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FROM THE PRINCIPAL
School life provides opportunities for students to experience a great variety of occasions. The Year 12 students and a number of staff attended the Year 12 Formal at the Peninsula Country Golf Club on Saturday. It was a wonderful evening which the students enjoyed. Thanks to the VCE Coordinator Mrs Deborah Taylor and the Year 12 students who assisted her in organising this event. I’m sure the students and parents will be looking forward to seeing the many photos which were taken.

NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will be held on Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May. These tests are conducted each year across Australia. The results of the tests provide a ‘snapshot’ for parents and teachers about a child’s performance on the day in Literacy and Numeracy. This information is useful, but is only one of many other assessments which we use to inform our teaching and work to improve outcomes for students. Later in the year parents will receive their child’s individual report for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. If parents would like further information about NAPLAN we are happy to discuss NAPLAN further with you, or you can visit the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au.

I would like to thank the hard-working members of the PFC for organising the Mothers’ Day Stall last Wednesday and also the Mothers’ Day morning tea on Friday morning which was enjoyed by the mothers and grandmothers who attended. The PFC is a small group, but provides a lot of support for the school, and we appreciate the events which are organised and the money that is raised with the support of our school families.

Margaret Buttigieg

THE LEARNING CURVE
This week’s focus – Belonging and Social Connectedness

The single biggest influence on people being happy in themselves is to have a strong feeling of social connectedness; they belong. While these connections should start with family and then extend to school and the community, in the 21st century this is not always the case. Building students’ Relationships and Optimism element of wellbeing through frequent little positive actions is the key to them looking to the future with hope.

These actions include welcoming gestures, smiles, hellos, pats on the back, friendly texts, saying thank you and sorry, asking how they are feeling, giving compliments, doing five minute mindfulness activities several times daily, doing selfless acts of kindness, sharing their strengths to help someone overcome a challenge, choosing two positive personal descriptors to live by each week, spotting different ways of thinking in themselves and others, monitoring their and others’ emotions, using assertive language when they need to, recognising when they need to seek help and many other simple little positives.

It’s all about broadening both their and our attention with now and ourselves. This is essentially about instilling in the school community’s members a belief that they and others matter and we should all be striving, thriving and flourishing.

Mary Dourios
Head of Pastoral Care
Uniform Shop hours are:
Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30am

6R DISASTERS

This week 6R have been learning about historical natural disasters that have occurred around the world. Here is a newspaper article that was written by Lucy D.

The Chaos of the China Floods

The poor people of China were drowning in despair, looking and looking for their children. Watching everything they owned float away. Glass breaking, water filling up the house. How would you like being in China in 1931 when all the floods happened?

As another part of our series on historic floods, here we look at the devastating floods that hit central China in 1931, one of which hit the Yangtze River with huge loss of life. That particular flood is thought to be one of the deadliest floods of modern times.

There were a record number of deaths, which range from an incredible 140,000 to four million people. The areas which were most affected by the natural disaster were the Yangtze River, the Huai River and the Yellow River.

The Yangtze River burst its banks, wiping out a lot of the surrounding areas. When the waters receded, the damage was colossal and is estimated to have affected over 28 million people.

Between July and November in 1931, China experienced some unusual weather patterns. In the years running up to the disaster, China had been suffering from awful drought conditions but by the winter of 1930, changes began to occur. There was particularly heavy snow fall over parts of the country. As the spring of 1931 arrived and the snows started to thaw, China was also bombarded with very heavy rainfall. This sudden and unexpected change meant that the rivers were higher than normal. To make things worse, there were an unusually high number of cyclones during these months, nine in total, when China usually only records two per year.

Hopefully this natural disaster will never happen again.

MUSIC NOTICE

On behalf of the CGS Music Faculty I would like to say a special thank you to Kyan Whitehead’s family for the kind donation of two Ukuleles. They will certainly come in very handy during our Winter Concert performance on 14 June.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mitchell Mc 6R placed 3rd in Boys 11yo Kumite (martial arts) at the AKF Australasian Schools and Universities Championships held in NSW on Friday 15 April.

Congratulations Mitchell!

BOOK FAIR

Date: Monday 16 May until Friday 20 May
Time: Before School Monday to Friday
and After School Monday to Thursday
Place: Casey Grammar School Library

Reading seems to have changed a lot for our students of the 21st century but often what is old is new again. Reading a good book with your child is still a great way to introduce your child to family favourites and to help them develop their language skills. This month is National Family Reading month and Casey Grammar School Monster Book Fair. Please come along to browse or shop at our annual Scholastic book fair in the Library. You’ll find an invitation in your child’s schoolbag next week. Look for familiar series as well as some exciting new titles.

If any parents or guardians are interested in helping before or after school at the Book Fair, please speak to Rebecca or Mandy in the Library.

Mandy Horton, Librarian

WEAR SPORTING COLOURS TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 6 May, we would like all primary students dressed up in their favourite sporting colours. Students will be required to bring a gold coin donation and all money raised will be donated to the walk for Western Port (a dolphin research charity). All students are encouraged to arrive at school in their sporting gear and show off their sporting colours.
Dodge Duck Dip Dive Dodge

The Student Leaders are hoping that all the school will join in the fun of a Dodge Ball Game so they are organizing a Game on Friday May 27, at lunch time, in the Gym.

There will be 2 teams, made up of Years 7, 9 & 11 and Years 8, 10 & 12. Hopefully, we will also have some brave PE staff out on the court playing, as well as, keeping all players honest!

There is no need to register, just come along on the day ready to have some fun. Anyone can be part of the audience/cheer squad but be quick because if it gets too crowded in the gym, you might not get in.

Remember, if you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball so come along and join the fun.

COAL CREEK EXCURSION

Year 1 were very excited to go to Coal Creek on Friday 22 April and enjoyed looking out the windows of the bus to see the beautiful scenery along the way. There was so much to see when we got there. We had to pretend we were school children from the early 1900s. We also got to make damper and visit the General Store to see how shopping was done long ago. Thank you to our parent helpers for assisting us all day.

Salacia: We found a well. I played chess. I liked the way to Coal Creek. I saw a big city. I bought a crunchy lolly stick thing.

Thihan: I liked the General Store. I liked the train because we were in carriages.

Shehana: I went with Harlow and her mum and I saw a jail place where people who were bad went to jail.

Advita: I liked when we went into the big school and I dressed up as a girl from the olden days.
Anzac Day was commemorated with special ceremonies for Primary and Secondary School on 22 April. This year we were honoured to have a World War 2 veteran of the tank battles in North Africa, Captain Brian Burton, 2nd Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (Retired), British Army.

Captain Burton told the students that wars do not solve any problems, but create more problems, and he referred to present day conflicts in the Middle East as examples. He joined the army when he was 17, shortly after the Battle of Dunkirk in 1940. He related memories of battles with the German Army led by Rommel which seemed to go backwards and forwards without a clear outcome. Captain Burton met some of the Australians who defended the port of Tobruk when under siege by the Germans. He spoke of the incredibly difficult conditions men and machines endured in the desert coping with dust, water shortages, extremes of heat and cold. He told of being seriously wounded, and lying in the desert for nearly a day before he was rescued and evacuated to undergo nearly a year of treatment. Captain Burton went on to serve in Italy, France and Germany until the end of the war in 1945.

Captain Burton helped the school to gain a better understanding of a part of war that is not well known. As Captain Burton was the same age as many Year 11 and 12 students when he joined the Army, it gave our students rather more to reflect upon as they contrasted their situation to his.

School Captain Will B thanked Captain Burton for his address and presented a gift in appreciation of his visit.

On Anzac Day Casey Grammar was represented at the Cranbourne RSL service at the Cenotaph by Captain and Vice Captain Will B and Tanvi S, and primary Captains Olivia B and Cooper S. They were supported by Charli S who also attended and helped them lay the wreath.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY - PE DEPARTMENT

On Friday 29 April selected students from Years 3 to 6 competed in the Cranbourne South District Cross Country. As the day began and we arrived at the race course, we found that the weather was not in our favour. However, the support and encouragement of each other continued right throughout the day.

Overall Casey Grammar was very successful as we had 12 students place in the top 10 in their age categories, and a further 17 in the top 20, with 60 competitors in each race.

Special mentions to; Soha A, Bob A and Amelia L for placing first in their age divisions.

PFC NEWS

The PFC hopes you all had a well deserved break on Mothers’ Day and that you were given some lovely gifts.

Thank you to Leanne and the PFC members, staff and Year 9 students who helped with the Mothers’ Day stall.

We also hope you enjoyed the Mothers’ Day morning tea on Friday. Thank you for your gold coin donations and a big thank you to all the people who helped to make it possible.