From the Principal

I have spent two days of this week at the Carmelite Assembly which was held at the Port Melbourne side of the Carmelite Parish. Carmelite Friars and Lay people from across Australia gathered there to reflect on the work of the various ministries and to discern a way forward into the future. Whitefriars College is one ministry amongst many; we focus on the education of youth through the development of gentle-men who are ready to make a difference. It was pleasing to hear from a number of speakers, one of whom was Nicholas Soraghan from the Class of 2013. Nick spoke of the influence that the College had on him in terms of his own faith and the way in which a Carmelite ethos had been prominent.

The Provincial Council of the Carmelites meet late this week to look at future planning based on commentary from the Assembly.

The season of Fame – The Musical! has now been run. Congratulations to the cast, crew, orchestra and staff who all worked in a very collaborative way to ensure that the shows were both professional and enjoyable. The fact that all shows sold out and that the audience were highly entertained spoke well of the worth of such productions. In a boy’s college it is very important that the Performing Arts is a strong and attractive option.

Our Grandparents and Special Friends morning was held last week. Given that the entire gymnasium was at capacity for the paraliturgy it was clear that these mornings hold a valued place in the lives of our families. The boys hosted their guests in the classrooms, on tour, in prayer and for the morning tea itself. It is clear that so many of our boys are regularly cared for and guided by older family members and friends.

We have had Multicultural and Visual Arts Weeks recently. Both of these contained a wealth of activities for the boys and staff and provide an interest and opportunity beyond the standard classes. Whether it was eating an Italian meal or drawing a life-like image of Br Sean, the boys were well occupied.

There have been two recent reunions. These have been for our 1995 and 2005 alumni groups. It is so heartening for staff to listen to fond stories of times past at the College and to see how boys grow into fine men who have such diverse career paths and interests.

We are delighted that a number of our students have performed at high levels recently. Given below is a sample of such achievements:

- Lachlan McAlary of Year 8 for 1st Prize and Jake Hester of Year 11 for 2nd Prize in the Victorian Indonesian Statewide Speaking Competition
- Joshu Faye-Chauhan of Year 12 for winning the Regional Final of the VCAA English Plain Speaking Competition
- Joel Duggan of Year 8 for first prize in the prestigious Write4Fun State competition
- Andreas Lepore of Year 12 for winning three silver medals at the recent Australian Gymnastics Championships

Congratulations to all of these young men who are combining real effort with strong interest to achieve their goals.

The College recently hosted a number of local Parish Primary schools for a Sports day. We were delighted that we are able to re-connect with schools of origin for so many of our current and past students. Our connection with the wider community is important as it helps to build a sense of connection for our young men.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sullivan and Pitruzzello families after their recent losses. Jordan Sullivan (10 L4) lost his Grandfather and Luis Pitruzzello (10 L3) lost his Great Grandmother. May they rest in eternal peace.

Almae in Fide Parentis - In the Care of a Loving Mother.
Many of you will remember Adam Given (Mantua 6 Class of 2010). Adam has recently joined the Whitefriars 'Expand your Horizons and make a difference' program in Timor-Leste and has offered to keep us informed as to his progress while being immersed in the lives of the Timorese and working with the Carmelites for the next three months.

We hope you enjoy his story so far.

I have already reached the half-way point of my Timor Leste experience!

Following on from my last letter, I ended up spending two weeks at the seminary in Hera. Kate (an English woman living in the Hera community) and I took the novices for English lessons every morning. We asked them in pairs to prepare a presentation about their recent excursion to Atauro, a small island off the coast of Timor Leste. Over the next couple of lessons, the novices used Microsoft PowerPoint to complete the task. For many of them, it was their first time using the program. They became very excited when they discovered they could add sounds, pictures, backgrounds and animations to their presentations. When completed, the novices presented their work to the rest of the class. One of the presentations was then chosen to be given in front of all the Brothers at the seminary.

In Timor Leste, 1 May is a public holiday, Workers' Day. As a result, Fr Krishna took everyone at Hera to 'One Dollar Beach,' for a day of socialising - dancing, eating, swimming and some local wine. To mark the occasion, a huge fish was purchased from the market and a pig was freshly slaughtered. Both of these were to BBQ'd on a fire for lunch. The beach itself was beautiful. Crystal clear water and white sand! Many of the Brothers did not know how to swim and had to bring something on which to float in the water. We stayed at the beach for the entire day. The East Timorese sure do like to dance! By the end of this day I was very tired, and a little sunburnt!

Sadly, during my time in Hera I also had to attend a funeral. One of the Sisters of the OCD Order passed away at 96 years of age. It is an enclosed Order, which means the nuns are not permitted to leave the convent, or meet directly with visitors. The funeral was a packed affair. Although we were sitting in the same church as the Sisters, we could not see them. They were in their own sectioned off area which only the priest was able to see. The service was followed by the burial where we were all given flower petals and candles to lay at the base of the coffin. After the burial, a solemn feast took place. The seminary at Hera had slaughtered one of their buffalo for the Sisters. It was a huge beast which fed many people. We returned late at night ready for bed.

On Tuesday 5 May, I returned to Zumalai. I made the 8 hour journey in a car full of nuns who had just returned from the Philippines.

Since my return to Zumalai I have been very busy. My mornings have been spent teaching in the school, whilst in the afternoon I have been giving one on one English lessons to the students in the boarding house. As they have a siesta period in the afternoon, I always have a chance to rest or read my book!

Unfortunately my computer has malfunctioned, and I need strong internet access or an Apple Store to correct the fault – neither are available in Zumalai.

I was very saddened to hear about the passing of Fr Kierce. He was a great man and is being remembered in all our prayers over here.

I look forward to adventures that the next two weeks will bring!

Adam Given, Class of 2010
From our Captains

2015 College Captains -
Joel Monteiro, Middle Years Captain, James Reidy, Vice Captain, Lachlan Mahon, Captain, and Matthew Zema, Vice Captain

After a few tumultuous weeks for the College community, we wanted to acknowledge the incredible response from the boys around the school showing their gracious gratitude and thankfulness after the loss of Fr Kierce. It was overwhelming to see such a grand turnout for Father’s final journey around the College grounds, a modicum sign of our gratefulness for his many years of dedication and enrichment at Whitefriars. Our respect for Fr Kierce extended onto the sporting field through the wearing of black arm bands at ACC sport; an element of the College Fr Kierce cherished dearly. Once again, thank you boys for your respective nature during which was no doubt a difficult time for us all.

Multicultural Week was nothing short of a success due largely to the hard work of Mrs Cassar and Multicultural Captain Ryan Sheather. Along with the daily conundrums from Ryan throughout the week, the canteen proved its pure ingenious with food creation, ranging from Italian, Indonesian and all around the world.

Last week was Visual Arts Week. Many lunchtime sessions where held with prizes being awarded in various areas. Thanks to the efforts of Miss Linton-Smith, Mr Rowley and Visual Arts Captain, Alex O’Dea.

The SRC is currently in the process of funding and organising a shipping container which is to be filled, shipped and donated to Timor-Leste. Old Football boots are still being collected out the front of the PE offices. If you have any lying around at home not being used they would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make any donations or have any further questions please see Br Sean or Mr Rennie who are behind the ‘Boots for Timor’ campaign.

To conclude, it’s always terrific to recognise students who care for one another in the ethos of the College outside the school. Donating blood is the perfect opportunity to assist thousands in need. Countless students and staff have volunteered for blood donation which goes towards saving three lives. Such a simple seven minute process for students over the age of 16 can assist in saving lives. If you feel you can be a haemoglobin hero, please contact Mrs Crossman for further information.

Thanks again boys, enjoy the remainder of the term.

Matthew, James and Lachlan

International Student’s Homestay

Whitefriars International Student program are seeking suitable Homestay families for our International students. If you are interested in finding out more information relating to Homestay requirements, please contact Mrs Emilia Fields, Director of International Student Program at Whitefriars College on 9872 8200.
Academic Enrichment

Chess Programming 2015 – Chess Club

Do you play poker? There are many similarities in strategies between chess and Texas Holdem, and chess players are starting to take notice. In both games one must think a number of moves ahead and gather as much information as possible. It’s no accident that expert poker players such as Bob Chiaffone and Howard Lederer are great at chess.

The art of chess strategy consists of formulating a plan for the chess game, and of arranging the chess pieces to accomplish this plan in view of the opponent’s best response. The WFC Chess Club will get any new chess player on the road to understanding correct chess opening strategy - how to control the chess board from move one.

With the Chess season fast approaching, I encourage any student whom has an interest in Chess, and more broadly, card game strategy to get involved in Chess this year. Chess sessions take place every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes in the Undercroft in U1 with Mr Bill Teggelove. I look for to your involvement in 2015.

ICAS Science Competition 2015

Last Wednesday students in Years 9-12 had the opportunity to participate in the annual ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) Science Competition for 2015. Organised and coordinated by Dr Stephen Goodall (Science Enrichment), the ICAS competition is skill-based and includes subject contexts of Earth and Beyond, Energy and Change, Life and Living, Natural and Processed Materials and assesses skills in interpreting data, applying data and higher order skills. Over 30 students participated in this program – an amazing turnout. Results to be released in term 3.

Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

As part of the Science Enrichment Program this year, students from Years 7 and 8 were invited to participate in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition last week.

This competition was targeted toward the juniors and more than 50 students competed in the challenge. The response from the students for this competition was overwhelmingly positive and I hope those students continue to develop their love for science as they move into their middle years of schooling. I would also like to thank Dr Stephen Goodall for his coordination and organisation of this event and Mr Kristan Height for his drive and support of the Science Enrichment Program more broadly.

Junior students competing in the Rio Tinto Big Science competition.
Academic Enrichment - continued

ICAS English Competition
We are calling for all keen and motivated Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 English students to register for The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English Competition.

**When:** Tuesday 28 July 2015

**Where:** Whitefriars College (Room TBA)

**Duration:** 1 hour (55-60 multiple choice questions – depending on your year level)

**Why:** To challenge yourself and to participate in an International English competition.

**Key English skills that will be assessed:**
- Locating (eg. Finding information and features in texts)
- Identifying (eg. Recognising features and examples in texts)
- Interpreting (eg. Showing understanding of information in texts)
- Infering (eg. Showing understanding of meaning in texts)
- Synthesise (eg. Looking deeper at texts)

**Key English areas that will feature on the competition paper:**
- Reading for meaning in literary texts
- Reading for meaning in factual texts
- Textual devices
- Syntax (sentence structure)
- Vocabulary

**Where can I get more information:**
All students in Years 8-10 who are involved in the English Enrichment programs will be automatically registered for this significant competition.

Closing date for registrations is **Tuesday 16 June 2015** so secure your registration now by emailing your name and pastoral care class to lwhitby@whitefriars.vic.edu.au

Mrs Linda Whitby, English Enrichment Facilitator

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ATLAS - Year 10 Program

Physical Education Atlas Program

Recently your son in Year 10 was introduced to the Atlas program at an assembly. This program will be conducted at the start of next term.

The program was introduced by Dr Zali Yager and started with a DVD giving an overview of the reasons for this program.

If you wish to view this I have included the link below:

[https://vimeo.com/35206611](https://vimeo.com/35206611)

Whitefriars College is pleased to be collaborating with Victoria University in implementing a training program, ATLAS, for all Year 10 boys in their Health and Physical Education classes. The aim of ATLAS is to reduce the use, and intentions to use alcohol, sports supplements and anabolic steroids. An important component of this roll-out is to evaluate the effectiveness of the program through a research study. Participating in these studies enables students to make informed decisions about the programs that we wish to incorporate into our school curriculum. We invite all Year 10 boys to contribute to the study. To do so, both boys and their parents need to provide their consent to participate. Please click on the links below to find out more about the study and complete the online consent procedure if you agree to participate.

I encourage all students to consent to allowing their results to be used in this study as they are all anonymous.

Please click on the links below:

Parent Consent Link- [https://vuau.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0HW1kYlrUluTMTr](https://vuau.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0HW1kYlrUluTMTr)

Student Consent Link- [https://vuau.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_So1xa9PZwAUvdLT](https://vuau.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_So1xa9PZwAUvdLT)

If you have any questions please contact me.

Mr Shane Cotter, (Learning Leader PE/OES)
Careers News

Mrs Anna Gasparini
Careers Adviser

Careers, Courses and Study Information

URGENT REMINDER: Year 12 students intending to complete the UMAT. Registrations close at 5pm AEST 5 June 2015. All details can be found at www.umat.acer.edu.au.

Our Careers Breakfast series wrapped up this week with our ‘Careers in Health Breakfast’. We had representatives from La Trobe, ACU and Deakin University providing course and career information to our students and parents. As always our old boys currently studying and working in the Health area provided an insight into various courses and occupations available in this field. The Careers Breakfast series has provided an important opportunity for our Year 12 parents and their sons to work together to plan for the transition they will make from secondary school into further study.

A reminder to Year 10 parents that the next ‘Work Education’ session will take place during June 15 – 24. Students will work with the Career Advisers to explore course and study options in their area of interest and to make preliminary selections for their Senior School Program. Students will participate in these sessions during their scheduled Religious Education classes. The proposed timeline below will be confirmed in the coming weeks and sent to Year 10 families. This is an important planning stage for students making the transition into senior school and every effort should be made to attend. Click Here to access the Work Education Timetable.

Click here to view the following articles included in Newsletter7term2 and Newsletter8term2

Upcoming Events:

June

• MyDays, Charles Sturt University
• Information Evenings Monash University
• 13 14, UMAT Preparation Days
• 2: Information Night Deakin Uni Geelong
• 19: Experience Day La Trobe Uni
• 24: Environmental and Marine Careers Expo, Melbourne Aquarium
• 27 ; High School Workshops, JMC Academy
• 29,30 Experience Days Australian Catholic University
• 29: Science in the City & Laboratory Tour, RMIT, Melbourne,
• 29, 30 Experience Days, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne (29) and Ballarat (30),
• 30: Discover Deakin,
• 30, ENGenuiTy at Monash
• 28 June – 19 July: Trinity College young Leaders School
Brandsma House News - Winter Sleep out

Brandsma house is a proud supporter of The Good Shepard Foundation and next Thursday 10 July is our main event to support our House charity. It’s the annual ‘Brandsma Winter Sleep out’.

The Good Shepard Foundation focuses on providing safe places to sleep for the homeless, specifically focusing on the adolescent homeless in Australia.

Through our Brandsma Winter Sleep out we can only gain a small experience of what some of these people have to go through for weeks on end, but it raises great awareness for the Good Shepard Foundations work and what they do for people within our society.

The night will run on Thursday 10 July and is open to parents and all students Year 10 and above. The night requires a $20 donation which will go towards soup, a cooked breakfast, hot chocolate and coffee. All proceeds will go to the Good Shepard Foundation and their quest to provide everyone with a roof over their heads.

If you are unable to ‘sleep out’ on the night, donations are most welcome, but it would be great to see many of you enjoying the night with other members of our community to raise awareness for the Good Shepard Foundation.

Rudi Hunt, Brandsma Captain

Haemoglobin Heroes

Our Haemoglobin Heroes have been busy saving lives over the past few weeks – 36 lives, to be more precise! That is a lot of people in the community who have benefitted from the inspiring and selfless actions of our donors. We have also been praised by the staff at the Ringwood Blood Bank and congratulated each week by other donors from outside the College who are impressed by the attitude of our students and their willingness to help others.

Our most recent Heroes were; James Connellan, Zachary Drysdale, Bailey Freeman, Connor Hickey, Angus MacLeod, Callum Mendes, Jesse Pappas, Jacob Pinchen, Lachlan Richardson, Lexton Roumpos, Harry Spence and Cameron Steele.

A major use of donated blood is for cancer patients. A recent article in a daily newspaper was discussing the treatment of someone with a rare and aggressive type of leukaemia (a cancer of the blood); as part of her treatment she was undergoing blood transfusions twice a week, using multiple bags each time. This blood can only come from blood donors, so our College donors really are lifesavers; there are many people who need donated blood in order to survive.

Donors are still needed for terms 3 and 4; please email me if you would like to join us and experience the good feeling that comes from donating blood and saving lives.

Do something special – donate blood!

Mrs Penny Crossman

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Corsini House - Doncare Charity Lunches

On Tuesday 2 June, seven boys from Corsini 3 in Years 7 and 8 spent the whole day with me helping in our community. Since 2013, students in Corsini have been working in partnership with Doncare to cook lunch for some of our more elderly and isolated citizens in Manningham. In 2013 and 2014, we invited the guests to our College, but in 2015 we have begun our outreach lunches off site. Students in Corsini 3 prepared food at the College and then transported it in the school bus to the Uniting Church on Anderson Creek Road where the Carramar group meet every Tuesday. The students then cooked food on the school bbq trailer and served this with the prepared food from the College. The boys not only prepared, served and ate with the elderly guests but also then washed up, cleaned the kitchen at the church and then cleaned the kitchen back at the College! It was a fantastic opportunity for the boys in Corsini to reach out into our community and show ‘hands on’ faith in action. The funding for the previous lunches and the lunches in 2015 has been made possible by a successful application to the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation.

“\textit{It was an excellent experience and I will take a lot from it}”
Lachlan Tham Y8 C3

“\textit{They were all so grateful and we thankful to do it}”
Felix Cook Y8 C3

“I enjoyed this barbecue because it is nice to see the elderly, that barely interact with younger people, looking very happy”
Marcus Mimmo Y8 C3

“It was great to see the old people and what they have done in the lives”
Flynn Rebecca Y7 C3

“It was a great opportunity to help some people who don’t get to talk to young people very much”
Jamie Currow Y7 C3

“I thought the Doncare lunch was a fantastic day being able to cook for the elderly and being able to talk to them as well about their life”
Liam Conole Y7 C3

“I thought Tuesday went really well. I enjoyed it a lot and it was nice to be able to cook something other than toast”
Flynn Maguire Y7 C3
On Thursday 21 May, English Captain Joshu Faye-Chauhan won the regional final of the VCAA’s Plain English Speaking Award.

As the name suggests, this is a competition designed to encourage speaking in Plain English. The aim is to speak clearly, simply, and perceptively, in a well-constructed speech about a social issue. The competition attracts a very high level of speaker, generally the best in their school, and Joshu came up against seven other speakers from five other schools.

Joshu’s speech was on ‘Light milk: it’s heavier than you think.’ The judges praised his calm, relaxed delivery, his well-judged use of humour, and the way he linked personal experience to the wider world. They said that of all the speakers he most represented the intended style and objectives of the Plain English Speaking Award.

Joshu now progresses onto the semi-finals in late June. His success was celebrated in a school assembly and we congratulate him on this outstanding achievement.

Mr Tom Robinson, Assistant Learning Leader - English

Andreas Lepore (12S2) is an elite level gymnast – he is currently training and competing under the auspices of the Victorian Institute of Sport. The demands on Andreas’ time from his gymnastics are enormous – most afternoons, he leaves school, boards a train to Prahran and trains for a few hours (under the watchful eyes of very demanding coaches), returns home on the train (more often than not late), eats his dinner and hits the books after this. Andreas uses his time on the train to study and complete work as well. On top of this, there are regular competitions on weekends and he also does some coaching of younger students.

Years of training and hard work like this have resulted in Andreas being a very self-disciplined young man who organises his time and is self-motivated to make sure he gets all work done in the time available to him. Last week, Andreas competed in the Australian Gymnastics National Titles. He had a very successful competition and won 3 medals – all silver.

We congratulate Andreas for his ongoing successes and look forward to following him through his future competitions.

Ms Nicole Ross, Head of House, Soreth

Each year, The Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association (VILTA) invites students of Indonesian in Victoria to participate in an oral language competition. Whitefriars College was very fortunate to have Lachlan McAlary (Year 8) achieve first place, and Jake Hester (Year 11) achieve second place. Against prodigious competition from some of Victoria’s most prodigious schools, Lachlan and Jake studied and rehearsed for many mornings and lunch times with their teachers Mrs Karen Scott, Mr Mike Jackson and also with the generous support of Father Angelino to achieve wonderful results. Lachlan and Jake also completed many hours’ homework practice to prepare themselves for a preliminary and a final examination. Thank you for your hard work, Gents. You should be proud of your efforts and success.

Mr Mike Jackson, Learning Leader (LOTE)
Grandparents Day

On Thursday 28 May, the Year 7s had the much looked-forward-to Grandparents Day. This is an annual event that was first introduced by Stein House many years ago and now involves all Year 7 students.

The Grandparents and visitors really enjoyed the insight into our secondary school lives. We met at 8.45am which was a big task for some Grandparents, having to travel a long way through peak hour traffic to get here on time.

The aim of Grandparents Day was to introduce our Grandparents to our school, because quite often, your secondary school years are the ones where you see the least of your Grandparents, and you might become a bit disconnected from them.

I think the highlight of the day for the Grandparents was seeing some of our work – mainly in Geography, R.E. and English. Then we gave them a bit of a tour around the school. This tour was guided by our Year 12 House Captain, Lewis, and our Year 11 House Vice Captain, Jackson. My classmates and I could see how our Grandparents and special visitors were impressed with the older boys.

I know that my Grandparents, in particular, were especially thrilled with the video of the Year 7 camp which was in the first few weeks of school and helped us to form many friendships. They also enjoyed the morning tea, as there were plenty of cakes and scones to go around!

Interestingly, I discovered that my Grandfather actually went to school with Fr Frank Shortis (who was the first Principal of Whitefriars) and there were just two grades between them at Assumption College!

So after the work presentations and tours we had our morning tea and Liturgy in the top gym, and then our Grandparents went home around 11.30am, thanking us for a good day.

The Grandparents Day was a huge success and we all had a great time.

Harry Gierer, Year 7 Stein

Multicultural Week

Multicultural week was a great success and was enjoyed by many with a daily quizzes, various lunchtime activities and canteen specials. Each day had its own individual theme and the week kicked off with Monday being Australia Day. A sausage sizzle was run at lunchtime in recognition of this and was a big hit amongst the boys with the sausages selling out in no time.

The theme for Tuesday was Indonesia and a game of Indonesian Volleyball, Sepak Takraw, was played in the top gym. This proved to be challenging for those who hadn't played before but the match was fast paced and exciting.

Wednesday had an Italian theme and a highlight was the 5 on 5 indoor soccer at lunchtime. Several teams showed up to play scratch matches of 10 minutes each and the competition was fierce.

Thursday's theme was Asia and students were invited to play Chinese Checkers at lunchtime. This game proved very strategic and it was good to see many of the younger students mixing it up with the older boys.

To conclude the week, Friday's theme was around the world and students were invited to come to school in casual clothes with a gold coin donation for East Timor. A curry truck was brought in to complement the canteen specials and this proved to be a great success with many students lining up to try the different dishes on offer.

All in all the week was well received and was a lot of fun. A massive thank you must go out to Mrs Cassar, Mrs Murphy, Josh Livingstone and all the other staff and students that helped to make the week such a success.

Ryan Sheather, Multicultural Captain
Congratulations to Joel Duggan of Corsini 6 who was awarded first place in the Write4fun short story competition this week. This is a wonderful and significant achievement as the competition was held nationally and judges received over 12,000 entries. First prize included a cheque for $500 and one of equal value for Whitefriars College and a Samsung tablet or iPad. We can also look forward to seeing Joel’s story published in the forthcoming anthology The Write Track.

Joel’s story begins with that old literary cliché “It was a dark and stormy night…” Thankfully (and probably much to the relief of the judges) Joel manages to explore this topic in an original and witty manner. The story also highlights the importance of taking risks. Sometimes a risk can pay off and in this instance, it certainly has. Well Done Joel!

Mrs Vicky Dembalas, English Teacher

It was a dark and stormy night

‘Twas a dark and stormy night. The infamous sentence: considered by most to be the worst possible way to start any story. A piece of prose so purple you could slap a price sticker on it and sell it as a grape.

Nevertheless, it is the way this story begins; for indeed, a storm was raging outside unlike you’ve ever seen. Rain, concealed beneath the cloak of night, battered the ground relentlessly. The staccatos of thunder and lightning penetrated the air with the sound of a battering ram against a castle gate.

This tale begins with a man stuck in his home, which unfortunately for him, was located in the middle of the storm. He was a lonely fellow; a writer that much preferred the company of books to people. In fact, this ‘conjuror of tales’ (what he secretly referred to himself as), was engaged devoutly in a book.

If you had asked the title, he would not have answered. Instead he would have raised his book to reveal its name, without skipping a letter in his reading.

I believe that you have been adequately introduced to our protagonist at this moment in time. So, as mentioned heretofore, his eyes were glued to the pages of a novel. Around him were towering bookshelves, filled with stories this man has experienced. So brimming with tomes were his shelves, that this fellow had been forced to start stacking them up on the floor like miniature towers.

Upon one of the novel structures was a laptop. It was old for its time, but it had served the reader well. On the screen was a small story he had written. As the fellow perused, he contemplated whether or not he should enter this short into a writing competition. He had never done it before, and shyness was an unfortunate side-effect of isolation.

Numerous thoughts ran through his man. What if they hated it? What if he was told he had no talent? Or, what if they loved it and published it for all the world to see? It was inevitable many would dislike his writing and criticise it harshly.

This all became too much for the reader and he was forced to put down his novel to properly mull the situation over. He stood up and began to pace the room, fingers stroking his chin as he weaved around shelves and stacks. But still, it was too difficult to make a decision as the rain decided it needed to butt in at regular intervals.

The man sighed at his inability to make the decision. His eyes wandered around the room, gazing at the titles of various books: Harry Potter, Great Expectations, The Hobbit.

It was then that it came to the man. Those authors had not been successful without taking a few risks. The reader returned to his laptop, clumsily grasping for his mouse. He took a deep breath.

He clicked ‘Send’.
Year 11 VET Sport and Recreation Sports Clinic

Whitefriars was buzzing last Wednesday when 190 grade 4 students bounced off charter buses for a Whitefriars Sportsfest. They came from St. Gregory The Great Primary in Doncaster and from St. Francis Xavier in Montmorency after the Year 11 Whitefriars VET Sport and Recreation Students extended an invitation for a day of fun, and more fun! Our visitors came highly motivated for the challenges ahead and the 19, Year 11 students who took charge of a range of Sport Clinics were surely a little nervous about the potential outcome that lay ahead. Our survival was going to be based upon good preparation, having a plan B up our sleeves, sticking to our strengths and having fun with it ourselves. This approach definitely paid off with students from all schools mingling so well both on and off the playing fields, the gyms and during the BBQ and the Senior Football, match which took place after the activities.

Thanks must be extended to the pupils of St. Greg's and St. Francis Xavier for allowing our students to practice their Coaching Craft and to the staff of the respective schools for allowing this to all go ahead. The debrief in class with my Sport and Rec. students the following day was as entertaining as the day itself as they recounted conversations they had had the previous day with the young kids and as they analysed the highlights!

Mr Peter Rennie, Teacher

Mr Paul Dietzsch, ODE Teacher

VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies 3/4

Mountain Biking: Castlemaine goldfields.

Rain, wind and cold greeted the Unit 3 VCE OES class as they headed off to the goldfields of Castlemaine on a Mountain Biking trip along a section of the Dry Diggings portion of the Great Dividing Trail on Tuesday 19 May.

The ride took us through remnant gold mining settlements and demonstrated the devastating effects that the Gold Rush period gold mining on the Australian landscape. Amidst the drizzle, mud, dirt and fun, the boys were hit with the realisation of how much earth was physically moved during the Gold Rush when they laid eyes on the mullock heaps and aqueducts. It makes for great terrain to ride on but the long term effects of soil degradation, vegetation removal and waterway destruction were plainly evident.

Strangely we began our ride in the small, quiet country hamlet of Fryers town and rode into Castlemaine some 3 ½ hours later. The ride included some great downhill runs, a few challenging hill climbs that sorted the men from the boys, lunch on the summit of “The Monk” overlooking Castlemaine, a ride along the old aqueduct (which proved more challenging for some than first thought) and the challenge of trying to outdo the “Doc”.

Upon reaching Castlemaine there was time for a quick clean up and then back onto the warm bus for the trip home (and Melbourne traffic). A great time was had by all and thanks must go to Dr Stephen Goodall his invaluable expertise and assistance on this trip.

Mr Paul Dietzsch, ODE Teacher
World Environment Day

Happy World Environment Day!

Friday 5 June is celebrated globally as World Environment Day. It is a day to raise awareness to take positive action to protect nature and the planet Earth. Today the students at Whitefriars College were asked to consider participating in a petition called the Monster Climate Petition by the Victorian Women’s Trust. It is a message for the House of Representatives to alert them that many young Australian’s care about the environment. This message can be taken to the Paris Climate Summit later this year. Anyone can sign this petition. If you are interested, please go to their website www.monsterclimatepetition.com.au.

During Term 2 the Environment Group has been giving faculties the opportunity to incorporate the College’s environment into class curriculum. Thank you Stuart Collidge from Year 9 Digital Media class who brought the students down to the wetlands and bushland last week to record sounds. These sounds will be used to help the students use the music software to design their own music tracks. The Year 7 RE classes continue their native tussock grass planting along Park Road that ties in with their Creation Unit. Thank you to 7 Avila, 7 Stein and 7 Lisieux for their fantastic efforts.

The Victorian Schools Garden Awards Grant $500 cheque arrived in the mail this week. The College will purchase a variety of native plants for the wetlands and bushland and commence planting in the coming months. The Environment Group have also been offered a LEAF grant from the Manningham City Council. The Local Environmental Assistance Fund provides financial assistance for the conservation of bushland ecology. This grant will go towards managing weed control around the wetlands area.

SWEP MAY WATER USAGE AT WFC

1st to 31st May = 325,395 L used Use Per Person Per Day = 8.6L

Did you know? The water used at the College during May is equivalent to: 1.3 Million glasses of water, 2,2000 Bathtubs, 6.5 swimming pools

Whitefriars College is the 302nd most sustainable water usage school out of 495 schools signed up for the SWEP program.

Personal Development

Early May the Year 11s were spoken to by Hugh Van Cuylenburg who delivered an emotionally engaging program to the students and provided them with practical strategies to build resilience. The program is designed to teach young people the skills that will build their own resilience, in order to safeguard themselves from mental health problems. Hugh emphasised the importance of looking after our own mental health and the importance of being mindful in our everyday life. The boys (and staff) laughed and cried while he shared some of his own powerful life stories. Throughout the sessions Hugh spoke to the Year 11s on how to practice gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. Hugh challenged the cohort to download the app ‘smiling minds’ and practice mindfulness and meditation as well as every day write down three things they are grateful for in their life.

For more information please visit theresilienceproject.com.au or smilingmind.com.au

Last week the Year 7s were entertained by ‘Brainstorm Productions’. They performed a show called the ‘Hurting Game’; to promote discussion about freindship, peer pressure, bullying, body image, our cyber footprint and the way we interact at school and on digital media.

The Year 8s were also entertained by ‘Brainstorm Productions’. They performed a show called ‘Cyberia’; to promote discussion and to give the students guidelines about what constitutes cyber bullying, the effects of too much screen time and violent computer games, internet safety, digital citizenship and protecting our on-line reputation.

Through both these shows students gained a good understanding of the content and concepts covered. The students’ faces during the discussion inferred that it had really struck a chord.

If you would like more information please visit the following websites: www.beyondblue.org.au, www.kidsafecom.au or www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/default.aspx

Miss Sarah Bell, Personal Development & Peer Support Coordinator
The library staff are pleased to have a new student contributor to our blog. Joel Duggan from Year 8 has written a couple of fantastic book reviews. Read his latest review here. We would love to hear from other students who would like to share a review or make suggestions. Everyone is welcome to follow the library blog to find out what's new and see what students and staff are recommending. Just enter your email address to become a follower.

Many students participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge have either completed the Challenge or are close to reaching the target of fifteen books by the end of Term 3. There will be prize given to the Year 7 class who are in the lead at the end of this term as an incentive. Special mention to both Jacob Sanderson and Jayden Bardrick from Corsini who have read 100 books each and therefore ensuring that their class are well and truly the frontrunners for the progress prize – well done boys!
Performing Arts News

Fame

Congratulations to the cast, orchestra, crew and staff involved in our production of Fame! With six months of intensive rehearsal culminating in four sold out shows at the Karralyka Theatre. We have received numerous emails from audience members praising the professional standard of the production, the incredible talents of our students, and the creativity of the direction.

A big thank you to Ms Lavelle, Mr Oltvai and the Performing Arts staff for creating a wonderful show and providing an outstanding opportunity for our students. (Click Here for Photo Gallery)

Theatre Studies Production

Our VCE Theatre Studies production this year is William Shakespeare's 'Land of the Dead' and is being staged on Thursday 18 June. This production is entirely directed, designed, constructed and performed by the VCE Theatre Studies class, and promises to be an entertaining production. Parents and friends are all welcome.

This production explores the little known outbreak of the 'Walking Plague' that affected London in 1599. Told through the eyes of Shakespeare and his contemporaries, it is a humorous and horrifying look behind the scenes at the Globe Theatre, and the struggle to survive the plague of the afflicted.

There is no charge for tickets and they can be booked by accessing Trybooking, searching 'Whitefriars' and following the links.

Upcoming Events

18 June – Theatre Studies Production – Healy Wilson Theatre 7 pm

22 June - Year 7 Music Concert – Healy Wilson Theatre
## College Calendar

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For more College events please log on to the intranet by clicking here.
College Services

Thank you again to everyone for all the Cards and thoughts passed to me over the last few weeks. I do appreciate your care and love it has meant so much to me.

Lost Property: We seem to have a lot of articles in lost property again that is un-named. Please ensure that all items are named as it makes it much easier for everyone to have it returned to its rightful owner.

Manningham Raffle: Many thanks to all parents who have already returned their books. Please aim to return your books to my office as soon as possible. Remember we are raising $1.50 per ticket sold so it’s a great fundraiser for the school and will go to the benefit of your sons.

Uniform Exchange: Melissa has washed and vacuum packed over 250 white Shirts ready to go off to East Timor. If you find any more in your wardrobes just send them in to me. We are happy to take any Football Boots and pass them onto Peter Rennie who has collected hundreds or pairs of boots with his campaign ‘Boots for Timor’.

Entertainment Books: We have sold 30 Books and have 20 Left. Entertainment books are now available from my office. This is a great opportunity for you and the College to benefit from their special offers. Click Here for the forms or if you like you can contact me directly on 9872 8307. Your sons can collect the books from me directly.

Thanks to the ladies who came in and assisted with the 3000 letter mail-out. We all appreciate your assistance. A big thank you as always to the parents who have been working so hard in the Canteen too.

The New Entertainment Book is now available from my Office. Click here for details on how to order your copy.

Parents Association

Grandparents Morning: A big thank you to those involved in last Thursday’s Grandparents Morning. The morning tea ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by all. The support of the Parents Association adds to the success of these events and for this we’d like to say a huge thank you to the following: Monika Bredhauer, Sharon Stone, Lucy Corrente, Laura Dale, Andrea Johnston and Anna Fenech.

Manningham Monster Raffle: Please ensure that all sold tickets and money be returned to the College as soon as possible. This has been a very successful raffle in past history and helps to raise money to assist areas of the College.

2015 Parent Dinners: Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 12 dinner. It was a lovely night enjoyed by all. Next is the Year 11 Parent Dinner scheduled for 18 June. An email has been sent from the College outlining full details. The rest of the year level dinners are booked as follows: Year 10 – 23 July, Year 9 – 25 August, Year 8 – 17 September, Year 7 – 14 October.

It’s a good opportunity to meet other parents with boys in the same year level, so make a note in your diaries as we’d love to see you there.

Trivia Night: Parents Association will once again be running a Trivia Night this year. The date has been confirmed for 22 August at St John’s Hall in Mitcham. You can book in as a family or get together with friends and form a table of between 8 and 12 people. Note: the night is for adults and the kids. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Parents Association Contacts: For your assistance the following are the main Parents Association contacts for 2015. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions, or are interested in coming on board to help with our 2015 events and initiatives.

Max Connors - 0400 576242, Don Chesterman - 0408 345766, Lynda Connors - 0412 175458, Monika Bredhauer - 0438 220361, Marisa Smeed - 0425 730876.
Confirmation 2015  Enrolments are now being taken for students in Years 10-12 who have celebrated the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please visit Holy Saviour Parish website www.cam.org.au/glenwaverleynorth and download the enrolment form and explanatory letter.

The program structure has 11 lessons which include five compulsory attendance sessions - the first one (with parents) is on Tuesday 12 May at 6.30-8pm. There will be a retreat day on Friday 17 July and Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards on Sunday 19 July at 11am.

Please contact Mo Cromar, Pastoral Associate if you have any further questions or queries at the Parish Office.
Tel 9803 3554 or email: mo.cromar@cam.org.au
Sports Report

I would personally like to thank the many staff and students involved with ACC football and soccer sides this term. Our staff and students put a lot of time into these programs and as a College we are very grateful not only for that; but for the general manner and values that they display whilst representing our College.

The following sides have qualified to represent our College in ACC Grand Finals over the next fortnight: Year 8 (1) football; Year 7 (1) football; Year 9 (2) football; and our Senior 1st XVIII Football side who are looking to win their 3rd straight ACC title. We wish these sides the best of luck in their endeavours.

"On Wednesday 3 June, both Whitefriars Senior Football teams battled it out in their respective semi-finals. The 1st XVIII lead by captains Bailey Hotker and Riley Fyffe, fought it out against long-time rivals Parade College at home. After a shaky start to the beginning of the first half, the boys from Parade were showing great intensity and showed no means of backing down, however, it just wasn’t enough against the dominant power house Whitefriars College. With high flying performances from Jaye Witnish and fantastic running from Wingmen Tyson Fiedler, Thomas Jacotine and James Krikas the Friar’s boys looked untouchable. Special mentions to Captain Bailey Hotker for his swift, explosive clearances from the midfield and the forward duo of Liam Smith and Jake Parente collectively kicking a total of 15 goals to lead the boys to victory. Whitefriars 142 to Parade 52. The boys will now face St Joseph’s Geelong in the grand final in 2 weeks’ time at Elsternwick Park. If you have time to spare, come down and support the boys in a game that will promise not to disappoint.

After a long run of injuries and numerous boys on a school retreat, the 2nd XVIII unfortunately, went down to Emmanuel College 71-65, after being up all day. The boys fought it out to the best of their abilities and are commended for their efforts. Special mentions go out to Ryan Jones, Nick Worthing, Michael Barro and Matt Brown for coming all the way out to Altona to help the boys with such low numbers and they didn’t look out of place at all."

Ryan Young, Overall College Sport Vice Captain.

Congratulations to the following boys on their fantastic achievements:

- Sam Harte (Year 9 Corsini 5) and Lachlan Bugeja (Year 9 Mantua 6) have been selected to represent Victoria in the School Sports Victoria Under 15 football team. Their carnival will be played in Geelong from the 18 to 25 July.
- Michael Silvaggi (Year 7 Lisieux 2) and Blake Ritchie (Year 7 Corsini 6) who will represent their club side the Bulleen Boomers in the Australian Junior Basketball Championships to be held in Perth in September.

Well done on your fantastic achievements.

If your son has been selected in any state or national sides please feel free to let me know via my email address gkellar@whitefriars.vic.edu.au so that I can give them recognition in this report.

For any Information regarding the ACC including Results and Ladders and Updated Fixtures/Venues go to www.accmelb.com.au
**ACC Match Results**

**Football**

1st XVIII:
Whitefriars 142 def. Parade 52

2nd XVIII:
Whitefriars 65 def. by Emmanuel 71
Year 10 (1):
Year 10 (2):

Whitefriars 56 def. by St Bede's 83
Year 9 (1):
Year 9 (2):

Whitefriars 85 def. by Emmanuel 102
Year 9 (1):
Whitefriars 67 def. De La Salle 61
Year 9 (2): BYE
Year 8 (1):
Whitefriars 6 def. by St Bede's 71
Year 8 (2):

Whitefriars 35 def. by St Bede's 55
Year 7 (1):
Whitefriars 54 def. Parade 42
Year 7 (2):
Whitefriars 20 def. by Mazenod 50

**Soccer**

Senior 1st XI:
NO GAME

Senior 2nd XI:
Whitefriars 3 def. Salesian 2
Year 10:
Year 9:

Whitefriars 2 def. St Bernard's 1
Year 8 (1):

Whitefriars 0 def. by Mazenod 3
Year 8 (2):

Whitefriars 2 def. by St Bernard's 3
Year 8 (1):

Whitefriars 4 def. Parade 2
Year 7 (1):

Whitefriars 1 def. by Mazenod 3
Year 7 (2):
BYE

**ACC Fixtures**

**Next Week**
For ACC Fixtures I have included the venue and the Estimated Return Time (ERT) to Whitefriars to assist parents collecting students.

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**Good Sport Nominations**

Each week we have many students who excel in Sport, whether it is in ACC Sport or Non-ACC Sport. Each week staff members are asked to nominate students who have demonstrated excellence via their performances, participation, sportsmanship, cooperation and teamwork.

The following students have been nominated as Good Sports for this week:

Year 12: Lachlan Mahon (1st XVIII boundary umpire for this season)