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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Student Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to parents who came to these interviews on the 17th March.

They were very well attended and the feedback has been very positive. If parents have any suggestions for ways that we can improve our processes around the structure or timing of the interviews can you please make contact with me or Mandy Bastin.

School Self Evaluation And Review

This year our College is working through an education department review process.

The first part of the process is for the school to examine our data, practices and processes while asking ourselves how we have performed around the areas of Student Learning, Student Wellbeing and Engagement and Student Pathways and Transitions. This part of the process is called the Self Evaluation which is then followed by the School Review. In the School Review the department assign an independent reviewer who will work with the school to look at the Self Evaluation, talk to staff, students and parents and then make a series of recommendations outlining how the school could improve.

The whole process is quite an intense one but it comes at a very good time for our College. From this work we will then set up a four year Strategic Plan that will reinforce the purpose and direction for the College.

With this in mind I would like to invite parents to come to an evening where they will be able to provide their input into this exciting process.

School Self Evaluation Evening

PARENT INPUT TUESDAY 4th MAY: 6.30pm in the Staff room

Please register your intention to attend with Joy Wood in reception. 97031266

This term has gone by very quickly. Can I wish all students and their families a very restful and safe break from school and I look forward to a busy Term 2.

Anne Martin
Principal
Change of Bus Timetable

Grenda’s have responded well to a request to review the current bus timetable which resulted in some students arriving late to school.

One of the key bus routes has been able to be modified to assist our students. The bus from Narre Warren Nth Rd, just south of Prospect Hill Rd, will now leave at 7.55am, travel along Prospect Hill Rd, into Columbia Rd, Josephine Ave, Victoria Rd, Prospect Hill Rd again, Saffron Dve, Nettle Drive, Frawley Rd and arrive at Hallam Senior College at approximately 8.16 - thus allowing our students to arrive at class in time for an 8.30am start.

Regular travellers on this bus should have received a brochure from Grenda’s notifying them of this change when they boarded the bus during the last week of Term 1.

This is a wonderful outcome and the college is very appreciative of the effort Grenda’s have gone to in an attempt to accommodate our changed bell times.

A map of the new route is available from reception or in pdf format at: www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au.

Community Evening

Many thanks to the families and staff who attended our community evening a couple of weeks ago.

It was a very friendly and informative evening. The school hopes to run a forum/talk on a key adolescent health issue next term. Would you like to know more about supporting your student through stressful times or a similar wellbeing issue? Contact Mrs Bowling at school if there is an issue you would particularly like some expert advice on.

Casey Youth Forum

Congratulations to Adam Boswell who spoke so well as MC of the recent Casey Youth Forum. It is great to see our students taking on community leadership roles such as this.

ESL Tutoring Opportunity

The MRC (Migrant Resource Centre) will be running subject tutoring for all ESL students on Mondays starting in Term 2. Please see your ESL teacher to enrol. Parents, please encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity.

Term 1 Sports Review

The term so far has seen some outstanding results from the Hallam Senior College sports teams.

Jamie Fardell and the Boys cricket have won their last four matches to become the Southern Zone Metropolitan Champions. Brett Alexander and the girls cricket have gone one better to compete in five matches and take the title of Southern Zone Champions. Both teams will now compete in Term 4 for the State titles.

Jamie has also taken the Rugby League Sevens Regional title with the Grand Final to be played next term.

Last Friday the Senior Boys and Girls Touch Rugby teams competed in the State titles at Elwood Park. The girls played above expectations to be runners up to Mildura’s Chaffey College. The boys went one step further to win the State title by defeating the incredibly strong Haileybury team (champions for three out of the last 4 years) in a sensational game that went into overtime three times!

Many thanks to the Melbourne Storm for allowing the boys to play on the day before crucial games in Sydney. The boys baseball team has advanced to Zone semi finals after being the only team entered. The boys have many stars in the line up so Benny Laird and the team are looking the goods for the Zone finals.

Finally, the girls volleyball team has become the Casey district champions for the first time in some years. The girls had to beat the very professional Berwick team and did so convincingly.

I would like to thank all the coaches and support staff for their hard work this term - Brett Alexander, Jamie Fardell, Travis McIntosh, Jade Oliver Rutherford and Karen Woodruff.

As we are a successful sports school with a big reputation, the students and parents (and the school) expects coaches to fully prepare teams. Staff are putting in many hours before, at lunch and after school to ensure our success.

Many of our enrolments this year are as a direct result of the efforts of our coaching staff and the hard work of all teaching staff.

A final note of thanks to Vashon Weaver. Vashon has added his considerable talents to the program and much of his free time to help “Torch” prepare the basketball teams.
Wodonga Exchange

On Wednesday 24th March, our College hosted Wodonga Senior Secondary College in our annual exchange program.

The exchange allows students from both the College’s Sports Programs to interact with each other whilst gaining access to further specialist coaching from both departments.

In the morning students ran ‘Superclinics’ for local primary school students. With approx 400 participants our students were kept on their toes and were given valuable experience in running a sports training program.

The afternoon consisted of match play between the two Colleges in Australian Rules Football and Soccer (Match reports below).

Wodonga were comfortable winners in the Australian Rules Football match and now have the Nth vs South Shield to add to our ever expanding trophy cabinet.

Wodonga Exchange - Soccer

Boys: Hallam Vs Wodonga 0-1

In the first 10-15 minutes Hallam were on top of their game giving our strikers, Daniel, Bujar and Jamil plenty of opportunities to go one up. Wodonga were a team that had the height advantage over us however when the ball was on the ground Hallam had good ball control and movement. Half time arrived and it was 0-0.

At about the 55th minute mark due to a slight lapse in concentration Wodonga scored. It was 1-0.

Even though our boys were playing well and went 1 nil down they have to be commended for not dropping their heads because they continued to encourage each other and provided more scoring opportunities.

After their first goal Hallam continued to attack but could not put the ball in the back of the net. Wodonga nearly went 2-nil up but fortunate for us the fierce shot at goal 20 metres out hit the goal post. It was a wonderful strike from Wodonga but we were still in the game.

With 15 minutes to go we had a great opportunity to level the score. One of our players had a strike at goal, it was saved by their goal keeper however not fully controlled and Bujar toe poked the ball for a goal. The Referee disallowed the goal. Our boys however continued to attack and have to be congratulated for their team spirit, fair play likewise the Wodonga team.

The coaching staff at Hallam are very optimistic of the ability our team has and are looking forward to developing this squad.


Girls: Hallam Vs Wodonga 2-2

In this game Hallam went 2 nil down in the first 15 minutes of the game however we continued to play in a positive manner and the girls did not drop their heads.

Both teams had a sprinkling of boys playing on each team however Wodonga may have had an extra boy or two on their team.

In the second half Hallam continued to attack and eventually scored. 2-1 down. Urgency lifted on our team and through persistence equalised with a few minutes to go.

Our best player for the girls was Michelle Pallot.

Hallam Girls team - Richard Parks, Sefora, Esra, Joe, Michelle, Carly,Natalie, Marilyn, Emma, Sharna, Isabella, Makerita, Mollie, Awal, Tyson, Faiz

By Brett Denton and Ryan Mackie.
**Responsible Behaviour In The Community**

We are seeking assistance from our parents to emphasize to students the importance of behaving with courtesy in our local community.

We are receiving complaints from drivers about a number of our students showing no respect for road rules and from local shop keepers who are being harassed by some students who travel through shopping areas on their way to and from school.

These students smoke, swear and drop rubbish outside shops and they bang on windows to the point of causing distress to customers.

Please talk to your young people about the bad reputation that such behaviour gives to themselves, their families and the school.

We would like to think that members of the community hold the school in high regard.

After all, when students go for a job interview the employer will ask “Which school do you attend?”

The other side of the issues is that no respect for road rules often means students are not being safe and probably behaving illegally and of course harassing people in the community can lead to police action against those who behave badly.

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**Crazy Hair Day**

Recently, the Trades Sub School held a fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation.

For a gold coin donation both staff and students participated and some of the results were ‘crazy’ indeed.

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**UNIFORM**

The College Uniform will be available at Kea until 9th April which is the end of the school holidays.

From Term 2 onwards, the College Uniform will be on sale at the College every Thursday from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Cash or Credit Card Payment Only. If you are unable to attend at these times, please feel free to leave an order form at the front office with payment and your order will be filled and passed onto you.

Shoes Are Still A Big Problem!

Please organize for the purchase of plain black leather shoes or proper sports shoes over the holidays if your son/daughter does not have them.

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**Hallam Senior College**

Linking Learning and Life

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