

From the Principal



Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a chance to relax and spend time with family and friends over the break. Over the term break, I was saddened to hear of more atrocities occurring in Sri Lanka where innocent civilians were killed. Yet again, we hear of radical extremists

causing so much harm and pain to families and an entire nation. Our thoughts are with the families affected and our Sri Lankan community and we hope that calm and normality will be restored very soon. At the end of Term 1 assemblies, I spoke to students about kindness and how our school values of "respect" and "diversity" both promote this attribute. I also gave examples of how students have demonstrated kindness and that when we show kindness this has a significant positive impact on ourselves as well.

AGM and "Student voice in the classroom at AHS" Parent forum - Tuesday 14th May 7:00pm

On Tuesday 14th May at 7:00pm we will be hosting a parent forum. We will present our 2018 School Annual Report and have presentations from our students on strategies we are using to develop student voice and agency, with a focus on classroom learning. The school leadership team as well as our school councillors will be present and we look forward to many parents coming along and working within groups, on "**How student voice and agency can improve classroom learning**". The session will run in the library on the first floor from 7:00pm till 8:00pm. RSVP by emailing: auburn.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

Important Dates

Thu 2 May	Info Night for 2020 prospective families 5pm
Sat 11 May	Edutest 2020 SEAL program entry
Tue 14 May	AGM and 'Student voice in the classroom at AHS' Parent Forum 7:00pm
Tue 14 May	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Writing
Wed 15 May	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Reading
Thu 16 May	Curriculum Day - Instructional Practices (pupil-free day)
Fri 17 May	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Lang. Conv.
Sat 18 May	French Binational Program entrance examination
Mon 20 May	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Numeracy
Wed 22 May	VCE Drama performance evening 6pm
Mon 10 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 12 Jun	DNB oral exam
Fri 14 Jun	Assessment and Feedback Day (pupil-free day)
Tue 18 Jun	School Council 6:30pm
Mon 24 Jun	DNB (9FNB)
Tue 25 Jun	VCE Expo & Information Evening
Thu 27 Jun	Year 12 Formal
Fri 28 Jun	End of Term 2 School finishes at 1:15pm



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School presentations

Over the next few weeks, students and staff will be promoting our school, speaking at primary schools and hosting our school information evening. There has been immense interest from prospective parents to enrol at our school this year, which is a testament to the positive and academic reputation we have established in our community. We have had to place a cap on enrolment tours, as numbers are reaching 30 people on a tour. Parents often say to me that "we have heard from a certain family, how great your school is" and I would like to thank you for your positive feedback. Our students and staff are also positive ambassadors of our school in our community, which is another contributing factor. Thank you to staff and students who are assisting in the events we are involved in during this period.

Maria Karvouni

Principal



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

voice guitar keyboard drums
bass guitar brass woodwind

Rock Band, Concert Band, Soloists, Guitar Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble
SIGN UP NOW FOR INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP LESSONS

Contact the Office on 9822 3247 or auburn.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

Important Dates (continued)

Mon 15 Jul	Term 3 begins
Sat 27 Jul	Friends of AHS - Bunnings sausage sizzle
Tue 13 Aug	School Council 6:30pm
Fri 16 Aug	Curriculum Day - Instructional Practices (pupil-free day)
Wed 21 Aug	eLearning Day - No scheduled classes
Thu 27 Aug	2019 NASA STEM Trip Parent Information session 6pm
Thu 29 Aug	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences 12pm - 7:30pm Students required to attend conferences No classes for students
Fri 30 Aug	Athletics Carnival
Tue 10 Sep	School Council 6:30pm
Fri 20 Sep	End of Term 3 School finishes at 1:15pm
Mon 7 Oct	Term 4 begins
Tue 8 Oct	Year 7 vaccinations 9am
Tue 15 Oct	School Council 6:30pm
Mon 4 Nov	eLearning Day - No scheduled classes

From the Assistant Principal

Eastern Courtyard redevelopment works well underway and new lockers, blinds

Landscaping works in the Eastern courtyard are well underway, with construction commencing during the school holidays. The area has now been resurfaced, and gardeners are hard at work preparing garden beds for 10 lovely shady trees. The next step will then be to install recycled plastic bench seats under the trees, and finally to lay the synthetic turf. Barring any unforeseen delays, we hope to have this stage of works completed in the next month or so for our current and future students to enjoy.

This project and others like it are only possible thanks to the financial contributions of our wonderful parents and guardians. We continue to seek donations to fund this project and encourage families and businesses to contact the office to make a contribution – no amount is too big or small – every dollar donated goes directly into the project and is very gratefully received.



The school was a hive of activity over the break; not only did we have the landscaping works going on, but we had new lockers installed on the ground floor and new blinds fitted throughout the building. The blinds will be fantastic in helping to keep the building cool during the summer months, as well as dimming the rooms when the projectors are being used. These improvements are thanks to the tax-deductible donations made by families into the Building Fund. Please contact Jo or Steve in the office to find out more about contribution opportunities.



Woodwind and brass instruction now available

We are excited to announce that instruction is now available in all brass instruments as well as flute, clarinet and saxophone as part of our Instrumental Music program. This is in addition to voice, guitar, keyboard, bass guitar and drums. Our Instrumental Music program is growing rapidly and we are excited to be introducing a concert band and our very first House Music event this year to complement our rock band, guitar ensemble and vocal ensemble. Please contact Jo in the office to sign up or to find out more. A big welcome to the newest member of our IM team, Tristan Webb, who commenced with us this week. Some more information about Tristan can be found further in this newsletter.

NAPLAN Online



Auburn High School has moved to NAPLAN Online this year, and our Year 7 and 9 students took part in a trial of the new platform last week ahead of the Week 4 scheduled testing. Please contact Mihi DeSilva, the Leading Teacher overseeing NAPLAN if you have any questions.

Kristie Satilmis
Assistant Principal

Music

We are excited to welcome Tristan Webb to our Instrumental Music team this term, providing the opportunity for AHS students to learn a wide variety of brass instruments as well as flute, clarinet and saxophone as part of our growing Instrumental Music program, in addition to guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums and voice.

Music has been a key part of Tristan's life for almost fifteen years, having learned to play trumpet from a young age. Since then, he has continued to develop his music performance and theory skills in a variety of instruments including brass, woodwind, and guitar.

Tristan attended Blackburn High School, well known for its exemplary music program, as a student and participated in a range of ensembles, competing in both state and nation wide band competitions. He has since performed at various places and events around the world including the Rose Bowl Parade in California as well as at Disneyland and Hollywood Boulevard, just to name a few. These experiences inspired Tristan to pursue a career in music performance and education and he is currently studying a double degree in these fields at Monash University.

In his spare time, Tristan plays in a number of semi-professional orchestras and musical productions around Melbourne and also composes, records and performs with his own band, Haber.



Sport

From the 19th to the 24th of April, Hamish Gilsenan (Year 7) and Hugo Vandame (Year 8) travelled to Auckland to participate in the New Zealand Optimist Dinghy National Championships. They were representing Victoria amongst a team of 12 young sailors.

New Zealand is known for its good sailors – they start very young and many progress all the way to the America's Cup that New Zealand won several times (with the Olympics, the America's Cup is the pinnacle of sailing competition) – hence a very tough competition.

In the Nationals there were 141 in Open division and 62 in Green division: 170 from New Zealand, 20 from Australia, nine from Tahiti, three from New Caledonia and one from Singapore.

The first five races were qualifying races to split the fleet into three fleets – Gold (for the top sailors), Silver and Bronze. Hamish and Hugo started the competition well, ranking respectively 29 and 31 of 141 at the end of the qualifying days.

With those good qualifying results, they managed to get into the gold fleet (top 47 sailors). On day three, the finals started and two races per day were scheduled for three days.

The last day was a long day of racing, nearly six hours out on the ocean. The sailing conditions were challenging with a wind building to 18-20 knots.

The Championship was won by a New Zealander who competed at the 2018 World Championships in Cyprus and finished 36th out of approximately 200.

Hamish Gilsenan finished 31st and Hugo Vandame 41st out of 141. This is a good result for our two young students who trained hard to improve their skills and compete internationally.

From a cultural point of view, they discovered a new country and culture. They interacted in French with the New Caledonians and Tahitians.

Their next international event is in October when they will represent Australia at an international regatta in Thailand.

Xavier Vandame



Sport

Gymnastics

During the holidays, I competed at the Victorian State Championships for men's gymnastics, in Geelong. It was great preparation for the Nationals to be held in May. I came away with good results, coming second on rings, third on pommel, parallel bars and vault. I also won floor and came second in the all-around competition. We had some South Australian boys compete which only added to the atmosphere in the arena. They came second on rings, third on pommel, parallel bars and vault.

Josh Walker, Year 11

Note: Josh has been selected for the Victorian team to compete at the National Championships being held in Melbourne at the end of May.



French News

French film excursion

On Thursday 4th April, Year 7 Beginner French students attended a school screening at the Alliance Française French Film Festival. We went to see *Rémi sans Famille* (Remi, Nobody's Boy) at The Astor. It was a mix of drama and adventure, with a hint of romance and music. We had a great day out and enjoyed seeing a film in French!

Madame Saward

French teacher



International Student Programme News

Monash University International Student Open Day Experience

Last Friday all the international students from Auburn High School went to Monash University. It was a very meaningful trip. Before we went, we chose the courses which we were interested in on the Monash official website. Each student could choose three courses. In the future I want to learn something about business, therefore I chose business. I also chose EAL. They will both be helpful in my university life. In the first class we learnt something about how to teach children of different ages and experienced some technology products. The second class talked about business. The professor told us the specific classification of business and used NIKE as an example to explain to us how to open up the market. In the EAL workshop, we learnt how to write a better and more vivid essay. I realised that I already had some understanding of business. All of these workshops were good in preparing me for university and even my work in the future.

Evan Li, Year 10L

Last Friday we had an unforgettable experience. All the Year 10 and Year 11 international students from Auburn High School had a meaningful visit to Monash University. We chose the classes which we were interested in. I have a great interest in business so I went to a business class. The teacher introduced in detail the nature of the university courses for business. The information was very useful to me and I have a clearer direction for future selection. In the communication between the teacher and the student, I gained a lot of ideas about the study of business from my classmates. I realised that my understanding of the business discipline could be deeper. Through the Monash University tour, I not only learnt new things but also found the gaps in my knowledge. It was a very significant experience.

Mark Ding, Year 10L



Sleep at the G (MCG) - A notice from Anton and Malia Decourt

On the 16th of May, we will be sleeping over at the G (MCG), for a fundraiser run by Melbourne City Mission.

The money raised will go towards building a youth shelter for homeless children. Every single night, 6,000 young people are experiencing homelessness. We will be signing-up to this event, and it would be great if other students and their family could also participate. This is the first year that children aged 12-17 are now welcome to attend with a parent or guardian.

We would like to create an Auburn High School team, but please note this is not a school supervised event.

We'd love you to join us or donate to our team via this link:

<https://sleepatthegcommunity2019.everydayhero.com/au/auburn-high-school>

If you would like to read more about this event, please go to:

<https://www.sleepattheg.com.au/about/>

Thank you.

Uniform Shop

All uniform purchases are to be made from Dobsons.

Dobsons store is located at:

667 Glenferrie Road
Hawthorn Victoria 3122

Their opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:30pm
Saturday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Online purchases can be made at:

http://dobsons.com.au/school_uniform.php

Use the Login : Auburn High School
Password: AUB

Secondhand Uniforms

Secondhand uniforms are sold every Tuesday lunchtime from 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm. To check availability of stock you may email 2handuniform@auburnhs.vic.edu.au. Please sign in at reception and obtain a visitors' pass.

We are very happy to accept donations of uniforms as money raised will be put back into our school.

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

YEAR 9s

The focus is on Year 9 students this term, with **Simulated Job Interviews** being held in conjunction with Rotary on 8th May. The most popular jobs from those offered are the Journalist, the Barista and the Marketing trainee. Students should make the most of this opportunity to practise their interview skills!

The next exciting event for the Year 9s is the **Morrisby Online Assessment** being held on 22 May. This is a personal career discovery tool that provides a report containing objective and relevant information and identifying potential suitable careers. A one-on-one career counselling session will be provided to students by an accredited career practitioner, and parents are welcome to attend. These half-hour sessions will be held in the last week of Term 2. The service is provided free of charge to all Year 9 students, and is provided in addition to normal career services offered at Auburn High School. Parents will need to provide consent for their students to participate. For further information visit Morrisby Australia

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

May 2-5	VCE & Careers Expo 2019 at Caulfield Racecourse
May 7	Swinburne Senior Secondary College Information Evening for 2020 intake
May 8	Year 9 Simulated Job Interviews
May 13-19	Law Week
May 22	Year 9 Morrisby Assessments
28 May	Year 10 Tertiary Aspiration Day excursion
June 24-28	Year 9 Interviews with Morrisby Consultants
July 8-12	International College of Hotel Management Career Week experience—see Ms Martis for more information
July 24	Year 10 Simulated Job Interviews
Aug 5	VTAC Registrations open
Aug 11	RMIT Open Day
Dec 9-13	Year 10 Work Experience Week

YEAR 11 and 12 STUDENTS—please take the time to complete your online Career Action Plan—this can be accessed in your learning tasks and should be completed prior to 23 May.

ALL STUDENTS—a reminder that participating in extra-curricular activities is an excellent way to explore current interests and develop new ones, make friends, unlock passions, and to build enjoyment into your life. Not only that, but they make your resume look amazing. So get involved ... play sports, learn an instrument or a language, volunteer, draw, dance, design, get involved in the school production. And keep a record of your activities so they can be included in your school testimonial letter.

MONASH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCURSION

On Friday 26 April our senior International Students visited Monash University in Clayton. Students had the opportunity to attend two workshops of their choice, which included practising clinical skills on simulation mannequins, the chemistry of medicines, virtual reality, engineering, running a court case, and the science workshop explored waterbugs and foodchains.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LAWYER?

Lawyers provide advice, write documents and conduct negotiations on legal matters, and may represent clients in court and tribunal proceedings. They are described as [solicitors](#) or [barristers](#), depending on the work they do. Amongst other things, they may

- interview clients to determine the nature of problems, and recommend and undertake appropriate legal action;
- prepare cases for court by conducting investigations, undertaking research, arranging witness preparation and attendance, and giving notice of court actions;
- manage conveyancing and other property matters;
- prepare and critically review contracts between parties;
- prepare wills and act as executors of clients' wills;
- provide advice on family law, company law, partnerships, commercial law and trusts

PERSONAL SKILLS AND QUALITIES

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| * good oral and written communication skills | * able to understand, analyse and use facts quickly and logically |
| * integrity and good character | * able to work under pressure and deal with a variety of people |

AT SCHOOL the following learning areas provide a good foundation for this occupation: English, Legal Studies, History, Mathematics

STUDY PATHWAYS include a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Law, through the University of Melbourne; a Bachelor of Laws, offered by Australian Catholic University, Deakin University, Monash University, Swinburne University, La Trobe University, Victoria University

A law degree can take you many places, including Legal Firms, Government, Politics, Business, Finance, Management, Urban Planning, Human Services, International Trade and so on.

Don't forget to visit the [Auburn High School Careers](#) website for weekly careers newsletters and in depth information about VTAC, tertiary study, career options and much more, or visit the Careers Office for more information about any of the above.



IMPROVING OUR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Family and Business Contribution Opportunities 2019

Auburn High School is committed to improving our school environment for all our students to enjoy.

This work is entirely funded by the school, with no government assistance. **We need your help!**

Families and businesses are invited to contribute to our Landscaping Masterplan Fund and tax-deductible Building Fund. The generosity of our benefactors is acknowledged with their name added to a gratitude plaque. Every dollar goes toward items such as those listed below.

**To contribute, please refer to Course Confirmations/ Payments
on your Compass Parent Portal or contact the office.**

Buildings and indoor facilities

- ◇ Re-carpeting program
- ◇ Installation of new blinds in classrooms
- ◇ Air-conditioning upgrades
- ◇ 125 new chairs in VCE Centre and Science Common
- ◇ New Student Leadership, Agency and Voice (SVAL) room
- ◇ New projector in VCE Centre
- ◇ Re-painting
- ◇ Display boards to showcase student work

Outdoor areas and landscaping

- Stage 2: Redevelopment of Eastern courtyard (April 2019: Estimated total cost: \$60K)
- ◇ Shade tree and under-planting \$350 each
- ◇ Recycled plastic bench seat \$395 each
- ◇ Small garden bed \$1,200
- ◇ Large garden bed \$5,000
- ◇ Synthetic turf surface
- ◇ Irrigation system
- ◆ Makeover of lower asphalt area with garden beds, basketball rings and seating (+\$60K)

Completed Projects 2017/18

Stage 1 of our Landscaping Masterplan was completed in the summer of 2018, thanks entirely to the generous contributions of our parent community. Over the past year, we have been able to recarpet 80% of the school building and purchase new tables and chairs for most classrooms throughout the school through contributions to the tax-deductible Building Fund.



Homestay Hosts Wanted



Local cultural exchange opportunities

Auburn High School has a growing and well supported International Student Program. Currently, we are inviting families to express their interest in hosting our students who will be arriving in July 2019. Homestay hosts of all language backgrounds welcome!

The ideal hosts will be families who want to support our international students by helping them to improve their English, engage them with our Australian culture and treat them as part of their extended families. Hosting international students can bring a rich cross-cultural experience and opportunity for families. Many local families already on board with Auburn High School Homestay Program, over the years have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse cultural and language exchange experience.

If you have a spare room and are willing to take care of a young international student, please contact the International Office (03) 9804 6320 or email International Student Coordinator zhang.jinxin.j@edumail.vic.gov.au for details of tax-free remuneration and your role as homestay host.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS= TECH-FREE



HOMework CENTRE



Do you need some extra assistance with
classwork?

A quiet place to do your homework?

All year levels are encouraged to attend

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON



3:10 – 4:10 pm

IN THE LIBRARY



Feature Artwork



Sandy Edmondson
Year 9
Design Technology



History Club
Wednesday lunchtimes in
F10. Put your name down on
the Extra-curricular
noticeboard, or just turn up.