. Our final PFA meeting for 2013 will be held from 7pm on Wednesday 13 November in the College Dining Room. You are more than welcome to attend.
L-R: Loretta Stapleton, Helene Diamantopoulos and Louise Gunther.
Loretta Stapleton
President, Avila Parents and Friends Association
CURRICULUM NEWS

Subject selection confirmation for 2014 - All students currently in Years 7-11 have been issued with details of their subject allocations for 2014. All students have been issued with booklists.

Booklists - The secondhand booklist has again been set up with a link on Simon. To access it, parents and students need to use the student’s Avila user name and password. Alternatively, families may use eBay or other second-hand suppliers to access some resources. We remind parents that it is the purchasers’ responsibility to check that they have purchased the correct edition and, if digital resources are required, that they have a valid code, CD etc. Students are reminded that to have the required resources for HeadStart, booklists for Years 11 and 12 need to be submitted either online to Campion or in hard copy to the General Office by Friday 1 November. Current Year 9 students only need to submit booklist orders by 1 November for any semester 1 VCE subjects they will be undertaking. The remainder of their orders may be submitted by 5 December.

Campion will distribute the senior students’ orders from the College Dining Room between 8:15 and 11:30am on Monday 18 November. Parents may like to visit Campion in the Dining Room between these times to collect their daughter’s parcels. Alternatively, students may collect them and store them in their lockers.

Mrs Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal – Curriculum

Shakespeare at Avila - “the play’s the thing...”

There are few of us who manage to make it through our schooling without encountering Shakespeare. A mainstay of school curricula for many generations, Shakespeare continues to challenge and, we hope, delight students. As educators we do not doubt the value of exposing our students to these plays; the richness of the language alone is sufficient justification for their inclusion in our courses. There is, however, so much more to consider. In his work “On Shakespeare”, John Bell observes that Shakespeare “teaches us to revel in the wonderment of language, the ecstasy of poetry, the power of rhetoric and how it shapes destinies. And he introduces us to the joy of playing, of make-believe, of inhabiting universes of imagination.”

The task which confronts us as teachers, and it was ever thus, is to ensure that all of our students enjoy an experience of Shakespeare which engages them and inspires them to want more. Plays really only live when acted and so each year Avila is delighted to enlist the help of the education arm of the iconic Australian theatre company founded by John Bell in order to breathe life into the plays which they study in the classroom. In 2013, the Year 9 students were delighted by “Such Sweet Sorrow” and the Year 10 students were thrilled by “Macbeth: Undone”. These were both performed by The Players in Bunjil. The Year 11 Literature students were fortunate enough to experience an in-theatre production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” which featured an outrageously ill-conceived stage death and a Puck who very closely resembled a sullen school girl! As we left many girls remarked that their faces hurt from laughing so much. The Year 12 Literature students participated in a Masterclass in “The Tempest” which used acting techniques as a means of deepening understanding of the play. This was very helpful as part of the preparation for the examinations. We have already begun planning sessions for 2014, including a theatre production of Macbeth and, at Avila, “Hamlet: Out of Joint.”

So, then, the English department believes that exposure to plays and players is very important. The actors and presenters are usually generous with their time and readily chat with the girls about the plays and the joys (and the sufferings) which come with acting as a profession. Not only does this enrich the school experience of Shakespeare, but we hope that it leaves Avila girls with a desire to participate in the cultural life of their city and to do so with confidence and composure.

Ms Liana Griggs
Literature Teacher

Making Sense Of The Magistrates' Court

Last term, the Year 10 World of Commerce class visited the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court where they had the opportunity to observe courts in session. On 29 October, two guest speakers from the Court visited Avila College to address the class (and a handful of Year 12 Legal Studies students) about the role of the Magistrates' Court within the Victorian court hierarchy. Magistrate Jack Vandersteen, together with Doug Rundell, Judgment Debt Recovery Registrar (pictured here with Monica Bellizia, Isabelle Hanna, Ruby Niarros and Lara Sercia) spoke to the girls about some of the interesting and challenging aspects of their work within the Court.

Mr Philip Cornell
Humanities Teacher
Science Talent Search Results 2013

Each year all Year 8 students carry out a research project as part of the Science course. Some students then choose to enter their projects in the Victorian Science Talent Search. This year, sixteen students entered their work and many of them won prizes for their entries.

Congratulations to Roisin Selvarajoo and Sinead Coulter who won Major Bursaries in the Science Talent Search (Victorian Division). Roisin’s experimental research was on “Cupcakes cooked with different cooking flours”. Sinead’s research was on “The Effects of Background Music on Memory”. They win a medal and $60. They have both been selected for entry into the prestigious BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards for 2014. We wish them every success in that competition.

Congratulations to Minor Bursary winners, Zoe Evans for her research on “Shielding Metals from Magnets” and Emma Spencer who investigated “The Effects of Permeates on the everyday uses of Milk”. They will receive $45. All four students will attend the Presentation Ceremony at LaTrobe University on 6 November.

Congratulations to Certificate of Merit winners: Gabbi Lobo, Carly Lim, Imogen Santamaria, Niamh Smith, Kannica Tan and Laura Brulez. The Science staff are proud of all students who entered the competition.

My thanks goes to Mr van Eyk for coordinating the competition and being part of the judging team, Miss Scott-Jones who also took part in judging and the wonderful Year 8 Science staff who guided the students through their projects and provided valuable feedback.

Australian National Chemistry Quiz

As well as the traditional ICAS Science Competition, a small number of students participated in the National Chemistry Quiz this year.

Congratulations to:

- Alysha Wanigaratne (left) who achieved a High Distinction grade with a score in the top 2% of the state. Alysha also wins a plaque to commemorate this achievement.
- Amy Kampus and Madeleine Heyn of Year 11 who achieved Credit Awards.

I would like to commend all of the students who participated in this quiz.

Dr Sue Liston
Curriculum Leader - Science

Focus on Year 10 Environmental Science

Year 10 Environmental Science students analysing the Huntingdale Wetlands.

Below: Pip Koutsaplis carrying out a macro-invertebrate survey

Above: Paige McDonald clearing out litter from the waterway

Tegan Keily, Sarah Lambourne and Gabriella MacPherson-Caldeira admiring the minerals as they explore the exhibits “Dynamic Earth” and “600 Million Years - Victoria evolves” at the Melbourne Museum.
Year 10 Drama Festival

Avila College's renowned Year 10 Drama Festival is on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November at 7:30pm and tickets are selling fast! The night presents four 20 minute shows written, casted and directed by a committed class of Year 10s and performed by students from Year 7 to 10. Each performance explores different interpretations of underlying themes and messages of the classic children's text "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. It is truly a showcase of Avila’s finest dramatic talents.

Be sure to book your tickets, head to www.trybooking.com/DUNO or buy tickets at the door.

Let the wild rumpus capture your imagination!

Sophia Elliott
(Year 10 Drama Captain)

Recording Studio Reflection

On Wednesday 23 October the Year 10 Music Performance class went to the recording studio. We all had very different experiences, but shared one thing in common. We all realised the importance of relaxing and to just "take a moment and breathe rather than build ourselves up." We also saw how it was a “really fun experience and really interesting listening to the other people perform and hearing how they have developed." Many of us realised the value of looking at our mistakes as ways that we could improve, not that we are terrible at our chosen instrument.

The following is the experience of Brooke Felsinger:

Going to the recording studio has been an experience that I will never forget. You just feel as though you are a part of something special. It’s important to record a performance, not only to hear what you sound like, but to see what it feels like to play professionally. Before I recorded in the studio I practised, and practised and practised my pieces, because if you are going to perform anything you have to be prepared. But alas, we are all humans, we all make mistakes and I am one of those people who made a mistake. Being in the recording studio feels as if it was only you - like there is no one else in the room. The room is so quiet that you can hear yourself think. You can hear and feel your heart beating. The silence was deafening and when it came to recording my piece I just totally blanked on a part of the piece. I tried to remember it, but I couldn't. My brain just wouldn't let me. Over and over I tried to remember, but the dead silence put me off. But, with help from Ms Lascaris, I remembered it. What I learnt after this experience is that you have to remember that we all make mistakes, but you just have to calm down, try not to think about it too much and think that you can do it. The next time I go to the recording studio, I will learn from what happened, believe in myself and do it differently.

Margaret Hurley and Brooke Felsinger
(Year 10 piano players in Music Performance)
CLASS OF 2013 CELEBRATES!
Monday 21 October the Avila College community farewelled the graduating class of 2013. An early start saw the students arrive dressed in costumes depicting their aspirations for the future. Following a shared breakfast the students conducted a whole school assembly where they conveyed their gratitude to the whole school community for six years of dedicated education, opportunities for personal development and friendship. They presented a very entertaining video, dancing and an inspiring speech delivered by school captain Carlie Saunders. The festivities continued with a level assembly highlighted by musical items, comedy, photographic reminiscences and expressions of gratitude to the homeroom teachers.

In the evening the ragged assortment of costumes were replaced by elegance and poise as the students shared the Graduation celebrations at Caulfield Racecourse with their families and teachers. The evening commenced with a prayerful and dignified Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr Brendan Dillon. The liturgy was accompanied by exceptional instrumental music and singing, leaving all deeply moved. Ms Gunther addressed the congregation with words of appreciation and inspiration. School Captain Carlie Saunders replied picking up on the theme of the importance to being true to oneself and living an authentic life. The graduating students were presented with their certificates by guest of honour, Ms Anna Burke MHR. Following the formalities students, family members and teachers adjourned upstairs to dinner, and all danced well into the night.

The Avila Community congratulates the graduating class of 2013 and wishes them every success as they conclude their exams and prepare to take on new challenges in 2014.

Ms Louise Swift
Year 12 Coordinator
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

As Fire Carrier representatives of Avila, Miranda Koroknai and I, along with Mrs Valladares and Ms Franceschini attended the Official Opening of the Refurbished Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury. The Mass in the new chapel was celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Being Catholic students from Avila who hold a passion for Reconciliation, it was an honour to participate in important roles during the Mass such as taking up the gifts at the offertory, altar serving and attending to the Aboriginal elders.

The evening was a great opportunity to get to know so many special people who are a part of and do so much for Reconciliation. Miranda and I look forward to working with Ms Vicki Clark and the community of Aboriginal Catholics in the future.

We were extremely blessed and privileged to be "painted up" before mass, which no non-Aboriginal student has ever been honoured with before at the Ministry. We were instructed by Aunty Margaret Gilson (Victoria's NATSICC Council Representative) of the meaning of the ceremony as she gently painted our faces. It was a sacred moment.

As proud representatives of Reconciliation, Avila, along with other schools including St Columba's College, Genazzano and Sacred Heart College, were united to be a part of this special service which proved to be a very memorable and momentous occasion. The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry chapel can be visited by phoning 03 9480 3849. The artwork in the chapel is a very powerful expression of prayer.

Francesca Carl
Reconciliation Captain and Firecarrier

Stand UP for Justice Day

On 18 October, four students from the Reconciliation Group and four from the St. Vincent de Paul group headed to Aquinas College for a Standing up for Justice Day. We discussed current issues that our world is facing, making personal goals for each school group as to possible solutions. The schools there included Mazenod College, Emmaus College, Parade College, Marcellin College and Mount Lilydale College. There were representatives from Caritas Australia, Oaktree Foundation, Australian Social Justice Council and St. Vincent de Paul. They spoke of the work that they were doing to hopefully eradicate extreme poverty in third world countries, and even in Australia itself. As a group, we stood in a circle and released white balloons to mimic the symbolism of the End Poverty Now wristbands. This was a key moment of the day as we all pledged ourselves to the cause to annihilate poverty in our lifetime. It was a truly eye-opening experience and we didn’t feel as if we were from different schools, there was a sense of unity as we all devoted ourselves to the same cause. Everyone was extremely passionate and it was inspiring to see so many other young people sharing the same devotion to such a noble cause; it gave us hope for a better future.

Margaret Hurley and Felicity D’Art
**St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers**

As students start to look forward to the end of the year, our minds also begin to look towards Christmas. What a wonderful time to spend with family, enjoy holidays, rest and celebrate Our Lord’s birth. Christmas Day is often marked with a sumptuous feast which we all enjoy!! However, we are all aware that some families in our community find Christmas a challenging time financially, so St Vincent De Paul tries to help by providing food and at Avila we contribute by donating food to be distributed.

Over the next few weeks each classroom will have a basket for food donations for St Vincent De Paul and we encourage all families to make some donations. Families could donate Christmas food - cake, puddings, ham, shortbread, mince pies, soft drink - or they could donate ‘January food’ - pasta, sauce, tuna, cordial, biscuits, soup, cereal, vegemite, jam, rice, etc.

Toiletries are very expensive items, so if any family was able to donate some of these - toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, sanitary products etc, they would be gratefully accepted also.

Avila families have always been extremely generous in this campaign and I know will once again open their hearts to the needs of our community. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Vinnies campaign.

*Mrs Marie Stuart*
Avila Young Vinnies

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**A Note from the HEALTH CENTRE**

**Healthy Lunches**

If you are like me and do not have much time in the morning for preparing healthy lunches for your children, the main secret of success is to be prepared beforehand and include foods in their lunch that you know they will eat.

Varying what you give your children is a good idea or you may have a child that only eats Vegemite sandwiches. I looked at some Internet sites with ideas for children’s lunches and I thought I do not have half those ingredients in my fridge and I do not have the time to make them! Allowing your children to prepare their own lunch (night before or in the morning) from readily available healthy foods is a good idea as it gives them responsibility and they may learn healthy choices.

The basics for lunches can be:

1. **Sandwich** (or roll, wrap, etc.). Ingredients can include salad, cooked meats, etc. My children love cheese, carrots and lettuce (for quick preparation in the morning I grate and prepare ingredients when I am cooking the night before).
2. **Fruit** - Apple, banana, chopped watermelon, grapes, chopped berries or mango (chop night before and put in containers in fridge ready for morning). Use seasonal fruit, as they are cheaper.
3. **Low fat dairy products** such as cheese snacks, small tub of yoghurt, cubes of cheese, etc. Add a small cold pack to lunch box to keep cool.
4. **Snacks** such as dried fruits, trail mix, home made slices or fruit muffins, etc.

Below are some quick recipes that are good for lunches and easy for anyone (teenagers too!) to cook. Bon Appetit!

*Cathy Angus R.N.*
College Nurse

**Honey Oat Fingers**

- ¾ cup plain flour
- ¼ teaspoon bi-carb
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup coconut
- ½ cup caster sugar
- 1 tblspn honey or golden syrup
- 125gm butter/marg
- 1/3 cup sultanas (optional)

Sift flour, salt and bicarb. Combine all dry ingredients. Melt honey and butter and mix all together. Press into greased slice tin and cook in mod (180C) oven for about 20mins. Cut in tray while still warm. Allow to cool in tray. Store in airtight jar.

**Zucchini Slice**

- 1 cup SR flour, sifted
- 375gm grated zucchini
- 1 onion chopped
- 3 rashers bacon chopped
- 1 cup grated cheese
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 5 eggs
- salt and pepper to taste

Grease tray (16x26cm). Combine all ingredients. Place in tray and cook in preheated oven (180C) for 30-40 mins, till brown. Zucchini and bacon can be substituted with spinach, ham, chicken, salmon, corn, capsicum or any combination that you prefer.
The Avila Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following days from 1.00-4.00pm:

- Wed 13 and Wed 27 November
- Wed 4 and Wed 11 December

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located behind the VCAL House, diagonally opposite the front gates of the school. Students can visit the shop during their lunch break or after school.

If you would like to submit uniform items for resale, drop them off during shop times or leave them at the Avila General Office. EACH item must be clearly labelled with name, address and phone number. Only parents/guardians may sign the form authorising the sale of second hand uniforms and agreeing to the terms and conditions of sale. Please dry clean blazers and skirts. We welcome donations of uniforms that can be given to families in need.

If you need a second hand uniform but cannot come on the dates above, please phone the Avila Office (9831 9600 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings to arrange another time. Alternatively, you can email vnicoll@avilacollege.vic.edu.au with any query about a second hand uniform.

Adelle Mazzarella (Year 8) & Bec Mazzarella are holding a Team Cookie & Olive Fundraiser

Join us for High Tea
Saturday 9 November 1:30-4:00
Holy Eucharist Hall, 1241 Dandenong Rd Malvern East

Entry: Gold coin donation & Door Prize
Live Music for your Entertainment, Specialty Stalls, Tea Coffee, Food, Sparkling Wine for Sale
All money raised going to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre for research into Women’s Cancer

www.Endcancer.org.au Click Melbourne for information or if you wish to donate to us search our names or team - Team Cookie & Olive

St. Simon’s Parish fete will be held on Saturday 9 November from 10am to 5pm, 2 Taylors Lane Rowville.
Lots of stalls and rides, fun activity for the whole family.
RESULTS

Congratulations to the girls who competed in the Division 1 Softball event on Thursday 17 October at Jells Park. With some terrible conditions to play in, our teams did a great job. Well done to the Juniors who finished second and the Inters and Seniors who finished fifth. Thanks to Ms Brown, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Parton and Kirsten Bilson for their coaching.

Wednesday 23 October saw our two Year 9 and 10 cricket teams head off to Pakenham to play in the inter school tournament. With rain, wind and freezing cold weather, we weren’t even sure if the event was going to happen. Unfortunately we had to come home due to the weather and only one of our teams got to play a game. Thanks to Miss Flynn and Mrs Williams for the coaching and support on the day.

Thursday 24 October saw our two Year 8 cricket teams head off to Balwyn to play their tournament for the day. With better weather conditions than the day before, these girls got to play all their games! Team A finished third and Team B finished sixth. Well done on some good cricket and thanks to Mr Johnson and to Mrs Bowen for their coaching.

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Well done Jazmin and Cando on your first competition representing Avila.

**TRAINING TERM 4**

**Swim squad** training has recommenced for Term 4. Training is on Wednesday mornings from 7 - 8am. If you are wanting to train, please pick up a permission form from the shelves outside the downstairs PE office.

**Dive** training will recommence on Monday 11 November from 6:45 - 7:45am at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre. Please see Miss King personally for a permission form.

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PATHWAYS

Year 12 resources for parents and students

Free service - UniOptions provides advice on the many pathways to university and makes this advice available, completely free of charge, to secondary students, parents, non-school leavers, careers professionals and anyone else who is interested. UniOptions helps students enter the university course of their choice and, unlike other sources of information on getting into university, the UniOptions website shows you all the uni options – not just the obvious ones.

YEAR 12 CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD
After you obtain your results on Monday 16 December, there is a period when you can change your VTAC preferences. You may have changed your mind, or done better (or not as well) as expected. It is a good idea to review your preferences at this stage, up till 12 noon on Monday 23 December. Universities and TAFEs offer the following assistance to Year 12 students at this time.

• Australian Catholic Uni. – Hotline: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228); Info. Expo: 3-7pm, Tues 17 Dec (Melb), 6-7.30pm, Wed 18 (Ballarat)
• Box Hill Institute – Change of Preference Evening: Wed 18 December; Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
• Charles Sturt University - Call 1800 334 733
• Chisholm: Call 1300 CHISHOLM
• Deakin University – COP Hotline: 1300 DEGREE; Info evenings: Burwood 5-7pm, 17 Dec; Geelong Waterfront campus, 5-7pm, 18 December; www.deakin.edu.au/preference
• Holmesglen Institute: Hotline: 9564 2720; COP Event: 4-7pm, Wed 18 December
• Kangan: Hotline: 13 TAFE
• La Trobe University – Change of Preference Advisory Day, 11am-2pm, 18 December (Melbourne and Bendigo); Hotline: 1300 362 203; www.latrobe.edu.au/choices
• Monash University: Change of Preference Expo, 3-7pm, Building H, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield; Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 874), or see www.monash.edu/cop
• NMIT – Hotline: 9269 1200
• RMIT University/TAFE – Info line: 9925 2260; COP Expo: 11am-3pm, Wed 18 Dec, Swanston Academic Building, Building 80, 445 Swanston St, Melbourne; visit Info Corner, Cnr Swanston and La Trobe Sts, Melbourne; info www.rmit.edu.au/cop
• Swinburne University/TAFE - Hotline 1300 275 794 (1300 ASK SWIN); 10am-4pm, 18 December: one-on-one interviews in ATC building (no appointment needed); appointments can be made on line for other days
• University of Ballarat (Federation Uni) – Info Day, 11am-3pm, Wed 18, Ballarat and Gippsland
• University of Melbourne: Course Information Day, 10am-2.30pm, Wed 18 December; see www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2013 or Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352) or 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au, or visit the Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
• Victoria University/TAFE – Course Advice appointments – 1-6pm, 16-20 Dec; Change of Preference Expo: 3-7pm, Tues 17 Dec (Footscray); Hotline: 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
• William Angliss Institute – Experience Angliss Day: 2-5pm, 18 December

Careers Practitioners will also be available in the school's Careers Hub till 4.30 pm on Tuesday 17 December and until 12.00 pm on Wednesday 18 December. You are free to email either Ms Dunn or Mrs Parton up until Friday 12.00 pm if need be. Remember to refer to your ‘ABC of Applying’ guide and that institutes welcome your contact.

Year 9 Careers
All year 9 students will take part in activities during periods 2, 3 and 4 on Monday 2 December and all day Wednesday 4 December. Students will complete Occupational Health and Safety certificates in preparation for Year 10 Community Service and Work experience. The Commonwealth bank will run two presentations on Smart Saving and Smart Earning. Students will complete the diagnostic ‘Job Test’ to help them identify their areas of strength and vocational interest and discussion forums and career development activities will be included.

Please be sure to ask your daughter about these days and to discuss her unique abilities and interests. Perhaps you may be able to identify a friend or family member she may be able to complete Work experience with next year??

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