PRINCIPAL REPORT

Student Leaders
It is with great pleasure that I announced this week who our new school leaders will be for 2012. In a closely fought contest Kristy King and Scott Frappell were elected captains and Eleanor Steller and Thomas Kelly elected our Vice Captains. SRC Presidents will be Bria Auzins and Alec Wong while the SRC Executive will be Caroline Bourke and James Barnes. I offer my congratulations to each of the nominees who stood for election and I look forward to working with these fine young leaders in the coming 12 months.

Mitchell Youth Leadership
On Saturday morning I attended the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum at Vision Valley in Arcadia where 8 of our Year 11 leaders were attending a camp with nearly 200 students from other schools in the area. The Forum was founded in 2002 when former Federal Member for Mitchell, the Hon Alan Cadman OAM, wanted to help young people to better cope with the pressures of their final year at school. Following his retirement in 2007, Alex Hawke MP, the current Member for Mitchell, in support of the continuance of the Forum became the President of the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum Committee.

The Forum is a chance for Year 11 students to come together and share thoughts and ideas on how to be great, inspirational leaders in their schools. The program is a mixture of guest speakers, workshops, activities and a community service project where students move into the community to put into action the types of principles they have heard about.

When I arrived I spent time with our students who had already had an opportunity to learn from the guest speakers and others around them and they had some terrific ideas for initiatives at Model Farms High School which I look forward to exploring in more detail with them in the future. I thank Scott Frappell, Thomas Kelly, Alec Wong, Kristy King, Jaspreeta Singh, Timothy Hill, Sarah Orchard and Lucy Allen for giving up their time at the weekend to attend the camp. Well done to all involved.

HSC
The exams have finally started and while there were some nervous looking faces in the exam hall when I first looked in on the start of the English exam, there were sighs of relief all round when the first major exam was under their belt. I would like to remind all HSC students and their families...
that a reasonable amount of sleep is important in the coming weeks as is good food and nutrition and relaxation as well. It can be a stressful time and anything that reduces that stress will assist the mind to be bright and productive. We all wish them continued success for the remainder of the exam period.

Respect awards
Last term students were receiving Respect awards (known as R*wards) for demonstrating positive behaviour. They collected them and placed them in boxes outside their Year Adviser’s staff room so that they could go in a weekly draw for a canteen voucher. Since we began half way through last term, 30 students have received vouchers and on Monday morning the R*wards for all year groups were combined and an overall winner chosen. Courtney Duncan of year 9 was lucky enough to receive a $100.00 voucher to spend at Castle Towers. Congratulations Courtney. R*wards will continue this term with the same prize draws occurring each week.

Earn and Learn
My thanks to all who donated their shopping docket to the school for the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. We collected a lot of docket and points and will be finalising our purchases by 1 November.

Christina Bennet
Principal

Parents of Year 10
Parents of Year 10 students are advised that on Monday 7th November and Tuesday 8th November students will be sitting their School Certificate exams. Parents and students will need to make alternate transport arrangements in the afternoon as the exams don’t finish until after 3pm and they will not be dismissed in time to catch their usual buses.

Deputy Report
Pre-loved Winter Uniforms: If you have any of these that no longer fit your child please donate them to the uniform shop. Larger jumpers in particular can always find a new home. Mr. Anderson keeps a selection of jumpers in his office and this is like a “swap-and-go” shop for those who turn up without an appropriate jumper.

Shoes: Ballet flats are creeping back in and they should not be. I am aware that the end of year can be difficult when shoes wear out a little too soon but it is vital that students come to school in shoes that are safe. Ballet flats offer no grip, no upper or side protection and should not be permitted in any school labs, Home-Economics or Industrial Arts rooms due to OH & S. Please support us keeping our kids safe by sending them to school in the correct gear.

Laptop: Please remind your child that the Year 9, 10 and 11 laptops are theirs to look after but not theirs to keep unless they complete Year 12. Any damage to laptops must be paid for. This includes any surfaces that have been etched or cracked. Unless you have purchased some sort of protective bag it will be almost inevitable that some damage will be sustained to these machines. These machines are not owned by the school. We manage these federally funded resources and are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that each one is in full working order. Our ability to provide financial assistance when things get broken is very limited.

Jackie Dalton
Relieving Deputy Principal
CALENDAR

TERM 4

WEEK 3
Mon 24/10  HSC
           Yr 8 History Incursion Group 1
Tues 25/10 HSC
           Yr 8 History Incursion Group 2
Wed 26/10  HSC
Thur 27/10 HSC
Fri 28/10  HSC

WEEK 4
Mon 31/10  HSC
Tues 1/11  HSC
           Yr 9 Maths Exam 1
Wed 2/11   HSC
Thur 3/11  HSC
           Yr 9 Maths Exam 2
           Primary Links
Fri 4/11   HSC

WEEK 5
Mon 7/11   HSC
           School Certificate Exams
Tues 8/11  HSC
           School Certificate Exams
Wed 9/11   HSC
           School Certificate Exams
Thur 10/11 HSC
           School Certificate Exams
           Primary Links
Fri 11/11  HSC finishes
           School Certificate Exams finish

Student Planner Focus

Junior – Oral Presentations
Middle - Oral Presentations
Senior – Oral Presentations

Specific Aims and Objectives - at the end of this week students should have:

• An understanding of the essential prerequisites in preparing for and delivering a high quality oral presentation.

• An acceptance that they will benefit for life by building their ability to speak publically as a confident habit.

• A willingness to use what they learn in their every day learning and lives.

• A preparedness to welcome any opportunity to deliver oral presentations in any forums.

Weekly Focus:
Throughout our lives there are numerous occasions on which we are expected to give speeches, including engagements, weddings, funerals, birthdays, work presentations, club functions and so on. Many people cringe at the thought because they have never been explicitly shown how to prepare for and deliver an oral presentation.

Cultivating in our students the confidence and know how to stand up and deliver well thought out oral presentations will benefit them for life. At school students are expected to give verbal accounts of what they have learnt, investigated and concluded to different audiences, including in class, school assemblies, representing the school in public arenas etc. They need to be taught how to do this.

The benefits of these experiences for students’ personal development are immense and opportunities should be provided for all students to participate. The key to avoiding possible stressful situations in delivering oral presentations is to nurture in our students resilient and resourceful habits of being prepared, rehearsing voice tones, practising body language and identifying important points beforehand.

The focus this week is designed to provide explicit guidelines and empower students to feel confident in themselves and give a clear and competent oral presentation.

“You can’t cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.” Rabindranath Tagore
FROM THE FACULTY THAT COUNTS!

Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:

Year 7
Lachlan Chok, Dylan Wright

Year 9
Prabhjot Kaur x 2

Calculators:
Please make sure that all students have their own calculator. The Casio fx-82AU is sold at the uniform shop for $35. Different brands of scientific calculators work differently and it is important that everyone in a class has the same calculator. Students need this calculator from Year 7. It is vital for their progress that students are familiar with their calculator and know how to use the different functions.

Coming Events
Good luck to all of our 2011 Year 12 students for their HSC maths exams in week 3. Years 7, 8 and 10 have completed their yearly examinations. Year 9 have their yearly examinations in week 4 and will be commencing revision of all of this year’s work.

School Certificate – Year 10
Please make sure that your year 10 student has a scientific calculator and geometry set for their School Certificate Mathematics examination on Tuesday 8th November.

Fun with Maths
What is the greatest number of Black Fridays (Friday 13th) that can occur in any one year? Is it possible to have a year in which there are none?

Answer from Newsletter Week 2 Term 4:
The smallest is 1.9 for 19. The largest is 10 for all multiples of ten.

Have a Mathematical week,
From Jackie Dalton and the Maths Faculty Staff

Year 12 Formal
Final payment for Year 12 Formal is 7th November 2011. If you have not paid by this date you will not be able to attend.

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Your assistance in picking them up promptly is appreciated.

Thank You

Roz Noel
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
**DRAMA DRAMA DRAMA**

Our **Year 12 HSC** students have delivered a solid performance in their HSC Exams this week. They left the exam feeling confident and ready to conquer the world! It is great to see them so pleased with their efforts and we await the outcome of all their hard work.

**Year 11 Drama** students have begun their HSC Drama course, kicking the term off with a little stage blood, a little Irish humour and a lot of black comedy. We look forward to seeing our students rise to the challenges of the HSC Course.

**Year 9 Drama** students are busy making their short films, due Week 6 of this term. I look forward to finding the next Hitchcock or Spielberg amongst our young actors.

**MUSICAL MUSICAL MUSICAL!!!**

Our school musical *The Great Australian Rock Musical* is well underway and our students are all singing, dancing and acting up a storm in preparation for their stage debut in Week 8 of this term. Meeting each Wednesday and Thursday our cast is raring to hit the stage for their fans and belt out an Aussie 80s Rock classic!

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