FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The secondary Athletics Carnival was held last Monday on an absolutely perfect day with the sun shining and many students participating. I would like to congratulate the Physical Education and Sport staff who organised the day, and also the students who participated, earning points for their House. Congratulations to Reid House, who won on the day.

It is a mistake to imagine that success in any area of life is some stroke of luck. Whether it be in the academic field, sport, performance or any pursuit, hard work, perseverance and determination are important factors in achieving success. People succeed because they take pains to succeed. To succeed in producing music, sporting prowess or in improving any skill, practice is important – we learn to do things by doing them.

Next week we look forward to the Year 10 Drama class presenting their play *A Midsummer Night’s Prom Dream*. It is a modern revamp of the Shakespeare comedy, and will be performed on Thursday 4 June in the Performing Arts Centre at 4pm. The performance will last for an hour. These students have chosen Drama as an elective subject and would appreciate your support. I’m sure they have put in a lot of effort rehearsing!

Margaret Buttigieg

YEAR 12 FORMAL

O.R.A.N.G.E - open minded, respectful, apply, never give up, grateful and enthusiastic was one of the many experiences we took away from the Casey Grammar Year 12 Formal. The night was filled with beautifully dressed seniors and amazing choreographed dance moves. Saturday 9 May was the last time for the Year 12 cohort to be together at a social event and we definitely had an awesome time celebrating what we have achieved so far! Awards were presented through the night such as photo booth hog, best colour coordinated student and funkiest dancers.

The Year 12 leaders would like to thank all of the students, teachers and their partners for coming as well as Mr Van Schie for all of his assistance and support in making the night a success.

Sarah D, Chris C and Jessica O - Year 12 Leaders
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.

Exciting news!!!! We are starting a Costume Box which will consist of previously purchased or hand-made costumes from Primary Assemblies held throughout the year. With this in mind, if you would like to donate your child’s costume to the school so that it may be used for Primary assemblies in the future, please pass it on to your child’s classroom teacher after your event and hopefully our costume box will be full to the brim in no time.

Bronwyn Kyne

On Thursday 4 June the Year 10 class will be performing ‘A Midsummer Night’s Prom Dream’. The show starts @ 4pm in the Performing Arts Centre and entry is free. Running time is 60 minutes and the show is suitable for all ages.

Synopsis:
A Midsummer Night’s Prom Dream is a reimaging of the classic Shakespeare play ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’. Although this time it’s set in a high school in modern times!
Obie’s girlfriend Tanya splits up with him again and steals their latest research data, but Obie won’t be outdone. He entrusts his best friend, Robin, to test out his new secret elixir that causes love at first sight. Chaos ensues when Robin dumps the experiment in the punch bowl on prom night, where the star football player Derrick and artistic outcast Zander fight over the popular girl Mia, who only has eyes for the “bad boy.” To really complicate things, her younger sister Helen likes Derrick, but he doesn’t even know she’s alive! Throw in the world’s worst rock band with a pompous and arrogant lead singer (who is accidentally turned green), and that’s A Midsummer Night’s Prom Dream!

Natalie Burns

On Friday 1 May the Primary District Cross Country event was held at Cranbourne Racetrack. The sun was shining making it perfect conditions for a cross country race. We had great results across the board with 10 students qualifying for the Division Cross Country event on 3 June. Well done to everyone for all trying your hardest and achieving great results. Ali Blshop

The ISJ Autumn Round was held on Friday 8 May. We had 4 students compete and 3 placed, which is fantastic!

I wasn’t aiming to win that day; my goal was to make it to the jump off. I went quite slowly in my rounds compared to the other little, fast ponies, I thought I had no hope of placing. As soon as he started calling out the winners, starting from 6th, I felt stupid, going up there without placing. I wanted to run away from the crowd. Once he called out my name for first, I was shocked. I thought that was amazing, until I got the Reserve Champion. I have never felt so proud of Wendell and myself, ever. The whole time I did the victory lap, I couldn’t wipe the smile off my face. Proves slow and steady wins the race! The other riders also did well on the day, Emily P and Maddie H both placing as well.

Taylor D
Cultivating a habit in our children to follow their curiosity, experiment with their learning and be knowledge creators will assist them to develop positive, resilient, resourceful and reflective lifelong learning habits. This often means that we need to change our own approaches and not start from positions of certainty – why do we have to know first?

It essential to focus on teaching students how to clearly and meaningfully communicate to others what they have learnt and how it relates to their worlds through the Habits of Mind, Communicating with Clarity and Precision and Striving for Accuracy. The capacity to compile well thought out reports on their learning using their dominant Multiple Intelligences is covered in this week’s focus. When students have researched and investigated a topic, it is important that they have the skills to present what they have learnt and that new connections and any conclusions are made in a coherent and efficient manner.

Children have a variety of backgrounds, differing dominant Multiple Intelligences and an array of learning styles. As such, they should be given opportunities to write and present their reports in a number of different ways. Some inclusive activities may include oral presentations, idea maps, thinking tools such as the Five E’s of Learning, essays, posters or presentations using software such as Prezi, Popplet, Animoto, Knovio or Timeglider, just to name a few.

The key point is to personalise learning to cater for the needs of all children. Initiating discussions on this topic both at school and at home to build their Habits of Mind to communicate with clarity and precision and striving for accuracy will cultivate positive growth mindsets in students to flourish.

BOOK FAIR

Date:  25 May until Friday 29 May  
Time:  **Before School** Monday to Friday and **After School** Monday to Thursday  
Place: Casey Grammar School Library

Family involvement in reading activities can have a positive impact on your child’s educational achievement. National Family Reading month in May coincides with our Casey Grammar School, **Kings, Queens and Castles Book Fair**. You’re invited to join with your child to browse or shop at our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library. You’ll find an invitation in your child’s schoolbag. Look for old favourites and some exciting new titles.

If any parents are interested in helping at the Book Fair before or after school, please speak to Rebecca or Mandy in the Library. Hope you can join us and enter the kingdom of books.

SECONDARY ATHLETICS - PE DEPARTMENT

On Monday 18 May our annual House Athletics Carnival was held at Casey Fields. It was a huge success with many students from all year levels competing furiously but fairly. Students were keen to win events for their house and smash records from previous years. Scores were very tight going into the last few events but Reid came through winners with 1423 points and Trist just behind with 1395 points followed by Booth on 1235 points and Leaver on 1071 points. Special mentions for outstanding performances go to the following students for participating in numerous events and breaking school records:


All of our winning students on the day will represent Casey Grammar at the Division Athletics on 11 September. Congratulations!
Dear Friends.

I am preparing for Pentecost Sunday on May 24, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit to the infant church. Jesus said that when he left his disciples he would send them a “helper” – “The Spirit who reveals the truth about God, and comes from the Father” (John 15: 26.) The School motto is “One in the Spirit”, which refers to the Holy Spirit. Christians believe in one God, who has made himself known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – always God, always one, but revealed in different ways at different times. This appears confusing to begin with, but in reality it is more simple.

Consider any parent of any student at our school – she is firstly mother to her child. She is her parents’ daughter. She is sister to her siblings. Same person – different manifestations.

The Holy Spirit is significant in Christianity being understood as the means through which Jesus is present, to enthuse, encourage or empower us. Different degrees of emphasis are given to the Holy Spirit across Christian traditions, but the understanding is essentially the same. We celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit to animate, excite and enable us to achieve all our human potential, and then something even beyond that, as we trust God to be with us. We also believe we share a kind of unity as we share this special Spirit in ways which are unique to every one of us.

A reminder that faith is more than an abstract idea, but a vital life-inspiring presence every moment in time. “One in the Spirit”? Yes.

SAFETY SENSE

No one knows what it is like to be in control of a car until they have had hands on experience of driving it. This is exactly what David Dressing of Safety Sense – Young Driver Safety Concepts provided for the Year 10 students at Casey Grammar.

Under David’s instruction and guidance, the students took the controls of a state of the art simulator. As they drove along freeways they were confronted with a variety of ‘hazards’, and adverse weather conditions. This clearly demonstrated the importance of driving within speed limits and being acutely aware of potential dangers in order to cultivate and maintain safe habits.

During the course of the two-day program, some of our Year 12 students were invited to observe the Year 10s ‘at work’. They were instantly envious and wished that they had been offered this experience before acquiring their ‘L’ plates.

The Year 10 students were extremely grateful for this wonderful opportunity. They quickly learned that driving safely isn’t as easy as it looks! Nevertheless, this program provided the Year 10 students with a snapshot of what it takes to drive safely.

Anita Rinkel - Year 10 Coordinator.

PFC NEWS

The PFC will be sending out chocolates for our Annual Chocolate Drive before the end of term. Anyone who does not want to receive chocolates should inform the school in writing as soon as possible.

The next PFC meeting will be on Tuesday 23 June 2015 at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend, please call Bharti on 0419 184 245.

The Second Hand Uniform shop will be open next Friday 29 May 2015 from 8:30am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm. You will find the room near the Science building.

Pam Foley