Dear Parents Guardians and Students

Student Parent Teacher Interviews Were Held On March 28th
Thank you to parents who came along to the interviews. They were very well attended and the feedback has been very positive. We took the advice of last year’s parents and made the teacher locations much closer together.

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 either myself or Mandy Bastin.

Whole School Assembly
At our whole school assembly we celebrated students who achieved 100% attendance for term 1 – these are the PANDA Awards (Perfect Attendance No Days Absent). There were a significant number of students who achieved these awards and they are to be congratulated.

At our assembly we were visited by federal Member for Holt, Anthony Byrne MP. Mr Byrne presented our school with a new Australian Flag and met our new student leaders who all received their leadership badges.

Supervised Study: Study 4 Success
We introduced supervised homework this year. This happens every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 6.00pm. With different staff available to assist students we have had a very strong take up by students. Where students need particular assistance with a subject or task, they can work through Katie, to get some help, on these afternoons in a quiet, comfortable environment with afternoon tea.

Parents who might like to see their student access this program should make contact with Katie Curran or their Sub School Leading Teacher.

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
Facilities Report

It has been a very busy term as far as facilities, grounds and maintenance is concerned.

Welcome back to Craig Quinn after a 3 week well-earned break and a big thank you to Jim Moutsakis for providing extra hours and assistance in Craig’s absence.

Stage 2 of the Trade Training Centre is progressing well with internal framework now appearing and the upper courtyard being reduced to a smaller space as the future cafeteria takes shape. Some trees and vegetation have had to be removed but these will be compensated for in new landscaping towards the completion of works. It has been a noisy and dusty work site at times and we thank all staff and students for persevering with this temporary inconvenience.

We have now received two additional relocatable classrooms to address the needs of our increased student numbers. New furniture has been placed in these lovely big learning spaces and they will prove to be a wonderful asset for the school.

Roof repairs are always an ongoing project as some sections of the College are aged and not coping with the demands of wet and windy weather. The Southern Metropolitan Region is able to assist the College with some works which is greatly appreciated.

The gymnasium has a new economically and environmentally friendly lighting system which is still undergoing some refinement but should ultimately provide better, more cost effective and environmentally friendly lighting.

Our recycling program has also recently been enhanced with the arrival of a large bin for cardboard recycling and additional paper waste bins – all free of charge from Visy.

Mandy Bastin
Assistant Principal

Careers Events

Students are encouraged to participate in these events to obtain information about possible pathways beyond secondary school. For further information visit the websites or call into the Careers Office and call to Mrs Batt.

- ‘At Monash’ Seminars - Info: 1800 Monash or 9903 4810; Reg’n/locations: www.monash.edu/seminars
- RMIT Environmental science/engineering day Info/reg’n: Ph: 9925 3699 www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays
- ‘Experience La Trobe’ - Year 10-12; 13 April (Bundoora); Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience
- Melbourne Uni ‘Access All Areas’ - Yr 10-12; 13 April, Reg’n: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas
- Monash (Parkville) VCE Chemistry & Biology Revision Lectures – Biology 4-5pm, Chemistry 5.30-6.30pm, each month starting 21 Mar; www.pharm.monash.edu/events or ph 9903 9504.

Download the latest Careers Newsletter from our website for more information.

Year 10 Camp

The school will conduct a Camp for all Year 10 students between Monday 7th May and Wed 9th May 2012.

All students are expected to attend the camp which will be located at Arrabri Lodge, Warburton East.

The camp will provide students with opportunities to develop relationships and build leadership opportunities that will enhance their transition to Hallam Senior College and their senior studies. Sub School teachers and Engagement Officers will accompany the students.

Students will leave the school at approximately 10am on the first day and return by 3pm on the last day of camp. They will undertake a range of low impact adventure activities, goal setting activities and social activities whilst on camp. Please go to: www.arrabri.com.au if you would like to view the camp facilities and activities.

All meals will be provided except for lunch on day one. Students are required to bring a pillow, sleeping bag, a couple of towels and comfortable clothing, including swimwear.

PLEASE NOTE: You must have all your school fees paid in full or have an up to date payment plan in place before you can pay your deposit and any other subsequent payments for the trip.

The cost of the camp is $260. Full payment must be finalised by 27th April 2012.

If you have any queries about the camp please contact Ms Quinn on 9703 1266.

VCAL Fiji Bound

Hallam Senior College is excited to announce that this year we will be offering an eight day trip to Nadi, Fiji for Year 11 and 12 VCAL students.

Dates of travel will be 11-19 August 2012.

An information evening will be held at Hallam Senior College on Tuesday, April 24th at 7.00pm.

Only students who have paid all outstanding school fees will be eligible to attend.

Attendance will be dependent upon academic performance, exemplary behaviour and interview.

For further information, please contact Roshni Chandra or Rhys Edwards (organising teachers).

Congratulations Jamie Fardell

Hallam Senior College Rugby League Coach, Jamie Fardell, was recently elected as an Australian selector for the 18’s Schoolboy Team. This is a great achievement that will see Jamie working with the best underage players in the country.
**Touch Football**

**Touch has finished after 6 glorious weeks. We had one week of 37 degrees and today about 8 degrees with the odd snow flurry amongst the driving hail and rain.**

The girls finished 5th out of 15 teams (13 of them private school teams). A fantastic effort given that we had a couple of good partnerships to finish with 3/118 off our 20 overs. Rachel top scored with 43.

The girls came out to defend the total and took the opposition apart, bowling the best we have this year to dismiss them for only 14 runs! There were some great catches and even a hat trick by Cherie Tamanalevu who finished with the figures of 3 for 3 off 3 overs. Kirsten McLeod also had the very good figures of 3 for 2 off 3 overs.

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**Girls Cricket Win Through To The State Final**

On Tuesday 27th March our girls cricket team defeated Healesville. This win now sees the girls go to the state final in term 4 to defend their title from last year.

Batting first Rachel Hunt & Kiah Laughlin Glen got us off to a great start putting on 72 for the first wicket, with Kiah going out for 22. From this position we had a couple of good partnerships to finish with 3/118 off our 20 overs. Rachel top scored with 43.

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**Australian Grand Prix**

Students and staff enjoy a day of fast paced motor racing with spectacular entertainment at the Australian Grand Prix.

On Thursday 15th March 2012, 24 students and 3 teachers went to Albert Park in South Melbourne to enjoy a day of fast paced motor racing with spectacular entertainment at the Australian Grand Prix.

The day started off with a historic demonstration followed by many events such as V8 Supercar hot laps, Formula Ford practice, RAAF Roulettes Aerial Display and much more. There were also interactive activities to do throughout the day including helicopter rides, giant sling and the V8 simulator.

The students and teachers found the day an absolute blast and would recommend it to anyone thinking of going in 2013.

Special thanks go out to Ms Schiavello (Careers) for organising such a great day out for everyone and Ms Cameron & Mr Varga for supervising students.

Nicholas Mather
Yr 11 Student

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**VET Hospitality**

The renovations happening at the school which will give us in term 3 a fully commercial kitchen has necessitated the need to attend Chisholm TAFE for some of the practical units of the course in term 2.

For the first seven weeks of term 2 sessions will be held at the TAFE due to their facilities meeting the criteria for the practical units of the course. This is an invaluable experience for students as they work in a more adult environment and see just what the TAFE can provide for students wishing to pursue a career in hospitality.

The attendance at the TAFE will be in normal session times and students need to be aware of arriving early and changing into their chef’s uniform ready to start at the beginning of the session. This is to ensure that all work is finished during session time and they have time to get home or back to school for other classes.

Full chef’s uniform and leather shoes are compulsory and the no uniform no cook is a TAFE directive due to Occupational Health and Safety regulations.

The 7th week is an invitation to parents/guardians to come and have a look at your son’s/daughter’s skills and they will be preparing a range of finger food for sampling. A notice will be sent home early in term 2 with further information.

Any queries can be directed to myself or John Lyall on the school phone number.

Pam Park
VET Hospitality Teacher
Important Dates

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

Home Stays Families Wanted

Becoming a homestay family is an opportunity for you to welcome an International Student into your home and become a part of your family. It provides students with the best possible way to experience Australian culture and rapidly improve their English language. Home stay is full board and accommodation offered by a family or couple of any nationality, for which a set weekly payment is received.

If you are interested please contact:

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Offering an extensive range of study options in Years 10, 11 & 12

Information Evening

Tues 22nd May 2012 6:30pm

Come and see our new Auto & Construction Trade Training Centre in action

Tours available throughout the day

Bookings essential. Phone 9703 1266 to book or visit our website for more information.