FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Scholastic Book Fair was a very successful event last week; a very big thank you to the staff in the Learning Centre for their enthusiasm and work in promoting this and to the teachers for encouraging the students in establishing reading as a good habit. Literacy is critical to success in all school subjects and daily reading is vital for children to become skilled, thoughtful and avid readers. The Accelerated Reading Program in Years 7 to 9 which is part of the English curriculum aims to build students’ literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to model and support the importance of reading where the demand for increasing screen time can be a priority.

The Vertical Veggie Garden is a fantastic opportunity for learning for students across the primary school. Students from most classes have harvested produce from the garden and many students have planted seedlings and some have planted seeds. The garden also provides an opportunity for cross-age learning. The garden is also used in the teaching of many Science topics, environmental issues and as inspiration for Garden Art. Mr Mal Dunkley is enthusiastic in his work with the students and with curriculum design and implementation. I know the students are enjoying their time spent in the garden and watching the results of their efforts.

Margaret Buttigieg

DATES TO REMEMBER

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4D ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 19 May 4D performed their Hall of Fame assembly. I was Dirk Hartog, a Dutch explorer and trader. The thing that made me proud was saying my lines properly.

By Meher

I loved the dance to That Power. The song was amazing. I think we rocked the stage. I loved it all.

By Izzy

In our Hall of Fame assembly, I was King George III. I think our assembly was very successful. I wore a crown, a cape and red and black clothes. I think the best part was when we danced to That Power.

By Nicholas

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 fees now overdue
Monthly payments - April payment now due
Uniform Shop hours are:
Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30am

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY - Mary Dourios

While it is preferable for all student appointments to be made outside of school times, we understand that this may not always be possible. On the occasion where a student will need to leave the school early, please provide a note (in the student planner or letter) / email / phone call to your child’s Homeroom Teacher or Year Level Coordinator including the date and outlining the reason and time your child will need to leave. Students will receive a yellow Early Leave Pass and should meet their parent at our front office where they will present their pass and be signed out.

In a situation where you become aware during the day that you will have to pick up your son / daughter early, please phone front reception to arrange for your child to meet you and be signed out. As per the School’s Mobile Devices policy and for Occupational Health and Safety purposes, please do not text or call your son / daughter directly to arrange for them to leave early without contacting the school and officially signing out your child.

IMPRO GAMES - Natalie Burns

Over the past month the Drama department have run an Impro Games competition, pitting year level against year level and friend against friend. Twelve teams from across the secondary school signed up, competing in heats and semifinals before progressing through to the Grand Final in their respective age groups. Our junior team victors were Max Murphy, Dylan Cronin, Lachlan Ingram-Davis and Joshua Tresize. Our senior team victors were Kate Nelson, Bailey McCloskey and Nathan Pandazopoulos. Congratulations to not only our winners but to all the students who had the courage to give it a go!

Students from various teams will now be chosen to represent Casey Grammar at the interschool youth impro games in July.

YEAR 10 PRODUCTION - Ben Peake

The Year 10 Production ‘Unwrapped’ is almost here! The Year 10 Drama class have been busy rehearsing and planning this hilarious play set in 1930s Hollywood. The students have also been responsible for designing and preparing costumes, props, sets, lighting, sound, hair, make-up and publicity throughout the semester.

In ‘Unwrapped’, David O’Dimwit, Hollywood’s worst producer decides to shoot his next horrible horror in spooky Vansyltrania where his film, ‘Thriller’, quickly turns into a hilarious send-up of classic murder mysteries. There’s werewolves, incompetent detectives, Egyptian mummies, Hollywood yes-men, gossip columnists, evil scientists, Frankenstein’s monster and movie star divas! Come along and support the Year 10s.

The show will be performed at 7.00pm on Thursday 2 June in the PAC. Entry is free—hope to see you there!

VISITING THE SCHOOL - Mary Dourios

When visiting the School to meet with staff or pick up students, it is very important to report to our front reception and wait for staff or your son / daughter to meet you there. In order to best ensure our students’ safety, please do not go directly to staff offices or classrooms. It is also important to note that staff may not always be able to immediately meet with you if they are teaching or are attending meetings during and after the school day. Therefore, it is best to get in touch with staff to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

BOOK FAIR - Mandy Horton

Our annual Book Fair has been very successful again this year. Thank you to all our volunteers who have helped each morning and afternoon. They really help us to manage the workload. Also thanks to the Year 5 and 6 students for helping with wish lists for their buddies. Popular items this year include Lego Ninjago, adult colouring books, Star wars and Minions. Books and kits for colouring and creating are always popular including the Droid Factory from Star Wars and lots of students have taken a home a new journal for their creative jotting. Thanks to Miss Birch and the library team for continuing the Book Fair tradition.
AROUND THE SCHOOL

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY - PE Department

It was a great day for Casey Grammar Secondary students as they competed in the District Cross Country. The rain held off for most of the day which made excellent conditions for our competitors.

The school had a very successful day winning the day overall by a massive 200 points!

We also had three age group teams who placed first;
- 16 year old boys
- 15 year old girls
- 12-13 year old boys

A huge congratulations to Kacey Maund, who smashed her race placing 1st overall with at least a 300 metre lead!

Hats off also to Kobe Seers for placing 2nd and Mark Banks for taking out 3rd in their age groups.

Many students have qualified for the Southern Metro competition and we wish them all the best in their events.

Once again, a tremendous effort from all students!

MARKET DAY

As part of their studies in Small Business Management students undertook their annual Market Day for 2016 with great success! After a few weeks of considered planning and development of their business models, students worked in their business groups to set up their stalls/events and execute their business plans during lunchtime on Wednesday 4 May. These consisted of food and refreshment stalls, sporting mini games and a basketball competition.

With support from the whole school, students managed to raise $1,200! (Not bad for a 40min lunchtime effort!). This money will be forwarded to nominated local charities and causes such as Beyond Blue Foundation, Dolphin Research and Parkinson’s disease.

A big thank you to the staff and student community for your support!

Brendan McGreal, VCE Business Management, Accounting & IT

ACCELERATED READER IN Y7, 8 & 9 ENGLISH CLASSES

The idea of Accelerated Reader (AR) is simple. Students read a book, take a short comprehension quiz, and get immediate feedback. Students are motivated when they see their progress and teachers can easily monitor and encourage students with their independent reading practice.

The library is working with English classes to build our students’ literacy skills. There are hundreds of book titles from many different genres that are supported by AR quizzes. Students can access novels, biographies and non-fiction texts in traditional book format, graphic novels, e-books and audio books. New titles in the library include the 50 top books for young adults from Goodreads. ([https://www.goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com)) Even students who don’t normally enjoy reading should be able to find a format and a title to suit.

All students are asked to read for 15 minutes per day and this could be any time: when waiting for a bus, on the journey home from school, in between sporting activities or waiting for a sibling. Some students have set aside time each evening, before dinner or before bed. Regular reading practice, like practice for any other activity, will help build reading speed, fluency and confidence with new vocabulary.

Mandy Horton
Dear Friends

How well do we know those we love? How do we find words to express what we feel? When I meet a couple preparing for marriage I ask them to describe a quality they most love in their partner. Most couples do well, but I remember one case from my first parish: The bride-to-be came to see me alone, as her fiancé was working away. Me: “What do you find most easy to love in him?” Bride “I don’t know – I just love him”. Despite many questions – good company? amusing?, etc? etc? the only response “I just love him”. The girl was encouraged to identify and name particular qualities she loved. Before long she discovered a language to give a name to the many things which she found easy to love, and her relationship was enhanced. She loved him, recognising many dimensions to his nature that she loved for different reasons.

In our journey with God the same applies. Have you talked with your children about the aspects of God which you most love? Trinity Sunday (May 22) can help. Christians believe in one God, as do Muslims and Jews. However - just as there are different dimensions to the nature of those we love, we have come to know God in three ways as Father (God, Creator), Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit (Jesus presence with each of us). It is the one God, but made known to us in different ways at different times, and in the metaphorical “like”…a Father, “like … a friend (Jesus).”

As with the bride and her beloved, it is important we, and our children as they grow in faith, can identify and find words to express the things about God that are most important to us. Not to become dogmatic, rather as in a friendship where we continue to discover new things in one another. We better appreciate God as a result, and are better able to share with others what we know and love of God.

Grace and Peace

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Recently, Year 9 student Oliver Beaumont, had an excellent achievement by winning the U17’s Victorian Championship in Cross Country Mountain Biking in Castlemaine Victoria. This tops off an excellent year for Oliver, from winning the Schools Series and Championships, and also placing 2nd in the Australian National Cyclocross Competition. The severe thunder, lightning and downpour of rain keeping his feet wet in the tent the night before, did not stop him from gaining glory.

The Victorian Schools Cycling Championships (VSCC) will commence at the end of July and it would be great to see more entries from Casey Grammar this year, as the school placed 7th overall out of all the schools in Victoria last year.

PE Department

PFC NEWS

Anyone who has an interest in joining or volunteering for the PFC, please ring Bharti Green on 0419 184 245. We always have a need for volunteers to work at the PAC Kiosk throughout the year and appreciate any help we can get. For second hand uniforms, please look up the Sustainable Schools website.

Pam Foley