Message From the Principal

It was great to be part of the celebratory evening for our first year 12 cohort graduating from Auburn High School. As I mentioned to students on the night, completing secondary school marks a milestone and now they move on to the next chapter in their lives. It is important to acknowledge the people that have helped the students through this journey. Firstly, the parents and caregivers for their support and nurturing as without them students would not have reached this point and secondly; the teachers and support staff (both past and present) for all their pastoral care and support with studies over the years.

Academic subject and excellence awards as well as other general awards were given out on the night A full list of award recipients is found in the newsletter. I wish our year 12 students all the best during the exam period.

Ilias Mastoris, School Council president, with school captains Gadiel Ortiznez and Louise Wyrsch and Ms Karvouni

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Leadership in Peer Review
Jim Ringin and I attended a 2 day professional development session for principals and leaders on Leadership in Peer Review. The program equips leaders to be able to lead an effective school peer review and also to be able to utilise a range of data sources when setting goals. Our school will be undertaking a review in 2015 and we will be undertaking a school self-evaluation. This will involve the whole school community and will assist in the preparation our school’s strategic plan.

Well Done Ines
In my last newsletter I explained that Ines Vandame of Year 7 was taking part in the Victorian State Athletics championships for the 80m hurdles. Ines competed last week and came an amazing 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the state in this event. Her time was 13.54 seconds, only 0.04 of a second less than the first place. Congratulations Ines on this fantastic achievement.

Acceptance into UMNoS Program Melbourne University
I am pleased to announce that we have been accepted into the University of Melbourne Network of Schools project UMNOS for 2015 until 2017. The University of Melbourne has established a partnership with schools (cross sectoral) to form a network which aims to improve student learning through a collective effort. They use expert academics from the University and the experience of school leaders to work together and learn from each other for the next three years. Our application needed endorsement by the North Eastern Region and we have committed funds to be part of this network (around $16,000 pa), and will assign a teacher to lead the project in our school.

Computer Notebook Program for Years 7, 10 and 11 in 2015
Over the past few years the Australian Federal Government has provided funding for Secondary School students to have their own computer for learning. This funding agreement has ended and has left all schools to determine the best way to continue a 1:1 computer program. At Auburn High School we have spent a large part of this year researching 1:1 programs and we have decided to phase in new notebooks starting with years 7, 10 and 11 in 2015. Families will need to purchase the chosen devices and an information evening is being held on Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} November at 6.30pm to explain the process and costs. Letters have gone home with students with more information on this. The device chosen by the school is the Acer TravelMate P645 Ultrabook. It is important that all families of students in these year levels attend this evening.

Information Communication and Technology (ICT) is now part of our everyday living and integral in all workplaces. Our vision for ICT and eLearning at Auburn High School is for students to be able to access learning resources and tools anywhere, anytime. We see students and teachers collaboratively learning together in class and online. We see parents accessing information about their child’s learning through the Compass Portal and being able to contact teachers quickly and easily online. I hope to see all families there.

Maria Karvouni - Principal

Auburn High School Uniform
All students will be expected to wear the new Auburn High School uniform from the beginning of 2015. The Uniform Shop is opened at the following times:

\textbf{Mondays & Wednesdays:}\n1:00pm – 1:30pm
\textbf{Tuesdays: 3:00pm – 3:30pm}
\textbf{Thursday: 3:00 – 3.30}

\textbf{Reminder:}
All students are to be in full summer uniform. This means only white socks are allowed to be worn. Blazers must be worn to and from school.
Year 12 Celebration of Achievement 2014

Principal's Award: Gadiel Ortinez
The Principal's Award is presented to the Year 12 student who has demonstrated academic excellence. This year, our decision was difficult as there were a number of potential candidates. The decision has been determined by the calculating the highest school-based coursework score across the year.

School Council Award: Gadiel Ortinez & Louise Wyrsch
The Auburn High School Council Award is presented to students who best demonstrate our school values of Diversity, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence. Both recipients have played a significant role in the development of our new school culture.

The Kooyong Prize: Caleb Hounihan & Louise Wyrsch
The Kooyong Student Prize is an award to recognise students in the electorate of Kooyong for general excellence, leadership, and their contribution to the community.

The Caltex Award: Jordan Young
The Caltex Award recognises a student who is a great all-rounder. It is a highly recognised award offered to students across the country.

Subject Academic Awards
Accounting Monica Ding
Biology Stephanie Lim
Business Management Gadiel Ortinez
Chemistry Stephanie Lim
Chinese Vincent Li & Pauline Xie
English as an Additional Language Roger Wang & Yiqin (Iris) Yu
English Gadiel Ortinez & Stephanie Lim
Food Technology George Kritos & Maria Zekry
Further Mathematics Rhys Wilkinson
Health & Human Development Jordan Young
Legal Studies Jordan Young
Mathematical Methods Peiying (Penny) Chen
Media Gadiel Ortinez & Laura Shanks
Physical Education Alec Powell
Physics Roger Wang
Product Design & Technology Soliman Abdrabou: Performance in Theoretical Coursework (SACs)
Emilly Rainford-Galjar: Performance in Practical Components of the Course (Product)
Psychology Lily Farlow
Revolutions Laura Shanks
Software Development Rhys Wilkinson
Specialist Mathematics Yiqin (Iris) Yu
Studio Art Danica Tio
Systems Engineering Daniel Pal
Visual Communication and Design Nicholas (Hong Bin) Lim
Year Seven SEAL Geography

Year 7 SEAL Geography students participated in a kinaesthetic learning activity this week, where groups needed to analyse written information and diagrams to develop their understanding of how aquifers and artesian aquifers work and then to create moving, human models to demonstrate this. The groups worked well in teams, coming up with collective solutions to this challenge and building their understanding of interconnections in Geography.

Year 8 Science

Students prepared characters for his science inquiry task: Building a Dichotomous Key. Students learnt the meaning of the word ‘dichotomy’ and the importance of structured, logical ordering of information in everyday life.

AHS booklists will be sent home shortly with information packages for 2015 students. The booklist for all years will be available online at Campion, www.campion.com.au from 31/10/14, log in FPJN. Collection date 22/1/15 11am-2pm. 2015 year 11 and 12 have received an early resources list that had a very short order period (closed 29/10/14). Only items already paid for will be sent to the library on 17/11/14 for student distribution. Most 2015 texts are the same as for 2014, so families may be able to organise purchasing a second hand copy from 2014 students directly. Do not record items that you ordered on the early resource list when the school package arrives with a second list. Items ordered on this full VCE list will only be available for collection on 22/1/15.

They also investigated how temperature affects the size of crystals as they form.
Product Design and Technology

This week,

Brought to you by the VCE students of Product Design and Technology,

A showcase of fabulous furniture products… that will put IKEA designs to shame!

After a demanding course of design planning and development, the year winds up for VCE PD+T students on a high note. With many months of imaginative design explorations, thorough construction preparations and even working in the school workshop throughout their holidays, the student’s practical outcomes prove the worth of all their efforts.

Eleni Wonde has custom designed and built a bookshelf for arts students. This piece cleverly meets the client’s needs by providing spaces suitable for storing large books and folios alongside everyday items and regular sized books. Not only do the loud colours attract attention, but the irregular shelves make this product a quirky and desirable designer piece.

The adjustable modular shelving unit is designed to allow for numerous display arrangements as well as being suitable for wall mounting. Camillo Vasquez hand crafted this multipurpose product using wood working techniques that require more than just a small degree of accuracy and skill.

Unique arches form the legs of Soliman Abdrabou’s lustrous coffee table. This sleek design feature is aesthetically pleasing which skilfully appeals to the client’s interest in contemporary design. Soliman worked persistently when applying a number of complex processes in order to construct this product. His efforts were unquestionably worthwhile as the final product is bound to leave an impression.

Have you ever accidently left your outdoor seating cushions in the rain? Emilly Rainford-Galjar’s outdoor storage chest solves this problem. With adjustable shelving and an easy-lift lid, Emilly’s product makes the chore of saving the cushions from the rain a breeze. A striking feature panel and shiny, weather-proof varnish make this product an eye catching solution to a pesky problem.

So after many months at the drawing board and seemingly endless days of planning, the final hours of toil in the workshop have really paid off for these PD+T students!

Alex Clark
Year 12 International Lunch

In order to celebrate the achievements of our year 12 international students a special lunch was organised for them at the Brighton Baths restaurant. Our international students complete their VCE without their parents to support them and in their second (or third or fourth) language so they have a lot to be proud of.

We were fortunate to have superb weather for the lunch. Photos at the Brighton Beach bathing boxes were first on the agenda. For some students it was the first time they had been to the beach in Melbourne. The bathing boxes seem to be a popular spot for tourists so we had to wait our turn to line up in front of them.

A beautiful lunch awaited us at the restaurant with a spectacular view over the bay. During the lunch some students noticed that David Villa was at the next table. Apparently he is famous soccer player but to the more ignorant amongst us he was just a suntanned guy in a pink shirt! He graciously signed some autographs and allowed photos to be taken.

I would like to wish all the year 12 international students the best of luck in the exams.

Ms Caruana

Bravo!

Congratulations to all Year 7 French and SEAL students who participated in the Berthe Mouchette Poetry Competition. All participants received a certificate for their terrific results in recitation and writing from l’Alliance Française. We are very proud that Anika won le Premier Prix, the First Prize for Year 7 level in all Melbourne for her poem, Les Arts En Bazar. She will be acknowledged at St Kilda Town Hall on Wednesday 26th November.

Les Arts En Bazar

La poésie est au cœur des arts
La musique est à côté
Le cirque fait une pirouette
Et tombe sur le poète
La danse, dans un grand mouvement,
Attenant sur le gagnant
Le chant excite la voix
Mais la voix est en soie
Elle est douce comme un pamplemousse
La vidéo cherche un acteur
Et demande un amateur
La photographie lance un flash
Dans la flaques qui fait un "splash"
Le poète se releve, monte sur sa chaise
Et d’une bougie il illumine la scène.
Il prend la parole et nous dit:
"Regardez bien, mes chers amis
La poésie embellit la vie!"
Ceres Environment Park with Year 7

The sun shone, (once or twice), and the rain thankfully stayed away on Wednesday the 15th of October when the year 7s headed off to spend the day at Ceres Environment Park in Brunswick East. At Ceres we were able to participate in a range of activities linked into our current curriculum, including the importance of being ‘water wise’, the use of our natural resources and problems surrounding waste.

These activities challenged students to consider solutions to a range of real life problems. ‘Water Wise’ saw students working in teams to devise a water budget to fit a set amount of water that they were given to use each day. These amounts reflected water readily available in a range of different countries. All thoughts of using dishwashers were quickly abandoned when total water consumption for the day was limited to 4 litres, the average amount used in Mozambique. It gave us an appreciation of how fortunate we are to use water so freely in one of the world’s driest countries and how precious this resource is.

‘E-waste’ had our young consumers seeking strategies to reduce the impact of our ever updating electronic lifestyle. I was amazed at the range of practical ideas that our students suggested. They very quickly recognised the importance of recycling components of electronics, but also had quite a few suggestions to make around the design of devices which allow for up-date and repair rather than constantly replacing our belongings. Calculating our own ‘ecological footprints’ made us put our maths skills to work, as we gained an idea of the amount of land required to sustain our current lifestyles. We were also able to see that all of our land uses have advantages and disadvantages and that using our resources sustainably is very much a balancing act.

These are some of the things our students had to say about their day:

Recycling waste is important so we need people to recycle all waste and to be paid well.
Ines

Anything that we can keep using, and make last longer is better for the environment.(e.g. recharge, replace parts)
Chloe

Australians consumes 340L of water per day when the people of Mozambique have only 4L. We should make more water sources around communities.
Hannah

I am surprised that my ecological footprint takes up so many hectares.
Loup
**Cricket**

The Auburn High School Physical Education Department would like to thank Jim Hallam for his recent involvement with the school and getting 3 of our year 8 boys involved at Toorak Prahran Cricket Club for the 2015/16 season. The boys; Henil Kothari, Aayush Shah, Karan Ukani have all signed up and now play on Friday nights. Jim and the cricket club have been very welcoming to the boys and they played their first game last week. They have been supplied with a full cricket kit bag and equipment. The boys and the school are very excited to be involved and look forward to plenty of success and development over the upcoming season.

**Fencing**

We’d like to congratulate Laurent Brock (Year 7) who participated in a fencing competition for Victorian Fencing Academy over the weekend. He competed against 11 other participants and he was the eventual winner. Laurent’s mother has been interested in starting a Fencing Club at Auburn High School, which we are hoping to start in 2015. It is exciting news and provides us with the opportunity to link up with other schools in Victoria that provide Fencing as a sport at their schools.

**Indonesian Dancing with Year 7**

As part of our International Week celebrations the year 7s were treated to a dance workshop of traditional Indonesian dance styles. Students had the opportunity to wave their arms in the air, strut their stuff, test their flexibility and learn just a little about this elegant form of storytelling through movement.

A good time was had by all, whether performing in the dance line or giggling on the sidelines as our talented instructor, Maria, taught us some smooth moves. Our efforts were later rewarded with the opportunity to indulge in international goodies from the lunch time stalls. The Greek lemon cake was sensational!
Alcohol Education Presentation

The Year 9 and 10 students will be having an Alcohol Education Presentation on **Monday 10th November**.
This engaging and interactive presentation will equip students with the understanding, knowledge and strategies to socialise without negative consequences.

Students will learn about:
- The consequences of alcohol consumption on teenagers from both male and female perspectives
- The impact of binge drinking and the developing brain, alcohol poisoning and drink spiking
- How to look after an intoxicated friend and when to call 000.
- Strategies/ideas/options on situations involving alcohol

Our presenter relates to students in an age appropriate way and uses examples/scenarios that resonate with young people.

Experimentation with alcohol can be common among teens but it's not safe or legal. The presentation will equip them with the understanding, knowledge and strategies to socialise without negative consequences.

**For Parents:**
Effective communication between parents and teenagers about the use of alcohol is important. Your support and involvement will contribute to your teenager’s understanding and attitudes towards the responsible use of alcohol. For a helpful guide on how to discuss the use of alcohol, visit the Australian Government’s website: www.drinkingnightmare.gov.au and download their information leaflet: Alcohol and young people: A guide for parents.

**Alcohol Education Presenter:**
**Xavier Diaz**

Xavier Diaz, through Warner Youth Education, has been providing social education for years. Energetic and humorous, he is an active leader of various youth groups and is passionate about his mentoring role.

Xavier reinforces with the students the importance of self respect and good decision making from an early age, and will provide your child with a range of strategies should they find themselves in situations involving alcohol.

**Contact Carla in Student Wellbeing for more information.**
Halloween Costume Party
Parody Prom VI

DJ MzRizk

Food, games & prizes for best costumes
Photo booth, ice sculpture

Friday
October 31
7pm-11pm
Hawthorn Arts Centre
360 Burwood Rd,
Hawthorn

$12 Pre-purchase or at the door
Drug, alcohol, and smoke free
Under 18 event
No pass outs

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