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Dear Parents

A new term has begun with so much energy and enthusiasm for the weeks ahead and so much news!

Cambodia

Last week I met with our staff who travelled to Cambodia: Mark Jenkinson, Rowena Thomson, Chris Spencer, Catherine Burke, Michael Ryan and Felicia Adams. Each shared their experiences and the impact of the immersion program. Whilst each had a very personal spiritual and emotional journey when in Cambodia, there is no doubt that our girls and this community will benefit from their shared stories.

We are very blessed that Ms Sok Eng and Fr Greg Priyadi (Jesuit Refugee Services Cambodia) will be guests of the OLMC community in September. We will provide more information about this visit in the near future but we encourage you to keep Saturday 15 September free to join us for a Benefit Dinner for the Santepheap School and Jesuit Refugee Services Cambodia. To be in the presence of Ms Sok Eng and Fr Greg is a truly rewarding experience. In a book *People We Met Along the Way* (JRS Cambodia), Ms Sok Eng writes:

Sometimes people ask me "Why do you love people so much?" Maybe it's because I almost died many times, but I was saved by people's kindness. This is my vocation now: to do unto others as they did to me. This is deep in my heart.

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If you have not returned your chocolate money, please do so as soon as possible... the money goes to good use

Please note our web address: www.olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Catholic School Funding

Last Thursday I attended a briefing for Catholic School Principals on the challenges of the Gonski funding model to Catholic education in Victoria. The following is a statement released by the Catholic Education Office for inclusion in our newsletter.

The Australian Government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the Government will propose new funding arrangements that will be debated in the Federal Parliament sometime later this year.

These new arrangements could have significant consequences for the funding received by our school and it is vital that our school community is aware of the facts about school funding. I will be seeking your support to defend the right of our school to receive the government funding it needs to continue to offer a quality education, while keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media. In particular, claims have been made that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than state schools. These claims are simply wrong. Students in Catholic schools receive only three quarters of the government funding given to students in government schools.

Over the coming months, I will provide you with more detailed information about funding in our school newsletter. I encourage you to take an active interest in this information and be ready to participate in this funding debate.

More information about Catholic School Funding can also be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au

Notable Achievements

The College community would like to acknowledge the achievements of three current students:

- Alexandra Sharp (9EWE) competed in the U/16 Australian Basketball Championships in Tamworth during the holidays. The Victorian team took the Gold Medal and Alexandra was equal top scorer in the team.
- Fiona Weir (CAPR) accepted a scholarship to participate in the Melbourne Theatre Company holiday program. It was a pleasure for Brooke Kilborn and me to be in the audience for the final performance.
- Rachael Ward (CSSM) had a letter published in the *Education Age* this week arguing reasons why Australian History should be included in a National Curriculum. It is wonderful to have a student compelled to speak up for what she believes in.
- Madelyn Smith (ADSW) who played for the Victorian Under 18 Lacrosse team won the National Lacrosse titles in Adelaide during the holidays.

We congratulate Alexandra, Fiona and Rachael on their achievements. All girls have lived our value of courage: to embrace life recognising our strengths, limitations and possibilities.

Births and Bereavements

We celebrate the arrival of Christian Giovanni (son to Giovanna Scollo and Jason) and Julia Heather (daughter to Tom Crowle and Anita). A new life brings so much excitement and joy!

Please also remember in your prayers the family of Mrs Teresa Margaret Mary Heagerty who now enjoys the gift of eternal life. Teresa is the mother of Mr Pat Heagerty (Chairman of the OLMC College Council).

In the joy of birth and the sadness of death we remember that *A mother's love is like a circle; it has no beginning and no ending.*

**Mrs Teresa Lincoln
Acting Principal**

From the Vice Principal Faith and Mission

2012 Staff Cambodian Pilgrimage Journey

In line with our school's mission, vision and values, a number of staff travel to Cambodia each year on a pilgrimage journey to immerse themselves in a country that bears great witness to what is meant by 'living the Gospel values' modelled by Jesus.

This staff experience brings authenticity, energy and passion to the classroom. Students love to hear the stories and staff love to share their experiences and photographs with anyone who will stand still long enough to listen.

Through this Cambodian experience we continue to model to our students what it truly means to engage with and love our 'neighbour'. The relationship we share with the Cambodian people teaches us what is meant by forgiveness and compassion at a deep level. Last year our school raised enough money to help Fr Greg and Sok Eng, leaders of the Jesuit Services in Cambodia, to build a school. Sok Eng (JS Sisophon's program coordinator) has directed the funds to the village of Santepheap, where it has been used to finance a three-room school building. 'Santepheap' means 'peace' in Khmer. The village is so named as it is a relatively new settlement, formed only in the past decade following the formal end to the Cambodian civil war period. The village itself is symbolic of the Khmer approach to reconciliation, as ex-Khmer Rouge sympathisers now live and work side by side with those who opposed this group.

We are very excited as this year Sok Eng and Fr Greg will be visiting us in September and will be part of our Mercy Day celebrations.

This year six members of staff travelled to Cambodia to immerse themselves in the culture, work with the teachers program and spend time working with Jesuit Services staff and Sr Denise Coghlan rsm whom work tirelessly with the Cambodian people.

A reflection on the journey ...

Over the school holidays, Mark Jenkinson led Rowena Thomson, Michael Ryan, Chris Spencer, Felicia Adams and me into a world none of us had previously experienced. It was a journey where we were immersed on a daily basis into a non material world of humility, community, strength and inner peace which, amazingly, was born out of violence, injustice and great human loss only a few decades ago. We were filled with sadness when we were given an insight into the recent brutal history, but then we were privileged to listen to stories of survival, words of forgiveness and witness actions of great resilience and courage.

Although a predominately Buddhist country, we were witnesses to people living out what I can only describe as the values of the Gospel. Some of our encounters included the amazing humility Sok Eng had as she retold stories of her survival through the Khmer Rouge years and how the kindness of others and her humility were able to save her life. We sat and listened as she spoke with so much passion about her current work in ensuring all Cambodian children, regardless of their socio economic background or abilities, have access to education.

We visited Sr Denise Coghlan rsm, whose 35 year vocational work in the region is inspirational. She has spent most of her years in Cambodia, working with land mine victims and displaced people. She was awarded a Noble Peace Prize in 1997 for her work in banning landmines.

During our time in Cambodia we were also very privileged to be involved in the Teachers Across Borders Program. We stayed in Kampong Thom, working with student teachers for three days. Nerat Van, one of our translators, told us he was able to attend school for the first time as a 12 year old after losing sight in an eye while hiding from guerillas in the jungle.

He felt so privileged to be given the opportunity to be welcomed into Grade 1 and laughs at how big he was compared to the other Grade 1 students.

Nerat has just finished his first year of teaching at an extremely poor school in the Kampong Thom region. He told us fond stories of his experiences, but was eager to listen to advice on how he can manage the sixty Grade 1 children he faces in his classroom on a daily basis. We offered him some resources such as scissors, paper and glue we had purchased, but he was quick to say that he had plenty of resources and to give them to the student teachers who have nothing. Later, I found out that 'plenty' meant he had about 20 pairs of scissors, and other materials to use with 60 children. His selflessness and care for others was overwhelming, and indicative of the people I met in Cambodia who carry their crosses daily, with courage and joy in their hearts.

Ms Catherine Burke



Sok Eng (middle) with the group



Sr Denise Coghlen rsm at the Reflection Centre in Cambodia



**Student Teachers at Kampang Thom
(Teachers Across Borders Program)**



Nerat Van, our translator

A Cambodian Prayer Reflection

The suffering of Cambodia has been deep
From this suffering comes Great Compassion
Great Compassion makes a Peaceful Heart
A Peaceful Heart makes a Peaceful Person
A Peaceful Person makes a Peaceful Family
A Peaceful Family makes a Peaceful Community
A Peaceful Community makes a Peaceful Nation
A Peaceful Nation makes a Peaceful World
May all beings live in Happiness and Peace
- - Ven. Maha Ghosananda

Year Level Masses

This is another busy term with a number of Year Level Masses being celebrated at St John’s Church and our Performing Arts Theatre. The Year 9 students were the first year level to celebrate a mass together.

Aislinn Ryan of Year 9 shares her reflection...

On Wednesday 18 July, the Year 9 students celebrated a Mass together at St John’s Church.

Students were involved with writing and reading prayers, being in the offertory or singing in the choir. The choristers sang beautifully, the readers read clearly and passionately. It was a fantastic way during our busy life at OLMC to stop, think about the term ahead, and have a peaceful moment for relaxation.

Thank you to Ms Inman, our Year 9 Coordinator, and Ms Broadbent, who arranged the music for the mass.

Our mass was a very peaceful and soothing time.

Aislinn Ryan, 9DCA

Term 3 Masses

Year 12 Christmas in July	Wednesday 25 July
Year 8 Family Day Mass	Friday 3 August
Mercy Day: College Community Mass	Thursday 20 September

Australian Catholic Youth Festival –for information please read the brochure attached to the end of this newsletter.

Mrs Karen Rivalland
Vice Principal Faith and Mission

Learning and Teaching

Semester Reports: Important reading for students and parents

Term 3 is a very important term as all students start to think about their pathways for future schooling and beyond.

With Semester 1 reports now with all families, can I encourage everyone, parents and students, to look at the reports carefully and refer back to the comments about particular tasks that are available on the Portal. The report needs to be read in conjunction with the comments and rubrics that were posted online throughout the semester.

The reports will help students to identify the strengths they have and where to focus attention for improvement this semester. Once you have looked at the reports and comments and talked about these together, take time to reflect and identify what else you need to know. Write down your questions. These questions should form the basis for your discussion at the Parent/Student/ Teacher Interviews in August.

Important Dates for Term 3

Please note: the Year 9 Parent Information Night for Year 10 2013 that was on the calendar for 2 August has been cancelled. Year 9 parents have been emailed necessary information relating to forthcoming subject selection events. We hope that families make use of the Parent/Student/Teacher interviews to talk with teachers about subject selection. Those students considering accelerated studies in Year 10 next year should also attend the Subject Selection Expo where they have the opportunity to speak with VCE teachers and students. Students will also have an assembly where the information about the online selection process and pathways in Maths, Science and Languages will be explained. The Year 10 Subject Selection Handbook (available online 27 July) should also be read and used as a guide when choosing subjects.

27 July	Year 10 2013 Subject Selection Handbook available online
1 August	Year 12 2013 Subject Selection Assembly for students only
7 August	Year 9 2013 Parent Information Evening subjects and Horizon Year 9 2013 Subject Selection Handbook available online
14 August	Years 11 and 12 Parent /Teacher Interviews
15 August	Year 11 2013 Subject Selection Assembly for students only
16 August	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews Years 7-10
17 August	Student Free Day – no classes
21 August	Subject Selection Expo (for current Year 10 and 11 students) and Interviews (for current Year 10 students)
22 August	Subject Selection opens ONLINE
22 August	Applications for accelerated VCE studies to Ms Nash
27 August	Subject Selection closes (midnight)
Aug/September	Review of students applying for accelerated VCE studies
Nov/Dec	2013 VCE Head Start Orientation Program

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parents/guardians are reminded that Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 14 August (2.00-8.00pm) - Years 11 and 12

Thursday 16 August (2.00-8.00pm) – Years7-10

Interviews can be booked via the online PTO booking system and parents/guardians will be informed in due course when the booking system is open.

These interviews with subject teachers are an excellent opportunity for parents and students to discuss subject choices for 2013, particularly for students who will be in Year 10 in 2013.

Year 11 students may also book a meeting time with their Pastoral teacher to discuss subject selection. Year 10 students will have a Pastoral interview at the Subject Selection Expo on 21 August.

The Careers Coordinator and School Counsellor will both be in attendance at these interviews.

Parents who wish to book appointments with Ms Ann Boyce (Careers Coordinator, aboyce@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au) or Ms Fran Di Biase (School Counsellor, fdibiase@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au.) should book appointments directly with these staff members.

Australian Curriculum

In 2013 the Australian Curriculum will commence in Mathematics, English, Science and History in Years 7 to 10. Preparation is well underway for these new courses, which may see a realignment of some units and offerings at OLMC. In 2014, more Australian Curriculum studies will be introduced.

There has been debate in the newspapers and on the radio over recent weeks about the study of history, particularly Australian history in schools. It is great to hear people grappling with why it is important to teach certain subjects and how subjects such as history, which may not seem vocational or predestined to particular careers, are inherently valuable for the learning and skills they develop.

The Australian Curriculum values the concept of building understanding and knowledge, not just learning content. Learning how to think and learn are vital for all students wanting to take their place in an information-based society.

If you would like to see more information about the Australian Curriculum, the website address is:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

Ms Patricia Sweeney
Head of Learning and Teaching

Year 8 News

Year 8 Family Day Friday 3 August 2012

General outline

10.00 am	Guests and students arrive at Performing Arts Theatre Foyer to collect name tags and Mass booklets																
10.30 am	Family Day Mass in Performing Arts Theatre																
11.45 am	Students escort guests to view classrooms and student work in Centenary Building																
12.00 pm	Hospitality in classroom with Pastoral Leader and RE Teacher <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">8BEL</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Room C306</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8BRY</td> <td>Room C304</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8CSP</td> <td>Room C303</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8LMA</td> <td>Room C302</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8JDA</td> <td>Room C307</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8MBR</td> <td>Room C308</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8RSM</td> <td>Room C305</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8SWE</td> <td>Room C301</td> </tr> </table>	8BEL	Room C306	8BRY	Room C304	8CSP	Room C303	8LMA	Room C302	8JDA	Room C307	8MBR	Room C308	8RSM	Room C305	8SWE	Room C301
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1.00 pm	A performance by each Year 8 Pastoral Group in the Performing Arts Theatre																
2.15-2.30 pm	Conclusion and dismissal																

Please note that there are restrictions on parking in the nearby shopping centre car parks and in a number of nearby streets. Extra parking will be available on the basketball courts adjacent to the Performing Arts Theatre. Please enter via the staff car park. Please do not park in the Old England hotel car park.

Year 8 staff and I are looking forward to welcoming all special guests joining us for this important Year 8 Family Day celebration.

Reminder of Year 8 Outdoor Education Camp

Tuesday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2012. More information will be distributed to the students during Term 3.

Mrs Sally Garvey-Page
Year 8 Coordinator

Year 9 English

Earlier this year, a group of young writers in Year 9 were set the challenges of getting some of their original work published for an audience beyond the classroom. A mix of styles was produced, ranging from poems and reflection, to opinion pieces and blog posts. Below is a poem from Mikaela Gangi that explores the role she sees herself and many of her peers taking in the world.

I Am Woman

I am a strong, courageous woman, ready to conquer challenges
I wonder what the future will bring
I hear the sound of triumph
I see us climbing steep mountains
I want to shout with joy, when we reach the top
I am a strong, courageous woman, ready to conquer challenges

I pretend to paint happiness with a splash of my brush
I feel the emotions break free
I touch their pain filled hearts
I worry that hate will be the killer
I cry with joy when justice prevails
I am a strong, courageous woman, ready to conquer challenges

I understand that we all can make a difference
I say let's be the light in the world
I dream about sharing my story with others
I try to encourage others to share theirs too
I hope my words become actions
I am a strong, courageous woman, ready to conquer challenges

Mikaela Gangi 9AFL

Mr Sam Weir
Year 9 English Teacher

Visual Arts

The Artist Within Program

On Monday 25 June, 16 young artists, with their parents and families attended 'The Artist Within' Exhibition. The exhibition was the culmination of a 12 week creative program where the students explored with paints, pencils, charcoal, brushes and paper, with our 'artist in residence', Kathie Mathes, through the 'Artist Within Program'.

There was an excited buzz as the girls laid out the cupcakes they had made for supper, and eagerly led their parents to view the work books and framed artworks. A PowerPoint presentation displayed the students deep in concentration, their imagination clicking into place, and their creativity emerging. Some of the students also addressed the assembly, speaking of their experiences, how the program had given them the opportunity to express themselves freely through colour and paint, and how it felt to be an 'artist'.

The girls proudly demonstrated to staff, parents and other family members that they had discovered another dimension in their life that, hopefully, they will carry with them for a long time. Below are some examples of their work.

Congratulations to the girls.

Ms Maureen Gleeson
Visual Arts Domain Leader





GSV Sport

Welcome back to another busy term of sport. This term the girls will be participating in GSV Volleyball, Soccer, Athletics, Aerobics, Gymnastics, SCSA Football and Senior and Inter Basketball Tournaments. Try outs and selections have been occurring and games are due to start this week. Congratulations to all the girls who have been selected to represent the College and I look forward to seeing them participate throughout the term.

In Term 2, several girls trialed for a GSV representative team in the areas of Soccer and Netball. The girls did a fantastic job and thank you to all who tried out for the teams. They competed against 45 other girls from GSV schools. Congratulations to the following girls were successful in making the GSV Soccer team.

- Chloe Cosentino
- Laura Faelis
- Stephanie Abu Awad
- Amy McMillan

In other sporting news, I am able to report that Victoria took the Gold Medal in the Womens Grand Final Play-Off in the Australian Basketball Championships last Saturday Night in Tamworth. Alexandra Sharp, Year 9EWE, played an amazing tournament and was part of the winning team. Alex scored 15 points and took 15 rebounds during the game to assist her team in winning the championships. Well done to you Alex on this fantastic achievement.



Madelyn Smith has also been away in the Victorian State team for Lacrosse, she will present a report next newsletter.

Adidas All Schools Cross Country Relays and Cross Country Championships

On Saturday 16 June Alana Roberts, Rebecca Philip, Joanna Stewart and Lucy Henshaw travelled to Albert Park to represent the College in the Adidas All Schools Cross Country Relay Championships. Each of our girls ran brilliantly over the 3km course to lead our team to third place in the Under 18 age group. This was a fantastic result considering that both Alana and Lucy are only Year 8 students and are still eligible for this age group next year.

On Saturday 21 July three of our girls ventured to Bundoora Park to represent the College in the Adidas All Schools Cross Country Championships. Alana Roberts of Year 8 was the first of our girls to tackle the tough hills Bundoora Park is known for. She ran a fantastic race and finished 10th in the Under 15 age group. This was an excellent result considering that Alana is predominantly a swimmer and basketballer. Rebecca Philip of Year 10 was our next competitor after spending her holidays training on hills in preparation for the event. She put in an impressive performance, finishing 18th in the Under 17 age group. Our final representative for the day was Joanna Stewart, a Year 11 student who competed in the Under 18 age group. In a hotly contested event with a number of talented athletes competing, Joanna put in a fine performance, finishing 8th in the Under 18th age group. A big thank you also to Miss Stephanie Smyth who attends these Saturday events to support the girls.

Miss Emma Hales
Head of Sport

Mathematics

Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) will be held on 2 August 2012. The emphasis of the competition is on problem solving and aims to be accessible to all students. The time allowed is 75 minutes and will run during Pastoral and Lesson 1 on 2 August 2012.

Each student will receive a certificate and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem.

During this term, each Monday and Wednesday lunchtime students have the opportunity to sign up to participate. They have been provided with a copy of last year's paper and are able to seek assistance at this time.

Although many students have signed up, there are still limited places remaining for each division. Interested students are encouraged to talk to their mathematics teacher or attend a lunchtime session to find out more.

Ms Leanne Grech
Mathematics Domain Leader

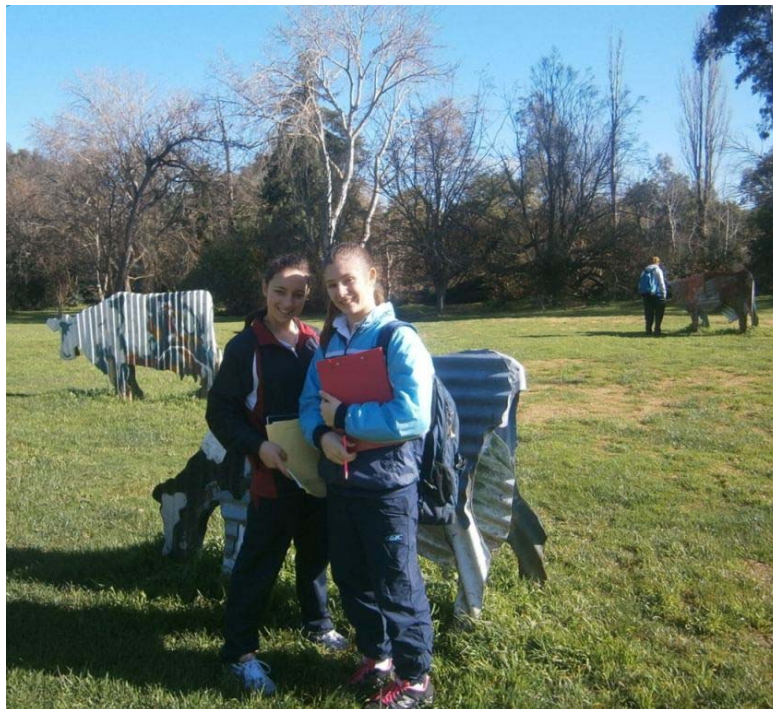
Horizon

On Thursday 19 July, the classes of 9EWE and 9MBE had their first trail day on the Horizon schedule. We planned to go to the Heidi Art Gallery, Eaglemont Village and Yarra Bend Park. We nominated our two leaders, who held the map and directed us to our first stop: Heidi.

At the gallery, we viewed some very expressive pieces, many of which interlinked into Australia's past. One item we viewed was a 500 year-old Scar Tree. Scar Trees, we learnt, were a mark the Aboriginal people left on trees when they removed bark to communicate a site of significance or a tribal boundary. After looking at more creative pieces, we went on to Eaglemont Village by foot. During the walk, we visited the Yarra Bend Park, which was a peaceful area to reflect on the day. At Eaglemont, we were among quaint shops and friendly people, answering our focus questions.

Once we returned to College, we appreciated where we had visited, and the things we had seen, and realised how Horizon connects us to our community. We all felt we had a great and rewarding experience.

Laura Hopkinson, 9EWE



Melbourne Theatre Company

Holiday Program

In the second week of the holidays I had the opportunity to participate in the Melbourne Theatre Company Holiday Program. During this week we learned 'rhythm body movement', how to find 'stillness' and then how to use these skill in performance.

We had the opportunity to see three performances. We saw an amazing 'improv' group create short plays out of stories from the audience, an MTC performance called 'National Interest', about the Balibo 5. We also saw the amazing Circus Oz. It was a fantastic opportunity to see these performances.

On the final day we gave a performance for friends and family, using the skills we had learnt during the week.

I would like to thank Ms Adams for nominating me for the course.

Fiona Weir 11CAPR

VCAL

VCAL Dinner

On Thursday 28 June the Year 12 VCAL students hosted a VCAL Parents' Dinner. We invited parents, other family members and teachers to share a meal with us and see some of the work which we have been doing this year.

During class we had looked at the background of our families as part of a unit on Immigration. We completed Family Photostories which we presented on the night. We also produced a Class Recipe Book including family favourites, which we gave to our guests.

Each family brought along two dishes which were special to their families and backgrounds and we all shared in eating them.

It was a great night enjoyed by all.

**Year 12 VCAL &
Ms Diane Collis
VCAL Coordinator**



Library News

On Thursday 19 July we had the wonderful privilege of meeting local children's author **Holly Harper**. She talked to some lucky Year 7 English classes and ran a creative writing workshop during lunch with interested students from Years 7 to 12. Writing under the name of H.J. Harper, her two series are *Star League* (8-11 year olds) and *Bureau of Mysteries* (11-13 year olds).

During the workshops, Holly talked about her dream when she was younger to be a successful writer and have her books sit on the shelves of bookshops. She explained how her determination and persistence with writing helped her get published and, following, this the demands that face a writer to keep producing more books. She gave tips on how to be a better writer and completed an imaginative writing task with students.

Her biggest tip to budding writers ... make time to write everyday and be persistent! We thank her enormously for her enthusiasm and encouragement.



Coming up soon ...

- **National Book Week**—we will be celebrating the week beginning Monday 27 August with an author visit from **James Maloney** who will be talking to all of Year 8 students who are currently studying his novel *A Bridget to Wiseman's Cove*.
- All Year 7 & 8 students: **The Victoria Premiers Reading Challenge** cut off is **10 September 2012**. Keep logging your books online and try to reach the 15 books or more target to get your name published in the AGE newspaper.

Debating and Public Speaking

As Term 2 drew to a close we reflected on a very successful run of events led with confidence by our DAPS Vice-Captains Gemma Saccasan and Stephanie Dickson. The girls operated with an excellent dynamic and demonstrated consistent leadership through their passionate approach to the DAPS program and their close work with their fellow students. Stephanie and Gemma developed new programs of Junior Debating and Junior Public Speaking Clubs over the course of the term that culminated with the 20-strong DAV Junior teams and the 4 entrants in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition regional finals.

On Tuesday 24 July the Legacy Junior Public Speaking final was hosted by OLMC. It is with great pleasure that we announce **Celia Dowling** as our regional final winner. Congratulations and best wishes to Celia, who will now compete in the Melbourne final in mid-September. Congratulations to all our competing students who spoke with eloquence, confidence and enthusiasm on the following topics:

Celia Dowling - *Expectations*
Ranika Perera – *The Green-Eyed Monster*
Lucinda Steinfeld - *Respect*
Laura Pozzobon – *Dreams*

The finalists all delivered their 5 minute prepared speech and then a 2 minute impromptu on the topic 'Just imagine if...'.

The Junior Public Speaking Club, led by DAPS Co-Captain Gemma Saccasan and Year 11 student Rachael Ward prepared weekly over the course of Term 2 to bring the 4 heat winners to their regional final. Our thanks to Mrs Janet McCurry for her work across the term with the students and also to our Time Keeper Shanya Gunapel and assistants Lucinda O'Reilly and Casey Janic.

United Nation Youth Association Thant Trophy Debating Competition

We are entering 5 teams this year from Years 10, 11 and 12. In this style of debate students operate in pairs in a simulated United Nations chamber to debate resolutions on world issues. We look forward to a highly stimulating and challenging Saturday in early August. Stay tuned for a report on the resolutions, nation states and experiences of our OLMC delegates!

Mercy Education Frayne Speech Festival Friday 24 August

This year the festival is hosted by St. Joseph's College in Mildura and so it is with excitement that we have formed an OLMC team of public speakers, debaters and voice choir in readiness for this great competition. Preparations have begun in earnest!

Our OLMC Frayne Festival Voice Choir are working diligently with coach Mrs Elaine Chaffer to prepare for their performance of two poems: John O'Brian's *'The Church Upon the Hill'* and Bruce Dawe's *'Enter Without So Much As Knocking'*. Thank you to senior student coaches Mikayla Domini and Lexie Roso for their work with the girls to date.

Our Senior DAV Debating Round 4 played out on the second last Thursday of Term 2. I'm pleased to announce our Year 10 OLMC1 team had a win, with Best Speaker Anastasia Valentino. Our Year 10 teams both 'won' on points in the sense that each had experienced a last minute forfeit from their opponents and they then had the opportunity to debate each other. We also had a win for our Year 9 OLMC2 team with Best Speaker Sheneli Perera, and narrow defeats for our teams at Year 11s and Year 12. You can access full details for topics and draws on the DAV website at www.dav.com.au.

The Senior DAV Season closed with our fifth round taking place just last week. I am pleased to report some excellent results with our Year 12s winning by 2 points, Best Speaker Isabella Varrasso, and our Year 10s winning by a margin of 3, with Best Speaker Genevieve Oxley. Our Year 11s had a bye and our Year 9 team had a narrow defeat.

Thank you to our committed DAPS staff members for their ongoing work with the girls in Term 2 and ideas, passion and keen argument for Term 3.

Ms Maree McMahon
Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator

Student Leadership

Diversity Day

On the last day of Term 2 the Middle School and Senior School SRC organized OLMC Diversity Day celebrations in line with the 2012 Student Leaders theme 'Our Choice, Our Future, Take Action. The following are some reflections from the SRC year level reps on the day.

On Diversity Day the years 7's were very excited. All the year 7 classes made flags that represented their different cultures and they all did a great job. The canteen was also contributing to Diversity Day by making a new menu with multi-cultural food. Most of the Year 7's were buying food in the canteen on Diversity Day! At lunch there was a variety of different cultural activities which many of the year 7's participated in. Overall, Diversity Day was a huge success and we hope we can do it next year!

Danielle Soltan and Juliette Pierre Year 7

Diversity Day was a great success throughout the whole Year 8 level. Today reflected our values on multiculturalism and accepting cultural differences. Every student enjoyed the day and became involved in all the activities. The lunchtime performances and decorations represented the various colours and backgrounds of all the OLMC girls. This day highlighted that our school is made up of many different cultures. Everything on Diversity Day was very much appreciated due to all the students' and teachers' contributions to make this day a success.

Raquel Antequera, Celia Dowling, Alexia Malliadis, Carla Panozzo Year 8



The Middle School pastoral groups participated in a flag making activity. Each flag was created to reflect the cultures in their grade. This activity, as well as many others helped the girls to appreciate the multiculturalism of our school community.

Sophia Paikopoulos, Michaela Marinucci, Renee Chung, Tess Robertson Year 9

We found Diversity Day was a fantastic day to both organise and take part in. The senior SRC team spent a lot of time thinking about what activities could be included to show our school's support of multiculturalism.

Some activities included dressing in multicultural costume and colours, the opportunity to play Bocce and enjoy some Irish and Greek dancing. It was great to see so many girls participating and getting involved. Diversity day was a complete. Every student enjoyed the fortune cookie they received at the end of the day with a special message embracing diversity.

Alesandra Galletti, Taylah Fleming, Claire Hickman, Telisha Postans Year 10



Accounts Department

Education Maintenance Allowance

A reminder that applications for Education Maintenance Allowance close on Friday 3 August 2012 for those families who have **not already applied in Term 1 2012**, and are holding an eligible benefit Concession Card on 16 July 2012. The allowance is paid to parents/guardians of students **under 16 year of age**.

The Department of Education, Employment and Training will not accept late applications – **with no exceptions**.

Application forms and details of eligibility are available at Visitor's Reception.

Payment of School Fees

Reminder to parents who have elected to pay their daughter's school fees by 3 instalments, that the final instalment is due by Friday 31 August 2012

Mr John Kegele
Finance Department

Uniform

- **Stewarts of Ivanhoe have new College leggings available for sale**
- **Stewarts are also having a sale on old uniform items**

Academic Uniform

Summer Dresses: \$40.00 (all sizes)

Blazers: \$110.00 (all sizes)

Winter Skirts: \$65.00 (all sizes)

Summer Hats: \$45.00 (all sizes)

Pullovers: Size 10: \$50.00, Sizes 12, 14 & 16: \$60.00, Sizes 18, 20 & 22: \$65.00, Sizes 24 & 26: \$75.00

School Ties: \$12.00 (all sizes)

School Bags: "Smart Pak" style: \$47.00, "Chiro Pak" style: \$65.00

School Scarves: \$15.00

Sports Uniform

Sports Caps: \$10.00

Spray Jackets: \$55.00 (all sizes)

Track Pants: \$40.00 (all sizes)

Sports Polo Shirts: \$20.00 (all sizes)

Sports Shorts: \$15.00 (all sizes)

Rugby Tops: \$55.00 (all sizes)

Bathers: Girls sizes: \$25.00, Ladies sizes: \$30.00

Sports Bags: \$10.00

All prices include GST

Stocks are limited

The OLMC Canteen are selling

- Navy blue 'Ink' opaque tights (new uniform) in sizes Average and Tall for \$12
- Grey opaque tights (old uniform) in sizes Tall and XTall for \$10.50

OLMC..... upcoming events Term 3 2012

MONDAY 30 July	TUESDAY 31 July	WEDNESDAY 1 August	THURSDAY 2 August	FRIDAY 3 August
DAY 6 Japan Exchange Students visit	DAY 7 Japan Exchange Students visit	DAY 8 Year 11 Subject Selection for Year 12, 2013 Assembly, Lesson 3 Japan Exchange Students visit	DAY 9 Japan Exchange Students visit	DAY 10 Year 8 Family Day Japan Exchange Students visit
SATURDAY 4 August	Japan Exchange Students depart			
SUNDAY 5 August				

MONDAY 6 August	TUESDAY 7 August	WEDNESDAY 8 August	THURSDAY 9 August	FRIDAY 10 August
DAY 1	DAY 2 Year 9 2013 Parent Information Session – Subject Selection and Horizon, in Performing Arts Theatre	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
SATURDAY 4 August				
SUNDAY 5 August				

Student Absentee Line
9455 7599

World Challenge

In November 2012 24 of our Year 11 and Year 12 students will be participating in a World Challenge expedition to Cambodia. The World Challenge experience challenges students to stretch beyond their comfort zones, to adapt to new environments and begin to explore their strengths and weaknesses. Students are encouraged to own the whole experience. They are required to plan and prepare as a team during the pre-expedition program in order to develop increased responsibility, decision-making and team-work. During the expedition, students will learn to become more environmentally aware through the exploration of diverse landscapes through the trekking component of the expedition. They are also required to undertake a project aimed at seeking a sustainable resolution to an issue impacting on the underprivileged within the Cambodian community.

In the past two expeditions the College has facilitated, our girls have worked in orphanages with local people to build infrastructure such as fences and have renovated buildings assisting the local community to improve the quality of their resources. In 2012, our girls are required to undertake a similar project to those of previous expeditions to address a need identified by a Cambodian community.

In order to complete the project, our girls are required to raise funds to assist with the purchasing of materials and resources. On Friday 10 August, our girls are hosting a film night at Balwyn Cinema to assist with generating funds for their project.

**World Challenge 'The Sapphires' Film night – see flyer in this newsletter
Tickets \$25.00 each**

To order tickets please complete and return this form by **Tuesday 7 August 2012** with payment to: Marie Jenkins - mjenkins@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Or alternatively return the form and payment to the fees box at Student Reception in an envelope marked 'World Challenge'

World Challenge 'The Sapphire' Film Night Tickets

Name/Students Name: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ @\$25.00 each Total Amount: _____

Payment Method

Cash **Cheque** **Credit Card**

Card Number

Name of Card Holder _____

Expiry Date : __ __ / __ __ Amount: _____

Signed: _____ Date: __ __ / __ __ / __ __



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THE
SAPPHIRES

FOLLOW YOUR HEART. DISCOVER YOUR SOUL.



7:00PM 10th August
PALACE CINEMAS, BALWYN
TICKETS are \$25
SUPPER PROVIDED AT 6:15
HELP SUPPORT THE
UNDER PRIVILEGED IN
CAMBODIA!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL LAUNCH

MELBOURNE 2013

Student Ambassadors and staff are invited to join us to launch this incredible event on

Friday 17 August, 2012

From 10.30am - 1.00pm (morning tea provided) at St Brigid's Parish Hall, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North

Be there from the beginning to hear all about the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Melbourne next year.

Joining us for the launch will be His Grace - Archbishop Denis Hart, international musician and youth minister - Steve Angrisano and renowned priest - Fr Chris Ryan MGL.

RSVP by Monday 6 August to Annaliese on 9412 3326 or Annaliese.Wursthorn@cam.org.au

WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL ?

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me Luke 4:18

WHAT The **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** is going to be the biggest Catholic youth gathering since World Youth Day Sydney 2008. All of Australia will gather here in **Melbourne** for a festival of fun, music, talks, workshops and activities celebrating as one church.



WHO The **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** is open to those in year 9 up until 25 years of age (in 2013).



WHEN The **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** will be held in Melbourne from 5 - 7 December 2013.



Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to the families who have returned outstanding monies from this fundraiser. If you have not returned payments please do so as soon as possible.

Parents Association

The next meeting for the Parents Association will be on Thursday 6 September at 7.30pm in the PAT. All parents are welcome.

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Entertainment Books

We still have copies of the Entertainment Books at Visitor Reception. These are great value at \$65.

Regards

Lynda Martin
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Phone: (03) 8470 8609
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YCS Youth Group

St Martin of Tours Rosanna are having a information session for its new youth group, YCS, for all high school students Years 7-12 and want you to be there!

YCS is a worldwide youth movement, run by students, for students. It is the biggest youth movement in the world, with about 300 actively involved in Australia. Being an action based group, we do things to make the world a better place.

We will be holding a recruitment day on:

**Sunday 5 August 11.15 am
St Martin's Community Centre, 5 Silk Street Rosanna**

All students are invited to come along to see what YCS is about. It is a great experience and recommended for everyone who wants to make a change in the world! Come along with some mates or your family, there will be free food and drinks available. Can't wait to see you there!!

**For more information, please contact Father Michael O'Connell (Parish Priest)
on 9459 8469 or Mark Ragheb on 0400 350 746.**