FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Avila community,

As a College community we celebrated a very spirited Avila Day on Wednesday 15 October. We were fortunate to have Sr Maria Lazzaro pbvm, College Chaplain and Sr Michele Kennan pbvm present as well as principals, staff and students from Star of the Sea, Presentation College Windsor, St John’s Dandenong and Mazenod College join us for the Eucharist. It is wonderful to see the connections of Presentation schools becoming stronger as well as establishing closer connections with Mazenod College. Fr Ken Peterson O.Carm, concelebrated the Eucharist with Fr Michael Twigg OMI, Rector of Mazenod College. So many people contributed to the overall success of the day – not to mention our students who make us so proud, especially on days like this. I would like to particularly thank the numerous staff who plan for this one day many months in advance in order to make the whole day a true Day of Avila celebration.

Our Graduating Year 12 students of 2014 completed their final day of school on Monday 20 October in a most proper celebratory way. Staff and students shared breakfast together then the students entertained us all in their final assembly with the College community. Later that evening a Graduation Eucharist and Dinner were held at Caulfield Racecourse and it was truly a night to celebrate the completion of schooling for these fine young Avila ladies. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all now as they prepare for their final examinations commencing with English on Wednesday 29 October. I would like to particularly thank Louise Swift, Year 12 Co-ordinator, for all her work in guiding the students over these last few weeks, as well as throughout this past year.

On Friday 17 October approximately 35 more ‘mature ladies’ returned to Avila College to celebrate their 40-year school reunion. It was a most memorable evening shared by all and it was indeed a great honour to hear many stories from the past as well as see and hear their positive comments as I led them on a tour of the College. I would like to thank Annie Opray, Director of Marketing and Development, who liaised with these ladies and organized this event. Many of them are looking forward to returning next year as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Community news:

Congratulations to the following staff who have new appointments commencing in 2015:

Sr Maria Lazzaro pbvm has been elected to the position as Congregational Leader for the Presentation Sisters in Victoria commencing in January 2015. Maria has been our College Chaplain for the past three years and over that time worked with many members of our Avila College community. We wish her well in this new leadership role.

John Rhynehart has been appointed to the role of Director of Faith and Religious Education at St John’s, Dandenong commencing next year. John has been at the College for the past six years and a valuable member of the College Leadership team, in the role Director of Faith and Mission.

Both will be sadly missed and we thank them for their contributions to our Avila College community.

We remember in our thoughts and prayers staff member Sue Rowell who recently suffered the loss of her father and Franca Giovanni (former Avila College Deputy Principal) whose mother died last week.

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

Louise Gunther
Principal
LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Subject selection confirmation for 2015
All students currently in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been issued with details of their subject allocations for 2015. When the final pieces of the timetable grid are finalized in the next couple of weeks, students in Year 7 will be given booklists and written confirmation of their subjects for 2015.

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 username 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 code that is transferable and valid for 2015, CD etc.

Students are reminded that to have the required resources for HeadStart, booklists for Years 11 & 12 need to be submitted online to Campion by 29 October. All other orders may be submitted to Campion by 4 December. Hard copies of booklist orders cannot be submitted to the Avila Office. All orders must be lodged online direct to Campion.

Campion will distribute the senior students’ orders from the College Dining Room between 12:30 and 4:00pm on Tuesday 18 November.

Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching

AVILA Uniform Shop News!
The Avila Second Hand Uniform Shop is no longer able to accept the following items: tracksuit jackets, tracksuit pants, polo tops, microfiber maroon shorts, bathers, fleece vests.
The Avila Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open, from 1-4pm on:
12 November, 26 November, 3 December, 10 December, 17 December 2014.
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.

MATHS NEWS

Catch up Corner
Maths help is offered at Catch Up Corner at lunchtimes for students in Years 7 to 10 who need extra help or a more detailed explanation of a more difficult concept. These sessions are held in Room 66.

Rosie Ryan
Mathematics Curriculum Leader
ART NEWS

The Arts faculty is a buzz with activity this week with 3 showcase events on the calendar. If you missed the Art Show opening last night you can still come and view the artworks this week during the times advertised. You may also like to attend the music and drama performances. We strongly recommend those students who have enrolled to study these subjects next year to come along and see what is involved and be inspired.

Please consider making the most of the open times and attend an evening when you can see two events in the one night. Family and friends, we look forward to seeing you there and celebrating our talented students and the efforts of our teachers.

Jolenta Kirkwood
The Arts Curriculum Leader

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ART SHOW 2014

Opening Night: Monday 27th October 6:00-8:00pm
35 Charles Street, Mt. Waverley 3149
Multipurpose Space

Exhibition Viewings: Tuesday 28th October 3:15-4:30pm
Wednesday 29th October 6:30-7:30pm

Invitation designed by Karina Armstrong & Jackie Chittenden
Year 10 & 11 Art Classes
ON THE ROAD
Avila College’s 2014 Year 10 Drama Festival

Wednesday October 29th
4:00pm and 7:30pm

Thursday October 30th
7:30pm

35 Charles St, Mt Waverley
www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au
(News and Events for Bookings)
Archibald Prize Excursion
On Tuesday 21 October, the Year 10 and 11 Studio Arts classes from Avila were privileged enough to see the Archibald Prize Exhibition at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery. This was the first time Avila students had been able to go to see the Archibald Prize, so we were very thrilled and excited to see it.

When we arrived, we were all so amazed and awe-struck by the work on display, with intricate detail and technique.

For Year 11 Studio Arts students, it was incredible to see work created by artists whom we had studied in class over the past few years. To be able to see it in the flesh was astounding. Also, going to this exhibition, has inspired us with many ideas, techniques and themes for our Year 12 Studio Arts folios for next year.

We are so very thankful for this experience, and I think I can speak for all the Avila girls who went along in saying that it was an unforgettable and inspiring occasion.

Tamara Labrooy
11 Red

Year 11 Drama Solo Showcase Evening
On Thursday 23 October, the Unit 2 Drama class showcased their Australian Drama Solo characters. The imaginations, hard work and dedication of the students involved ensured that the evening was a great success as the girls presented their 7 minute solos, which were previous Year 12 Drama structures. The key skills that the girls learnt throughout Unit 2 were evident in the high quality of their non-naturalistic solos. The play-making techniques which they applied to the development of their characters and the self reflection throughout the process ensured that their solos met the prescribed structures; showcasing the creative thinking skills which the girls engage in and use through studying subjects in the Arts. Congratulations to the Unit 2 Drama class.

Darcie Kane-Priestley
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
STUDENT LEADERSHIP HIGH TEA

On Thursday 9 October the Year 12 student leaders gathered in the Dining Room to celebrate the successes of the year in style with a high tea. The purpose of the event was to thank the Year 12 leaders for their contributions to the College in 2014 through their leadership across numerous calendar events. The team has worked tirelessly this year, giving up their time before school, at recess and lunch time for meetings, attending and participating in events outside of school hours, balancing their leadership duties with their academic progress, and working with a wide range of students and staff at the College. To conclude the high tea, Kiara Goldsmith (ex-Avila College student, Liturgy Captain, 2012) addressed the girls, sharing some meaningful insights into her understanding of leadership and serving others. Mrs Maureen Garrecht did a wonderful job of catering the event - her expert advice in the area was greatly appreciated!

I would like to extend my thanks to the Year 12 team for all they have done this year, and to wish them well as they commence their Unit 3/4 examinations over the coming weeks. Thanks, in particular, go to Georgia Muling (College Captain) and Monica De Rango (College Vice-Captain) for their work in leading the Year 7-12 student leadership group, and for the active role they have played in the Year 12 cohort this year. Thanks also go to the specialist staff (Mrs Kralj, Mr Rhynhart, Miss Randle, Miss Kane-Priestley, Mrs Kirkwood, Mr Kennedy, Mrs Valladares and Ms Lascaris) who have worked as mentors for the Year 12 team, guiding them through many challenges and helping them to develop sound leadership skills that will support them in the future.

Madelaine Scott-Jones
Student Leadership Co-ordinator
YEAR 8 CITY EXPERIENCE

The first week back of Term 4 was another busy week for Discovery Learning, with four Year 8 classes spending their week in the city participating in the City Experience program. As with previous programs, students examined social justice issues present in the CBD through a range of structured activities and a group-led research project. Many well-known CBD sites were visited, including Hosier Lane, Eureka Tower, Federation Square, and Queen Victoria Market. Students learnt more about the work being done by The Big Issue and Urban Seed to help combat homelessness in Melbourne.

Students examined a range of social justice issues in the CBD through detailed research projects on a range of topics, including safety in the city, street art, homelessness, and multiculturalism. These projects were presented to parents in a highly successful presentation ceremony on Friday evening.

I would like to thank Year 8 Blue, Gold, Green and Orange students for their enthusiastic participation in their City Experience program; their parents for their support and attendance at the presentation ceremonies; the fantastic team of Year 8 homeroom teachers (Ms Roxane Lascaris, Mrs Sue Rowell, Mr Paul Tato, Mrs Anne-Maree Wise, Mrs Liz Trembath and Mr Paul Ekers) who accompanied students in the city each day; and of course the wonderful Year 8 Coordinator, Miss Ingrid O’Sullivan, for her assistance in ensuring that the program ran smoothly.

Ms Marina Kelly
Discovery Learning Co-ordinator

YEAR 8 ITALIAN FILM AND GELATO

On Friday 17 October, all Year 8 Italian students went on an excursion to Brighton Bay Cinema to watch a film especially for schools, as part of the Italian Film Festival. We were all very excited to go, especially because we were also going to a gelateria after the movie. The film’s title was “Amori Elementari” and it was about a group of Italian children in their last year of primary school who go to Russia to compete in an ice skating and ice hockey tournament. It was an entertaining movie with beautiful scenery, set in Northern Italy and Russia. After the movie we went to a local gelateria called “Dolce Domenica” for real Italian gelato. It was like going to Italy for the day! We would like to thank our Italian teachers: Mrs Catanzariti, Mrs Tarquinio, Mrs Cornell and Mrs Vascon for organising the excursion. Grazie!

Emma Woolley
8 Blue
ITALY 2014

Staying focussed in class all day was one of the toughest challenges faced by all the girls on Friday 12 of September, with the thought of traveling to the beautiful and picturesque country of Italy that evening. After an afternoon of rushing home from school and double, even triple checking we had absolutely everything in our suitcases, not to mention tackling the peak hour traffic, we all gathered at Tullamarine Airport, ready for the experience of a life time. We said our final goodbyes to our families, checked in our luggage and hopped on what was a very long, but exciting flight.

Despite the tiresome 20 hour flight including a stop over in Doha, we finally arrived in Rome, but there was no time to rest. After meeting our enthusiastic and inspiring tour escort, Tiziana, we headed straight onto our bus for a sight-seeing tour of Rome. Here, we indulged in our first real Italian gelati and caught our first glimpses of the beautiful landscapes and ancient buildings scattered throughout the city from Gianicoli.

Throughout our study tour of Italy, we travelled from place to place by bus, getting the most out of every city and town we visited. From Rome to Sorrento, Oriveto to Florence, and finally to Venice, every moment of the 3 weeks we spent abroad was absolutely breathtaking. We visited the Colosseum, Vatican City, the Statue of David, the Leaning Tower of Pisa (just to name a few), and were even lucky enough to have our very own gondola ride with some gorgeous gondoliers!

One of the most spectacular memories we have of the trip was our audience with His Holiness, Pope Francis. We thank Mr Ryhnehart for enabling this to happen. We gathered amongst thousands of other people from all around the world to listen to His Holiness formally address us, which was a moment that we will never forget.

From the famous Italian cuisine, to the picturesque countrysides, from the lovely and generous locals to the historical monuments and buildings, this trip provided us with a deeper understanding of the Italian culture and way of life. We made crostini and pasta whilst we were at our farmstay in Orvieto, tasted delicious foods everywhere we went and, in particular, sampled the many gelato flavours on offer! We also attended language classes in Florence where, we all agree, the experience has really helped us to improve our confidence and language skills.

On behalf of the 35 students who travelled tho Italy this year, we would like to say a huge thank you to the staff for accompanying us both in preparation of the trip and the three weeks spent in Italy - Signora Anna Cornell, Miss Lauren Stute, Miss Amy Foster, Signora Camila Vascon and of course, our College principal, Ms Louise Gunther. You all made this trip such an enjoyable and unforgettable experience and it would not have been the same without you.

A special thank you to Signora Anna Cornell, for her organisational skills and knowledge, as well as being our much loved ‘second mother’ and ‘mother away from home,’ (In all seriousness, there was not one problem she didn’t know how to fix.) We are all forever grateful for the new friendships we have made, the places we have visited and the memories we have created which will stay with us for years to come.

Lauren Santalucia and Zoe Harbis
Year 11 Students
GROWING TALL POPPIES AWARD

On Monday 20 October Mr Ziad Baroudi and I attended the Young Tall Poppies award ceremony. Avila year 10 student Jovita Thomas was among 10 Victorian secondary students presented with the inaugural Growing Tall Poppies award.

The Young Tall Poppies awards recognise the achievements of young research scientists around Australia, with a focus on the promotion of science in the community. The Growing Tall Poppies award extends this to our scientists of the future.

As part of the program, Jovita attended a four-day workshop at the University of Melbourne in the September school holidays, along with the other recipients. They participated in discussions with former Young Tall Poppies scientists and carried out experiments to learn how research scientists work. The students also developed ideas for programs promoting science and scientific knowledge in their home schools. We look forward to Avila benefiting from Jovita’s efforts in this area!

Sophie Clapperton
Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

ANTI-POVERTY DAY

On Friday 17 October, Anti-Poverty day gave many of the girls at Avila a chance to unite and know that ending extreme poverty is within our reach. An excellent and emotional documentary created by Oaktree, an organisation run by young people throughout Australia, tells the stories of those fighting against poverty and the stories of those living through extreme poverty. It also gives the audience rays of hope, assuring everyone that poverty can actually be ended for good if we all work together.

After the screening of the documentary, past student Genevieve Townsend, shared with us, her experience about the End Poverty road trip. The road trip is a campaign where passionate young Australians (between ages 16-26) assemble in their states and then travel to Canberra to meet with 105 federal Members of Parliament to discuss the vital policy changes that the End Poverty Campaign calls for. Whilst on the way they were able to spread awareness about poverty to nearby suburbs.

Overall this event, organised by the students from 10 Silver and Miss Kane-Priestley, instilled hope in the future and compassion towards those suffering in poverty. It gave everyone present a deeper and detailed understanding of how small efforts could be a massive leap towards ending poverty once and for all.

Devni Nagodavithana
10 Silver
A REFLECTION

August 1, 2014 was a bitterly cold and wet night in Melbourne. As I sat in quiet contemplation listening to the rain and hail, I heard myself breathe a sigh of contentment as I thanked God for the home I was warmly ensconced in. And then another thought crashed into my quiet. A thought for the homeless, who on this night were probably trying to find a small space in which to shelter.

Who was helping the homeless tonight? Who was providing a warm drink and something to nourish them? And who was lending an ear? I knew that some of the students from the school where I work, were out on this night, volunteering for Rosies, a not for profit organisation. There are young volunteers who are the pulse of many organisations and because of their willingness to give of their time, support and care, people in need benefit from their actions.

This is one of the many ways that students from schools around Victoria involve themselves in Community Service. Voluntary work intended to help and assist members of the community in a certain area. Often I hear people commenting that the youth of today are self serving and selfish, however, there are many with a deep sense of justice who embark on initiatives and eventually careers that aid the marginalised and those who have less.

Recently students from Avila College, Mount Waverley, went to Central Australia to be part of the Santa Teresa Immersion, a program which aims to raise awareness of the injustices faced by our First Peoples and to give assistance to members of the Arrente community.

Several years ago, the son of a friend, went to India to be involved in a school initiative. The Year 12 students raised money to pay for a building project and after their final exams, the boys involved went over to help build what they had funded.

On the streets of Melbourne, in our country and in countries around the world, our youth are lending a hand and walking in support of others. As Saint Teresa of Avila said, “.....Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. ..... Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

If we lacked faith as to who would do the work of Christ in the future, we can witness first-hand the many acts of service being carried out with love. We should never under-estimate what a young person can do.

Gemma Di Bari
Staff Member

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 in it 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.

Marie Stuart
Avila Young Vinnies
Term One
At the start of the year the Vinnies returned in full swing carrying out a total of three projects within the first term. One of our projects included students in Years seven and eight collecting Easter eggs. Within a few weeks they managed to gather more than 300 eggs. During this time also, students from years nine and ten brought in cans of food that too were given to the homeless. At the end of the term, five Year 11 students volunteered with the Vinnies Soup Van, which provides food to those left hungry in the streets of Melbourne. During this experience they distributed the Easter eggs that were collected during Term One. Years eleven and twelve in the period leading up to Mother’s Day, collected toiletries to make up gift baskets which were donated to the women at the Wellsprings centre in Dandenong. This centre was established by the Presentation Sisters, for women who have to seek refuge. In total, around 30 baskets were made and the women were very appreciative and sent thank you cards.

Term Two
During Term Two, four students; Christiana David, Amelia David, Elena Montague and Richa Rao took part in the ‘Vinnies’ State Conference. The theme for the year was ‘homelessness’ and Avila Vinnies came up with several ideas to embrace the theme and do as much as we can for those homeless and less fortunate than ourselves.

One of the great ideas was a ‘Flash Mob’, where 50 Vinnies members and other students dressed up as the ‘stereotypical’ homeless person, holding signs stating different facts and chanting “Homeless people are like you and me, come and join our march”. Through this, we raised awareness and this was the kickoff for our next project, the warm winter clothes collection. Overall we collected 3 car boots full of warm clothes which were all passed onto the Vinnies to distribute to the homeless in Melbourne.

Near the end of the term Vinnies held a casual clothes day to raise money for our local St Vincent De Paul group in Holy Family Parish.

Term Three
In Term Three we worked on a blanket drive. This, along with our other projects, went towards helping the homeless in Melbourne through the St Vincent De Paul. After much preparation with posters and bulletins in the notices, the collection began and a week the amount of blankets collected filled Mr Rynehart’s office to the brim with an additionally large amount of money raised to buy more blankets. During the following holidays they were delivered to Ozanam House, a St Vincent de Paul Society run facility, which cares for homeless men over the age of 18 in Melbourne. They were appreciative of another large donation within the year.

During the term, several students across different year levels volunteered to visit and work at the Collingwood Cottage. The Collingwood Cottage was founded by Good Samaritan Sisters Helen and Zita in 1993 and has been providing food products to people who need support in the local community every Friday since then. The distribution included cans that Avila families had donated during Term One.

Term Four
This term we are currently working on the Christmas Appeal. Avila families are encouraged to contribute food for Christmas Hampers to be distributed to people in our local community at Christmas time.

Throughout the year we have been honored to deliver donations to the Holy Family St Vincent De Paul and the Ozanam House who do so much for those less fortunate in our community everyday.

But all this couldn’t have been possible without you and your generous donations.

So THANK YOU!

We greatly appreciate your on-going support!

We would also like to thank Mrs Stuart, Mrs Rynehart, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Rowell for their guidance and support in running the Avila Vinnies team this year.

By Amelia David and Stephanie Toomey
PARENTS AND FRIENDS REPORT

World Teachers Day Friday 31 October

As we march quickly towards the end of the year the PFA have one more function to host this year, which is the luncheon for all Avila staff on World Teachers Day which is Friday 31 October. We ask for your support in providing something delicious to add to the buffet and the dishes can be sweet or savory, it is up to you. Thank you to the families who have already advised that they will provide a platter for the luncheon. If you would like to supply a dish, please do not hesitate to contact Helene Diamantopoulos who is the PFA Champion of this event. Helene can be contacted via Annie Opray, Director of Marketing and Development, at aopray@avilacollege.vic.edu.au

IGA Community Benefits Scheme

Next time you are shopping at IGA/Richies Mount Waverley, be sure to use your Community Benefits Card. IGA donate a portion of sales back to community groups which can be significant over time. If you already have a card make sure you have nominated Avila College as the community group or if you don’t already have one it only takes a moment to set up, just ask at the check out. Thanks for your support.

2015

The focus for the PFA now shifts to 2015. We are very excited about the many special events and activities planned throughout next year to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the College. We will need a strong and committed team to assist with the celebrations and we will be asking for parents’ help, whether it be for an hour or two or longer, however you can help it will be much appreciated. Stay tuned for more details.

Loretta Stapleton
President, Avila Parents and Friends Association

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SCSA Softball

On Thursday 16 October, Avila’s three very talented and enthusiastic softball teams set off for Jells Park. With the weather looking dismal, we knew we were going to have to weather the storm, and in true Avila spirit, we did just that!

The Junior team was in good hands, led by Mrs Brennan. Whilst still learning all the tricks and strategies of the game, the girls continued to have fun and valued teamwork in each game. Although falling just short of the finals, placing 5th, the juniors should be commended on their determination, teamwork and persistence on the day.

The Intermediate team, coached by Ms Crowe had a great day on the pitch. They fought tirelessly all day and did Avila proud. They showed developing skills and got better as the day progressed, placing 3rd overall. The girls should be commended on their determination and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The Senior team, coached by Mrs McCann, did extremely well throughout the day, showing eagerness, enthusiasm and encouragement - all paying off when the team made it into the finals. In true Avila spirit, before the grand final game, the senior team huddled and proudly chanted the Avila hymn in the middle of the pitch. The seniors fell just short to Sion, but should be commended for their efforts on the day.

We would like to thank our coaches Mrs Brennan, Ms Crowe and Mrs McCann, without whom we would not have been so successful.

Tamara Ludekens
Senior Softball Team

2015 Sport Season

Even though the 2014 Sport Season has concluded it is time to start training for 2015!

The following trials and trainings for 2015 sports will begin in Week 3 and 4 of this term.

Trainings

- SCSA DIVING
  From Monday October 27, 6.45-7.45am at Aqualink Box Hill

- SCSA SWIMMING
  From Wednesday October 29, 7-8am at Just Swimming Syndal

Trials

SCSA TENNIS
For current Year 7, 8 and 9 students.
Tuesday afternoon from 3.20-4.20pm on the Avila courts
PATHWAYS NEWS

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) – When you apply for courses through VTAC you are not bound to those preferences. You can change them as much as you like (without extra charge) until 24 October, then from 24 November to 22 December. You will receive your ATAR on Mon 15 December, so you have a week after that when you can still change your VTAC preferences. The Careers Hub will be open from the 15 - 17 December for students who may like some assistance with change of preferences.

Universities and other providers also offer assistance to Year 12’s at this time. What help is on offer?

- Australian Catholic University – COP Expo: 12noon-6pm, Tuesday 16 Dec, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy; Hotline: 1300 275 228.
- Box Hill Institute – Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
- Charles Sturt Uni – Call 1800 334 733
- Chisholm - Call 1300 244 746
- Deakin University – Information evenings: Both 5-7pm, Tues 16 Dec, Melbourne (Burwood) campus; Wed 17 Dec, Geelong Waterfront campus, 1 Gheringhap St; Livechat (get your questions answered) at www.choose.deakin.edu.au/livechat; Tour: 11am-1pm, Tues 16 Dec, Warnambool campus & 11am-2pm, Wed 17 Dec, Geelong Waurn Ponds campus; Hotline: 1300 334 733 (DEGREE).
- Federation Uni – Hotline: 1800 333 864
- Kangan - Call 13 8233
- La Trobe University – Advisory Night (all campuses): 5-7pm, 23 September; COP Advisory Days: 16 Dec (Melbourne and Bendigo); COP Hotline: 1300 135 045
- Monash University – Change of Preference Expo – 3-7pm, Wed 17 Dec; Building H, Caulfield Campus; COP Hotline: 1800 666 274 (MONASH); See www.destination.monash.
- NMIT - Hotline: 9269 1200
- RMIT – COP Expo Building 80, 445 Swanston St, 11am-3pm, Wed 17 Dec; Hotline: 9925 2260, or visit Info Corner, 330 Swanston St (cnr La Trobe St)
- Swinburne – Hotline 1300 275 794; http://www.swinburne.edu.au/change-of-preference/events/
- University of Melbourne - University of Melbourne: Course Information Day, 10am-2.30pm, Wed 17 December; see www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2014 or Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352) or 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au, or visit the Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
- Vic Uni – COP Expo – 4-7pm, Wed 17 Dec (Footscray); Hotline: 1300 842 864; One-on-one appointments (15-19 Dec) – book at www.vu.edu.au/change.
- William Angliss – Experience Angliss Day: 10am-4pm, 18 Dec; Hotline: 1300 ANGLISS.

TAX FILE NUMBER – If you do not already have a Tax File Number (TFN) you are advised to apply for one now. You will need it when you enrol in a tertiary course in January. TFN Application forms are available from the front office.

VCE RESULTS AND ATAR – VCE Results and ATAR Service will be available from 7.00am on Monday 15 December. You can access your VCE results and ATAR via the internet, SMS and/or mail. The SMS service is provided by Salmart Digital. SMS cost $1.10 max. (incl GST). Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration. You can register from 9am on Monday 10 November till midnight on Sunday 14 December.

The Deakin Assured Offer Program (DAOP) - The Deakin Assured Offer Program (DAOP) provides eligible Year 12 students with the opportunity of receiving a conditional offer of a place in one of the participating Deakin courses. Just complete a simple online registration form to apply for the program by October 29th.

DIPLOMA OF NURSING – This Diploma (also known as Enrolled or Division 2 Nursing) is offered at some TAFE's and also at some private providers. Some of these require a VTAC application (eg Box Hill, Bendigo, Holmesglen, RMIT), while others require a direct application to the TAFE. You may also need to sit the VETASSESS Nursing Test (see www.vetassess.com.au). The Diploma can be a pathway into Division 1 nursing at university (Registered nursing), giving credits towards the degree. You are advised to apply for the Diploma if you think you may not achieve a high enough ATAR for the degree.

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE AT RMIT (FOR YEAR 10 IN 2015) -This is three fun-filled days of hands-on activities for students entering Year 10 next year. It allows next generation of curious scientists to go behind the scenes and sample the world of science and technology. Perform experiments, participate in field trips, attend university lectures, and experience three days of student life on campus. When: Tues 20-Thurs 22 Jan, 2015 (the program is run at a number of Australian universities including RMIT); Cost: $115; Info and register: www.scienceexperience.com.au.
Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who attended Work Experience placements during the September holidays. One student has been placed on a priority list for Casual Work at Myer over Christmas due to her excellent performance in the Retail and Merchandising areas. In this highly competitive job market such experiences will certainly assist students in creating a more impressive resume.

Caitlyn Quinn completed her Work Experience at the Herald and Weekly Times and had this to say about her experience:

*My week at the Herald Sun and The Weekly Times has been invaluable to me. As an aspiring journalist, the work experience was a great way to gain insight into the field. I spent the week developing my writing skills, assisting in research and photo shoots as well as talking to a number of professionals, asking for their advice and wisdom. I am incredibly lucky to have been selected for the program and to have had the feedback and encouragement that was offered to me.*

Students can do work experience until December 19, so there is still time for any interested students. Arrangement forms can be obtained from the Careers Hub.

Jenny Dunn, Geraldine McKenna and Clare Meo

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Rerum Novarum Oration by Professor Patrick McGorry AO**

*‘A Stitch in Time’ — Early Intervention and Treatment of Mental Illness in Young People.*

**WHEN**  Monday 1st December 2014, 7pm for 7.30pm start

**WHERE**  Philippa Brazil Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building, Australian Catholic University, 8 Brunswick Street Fitzroy

**RSVP**  (03) 9926 5727 or justice@cam.org.au

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**Holy Saviour**

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10:30 - 12:30

**COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

**When:** Saturday, November 8

**Where:** Holy Saviour, 765 Hightbury Rd, Vermont South.

Huge Variety of Stalls from 10 am

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Free Music & Activities All Day

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