College Newsletter – April 2015

Athletics Carnival

Parents are invited to attend our Athletics Carnival at Vic Uni Athletics Track, Hoppers Lane Hoppers Crossing on Tuesday 28 April from 10.00am.

Term 2

Term 2 sees the rubber hit the road for our students. For our Year 10s they have now had a full term at 'big school' to get used to the expectations and requirements of senior school and our staff have got to know each student well. For our VCE and VCAL students the requirements of SAC s and upcoming exams mean that hard work is required every day.
At this time it is important for parents and guardians to use our 3-weekly reports as a guide to how your child is progressing.

Yr12 Outdoor Ed Camp

Year 12 Outdoor Education students spent last week completing their camp around the Grampians as part of their assessment. It looked like fun not schoolwork! The camp enables students to apply their classroom learning into the real world. Sleeping under the stars, rock climbing and meeting the natives were just some features of the camp.

90% Attendance

A small number of students are currently attending at a rate below our required 90% to pass. These students must improve their attendance immediately. It is important that an absence is fully explained and the most appropriate record of an absence is a Medical Certificate. This is particularly the case if your child is absent on a day in which an assessment task is completed.
Year 10 is the time to form effective attendance behaviours – before the start of VCE or VCAL. Students who experience success at Year 12 are students who are never absent without a Medical Certificate.

Western Chances Scholarship Awards

Yr12 students Jade, Roberta and Mohamed O were awarded Western Chances Scholarships at a ceremony at Federation Square recently. The scholarships will support them as long as they continue to study.
Congratulations also to Yr12 student Mani. Mani danced as part of the Awards ceremony in front of hundreds including Federal politicians such as Bill Shorten and Joanne Ryan and ex-Premier Steve Bracks. He was sensational!
Annual Report
The college Annual Report will be available for community reading on our website in the near future. The Annual Report contains the following elements:
• School Performance Summary 2014
• Financial Performance & Position
The report outlines all elements of the work we do as a school. All Victorian government schools are required to produce an Annual Report each year.

Tarneit Senior College - before and after school
It is great to see so many of our students getting to school early and staying back after school to work with our staff. Please be aware that the college does not officially open each morning until 8.30am. Students who arrive prior to this are welcome to work in Building B but they are not supervised until 8.30am.
The number of students staying at school after 3.00pm has been amazing this year. We expect that any student staying back after school will have notified parents that they are here at school.

College landscaping & Fencing
Families will have noticed the works going on at school this year. Our whole site will be fully fenced soon. The decision was made to fence the entire site to ensure security of the school but also to prevent rubbish dumping on our site which has been an unfortunately too regular occurrence. The Education Department has partly subsidised the high cost of this project and the remaining cost has been shared with our neighbouring school.
Inside the grounds we have invested over $40000 in landscaping our portable buildings area to give our students a relaxing and comfortable area to sit each day.

School Diary Use
The relatively simple process of using a school diary every day to record work, due dates, teacher feedback and communication with and from parents will improve your child's results. We urge all parents to ensure their child has a diary and that they are using it every day. We welcome parent comments in diaries as well.
We are running a special offer for April 27-May 1 – Diaries are available for $5 from the General Office.

Voluntary School Fees
Thanks to the many families who have paid their voluntary school fees for 2015. These fees are a vital component of our budget and enable us to purchase additional resources for your child. We ask those parents who are yet to pay the fee to contact our Business Manager Kathrine Rix to organise payment. Payment plans are available to suit family needs.
**Michael on Leave**
I will be taking a week of Long Service Leave from Wednesday 29 April to Tuesday 5 May. Rosa will be Acting Principal during my absence.

Outdoor Ed campers at the Pinnacle.

Michael Fawcett & Rosa Marchionda
Principal Team