Dear Parents Guardians and Students,

**Sports Academy Scholarships**

Congratulations to the students (pictured above with Mr McIntosh and Mr Weaver) who were recently awarded 2011 Scholarships for the Sports Academy.

**Student Parent Teacher Interviews were held on March 31st.**

Thank you to parents who came along to the interviews. They were very well attended and the feedback has been very positive. We conducted a survey on the night to ask parents a variety of things about reports and assessment. Thank you to those parents who completed the survey. A number of parents indicated that they would like to participate in further conversation about assessment and reporting practice. We will be in contact with you in term 2. If parents have any other 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 David Caughey.

**David Burgess Foundation Scholarships**

I went to a presentation last Friday evening where 3 of our students were recognised for achieving excellent results whilst working through some quite difficult personal issues. Our students who completed year 12 last year are amazing young people.

Congratulations to Shaunnah Murray, Reannah Smith and Koffe Jentzen who now receive financial assistance towards their tertiary studies and guidance from mentors.

**Trade Training Centre & Sports Pavilion**

Parents and members of the school community will have noticed the building going on, in what used to be the student car park. This is the first stage of our Trade Training Centre project. This building will house a new automotive facility and a building and construction facility that will include carpentry, tiling, plastering and further down the track some other certificate areas.

Construction on our new Sports Pavilion is also under way. Please be careful when moving around the exterior of these work sites as large machinery is present and access to the work sites are required throughout the day. The College car parks are not to be used to pick up or drop off students as this only adds to the temporary congestion that is an unfortunate by-product of updating the College’s facilities.

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**Uniform Shop**

Open Tuesday 19th April  
2:00pm - 6:30pm

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**Respect • Relationships • Responsibility**
Hallam Senior College Strategic Plan 2011-2014

Over 2010 staff, students and parents worked through an in depth process that examined many practices occurring in the school in the past and more recently. Whilst it became clear that we had made significant progress in the last few years there was still a great deal of evidence that we needed to ensure that learning and teaching practice addressed the needs of all our students however diverse those needs are.

Our College Strategic Plan 2011-2014 has been designed to focus on meeting that need. We have to decide on key improvement strategies under the following headings - Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transitions.

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<td>Establish targets for levels of completion for VCE Certificates, VET UOCs and VCAL units using 2009 as a baseline. A VCE All studies mean score of at least 28.0. Establish baseline data for the proportions of students who achieve below 20 and above 30 scores in every study design and set targets for improvement. On the Student Survey: use a teaching and learning index (increase 0.2) across Teacher Effectiveness, Teacher Empathy and Stimulating Teaching.</td>
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<td>To improve student retention</td>
<td>Improve Real Retention rates</td>
<td>Improve knowledge and communication around the pathways and transitions across the later year of secondary education at Hallam Senior College. Facilitate relationships and partnerships with schools, tertiary institutions, training providers, business and industry to enhance program and pathways options for students.</td>
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If any parent would like a full copy of the Strategic Plan it is available on the College website, alternatively make contact with the college and we will put one in the post to you.

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

Kitchen Garden News

It’s been a very busy start to the year for the kitchen garden program with Hallam Senior College and Hallam Primary School students. With all the rain we experienced over the summer break the garden was exploding with fruit and vegetables and unfortunately weeds.

Over the term the students have worked hard with Ross Caughey our garden specialist and a range of community volunteers to get some order back into our food jungle with an extra special effort On Clean Up Australia Day.

The exciting result of all this produce is that the menus Kathy Van Eck, our kitchen specialist, has been developing have included a wide range of fresh and delicious home grown goodies.

Another great addition to the program this year is the partnership we have entered into with William Angliss Hospitality student’s who will do work placement in the kitchen in five week blocks throughout the year.

One of the Year 11 Foundation VCAL classes has been busy setting up a workspace in the garden area where they are planting edible herbs in pots they have painted and decorated. The students have embarked on this project to raise money for the school and also to assist the class to visit a V8 supercar garage and view changes in car fuel and design to accommodate climate change. The group also wants to visit a Transport company and a restaurant.

We had a visiting teacher from a local primary and secondary college keen to see the kitchen garden program in action as the school in wanting to develop a similar program in their community. The teacher was very impressed with the positive impact the program has on the students involved.

William Angliss work placements students Damon and Kim

Next term we will be organising another Saturday working bee and a local youth group has offered to come along to help us. Any other offers of help are always welcome. If anybody in our school community would like to be involved in the kitchen or garden or just want a bit more information about the program please give Julie Buzasi a call on 9703 1266.
The professionals at Career Conversations covered a variety of vocations, from Veterinary Nurses, Police Officers and Engineers.

We are on the hunt for second-hand bras in good condition to send to the women in the South Pacific islands.

New or used, big or small, wired or unwired and maternity bras will be greatly appreciated to drive Project Uplift. In these countries, a new bra, if available, can cost 10-30 hours’ pay (a week’s wages) putting it well beyond the reach of most poor women. The bra received from Project Uplift is often the only bra a woman owns.

Donate bras at the VCE/VCAL office between Monday 28th March and Friday 13th May.

More information is available on the schools website: www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au
As Term 1 draws to a close the Student Wellbeing Team would like to congratulate students for demonstrating a good work ethic and commitment to our school values – Respect and Responsibility.

On the downside there have been a number of thefts of student property over the last two weeks including three bikes and several phones / ipods. We urge students to remember that theft is a crime against a person. The theft of personal possessions leads to distress and hardship. If you know anything about the theft of any items please speak to a trusted teacher or principal. Please take care to secure your possessions.

The school is installing new bike racks at the front of the school for students who wish to ride to school.

**School attendance and success**

At the beginning of the term we talked about the importance of attendance and set ourselves the challenge of improving the College student attendance rate. It seems that we are on the way to achieving this improvement.

However, there are still too many students who are taking a casual attitude to their attendance by skipping periods or coming late for no approved reason. Students and families need to remember that students may fail subjects if their unapproved absence rate exceeds ten percent.

We have a new term coming with approximately seven weeks of Semester One remaining – these seven weeks are crucial for maintaining and improving individual attendance rates.

We urge students and families to communicate any issues that may impact upon attendance to sub school staff.

**Saturday classes for attendance make up**

Thanks to the teachers who gave up their morning on Saturday 2/4/11 to supervise students who needed to make up time to compensate for missed classes.

Congratulations to those students who realised that they needed to make the commitment to attend these classes.

Another Saturday class will be offered to students who are on an Attendance Improvement Plan on 21/5/11.

**Sub School assemblies Term 2**

The first assembly for Term 2 will be a whole school assembly where school captains are presented with their badges before they speak to fellow students about important school issues and present Term 1 Attendance Awards.

The theme for Term 2 assemblies is Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. Topics covered will include Building Confidence and Self Esteem, Mental Health & Cyber Bullying.

Next term’s feature event will be “Hallam’s Got Talent”. The first heat will run in Week 3, hosted by the Arts and Humanities Sub School and the final will be held at a whole school assembly towards the end of the term.

**Tutoring in Term 2**

Mr Glare will be available to assist students with their Maths on Monday after school from 3:20 in the study hall.

Ms Luci is available for Wannik Maths tutoring on Tuesday after school from 3:20 in the study hall.

Ms Holgate is available for Science subject support on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 in the study hall.

Ms Reena Singh, a tutor from Hallam Community Centre, is available for ESL & Commerce subject support on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 in the Library.

**Uniform news**

Year 12 jumpers will be available from Tuesday 19/4 and the uniform shop will be open for parents during the holidays on Tuesday 19/4 between 2:00pm & 6:30pm

Many thanks to Charlotte Capper (Sub School Captain) for her work designing the school dress. The uniform suppliers are currently producing a sample product.

**Reminders to students:**

- You risk being sent home if you are out of uniform
- If you can’t be in uniform for a day, you must obtain a pass from your Sub School Office
- If you need assistance to purchase uniform, see Ms Pastor or Ms Nicholson in the Student Wellbeing Office

**Sub School staff changes**

Ms Hudson will replace Mr Gelderbloem as Traditional Trades Sub School Leader for Term 2

Mr Weaver will replace Mr McIntosh as Sports & Health Sciences Sub School Leader for Term 2

Mr Fardell and Ms Buzasi will take on the role of assistant Sub School Leaders, Sports & Health Sciences Sub School, for Term 2

**Year 10 Camp**

The recent Year 10 camp was very successful and we would like to thank Mr Gelderbloem, Ms Quinn, Ms Cox, Ms Poyser, Mr Wyatt, Ms Hudson and Ms Nicholson for giving up their time to make the camp possible.

We wish all students and their families a safe and restful Easter break

Ms Bowling, Ms Cox, Mr Gelderbloem, Mr Jooss & Mr McIntosh for the Student Wellbeing Team

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**Student Safety**

Students participating in programs incorporating workshop practice are reminded that their safety in our workshops is of paramount importance.

To ensure the level of safety is maintained students are compelled to wear the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). For Building and Construction the khaki dungaree and steel cap boots is the basic safety wear required to be worn by each learner during every practical class. Ear, eye and basic respiratory protection is provided. Students risk successfully completing all of the practical requirements for the course when they are excluded from workshop practice due to not having the correct PPE.

We are appealing to parents and students to provide all the required PPE necessary so that together we can maximise the educational opportunities available to our learners.

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**Library Shelving for Sale**

Five rows of Brownbuilt grey, double-sided shelving. Each row has five X. 9m bays, five shelves high with a grey laminated bay-end on each. Total height is 2.1m.

$200 each Please contact the College Library for more information.

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**Student Support**

**School Holiday Break**

Tahlia will have the Student Wellbeing mobile phone with her during the school break if you have any urgent welfare matters to discuss. She can be contacted on weekdays between 9:00am and 4:00pm (excluding public holidays).

The number is 0435 685 522.

Regards Julia and Tahlia, Student Advocacy Office

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**Gym Access**

In Term 2 all Hallam Senior College Sports Academy student-athletes are allowed access to the gym free of charge from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Contact the Sports Academy for more information.
Sport Report: Term 1 2011

During first Term the major sport teams – AFL boys and girls, Rugby League, Basketball boys and girls and Soccer boys and girls have all been in intensive training for competition that begins in Term 2.

The school has decided not to participate in some minor sports at District level to better focus on the major competitions for our pillar sports. This will also help our students devote more time to achieving success in their studies as well as their chosen sport.

We have had some major success already from our senior boys and senior girls cricket teams coached by Mr. Fardell and Mr. Alexander respectively.

Both teams should be congratulated for their dedication to training and playing and their fundraising efforts to support the sports program. Thanks to parents as well.

Term 2 will see competition commence in all pillar sports including the associate sport of Touch Football where we are currently Victorian champions. We will be defending State titles in AFL Girls, Intermediate Boys Basketball and Rugby League as well as participating in the inaugural year of the AFL Senior Boys Premier League where the best private and public schools from across the State compete for the title.

Thanks to all the coaches for their efforts so far this year

Sean Goss
Head Of Sport Hallam Senior College

Girls Cricket Report

On Tuesday 22nd March the girls cricket team travelled to Morwell to play Orbost.

Bowling first in terrible conditions they did a great job, as it rained most of innings, turning the ball into a piece of soap within 2 overs. Orbost were dismissed for 71 off 24 overs with Chloe McMillan leading the way with 3 for 8 off 6 overs. Others amongst the wickets were Kiah Laughlin-Glen who got 2 for 5 off 3 overs & Ellie Balckburn (2 for 13 off 4 overs).

Cahli Parker opened the batting with a bang, taking 13 runs off the first over and proceeded to 23 before being bowled (5 boundarys in that total). We passsed their score after 10 overs for the loss of only 2 wickets, with our score being 2 for 93 when the game was called off. Chloe finished 24no and Sharna Naido 10no.

4th April V Doncaster

Losing the toss we were put in to bat first and Cahli Parker & Chloe McMillan got us off to a great start putting on 101 runs for the opening stand, with Cahli going out for 61 (4 sixes & 4 boundarys).

Chloe was run out soon after for a well made 34. From here there where lots of partnerships that enabled us to bat all the way through our 35 overs and finish at 8/188. Kirsten McLeod finished 16no.

Once again our bowlers did the damage early having the opposition in real trouble at 6 for 19. We eventually dismissed them for 52. Chloe lead the way with 3 for 5 off 4 overs, Casey Birmingham 2 for 11 off 3 overs & Riplee McLachlan 2 for 8 off 3 overs. The girls were great in the field taking 7 catches. Thanks to John Blackburn for scoring and assisting on the day.

Some greats wins now see us play in the State Finals in Term 4.

Boys Cricket Report

This term the senior Boys cricket team has played 7 rounds in the School Sports Victoria inter-school knockout competition. Once again we have been relatively successful and reaching the same position as last year which was a Sothern Zone Champions and beaten at a state semi-final.

We were eventually beaten by Eastern Zone winners Vermont Secondary College. Along the way we have used 16 players across those matches. This included the use of 4 year 10 students which is great experience for the future. The results along the way included:

Round 1: against Berwick SC
Berwick 10/56 Lost to Hallam 2/61
(L Cody 26, M Anderson 6/2 including Hat Trick, M Jameson 2/2)

Round 2: against Kambrya
Hallam 7/95 defeated Kambrya 8/71
(M Jameson 3/7, L McIver 21, S Scanlon 25)

Round 3: Lyndhurst forfeit

Round 4: against McKinnon SC
McKinnon 10/94 lost to Hallam 9/153
(M Jameson 2/19, T Cody 3/38, L Cody 2/3, J Capp 2/2, L Cody 68, S Scanlon 27, J Jones 22)

Round 5: Melbourne High School
Hallam 7/178 defeated Melbourne High School 10/103
(T Cody 61, S Scanlon 20, K Kean 22, M Collett 32, L Cody 3/9, L McIver 2/10, M Anderson 2/12)

Southern Zone Final: Nagle Catholic College
Nagle 10/96 lost Hallam 0/100
(S Scanlon 2/12, K Kean 3/17, L Cody 71, L McIver 18)

State Semi Final: Vermont Secondary College
Hallam 7/118 lost to Vermont 7/151
(S Scanlon 38, J Harmes 32)
At Hallam Senior College we aim to prepare our young people to confidently and successfully embrace the challenges of life by providing flexible study options for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. We do this through personalising subjects and programs to meet individual needs and goals.

College Open Day
Wed 11th May 2011  9:00am - 6:00pm
Tours available throughout the Day: ‘See the school in action’
Bookings essential. Phone 9703 1266 to book or for more information.

Important Dates

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Dates correct at time of printing and are subject to change without notice

More information is made available on the College’s website as dates are confirmed

Please see www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au or call 9703 1266 for more information

Hallam Hawks Season 2011
AGES 5-50 WELCOME
BOYS, GIRLS, MEN, WOMEN

The Hallam Football Club has proudly offered a family friendly multicultural environment for the community for over 40 years.

This year we have registered for Under 9’s to 16’s, Colts, Youth Girls (from 13), Women’s over 18, Super rules over 35 and Masters over 40. Fees vary depending on age group.

We also offer Auskick.

Hallam Hawks Club Rooms,
Frawley Road, Hallam

If you have any questions, please contact our Secretary, Michelle Neve on 0401871558