Dear members of the Avila community,

I trust your daughters have shown you the copy of the special Golden Jubilee Book – ‘Celebrating 50 Years of Avila College’, given out to all students last Friday as part of our Circa 1965 Day. This pictorial coffee-table book is divided up into decades and is a wonderful depiction of the past fifty years of Avila College. I would particularly like to thank and acknowledge Annie Opray, Director of Marketing and Development, and Marion Wilson, Avila College Archivist, for their work on this publication. If you have not yet seen a copy at home please ask your daughters to show it to you.

In continuing the celebration of our Golden Jubilee year, these past two weeks have seen a mix of existing activities and some new events. On Monday 2 March we gathered at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park for our first ever Twilight House Swimming Carnival. The event was a great success and students and staff not only looked resplendent in their House coloured tops but the atmosphere and enthusiasm from students was most memorable. I would like to thank the parents who supported the event by ensuring their daughters made their way to this whole school event, especially the ones who joined in the House chants towards the end of the carnival. Overwhelmingly the event was a great success with students hoping that this will become an annual event on the College calendar. I would like to particularly thank Carly Randle, Sports Co-ordinator, who organised the carnival, assisted by Rebecca Cetrola, Deputy Principal Administration, as well as the Physical Education staff and Student House Leaders who lead by example throughout the day.

The annual Orchestra Camp was held recently and from all accounts the concert on the Saturday was certainly a highlight. I would like to thank, in particular, Roxane Lascaris, Music Co-ordinator and other music staff who supported the students during this most worthwhile event. The following morning we had over 100 students support the Red Cross Door-Knock Appeal with over $4,000 being raised for this most worthwhile charity. Thanks to Christine Kralj, Deputy Principal Wellbeing, for her organisation and all other staff who assisted with transport of students throughout the morning.

I strongly encourage all families to support our upcoming Golden Jubilee Carnival being held at the College from 10am - 2pm on Saturday 21 March. The Parents and Friends Association are seeking your support for this event, which will have rides, craft and food stalls and a major raffle. I also seek your support of this event.

Our thoughts go to our Year 7 and 9 students and staff involved in the camp immersion this week with OEG, as well as our Year 10 students undertaking Community Service. I look forward to seeing many parents on either Wednesday 18 March or Tuesday 24 March for the Oral Report evenings.

Community news:

Thoughts and prayers are extended to Justin Cash (staff member) and his family, following the recent death of his father Leo, to Angela Patterson (staff member) and her family on the recent death of her father, Geoff, and to Claudia Colaneri (Year 11) whose grandfather passed away recently.

With Blessings to everyone in our Golden Jubilee Year,
Louise Gunther
Principal

Cover image: Students competing at the Twilight Swimming Carnival at MSAC
Avila Circa 1965 Day

Students and staff stepped back in time on Friday 6 March to celebrate and better appreciate Avila College’s contribution to education over the past fifty years. Some students may have been surprised to see nuns in traditional, pre-Vatican II habits ringing the school bell at the start of the day then at the gate, checking uniforms at the end of the day too! Many staff, including teachers and office staff, dressed in outfits that evoked the 1960s from conservative twin sets with pearls, mods in straight shifts to tie dyed kaftans and some more radical hippy couture too. Lessons from Years 7 to 12 were taught in a manner reminiscent of 1960s pedagogy with desks in straight rows and an emphasis on prompt, correct responses to questions from the teacher. Some classes used more modern tools such as their MacBooks to investigate what was happening in their subject area in 1965. In RE classes, the Angelus was recited at midday; PE teachers conducted marching lessons; Language lessons included verb and poetry recitations; and Arithmetic (Maths) classes solved problems using imperial measurements and pre-decimal currency. In English lessons students used material from 1960s textbooks to complete comprehension, grammar, punctuation and spelling exercises. Humanities students looked at migration to Australia in the 1960s, analysed images of Avila in 1965 and compared newspaper front pages from 1965 with those of 2015. Some classes also learnt about the 1960s civil rights campaigns, including the rise of feminism, the Freedom Rides and the move to abolish capital punishment. In Science, students learnt about Nobel Prize winners Watson and Crick’s research into DNA; used Nuffield Science experiments to understand osmosis; or practised using a traditional triple beam balance for weighing. Food Tech students used recipes from a first edition of Cookery the Australian Way but were challenged by instructions to heat a moderate oven to 360 degrees Fahrenheit! Design Technology lessons included cross-stitch embroidery on gingham. Drama classes warmed up with go-go dancing and then looked at some 1960s comedy skits. Art classes examined pop art and minimalism of the ‘60s, whilst Music classes listened to the sounds of the 60s. Lunchtime games included playing “elastics”, hopscotch and tunnel ball. Despite a stricter approach, students not only experienced a living history lesson but also enjoyed much fun throughout the day. Thanks are extended to all staff for the research and energy they put into making the day memorable and engaging for students. Who knows? Perhaps this year’s students will recall “Avila Circa 1965 Day” when Avila College celebrates its centenary in fifty years time!

Oral Report Bookings are now open

3:15 – 8:30pm Wednesday 18 March
3:15 – 8:30pm Tuesday 24 March
Classes will finish at 1:05pm on both days

All parents are reminded that bookings for Oral Reports need to be made using their PAM logins. We encourage all students to attend with their parents to discuss progress and to plan for future learning. The informality of such meetings can ease anxieties and provide a useful opportunity to develop a better understanding of what will help each student to succeed. Although interviews are limited to five minutes each, if a longer time is required with a specific teacher, the Oral Report meeting can be used to make individual arrangements to continue discussion or review again at a time negotiated early in Term Two. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible so that students can take stock and address areas needing attention over the term break.

Please note that the online booking system is different this year. Parents need to make bookings by using the Parent Access Module (PAM). All parents should have their usernames and passwords for PAM. If parents are unsure of their PAM details, they may ask their daughter to retrieve them via a link on the student portal of SIMON. Bookings may be altered up to 5:00pm on Tuesday 17 March but early booking is advised. Please note carefully whether your booking is for Wednesday 18 March or the following week on Tuesday 24 March. 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.

Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching
PASTORAL CARE

Parent Evening Feedback

Earlier this year we invited parents to attend information evenings. These evenings were well attended and the College is committed to ensuring that these evenings continue to meet the needs of parents. This year we were also able to employ the support of local service providers such as Monash Youth and Family Services (MYFS), ADAVIC and Headspace. We trust that this was a welcome addition to the meet and greet time.

In order to assess the usefulness of our parent evenings, we ask that you click on the link below and complete the short survey. [http://goo.gl/forms/afHxWTFNCh](http://goo.gl/forms/afHxWTFNCh)

What Do I Do When My Daughter Comes Home From School Upset?

If there’s one question that gets raised by parents more than any other, it is this: what do I do when my daughter is upset about a conflict with a friend or classmate?

Parents are wired to protect their daughters, so the first (understandable) instinct is to throw oneself into solving the problem for her. Maybe you dish out advice, offer to call the other parent, or email the school. But it’s also the job of parents to teach their children how to manage their social challenges. Parents have a vital role in cultivating resilience in their girls: the ability to handle stress and adversity in productive ways.

Over the last twenty years, research has found that children and adolescents are struggling with resilience (particularly those in the middle school), leading to increased levels of stress, anxiety and depression.

When we try to solve our girls’ problems for them, we send the message that they can’t resolve conflicts on their own. We also tend to make the situation worse. By delaying your intervention, and allowing your daughter to wrestle with her options, you have the opportunity to help her:

- Recognize that all relationships involve some hurt, disappointment and setbacks, giving her a more realistic set of expectations and healthier definition of friendships.
- Consider multiple strategies to respond, allowing her to flex her problem solving muscles.
- Reflect on her feelings before acting, developing her emotional intelligence.
- Validate her feelings by affirming them with her, increasing her confidence to act.

If you are worried about your child’s safety, or are concerned that she is being bullied, immediate intervention is always the best course of action.

It is best to start the conversation about handling difficult relationships before they occur rather than in the heat of the moment. Use these questions to start a conversation with your daughter about how you respond to her social challenges.

- When you have a problem with a friend, what is one thing you wish adults like me would do more of?
- What do you wish we did less of?

Parent and Family Support Services

Monash Youth & Family Services

14 Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley. Also located at Clayton. Providing a range of services for young people and families in Monash. Phone 9518 3900 for information.

School Refusal Program

Catholic Care, 510-512 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham. Cost according to income. Phone 9873 4344 or email mitcham@ccam.org.au.

Eastern Community Legal Centre

Main office: Inner East - Box Hill, 9285 4822. Outer East - Boronia, 9762 6235


If you would like to discuss a referral to another support service, please feel free to call one of our Counselling team or Christine Krajl, Deputy Principal Wellbeing, at the College.

The Pastoral Team
AVILA COLLEGE BOARD AGM 5 MARCH 2015

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- Sally-Anne Petrie: Chairperson & Co-opted Member
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- Kim Rowland: Minute Secretary

A report from the Chair will appear in the next newsletter. We thank retiring member Naomi James for her five years as a member of the Board including the last two as Deputy Chairperson and we welcome Thinesh Chandraratne as the Holy Family Parish Rep. See the College website for the 2014 Board AGM report.

ORCHESTRA CAMP

Members of the Avila Orchestra left the College gates with bags in one hand and instruments in the other, on Friday 27 February, headed for Oasis Christian Camp in Mount Evelyn. A weekend of hard work, bonding, music making and of course a little bit of fun was awaiting.

The music rehearsals started straight away and very soon euphonious orchestral renditions of Beethoven’s 9th, Motown’s Greatest Hits, The Ketchup Song and ‘Celebration’ by Kool and The Gang filled the camp hall.

After dinner on Friday night we all dressed up as musicians or bands from the last five decades. The Blues Brothers, Beyonce, The Beatles and even The Wiggles made an appearance! The theme of the camp for this year was ‘Music Through the Golden Ages’ (tying in with Avila’s 50th Golden Jubilee celebrations). We played a game of musical statues and had a trivia quiz based on the music and musicians of the last 50 years.

Saturday proved to be challenging with intense sessions of orchestra rehearsals and section practices. Everyone was feeling the physical pain from playing their instruments. For me as an oboe player, I could feel the indents of my teeth in my top lip and the sharp pain of an overworked tendon through my arm. Despite this, I couldn’t have had a better time. The non-stop playing and pushing myself to the limits, whilst doing something I love, was completely enjoyable for me.

The camp allowed everyone to bond as an orchestra and create wonderful music whilst doing what we all love - music. On Saturday night a concert was given by the Avila orchestra for parents, family, friends and staff. It truly showcased all the hard work, which everyone (students and staff), had put in over the last two days.

Meg Bowker
College Music Captain
PROUD RACE DAY
On Friday 13 February Avila celebrated Proud Race Day. Proud Race Day celebrates the achievements and culture of Aboriginal Australians and commemorates the apology Kevin Rudd made to the Stolen Generations in 2008. The Aboriginal community took this apology in different ways. Some knew it wouldn’t heal the pain and suffering of the past. It was, however, a start on the road to recovery and the healing process.

The Reconciliation Group ran lunchtime activities for Proud Race Day, building on our school theme for 2015: “Remembering the past, Creating the future”. We created an exhibition of posters made by last year’s Year 8 students showcasing important events in Aboriginal history and significant dates in the calendar for Reconciliation. We put a display of bollards out the front of the General Office displaying information about important Aboriginal people who have shaped our nation and our community.

Many girls came to the Old Junior School and took part in a quiz based on the information in the exhibition. The questions were all different, but they all related back to our very strong Aboriginal heritage.

I am very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful group and to be learning about the Aboriginal culture. It is very special to me. Prior to becoming a member of Reconciliation Group, all I knew about the Aboriginal people and their culture was they were the original inhabitants of the land we live in. I feel bad that for so long I was ignorant and oblivious to this extraordinary culture. This is what drives me to be so passionate about Reconciliation.

Later this year there will be more events hosted by the Reconciliation Group:
- Close the Gap Day on Thursday 19 March
- National Sorry Day on Tuesday 26 May
- Reconciliation week Wednesday 27 May- Wednesday 3 June
- NAIDOC week Sunday 5 July - Sunday 12 July
- Marngrook day on Wednesday 15 July.

We hope to see more and more girls participating in these wonderful events to raise awareness of our rich Aboriginal heritage.

*Caterina Abell*
Year 9 Student
VCE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIP TO THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN

Avila Geography field trips are renowned for their ability to bring rain, but that was taken to a whole new level last Monday when we skirted a tornado at Shepparton. Whilst significant rain fell in Melbourne, we stayed hot and dry in Victoria's north, watching the approaching storms from our bus windows.

Stops at Nagambie, Murchison, and Tatura gave the students the opportunity to experience many different examples of water use in the Shepparton Irrigation Region, before we headed to Echuca for a ride on the PS Pevensey and a wander through the historic Port. Following a night at the River Village Motel in Echuca Village, and a cool change, we drove to the Ramsar listed Barmah forest, then made our way back home via Shepparton, stopping at some further sites of interest along the way. The girls had lots of fun, asked thoughtful questions and made astute observations and connections.

Avila VCE Geography students have been visiting the Murray Darling Basin since the topic was introduced in the Study Design in 2006, and Mr Paul Ekers has accompanied students each time, inspiring them with his love of River Red Gums and the physical geography of the region. My nostalgia for Echuca, where I began my teaching career, was particularly strong this year as it is the last year of the Study Design, and therefore the last year of the trip. Fieldwork will however continue to be a key feature of VCE Geography and exciting new plans are underway!

Andrea McCann
VCE Geography Teacher

Pictured above: VCE Units 3&4 Geography Class at the Barmah Forest
2015 ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION - YEARS 7 TO 12

This year, the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science Competition will be held on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

The Competition provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child’s performance in science. We also believe that participation in competitions like these better prepares students for achievement tests like the General Achievement Test (GAT) and the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT), both done at the VCE level.

All participants receive a Certificate and an individual Student Results Letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state. The Student Results Letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes of science. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio.

The entry fee this year is $8.80 (incl. GST) per student. Entries are due in to your Science teacher by Wednesday 25 March.

See your Science teacher for an entry form or more information.

Here are a few ICAS Science competition questions taken from different year levels. Answers below.

Year 8 Question:

Jeremy is interested in the way cells replicate their DNA. DNA replication involves the separation of the DNA molecule into two single strands which form the basis for two new identical DNA molecules.

The DNA molecule contains four bases, guanine (G), cytosine (C), adenine (A) and thymine (T).

These bases always pair up the same way in the DNA molecule:

- guanine pairs up with cytosine
- adenine pairs up with thymine.

The diagram shows a section of DNA.

Starting from the left, which is the correct sequence of bases that will successfully pair up with the section of DNA shown?

(A) CAGGTGACT  (B) GYTCACATGA  (C) CAGACATGA  (D) CTCTGACTA

Year 10 Question:

Chris and Sam were driving their cars along the same straight section of highway. Chris was driving her car at a constant speed of 30 m/s while Sam was driving his car at a constant speed of 24 m/s.

At point X Chris overtook Sam, after which they both maintained their speeds.

1. How many seconds after Chris did Sam reach the signpost?

   (A) 10  (B) 50  (C) 62.5  (D) 90

   Answer: B, A
MEET... THE ART CAPTAINS

My name is Jackie Chittasorn and I feel privileged to serve Avila as Art Captain for 2015. I am excited to be working with my Art Vice-Captain, Audrey Chmielewski, and also the rest of the amazing leadership team in this 50th year. Throughout my magnificent time at Avila I have enjoyed being involved in many opportunities on offer; including Art Club, Art Show, Music groups, Creative Arts, Music Festival, Red Cross Door Knock, Open Mornings, Young Vinnies and Advocacy Group. I believe that art is an expression of who and what we are, and as a leader I wish to encourage students in the Avila community to show their talents in arts. I am looking forward to “celebrating the past and creating the future”, to support Avila students to further their abilities, and achieve their personal best for 2015. I aim to maximise many art opportunities and events in which students can partake. This way, students can embrace their talents and create new friendships across all year levels. As part of my role, I am looking forward to assisting and fostering the leadership amongst the Art Captains in other year levels, as well as being a role model to my peers.

My name is Audrey Chmielewski and I am the Year 12 Art Vice-Captain for 2015. For as long as I can remember, I’ve always loved art and I feel so privileged to be in this exciting role this year and to have the chance to share my passion with others. I must admit, I haven’t always been very involved in school life but in recent years, I’ve come to really enjoy getting involved in the creation of the yearbook, APP group and helping to design images used in Year 10 Drama Festival and Creative Arts. In 2015, I hope to involve myself even further and encourage others to do the same, particularly in a year filled with so many wonderful opportunities, our Golden Jubilee! Both Jackie and I, along with the other Art Captains, hope to make art as accessible and fun for everyone, regardless of ability. I would like to encourage all students to get involved this year, regardless if they study a visual art subject or not, everyone has the ability to be creative!

LIFE SHRINKS OR EXPANDS IN PROPORTION TO ONE’S COURAGE

On Wednesday 25 February, the Year 9 student leaders had to really consider and take on this quote as we ran our first level assembly for the year. It was a very daunting task as we were all given an opportunity to represent our roles as part of the Avila community and speak to the year level about it. The focus of the assembly was to take on board our theme and show how it can be applied in the learning community of Avila and in our life outside of Avila. We had two performers demonstrate immense courage: Danielle, who performed a dance and Natasha, who sang beautifully. These two girls put themselves ‘out there’ and even with a few stumbles, they just kept going. This is the goal we wish to achieve by incorporating this quote in Year 9 for 2015.

On Sunday 1 March, The Red Cross Door Knock was held. We saw many commit to this, giving up their Sunday to support a worthy cause. Many Year 9 students signed up to participate in this event. After the 2 hours of knocking on houses and asking if they would like to donate, a combined total of over $4000 was raised. We are very proud of our girls’ efforts and feel privileged to be part of this wonderful charity event and the fact we could give this much back to The Salvation Army.

Avila had its first Twilight Swimming Carnival on Monday 2 March at MSAC in Albert Park, as part of its 50th Golden Jubilee celebration. A vibrant atmosphere was created thanks to the many girls who attended. There was immense participation, especially from our junior levels. Even with Nagle winning the swimming and Chisholm taking home best dressed and best House cheering, everyone left a winner. It was a beautiful day filled with many fun times and great memories for all Year 9 students who attended. A special congratulations to Carla DiGregorio who won Year 9 Swimming Champion.

This week the Year 9’s are embarking on a courageous camp, out in Lake Eildon. It will consist of two days of hiking and two days of canoeing. For many, this will be a challenging experience, but with the right frame of mind, everyone will accomplish something great from this camp. The girls are very keen to begin this journey and are looking forward to pushing themselves and achieving their goals.

Year 9 Student Leaders
The Golden Jubilee Carnival and Open Day is Coming

The Carnival and Open Day from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 21 March is now less than two weeks away.

Attractions include:
- Carnival Rides
- Animal Farm
- Book, DVD and CD Stall
- KIIS FM Street Team
- Delicious Food
- Great Entertainment
- House Stalls
- School Tours

How you can help

Unlimited Ride Wristbands

Unlimited Ride Wristbands are now for sale at just $25 on Oral Report Day and via the Avila website under Bookings and Events. All students who buy a wristband before Carnival Day go in the draw to win a $50 iTunes card.

Lolly Jars

Students are invited to create a Lolly Jar for sale on Carnival day. Big or small, all greatly appreciated.

Cake Stall

Bake a sweet treat for sale at the Cake Stall. We will send home a plate, bag and ingredient listing and ask for the sweet treats to be dropped off the Friday before or the morning of the Carnival.

Book, CD, DVD Stall

Donate all books, DVDs and CDs in good condition to the Bookstall at the Carnival. Just drop them off at the General Office.

Raffle

1st prize $2,000 Travel voucher
2nd prize Gold Class Private Party ($1200)
3rd prize $500 Westfield voucher

Sell to all you friends and family, just $2 per ticket or 3 for 5. Collect books of 10 tickets from the General Office.

Thank you in advance for all your kind support of the Carnival and Open Day, the PFA really does appreciate it.

Contact

If you would like to contact the PFA please email pfa@avilacollege.vic.edu.au

Regards,

Loretta Stapleton
PFA President
Avila College Golden Jubilee
Carnival & Open Day
10am–2pm Saturday 21 March

Join Avila College in celebrating 50 years
School tours KIIS FM Street Team Delicious food
Rides Entertainment Fun for the whole family
Animal farm Stalls

register for school tours at www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au
Avila College, 35 Charles Street, Mount Waverley
SPORT NEWS

Upcoming Trainings

- **Diving** – Monday 6.45-7.45am at Aqualink Box Hill
- **Swimming** – Wednesday and Friday 7-8am at Just Swimming Syndal
- **Indoor Cricket** – Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm in the Avila Gym
- **Aerobics** – Tuesday and Thursday 7-8am in the Avila Gym
- **Athletics** – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (trainings will be at Holy Family and Bill Sewart Athletic Track, check the gym foyer windows for training timetable)

Upcoming Tournaments

SCSA Swimming and Diving – Thursday March 19 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre from 6.30-9.30pm

Avila Swim Squad Number 2!

Friday 13 February, the day that all our training would be put to use. The Avila Swim Squad made its way to the Genazzano pool to compete against Siena, Sacre Coeur and Genazzano, hoping that our results would show an improvement from last year’s extremely close placing.

We had some incredible swims from all of the girls, particularly Audrey Charlton (Year 9), Emily Wang (Year 8) and Katelin Gudzoska (Year 8), who all placed 1st and 2nd in all of their events. A special mention should also go out to: the Junior Medley Relay who placed 1st, the Junior A Freestyle Relay who placed 1st, the Junior B Freestyle Relay who placed 2nd and our Senior Freestyle Relay who placed 2nd.

The final results were all riding on the final races of the day: the relays. The long awaited results were announced and for the first time in more than 7 years, Avila did not place 4th! Not only that, we placed 2nd!!

Training continues in anticipation of the SCSA meet at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Thursday 19 March. A huge thanks to Miss Randle, Miss Vining, Miss Kelly, Rebecca Abbott and Danielle Costello, for all your coaching, support and advice. Good luck to the team for the rest of the season.

Stephanie Della Penna
Swimming Captain
House Swimming Carnival

On Monday 2 March, the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre saw and heard hundreds of enthusiastic Avila girls wearing the colour of their house and cheering loudly for their peers. The grandstand saw a sea of green, red, yellow and blue and the pool was continuously filled with students from Years 7 to 12 competing for house points. Overall the day was highly successful and the participation rates were as high as ever. Congratulations to Chisholm for winning both Spirit Shield and The Golden Flipper (Best Dressed House)!

The final point were as follows:
1st Nagle – 665 Points
2nd Flynn – 614 Points
3rd Chisholm – 609 Points
4th MacKillop – 540 Points

Congratulations to the following Champions and Runners Up:

Year 7:
Champion – Sally Barlow
Runner Up – Neve Williams

Year 8:
Champion – Katelin Gudzoska
Runner Up – Emily Wang

Year 9:
Champion – Carla Di Gregorio
Runner Up – Jessica Satya Graha

Year 10:
Champion – Nicole Ng
Runner Up – Maddison Carr

Year 11:
Champion – Lucy Dever
Runner Up – Rashmitha Perera

Year 12:
Champion – Stephanie Della Penna
Runner Up – Natallie Costello

Tamara Ludenkens and Tayla Hope
Year 12 Sport Captains
PATHWAYS AND CAREER NEWS

All students in Years 9 to 12 have been emailed the latest Careers Newsletter. Topics covered include:

- 2015 Open Day Dates
- Do you want to find out more about Monash University?
- Swinburne News
- Interested in Veterinary sciences?
- Victoria University News
- Careers in the Defence Force

The newsletter is available via the Careers tab on SIMON under Newsletters and Resources.

Year 12 students have been invited to make an appointment this term to discuss their plans for 2016 and beyond. A sign up document has been emailed to all Year 12 students.

Are you thinking Monash?

Learn from students, graduates and staff about the university experience. [Register for the At Monash Seminar Series](#).

Experience Latrobe

Latrobe University are inviting Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to join them on campus to be a Uni student for a day this Easter holidays.

At Experience La Trobe, students will have the opportunity to attend workshops, lectures and seminars of their choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life, while parents will be able to participate in our special ‘parents program’.

Registrations for the first two events are now open and places are limited, so get in quick to design a personalised program for the day.

To view the event program and to register, please follow the below links:

- [Melbourne Campus, Thursday 9 April](#)

Keeper for a Day

Are you an aspiring zookeeper? Find out what takes to care for an amazing array of animals at both Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo. Learn how you can help us to Fight Extinction.

**Age:** Students in Years 7-12.

**Dates:**
- Healesville Sanctuary: March 31, April 1, 7 8.
- Werribee Open Range Zoo: March 31, 2, 8, 10.

Vet for a Day

Come and work alongside our veterinary staff on real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animals, including endangered species, as well as injured wildlife brought to the hospital.

**Age:** Students in Years 7-12

**Dates:** April 1, 2, 8, 9.


**Bookings Essential:** 1300 966 784

Jenny Dunn - Pathways Co-ordinator

Geraldine McKenna - Careers Adviser
COMMUNITY NEWS

A Unique Interfaith Experience For Women And Girls

Every year the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic) runs a Model Passover/Pesach Seder for women of different faiths. Explanations are given about the traditions and customs of this eight-day festival which commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Women have the chance to also share experiences and stories from their own faiths and cultures and in this way, friendships are created and a greater understanding and respect for each other’s heritage is created.

This year we are once again planning an intergenerational focus so would like our participants to be girls about the age of 12 (Bat Mitzvah age) together with a significant female in their life such as mothers (grandmothers or aunts).

In this way, we plan to introduce young girls to interfaith dialogue, as well as sharing the richness of intergenerational relationships and the passing on of family and faith traditions.

We envisage Jewish, Muslim, Christian (of different denominations) and other faiths being represented in mother-daughter pairs. We welcome the community to participate in this unique experience. Well known teacher and educator Frances Prince will facilitate the evening.

The event is partnered with United Jewish Education Board and supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

The event will take place at 5pm on Sunday 22 March 2015 at 131-133 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield. The evening includes a light vegetarian meal incorporating some Passover/Pesach dishes. The cost will be $10 for girls and $15 for adults.

Places are strictly limited and bookings are essential. [http://tiny.cc/seder2015](http://tiny.cc/seder2015)

For registration and more information 9523 0535 or [office@ncjwa.org.au](mailto:office@ncjwa.org.au)

St Jude’s Family Fun Fair

Saturday 14 March 2015 - 11am to 9pm
George Street, Scoresby

Pre-sale Discount all day wristbands available for St Jude's Fair only $35.00 (discount of $10.00)

Available until 5pm Wednesday 11 March 2015
Audition now

TIME TO SHINE 2016

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS GALA

Singers, dancers, musicians, choirs or interesting acts wanted

SINGERS, MUSICIANS, CHOIRS and INTERESTING ACTS upload a recording now to be considered first! Final uploads by Monday 4 May.

DANCERS see the website for audition times and email epinheiro@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au with your preferred time.

See www.ceomelb.catholic.edu.au for further details and to upload