FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Avila community,

Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne celebrated Catholic Education Week last week. A number of significant events were held throughout the week, in particular, the Mass celebrated at St Patrick’s Cathedral where both primary and secondary schools were represented, including Avila College. Another highlight of the week was the traditional concert held in the Treasury Gardens for primary and secondary school students. In the absence of the Police Band this year, Avila College’s Rock Band was the headline act. My thanks and appreciation go to the members of this band: Kala Gare, Caitlin Min Fa, Emily Roach, Aisling Dew, Imogen Rennie, Nana Shirashi, Monica De Rango and Olivia Stafferi and to Roxane Lascaris, Music Co-ordinator for her extra hours in rehearsing the students for their performance. We received thanks and acknowledgement from far and wide commenting on the high standard of entertainment – well done to all.

On Tuesday 18 March the College Board held its Annual General Meeting at which Mrs Caryl Finnegan, Chair of the Board for the past nine years and associated with Avila College for the past 22 years, announced with much sadness her retirement from the College Board. Mr Henry Malia, Deputy Chair and member of the Building and Finance committee, who has served as a Board member for the past 20 years, also retired from the Board. In Caryl’s letter of retirement she wrote ‘always having had a passion for education, in particular girls’ education, that association has been both a privilege and a pleasure. The staff have always made me feel welcome which is probably unsurprising as hospitality is also a hallmark of the Presentation Sisters. I feel very connected to the Avila family and have shared celebrations and sorrows throughout those years.’ Her hope for Avila students is that they will fly the flag for women everywhere. In his thank you to the College, Henry Malia wrote, ‘I have enjoyed my 20-year journey with the Board and hope that other parents will continue wanting to be involved in their daughters’ education. I wish you and the College all the best in your future teaching, staff/student development, building and other endeavours that will make Avila an ever-better secondary college for Catholic girls.’ Sally-Anne Petrie was nominated and accepted the role of Chair of the College Board and Maria Lentini is the new Glen Waverley, St Leonard’s Parish Representative. On behalf of the College, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Board members who have retired and look forward to working with our new Board into the future.

Community news:

Congratulations to Sophia Elliott (Year 11) who was presented with the James Wall Bursary by Archbishop Denis Hart and the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Stephen Elder, last week. Well done Jessica McLean, Isha Shah and Lisa Dupuy (Year 10 students), who have been awarded a place each in the three year Monash Scholars Program.

My thanks to the 126 students who volunteered to collect for the Red Cross Door knock appeal last Sunday and the staff who assisted in driving the students to and from their collection points.

A reminder that if you would like to attend our next assembly on Tuesday 22 April commencing at 8.50am in the school gym, please RSVP via email to avila@avilacollege.vic.edu.au by Wednesday 16 April. Our guest speaker for this assembly will be Jill Hennessy, MP, former Avila College student. Following assembly parents are invited to join members of the college staff for morning tea in the dining room.

As this is our last newsletter prior to the term break, on behalf of the College I wish all families a safe and relaxing break. It is timely to recall that Easter is the most significant feast in the Church’s calendar and, as such, I hope that you all are able to spend time reflecting and giving thanks for God’s great gift to us.

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

Louise Gunther
Principal
Avila College 2014 Creative Arts Festival presents:

Charles Street Chocolate Factory

Wednesday 7th May 7.30pm

Besen Centre, 87 - 89 Station St, Burwood

tickets http://www.avilacollege.vic.edu
On Thursday 13 March, the School and Liturgy Captains were invited to participate in the ‘Archbishop’s Conversation With Youth’, an event organised by the Archdiocesan Office for Youth, to engage young leaders in discussing what it means to be a young Catholic in today’s society.

The day commenced with a sit down morning tea, providing us with the opportunity to interact with fellow student leaders from across the Diocese who were, like us, eager to discover how the day would unfold. We shared an opening prayer together and then listened intently to what Archbishop Hart had to share with us. His speech emphasised the significance of our current Pope Francis. Archbishop Hart focused on Pope Francis’ action and carrying through of promise and how we as Catholic leaders should follow in his footsteps. The fact that Pope Francis has been so humble, helped us to connect with him. His example as a leader reminds us to not only use power for positive change and action, but to be humble and genuine too.

After Archbishop Hart’s talk, we were divided into groups, bringing together students from different schools, to have a discussion. Following ice breaker games addressing general questions about our every day lives, we delved into the focal point of the day; Pope Francis’ action and carrying through of promise and how we as Catholic leaders should follow in his footsteps. The fact that Pope Francis has been so humble, helped us to connect with him. His example as a leader reminds us to not only use power for positive change and action, but to be humble and genuine too.

FAITH MATTERS

Sophia Hanger
Year 11 Liturgy Captain
The Annual Reporting Meeting of the College Board was held on Tuesday, 18 March. The reports outline in detail the direction, activities, achievements and review of Avila College during 2013 and were presented at the meeting. The reports are available on the College website.

The Avila College Board gratefully acknowledges the outstanding commitment of two long serving College Board Members, Chairperson, Mrs Caryl Finnegan (1996 - 2013) and Deputy Chair, Mr Henry Mallia (1993 - 2013), who have both retired from their positions on the Board. During their association with the College and the Board, both Caryl and Henry have given generously of their time, talents and energy and our community has been enriched by their commitment and efforts. We thank them sincerely for their service and wish them both every blessing for the future. The Board warmly welcomes Mrs Maria Lentini who joins us now, representing the Parish of Glen Waverley.

The members of the College Board, and positions they were elected to, are as follows:

Chair and Co-opted Member  
Mrs Sally-Anne Petrie

Deputy Chair and Mount Waverley Representative  
Mrs Naomi James

Treasurer  
Mr Des Moroney

Secretary and Mulgrave Parish Representative  
Mrs Kerry Wilson

Principal  
Ms Louise Gunther

Deputy Principal Wellbeing  
Mrs Christine Kralj

Deputy Principal Administration  
Miss Rebecca Cetrola

Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching  
Mrs Madeleine Franken

Director of Faith and Mission  
Mr John Rhynehart

Staff Representative  
Mrs Anne Stephens

Glen Waverley Parish Representative  
Mrs Maria Lentini

Jordanville Parish Representative  
Mrs Loretta Hyland

Syndal Parish Representative  
To be advised

College Captain 2014  
Miss Georgia Muling

College Vice-Captain 2014  
Miss Monica De Rango

Minute Secretary  
Ms Kim Rowland

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President of Canonical Administrators: Fr Brendan Dillon, St Leonard’s Parish, Glen Waverley

Other Canonical Administrators
Fr Pat Jackson SAC St Christopher’s Parish, Syndal
Fr Kazimir Trawnicki CR – Good Shepherd Parish, Mulgrave
Fr Laurence Cortez – Holy Family Parish, Mount Waverley

If you would like to contact the Board, please call the Minute Secretary, Ms Kim Rowland at the College.

Mrs Sally-Anne Petrie  
Board Chair
CURRICULUM NEWS

Wednesday 2 April: classes finish 3:15pm. Oral Reports 4:00 – 9:00pm
Thursday 3 April: no classes. Oral Reports 1:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 4 April: no classes. Professional learning seminar for teaching staff

Oral report interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss the learning program, including ways to support each student to improve. Bookings for Oral Reports must be made via PTO using the link on the Parent Access Module of Simon. If there are problems associated with making bookings, please contact the IT Help Desk at the College support@avilacollege.vic.edu.au or 9831 9634.

Bookings may be altered up to 5:00pm on Tuesday 1 April, the day prior to interviews. Please note carefully whether your bookings are for Wednesday or Thursday and remember to print using the “Print” icon in the PTO program or to save bookings in a smart phone to minimize confusion at the interviews.

Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching

Unit 1 Psychology Excursion

On 7 March, 65 Unit 1 Psychology students headed into Melbourne’s CBD to supplement our studies of visual perception.

Our first stop was the Melbourne Museum in Carlton, where we visited the ‘Body and Mind’ gallery. This was a very engaging and certainly interesting exhibition that provided information about absolutely everything to do with Psychology including the history of the subject, sleep, memory, altered states of consciousness, the structure of the brain and countless other topics.

Following our museum visit, via a nice lunch break on Swanston Street, we travelled to the Eureka Tower. After a quick lift up to the top of the 297m tall building, we found ourselves looking at the most breath-taking view of Melbourne. This will support our studies as we delve further into visual perception, depth perception principles and the processes involved in interpreting what we see and making judgments on how far away or big an object is, despite the sometimes tiny image on our retina.

Thanks are extended to Mr Isma and Ms Foster, who accompanied the Psychology students, Mrs Bunning and Miss Scott-Jones. Overall it was a valuable experience and of course, a lot was learnt.

Emma Selwood
Unit 1 Psychology Student

Parliament House Open Day

On 23 March, four committed and conscientious Year 12 Legal Studies students gave up a Sunday afternoon to visit the Victorian Parliament. One weekend each year, the Parliament opens its doors to the public, providing the chance to view parts of the building and grounds most people never see.

Area of Study 1 of Unit 3 of VCE Legal Studies focuses on the structure, composition and role of parliaments as major sources of law in Australia and Samantha Stathopoulos, Emma Wilson, Gabrielle Nihill and Natalie Tsatas saw it as an opportunity to experience that part of the course.

Phillip Cornell
VCE Legal Studies Teacher
Year 10s Exploring Big Ideas In Computer Technology

Can you use a computer to generate random patterns? How about telling a story or helping a younger sister practice mental arithmetic? A number of Avila Year 10 students have undertaken to create such work in the first few weeks of Big Ideas in Computer Technology.

You can click on the links below each image to see sample projects:

Snakes and Ladders by Miranda Swan  A random pattern by Adele Easton  Drawing a butterfly by Imogen Rennie

This unit of study was assessed through a project. The following reflection best illustrates the way that the students felt about completing the project:

One thing I learnt was how to persist. I had to try and try again for a lot of elements in my game and I had to learn to keep going even though it was very hard … I was really proud of my efforts throughout this assignment and enjoyed completing it. (Abigail Dineen)

At the moment, we are learning the secrets of cryptography or how spies send messages back to their headquarters without the enemy being able to understand them. I cannot reveal anything about that in this publication!

Ziad Baroudi
Curriculum Leader, Technologies

Year 10 Community Service

On returning to school our Year 10 students have reflected on their Community Service placements including Gabby Mogg who described her experience as, “truly enlightening.”

“I went to Glenallen School and I learnt so many new things and felt extremely fortunate to be given the opportunity to go on community service there.”

Our students were not the only ones to appreciate the experience with many organisations thoroughly enjoying the company and hard work of these young women. Many providers were impressed with the maturity and willingness to give anything a go while on placement, some went as far as offering to have the girls back during their holidays. All Year 10 students should be proud of their accomplishments and going beyond their comfort zone to “Give / Get.”

They were excellent ambassadors for Avila and were truly the hands, feet and eyes of Christ.

Renee Fleeton
Religious Education Curriculum Leader

Year 8 Trivia and Debating

On Friday 14 March and 21 March, many Year 8 students gathered in the Year 8 space for a fantastic lunch of trivia and debating. In the trivia, students eagerly responded to questions, showcasing their knowledge in a variety of topics. Though it was very close, it was a team named “Bob” which managed to win by a few points.

In the model debate the Year 8s defeated the team of Year 9s and 12s. The adjudicator, Ms O’ Sullivan, commented on the skill and humour used by the Year 8s to construct an impressive defence of One Direction over Justin Bieber. Olivia Thurston is to be congratulated on being the Best Speaker.

Alysha Wanigaratne
(Year 8 Public Speaking and Debating Captain)
Canberra Study Tour

On Tuesday 11 March, twenty-seven Year 10 and 11 students travelled to Canberra to explore some of the nation’s major civic institutions. The trip is a compulsory part of the Australian and Global Politics Unit 1 course and students undertaking Unit 1 of Legal Studies are also given the chance to be involved. As in 2013, we stayed at the halls of residence at the Australian Institute of Sport, mingling with visiting rugby union, road cycling, basketball and netball teams.

Our first appointment on Wednesday morning was at the National Capital Planning Exhibition on the banks of Lake Burley-Griffin where the process of choosing the location and layout of the city was explained. This was followed by a visit to the High Court where we had the opportunity to not only tour the building but to view the full court in session. After lunch we made the first of two visits to Old Parliament House, participating in a program focusing on Australia’s electoral processes run by the Electoral Commission. On the way back to our accommodation, we visited the observation platforms at Telstra Tower. Bowling at Belconnen Bowl rounded out a full day.

Thursday morning was spent at Parliament House. Unfortunately this wasn’t a sitting week but we visited both chambers and explored other parts of the building. The post-lunch appointment was at the Museum of Australian Democracy where some of the girls assumed roles in a re-enactment of one of the most significant events in our political history, the sacking of the Whitlam government in 1975. A drive-by of many of the foreign embassies followed, the group attempting to attach an identity to many of the buildings by the distinctive architecture. After dinner, the group toured the Institute of Sport.

Friday morning was spent at the War Memorial, a tour focusing on aspects of Australia’s involvement in WWII. The girls were then free to explore other displays and exhibits and also, as some did, to pay respect to one of their ancestors. After lunch we visited the National Museum before heading to the Australian Defence Force Academy for a tour of the facilities. From there it was a short drive to the airport and a flight back to Melbourne.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit Canberra as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the trip, the Australian Government contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Phillip Cornell
VCE Legal Studies Teacher
DISCOVERY LEARNING UPDATE

YEAR 7 AND 9 CAMP PROGRAMS

From March 11-14, both Year 7 and Year 9 students participated in their respective camp programs. Both programs were new to Avila this year, and were run in conjunction with the Outdoor Education Group.

Students in Year 7 journeyed to Camp Marysville, where they participated in a range of activities, including a rock-climbing and abseiling wall, canoeing, African drumming, lawn bowls, mountain bike riding and an overnight campout. Many camp activities and practices focused on environmental sustainability. A highlight was the weighing of scraps after meals, where students worked hard as a cohort to reduce their waste each day.

Year 9 students participated in a bushwalking and canoeing journey around Lake Eildon. Teamwork and communication skills were paramount as they worked in groups of 14, with the assistance of an OEG leader and Avila teacher to complete their journey. They pitched their tents daily, cooked their meals, and worked together as a group to navigate their way between campsites each day using either canoes or bushwalking tracks. Students arrived back to school on Friday afternoon a little weary, but exhilarated at having completed the challenge of the camp program.

(Top): Year 7s building a bush shelter. (L-R): Year 9 bush walking, Year 9 group canoeing, Rock-climbing wall at Marysville

Learning Through Action

Over the past week the Year 12 Health & Human Development students have been taking part in the “Walk in her Shoes” Campaign. This campaign aims to raise funds and more importantly awareness into the issues facing young women in developing countries including the lack of education as they often are the home care givers and are required to walk to collect food and water.

During this week (March 17 – March 23) the Year 12 Health and Human Development students pledged to walk 10,000 steps each for 7 days. The purpose of this exercise was to draw awareness to the difficulties faced by girls their own age in developing countries. It was a challenging task but at the same time very rewarding in understanding the issues faced by third world countries.

It was very pleasing to note that overall most students successfully achieved their 10,000 steps per day and as a group we walked over 200,000 steps.

Our team ‘The Avila Girls’ would like to thank those who contributed to donating to this cause and if you still would like to help by donating to the “Walk in her Shoes” campaign you can do this by going to www.wihs.org.au and search for ‘The Avila Girls’.

Carmela Marino
Year 12 Health & Human Development Teacher
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Like many of you, I find it a little hard to believe we are nearly at the end of Term 1. It has been a very busy start to the year and the PFA is working hard on our program of events and activities for 2014.

Mother’s Day Stall

Thank you to all the families who have already donated a gift for the Mother’s Day Stall. It is very much appreciated. The Stall will be held at lunchtime on Tuesday 6 May.

We are hoping to have a great range of affordable gift options for your daughters to purchase so please support the fundraising efforts of the PFA and drop off a gift donation to the General Office. If you wrap the gift, please use clear cellophane so the girls can see what they are buying.

Mother’s Day Breakfast

We are so pleased to be hosting a special breakfast for Avila Mothers from 7.30am on Friday 9 May in the Dining Room at the College. A delicious light breakfast will be served and the cost is $10 per head. To book go to www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au, click on News and Events, Bookings.

I hope you and your family have a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. For me, Easter is the perfect time to reflect and give thanks for all the blessings we are so fortunate to have in our lives.

Regards,
Loretta Stapleton
President

PARENTING ADOLESCENTS PROGRAM

Parenting Adolescents is a program for parents of young people aged 10 -15 years of age.

Over 5 weeks the program will cover a number of topics including Understanding adolescent development, Setting boundaries & limits, Consequences, Strategies to deal with adolescent behaviours, Respectful communication, Problem solving, Anger, Self care.

In addition to these topic areas, the program will give parents the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from each other.

When: 15, 22, 29 May and 5, 12 June 2014

Time: Thursdays 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Where: Monash Youth and Family Services Clayton Community Centre, Corner of Cooke St and Centre Rd Clayton.

There is no fee but bookings are essential as places are limited.

To book call Libby or Jenny at MYFS on 9518 3900.

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MEET... THE SRC CAPTAINS

Ellena Hocking
I feel honoured to be a part of such a strong and committed team of SRC girls! I had the pleasure of working with the passionate SRC crew last year, and every single girl (including the one and only Mrs Kralj) work together to ensure events such as Avila Day, the Red Cross Door Knock Appeal, and the SRC Expo are all a success, involving and uniting all of Avila! Ever since Year 7, I have been heavily involved in the Avila College community, participating in Creative Arts, Orchestra, DAV debating and SCSCA Athletics just to name a few. Avila College offers so many wonderful opportunities, and I am passionate and excited about this year’s theme “Give Over Get” as I know how important giving is, I hope to encourage my peers, to embrace the opportunities we are so fortunate to be offered.

I’m excited about the challenging and memorable year ahead.

Danielle Cahill
Hi, I’m Danielle Cahill and I am so very privileged and excited to be part of the SRC team in 2014. I cannot wait to see all the wonderful things the Avila girls can achieve together and look forward to a successful and happy year.

I am very proud to be an Avila girl and am grateful for the amazing opportunities that have been available to me. As a Year 7 student, I was extremely nervous about getting involved but as I settled in I was able to see that participating in activities enriched my school experience immensely. Over the years I have been involved in Public Speaking and Debating, the Red Cross Door Knock, the Creative Arts Festival, App group, the Amazing Spaghetti Machine Challenge and various sporting teams. I was also blessed to be given the opportunity to travel to the Northern Territory in Year 10 as part of the Santa Teresa Immersion. This was an incredible experience that has given me memories I will cherish forever.

I love being part of the SRC because I am able to work with a talented, caring and enthusiastic group of girls as well as our incredible and hard-working mentor, Mrs Kralj.

This year I strive to work with the SRC cohort to be the voice of the students and organise events and activities that will enhance their school life.

Fontini Hrambanis
Avila has given me so many fantastic opportunities over the years, but never did I think I would be so blessed in having the privilege of being one of the four amazing SRC Leaders for 2014. This leadership role is a whole new experience for me and I am extremely excited to be working with such a wonderful group of Student Leaders and seeing what we can achieve as a team this year.

During my six years at Avila I have attended and participated in whole school events, as well as happily volunteered for the Red Cross Door Knock, being a School Ambassador for College Open Mornings and having the opportunity in Year 10 to fly to Sydney for the Presentation Schools Conference. I feel so incredibly fortunate and I hope through my role I am able to give back to a College community that gives so much to me.

This year I hope to see everyone embracing our theme ‘Give Over Get’. I aim to remind people to act selflessly and give to others without the expectation of receiving in return. I also hope to encourage students to get involved and participate in all Avila has to offer, making their Avila journey more enjoyable and memorable for themselves.

I am super excited for 2014 and look forward to what the year will bring.

Samantha Stathopoulos
My name is Samantha Stathopoulos and I am incredibly blessed and fortunate to be one of the four very dedicated and determined Year 12 SRC Leaders for 2014.

The last five years at Avila have provided me with such a wide range of opportunities including participating in SCSA Tennis, attending the Presentation Schools Conference in Sydney as well as the Canberra Study Tour, assisting at the Collingwood Homeless Shelter and being an ambassador for the college in College Open Days. I have also been elected SRC Leader for the last few years of my schooling and in working with a team have organised school events such the SRC Expo and Avila Day as well as volunteering for the Red Cross Door Knock appeal.

In light of our college’s theme ‘Give Over Get’, my aim for this year is not only for myself to serve the people of the Avila and wider community, but to get our Avila community to reach out and give to those less fortunate than we are without expecting anything in return. We as a community can work together to make a positive difference in other people’s lives. We are in for an exciting and very giving year.
What a great day for tennis! The sun was shining and the birds were singing. The Avila tennis team was ready to play. After limited amount of training sessions Avila was able to bring a solid team to the tournament day. Everybody played very well winning a number of games. Juniors and Intermediates played so well that they made it into the semi finals but unfortunately no matter how hard they tried they did not proceed to the grand final. I must say that this year has been the best year for team spirit. Everyone was encouraging and supporting their fellow Avila sisters on court no matter what the score was. The Year 7s had so much to learn from the older students about how to make sure they got to court on time as well as teaching the seniors some new tennis tricks. I am happy to say after being in the tennis team since year 7, I am happy to leave the school knowing that there is a tennis team that is able to hold up that Avila Tennis pride and hopefully spread it to more girls around the school!! Well done girls! You did the school proud!

Rebecca Andrews
Tennis Captain

Melbourne Theatre Company Ambassador

Sophia Elliott is to be congratulated on her successful nomination to be a Melbourne Theatre Company (MTC) Ambassador. The MTC Ambassador Program, is a group of 25 Victorian Year 11 students who participate in a year-long program that aims to extend their knowledge and experience of theatre. Throughout the year, the Ambassadors see ten MTC productions, meet with various MTC staff and creatives each month, and form friendships with like-minded students from all over the state. Avila congratulates Sophia Elliott on this highly regarded and sought after achievement, and we look forward to hearing about her experiences throughout the year.

Charles Street Chocolate Factory

The students and staff involved in the Creative Arts Festival 2014 would like to invite you along to this annual Performing Arts Event. It is an extra curricular commitment students and staff involve themselves in and preparations began last year and have continued this semester. There are over 300 students involved in this spectacular evening. Students have an active role in the planning, collaborating and the production of the show, and in true Avila style, we again have a truly unique twist on a iconic tale.

We are very excited to see the final performance on the one and only night, Wednesday 7 May at 7:30pm at the Besen Centre.

Tickets are on sale now, from the College website (under news and events) so bring your friends and the whole family along to support the Avila creative community.

We hope to see you in the audience.

Darcie Kane-Priestley
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
With the holidays fast approaching it is worth noting that universities and other organisations offer valuable experiences for students of Years 10, 11 and 12 during the holiday period. See the outline and links below to consider registering for ‘Experience La Trobe’ and / or ‘A Day at Melbourne’.

The RSPCA, Werribee Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary also offer valuable practical experience for those who think they might like to work with animals.

CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY IN THE HOLIDAYS – ‘Experience La Trobe’ takes place in April, June and July each year. Designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents, Experience La Trobe offers a taste of what it’s like to be a uni student for a day. The event is structured around discipline-based workshops. This is a great chance for future students to chat to La Trobe staff, to be a university student for a day, and to pick up course information. The first event for 2014 is on Friday 11 April (Melbourne campus). For details, other campus dates, and to book see: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE IN THE HOLIDAYS - ‘A Day at Melbourne’ will be of interest to anyone considering studying there; an opportunity to explore the Parkville campus and find out about study options. Hear from current students, find out about entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities (can include a tour of the Southbank campus, Victorian College of the Arts). When: 10.00am-3.30pm, Fri 11 April; Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events, or call 13 MEL

Keeper For a Day and Vet for a Day - Werribee Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary; Book: 9285 9406; April school holidays

Animal Career Discovery Day – Spend the day at the RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day!
Hear from RSPCA staff currently working in the industry in various roles and gain helpful insider knowledge on planning pathways to a fulfilling career with animals.
Dates: Thursday 12 June, Tuesday 9 September, Thursday 4 December
Time: 9:00am -3:30pm
Location: Burwood East RSPCA
Cost: $59 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA Career show bag, and all activity costs.

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA AT HOLMESGEN INSTITUTE – Did you know that it is possible to obtain a University of Canberra degree, studying in Melbourne through Holmesglen Institute? For example, this year Holmesglen is offering the University of Canberra’s Bachelor of Interior Architecture. The program will give students the skills to plan, design, detail and supervise the construction of industrial, retail and residential building interiors. See: http://www.canberra.edu.au/melbourne.

Reminders:
Hear from students, graduates and staff at the ‘At Monash’ seminar series. Coming up (6.30-8.00pm): Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy; IT; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Arts; Design and Fine Art; Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation.
Dates of other seminars and to register: www.monash.edu/seminars. Info: 1800 MONASH.


Open day dates 2014
Sat 2 Aug – Monash University (Berwick & Peninsula campuses)
Sun 3 Aug – Deakin (Warrnambool), Monash University (Caulfield, Clayton & Parkville), Swinburne Uni & TAFE
Sun 10 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne), Deakin (Geelong), RMIT Uni & TAFE (Bundoora, Brunswick, City)
Sun 17 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Bendigo), University of Melbourne
Sun 24 Aug - Box Hill Institute, Deakin Uni (Melbourne), La Trobe (Melbourne), Victoria Uni, William Angliss Institute
Sun 31 Aug – ACU (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)

Jenny Dunn
Pathways Leader

Geraldine McKenna
Careers Counselor