Dear members of the Avila community,

We planned, we promoted, we had our college looking its best, we prayed for good weather and we welcomed over 2,500 visitors to our Golden Jubilee Carnival at the College on Saturday 21 March. A good mix of food stalls, second hand books and DVDs, carnival rides, student House-led activities, college tours and curriculum highlights were on offer to all our guests. Music provided by our own ensemble groups and talented singers created an impressive “day on the green” feel on the Year 7 and 8 lawn. I would also like to thank the Curriculum Leaders who showcased Art, Science, Physical Education and Food and Technology specialist areas of the College to our visitors. Thanks also to Carnival Co-ordinator, Annie Opray, who worked tirelessly with our enthusiastic Parents and Friends Association to make the day such a success. Heartfelt thanks to our maintenance team of Glenn Currie, Liam Brockley and Ross Phillips who worked tirelessly throughout the day supporting everyone’s requests. I would also like to thank all our families who donated books, DVDs, lolly jars and tasty cakes and treats for our stalls. Your support and donations helped make the overall success of carnival. To all our staff who also undertook pivotal roles throughout the day and students who volunteered where needed - everyone’s combined contributions helped make the day a great success and another memorable celebration in this, our Golden Jubilee year. Student ambassadors were kept busy throughout the day with numerous tours of the college for prospective students and their families. I would especially like to thank the numerous Avila Alumnae who came to the college for a visit on Saturday – we look forward to hosting many of your reunions in the future.

I trust many of you have seen our newest addition to St Teresa’s Garden – that being a statue of St Teresa. This beautiful, reflective statue of St Teresa was sculptured by Linda Klarfeld, an artist from NSW who has worked on this project with us for the past twelve months. As you will see from the photo on the front page, she is crafted from a white /grey granite and is about 150cm tall. Early next term, Sr. Maria Lazzaro pbvm, Congregational Leader of the Presentation Sisters in Victoria and our former Chaplain will join us for a special blessing and unveiling of a plaque in honor of St Teresa.

We warmly invite all our parents and friends of the College to attend the next College Assembly on Monday 13 April at 8:45am.

RSVP to avila@avilacollege.vic.edu.au by Tuesday 7 April.

Community news:

Thoughts and prayers are extended to Emelle Berenger (Year 7) following the recent death of her mum Rebecca Miller and to Angela Patterson (staff member) following the recent death of her father Geoffrey Byrne.

We wish our students and staff travelling to Indonesia for their Language Immersion trip over the holidays a most successful and valuable experience.

On behalf of the college I wish all Avila families a most relaxing and safe term break over this Easter holiday during which we celebrate and commemorate the central event of our Christian Faith – the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With blessings to everyone in our Golden Jubilee Year,

Louise Gunther

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Cover image: Avila College Golden Jubilee Carnival: Avila Alumnae stall, Animal Farm, Chisholm Coin Cup Game, Avila Choir.
GOLDEN JUBILEE CARNIVAL 21 MARCH 2015

The Golden Jubilee Carnival was attended by close to 2,500 people. Here are some images from a wonderful day.
FROM THE CHAIR
The Annual Reporting Meeting held on the Thursday 5 March 2015, provided an opportunity for the Board and the broader Avila College community to be informed about the direction, activities and achievements of the College over 2014 in a diverse range of areas. The reports presented and tabled by various Staff and Leadership Representatives highlighted the commitment, care and professionalism Avila College Staff bring to their various roles and responsibilities within the community to provide an educational experience for our daughters that develops and nurtures their ‘whole person’.

At the Annual Reporting Meeting, the Avila College Board farewelled and thanked Naomi James from Holy Family Parish for her 5 years of service to the Board and the Avila Community. We are very grateful for Naomi’s participation and visible presence in the Community as both a parent and Board Member and for the affirmation and encouragement she openly offered to the Avila Community and its members. Following this, the Board warmly welcomed Thinesh Chandrartne, a current parent of two students, from Holy Family Parish. We look forward to Thinesh’s contributions to the ongoing work of the Board.

The first Reporting Meeting occurred immediately after the Annual Reporting Meeting. Following the direction identified last year, the Board is continuing its review and development of key Board documents. The draft document, ‘An Induction Process for new Board Members’, was discussed by the Board and some additional ideas included, to both assist formation of Board Members and to identify some expectations of all Board Members by the Avila College Board.

Over the last year, the Avila College Board has become more aware of its governing responsibilities and that these extend well beyond its reporting responsibilities. A recent publication (January 2015) from the Australian Institute for School Governance provides some clear direction for the future work of the board in terms of these governing responsibilities. “School Boards and Councils have three specific governing responsibilities based on strategy, policy and risk”. The Avila College Board is committed to working consistently towards achieving this.

In this Golden Jubilee Year, the Avila College Board Members look forward to celebrating with you all ‘the rich living history’ of the Avila College Community, which we so dearly love.

Sally–Anne Petrie
Chairperson, Avila College Board

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS
Oral Reports
Oral reports for all students have been held over the final fortnight of Term 1. It has been great to see so many parents attend with their daughters to discuss their progress. We are interested in parent feedback on the change to using the Parent Access Module (PAM) for bookings instead of PTO. If you would like to provide any constructive feedback about the Oral Reporting bookings or about the arrangements for the interviews, please email mfranken@avilacollege.vic.edu.au

Parents are reminded that if they have concerns at any time about their daughter’s progress, they should contact their daughter’s homeroom or subject teacher.

We wish all students and families a very safe and peace-filled Easter break. May the blessings of the risen Lord fill your home with joy.

Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching
FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

As we journey through Lent towards the Easter celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, we are asked to participate in the season through the giving of alms, fasting, and praying. The Avila community can be proud of their efforts in each of these areas. This year, our Faith and Mission Captains have engaged Project Compassion Ambassadors for each homeroom to assist in raising awareness about the plight of many people who do not have sufficient food for life. They have also encouraged students to donate to the Caritas fund that goes toward supporting the education and sustainability practices of communities in need.

The girls have whole-heartedly taken up their roles and in doing so are spreading the good news through their actions. Fasting has been performed by many students who, on a personal level, have decided to forego technology or treats in preparation for Easter. Through participating in an act of abstinence, they are engaging in spiritual self-discipline. Enough cannot be said for the benefits of going without, even for a short period, by walking in solidarity with those who are less fortunate in our community.

During this period, we look to our leaders for an example of what we can do and Pope Francis is no exception. He acts with integrity, telling us, “to help one another since this is what Jesus taught, I do this and I do it with all my heart”. In taking up his call, we have all been engaged in prayer this term, particularly at this time when the need is so great around the world.

Three reflection days have taken place this term with the support of teachers, year-level coordinators, and our school counselors. Year 7 Reflection Day was held at Salesian Retreat Center with the focus being the “Avila Story”. Students were introduced to St Teresa of Avila, with this year being the celebration of 500 years since her birth. They also explored the history of Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters who opened our school. The day was filled with prayer, laughter, and creativity as the girls explored how they are now connected to a new family here at Avila College. Fr Martin celebrated Mass for the girls before we left for home.

Here is a student reflection from the day:

Year 7 Reflection Day took place at Salesian Retreat in Lysterfield. We learnt about Nano Nagle and how she became known as the Lady with the Lantern. We then got into groups and acted out how we could be like Nano and help others. After the excitement of sharing our plays we learnt more about St. Teresa of Avila and why she was chosen to be our school’s patron saint. We each designed our own puzzle piece to put together as a Year 7 Level. Then, to end our day we had Mass in the Chapel. The day was fantastic with highlights such as the plays, puzzle pieces and Mass.

Tiana Pincic 7 Orange

The Year 10 Reflection Day called the girls to be the “Hands of Christ.” The program involved preparation for their Community Service placements that they fulfilled during March. A large number of students had placements at retirement homes, aged care facilities, and schools for the disabled. During the day, students participated in activities that simulated impediments such as loss of hearing and restricted movement of limbs. They also spent time exploring limitations experienced by older members of our community as well as gaining an understanding of learning difficulties that some young people live with. The girls were open to exploring how others lived, showing genuine empathy and desire to understand the difficulties people face in our community. The day culminated with a blessing during Mass that was led by Fr Laurence.

Community Service Reflections:

"An exciting and engaging experience that, although challenging at times, gave us an insight into a different aspect of life that we aren’t familiar with." - Stephanie Prigg

'It was like finding treasures in different forms' - Sally Hu

"Volunteer experience is the satisfaction that you have made a difference in someone’s life that day." - Meenu Manickam

"It was very challenging at first, finding things to do when there wasn’t always someone to ask, nevertheless it was rewarding getting to know the elderly residents and offering my assistance to them and to the staff." - Paige Harris

"My volunteer experience was very different; it forced me out of my comfort zone and made me realize how lucky I really am." - Danielle Khoury

Pictured: Avila students, Sinead Coulter and Daniela Moretti with a Salvos Volunteer
The Year 12 students met in the multipurpose space and began their Reflection Day with a Lenten service focusing on connecting with each other. Washing the hands of fellow students showed their humility and willingness to serve each other; it set the tone for a day filled with care and concern. Students learnt about Nano Nagle and listened to the events that shaped her life, in doing so they were challenged to reflect on experiences that have shaped them. Homeroom lanterns were decorated as a reminder of the friendship that is their guiding light in a year that culminates in completion high school. The students participated reverently in a Mass at Holy Family that was celebrated by Fr Laurence and Deacon Malcolm.

It feels inadequate to simply say “thank you” to the staff involved in these days. Giving so willingly of their time, stories and faith allowed the days to run smoothly and in the true spirit of the title Reflection Day. None-the-less, “Thank You”, for all that you did and all that you do to nurture the spiritual formation of the young women at Avila.

SCHOOL OF ST JUDE, TANZANIA

On Friday 20 March the Year 10 and 11 students were fortunate to have Gemma Sisia, the founder of the School of Saint Jude in Tanzania, accompanied by Felix, a member of the Maasai tribe come to talk to us about an extraordinary school offering education to some of Tanzania’s poorest children. After completing her studies at Melbourne University Gemma worked as a volunteer teacher at a private Catholic school in Uganda. When in Tanzania she was struck by the lack of education opportunities for the poor students and so began her dream to build and run a first class school for the most disadvantaged; the school of St Jude was founded. The motto of the school, “fighting poverty through education” is something that is very much evident in the aspect and purpose of the school. Felix has been part of the School of St Jude for the past eight years. He began his time at the school as a non-English speaking bus driver. Since then, he has learnt English and now works for the visitor information team, something he would not have been able to achieve without persistence and perseverance. Felix was able to teach us the value of never taking no for an answer and to continue to strive and search out alternative routes to the goals we have, which is something we as students of the senior school should develop before our final years of school. Gemma and Felix are passionately committed to the school and ensuring that their students are given every chance to succeed. We hope to be able to assist them by raising funds for urgently needed equipment. It was a privilege to have these wonderful people come and share their stories with us and inspire us to give more of ourselves in the future.

Abby Dineen
Year 11 Student
LIFE SHRINKS OR EXPANDS IN PROPORTION TO ONE’S COURAGE

Having journeyed on our Year 9 Camp recently, our resilience was tested beyond what most of us knew. March 10-13 was a testing time, filled with discovery, friendships and strength. We embarked on a journey to Lake Eildon, where we spent the week learning to help ourselves whilst supporting others. It was four days out in nature, with only a tent, a pack with our belongings and the basic foods for meals and snacks. Two of the four days were spent hiking around the lake and two were spent canoeing in the lake. In the beginning most girls struggled with the lifestyle changes; however, as the week went on we started to adapt and embrace our time outdoors. Overall, it was a valuable and different experience which created lasting memories.

As we come to the end of the term, we look back as a year level at all that we’ve achieved so far. We would like to thank all our teachers for their commitment and support, and say special congratulations to Ms Bauman on how well she’s settled into the Avila community. As the Year 9 Coordinator, she has taken on the role with grace and positivity, and given of her time and effort into making this the best year level possible. May everyone have a Happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday.

*Year 9 Student Leaders*

VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

Sunday 22 March was Victorian Parliament House Open Day and five very keen Year 12 Legal Studies students and their two teachers saw that as an opportunity too good to refuse.

Angela Stapleton, Lauren Radnell, Amelia Neff, Elizabeth D'Lima and Deanne Aguirre wandered the rabbit-warren of corridors and spent time on the floor of both houses, the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council. We explored the Library, studied some of the artwork and even enjoyed a Devonshire Tea in the Members’ Dining Room.

The girls are to be commended on giving up some of their time on a Sunday morning. Hopefully, the visit has helped deepen their understanding of Victoria’s major law-making body, studied as part of Unit 3 of the Legal Studies course.

*Philip Cornell and Brendan Johnson*
*Unit 3 Legal Studies teachers*
DISCOVERY LEARNING UPDATE

YEAR 7 AND 9 CAMP PROGRAMS

The early morning of Tuesday 10 March was a hive of activity at Avila College as 200 keen Year 9 campers headed off for the incredibly beautiful Lake Eildon for a week of bushwalking, canoeing and camping. Close on their heels were 200 very eager and excited Year 7 students, bound for Camp Marysville.

These exciting programs are just the second of their kind to be held at Avila, and were run with the support and instruction of the Outdoor Education Group.

Year 9 students were treated to spectacular views, interesting landscapes and unusual flora and fauna as they journeyed around the Lake Eildon region. With the assistance of an OEG leader and a very dedicated Avila teacher for each group, the Year 9’s pitched tents in new campsites each night, cooked their meals as a group and worked together to navigate their way through their journey. Students arrived back on Friday afternoon a little weary, exhilarated at having succeeded in the challenge set out by camp, and very much looking forward to a date with their beds.

Meanwhile at Camp Marysville, Year 7 students participated in a whole range of activities. Some challenged themselves to climb to the top of the rockclimbing wall, while others were thrilled to have made it through the bike ride without falling off. Year 7’s also cooked for themselves in the camp kitchen, met the resident chickens in the camp garden, learnt more about teamwork through a low ropes course, and enjoyed the serenity of canoeing on the in-camp dam. All students had the opportunity to camp out under the stars, and for many of our Year 7’s, this was their first time sleeping in a tent.

A theme of sustainability and waste reduction ran right through the week and students worked hard as a cohort to reduce their food waste from one meal to the next, with a record low of just 800g of waste for the group during Wednesday’s dinner.

I would like to thank the 30 Avila staff who gave up their time, homes, families, phones, and beds for the week to join the camp programs to help make this year’s camp the memorable experience it was; and all students for getting in and giving it a go!

Marina Kelly
Discovery Learning Co-ordinator

Pictured above: Top L-R: Year 7’s cooking during campout, building their own bush shelters, at Goshnick’s Lookout, Bottom row L-R: Year 7's on the rock-climbing wall and low ropes course. Year 9s before a day of canoeing
FIRE CARRIERS CONFERENCE 2015

Friday 6 March saw a group of enthusiastic Avila students join over 100 other students from participating Catholic schools at the Fire Carriers' Conference at Birrarung Marr and the NGV at Federation Square.

Vicki Clark from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry met us at Birrarung Marr and taught us about the sacredness of the place to the five tribes of the Kulin Nation, which is represented in the sculptures in the area.

We began our day with a presentation and performance from Ian and Mitch, a father and son team from a company by the name of ‘TRUE Culture’. We were able to hear their perspectives as Aboriginal people on issues in current day Australia and how we should aim to be responsive, rather than being reactive, when we see injustice. We were also treated to an incredible traditional dance performance by Mitch as well as some amazing Didgeridoo playing.

Afterwards we were taken through the NGV at Fed Square where we were able to see many beautiful artworks inspired and created by Indigenous people. Later on we were instructed on our day’s art task: creating a Bunjil’s nest with eucalyptus sticks inscribed with our individual messages as Fire Carriers. We were each supplied with a stick and during lunch were able to have some personal reflection and consider what we thought our responsibilities were as young people committed to Reconciliation. Once we had finished, the Bunjil's nest was created with the sticks from representatives of all the schools present, including those of Margaret and Krysten, our year 12 Fire Carriers who each had wonderful messages.

It was wonderful to be able to share our ideas, hopes and plans for the change we want to create as Fire Carriers and what we can do to walk together in Reconciliation. Thank you very much to Ms Foster, Mrs Benton and Donna who accompanied us and made this day happen.

Emma Spencer
Year 10 Student

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Sophia Elliott and Catherine Pagliaro represented Avila College at the Lions Youth of the Year award for 2015. This competition is unique in that students are required to attend a half hour interview with a panel of three where they are questioned on their knowledge of current affairs, involvement in community and their academic and sporting accomplishments. This part of the competition is worth 80 marks. Students are then required to present a prepared speech on a topic of their choice for 5 minutes (20 marks) and two impromptu speeches with no preparation time (10 marks). Both students were well-prepared and presented excellent speeches. From this event Catherine Pagliaro progressed to the zone final held on Sunday 15 March. Catherine spoke passionately about Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, a topic she is very passionate about. Whilst Catherine did not progress beyond this round she learned many valuable skills, which we hope she can use in the Lions Youth of the Year 2016.

Kelly Bunning
Teaching Staff
CONVERSATION WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

On Friday 13 March, accompanied by Ms Johnston, we were fortunate enough to be amongst 200 student leaders within the Archdiocese of Melbourne to gather for a conversation with his Grace, Archbishop Denis Hart at Genazzano FCJ College. The Archbishop first addressed us, speaking about the impact faith has had on his life. He spoke fondly of his years at school, being a messy left handed writer and his aspiration to get an art work up on his classroom wall. He shared memories of his childhood; his love for his parents and the sadness at the death of his sister. He encouraged the students to value friendship and to engage with God on numerous levels including the ordinary. We did feel special when during his speech he spoke of St Teresa of Avila as a source of inspiration, knowing God loves us and will never desert us. We then had the opportunity to speak to the Archbishop throughout the day and ask him questions. The information he gathered from the day will be used for his Letter to Youth that is sent on Pentecost every year.

As well as meet the Archbishop, we listened to inspiring lectures delivered by a priest in training and a spirited young Catholic who is working in the public service. They introduced Pier Giorgio Frassati; an Italian man who was born in Torino into a wealthy family and dedicated his entire life to the works of social action, charity, prayer and community. He died at the age of 24 and the most profound illustration of his impact on others was exemplified at his funeral; where his family were surprised to see the streets lined with thousands of mourners; many of those being the homeless who were touched by his immense selflessness.

A quote that resonated with us was: “The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ”. Hearing the voice of Christ can be seen as a metaphor to live life the higher purpose of serving others; and seeing God as the center of our lives. After this day we hope to follow the inspiring works of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati who is a shining example to the youth of today of that difference we can make in our communities.

Angela Stapleton, Christiana David and Sophia Elliott
Year 12 Leaders
RELIGION AND SOCIETY STUDENTS SPEND A DAY IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Religion and Society Units 3 & 4 students have been revisiting the origins of Christianity by immersing themselves in a study of the fundamental beliefs of the tradition, in particular, the belief in God. They have also been reading Frankl’s “Man’s Search for Meaning” as a way of exploring the relationship between religion and society, and the human capacity to give meaning to life.

It was in this context that the students visited the Holocaust Museum in Elsternwick and then were given a cultural tour at the Jewish Museum in St Kilda. All of the students found it a most challenging and thought-provoking day. These are some of their comments:

Matching the numbers to people’s faces took me aback. I am grateful for the opportunity to hear a survivor speak. I am privileged.

Being face to face with a man who experienced the Holocaust and who was willing to share his story with me was incredibly moving. Knowing that we may be the last generation to hear his story is terribly sad, because his story should be heard to make sure that this never happens again. I am grateful that I have heard it, so I can pass something on to the next generation in Tuvia’s honour.

I really enjoyed learning about the traditions that impact on people’s day to day lives, like the specific practices with food. Also the introduction to the Shabbat has made me think how lovely it would be to have a special family night every Friday.

Personally, I felt very privileged being able to go into the synagogue. Such a sacred place.

Christine Valladares
Religion and Society Unit 3 & 4 teacher

ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS

Around the 4th century a man of great devotion, patience and commitment was born. He was St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He had to fast, suffer and bear struggles of enslavement for six years at a young age. The strength of his faith in God brought about his undying determination to spread the word of God, which helped build Ireland into a devoted Christian community.

March 17 is known as St Patrick’s Feast Day and we at Avila were fortunate to celebrate his legacy by attending an enriching service at St Patrick’s Cathedral in the city. Student representatives from both Year 9 and 10 were chosen to attend the mass on behalf of the Avila Community. As a commemoration of 50 years, Avila College students proudly carried up the school banner in the procession, as well as the banner marking 50 years since the establishment of Avila College. Avila was also privileged to be given the role of delivering the Second Reading and Prayers of Intercession. Each girl represented the school with honour and joy.

A very special thank you to our principal, Ms Louise Gunther and Ms Catanzariti for supporting us at the Mass. A massive thanks also to Ms Cetrola for her tremendous organisation of transport and roles for what was a memorable mass.

Tiana Chandraratne
Year 9 Faith and Mission Captain
MEET... THE DRAMA CAPTAINS

Hi I’m Lauren Ramsey, and this year I’ve had the absolute privilege of being elected as Drama Captain for 2015. I’ve loved drama since I was very young, forcing my family to watch my many plays and creations, often performed behind an ironing board. After my first five minutes of fame, being onstage at Creative Arts with Junior Drama Club, I knew that drama at Avila was something I wanted to pursue. Since then, I’ve been involved in the year 10 Drama Festival, and eventually becoming a director, the Avila and Mazenod musicals; many Creative Arts’; and finally undertaking unit 3&4 Drama this year. Of all the things for which I am grateful to Avila, above all, I am thankful for the support I’ve been given in fostering my love of drama. We’re incredibly lucky to have two amazing drama teachers, Mr Cash and Ms Kane-Priestley, who are the reason we have a drama department like we do. This year, I really want to stress the importance of drama in, to name only a few, fostering confidence, public speaking skills and problem solving skills. It’s important that students appreciate the creative subjects as an opportunity to get involved in the many things the drama department has to offer.

My name is Eliza Engellenner and I’m incredibly honoured to hold the position of Drama Vice-Captain at Avila for 2015. Throughout my time at the College, I’ve been involved in numerous drama activities, always eager to share my ideas and enthusiasm. Every year since year 7, I’ve participated in the Creative Arts and Year 10 Drama Festival. Also, I’ve attended various Drama Intensives that’ve been offered as extra-curricular at the school. Drama and performing is such an incredible passion of mine, I’ve also been involved in a number of outside school programs. This includes a year long selected entry course I complete at NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts) in 2014. As Drama Vice-Captain this year, I’m dedicated to share my love and passion for drama with every student at Avila. I believe that drama is an incredible subject that offers so much to the individual. Even if performing isn’t particularly your forte, it’s my mission to get people more involved and experience the performing arts in some way. Also as a leader, I feel passionately about raising awareness for a variety of issues. Lauren and I have been planning a range of fund raising events themed around drama, to raise money for Medical Research and foundations such as the Good Friday Appeal. I’m very excited about this year, and very determined to be a great Drama leader and role model to my peers. “Performance is the power” - Leonardo DiCaprio

SPORT NEWS

Upcoming Trainings
- Indoor Cricket – Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm in the Avila Hall
- Aerobics – Tuesday and Thursday 7-8am in the Avila Hall
- Athletics – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (trainings will be at Holy Family and Bill Sewart Athletic Track, check the hall foyer windows for training timetable)

Upcoming Tournaments
- SCSA Indoor Cricket – Friday April 17 at the Box Hill Action Indoor Sports Centre from 8.45am – 2.15pm

Upcoming Trials
- Basketball – trials for Basketball will begin Week 1 of Term 2, keep an eye on the bulletin for trial days
PFA REPORT
Golden Jubilee Carnival and Open Day

What a wonderful day of celebration we enjoyed at Avila College last Saturday at the Carnival and Open Day. The weather was perfect and brought out the crowds in record numbers to enjoy the day.

I would like to thank all of the PFA members who worked tirelessly on various aspects of Carnival for months. They must have been so thrilled to see that the event was such a big success. I would like to say special thanks to the PFA Co-ordinators who took on the responsibility for different tasks associated with the Carnival and they included:

- Sue Glennon: Book DVD and CD Stall
- Wasana Fernando, Ymara Jayamanne: Cake Stall
- Karen Roache, Alan Dew: Expo Stalls
- Louise Davison: Alumnae Stall
- Helene Diamantopoulos: Promotions
- Andrew Cuthbert: Financial
- Helen Colbourn: Roster
- Rolando Mandarino: Lolly Jar Stall
- Maree Radnell: Catering
- Victoria Radnell: Catering

I would also like to extend my thanks to the Avila community who were so generous in donating cakes, books and lolly jars for sale on the day. As the Raffle Co-ordinator I would also like to thank the people who purchased raffle tickets and the winners will be drawn this Thursday 26 March on the last day of term.

To the many parents who offered their time to assist on carnival day, we really do appreciate your involvement. Many of the parents who helped said how they enjoyed getting to know other Avila parents.

Now we can all look forward to the other celebrations for the Golden Jubilee planned throughout the year, all of the details are on the college website, www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au, News and Events, Bookings.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Easter.

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

Regards

Loretta Stapleton
PFA President
PATHWAYS AND CAREER NEWS

Reminder: UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) Students wishing to apply for Medicine at Monash University or Dentistry at Latrobe University will need a UMAT score to apply for these courses in 2016. Most interstate Medicine courses also require a UMAT score. Registrations by 5 June; Test Date: 29 July, 2015

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. Throughout Term 2 Careers interviews will be primarily directed at Year 10 students as they move closer towards thinking about their choices of VCE subjects and career pathways. An email will be sent to all Year 10 students early next term with a link to the appointment booking sheet. The Careers Hub welcomes students and families from any Year level wishing to discuss their subject / course plans for the future or who are thinking about Work Experience placements etc. Assistance can be provided with resume writing and interview skills.

APPLYING FOR A TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN) – Until recently, schools could assist students to apply for a TFN. This is no longer the case. Students now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified in an interview at a participating Australia Post Office. To apply and to find out about participating Post Offices: [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au) and search for QC27248.

NOTE: Not only do students need a TFN if employed, Year 12 students need a TFN when they accept an offer of a university or VET place in January 2016.

ACU University Experience
If you are in Year 10, 11 or 12 this free program gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. For more information or to register to attend: [www.acu.edu.au/unixperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/unixperience)

A Day at Melbourne
This special event is designed for Year 10 to 12 students and their families. You are invited to come and explore the Parkville campus and find out more about the study options. Friday 10th April / 10 July. Register Now: futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/a-day-at-melbourne

RMIT Big Picture Experience - School Holiday Program:
RMIT University offers a number of free events designed to encourage students from Years 10, 11 and 12 to engage in hands-on workshops, explore life on campus and get behind the scenes, while experience different aspects of discipline areas. Experience Advertising, Marketing and PR, Art and Design, Business, Engineering, Health and Medical Sciences, Justice and legal, Music, sound and Live Production, Project Management, Science, Sustainability. To register or to learn more about the free Experience Day events visit: [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays)

Keeper for a Day
Are you an aspiring zookeeper? Find out what it 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 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th.
Bookings Essential: 1300 966 784

All students in years 9 to 12 have been emailed the latest Careers Newsletter. Topics covered include:
- Want to find out more about LaTrobe University?
- Check out the University of Melbourne
- Swinburne Open Day
- Monash University News
- Deakin University News
- Careers with Animals
- Applying for a Taxfile number

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

Jenny Dunn - Pathways Co-ordinator
Geraldine McKenna - Careers Adviser
Sacred Heart
Asylum Seeker
Charity
2015
Fundraiser

Saturday 16th May
7pm to 11pm
Sacred Heart Hall
2–6 Mora Avenue
Oakleigh

Middle Eastern
Mezze

Tickets
$45 includes
three course dinner
with catering by

Oasis Bakery

Beer, wine and
soft drink included

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