As the VCE exams are now underway, students in Years 7 to 10 are preparing for assessments and in some cases exams, and students are considering subject choices, it is a good time to think about how education is really about developing skills, knowledge and understanding for life. A student’s education is not only about what they will do for work and career, but is also about developing qualities such as resilience, which will enable them to recover from difficulties and cope with unexpected changes or challenges.

Elective subjects in Years 9 and 10 aim to provide opportunities for students to pursue interests and also to explore new subjects. Being able to combine two or more fields of knowledge and create something new is a skill which will be in demand in the future. Being able to learn rapidly and being able to adapt is important, as the world is changing so quickly that it will be the individuals who can adapt who are really going to thrive.

Our students are fortunate to have families who understand the importance of a good education for their child, and support the school in working with us to develop well-rounded, respectful and resilient young people.

Margaret Buttigieg

LION DANCING INCURSION

As part of our Celebrations unit, the Year 3s participated in a wonderful incursion that taught them about the Chinese culture, closely looking at Chinese New Year. Students experienced being musicians by beating drums, mastering the gong and the cymbals. They were able to become the laughing Buddha who teases and leads the lion. Students dressed up and became the lion, acting out the tail and holding the prestigious position of the lion’s head.

Incorporating Kung Fu moves, Chinese language skills and teamwork, the program gave students a deeper understanding of why the lion dance plays a vital role in the Chinese New Year celebrations.

It was truly a unique and unforgettable experience for all students!

Deborah Ireland
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

GOLD COMES TO CASEY GRAMMAR

On 27 October Heath Davidson came to our assembly for a special visit. It was a great experience to meet a gold medallist. He is a Paralympian who competed in tennis winning the doubles finals with his partner Dylan.

It was a very good opportunity for the primary students to listen while Heath told us about his life, and how hard he worked to get to the stage that he is at.

We all really enjoyed having Heath over for a visit and seeing his gold medal from the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games!

Bianca O
Primary Sports Captain

VEGGIE GARDEN

On Monday 14 November Channel 10 will be coming to Casey Grammar to do live crosses for their main News Bulletin from 5:00 to 6:00pm. They will arrive at the school at about 4:00pm to set up. It would be good if students from the school who are interested in gardening could come along and be part of the event.

Mike Larkin will be hosting the evening and he will be doing three live crosses in the News Bulletin. In the background and talking to Mike will be some of our keen gardeners, parents and teachers.

If you would like to part of the event please keep this time free and Mr Dunkley will give an update about the evening closer to 14 November.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Playground supervision is provided from 8.35 am to 3.25 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.

MUSIC NEWS

On Sunday 16 October, the Senior Concert Band performed at the Mornington Main Street Festival. The Band’s performance was outstanding and the students had a wonderful experience playing in front of a packed audience. Thank you to all the parents and staff who came along and supported them.

Our Annual End of Year Concert is being held on Wednesday 9 November at 7pm in the PAC. This will be an exciting and entertaining evening, showcasing over 120 of our talented and dedicated music students. The evening will include performances from each of our school ensembles and the Year 3/4 Choir. I would like to encourage the school community to attend this wonderful event and show your support for our exceptionally talented students.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Primary Leadership Team at Casey Grammar is helping the Salvation Army to create hampers for people in need this Christmas. To do this however, we need help from you! All you need to do is bring along a donation, in the form of food or a gift.

Food items need to be within use by dates and non-perishable foods such as:
- Christmas cakes and puddings, mince pies
- Canned foods - fruit, baked beans, soup, vegetables
- Instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Sauce, chutney and relish, jams, spreads
- Dry foods like rice, spaghetti etc.

You may also wish to bring in non-food items such as:
- Bonbons, serviettes, decorations
- Toys and other gifts
- Toiletries

Each class in the Primary School will have a basket for donations; Secondary students can leave donations under the tree in the library. Our Christmas donations will be collected on Wednesday 7 December. These donations will go towards making someone else’s Christmas even more special.

Thank you for joining in on the ‘Christmas Spirit’!

Primary Student Leadership Team
Hello! I’m Brad. I am in the Student Leadership Team at Casey Grammar and currently in Year 11. At the moment I’m really into my mountain bike racing where I represent Casey Grammar in a Victorian schools event with other riders from the school. Along with studies, this keeps me really busy. Some of my favourite subjects are Economics, Drama and Outdoor Ed. Recently my Outdoor Ed class ventured to Mt Buller for a skiing trip. This was a very exciting trip for our last Outdoor Ed camp for the year. Outdoor Ed now keeps me busy studying for the end of year exam! Now that the subject is coming to an end it’s great to remember the fantastic moments we have had together as a class over the last two years. I hope to make a career out of something in economics or finance, striving to complete a Bachelor Degree of Commerce at university.

Being a part of the SLT has been really good for me for the past few years. I’ve loved being part of designing the award badges that are now implemented in the school. It’s also very exciting getting the SLT up and running again and to help run the Dodgeball Competition and the Stress and Lifestyle Management sessions for VCE students. In the future I hope to increase the school's interactions in the wider community, possibly helping students with their Duke of Ed Award in Year 9. I also want to see the Stress and Lifestyle Management sessions repeated next year. Will has done a great job in researching and executing the program, so I hope to continue it into the future. I would like to thank Ms Harris and Will for their hard work in implementing this.

I’d like to wish all the VCE students the best coming up to their final exams. It will be a stressful time but the effort will be worth it in the end.

**YEAR 8 POETRY**

**The Stolen Generation**

Judging people by the colour of their skin,  
And telling them they belong in a rubbish bin,  
Is never all right, but we watch them put up a fight,  
As WE discriminate,  
Forcing THEIR families to separate,  
Screaming,  
Crying,  
They watch their children being torn away by the white,  
Because that’s what the whites thought was right.

The mission was to breed out the black,  
To make them speak English so they’ll never get their old language back,  
They were made to live like the whites too,  
Forgetting their way of life and singing the whites’ tunes,  
Then when they return to their families,  
It’s just not the same,  
Their lives have been tampered with by the whites,  
But, still they’re the ones to blame?

Billi P 8R

**Racism**

You hate,  
You discriminate,  
You make little debates about whether we should be mates or make each other feel ashamed and have our own little race.

Black, white or tan these labels need to come to a ban,  
Asian, African, Australian or even if you’re from Afghanistan,  
WE ARE HUMAN

I hate seeing all over the news white police officer has shot another black man.

This needs to stop, just because we are a different colour to everyone around us does not mean we treat them with a lack of respect,  
Nothing is worse than seeing someone’s life has been wrecked.

So when people ask “what are you?” I stand up and say, “human.”

Corey P 8R
ONLINE SEXPLOITATION

Being young hasn’t changed, but technology certainly has. It has changed the way young people communicate with each other. It has given them new opportunities for social interactions and most importantly, more ways to learn about the world and express themselves.

With Australians being more connected than ever before, it has become critical for parents to talk to their children about the importance of respectful relationships, both on and offline. Of particular concern is the sending of images of a sexual nature. In particular, girls are “groomed” to provide explicit images as evidence of a “special” relationship. I want young people to be aware that once they send or post something online, they have lost total control over where that image ends up. While they may think they are just sending a photo to a friend, the image may one day end up in someone else’s hands. Relationships may not last.

A sexually explicit image of someone under the age of 18 may constitute child pornography. Young people need to be aware that they may be committing a crime when taking, receiving or forwarding sexual images of themselves or friends who are minors. This applies even if all participants are willing.

Protective behaviours for young people include:

1. Search for yourself online to find out what your ‘digital shadow’ looks like.
2. If an image of yourself appears on a website or app, and you have not consented to the use of this image, you should contact the administrator to seek its removal.
3. Contact the person who has shared the photo or video and ask them to remove it and delete all copies.
4. Keep evidence by taking screenshots and noting the web addresses of the content. You can also use another device to take photos of the content.
5. Make sure webcams are covered when not in use.
6. If you need support, talk to someone you trust, or seek help. Kids Helpline is a great resource.

Offensive and illegal content can also be reported to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner, who can investigate and take action on content that is likely to be prohibited.

Alan Clarke
School Psychologist

PFC NEWS

The PFC is planning to have the Primary School’s published books ready for sale before the end of term. We will advise you of the dates soon.

We would like to wish good luck to all the VCE students completing their Unit 3 and 4 exams.

If you have any queries about second hand uniforms, please ring Pam on 0488 990 190.

Pam Foley