On Tuesday 4 August the new VCE Centre and the Casey Common were officially opened by Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Assistant Minister for Social Services. It was a pleasure to welcome to the school the Mayor of the City of Casey, Councillor Mick Morland, Councillor Amanda Stapledon, Mayfield Ward, and representatives of the builders and architects of both projects. We received some Commonwealth Government funding for the VCE Centre, and the majority of the VCE building was funded by the school. With the Casey Common, the Parents and Friends’ Committee have made a substantial contribution to it, and I would like to acknowledge the support of the parents of the school who have supported over past years, and continue to support, the fundraising activities of the PFC. Thanks also to parents who contribute to the school’s Building Fund.

Modern facilities improve not only the school’s physical environment but also its learning culture. Buildings alone however cannot influence the vision and passion that guides a school’s development and growth. It is the human spirit and interaction between teachers and students which will make the difference. I trust that the students who use the new facilities for learning, as well as recreation during lunch and recess breaks, will appreciate and benefit from the opportunities provided by the school and by their parents.

Casey Grammar’s production of *Hairspray Jr* takes place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 3-5 September in the Performing Arts Centre each evening at 7.30pm. We are all looking forward to the production, and I would like to thank the staff and students who have worked tirelessly to make this production another memorable one. I encourage you to support them by booking tickets which are available online.

Margaret Buttigieg

SECONDARY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

This term’s Secondary Awards Assembly was held on Thursday and it was a wonderful celebration of student achievements in all areas of endeavour. There were academic awards certainly but also recognition of sporting achievements, achievements in the Arts and the awarding of the Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award to our School Captain, Samantha C.

There was also a high-spirited performance by the cast of *Hairspray Jnr* which was a taste of what is in store for us when the show opens on 3 September!
**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Uniform Shop hours are:
Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30am

The 2nd hand uniform shop will open on the last Friday of each month.

**HAIRSPRAY JNR**

The time is upon us! That’s right – in just two weeks the 2015 School Production of ‘Hairspray Jnr’ will take to the stage!
The students have been rehearsing for months on end and it is now time to show the school all their hard work.
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE: [http://www.trybooking.com/143462](http://www.trybooking.com/143462)

**Synopsis:** It’s 1962, and spunky plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has one big dream - to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show.

When she finally gets her shot, she’s transformed from social outcast to sudden star. In balancing her new-found power with her desire for justice, Tracy fights to dethrone the reigning Miss Teen Hairspray, Amber von Tussle, and integrate a TV network in the process. With the help of her outsized mom, Edna, and guest DJ Motormouth Maybelle, the rhythm of Tracy's new beat just might prove unstoppable.

The show will be performed in Casey Grammar Performing Arts Centre

**THURSDAY 3rd September @ 7:30pm**
**FRIDAY 4th September @ 7:30pm**
**SATURDAY 5th September @ 7:30pm**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

On 7 August, some Year 7 and 8 boys went to Dandenong to represent Casey Grammar in the netball finals. Our first game was against Gleneagles and we won a close game. Our second game was against Mornington and we lost. Mrs. Pereira and Kate thought we played to the best of our ability and we thank them for coaching us. They gave us a special treat at the end. Overall we all played in the true “Casey Grammar Spirit” and I hope next year I can play again! We also appreciate the encouragement and assistance given to us by Mrs. Leanne Tumino during our matches.

Joshua T 7M

Last weekend Maddie Haugh represented the Casey Grammar Equestrian Team in VEIS Inter School Show. Both of her horses jumped really well and she had a great day. Maddie placed in both the Stars and Advanced sections, coming second overall. Congratulations on a fantastic effort!

Bridgette Reale

**YEAR 4 WORK**

As part of our Life Cycles topic we looked at the famous painting by Vincent Van Gogh “Sunflowers”. Students then created their own “Sunflowers” artwork. They completed this piece over a few sessions and are very proud of their artistic talents.

Kate Grech

**TERM’S NOTICE**

Parents are reminded that a term’s notice in writing is to be given if a student is leaving the school in order to avoid being charged a term’s fees.
Learning how to give and receive feedback is an essential lifelong skill for everyone to develop. You don’t know what you don’t know and at times when it comes to certain issues, we need sound developmental feedback to consider other perspectives.

Effective learning and teaching communities rely on open, trusting and transparent communication lines where feedback is an essential component.

The purposes of feedback include:
- listening to ideas and concerns to improve a situation
- suggesting alternative approaches and strategies
- monitoring attitudes, behaviours and performance
- giving frank feedback, both positive and negative; sometimes advice that we don’t want to hear.

When involved in conversations, we all become very aware when the people we are talking to aren’t listening and communicating with their eyes, their ears and their hearts. Is it that they are not interested or that they have never been taught how to?

Empathetic and attentive listening needs to be role modelled and taught. We can’t expect students to just pick up the art of giving and receiving feedback along the way through school. They need to have it cultivated in them so that it becomes a habit.

Giving and receiving of developmental feedback not only enhances performance, but it builds probably the most valuable thing in life, trust. From trust flows growth mindsets and an enhanced sense of wellbeing to strive, thrive and flourish.

**YEAR 12 STUDIO ART EXCursion**

The Year 12 Studio Art class minus 3 students who were unfortunately unwell, attended an introductory talk on Masterpieces from the Hermitage on Thursday 6 August. This exhibition is on at the National Gallery Victoria and showcases some of Catherine the Great’s art collection.

Liz Haigh

**OutLOUD Festival**

A team of four Year 8 students put their words to work, with their OUTLOUD debut at the Wheeler Centre, State Library in Melbourne this week. Part of the Melbourne Writers’ Festival, the OUTLOUD Festival brings student teams from all over the state to express their views in Slam Poetry. Judges included Hip-Hop artist Mantra and the Director of the Emerging Writers Festival, Michaela McGuire. The feedback for the teams from Emilie Zoe Baker, creative director of OUTLOUD, (and seasoned slam poet/audience member) was outstanding. “The raw expression, the sense of humour, the brave-hearted truths these kids revealed was just astonishing and was up there with any professional adult slam competition”. While the winners in our heat were Viewbank College and University High our students came away with a positive experience. Congratulations Kathleen F, Kaitlyn L, Brianna G and Charli S on all your hard work, writing, editing, and rehearsing.

**Cricket Clinic**

“On Friday 7 August it was our Melbourne Stars mega cricket clinic. It was held at the Casey Indoor Sports Centre with the SEDA student coaches helping us with our batting, bowling and fielding. The people in my group from my class were Caitlin, Tanay and Elvis. We started off with batting and we played lots of games and did lots of drills. My group was happy that Mrs Grech took lots of great pictures. by Eleisha 4G

“During the T20 big bash I did a big hit and I got 8 runs. It was awesome” by Tom 4G
"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Words of the late John F Kennedy, President of the USA from 1961.

It is August, time for 40 Hour Famine and MS Readathon. I was reminded of Kennedy's words while preparing for this year’s appeals. Think of what we can do (and that includes encouraging our children) for the needy and desperate of the world. 40 Hour Famine this year features projects providing people in 3rd World poverty with the means of breaking the cycle of poverty. It works like this:

At Assembly last Thursday we watched a video clip featuring the gift to a poverty bound family of some chooks, and instruction in caring for and raising them. The gift had several simple but profound benefits. The nutrition of the family was improved. As the number of chickens multiplied, the surplus eggs could be sold, providing an income and in time the opportunity to buy a cow for milk, and seed to plant a cash crop. The family’s situation was transformed and in addition education became a prospect for the children. This puts into practice the saying attributed to Anne Isabella Ritchie, the daughter of William Makepeace Thackeray,; “if you give a man a fish he is hungry again in an hour; if you teach him to catch a fish you do him a good turn.”

The projects for which we raise money are like this, and transform lives – at a very small cost to us. Please talk with your children and encourage them to participate in 40 Hour Famine or MS Readathon - both can be joined online – and then be generous in your support. We can make a difference to lives in need, and we fulfil Jesus’ command – To love our neighbour as ourselves.

Grace and Peace.

YEAR 3D ASSEMBLY

At the start of the Assembly, we danced to Ultron Funk. It was super fun! by Meher

My outfit was Green Lantern and it was very bright. Like a bright star! I got to say my words into a microphone which was really fun! by Harry

My favourite bit was when we all sang Superheroes by The Script. I got to say my line in front of my mum. She was really impressed! by Riley

At the start of our Super Assembly we were running down the stairs in excitement. I was next to Faith and we were dancing the whole way down the stairs. by Emily

PFC NEWS

The Father's Day stall will be held by the PFC on Wednesday 2 September 2015 and before school on Friday 4 September 2015. All items are $5.00 with a maximum of 2 items per child. Further Father's Day activities will be announced later in the month.

The Dinner Dance presented by the PFC and School Council will be held on Saturday 12 September 2015 to celebrate Casey Grammar School's 21st Birthday. $60.00 per person covers a delicious 3 course dinner, dancing, prizes and more. Get your friends and family together and make up a table for a fun night out.

The next PFC meeting is on Tuesday 18 August 2015 at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Pam Foley