NAPLAN results have been mailed or sent home to the parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. You may have seen comment in the press about NAPLAN results across Australia, that there have been negligible improvements in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN results reflect student performance on the tests on the day, and therefore are only one assessment of students’ literacy and numeracy. These assessments are useful for teachers in providing diagnostic information which can be used to complement school assessments and to inform the planning of teaching and learning programs. The data also shows the level of relative growth for each student from Year 5 to 9 by comparing their result to results of Victorian students who had the same NAPLAN score two years ago. This identifies students in our classes who need extending in their learning. If parents wish to discuss their child’s NAPLAN results, or would like further information, please contact either your child’s teacher (primary) or the Head of Teaching and Learning (secondary).

An Information Evening will be held this Thursday for parents and students who will be in Year 11 next year. Information regarding the requirements of VCE and course selection information will be available. I encourage all students and parents to attend; this will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at 7pm.

Congratulations to the primary students who competed in the Victorian State RoboCup competition last Tuesday; the students enjoyed their day of competition, were a credit to the school and are to be commended on their efforts.

Margaret Buttigieg

Evatt is a diplomacy and negotiation competition where students take part in the processes of the United Nations Security Council. Evatt places young Australians in the shoes of UN Security Council representatives, making them debate on issues of international security, human rights and current affairs.

Students in Years 9-12 compete in teams of two from their own school. The competition takes the form of a simulated UN Security Council, where teams debate, amend and vote on a resolution from the perspective of one of the Security Council’s member states.

On Monday 8 August, Charli S, Ashley C and Brad H, joined me in representing Casey Grammar at Melbourne University. Charli and I were given Senegal as our country and Ashley and Brad were Australia. Students from all over Melbourne were at the conference, arguing and debating on behalf of their country. The debating and presentation of resolutions was fast and furious and we were impressed with the debating skills of all involved and their quick grasp of the issues and ability to respond so intelligently and maturely.

It was also great to see an older gentleman on the tram, on the way to the University, quiz Brad on the exchange rate for Euro to Aussie dollars. He spotted our blazers and badges and Brad got “the question without notice” which he answered with a little help from Google on his phone!

The Conference turned out to be a thought-provoking day and certainly gave us an insight into the machinations of the United Nations.
Uniform Shop hours are:
- Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30pm
- Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30am

On Sunday 14 August two teams of students from Casey Grammar competed in the Impro Melbourne Schools Challenge. The intermediate team, 'Stale Sandwich' was comprised of Lachlan, Max M, Joel R, Charli S and Brianna G. The team placed second overall, narrowly beaten in the Grand Final. Our senior team 'Mum’s Spaghetti' featuring Rowan D, Brad H, Kate N and Nathan P performed some fantastic skits throughout the day but were beaten by some tough competition. It was a wonderful day and we were very impressed by the efforts and performance of the students.

Natalie Burns and Ben Peake.
The Student Leadership Team and Mrs Torcasio are hoping to raise some money for The Isabella and Marcus Foundation as it is very sad what has happened to these children and we would love your help to donate some money for this foundation. We have decided to hold a raffle for the Isabella and Marcus Foundation.

The reason this is such an important foundation is because these children have died of Paediatric Brainstem Tumour and this is very sad and very hard for their families. Marcus and Isabella’s families decided to put together this foundation to raise money to stop it from happening.

Raffle tickets will go on sale Monday 22 August and will end on Wednesday 14 September. The prizes will be given out on Friday 15 September. The tickets will be on sale at lunchtime every day in the courtyard and some SLT students will be coming to your classrooms to remind you.

There will be three prizes, five session passes to The Shed, five $20 meals at the Groove Train, and a prize from Casey Race. You can get one raffle for 50 cents, or three for $1. We hope you all can enter.

Eleisha B and Jessica S, 5N for SLT

Playground supervision is provided from 8.35 am to 3.35 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.

ISABELLA & MARCUS FOUNDATION

DODGEBALL

Dodge Duck Dip Dive Dodge
After the huge success of the last Dodge Ball Competition, the Student Leaders are now organizing a new Dodgeball Competition to be run on Thursdays, at lunch time, in the Gym.

Students have been asked to record their names on the Sign-Up sheet and mixed teams will be made up of Years 7 -12 students. Teams will consist of 15 players and will have a Team name, colour or costume

The Competition will commence once Teams are finalised. Remember, if you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball so come along and join the fun.

Mitch M achieved a bronze medal for Kumite (sparring) in the 11yo boys 38kg+ division at the Australian Karate Federation National Championships on the weekend. Congratulation Mitch!

LAST WEEK

Do you like to draw, design or create?
Mrs Kyne needs your help!
We need a CD cover for our biennial production Circus of Dreams. It can be drawn by hand or using a computer, and must be A4 in size. All entries need to be given to Mrs Kyne by Friday 26 August. The winning entry will be announced 1 September. Good luck everyone!

TICKET SALES
If you would like to purchase tickets for our Circus of Dreams Primary Production - just head to www.trybooking.com/MICQ
Remember you can only purchase 4 tickets per family.
Look forward to seeing you there!

DODGEBALL
Hi, my name is Danielle and I’m currently in Year 11. My favourite subject is Philosophy because it’s a heap of fun and is always a little bit of a challenge!

Outside of school I enjoy photography, pondering the meaning of life, long walks, and spending time with family and friends. After I leave school I plan on going to university and from there I’d like to do aid work overseas. I would like to spend my life helping to achieve universal education and promoting human rights.

I am in the SLT because I’d like to see Casey Grammar leave a significant impact on the world, and this can only happen if the whole school works together and utilises each and every one of our unique abilities.

Danielle D – Year 11 Student Leader

To coincide with our unit on Healthy Lifestyles, the Year 2 students enjoyed a fun-filled, interactive incursion from the Drama Toolbox. They were excited to wear costumes representing the brain, lungs, heart and intestines.

“We were investigators and we had to pretend to go inside ‘Bazza’s’ body because he ate too many treats. We got to wear costumes and I pretended to be a red blood cell and a neuron from the brain.” – Shae

“I learnt that you shouldn’t eat junk food all the time because it gives you a headache and it makes you want to eat it more and more. You should eat vegetables and fruit mostly all the time.” – Trei

“We learnt about how to keep healthy. I got dressed up like a stomach muscle and it was a cute little dress with lots of sparkles on it.” – Imogen

“We did some fun activities. I really liked it because Mrs Batey had to pretend to be ‘Bazza’ and be really unhealthy. Then we had to make ‘Bazza’ healthy again at the end. I learnt that neurons send messages from the brain to parts of your body.” - Tyler

Our Slam Poetry team participated in their heat at the OUTLOUD Festival Last Monday 15 August as part of the Melbourne Writer’s Festival. Competing with students from 14 schools, most from more senior year levels, our Year 8 team of Jordan F, Lilli B, Mahek J and Maneesha C presented their slam with confidence and enthusiasm.

The judges made mention of the girls catchy lines, raising our hopes for a place in the final. We also had some great feedback from the organiser Emilie Zoey Baker about our “amazing kids” and the positive audience feedback they received. With only four student teams selected to go on to the next round congratulations go to the teams from Firbank College, University High, John Monash Science School and Viewbank College. It was a great experience for everyone involved. Thank you to Jerielle, Janice and Rohith from 8G and Jenni Casey for their support on the day.

Mandy Horton
I’m personally not a fan of parenting-by-text. I know, I know: some people swear by it. Some parents even have whole conversations with their teens about rules and expectations via text. You might even feel like, if it weren’t for texts, you’d never have any contact with your child at all.

While it’s true that text messages can be a good way to keep in touch with your teen, I would encourage you to have more important conversations in person. Do the big work of presenting rules, consequences, and expected behaviour when you and your teen are in the same room. Try to stick with the phone for quick reminders and encouragement. For example, this text: “I know you want a lift to your friend’s place tomorrow, so remember to get yourself home by 9,” is a better use of texting than a whole long argument about why your daughter needs to be home, threatening to take away his phone, or trying to get her to engage in dialogue with you about other things. There’s just too much room for misinterpretation, claims of “not getting that text,” and all sorts of other things that get in the way of clear, direct communication.

Bottom line? Use text messages as reminders of your expectations, not as a way to discuss your expectations.

STATE ROBOCUP COMPETITION

Excitement filled the air at 7:30am as 42 keen Year 5 and Year 6 students boarded the bus, heading for Melbourne University to compete in the Victorian State RoboCup Competition.

After months of building, designing, programming, testing, reprogramming and refining robots, they were ready for this event. This year we had more teams competing than ever before, with 9 RoboSoccer teams and 7 RoboDance teams, we knew we were in for an exciting day. All RoboDance teams looked amazing as they competed with their ‘dressed up’ robots designed to dance. The props which accompanied the dances were sensational. The RoboSoccer competition was nail-biting and after each team had played three games, we had 3 teams make it through to the quarter finals. With great sportsmanship being shown, the competition continued on and 2 of our teams made it to the semi-finals. We were lucky enough to then have our ‘Terminator’ team made up of Sam and Tom, make it through to the grand final. They won 4 to 1, to become the ‘Simple Simon’ RoboSoccer State Champions. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the RoboCup. We all had a fabulous day and it was especially exciting to hear the students from CGS already discussing ideas for 2017!

Casey Grammar had a good run with three teams making it into the finals. Dash, Robert and Sam had an unfortunate loss in the quarter finals as Tyson and Bharatinder won and so did we (Sam & Tom). In the semi-finals there were four teams left. Two of them were CGS teams. Tyson and Bharatinder and us. We came out strong and won but unfortunately Tyson and Bharatinder lost in a close game. The grand final was very nerve racking for us. We scored 3 goals in the first half and 1 goal in the second half. We beat them (Secondary school kids!!!) 4-1. As we walked onto the stage, we were announced as the state champions for RoboSoccer, it was the best feeling ever! Our prize was a $300 voucher to Sydney to watch the national finals, a medal each and a trophy for the school.

By Sam and Tom

PFC NEWS

This term the PFC will be running the Fathers’ Day stall on Thursday 1 September from 9:00am until lunchtime and before school on Friday 2 September from 8:30am-9:00am. All items are $5.00 each with a maximum purchase of 2 items per student. Please bring a bag for your purchases. We will be open at recess for senior students to browse. The book of stories by Primary students will be organised this term for sale by Term 4. The PFC will also continue to operate the Kiosk at the PAC during events such as the Primary Production in September. For second hand uniforms, please go to the Sustainable Schools website.

Anyone wanting to help with the Fathers’ Day stall can call Pam on 0488 990 190. We encourage anyone who wants to help as we appreciate parent support.