MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Exams – Semester One

Our Year 11 students have just completed their Semester One exams and they will be followed by our Year 10’s who start their exams on Thursday, 18th June. These then continue for a week, finishing on Thursday, 25th June. Students in Years 7 to 9 will also be completing their assessments for Semester One through a variety of tasks which could include tests completed in class as well as assignments completed at home. Best wishes to all our students in completing the requirements of Semester One. Our VCE students begin Units 2 and 4 on Monday, 15th June, 2015

Student Free Day

A reminder to all families that Friday 26th June, the last day of Term 2, is a student free day. Our staff will be working on reports for students in Years 7 to 10.

Reports

Students in Years 11 and 12 will receive their reports on Thursday 25th June, 2015 while students in Years 7 to 10 will receive their reports at the end of Week 2 in Term 3. Thank you to all our teachers for all the work done in completing these documents.

The Education State – Consultation

The Victorian Government is now in the process of consulting with all members of the community in helping to shape its proposal to make Victoria the Education State. To enable this consultation to take place, interested persons are asked to go to the EDUCATION STATE website at ‘educationstate.education.vic.gov.au’

Semester One Fundraiser for the Parent and Community Association (PCA)

Our Ferntree Gully Nissan, Community Raffle is coming to a close and Year 7 and 8 families are reminded to send in all ticket butts, monies and unsold tickets to the General Office before the end of this term. The PCA thanks you for your support and wishes all participants the best of luck.

Russell Poulier
Assistant Principal
Financial Assistance (CSEF)

A reminder to parents and guardians that they may be eligible to apply for the Victorian Government funded allowance. The CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) may be available to those who hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent. 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef). The closing date is 26th June 2015.

Sport Report

Monday week ago the school took 4 junior boys’ teams and 2 junior girls’ teams down to the State Basketball Centre to participate in the Junior qualifying tournament as part of the Victorian College Championships.

The number 1 boys’ team finished first, qualifying them for the State finals in term 3 with the other boys’ teams finishing 4th, 6th and 7th. This is the first time that a boys’ team has progressed to the State Finals. They join the senior girls’ teams at the Finals with the chance of others joining them in the future.

The girls finished 3rd and 4th and battled hard all day as our girls where all year 7’s and they came up against year 8’s. This experience will hold them in good stead for next year.

Last week the Senior District Basketball took place at the Dandenong Basketball Stadium. We took 2 boys’ teams and 1 girls’ team. The boys’ teams battled hard but missed the finals while the girls won through to the final. We played the only team to have beaten us during the day, Wantirna.

In a tight game Fairhills prevailed by 4 points to win through to the next stage.

Across both competitions the students are to be congratulated for the way they behaved both on and off the court and the support they gave the other Fairhills Teams playing that day.

The other recent competition we have participated in was the Year 7 to 9 Girls Football. 18 Girls showed great application and skill in coming second with 3 decisive wins and a bruising loss to Rowville East who won the competition. All girls came away muddy, sore but pleased with their efforts.

It has also been great to meet and see a number of parents attend these events supporting the students.

Recently we ran the Year 7 and 8 Cross Country here at school. There was a great turn out and great weather. All ran well with a number of close finishes at the finish line. Congratulations to all.
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Last Tuesday we had the District Cross Country. The school send approx. 45 students to the event in cold and windy conditions. The students all competed well. Congratulations to these students who made it through to the Regional Finals;

- Jack Burns, 13th in 13 years,
- Jordan Robinson, 14th in 13 years,
- Ethan Jackson, 4th in 14 years,
- Zoe Cutler, 7th in 13 years,
- Jayde Webb, 10th in 13 years,
- Monique Hunt, 14th in 14 years,
- Amy Roncali, 9th in 14 years

and Amelia Clifford, 6th in 20 years.

Last week, in a very busy sports week, we saw the Senior Boys VCC team win through to the State Finals as a lucky loser, having narrowly been beaten by Wellington in a very good and well played final. They join the Senior girls who won through earlier. The finals are on Wed 22 July.

On Thursday we had the intermediate round robin, rescheduled after rain forced its postponement. The boys, although under manned, played well and were unlucky not to come up with more wins. A win and two losses was their result. The badminton team struggled against the over-head power of some of the teams but won the games against teams of a similar nature. They watched and learnt and will be better for the experience. The girls played netball and although were no match for Rowville worked well and came away with other good results. Well done to all.

On Friday Intermediate soccer travelled out to Darebin to play. The boys played well at times to finish with a 2 win 1 loss and a draw. They were well lead by Saxon Dann who also scored a couple of goals. A highlight was Jacksons solo runs some ending in scores for the team or turning the ball over. The girls battled hard to come away with a win and 3 losses. All had a good time with many tired players; especially those who had played sport the day before.
An article which appeared in the Knox Leader on June 2nd

Flautists set to impress

FAIRHILLS flautists have been chosen to perform at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Thursday as part of the Positive Schools Mental Health and Well Being Conference.

With Girl’s Music Captain Ashleigh Rowe at the helm, the ensemble will perform classical works to delegates from Australian primary and secondary schools at the two-day conference.

Instrumental music co-ordinator Nicole McAlister said she was extremely proud of the students at the Knoxfield school.

“Fairhills High School has a strong and growing instrumental music program with over 90 students participating in weekly lessons on flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, piano, drums, guitar and voice,” she said.

Assistant principal Kath Middleton said the conference in the Convention Centre’s Plenary Building was a “wonderful opportunity” for the students to perform in a beautiful venue with terrific acoustics.

“As for their audience, it’s a positive schools conference — they will love them,” Ms McAlister said.

Letter from an impressed attendee

Hello,

I am writing to offer my congratulations to you as principal of Fairhills High School. I am a primary teacher who attended the Positive Schools Conference and had the pleasure of hearing the Fairhills High School flute choir performing yesterday at lunch time. I was highly impressed not only by their performance, which as a flautist who studied at the conservatorium many years ago I feel I am qualified to say was lovely, but also by the way they represented your school as young ambassadors in a very busy environment surrounded by a hoard of loud teachers!

Bravo ladies. Keep up the great work and work hard. Your music will take you places. It certainly took me from a state high school to the Melbourne Concert Hall stage.
The school has a couple of flutes available for loan to students who may like to begin lessons. If you have any queries regarding the Instrumental Music Program or you would like to enrol your son / daughter to learn an instrument please contact me through the school office or email mcalister.nicole.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Regards,
Nicole McAlister
Instrumental Music Coordinator

Host Families for Japanese Students needed DESPERATELY!!

We are still in DESPERATE need of host families for visiting Japanese students from Wednesday July 29 to Thursday August 13. If you’re not applying because you think it will be difficult or expensive please don’t worry. Host families always say it is an awesome experience, and just doing what you do normally with the students is interesting for them as life is so different in Australia. PLEASE consider helping us out! If you are interested please contact Ms. Jessica Winstone, Languages Coordinator.

Parents and School Community Working Bee

Saturday 20th June 10am – 12pm
(weather permitting)

We are looking forward to assistance with:
- Weeding & mulching of garden beds
- Wall painting eg: The VCE Common Room
- Line painting of handball & basketball courts
- Pressure washing building
- Waste Removal (volunteers with tip truck and bobcat needed!)

We will also be working on the old greenhouse as we are turning it into a chook crib! We need assistance with securing the roof and laying chicken wire in a ready trench.

Please contact Paul McLeish, Facilities Manager, on 9758 5022 if you can assist in any way with this event. It will be a productive way of meeting others in our school community as well as helping your children and collecting some free firewood.
FAIRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

7.30PM, AUGUST 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH

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FAIRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL’S MUSICAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

We Need You!

Do you have any checked shirts, denim shirts, chambray dresses or shirts or cowboy boots or hats unwanted or unused at the back of your wardrobes? If so we really could use them for our Production of Footloose.

We are also looking to borrow 4 outdoor type bench seats.

If you can help us at all please let Anita Chipman know on 9755 2323 or 041 952 9747 or email chipman.anita.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
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