MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff

Hairspray - The Broadway Musical
It was wonderful to be a part of the audience on Thursday evening to enjoy the school's opening night of Hairspray - The Musical. Prior to opening night, we were pleased with the positive response from over 300 primary school students who attended the production. This was followed by outstanding performances on the following days with capacity audiences attending on all nights. Congratulations goes to our students: Florence Cowl in the lead role as Tracy Turnblad, Kristen Battisson, Lili Gibson, Pat McMurray, Carrie Lothhouse, Emily Dewar, Chelsea Diedricks, Andrew Mayto, our Band, the support crew and all the students who contributed and made the musical such an enjoyable experience. I would also like to acknowledge the many hours of work by our dedicated teams of teachers, Anita and David Chipman, Suzanne Beasley, Rhys Lett, Erica Sykes and Colin Hartley (The Basin Primary School) and the many volunteers including parents associated with Friends of Performing Arts.

Athletics Sports
A successful Athletic Day was held on Tuesday 20th August with students from Years 7-12 participating in a range of events. Although it was a little windy and cold there was strong support for each of the School's Houses. Congratulations go to our Sports Co-ordinator Mr. Michael Holloway and members of the PE faculty.

Semester One Award Recipients
At the end of each semester, staff nominate students for one of three awards. Excellence Certificates are awarded to students in Years 7-11. Students can be nominated for Academic Achievement, Academic Effort and/or Class Citizenship. The selected students were rewarded for their efforts with a special celebratory luncheon in the school's library. Congratulations to all our recipients and we look forward to celebrating Semester 2 achievements in a formal ceremony at Knox Civic Centre later in the year.

Chaplaincy Dinner
I am pleased to announce that ACCESS Ministries, Fairhills High and Primary Schools will be holding our annual Chaplaincy Trivia Night – on Friday 30th August from 6.30 -11pm. The event will be held at Fairhills High School in the Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are reasonably priced at $15 per person. Families and community members can expect a night full of fun with a range of trivia quizzes, raffle prizes, open auction and door prizes. I would encourage our community to support our chaplains by attending this function. All proceeds go to support both Bronwyn Arnott (FPS) and Stewart MacCartney (FHS). Tickets are now on sale at both schools.

Celebrating 40 Years of Education 1973-2013
The school is in the process of organizing a celebration of 40 years of service to the families of the Knox/Ferntree Gully community. The significant event will be held on Saturday 23rd November from 7pm until midnight at the Village Green Hotel Corner Ferntree Gully and Springvale Roads, Mulgrave. The organizers are encouraging all present and past teachers, students and staff to attend. Payments can be made by Direct Debit (external transfer) to the Fairhills High School Council Official Account: BSB: 313-140 Account: 19264801. Ensure you include your surname and 40 in the reference section. Additional information is now up on the school’s website.

2013 Knox Youth Voice Out Forum
A number of our students took part in the Knox Youth Voice Out Forum. This Forum was a day-long event where our students had the opportunity to participate in a range of workshops around the topics of bullying, mental health, drugs and alcohol and cultural diversity. The students involved were: Jordan Ribchester, Chloe Compson, Bree Shannon, Aman Timilsina and Kimlyn Thach. We hope all the students involved in the Forum benefited from the experience.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
The second round of Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 9th September 2013. The interview will begin at 12 noon and finish at 8pm with 10 minute interviews. This will be a student free day, however, students are encouraged to join in the interview process. Students will need to organize appointments with their teachers.
**Bike Compound**
Students who choose to use the school’s bike compound must ensure that their bikes are securely locked. We have recently experienced the theft of some bicycles from the compound. Any suspicious behavior in the compound should be reported at the school’s general office.

K. Dean
Associate Principal

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**SAVE THE DATE**
The annual Chaplaincy trivia night, will be held on Friday August 30 from 6.30 to 11 pm. The aim of the night is to raise funds to support Stewart MacCartney in his work at Fairhills High School. This is an enjoyable family event and we would encourage you to organise a table full of friends for a great night of fun.

If anyone can help with donations towards our raffle or silent auctions, then please take these gifts to the school office. Maybe you have been given a gift that is not to your taste, perhaps you could consider re-gifting it for the raffle. These donations must be new.

The Chaplaincy Committee is always interested in hearing from anyone in the school community who would like to help us in our fundraising efforts, either by joining the committee or by becoming a donor.

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**THE COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA**
The CWA is conducting an Information Night at the CWA Hall 4 Sundew Avenue, Boronia (Melway Ref 64 K8) on Tuesday, September 3 at 7.30 pm.
Friendship, Performing Arts, Social Issues, Community Service, Creative Arts, Photography, Public Speaking, Scholarships, etc.
Enquiries Lyn 9761 4269

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**Lost and Found School Uniforms**
Would parents please check that all items of their student’s school uniform have been labelled with their student’s name. It has been brought to our attention that a number of uniform items have gone missing during PE sessions. Could parents please check that your student has not mistakenly brought home another student’s item of uniform. We also have a large number of items that need to be collected.
Any lost items of uniform can be collected from the Sickbay.

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**CAREERS INFORMATION**
Careers information can be found on the school Website. Please go onto the school website and click on the link.
www.fairhills.vic.edu.au
Parenting Information Session

Autism Spectrum Disorder and School Transitions

Monday 2nd September @ 7-8.30pm
Knox Civic Centre
511 Burwood Hwy
Wantra South 3152
Cost: FREE!

Featuring guest presenter – Teena Caithness

Teena Caithness is a Speech Pathologist who has had thirty years experience in the assessment of individuals suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder. This has provided her with many opportunities to interact with people with disabilities and their families/carers.

Teena works part time at La Trobe University and as a consultant for Scope. She has developed and delivers training in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Key Word Sign and Communication and Behaviours of Concern.

Families and carers are invited to attend this interactive parent information session hosted by Knox Youth Services. The session will explore the challenges faced by young people with ASD and their families and carers when transitioning from both primary to secondary school and post secondary school.

Bookings are essential.
To register, or for further information contact
t: Sarah Waters 9298 8311 or e: sarah.waters@knox.vic.gov.au

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