The Salvation Army have been very generous to CGS parents in allowing them to use their car park whilst ours was being completed. Now that we have a large new car park, we ask that you no longer park at the Salvation Army nor arrange to have your children meet you there.

Last week we celebrated academic success of the secondary students at an Assembly; it was wonderful to see many parents attending to share the success of their students. Academic achievement is no accident; it is the result of hard work, persistence, patience and determination to succeed. Learning from mistakes and from other people is also critical. I would like to congratulate the students who received awards.

We are working to establish a new Training Band of Year 6 and 7 students who would be interested in this program. The ability to play a musical instrument and to play in a musical ensemble brings many benefits for young people. I encourage parents who have received the information about lessons, rehearsals and the commitment required to seriously consider this program as something both beneficial for your son or daughter, and as contributing to the life of the school. Mr Simon Chiodo is happy to answer any of your queries about the program, and we look forward to enhancing the music program at Casey Grammar.

The Prep students hosted their grandparents or special friends on Friday 13 March – I know the opportunity for the children to do activities with their guests, share their school experience and then enjoy a picnic lunch was an exciting day for them. A big thank you to the Prep teachers, Mrs Leanne Evans and Miss Laura Papettas, for organising this day.

The students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been participating in workshops conducted by the REACH Foundation. This organisation supports young people to improve their well-being so that they can be healthy and resilient to meet life’s challenges and fulfil their potential. I encourage you to look at their website for more information.

Secondary students will receive Interim Reports at the end of next week, and parent Teacher Interviews will be held after the holiday break.

Margaret Buttigieg

“SPLASH!!" Face first into the mud!!
Camp Rumbug was a fun way to make new friends and work as a team. We completed many activities together such as: Low ropes, Giant Swing, Canoeing, Flying Fox, Raft Making, Bush Craft, Team Challenge and Archery. A lot of these activities involved working as a team and cheering each other on. Camp was lots of fun and very muddy!
What a camp to have in our last year of Primary School!

Julia P 6T
Uniform Shop hours are:
Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30 am

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

Both Year 1 classes went on a mini-beast adventure to Gould League in Moorabbin on Friday 13 March. Students were very excited to participate in different activities which involved searching for mini-beasts, looking at mini-beasts up close under a microscope and going into the compost Shrinking Machine, just to name a few! All the students had a wonderful day and learnt some new and interesting facts about mini-beasts.

"I learnt that insects shed their skin naturally and eat it up. The best thing was looking for mini-beasts in the garden area.” – Ronal

"Did you know that worms have 5 hearts? They have a saddle and that is where their babies stay and then they come out.” – Andreea

Thank you to our parent helpers for assisting us on this excursion!

Deborah Ireland

STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child requires on-going medication which needs to be given in school hours, please fill out a student medication form, sign and return it to our Medical Centre. To ensure your child’s safety in administering their medication, it is important that all parts of the form are completed and changes to your child’s medication will require a new form.

All medication must be:
- In the original medication bottle/packet
- Must have a clear expiry date
- Must have the child’s name clearly displayed.

Should you choose to leave asthma medication at the Medical Centre, please fill in an Asthma Action Plan form and ensure medications/equipment have been clearly labelled.

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS

The uniform shop will be open during the holidays as follows:
Tuesday 7 April 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Thursday 9 April 8.30 am to 10.30 am
Monday 13 April 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm

On Wednesday 11 March the Year 9 Lifestyle and Recreation class participated in a Fencing lesson. Our instructor Pieter was from Fencing Victoria.

This incursion was a great way to learn new skills and participate in a sport not so familiar to us. We learnt the basics such as footwork, how to lunge at an opponent, how to fight safely, and how to put on and use the equipment.

I really enjoyed this session, it was a great experience and I would love to do it again some time. Thank you to Mrs Conolly for organising this for our class.

Maddy G

GLEN MANTON VISITS

It’s funny to look back at how everyone first reacted to their first impression of Glenn Manton. He was in our words brilliant, so for the future cohorts here at Casey Grammar School if you get the chance to listen to Glenn Manton’s words of wisdom, listen up as they are words with true meaning.

Glenn Manton is a former Australian Rules Footballer who played for Carlton and Essendon, but outside the locker room, the man has an inspirational story to tell. Glenn Manton played a new and refreshing role as a motivational speaker for the VCE cohort focusing on student wellbeing and knowledge of self. His presentation was delivered with a sense of humour and was extremely engaging. He left us two main messages which were to be authentic in everything you do and to ask yourself each morning or whilst preforming important tasks ‘Are you fair dinkum?’

Thanks to Mrs Conolly and Mr Van Schie for organising this.

Will B & Ojasvee D Year 11

FROM THE OFFICE
SECONDARY INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

On Tuesday 10 March Casey Grammar competed in the Annual SSV Casey South Swimming Carnival. Our students participated exceptionally well and showed determination, courage and desire to win. Casey Grammar finished a very respectable 2nd overall.

The following students won an individual event and now qualify for Southern Metropolitan Finals on Thursday 26 March:

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Special mentions must go to the following students for their efforts and those who just missed out on qualifying for the SSV finals: Kyle P, Emily M, Callum C, Catherine T, Sam H, Kathleen F, Tasman A, Chad Reese, Joshua S, Rhys T, Chloe G and Mercedees L.

Anthony Brown

UNIT 3 OUTDOOR & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

On 18 February the Unit 3 & 4 Outdoor and Environment Studies class embarked on their first camp of the year to Wilsons Promontory. The class spent three days participating in a range of activities from raft building to orienteering and even a Masterchef cook off. However the favourite activity across the class was the 19km round trip hike to the picturesque Sealers Cove. The students all were in awe of the diversity and beauty of the environment. Along with the fun and interesting activities, the students also participated in an education session with a Park Ranger which provided them with a valuable insight into historical perspectives of Wilsons Promontory.

Anthony Brown
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Friends

In a few weeks’ time we will be in the midst of Easter. For many Easter is an opportunity to get away for a few days and enjoy the last of the good weather before winter. During the holidays there are services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day on 5 April. Orthodox Churches celebrate Easter one week later on April 12. I hope many school families will find time to worship over Easter. It matters less you only come at Easter or Christmas than that you are coming at all!

Easter brings together and celebrates all that the coming of Jesus at Christmas began. In barely a week, between Palm Sunday and Easter Day, we remember Jesus’ descent from hero to condemned man, executed and buried on Good Friday, only to reappear to his followers on Easter Day in what we now celebrate as the resurrection.

Easter celebrates the love of God. Even when humankind did its worst in having Jesus, Son of God, killed on the cross to silence a disturbing voice, God responds with love and grace, and restores Jesus to life – proving God is greater than the worst humans can do. In the Resurrection we understand that in raising Jesus to life, God “broke” the power of death to hold people apart from his love and presence. Thus since death has been so compromised, although it remains a force we must all encounter, it can no more defeat us than it could hold Jesus. Easter proclaims that not even death has power to keep us from God. Thus Christian funerals acknowledge the sadness of death, but proclaim the hope that there is life beyond the grave – opened for us by Jesus in that first resurrection. In the same way, the power of sin (allied to death) is equally compromised, and cannot in this life separate us from the love of God. Easter is indeed a significant season. God Bless you all this Easter.

Robert McUtchen

YEAR 6 BEACH PROGRAM

The Year 6s went to Mt Martha Beach for Beach Program on 10, 11 and 12 March. We went to learn about how we can be safe at the beach. This was run by Mt Martha Life Saving Club. It was awesome and we all had a lovely time. Year 5s, you’re next!

Emily O

PFC NEWS

The PFC is having a sausage sizzle for the Prep to Year 2s on 25 March 2015 during school sports. If anyone would like to assist us, please contact Bharti on 0419 184 245. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The Second hand Uniform shop will be open on the last day of term, 28 March 2015, from 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pm.

The next PFC meeting will be in Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

We would also like to wish you all a happy and safe Holiday. See you all next term.

Pam Foley