FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week was an extremely busy time with students participating in a range of events which embraced learning both in and beyond the classroom. We all learn from many different experiences and the diverse opportunities which students have should encourage them to be curious about their world and want to learn.

Our Year 6 Environmental Leaders last week participated in a peer coaching session which we hosted in the Science Centre. This was part of the ‘I sea I care’ Environmental Ambassadors Program which is part of the leadership component of the Dolphin Research Institute which is based at Hastings. As well as our students, four students from six other local primary schools attended. The students participated in a workshop based around the theme of marine treasures. They learnt how to teach their fellow students about our coastal environment and how to protect it. Thanks to Miss Bridgette Reale who is coordinating this group and providing our students with both leadership opportunities and the opportunity to enrich our own school community.

We are also excited at the growing vertical garden project where the primary students are spending time with Mr Dunkley learning about the growth, care and sustainability of our food. I am sure they are looking forward to tasting the fruits of their work!

Margaret Buttigieg

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year’s 3-6 Athletics carnival took place on Thursday 3 March. All students were sporting their house colours and had a great day participating in 8 different track and field events. The weather was fantastic and students certainly worked up an appetite for the sausage sizzle, which was run by the PFC. Well done to all students for joining in with such enthusiasm and a special mention to all who have qualified to represent the school at District level, which is being held on 23 March at Casey Fields.

Ali Bishop
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Uniform Shop hours are:
Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30am

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE
Our Year 6 Leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day Conference on 2 March. This event took place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The students, escorted by Mrs Torcasio and Mrs Saunders, departed from Casey Grammar at 7:30am and headed to the Melbourne Convention Centre.

Surrounded by 4000 student leaders from around the state, we were privileged to listen to four inspiring speakers. Nathan Dubsy Want who is an outstanding communicator and mentor to young people, Dylan Parker who came third in the World Paper Plane Championship, Harry Baker, the World Poetry Slam Champion and Kate Austin who is the Founder & CEO of Pinchapoo, a national NFP organisation to help those in need.

The theme of the day was about mastering the little things: ‘The little things I do will make the big things happen’. They spoke about the importance of becoming a person of focus. They encouraged students to try new things even if they seem really small, to be proud of themselves and to know they can do anything. An excellent day was had by all our leaders.

Sandra Torcasio

YEAR 4 EXCURSION - Kate Grech
I went to IMAX, I watched “The Flight of the Butterfly” in 3D. It looked like the butterfly was flying towards me. By Lucas 4G

4G and 4D went to the museum on Thursday to learn about animals and life cycles. We went in the exhibit called Bugs Alive. There were lots of bugs there. I was in Josh’s group with Josh, Charlotte, Chanitha, Finn, Jack, Nicholas and Ava. By Isabella 4G

I put my 3D glasses on and I’m scared. I didn’t know if the butterflies were coming out at me. In the museum we saw creepy spiders in a cave. By Delaney 4G

The two facts I learnt on the excursion were why people tag the Monarch Butterfly and that the Monarch Butterfly flies to Mexico city. By Chanitha 4G

YEAR 3 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Carol Vandeloo
Zac 3B shares the dinosaurs he made for our collage of creation. Years 3 and 4 classes contributed one or two pictures of their favourite things made by God.
AROUND THE SCHOOL

VCE OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The VCE Outdoor Ed class of 2016 were amazed after their experiences on a three day camp at Wilsons Promontory. Not only were their personal boundaries tested on a day hike through to Sealers Cove, but also their team building through various activities including raft building and orienteering.

The students are currently studying historical perspectives of Wilsons Prom. This included an information session with a park ranger learning specifically about the history and use of this land. This was very informative and will be sure to assist them in their studies for the year.

Many students were pushed from their comfort zones through this practical experience and gained responsibility through preparing their own meals each day. Students participated in a CGS Masterchef competition to see which pair could produce the most impressive two course meal. Many beautiful meals were created which just shows how dedicated and enthusiastic these students are in their Outdoor Ed studies.

Emily Dowling

ESMART EVENING - James Duffy

Casey Grammar School will be hosting an eSmart Evening and Introductory session for parents on Tuesday 15 March, focusing on a number of key cybersafety issues.

The eSmart Schools program is a cultural change initiative developed by the Foundation in consultation with academic and industry experts. eSmart aims to create positive, respectful and inclusive cultures that reduce bullying, cyber bullying and increase cybersafety. All families with students in Year 5 or above are welcome to attend an introductory Information Evening in the VCE lecture theatre on Tuesday 15 March at 7pm. To book your place(s), please email: esmart@caseygrammar.vic.edu.au with the number of people who will be attending.

The introductory session will focus on some of the following topics:

- Research – survey data on student use patterns including Aussie Teens online
- Key concepts of cyberculture
- Social networking
- Personal information and privacy
- Second life/virtual reality
- Sexting
- Digital reputation/digital footprint
- Inappropriate content
- What do parents know?

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Tymofiy P of 7S is a member of the Australian School of Shotokan Karate. He trains at the Keysborough branch under the guidance of Srdjan Mocevic. On Sunday 28 February he competed in the 12 – 13 years AKF State Karate Championships. He was rewarded for all his hard work with a Silver medal (2nd Place)

Because of his success at the State Championships, Timothy has been invited to train with the Victorian Karate Team in the hope of qualifying to represent Victoria at the National Karate Championships held in August this year.

Well done Tymofiy on your success this year. Angela O’Driscoll
FROM THE CHAPLAIN - Robert McUtchen

Dear Friends

Responding to people who are different from ourselves can be a challenge. I visited Sri Lanka in January and spent nearly two weeks touring with our own driver/guide. One day we stopped for lunch at a roadside café near Kandy, in the hill country. No sooner had we sat down than a man with a disturbing fixed expression stood as near as possible and stared at us. Our driver, Dinesh, who was a devout Buddhist, quietly said – “Don’t worry – he is the local ‘crazy man’, and he is hungry”. When ordering our lunch Dinesh told the waitress to prepare a meal for the man – she refused. It was along the lines of “We don’t feed him – it only makes him hang around for more”. After Dinesh placed money on the table, she relented and organised a meal for the man.

Dinesh explained that he lived by the teachings of the Buddha, and that he believed in “karma”, where a good deed done would bring merit or a good deed in return. Dinesh had a very big heart – we saw many stray dogs get fed from food he saved during our time with him. Whatever the motivation the man received a good meal that day. It reminded me of what Jesus said: 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

Opportunities for acts of kindness arise at unexpected times. Think how you might respond.

Grace and peace.

I SEA, I CARE

Year 6 Environmental leaders learned about how hard it is for sea creatures to get food with so much human rubbish in the oceans.

PFC NEWS

The PFC will be meeting on the second Wednesday of each term at 6:30pm at school if anyone would like to attend. At the last meeting, the PFC activities for the year were planned. These activities include operating the PAC Kiosk, running the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Mother's Day morning tea (entry of a gold coin donation would be appreciated), Twilight Sports and publishing a book of stories written by the students. Further information will be provided closer to these events.

Any person who would like to volunteer to help with any of these activities, please contact Bharti on 0419 184 245. The second hand uniforms Sustainable Schools website and storage set up is still a work in progress, however we are working to get this sorted as soon as possible.

A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with the sausage sizzle at the Primary School Sports Day. It was a huge success.

Pam Foley