FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was a delight to welcome our new Prep children who will start school in 2017. They have had two transition mornings with their teachers and I trust they are looking forward to really starting school. It was just as delightful to enjoy the combined Prep Assembly last Thursday, and to see how much these children have learnt and how their confidence has grown during their first year of school.

The end of year Music concert held last Wednesday evening was a great performance, with students from across the school in various groups and ensembles demonstrating their musical talent and the culmination of a year of lessons and practice. A very big thank you to the Music staff and the instrumental teachers for the work they have put in during the year, and to the parents who value a musical education for their children.

May I remind parents of the Services of Thanksgiving and presentation of Awards which will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at the following times:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year 3 -6 Service</th>
<th>Thursday 1 December at 7.00pm</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Secondary Service</td>
<td>Monday 5 December at 7.30pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Students are expected to attend this service, and school leaders will be announced.

Margaret Buttigieg

VICTORIA POLICE VOICE CONCERNS AROUND HARM TO YOUNG PEOPLE

To Parents of Year 7 to 12 students

We have received information from Victoria Police about local ‘pop-up’ parties and social gatherings being organised via social media which are unsafe for the young people attending.

These parties are being hosted in private homes, abandoned buildings and public halls across south eastern and eastern Melbourne.

Victoria Police acknowledges that many young people are also attending safe parties.

However, Victoria Police has made a number of recommendations to ensure young people can safely attend local gatherings:

- Talk to your children and be mindful of where they are;
- Be vigilant around monitoring all of your child’s social media accounts (consider there may be multiple accounts) and look online at any events your child wants to attend;
- Investigate any party your child is attending, and be satisfied about where your child is and who they are with. If a party location is unknown one or two weeks prior to a party date, this may be of concern.
- Underage alcohol drinking and drug use is not recommended.

If you have any information that may assist police, phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you are concerned that your child has been the victim of a sexual assault and may require support, please contact Centre Against Sexual Assault on 1800 806 292.
Uniform Shop hours are:
Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30am

2017 BOOKLISTS
2017 booklists will be sent home with students early next week. (Additional copies will be available on the school website).
Orders should be finalised by the last day of school – 9 December – either online via the Campion website or by the completed form being handed into the school office.

The collection date for orders will be Thursday 12 January 2017 between 2:30pm – 6pm in room V1 in the VCE Centre. Orders not collected on this date will be returned to the Campion Education warehouse and you will need to make separate arrangements with Campion for these orders to be collected.

LOST PROPERTY
There are many items of lost property that are unidentifiable as they are not labelled. Please ensure that you label all school items with your child/rens name so that if the item is handed in to Lost Property we can return it to your child. If you are missing any items please come by the administration office to take a look

CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY CAROLS
This event, supported by the City of Casey, has been running for 5 years. The event will again be free, with kids craft tent, free sausage sizzle and free show bags for 250 children.

The carol singing will feature the amazing talent of Shu Cheen Yu and the voices of Cranbourne Chorale.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION
Playground supervision is provided from 8.35 am to 3.25 pm. There is no supervision after this time. Students should not be playing on the playground equipment and should have been collected by their parents by this time.

CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY CAROLS
Cranbourne Community Carols will be on Sunday 11 December, 6.30-9.00pm at the corner of Russell and Childers Streets Cranbourne. Bring your own candle, chair, picnic rug.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
Year 9 student, Aiden S, competed in the Victorian All Schools Athletics competition last weekend. He won his 100m hurdles in a time of 13.00 seconds, a fantastic result. He is now going on to the Australian ALL Schools championships in Canberra early December. He is ranked highly to place for his event. We wish Aiden the best of luck.

CREATIVE WRITERS AT CASEY
Congratulations to Shaylah P of 10D for placing second in the ‘Faraway Writing Competition.’ Students could choose whether to write a short story, a poem or an illustration about what ‘Faraway’ meant. Shaylah chose to write a 20 lined poem entitled ‘Him.’ Shaylah received a $100 voucher that she used to pay for a writing class over the holidays. Her poem will also be published in the ‘Faraway’ anthology.
Well done Shaylah!

Lea Hemburrow

DUKE OF EDINBURGH
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh class participated in a practice hike to prepare for their qualifying assessment early this month. Students prepared and planned their journey in class time within small groups before setting out to complete their walk in the Wonthaggi, Kilcunda area. It was a great success with fantastic weather and a great opportunity to learn and prepare for the upcoming assessment. A huge congratulation to all those who participated:
Hi! My name is Amber O and I am currently in Year 11 and also have the role of one of the Year 11 leaders. Part of being a leader includes me being part of the Student Leadership Team (SLT) to help mentor younger students as well bring fresh new ideas to the table.

I have been part of the SLT since Year 7, when I moved to Casey Grammar and have loved it ever since. I have had the privilege of being part of many fundraisers and activities over the years including raising over $300 for the RSPCA helping run one of their cupcake day fundraisers. I have represented Casey Grammar in the community many times including participating in the ‘Who Cares, We Do’ campaign providing food, clothes, toys, etc. for the homeless and less fortunate from around the Cranbourne area as well as having the honour of placing Casey’s wreath at the ANZAC memorial on ANZAC Day in 2015.

My favourite subjects at school are Visual Communication and Design as well as Product Design and Technology. I consider myself to be quite an arty student and do quite well in these subjects. I have also participated in the two musicals that have been on since I have been at the school; Camp Rock and Hairspray. As well as representing the school through ‘Schools on Stage’, a competition where schools from around the area perform their musicals for prizes. We competed this year in the ‘open’ category with two songs from High School Musical and walked away with the Audience Choice award!

In Year 9, I travelled with the school to New Caledonia which was a trip of a lifetime, learning so many new things as well as building some new friendships. I suppose you could say this trip sparked an adventurous bone in my body and I followed that with Outdoor Education, this year completing activities such as skiing, white water rafting as well as rock climbing. All things I would never have done normally in my life.

In the future I hope to keep completing leadership roles as well as be somebody people can look up to and trust, all things the SLT help me to achieve.

Casey Grammar is introducing a new learning enhancement program. It has been designed with the needs of highly able students in mind. Students will be challenged by new, more complex, ways of thinking.

The program is year-long, culminating in a learning exhibition at the end of the year. Students will still attend normal classes but will also have an ‘opt out’ option to participate in the program. This ‘opt out’ time will enable them to engage in the full range of activities or to choose only those of particular interest. All activities will be designed to enrich, provoke and stretch students to maximise their academic potential.

Each participant will map their unique learning journey through digital learning portfolios. Progress will be monitored throughout the year to ensure growth, commitment and high quality learning.

In 2017 the program will be available to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. It is a select entry program and all applicants will be required to sit an entry test before they are offered a place.

Numbers are limited. The first round of places will be offered in December this year, with a second and final round of offers in late February/early March 2017

Participation will not involve any extra cost to parents.

Parents will be informed as further details become available and when the application form will become available on the website.

Julie Squires
Senior Head of Teaching and Learning
Healthy friendships are a very important part of a child’s social and emotional wellbeing. They teach children empathy, fairness and help foster a sense of belonging. They are a necessary part of identity formation.

As children get older, friendships play an increasingly important role in their lives. And as children grow and change, it’s inevitable that friendships will change too. The 3-year-old girls who loved to play tea parties become 8-year-olds who simply have different interests now. Helping children manage these changes provides an opportunity to teach children coping skills and will help support their positive development. Often young people believe that a friendship means unconditional acceptance and agreement. Of course, this is unrealistic so teaching children that conflict between people is inevitable and the focus should be on resolving the disagreement.

When friendships end, it might be mutual, or it could be initiated by one child, leaving the other child feeling rejected. It’s often difficult for families to see their children going through these experiences, but friendship transitions are inevitable in life, and there are a few things that families can do to help children through it:

- Empathise with how they are feeling.
- Encourage multiple friendships. Having a broad group of friends or even different groups of friends can help children weather stormy friendship times.
- Encourage repair. If a friendship that is usually healthy takes a turn for the worse, families might consider helping their child to problem-solve and repair the friendship.
- Help the child to recognise when it’s time to move on.

**ROUND ROBIN DODGE BALL COMPETITION - Thurushi P, Year 9 Student Leader**

Over the past few weeks the SLT members have organised a series of Dodge ball matches. These games included a *Life or Death Battle* between Year levels and the SLT consider it a massive success.

The games were 2 x 10 minute matches and a 3 minute *Death Match*. Each year level had a group representing them and the cooperation between teams was surprisingly coordinated!

The winning teams will be notified as they continue on to the next round.

The SLT hoped to hold competitive matches that were fun but that also connected all students, either by cheering on their friends, or participating. We had our doubts but all the students managed to wash them away by signing up and creating more teams than we imagined! As well as having a whole lot of fun.

I speak on behalf of all SLT members who organised the event in thanking the PE staff for allowing us access to the gym and another thank you to Ms Harris for overseeing all activities. Brad and Will, took time out of exams to come along to help Olivia referee. So big thanks guys.

We would also like to give a huge congratulation to all the participating students for doing their best. I think the best moment so far was when there has been an underdog team, other students have stepped in to help them out which I believe showed the true mark of sportsmanship. We encourage more students to join in the fun. The Grand Finale is coming up soon but, remember, there is always 2017!

**PFC NEWS**

The PFC have had a successful year and we will be continuing our activities until December with running the Kiosk at the PAC and organising the Primary Book. Details on purchasing the books will be provided soon.

For second hand uniforms and books, please check the Sustainable Schools website or contact Pam on 0488 990 190.