Dear members of the Avila community,

Last Friday the staff were most fortunate to gather and hear from Dr Richard Gaillardetz, Joseph Professor of Catholic Systemic Theology at Boston College and the director of Graduate studies. Dr Gaillardetz’s presentation was titled “Spirituality in a gadget filled world” and had us thinking about how technology has improved our lives as well as how it has challenged us. We considered the ethical and unethical uses of technology and how the device paradigm shapes the way we think about our relationships, our leisure time as well as how we think about religion or worship. The two final questions he left us to contemplate were: How can our Catholic educational system help our students to cultivate focal practices? And, How can we help young people appreciate diminishment and limitation as graced dimensions of human existence?

The annual Avila/Mazenod Musical has just concluded for 2015 after many rehearsals and costume fittings. This year’s production was Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. I would once again like to acknowledge the Director, Mr Ken Nailon, as well as the entire cast and crew who supported students from both colleges in what truly was a most entertaining and enjoyable event for all involved. Special congratulations to the following Avila College students who starred in the musical: Susannah Meale, Aisling Dew, Roshal Lokuge, Lauren Ramsey, Mirella Cuda, Imogen Rennie, Olivia Frisch, Ashleigh Janky, Isabella Meerwald, Daniela Lo Surdo, Paige Harris, Sophie Cantwell, Ciara Galbraith, Anelise Porto, Felicity D’Art, Amelia David, Amalia Cuda, Zoe Evans, Sarah Ward, Emily Fisher, Sarah Lambourne, Alexia Tripidakis, Cloe Johnston, Bridget Ryan, Tamanna Kaul, Eliza Giuliano, Sinead Coulter, Anna-Lisa Rosella, De’Anne Cvetkovic, Michela Mandarino, Olivia Stack, Olivia McNamara and Claire Eslen.

Students in Years 8-11 still have a couple of weeks to finalise their subject selections for 2016. I urge parents to support their daughters in this process by encouraging them to ask questions of their current subject teachers as well as avail themselves of the many lunchtime subject sessions offered by specialist staff who are making themselves available to answer questions. All details can be found on SIMON.

I would like to acknowledge the following Year 9 students who were finalists in the Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation Competition: Serena Battista, Kiara Barbis, Alex Chant, Katia Vascon and Hannah Krasovec.

Serena achieved third place in the Non-Italian Section with Katia Vascon achieving third place in the Italian-Australian Section. Congratulations also to Hanna Krasovec who achieved third place in the Non-Italian section of the Poetry Writing Competition.

Community news:

I thank all parents who have volunteered to complete the annual School Improvement Surveys this year. They remain open until Friday 7 August. Your feedback from these surveys provides vital input into the future directions and priorities of the College. I look forward to celebrating our Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner with many members of our Avila College community this coming Friday evening.

With blessings to everyone in our Golden Jubilee Year,

Louise Gunther
Principal

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Front Cover: Mr Andrew Gutteridge with Year 7 Art class
FAITH NEWS

Pope Francis’ encyclical letter, Laudato Si’ – On Care for our Common Home

With the publication of the Pope’s encyclical letter, the Catholic community has been given the opportunity to enter into dialogue about important issues facing our world. Laudato Si’ takes its name from the invocation of St Francis of Assisi – ‘Praise be with You, my Lord’ and calls everyone to reflect on the intimate relationships within society. It talks of a need to bring to the forefront of our thoughts - care for creation and its inhabitants and to take collective action against environmental degradation. Pope Francis’ encyclical letter explains our unique place as human beings in this world who must be in relationship with our surroundings. He makes clear this work is to be added to the Church’s social teaching to continue the promotion of stewardship of creation.

In chapter 2 of the 6 written, we are reminded the earth is a gift not a possession; a gift from the outstretched hand of God. Reference to Genesis 2:15 aims to explain that ‘tilling and keeping’ the garden of the world means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving it for future generations. Pope Francis draws on the interconnected relationship between “nature and the society that lives within it,” challenging us to decide what kind of world we want to leave for those who come after us. He knows everyone must be part of the solution and embrace a lifestyle that respects God’s creation. It goes beyond simply outlining care for the environment and calls the faithful to be leaders of social change.

Laudato Si’ is an attempt to find new language for a broader audience. If there was ever an opportunity to use Pope Francis’ words to guide our work – here it is. In the context of our community we must take up this challenge but we must also be affirmed that our work and the education we strive to provide the young women of Avila, is a living example of Catholic Social Teaching.

For further reading and explanation visit the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website where Archbishop Denis Hart addresses a press conference in response to the publication of the papal encyclical.
http://www.catholic.org.au/

Year 11 Reflection Day

Thursday 11 June saw the arrival of eager Year 11 students to the Syndal Baptist Church for the first Reflection Day of the year. The day consisted of guest speaker, Sam Clear, talking to us about his spiritual journey. Specifically, Sam “walked the world for unity” between 2006 and 2008 and we heard of his many experiences along the road. We participated in various group activities throughout the day which saw us put our personal needs aside and think of those in the wider community and the world. Sam taught us that unity is love in action and this was something that stuck with many of us as the day came to a close.

A huge thank you to everyone who made the day possible and special thanks to Ms Fleeton who arranged such an amazing and inspiring guest speaker. We look forward to the next reflection day coming up in a few weeks.

If you would like to hear more about Sam’s story, visit: www.walk4one.com

Danielle Darbyshire
Year 11 Student Leader

Staff PL Day

The student-free day saw all staff gather to explore the idea of Christian Spirituality in our gadget filled world. The event was facilitated by Dr Richard Gaillardetz, Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology and director of Graduate Studies, Theology Dept. at Boston College. Staff were led on a journey that included discussions about philosophy, technology and spirituality with a specific exploration of the ecology of the home. This idea stems from looking at the profound way technology is evident in our lives and how its integration has changed over time. Distinctions were made between tools and devices and how we must look at how technology enhances or divides our ability to stand in solidarity with others. While we can all agree that technology is part of our future and has the ability to make our lives easier in many ways, we must not forget the grace present in our world. The grace given so lovingly by God is a gift of a different economy that we must remember to keep at the forefront of our lives. This day came as a timely event with the release of Pope Francis’ encyclical letter “Praise be with you.”

Renee Fleeton
Director of Faith and Mission

Above: Louise Gunther with Dr Richard Gaillardetz
LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Keeping Parents In The Learning Loop
Over the past eighteen months, Avila College teachers have been researching and trialing ways to improve feedback to optimize student learning. We know feedback is more effective when it is relevant to a task and received soon after the activity. This semester, across a range of subjects and year levels, teachers will pilot delivering some of their feedback via our Learning Management System (LMS) on Simon. This will enable parents to have access through PAM to their individual daughter’s comments or grades on specific tasks at the same time as the student receives them. We trust that this will support parents’ engagement with their daughters’ learning.

Subject Selection
It was great to see so many parents and students at the recent Subject Selection Information evenings. Students in Years 8 to 11 are reminded that they need to enter their preferences via the SSO link on Simon before Friday 21 August.

Further opportunities to ask questions of specialist teachers have been provided to students in optional lunchtime sessions and via email. Email addresses of all Curriculum Leaders were included in the presentations on the Subject Selection Information evenings. Slides used in the presentations can be accessed via the Curriculum Guide available on Simon and from the Learning Innovation - Curriculum link on the College website.

Students currently in Year 7 will be asked to select their preferred Language for next year later this term when they have more experience with the language they are studying in Semester 2.

VCE Acceleration
Students wishing to apply to accelerate in VCE are reminded that completed “Expression of Interest” forms must be submitted to their Year Level Co-ordinators, Ms Janine Bauman or Ms Carmela Marino no later than tomorrow Wednesday 5 August. Students will be informed of the outcome of their applications by Friday 14 August.

Students and parents are reminded that the final date for submission of all subject selection forms to Homeroom teachers is Friday 21 August.

Oral Reports
Bookings have opened for Semester 2 Oral Report interviews scheduled for Monday 17 August and Thursday 20 August. Please use the link on PAM to access PTI bookings. Parents are asked to select and carefully check their preferred date on their booking sheet because, in the past, some parents have inadvertently booked for the wrong day and missed their appointments. Parents are free to choose either date but as evening appointments book out quickly, we suggest you make your booking soon. Careers Advisers, Ms Jenny Dunn and Ms Geraldine McKenna will be available on the evening too. No booking will be required to speak with them about pathways.

Tip: use the manual booking feature and allow a 5 or 10 minutes break between appointments to move from one appointment to another, especially if located in opposite ends of the hall.

Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching
ADMINISTRATION NEWS
Avila College requires all parents to create profiles on CareMonkey for their daughters. We are now disseminating all letters, documentation and excursion forms via this system. If parents have yet to complete their daughter’s profile, they are asked to do it as soon as possible as they will be missing out on important information. All parents should have received an email or text message asking them to create a profile. If you are not receiving alerts to create a profile please supply the College with an up-to-date email address.

If you have any difficulties setting up your daughter’s profile please contact the College IT Help desk. More information about CareMonkey can be found at [www.caremonkey.com](http://www.caremonkey.com)

Rebecca Cetrola
Deputy Principal Administration

2016 TERM DATES
TERM 1
Wednesday 27 January: Staff return
Friday 29 January: Year 7-12 Orientation Day (8:30am - 1:00pm)
Monday 1 February: Term 1 classes commence
Thursday 24 March: End of Term 1 (3:15pm)
TERM 2
Monday 11 April: Start of Term 2. Staff and students return
Thursday 14 April: Oral Reports (3:15 - 8:30pm)
Tuesday 19 April: Oral Reports (3:15 - 8:30pm)
Friday 17 June: End of Term 2 (3:15pm)
TERM 3
Monday 11 July: Start of Term 3. Staff and students return.
Tuesday 16 August: Oral Reports (3:15- 8:30pm)
Thursday 18 August: Oral Reports (3:15- 8:30pm)
Friday 16 September: End of Term 3 (3:15pm)
TERM 4
Monday 3 October: Start of Term 4. Staff and students return.
Wednesday 26 October - Friday 18 November: VCE Units 3 & 4 Examinations
Monday 28 November: Presentation Evening (TBC)
Wednesday 7 December: Years 7-9 students finish
Wednesday 14 December: Staff finish
Tuesday 20 December: Office Closes

2017 TERM DATES
TERM 1
Wednesday 18 January: Office Opens
Monday 30 January: Staff return
Wednesday 1 February: Years 7-12 Orientation Day (8:35am – 1:00pm)
Thursday 2 February: Classes commence
Friday 31 March: End of Term 1 (3:15pm)
TERM 2
Tuesday 18 April: Start of Term 2. Staff and Students return
Friday 23 June: End of Term 2 (3:15pm)
TERM 3
Monday 17 July: Start of Term 3. Staff and Students return
Friday 22 September: End of Term 3 (3:15pm)
TERM 4
Monday 9 October: Start of Term 4. Staff and Students return
Friday 8 December: Years 7-9 students finish.
Friday 15 December: Staff finish
Thursday 21 December: Office closes
SCIENCE NEWS

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science competition results - 2015

The ICAS Science Competition is an international quiz run in association with the University of New South Wales. It is a rigorous test that requires skill in observing, measuring, predicting, interpreting and problem solving. This year seventy Avila students competed in the competition. Competition entry is on a voluntary basis. Congratulations to all students who participated this year.

The following students obtained Distinction or Credit Awards and are listed in order of achievement.

Year 7
**Distinction:** Hashani Ekanayake, Stephanie Michaud and Nicole Trawicka  
**Credit:** Mieke De Vries, Catherine De Roza and Margaret Allan

Year 8
**Distinction:** Scarlett-Rose Tsakistaras  
**Credit:** Alice Stathopoulos, Ixya Shrestha, Harinie Soori, Georgina Qiu, Madeleine Mancini and Shenuri Fernando

Year 9
**Credit:** Claire Peethamparam

Year 10
**Distinction:** Javira Altmann  
**Credit:** Kimberley Tandoc, Nicole Ng and Crystal Zhou

Year 11
**Credit:** Melanie Linden, Katerina Sova, Devni Nagodavithana and Lisa Dupuy

Year 12
**Credit:** Lauren Radnell, Leah Oirbans

We would also like to acknowledge the Year 12 students who have participated in all (or most) of the Science competitions throughout their time at Avila. They are: Shalini Ekanayake, Lauren Radnell, Leah Oirbans, Anastasia Abeywardena and Adele Calafiore.

Monash Murder Mystery

On Friday 17 July, Year 10 students Veronica Hegarty, Nyaduar Jice, Carly Lim and Sandra Sursock attended a stimulating day of forensic activities in the new Green Chemical Futures building at Monash University, Clayton. The techniques involved blood spatter, fingerprinting, UV-visible spectroscopy, IR spectroscopy, blood typing, pollen analysis and Atomic emission.

One of the instructors on the day was former Avila student, Bridget Jackson. Carly said of the day, “It was a very insightful day, where you got to, not only solve such a mysterious case, but discover and experience a day like a university student. There were many components to solving the mystery, and it was good to discover and to see how investigations work first-hand. Overall it was a fun day, being able to see how many different ways there are to solve a murder and to find clues!”

We would also like to congratulate Veronica Hegarty who received an honorable mention in this year’s Growing Tall Poppies Program.

*Sue Liston*  
Curriculum Leader Science
PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS
Public Speakers Are Inspired!

On Friday 24 July, we were fortunate to attend the Human Rights 2015 Conference by Monash University’s Castan Centre for Human Rights Law. We listened to a diverse range of speakers that included journalist Peter Greste and the CEO of Oxfam Australia, Helen Szoke, discuss topics that included: terrorism, asylum seekers, surrogacy, domestic violence, poverty, Indigenous rights and the Mexican drug war. Despite being pitched to the legal profession, we revelled in the opportunity to gain a greater understanding into so many human rights issues. Throughout the program we were exposed to new perspectives on issues that are more frequently presented as one sided through the media. We feel privileged to have heard from so many professionals and are sure that the knowledge gained will enrich our studies - in class discussion in RE, our English/Politics studies and as debaters and public speakers.

Catherine Pagliaro, Jessica McLean, Katerina Sova and Jovita Thomas

The Unveiling Of Avila’s Amazingly Articulate Young Women

As the cold, blustery winds blew and the temperatures plummeted, it was the perfect time for lots of heart-warming fun in Public Speaking and Debating Week. There was the Staff versus Student Debate, which was of a VERY high standard this year with lots of humour and persuasive ideas on both sides. Mr Isma, Mrs Spurrirt and Mr Baroudi provided a detailed account of the health benefits of turning the staffroom into a swimming complex; however, the adjudicator, Mrs Swift, was not persuaded and awarded the debate to the impressive Year 12 team of Sarah Lambourne, Felicity D’Art and Sophia Elliott - you will be pleased to know the office will be intact next time you visit Avila.

This was followed the next day by The Avila Comedy Festival - and what a treat that was! Lauren Ramsey once again showed herself to be a very accomplished entertainer; Leah Oirbans, Aisling Dew and Stephanie Della Penna skillfully recited an original piece of performance poetry that was hilarious; Georgia D’Souza continued to be the College’s most experienced comedian; Tamara Ryan and Georgia Pitt amazed with the ease of their comedic skills and Caitlyn Quinn had them rolling in the aisles.

During the week we also had the Public Speaker of the Year competition at Years 7, 10 and 11. The judges at each event were impressed by the depth of content of the speeches and the speakers’ ability to engage with their audiences. The finalists were chosen by their English teachers after delivering the most impressive Oral Presentation in their class. Congratulations to Sanjana Nair (Year 7), Zoe Evans and Georgia Pitt (joint winners at Year 10) and Amelia David (Year 11).

We also had the final of the Year 7 Junior Debating. The students explored the impacts of social media with insight. The quality of the debate suggested that we should have a wonderful season in the Debaters Association of Victoria Competition, which begins next month. Congratulations to the winning team: Rachel D’Souza, Kavia Pynadath, Hannah White and Casey Lloyd. The runner’s up were: Shivaani Sivarj, Amarasi Wasalatilake, Martha Sarumpaet and Ria Edwards. The Best Speaker Award went to Shivaani Sivarj - well done!
This week also provided the opportunity for the Juniors to compete in Public Speaking Competitions. Stephanie Issaevitch, Niamh Holmes, Kavia Pynadath and Alexandria Peake competed in the Debaters Association of Victoria Junior Public Speaking Competition and all spoke very well. Claudia Chmielewski, Emma Spencer, Theresa Avice and Emma Gare represented Avila in the Legacy Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to Emma Gare who was runner up.

Our Public Speaking and Debating Captains, in particular Sarah Lambourne, Felicity D’Art and Tamara Ryan are to be congratulated on the success of the week and thanked for their very hard work.

Christine Valladares
Public Speaking and Debating Co-ordinator

Pictured far left: Rachel D’Souza debating

Left: The audience at the Year 7 final

Pictured: (above left) The DAV Competitors L-R Kavia Pynadath, Alexandria Peake, Stephanie Issaevitch and Niamh Holmes.

(Above right) The Legacy Competitors: L - R Theresa Avice, Emma Spencer, Emma Gare, Claudia Chmielewski
ROYAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) SEMINAR
Building Leaders Of The Future
Thanks to Mrs Bunning who suggested that I apply for a place on the RYLA youth leadership seminar, I was able to attend Rotary's 6-day seminar at Lake Dewar with 38 like-minded and passionate youth. I was a fortunate recipient of a Rotary Youth Leadership Award that provided sponsorship through the Mt Waverley Rotary Club - to whom I am very grateful.

The nerves I felt as I arrived at the camp in the last week of the July holidays reminded me of how I felt as I started Year 7 - nervous and unsure; however, this fear was misplaced. This proved to be an amazing opportunity for moving us out of our comfort zones within a safe environment. We learnt about how to exercise our leadership skills and to plan for continuous self-development. Through fun initiatives and training programs, which involved teamwork, communication and awareness, the leaders facilitated further development of our leadership skills.

We attended a range of seminars regarding the importance of Rotary and the incredible work they’ve done and continue to do. I was inspired by how they’ve contributed dramatically to the eradication of Polio. I was, also fortunate to meet incredible young leaders, both participants, group leaders and speakers. In particular, one of our mentors Steve Cain, a decathlete who competed at Glasgow last year at the Commonwealth Games. Steve guided us to find our purpose though asking ourselves ‘why’?. Asking ‘why’ can provide the motivation, which can help the individual find their passion and purpose. Another highlight was meeting Holly Ransom, a young female leader, who has achieved many things, in particular leading the G20 Youth Summit last year. She’s met Barack Obama, Ban Ki Moon and the Dalai Lama - all people I admire. She left us with the message that in order to be a leader, prepare to be vulnerable.

To sum up my week away, I made incredible friends and took invaluable messages away with me, in particular that leadership is a choice, and we have the power to choose to have that positive mind set, take action and to surround ourselves with people who will allow us to grow as better leaders for our community - for we alone “are most powerful between the time of action and reaction”.

*Angela Stapleton*
Avila College Captain
AVILA SUPPORTS ZONTA

At the end of last year, the Year 11 VCAL students held a Zonta assembly session where the Year 11 and 12 students assembled 1,000 birthing kits for women in Third World countries as part of the VCAL community service unit.

Zonta is a non-profit organization that provides birthing kits to women in Third World countries so they can have a safe and hygienic birthing experience. Approximately 530,000 women die each year during pregnancy or childbirth and Zonta is trying to dramatically decrease these numbers. Zonta was founded in 1919 and started making birthing kits in 1995. Since then they have made over 800,000 birthing kits and helped over 7,800 women to received training in basic health, hygiene and safe birth practices. The birthing kits that the Year 12s produced consist of 1 plastic sheet, 5 gauze, 1 scalpel blade, 3 pieces of string, 2 gloves and a piece of soap.

Before the assemble day the VCAL students did weeks of preparation with long hours of sorting, organising and planning. We made sure we had everything in its right place and the students had everything they needed. We did a room plan to know how to setup the room on the day and where everything needed to go. Prior to the Year 12s producing the kits, they watched a short video about Zonta and the work they do and the VCAL girls did a quick presentation to every class. On the day we needed to have good communication and teamwork for it to run smoothly. There were a few bumps, but as a team we worked through them and in the end it was all very successful.

All the Year 11 VCAL girls would like to give a massive thank you to all the teachers who participated, to all the Year 12 girls who came and produced the kits so happily. We would also like to thank the Zonta Representative Pam Sloss, her volunteers and especially Mrs Induni for her constant help and support throughout the preparation.

Ashley Thompson
Year 11 VCAL Student

MEET THE...STAGE CREW CAPTAIN

Hello, my name is Sarah Gill and I am the Stage Crew captain for 2015.

I am honoured to be Stage Crew captain as I have always had a keen interest in all things behind-the-scenes and am eager to share my knowledge and passion with fellow Stage Crewians!

I have been actively involved with Stage Crew since Year 7, helping out with everything from Oral Reports and assemblies to Creative Arts and Music Festival. Since Year 7, I have been very involved with co-curricular activities, as I believe they are integral to developing confidence and forming friendships with other girls outside of homeroom and in other year levels. I remember how full my lunchtime schedule would be in Year 7, getting involved in Reconciliation Group, Computer Club, Book Club and Environment Club. I also learnt the violin, which I still play today! After joining Stage Crew at the end of Year 7, I immersed myself in opportunities to help out with the running of events. This soon became a hobby of mine, later inspiring me to help out running a stage show outside of school. I’ve even considered it as (one of many!) career options.

Stage Crew is a great way for girls to not only make some new friends but also to recognise how much effort really goes behind the scenes. Furthermore, it has taught me to really respect the teachers who help with this, particularly the music, art, and drama staff. I believe that is not only an important lesson of schooling, but for life beyond school. As a lot of our work goes unnoticed by many, I have learned to do things humbly without any form of gratitude.

I am excited to see what the future of stage crew holds, as it is definitely a crucial aspect of Avila.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Time To Shine, the Catholic schools gala is looking for dancers to audition for this wonderful production and we know that Avila has great dancers. If you are selected you would have the opportunity to dance at the Regent Theatre and be part of this wonderful production.

Dance auditions details:
Date: Sunday, 9 August
Venue: St Columba’s College
Address: 2 Leslie Rd, Essendon
Times: 11:30 – 12:30 pm
         2:00 – 3:00 pm

If any student is interested to audition for dance, could they email their name and school and time of the audition they want to
Eliane Pinheiro at epinheiro@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au

REDISCOVERING THE PASSION

For Anne-Maree Wise a well-deserved term break from teaching art at Avila College brought an unexpected bonus. She realised that she had the luxury of time and she spent it rediscovering her first love, which was painting. Re-energised after a trip to Japan, Anne-Maree got back into her studio and was delighted to find that the ideas and inspiration for her art flowed freely. She found she had not painted with such passion since her university days.

After working steadily she produced an array of new pieces and she decided to take a chance and submit six images to the ‘invitation only’ Red Hill Art Show. She was thrilled when the organisers selected three of her works for the show.

Following the Red Hill Show Anne-Maree received an email from the prestigious ‘Art Edit’ magazine asking if they could include her painting in their Gallery section, needless to say the answer was a resounding yes. Anne-Maree was in fine company as a Charles Blackman piece was also featured in the magazine.

This exposure led to more enquiries and as a result Anne-Maree now has her paintings on display in a store in Brighton and she was invited to exhibit at a new show at the Hogan Gallery. The group exhibition titled ‘Emerging Art Australia’ in Collingwood was very successful and one of the stand out works was a large abstract painting by Anne-Maree. The inspiration for this work was rain on cherry blossoms in Kyoto and the colours and textures in the painting are visually striking.

The curator of the ‘Emerging Art Exhibition’ was so impressed with Anne-Maree’s works that she has extended an invitation for her to have a solo exhibition at the gallery later this year.

Anne-Maree is very grateful for the artistic opportunities that are presenting themselves and she feels re-invigorated in the classroom. The Year 7 to 10 students that Anne-Maree teaches are benefitting from her experience and wisdom as she shares her perspective as an artist with them. Anne-Maree highly values the support and encouragement of her colleagues at Avila College and feels fortunate to work in such a special environment. For Anne-Maree blending her teaching role and her artistic pursuits provides a perfect balance.
PFA REPORT

Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner
We are all very excited about the Gala Dinner this Friday evening at the Riversdale Golf Club. We are looking forward to sharing a wonderful night of celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the college with the community.

Father’s Day Breakfast
All Fathers and Daughters are welcome to join us for the Father’s Day Breakfast, which will be held in the Gathering Space from 7.30am on Friday 4 September. This is a great opportunity to spend a little time together and enjoy a delicious breakfast whilst getting to know other Avila families.

The cost is $10 per person and I encourage you to book soon to ensure you do not miss out. Please visit the website, News and Events, Bookings to book.

PFA Committee Elections
I encourage you to consider nominating to be a committee member of the Avila College PFA for the next twelve months.

My fellow committee members and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time on the Avila PFA and many of us have signed up to continue. It has been such an enjoyable and rewarding experience working on our various PFA projects with such a supportive team.

Nominations forms and role descriptions are on the website, Our College, Parents and Friends Association. Committee positions will be declared vacant at the annual AGM to be held on September 2 in the Dining Room at the College.

Nominations will be tabled for each office bearer at the AGM and outgoing members will vote to accept each nomination. Members will be elected for a period of twelve months. Nomination forms are due to be returned to the Director of Marketing and Development Annie Opray (aopray@avilacollege.vic.edu.au) by Monday 24 August.

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

Regards,
Loretta Stapleton
PFA President

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SPORT NEWS

Upcoming Tournaments
- All Schools Netball Championships – Monday August 10 at the Waverley Netball Centre, Waverley Road, Wheelers Hill.
- SCSA Soccer – Monday 17 August at the Darebin International Sports Centre, Darebin Road, Thornbury.

Trainings

- GYMNASTICS – training continues in the Hall (old gym) Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30-4.30pm

- ALL SCHOOLS & SCSA NETBALL – training continues in the new gym:
  - Juniors – Tuesday – 3.15-4.45pm
  - Intermediates – Wednesday – 3.15-4.30pm
  - Seniors – Thursday – 3.15-4.15pm

- SCSA Soccer – training continues on the outside courts:
  - Juniors – Tuesday – 3.20-4.20pm
  - Intermediates – Wednesday – 3.20-4.20pm
  - Seniors – Thursday – 3.20-4.20pm

- SCSA Volleyball – training continues:
  - Juniors – Tuesday – 3.20-4.20pm
  - Intermediates – Wednesday – 3.20-4.20pm
  - Seniors – Thursday – 3.20-4.20pm

Avila’s Footy Legends
Two very talented Avila students, pictured below, Tricia Cowan (Year 8) and Abbey Goullet (Year 9) have recently been selected in the Victorian Invitational AFL Development team. Pictured are Tricia and Abbey looking very happy after their first win at the School Sport Australian Football Championships where won against ACT 44 points to 1 point! Well done girls, keep up the great work!

Carly Randle
Sports Co-ordinator
PATHWAYS AND CAREER NEWS

Reminders:

- Students in Years 10 - 12 are strongly encouraged to attend University Open Days which are held throughout August and September. See dates and times below.

- **VTAC preferences** - All parents and students in Year 12 must attend our VTAC Information Evening on Tuesday 11 August at 7:30pm. After this date and until September students can enter up to 12 course preferences, SEAS and Scholarship applications.

**Tax File Numbers**

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start. Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit Tax File Numbers.

**Monash Extension 2016**

Monash Extension allows high achieving Year 12 students to get a taste of university before finishing school - and be rewarded for it. You can earn an increment on your ATAR and get credit when you start university. An information evening for the 2016 program will be held on 14 October 2015. Further information available from the Careers Hub or visit monash.edu/extension.

**Early Offer ‘Aspire’ Program At La Trobe University**

The Aspire Early Admissions Program acknowledges your volunteering efforts when you apply. As a successful applicant, you receive an offer into your course in September before you receive your ATAR. Online applications opened on Monday 1 June. See: www.latrobe.edu.au and search Aspire program. Applications close 31 August 2015.

**News from Monash University**

Update from the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Interviews for medicine, physiotherapy, radiography & medical imaging will be held from 5 – 8 January 2016. Students are reminded that to be considered for these courses, they must make their VTAC application by 30 September 2015. These courses cannot be added to an applicant’s preference list after this date, due to the interview requirements.

Please note however that as long as a student has at least one of the MBBS codes on their preference list by close of timely applications, they can add other MBBS codes after this time.

Courses that must be listed on VTAC by 30 September 2015 are:

- Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Radiography and Medical Imaging (Honours)

Interview guidelines

1. Applicants eligible for Medicine will be required to undertake an 8 station Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).
2. Applicants eligible for Physiotherapy and Radiography and Medical Imaging will be required to undertake a 4 station MMI.
3. Applicants who have included MBBS as well as Physiotherapy and/or Radiography on their preference list, and who are eligible for all, will be invited to attend an 8 station MMI. Their MMI result will then be adjusted for the purposes of selection for Physiotherapy and/or Radiography.
4. Applicants should only be invited to attend one interview.

Visit Monash - Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences for more on courses offered through the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.
### University Open Days

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