Dear members of the Avila community,

This past fortnight has been a busy time for our community with our students performing to the best of their ability across a range of stages. We have had students excel in music, singing, costume making, drama, dance, information technologies and athletics including both track and field events.

We held a memorable Mother’s Day breakfast in the Gathering Space on Wednesday 6 May attended by over 100 mothers and daughters from Years 7-12. Our very dedicated Parents and Friends Association organised the event and I would like to thank the champion for this event (who herself is now a ‘friend’ of the PFA) Helene Diamantopoulos who coordinated the volunteer parents who kindly donated their time setting up for this event or sharing their talents in the kitchen by providing a tasty breakfast for all those who came along. I am sure our dads will be looking forward to their special breakfast event that our PFA are holding next term for them.

On Thursday 7 May the Avila College community gathered at the Besen Centre for this year’s Creative Arts Festival – with the theme ‘Sisters reAct.’ How fitting and most entertaining this performance was as part of our continued celebrations in our Golden Jubilee Year. This year’s festival saw over 300 students come together and collaborated in a range of domains including Music, Multimedia, Art, Drama, Dance and Costume making. Special thanks to our Performing Arts Coordinator Darcie Kane Priestley who led the very talented team of staff and students in bringing such a polished performance together. There is no doubt that our students’ interpretation of the theme reflected a very humorous approach to the key events for both staff and students at Avila College – well done girls!

Friday 8 May saw the athletics team and their staff coaches arrive at school very early and head to Lakeside Stadium for the Secondary Catholic Sports Association (SCSA) Athletics competition. Following many training sessions, held mainly afterschool, a team of approximately 67 track and field competitors took to the contest with determination that resulted in Avila College winning this year’s Division 2 SCSA Athletics. Congratulations to our Physical Education staff and athletics coaches as well as the parents who joined us in cheering our students throughout the day.

We were blessed again with beautiful weather for our Alumnae (past students and staff) Eucharist held last Sunday 17 May. It was delightful to welcome over 120 alumnae back to the College and share memories and reconnections as well as proudly show off the developments of the college. Special thanks to Fr Pat Jackson who was our celebrant and the following staff who played key roles in the organization of this event: Roxane Lascaris, Renee Fleeton, Maria Nankervis, Marion Wilson, Rebecca Cetrola, Annie Opray, Glenn Currie, student singers, musicians, tour ambassadors and hospitality staff.

Community news:
Thoughts and prayers are extended to Kim Rowland (staff member) following the recent death of her dad. We would also like to offer congratulations to Angela Torelli (staff member) who recently graduated from ACU after successfully completing her Masters of Educational Leadership. This leadership course aims to enhance professional practice and explore new concepts and approaches to teaching and learning, for individuals who want to become leaders in their school.

With blessings to everyone in our Golden Jubilee Year,

Louise Gunther
Principal

Cover image: Avila Students in the 2015 Creative Arts Performance, Sisters ReAct
ADMINISTRATION NEWS

NT Tourism Grant
Avila College is the recipient of the NT Learning Adventures School Excursion Support $1000 grant to go towards the journey and experiences of the 2015 Santa Teresa Immersion. Tourism NT recognises that the Northern Territory is abundant with learning opportunities to develop life skills. Thank you to Ms Darcie Kane-Priestley who applied for the grant on behalf of the College.

CareMonkey
Parents are reminded to please complete their daughter's profile on CareMonkey by Monday 25 May. Please feel free to contact the IT Help Desk at the college if you have any questions. You can also visit the CareMonkey website for more information www.caremonkey.com

Rebecca Cetrola
Deputy Principal Administration

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

NAPLAN
Like students all across Australia, Avila College students in Years 7 and 9 sat the NAPLAN tests last week. Students are commended for their co-operative approach to this formal testing program. The results from NAPLAN are expected in late Term Three and will be mailed home to parents and used by teachers to inform their teaching too.

Exams
Semester examinations for Years 10 and 11 will be conducted from Monday 1 June to Wednesday 10 June. Examinations are scheduled in all Years 10 and 11 subjects. Year 9 students will undertake formal examinations in English, Maths and Science on Friday 5 June. All students undertaking a Year 12 subject are required to sit the three hour General Achievement Test (GAT) on 10 June.

To familiarise students with the requirements of examinations, Avila College uses a common set of conditions and protocols. Students are expected to follow formal procedures for all examinations. This means that they must take only prescribed materials into the examination room with particular regard to prohibited items (ie: mobile phones) and behaviour such as not communicating in any way with another student during an examination. Water bottles must be clear and have labels removed. Examination conditions have been outlined to the students and any breaches will result in serious consequences.

All students have been given advice about how to revise for their Semester One examinations. To support Year 9 students preparing for their first formal examinations, a workshop on “Approaches to Learning” was conducted last week. Professional Practice Leader, Jason Isma, Maths Curriculum Leader, Rosie Ryan and College Counsellor, Helen Tillinh led the workshop. During the workshop students explored concepts of fixed and growth mindsets and the curve of forgetting. Here is a video explaining the concept of Growth Mindsets, one of the approaches discussed with Year 9 students: http://bit.ly/AvilaMindSetVid

The student-free day on Friday 29 May has been scheduled to provide students with a timely opportunity to prepare thoroughly for end of semester assessment. Formal examinations are one method of summative assessment and, in conjunction with other assessment tasks, identify some of the knowledge and skills each student has developed in each subject. Students with queries about exams should speak with their subject teacher or Year Level Co-ordinator. We wish students well for this important assessment period.

Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching
FAITH NEWS

There were powerful messages shared over the three-day Presentation School Conference held last week. Sister Mary Coloe and Sister Mary Franzman explored the uniqueness of our mission as educators. They explained the essence of teaching in our school is to be people of prayer and action even with the paradox that is created by its very nature.

The message I would like to share with the students and families of Avila is that we are all co-creators with God. It is our responsibility to seek out and share in the transformational experiences afforded to us each day. We all must be attentive to the needs of others and allow God to be at the centre of all our relationships. How we do this is challenging but in looking for clarity we need not go further than St Teresa of Avila and the venerable Nano Nagle; two women of faith who showed us through prayer, word and action that anything is possible. We are connected beings that are marked by compassion; this is how we must interact with each other and how we should treat each other. At the core of our business in Catholic schools is spirituality of the heart. This spirituality places us in relationships with God, each other, the cosmos and ourselves. We are interconnected and must treat each other accordingly.

In a world that needs love and understanding our school is a beacon. The young women at Avila are the light that goes out into the world as examples of all that is good in our community. Our girls don’t often realise this until they have left the security of our grounds but they need to know that they are the ones who are making a difference in our world.

The conference gave me a chance to revisit the reasons for wanting to teach in a Catholic school. This calling to work in education speaks to my heart, to a spirituality of compassion and justice and connectedness. Spirituality is about life; it is about being attentive to people and places and in doing so, is transformational. Could you ask more of any profession?

Renee Fleeton
Director of Faith and Mission

May, The Month Of Mary

May is the month of Mary and as Faith and Mission Captains we wanted to do something special to acknowledge the month. For morning homerooms we’ve encouraged classes to come into the Prayer Room to pray a decade of the Rosary in dedication to Mary. Classes from Years 7 to 12 have visited and have found the experience very reflective and a great way to pause in the morning before resuming a busy day. Mary is an inspiration to all as she readily said ‘Yes’ to take up God’s will and hopefully during this month we can acknowledge her faith through this initiative.

Faith and Mission Captains

St Vincent de Paul Society School Conference Day 2015

On Wednesday 6 May, five Year 10 Young Vinnies girls attended a conference on Mental Health issues run by St Vincent de Paul volunteers and other community leaders at Abbotsford Convent. Approximately 150 students from Catholic schools across Victoria came together to listen to different speakers, and to take part in a variety of workshops. Everyone was excited and we were looking forward to the many things we were going to learn.

In the morning, we listened to a first-hand account of a man who experienced a harsh upbringing, leading to mental illness and how he overcame a drug addiction. His story was very insightful and inspirational, as he gave us a few pointers of some ways that we can detect people who may have a mental illness, and the ways that we can support both family and friends with various mental health issues.

We were then separated into 3 groups, each group focusing on a specific topic: Mental Illness in Youth; Mental Illness with the Homeless; and, Mental Illness with Asylum Seekers. During the sessions we discovered what these various people are truly facing, irrespective of what the media says about them or what people around us say. We learnt about their struggles and the ways in which we can spread awareness of mental illness and support these people. Community support is vital during an individual's mental illness, as they may face difficulties, loneliness, or simply just need comfort.

Representatives from each of the schools present brought many perspectives on what mental illness actually is and the ways in which we can spread awareness and support them. St Vincent de Paul Society generously helps out families and individuals in need of that extra blanket or tin of chicken soup, items that we can easily take for granted.

Roisin Selvarajoo, Gabbi Lobo, Carly Lim, Maeve Gill and Sarah Dennis
RECONCILIATION WEEK AT AVILA, 25-28 MAY

Reconciliation Week is coming up and Avila will be celebrating with a host of events!

Bunjil’s Nest Project

Bunjil the Eagle is the creator spirit of the Kulin Nation, which comprises the five Indigenous language groups local to the Melbourne area including the Wurundjeri people.

Schools across Melbourne have been involved in a project started by The National Gallery of Victoria as a way of symbolising their commitment to Reconciliation.

During Reconciliation Week this year, Avila students, staff and alumnae will be invited to contribute their messages of hope for the future to Avila’s own Bunjil’s Nest project.

Our Bunjil’s Nest will celebrate Avila’s diverse cultural heritage and become a symbol of Avila’s ongoing commitment to Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Come to the Wominjeka Room at lunchtimes on May 25-28 and write your message on a eucalyptus stick, which will be woven into the nest.

The Long Walk

In 2004, former Essendon footballer Michael Long took it upon himself to get Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues back on the national agenda and resolved to meet with Prime Minister John Howard to discuss his concerns. To do so he walked from his home in the suburbs of Melbourne all the way to Parliament House in Canberra – more than 650 kilometres away.

During Reconciliation week the AFL holds a “Dreamtime at the ‘G” match between Essendon and Richmond. Every year this is preceded by a community celebration at Federation Square and a short walk together to the MCG, to commemorate the walk taken by Michael Long. This year, the program includes a free concert at Fed Square from 2pm, featuring Archie Roach. Families may like to go along to the concert.

Avila then invites all members of our community to join in The Long Walk. Look for the Avila banner at Federation Square from 5pm and walk with us!

Dreamtime at the ‘G’ Raffle

Avila has been fortunate enough to receive some highly sought-after tickets to the “Dreamtime at the ‘G” Reconciliation match between Richmond and Essendon on May 30! Contribute to the Bunjil’s Nest project during Reconciliation Week and you will be entered into the draw to win a ticket to the game!

Highway Gallery Reconciliation Exhibition

The work of Avila students will be featured in a special Reconciliation Week Exhibition at The Highway Gallery in Mt Waverley. Bollards created by current Year 11 students in celebration of Proud Race Day and crosses decorated by Year 9s as part of a study of Indigenous Spiritualities will be displayed in this Reconciliation Week Exhibition.

The exhibition is open from 12noon-4pm, Wednesday to Sunday from 22-31 May, and is free to enter. The Highway Gallery is located at 14 The Highway, Mt Waverley.

Amy Foster
Reconciliation Co-ordinator

Above: The Bunjil’s Nest at NGV’s Ian Potter Centre.
Photo: http://guidetoinnovation.ning.com/events/bunjil-s-nest-in-schools-1

Above: Some of the Proud Race bollards created by current Year 11 students.
Look for the Avila banner in front of the stage at Fed Square from 5pm.
All members of the Avila Community are invited to take part in this Reconciliation Week event!
On Thursday 7 May the 2015 Avila College Creative Arts Festival, *Sisters reAct* hit the stage at The Besen Centre. This event showcased the talents of girls from Years 7 to 12 in Drama, Music, Dance, Art, Multimedia and Costuming. In celebration of the College’s Golden Jubilee Year, the production was based around the Sister Act films and the never-ending Avila spirit. After our technical rehearsal at the Besen Centre on the performance day, the energy from everyone was electric. This led to an unforgettable night; the hype was magnificent. Backstage, the performers shared a nervous energy, yet this only led to highly energised and impressive performances. In every item, everyone shined. The talent of each Avila girl was truly remarkable! The spirit and enthusiasm from everyone built a wonderful atmosphere and created a night of pure sensation.

Personally, one of the highlights of the night was having each cast member side stage, behind the wings, holding hands and ready to run on stage for the finale. The joy and happiness was combined with a small sadness, as it was coming to the end of Creative Arts and with that heightened emotion, we all ran onto stage. With everyone dancing and singing proudly to the words of ‘Sisters Are Doin’ It For Themselves’, it was a glorious way to top off a night of success. We, as the cast and crew of this production, are incredibly honoured and proud to have been a part of this experience. A huge thank you to everyone who was in some way involved in Creative Arts. The constant dedication to rehearsals is appreciated and most definitely paid off. Your talents have been recognised and celebrated. To all the backstage members, the show would most definitely would not have gone on without you and you made the show what it was, and our thanks are heartfelt. Last, but not least, to everyone who bought a ticket to see the show... we thank you. There is no show without an audience, and your cheering, clapping, laughing and support were incredible. As performers, an enthusiastic crowd means an enthusiastic show. Once again, a huge thank you to all involved. As this is my last Creative Arts, I’m sure that the show will remain strong and a highlight of the calendar. This event, surely does showcase and allow the College’s creative students to flourish. Congratulations to all!

To see more photos from the night, go to [http://bit.ly/Sisters_reAct](http://bit.ly/Sisters_reAct)

*Eliza Engellenner*
Year 12 Drama Vice-Captain

*Photography by Georgia Pearson and Stephanie Vecchio*
YEAR 8 CITY EXPERIENCE

Last week saw Melbourne's CBD blessed with the company of students from 8 Blue, Gold, Green and Orange for the first of two Year 8 City Experience programs for 2015. The students in these four classes started the week by exploring the CBD, both on foot and from above, with visits to a range of popular CBD locations and the Eureka Tower. The next four days saw them investigate a range of social justice issues in the CBD through visits to the Magistrate's Court, Urban Seed's Credo Cafe and the Big Issue's classroom. Students also learnt more about Melbourne's unique character by exploring street art and sculpture and tasting the many delights on offer at the Queen Victoria Market. The students went about completing these activities in rain, hail and shine – of which we had all three last week!

In groups, students also explored a 'Big Question', related to many of the activities we did throughout the week. The students surveyed members of the public, interviewed experts and key stakeholders, and put together both digital and poster-board displays of their findings. These findings were presented to classmates on Friday afternoon, and to parents on Friday evening through an eagerly awaited and highly successful parent presentation ceremony.

Many thanks must go to the dedicated staff that accompanied the students to the city for the program: Ms Roxane Lascaris, Ms Nerida King, Miss Carly Randle, and Mrs Liz Trembath. The Year 8 Co-Ordinator, Mr Samuel Carroll, is also extended thanks and appreciation for the hard work put in to making the program a success.

Students in 8 Pink, Purple, Red and Silver will attend the City Experience program on 5 – 9 October. Parents of students in these homerooms are reminded that this is the first week of Term 4, and are asked to be mindful of this when making holiday plans for the September school holidays.

Ms Marina Kelly
Discovery Learning Co-Ordinator
**The Tragedy of Human Trafficking**

Recently Avila was one of only eight schools across Australia selected to participate in a Google Hangout (think Skype) with Rupa Rai. Rupa is the Anti Trafficking and Safe Migration Consultant for Caritas Nepal. Initially a series of questions were submitted to Caritas who determined which school and what questions would be asked of Rupa, who was located in Sydney. Meg Frazer from 10 Orange participated in the conversation, which was recorded, and after some editing will be uploaded to YouTube. The following is a reflection from Meg:

“During the Google hangout Anna-Lisa and I were asked to discuss with Rupa Rai about how the income of people working outside of Nepal was funding trafficking and if we were to stop incomes from outside Nepal it would stop this issue. Rupa believed it was a strong issue in Nepal but would not solve everything and could up bring other issues. Rupa was fantastic to talk to and gave us an insight into human trafficking and the real issues that not just present in Nepal, but all over the world.”

A few days later Rupa was in Melbourne where Caritas and ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Women) hosted an evening of conversation with Rupa. This was of particular interest to our Units 3 & 4 Religion and Society students who research this area.

The Avila staff have also donated sleeping bags and clothes that, with the assistance of the Victorian Nepalese community, will be sent to Nepal.

We continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Nepal who are still suffering the devastating effects of the recent earthquake.

*Kate Johnston*

Religious Education Curriculum Leader

*Above: Gabrielle Mogg, Rupa Rai and Stephanie Toomey*
Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

The purpose of the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is to encourage young people to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations while they develop debating skills and gain self-confidence in public speaking. The resolutions to be debated are based on some actually debated by the UN as well as some proposed by the teams.

Iran - Catherine Pagliaro and Jovita Thomas

The United Nations has an enormous influence in the world and participating in the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) proved to be an exciting opportunity to gain a greater understanding into the inner workings of the UN. As the delegates of Iran, we began researching in the weeks prior so as to learn more about our country. Preparing for resolutions covering issues such as violence against women or small arms was certainly a challenging task given that Google preferred to inform us of the blatant human rights abuses occurring in Iran! However, this in itself was an excellent and unique learning opportunity as we were forced to consider and adopt the opinions of a country dissimilar to our own. At last the weekend arrived, and it was a privilege to debate in the chambers of the Victoria Parliament House. By the end of the weekend we had strengthened our public speaking and debating skills, fearlessly defending our nation and urging others to support our stance. But perhaps more importantly of all, we developed an abundance of friendships with like-minded youth who we will no doubt encounter at university and other events.

Malaysia - Katerina Sova and Monique Drake

It was possibly the earliest we've ever woken up on a weekend. We took two trains to get to Parliament House and after high levels of security and even higher levels of nerves we were seated in the very seats that some of the most important people in Victoria have sat in. We were surprised at how involved people were, and even though the debate took two whole days, we weren't feeling bored at all because of how passionately and enthusiastically people participated. Getting to know people was great, though it was a bit of a challenge recognising them after their costumes came off. We certainly gained a lot of confidence from the experience, as well as a view on what it really feels like to be discussing nationwide issues. I think many of the girls agreed that during the debates we tended to become disconnected from reality and actually believe that we were the real thing, and then every now and then remember and be brought back to reality. It was sad to leave after spending two days with like-minded, passionate people but I am sure we will cross paths with them again, in the future.

Kelly Bunning
Teaching Staff

DEBATING NEWS

We have had Round One of the Junior Debating. The 24 teams who competed showed that they had prepared and were keen to compete. Well done! Congratulations to the "Best Speakers" on the day: Alicia Roy, Natasha Stathopoulos, Emma Moran, Martha Saumpaet, Pavithra Sridhar, Kavia Pynadath, Rachel Fleming, Caitlyn Kechichian, Mia Sinclair, Ashleigh Thomas, Amelya Laurence, Alexandria Peake and Georgina Qiu

Our next round is on Tuesday 19 May

Chris Valladares
Public Speaking and Debating Co-ordinator
PFA REPORT
Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner

August seems a little way off but it is really just around the corner. The PFA are looking forward to a wonderful evening of celebration at the Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner at the Riversdale Golf Club.

The dinner will be held from 7pm on Friday 7 August and it will be a night of commemoration of the last 50 years of the College as well as fine food, company and entertainment. Tickets are $130 per person, which includes drinks, savories and a three-course dinner. DJ Phil Pitt will provide the entertainment on the evening.

Tables and individual tickets can be booked via the website www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au, News and Events, Bookings. The RSVP for the Gala Dinner is Thursday 30 July. Please book now as places are limited.

The Secret Life of Girls Seminar

The PFA members are delighted to assist the College in welcoming guests to the Secret Life Of Girls Seminar to be held at the College on Wednesday 20 May.

It is vitally important for both students and parents to be aware of all the issues surrounding cyber safety and the overall wellbeing of our girls. I thank the Pastoral Care team and the Counselors at Avila for organising this event and I know many families will be better informed by attending. We acknowledge their roles in the College are very busy and it takes considerable time and energy to organise such an event; it is most appreciated.

Contact

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

Regards

Loretta Stapleton
PFA President

An Invitation to all members of the Avila College community

Avila College Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner

Where: Riversdale Golf Club, 200–280 Huntingdale Road, Mount Waverley

When: Friday 7 August 2015, 7:00pm

Dinner: Savouries, 3 course dinner and drinks

Cost: $130 per person

Dress: Cocktail

Featuring: DJ Phil Pitt

Bookings: www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au > News and Events > Bookings

RSVP: by Thursday 30 July
MEET... THE SPORT CAPTAINS

Hi Avila Community. I, Tamara Ludekens, am very humbled to be elected as your Year 12 Sports Captain for 2015. Throughout my time at Avila College I have proudly represented Avila in various Athletics, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Football and Softball teams. I strongly believe that physical activity is not only important in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, but a means of creating and nurturing connections and friendships within the Avila community, not only through teamwork with other students but through being subject to the leadership qualities of the staff. It has been a pleasure to see more students become involved in sporting activities yearly at the College, utilising the various opportunities we are fortunate enough to be offered. My passion for sport has enabled me to receive Avila’s Sportswoman of the Year award in 2010 and 2012, as well as the Australian Defence Force Leadership award in 2013. Ultimately, my goal remains to continue to motivate and drive myself and others to reach their full potential on and off the field, track, pitch or court. I can’t wait to see the Avila girls collectively achieve big things this year!

Hi my name is Tayla Hope, and I am the Sport Vice-Captain for 2015. Sport is such an integral part of my life, and it has been an honour to represent the college in numerous ways - by participating in SCSA teams for basketball, athletics, volleyball, softball and football. In my opinion, sport brings people together. It gives people common ground, as they are all aiming to achieve a common goal.

Sport enables people to improve in many ways - such as develop teamwork, leadership and problem solving skills. It is also a great form of exercise in a fun, yet competitive environment. I love seeing all the girls getting involved, showcasing their talents, trying something new and radiating school spirit.

With the recent win in the SCSA athletics, I am so excited to see what the rest of the year will bring for Avila Sport.

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SPORT NEWS

Trainings
- Aerobics – Tuesday and Thursday 7-8am in the Avila Gym
- Basketball – training continues from 3.20-4.20pm on Tuesday for Juniors, Wednesday for Intermediates and Thursday for Seniors
- Cross Country – Friday morning meet in the gym foyer at 7am, all running abilities are welcome
- Hockey – training continues for Juniors (7-9) Tuesday afternoon and Seniors (10-12) on Thursday afternoon 3.20-4.20pm
- WINT Netball – Wednesday morning from 7-8am in the College Gym

Upcoming Tournament
- SCSA Basketball – Monday 25 May at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park 9.30-2.30pm

SCSA Athletics
After months of strenuous training, the time had finally come for the talented athletics team to show off their stuff. On Friday 8 May, over 60 team members hurdled onto the bus for a journey to the Bob Jane Stadium in Albert Park. Despite the extremely early start following the night of Creative Arts, we were all ready to compete against the 7 other schools and show them what we were made of.

Ellie Masters and Grace Cross started the day with an outstanding performance in the 90m hurdles, both finishing first. Amazing efforts were also achieved on the field, with Tayla Hope placing 1st in the Year 12 Shot-put, by only 1cm! A half-time score update showed us that our efforts were paying off, with the team coming in second place. We ended the day with 6 relay wins, scoring us double points for each one. The anticipation for the final results was both exciting and nerve-racking - although Ms Gunther was quietly confident.

After the dramatic suspense, the final results were in...the junior team came first! The intermediate team also came first! And the senior team came a commendable sixth! To finish it all off, the Avila Athletics Team as a whole, ended up taking out the win by 26.5 points. Everyone was ecstatic as this was Avila’s first overall win in the athletics competition in a very long time.

We would like to say massive congratulations to all of the girls for their hard work and dedication this year. A huge thank you must be given to the teachers who supported the team this year and helped coach us: Miss Ryan, Miss Vining, Miss King, Mrs Bell and Miss Randle. Also to Angela, an experienced athletics coach, who helped fix our technique and gave us helpful tips along the way. The most important thank you of all must go to Mr Bullock. Although his ‘dad jokes’ didn’t always impress, without his constant help, commitment, reliability and enthusiasm, none of this would have been possible.

Congratulations to the 2015 Avila Athletics Team and good luck for next year!

Erin Flatters (Year 11) and Stephanie Della Penna (Year 12)
Athletics Captains
PATHWAYS AND CAREER NEWS

Reminder:

- UMAT Registrations by 5 June; Test Date: 29 July, 2015
- Herald Sun Careers Expo - Melbourne Exhibition Centre - Southbank 24 - 26 July

VU Work Experience of a Lifetime
Creative Year 10 and 11 students are encouraged to apply for the opportunity to spend a week with one of Australia’s top companies: HM Group – Graphic Design; Mushroom Music – Music Industry; Bonds - Fashion; Hacer - Construction; Leo Burnett – Advertising; Quest Apartments - Hospitality Management
Entries for this amazing experience open 4 May and close 29 May, 2015.
Students can register online at vuworkexperience.com.au

People’s Choice Award:
There is a people’s choice award which lets you vote for the entry you like - the entry with the most votes wins. The winner automatically gets shortlisted and wins a 13-inch Macbook Pro.
The following students have applied and it would be great if you could support their application with your vote:
Sinead Coulter - Year 10 - has applied to HM Group for a Graphic Design placement.
Follow this link to vote for Sinead: http://www.vuworkexperience.com.au/home/details/73
Imogen Santamaria - has applied to the Mushroom Group and Nova for music placements:
Madeline Novak - Year 11 - has applied to Nova for a music placement

Australian Jobs 2015 – A Handy Guide to the Labour Market
This government publication highlights the changes in the Australian labour market, noting that large numbers of new jobs are expected to be created over the next five years and providing a guide to where the largest numbers of new jobs are likely to be. Click to Download PDF. To the right is a sample of the information provided in this booklet:

All students in Years 9 to 12 have been emailed the latest Careers Newsletter.
Topics covered include:
1. Careers in Sport Medicine
2. Folio preparation courses
3. Victoria Uni update
4. Environmental and Marine Careers expo
5. Defence Force recruiting
6. Swinburne Uni Information nights
7. Keeper/Vet for a day
8. LaTrobe Uni update
9. So you want to study Architecture?

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

Jenny Dunn - Pathways Co-ordinator
Geraldine McKenna - Careers Adviser
THE 2015 MAZENOD/AVILA MUSICAL

JOSEPH and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat

This year’s musical is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat*. It is a musical based on a Bible story recorded in some 10 chapters of Genesis. It is the story of Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob, the grandson of Isaac and the great-grandson of Abraham and it’s about his rise to a prominent position in the court of Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt. It’s a story of family rivalry, infidelity, attempted murder, envy and jealousy but like all good stories, it does have an important moral to the story – dreams can come true if you work hard at trying to achieve them.

It is an Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical. They are famous for their work in such musicals as *Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King and Sunset Boulevard*. According to Webber’s production company, Joseph is one of the most dependably profitable titles in musical theatre history and is extremely popular for school and amateur productions (have been over 30000 productions since 1982).

It is an all-singing, all-dancing musical. The Chorus participates in most songs and there are 25 of them. It requires harmonised singing, some great solos and includes a variety of musical styles including country and western, calypso, pop and rock ‘n’ roll. It requires all styles of dancing including jazz, contemporary, rock and square dancing. It promises to be a very entertaining musical. We have a cast of 60 and a number of other students in the band and the backstage crew who are already enthusiastically preparing for some great performances at Alexander Theatre, Monash University, Clayton on July 29, 30 and 31 and August 1. Tickets will go on sale in mid-June, details to follow. Do come along and see the entertainment provided by some very talented students.

*Ken Nailon – Director, Mazenod College*
Avila College will be performing in the Catholic Education Office’s Student Wellbeing Festival for 2015. Our performance evening is Tuesday 16th June at 7pm at the Whitehorse Centre. Selected Drama students from a mixture of year levels have been rehearsing a student written and directed performance titled ‘A Charade’ which explores identity, belonging and acceptance.

We would love your support in the audience, so please purchase a ticket from the Whitehorse Centre and come along. Contact Ms Darcie Kane-Priestley, Performing Arts Coordinator on 9831 9655 or darekp@avilacollege.vic.edu.au if you have any queries.