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MOUSE DISSECTION
On Monday year 11 Biology students were able to view the body systems they have been studying when they dissected a mouse. While some students found the task too overwhelming (sometimes it is the wrong moment to take a deep breath), students who were able to participate found the task challenging and interesting. Living things (or at least they were) are always amazing to see in the flesh, even if they don't always smell wonderful, and students gained a deeper understanding of the way the systems fit together as a whole.

ROCK CLIMBING
On Tuesday Outdoor and Environmental Science students swapped the great outdoors for the great indoors of the Hard Rock Climbing Centre in Melbourne. Safely kitted up students paired up to challenge themselves to climb to the top. Students relied on their partners to keep them safe as they climbed ever higher. The climb had students' and Mr Schack's hearts pumping and muscles strained.

A stop in the food court was imperative to replenish the hungry hoard and then a tram, a train and then a bus to take everyone home. All students were a credit to themselves and the school.
EXCURSION: YEAR 11 FOOD TECH.

On Tuesday the 21st August the Year 11 Food Tech class travelled to Melbourne to the Queen Victoria Market. Students participated in a tour of the market and had the opportunity to taste a number of products during the tour. The tour guide was a wealth of knowledge about the history of the market as well as the fantastic produce on offer. It was a great opportunity for students to explore ingredients they had previously not seen or heard of, whilst enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the market.

The students then participated in a race around the market which allowed them to discover all that the market has to offer.

The market experience was a great way to reinforce the work the students have done on key ingredients throughout the year.

STUDY TIMETABLES

The Precinct continually promotes students taking ownership of their education and their lives. Students who learn because they want to increase their knowledge and their understanding are significantly more likely to succeed in tertiary studies and the workforce. They are able to practice self-discipline, make realistic goals and are committed to achieving personal success.

We have previously discussed the importance of Study Timetables in creating a healthy balance of school, life and work. These study timetables are also an excellent tool in students taking this ownership of their learning and their life. This week we have attached a pro forma for students and families to print out, fill out and use.

In filling out the blocks it is important for the student to:

1. Understand that you are in control of when you do school-based tasks, relax, play sports, etc.
2. Think about the times of day you study best.
3. Think about a ‘realistic’ amount of hour blocks that you can put in. There is no point putting in 22 hours of study if you realistically will only do 7.
4. Block in when you want to relax and enjoy yourself.
5. Block in when you want to study.
6. On the right hand side write down your priorities in respect to school. Eg: English – read chapter 2-3, or Art: Annotate 5 pages.
7. Place these priorities into the ‘study blocks’ you have already set out.
8. If you have committed to doing the timetable. DO NOT skip your allotted sessions as you will feel guilt and will continue to make excuses.

Any student wanting extra support with their study timetables or any other matter please make an appointment with David Shields or your Performance Class teacher.
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CLOSING DATE FOR VET 2013
All students who wish to continue with or alter their VET course for 2013 must apply by the 14th September. Application forms will be given out to students during class time over the next two weeks. If you will have any absences from school during this time, extra forms will be available from the general office until the 13th of September.

Please note: Only students who have completed the VET application & parent consent form will be considered for VET in 2013. Students failing to complete the VET application form by the 14th of September will need to make an appointment with the career advisors during the following week; VCAL students may need to change their course to VCE & VCE students may need to pick up another VCE subject.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS
To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

| National Gallery & Ian Potter Collection excursion to Melbourne | Thursday 6th September | $32 + $6.50 for students attending two lectures | Payment and Permission forms due by Monday 3rd September |
| Year 11 Biology excursion to Melbourne Aquarium | Friday 7th September | $30 | Payment and Permission forms due by Tuesday 4th September |
| Year 11 Legal Studies excursion to Latrobe Valley Law Courts—Ms Andrews | Monday 10th September | $7 | Payment and Permission forms due by Thursday 6th September |
| Year 11 Theatre studies excursion to West Gippsland Art Centre to see ‘Moth’ Theatre Production | Tuesday 11th September | $20 | Payment and Permission forms due by Friday 7th September—limit of 40 students |

YEAR 12 REVISION LECTURES
End of Year Revision Lectures, through Access Education are now being advertised around the Precinct. These lectures, given by highly experienced staff over 2 ½ hours, provide students with the following: Tips on how to tackle exam questions, general exam strategies, class-specific advice and pointers on previous years exams pitfalls and strengths. Students leave the lectures with a number of revision resources and a greater level of confidence as they enter the important weeks leading into exams.

Revision Lectures will run on the 20th and 21st of October at Monash’s Gippsland Campus. Lectures will include: (20/10) Chemistry, Health & Human Development, Biology, Legal Studies, Business Management and English, (21/10) Psychology, Math Methods CAS, Physical Education, Further Maths and Physics. Cost is $22 per lecture ($10 of this will be reimbursed to students on completion of their lecture).

Students looking to sign up can collect an order form from the general office. Money and form should be given to the office by 12th October.
VTEAMs

This year the VET Information Technology group had groups of students visit the GEP to complete some sessions in advanced presentation skills. The student groups which visited were from Grades 3 to 6 at Hazelwood North Primary School. Each group came for 2 sessions to complete a presentation project using PowerPoint.

In VTEAMs, the VET students are the organisers and trainers for the primary school students. They plan all of the activities and over 4 weeks taught these skills to the primary school groups. Many of the VET student were scared about teaching the primary school groups of 35-45 students, but their confidence improved over the weeks.

Each student group had a great time and made excellent presentations which included both video and sound. The primary school students now have the opportunity to make more and better presentations.
DRIVING CONCERNS CONTINUE
Unfortunately despite previous notices in the Parent Bulletin and a number of fines being issued by the Police for infringement of road rules there are still concerns in relation to the behaviour of drivers dropping off and collecting students. As we have a number of learner drivers at the campus, we are concerned at the poor example these practices are providing and of the safety issues they raise for pedestrians and other vehicles in the area.

The concerns raised include;
• Drivers parking in the bay at the front steps but facing in the wrong direction, which means they enter and leave by crossing over the double lines and the oncoming lane
• Drivers parking on the road, particularly the west side, which is not permitted due to the double lines and obstruction to other traffic
• Drivers doing U-turns across the double lines
• Drivers parking and leaving their vehicle for extended duration in the bay immediately in front of the campus during restricted times which are for drop off and pick up only causing unnecessary congestion.
• Another timely reminder is that the front of the campus is also a school speed zone and 40km is the speed limit between 8 – 9.30am and 2.30–4pm on school days.

We trust that all drivers will abide by the road regulations to ensure we can provide a safe environment and have a positive influence on our future drivers.
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It’s all about the senior students...
We’ve got lots of information and assistance for Year 11 and 12 students who are currently focused on their VCE. Read on to find out more...

VTAC Applications now open!
VTAC applications are now open and it’s important for Year 12 students to plan ahead and ensure all applications and supporting documentation are in on time.

Students should also be applying for SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) and Scholarships, all of which can be completed through the VTAC system.

Year 12 Coordinators and careers teachers are a great source of information about the VTAC process. Students are also welcome to contact us at accessmonash@monash.edu.

Timely VTAC applications close on 28 September at 5pm. This is during the term holidays, so plan ahead and make sure your child gets all the support they need from their school before the end of term!

VCE Revision Lectures
Access Education delivers VCE Revision Lectures at a number of Monash campuses throughout September and October. Information about the revision lectures can be found at www.accesseducation.com.au

Monash is pleased to provide FREE and/or discounted to students from SAM schools when booked in bulk by the school. Speak to your Careers Coordinator and/or Senior School Coordinator to find out more.

Parent Information Evening
Monash is holding an information evening for parents of Year 11 and 12 students, providing an opportunity to find out more about the VTAC application process, scholarships and fees; and course options.

The information evening will be at the Monash Caulfield campus on Thursday 6 September from 6.30pm. To register or find out more, please visit www.monash.edu.au/parent or call 1800 MONASH.

Monash has also recently published our Parents’ Guide. If you would like a copy of the Parents’ Guide, send your name and postal address to accessmonash@monash.edu.

Access Monash Tutoring
Looking for some personalised help with final assessments? Access Monash Tutoring is provided by current Monash students, to students studying Biology, Chemistry, English, Maths (any) or Physics.

We will be providing tutoring/study support for Year 12 students in the Gippsland region on the 24-25 September (school holidays). More information about this will be provided to schools in the coming weeks.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.monash.edu/access

Under-represented Schools
Year 12 students from under-represented schools are strongly encouraged to complete a SEAS application, as part of the VTAC process.

To confirm whether your child’s school is on the list, or to find out more about what it means, you can speak to your school’s Careers Coordinator or Year 12 Coordinator.

You can also email us at accessmonash@monash.edu - be sure to include the name of your child’s school.

Science Education Immersion Day
Access Monash and the Monash Science Centre invites future mature age students to learn more about the possibilities associated with studying science.

The Science Education Immersion Day will be held at the Monash Clayton Campus on Friday 21 September, 9.45am - 4pm.

For more information, please visit www.monash.edu.au/access/event-immersion.html

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