MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

YEAR 12 CONFERENCE AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
As an introduction to Year 12, our senior students attended a two day conference at Deakin University, Burwood on the 9th and 10th of February. Students in their final year at Fairhills were provided with presentations on study skills, time management, dealing with pressure, tertiary options and the VCE process by Gary Prasad, Stewart MacCartney, Paul Graham and Elizabeth Rundle. Other speakers included a fantastic motivational presentation by Rowie Webster, a water polo bronze medallist from the London Olympics and David White, who provided the students with an insight into areas of the VCE English course and exam. Thanks to the 2015 Form teachers, Kristie Burrell, Janet Conrad, Christine Shipley and Alison Douglas for supporting the students and, a big congratulations to Silvana La Leggia for her organisation and management of the event.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as our school leaders for 2015. After undergoing an application and interview process they have been recognised as students who have already contributed to their school and who will continue to make a play a major role in their final year at Fairhills. We look forward to the work they undertake this year in their various portfolio areas.

Ricki-Lee Peck – School Captain / Performing Arts Leader
Joseph McLean- School Captain/ Junior School Leader
Bree Shannon- Social Justice Leader
Rachel Heywood- Social Justice Leader
Alana Bourke-Doggett- Senior School Leader
Alvin Pharaphone- Senior School Leader
Cory Aprilia – International Leader
Kylie Quinn- International Leader
Bec Eyssens – Junior School Leader
Rachael Campbell – Community Development Leader
Lucas Kidd- Community Development Leader
Tahlia Zaloumis- Sport Leader
Jimmy Palmer – Sport Leader
Urvika Koti- Sustainability Leader
Bec Cooper – Performing Arts Leader

Important Dates to remember

February 24       Photo Catch-up
February 25/26th  Year 7 KIOSC
February 26th     Year 12 Outdoor Ed Excursion
Listed below are the relevant Year Level Leaders. If you have any issues you would like to discuss regarding your student’s education these staff members will be happy to assist you.

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS 2015
Year 7 - Asha Vazirani
Year 8 - Sharon Teesdale
Year 9 - Triana Meagher
Year 10 - Julie Cox
Year 11 - Leanne Henderson
Year 12 - Silvana La Leggia

YEAR 11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP
The Outdoor Education program continues to be extremely popular with our senior students and the Year 11 group has begun the year with a three day camp to Wilsons Promontory National Park. With the support of our Outdoor Education team Peter Milner, Kirsten Bishop and Stewart MacCartney the 23 students had an excellent time investigating the coastal environment, hiking up Mt. Oberon and participating in surfing lessons. Camping out, dealing with the weather and wombats and cooking their own food made the three days a valuable learning experience.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
The taking of student photographs began on Friday 20th February and will continue on Tuesday 24th for students absent on the first day. The Compass photo system is explained to parents via a form that was given to each student before the photograph was taken. This form outlines the various package options the company provides including the various costs and payment options. Please note the ordering of photographs through the Compass parent portal (go to http://schools.jdlf.com.au) does not require the processing charge of ten dollars.

Paul Donaldson
Associate Principal.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
Fairhills is looking for families to host a German student for our German/Australian intercultural exchange. Any Fairhills family can host although this is a rare opportunity for students who are studying German to improve their language with a native speaker and also form a lifelong friendship with a young person from another country! Students will be in Australia from the 17th March – 15th April.
If interested, please contact Adelaide MacLeman, Exchange Coordinator on 9758 5022 for more information.
Thanks!
Adelaide

STUDENT ABSENCES – ABSENCE HOTLINE 9758 5060
Parents are requested to ring the school on the school’s Absence Hotline if your child will be absent or late due to illness or for any other reason. Please leave a message outlining the reason for the absence and if known the length of time your child will be away.
The roll is marked every period electronically. We would appreciate it if parents could notify the school of absences in the morning. However if you are unable to do so, the absence line is operational 24hrs a day, 7 days a week for your convenience.

SCHOOL DIARIES
Are now available from the school office. The cost is $15 for both the junior and senior diaries. School diaries are compulsory for all students.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
Fairhills High School offers an extensive instrumental music program for your child to be involved in. They do not need to have any musical experience.
Lessons are free with only a $50 participation fee for the year.
The school has a few instruments for loan to students.
We have 5 specialist teachers who offer weekly lessons on the following instruments; Drums, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Voice, Guitar, Piano, Violin
Students have the opportunity to perform at school concerts, local community events, and regional concerts. It also provides a pathway for students to complete VCE music.
If interested please email Nicole McAlister on mcalister.nicole.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone the school for more information or an enrolment form.
Nicole McAlister
Instrumental Music Co-ordinator / Fairhills High School