MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff

JAPANESE VISITORS
We welcome to our school, several visitors from Japan. Our long association with the youth organization, KSKK, continues with eight students and their leader arriving at school on Wednesday following an overnight journey from Tokyo. They will spend three weeks with their host families as well as attending classes at school and seeing some of the sights around Melbourne. We are also pleased to have two students from our sister school. My thanks to those families that have opened their homes to look after our visitors and to the Language teachers, led by Jessica Winstone, who have put in an enormous amount of work to ensure the success of these visits.

REPORTS
All students in Years 7 to 10 have now received their Semester One report. Please take the time to consider them and have a conversation with your child about the assessments made. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Level Coordinator. If you have not received a report, please contact the General Office.

COMMUNITY RAFFLE
A reminder to all those families that received a raffle book for the Ferntree Gully Nissan Community Raffle, that all monies, ticket butts and unsold tickets should have been returned to the General Office. On behalf of the Parent and Community Association, thank you for your wonderful support. The draw will be made in four weeks time and best wishes to all participants.

FOOTLOOSE, THE MUSICAL
Our Performing Arts team has been working hard on honing their skills as they rehearse every week in preparation for the school’s production of Footloose. I urge families to get in early and book your tickets for the three performances that will take place from the 27th to the 29th August, 2015.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Brydee Oakman’s family who has won a $50 voucher ..... for returning the randomly selected ‘Parent Opinion Survey’ by the due date. If you received one these surveys and have not yet returned it – your views DO count and we’d appreciate you sending it back to the school by the end of this week.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE via CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)
Parents who successfully applied for CSEF during term 2 now have access to these funds ($225 for each student).
If you DID NOT apply during term 2 and held a valid concession card on 13th July 2015, you may be eligible to apply for this Victorian Government funded allowance – you must apply BEFORE the end of term 3 for access to the funds early in term 4.
The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual amount is $225 for each secondary student. To apply please contact the schools office or download the application form www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. The closing date is 11th September 2015.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.
The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.
All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.
The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Nickels 9758 5022 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621.
For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.
* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

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SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY – Tuesday, 18th August
Our school Athletics Sports say will be held on Tuesday, 18th August at the Knox Athletics Track. All years 7 to 10 students are required to attend the event, either as participants or supporters of their friends. Students in years 11 and 12 have a choice of competing or working at home on their coursework. There will be no classes operating at school on this day as all staff will be requited at the venue.
There will be a range of fun activities that will complement the traditional events, so that students of all ability levels can participate and each year level will be allocated a colour theme on which to base their attire. Please ensure that your student is appropriately dressed for what is likely to be cold conditions.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Parents are reminded that they are required to notify the school of any absences for their students -
Log onto COMPASS and enter the ‘reason’ and the relevant dates or
call the Absence Hot Line and leave a message or
call the school and talk to the receptionist.

Russell Poulier
Acting Principal
THAILAND 2015

In the last three years, Fairhills High School students have been on life-changing trips to the underprivileged communities of Vietnam. There, they assisted in the development of schools and brought joy to the lives of many who were much less fortunate than them.

In late November this year, in coordination with Antipodeans Abroad, twelve year eleven students, along with Stewart MacCartney and Adrienne Tanner, will be going to help communities that are in need—this time, in Thailand. We will be assisting these communities with projects such as the renovation and construction of much-needed schools and even the teaching of English.

We are very excited for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will allow us to immerse ourselves in a new culture and thus improve our understanding of the world we live in. We hope that our experience will not only allow us to enrich the lives of the many people living in these disadvantaged areas, but, enrich our own lives so that we have a greater appreciation of what we have in Australia and to share our stories.

We are currently raising funds towards the trip and are hoping to raise at least $14,000. So far we have raised $6,200.00 through Bunnings BBQ’s and chocolate sales. The money raised will provide much needed funds to support students to lighten the financial pressure of travelling on the trip, and will also go towards building supplies and resources for the community projects. In Term 3 we will be working very hard to raise a significant amount of money to reach our target by: Trivia Night on Friday night September 11th – 7pm till 10pm. We have a large number of donations from a variety of different organizations that we will sell in our Silent Auction. More details to follow. Footy match at the end of term. Cake stalls.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us in any way, through attendance or donations of any kind - anything that may help us. No matter what you choose, it will go a long way in making a difference in the lives of those in need.

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At the Expo you will tour businesses at nearby Caribbean Business Park, find out about pathways and courses available at Swinburne University and have the chance to explore and play at the Pop Up KIOSC!

WHERE: Caribbean Rollerama, 1298 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby Victoria, 3179
WHEN: Tuesday 18th August, 2015 from 9.00am to 2.30pm
WHO: For students in Years 10-12. Places are strictly limited. To book your school’s visit to “Careers of the Future” register by email below.

For more information contact Angela Valentine at KIOSC on 0400 093 692 / avalentine@swin.edu.au or go to www.kiosc.vic.edu.au
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WHEN:
Thursday 29th August, 2015. KIOSC Tours from 4.00pm – 7.00pm followed by Presentation and Panel Discussion from 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

WHO:
Any parent or teacher. To register for a KIOSC tour or to book your place for Mark McCrindle’s presentation and panel discussion CLICK HERE.

For more information contact Angela Valentine at KIOSC on
0400 003 692 / avalentine@swin.edu.au or go to www.kiosc.vic.edu.au
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