Welcome to the 2016 school year at Casey Grammar, especially to the students and their families who are new to the school. I trust the first week has gone smoothly and that you are settling in to the CGS community. A new year is a new opportunity to focus on what students are good at and what they can get better at, taking every opportunity to learn new things and to develop their skills including their people skills by learning and practising being a good team member.

We have a number of new teachers joining us in the secondary school this year. We farewelled a number of staff at the end of the school year, and Mr Beaumont resigned to take another job after students had finished in December.

A welcome is extended to new members of the teaching staff: Ms Mary Dourios (Head of Pastoral Care), Mr James Avram (eLearning Coordinator), Mrs Deborah Taylor (Science, Maths; VCE Coordinator), Mrs Leanne Hemburrow (English, Humanities; English Coordinator), Ms Paula Harris (English, Drama), Miss Brittany Scott (Art, VCD), Miss Kate Barbar (Commerce, Humanities), Mr Aaron Bushell (Maths, PE), Miss Tegan West (English, Humanities), Ms Carolyn McAllister (Music). Ms Rachelle Gray will be joining us as a Learning Assistant and Miss Emily Dowling as an AFL Trainee. We also welcome back Mrs Fern Schreuder from Maternity Leave.

I remind you again of the people and processes we have in place to assist parents if they have a concern about their child’s learning or pastoral matters. For primary students, the classroom teacher is of course your main contact. If the concern is more serious, the teacher may involve the Coordinator. The primary Coordinators are:

- Mrs Leanne Evans Prep-Year 2
- Mr Shane Bell Years 3-4
- Mrs Sandra Torcasio Year 5-6

For any concerns you may wish to discuss further, Mrs Melissa Roberton is the Head of the Primary School and you are very welcome to make an appointment to see her.

In the Secondary School your student’s Pastoral Care mentor is the person to contact in the first instance. They may then involve subject teachers or Year Level Coordinators depending on the issue. The Year Level Coordinators for 2015 are Mrs Kate Morgan (Year 7), Mr Peter Young (Year 8), Mrs Rachael Gilbert (Year 9), Mrs Anita Rinkel (Year 10), Mrs Emma Conolly (Year11) and Mrs Deborah Taylor (Year12). Ms Mary Dourios is the Head of Pastoral Care and will become involved if there are more serious social or behavioural issues.

Finally, a word about the car park. The shelters are almost complete and the side fencing will be completed shortly. Students should be dropped off, and picked up, in the car park. The car park in front of the Administration building is a staff car park only. Students should not be dropped off in New Holland Drive at any time. The safety of your children is a priority and we would appreciate your safe driving. Parents of primary children are encouraged to pick them up in the car park, rather than waiting outside their classroom, as this is distracting both for the children and also for teachers.

I wish our students a successful year, one that is filled with new learning experiences, new friends, and goals which are worked towards over the course of the year.

Margaret Buttigieg
Thursday 11 February 2016

It is with pleasure that I invite you to attend this year’s Casey Grammar Primary Information Evening on Thursday 11 February.

The Prep session will be held in the Learning Centre and commence at 6:30pm. All other Year 1 – 6 sessions will be held in your child’s classroom and will commence at 7:00pm.

The evening will conclude by 8:00pm. The purpose of these sessions is to learn about the year ahead. In order to work in partnership with our parent body, we believe communication is vital. Important information will be communicated to parents on this night and we hope that you are able to attend.

Topics to be discussed will include daily class routines, curriculum, classroom management and student code of conduct, homework, classroom helpers and upcoming events including excursions and Year 5 & 6 Camp.

Teachers will be happy to address general questions at the conclusion of the evening but please be mindful that this is not a time to speak personally to teachers about your child. You are most welcome to make an appointment with a teacher to discuss important information about your child at a later date and Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled early in second term.

Please respect the fact that our teachers will have been teaching all day and should not be detained any later than 8:00pm. Please note that students are unable to attend the evening due to the fact there will be no supervision.

We hope to see you on the night.

Melissa Roberton
Head of Primary

“We were learning about Maths and counting. We had to roll the dice and make tens and ones”
Leah

“We were counting the sticks and we had 5 ones and 6 tens”
Dexter

“We were making numbers. We had 6 ones and 6 tens. It was fun”
Madeline

SECONDARY HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual Casey Grammar Swimming Sports was held on Friday 5 February. This year’s Secondary Swimming Carnival was held at once again at Noble Park Aquatic Centre. Students were all keen to get involved and participation was high. The sun was shining making it the perfect pool weather. Of course, along with all the joy of the carnival there was some friendly rivalry between the students trying eagerly to earn points for their House teams.

A special mention to Lachlan T, Kyle P, Seth G and Leila W on their outstanding performances and participation in overall competitions held throughout the day, each achieving new school records in their age division.

A big congratulation goes to Trist as they were the overall champions of the day.

Emily Dowling
SECONDARY HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
FREE LOCAL YOUTH PARK LAUNCH

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Grab your friends and head on down to Clyde North’s newest park – it’s been designed by young people for young people!

This FREE event will officially launch the park and we’ve packed it with awesome activities including: Casey 360, The Shed Skatepark, music, Taco Truck, Bike N Blend smoothies, games and giveaways.

We also want your help to name your park!

DATE       Friday 19 February 2016
TIME        5:30 – 7:00pm
LOCATION    81 Vantage Avenue, Clyde North