

## From the Principal's Desk

Jim Laussen 



Welcome back to Overnewton Anglican Community College for the start of a new school year. Our community has come alive again this week with the return of students and, as always, this has created a wonderful sense of energy and cheerfulness across our campuses.

At the end of the day on Monday, I asked a student how her day had been. With overwhelming enthusiasm, iPad in hand, she said: "It was awesome". Whilst I know that not every student will have had this response, it was lovely to hear a student talk with such genuine joy as her year commenced.

We are all grateful to the parents who attended last weekend's working bees. Both our campuses were cleaned and tidied ready for students to once again resume their places on them. We are grateful to those parents also who watered, mowed, and cleaned the campuses over the break so that the tasks for those on the working bees were less onerous than they might have been.

By now parents will have heard their children tell them that our theme for 2015 is "*Thinking first*". We are excited by the very strong academic and pastoral connections that will be made to the theme over the course of the year; my first reflection on it being in my next Whispers article. However, I will say that it is an extremely rare situation where we do not, even at Prep, have the inner resources to complete a task, solve a problem, deal with a particular situation or respond in a particular way when we are "*Thinking first*" rather than just saying "I can't do it" as a programmed response.

We are very fortunate that Mark Church of the Harvard Graduate School of Education will be working with staff this year to build on our work on visible thinking in the classroom. As a member of the Harvard Project Zero team, Mark is a world leader in this area and we are excited about how he will help us to strengthen our teaching practices and, most importantly, student learning.

Over the last eight years, we have run major reviews of our programs at Year 9, Year 10, Senior School pastoral care, technology, in the performing arts, our libraries, LOTE and learning development and support.

In Term 2, we will begin a two year review of our approach to Middle Years learning. It is fifteen years since a major review of Middle School was undertaken and it is timely to do so again to ensure that our programs are the best they can be for our students. More details of the review will be shared in the coming months; we will be grateful for parent input during the review.

All families will have received the brochure advertising our 2015 Parent Education Evenings. We have managed to book some truly excellent speakers, two of whom, Melinda Tankard Reist and Nathan Hulls will spend the day of their presentation working with students and staff as well. Melinda's presentations on the sexualisation of children are chilling and confronting. Nathan's work on developing strong relationships with teens is some of the most inspiring and accessible I have come across in recent times. We finish the year with Andrew Fuller who is an old friend of the College and a speaker I know that parents always enjoy hearing.

Additionally, Paul Dillon will be working with Senior School students again this term on responsible practices

around partying, alcohol and drugs. This is the third year we have had Paul work with students and his messages are always simple and positive.

Last Sunday a group of students and staff joined in with the thousands of others who marched through St Kilda in the Midsumma Pride March. Marching with other members of the Safe Schools Coalition, it was an absolute joy to hear the acclaim of those watching the march and to know that, as a member of the coalition, we are a community striving to make our school a safe place for all children regardless of their gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, or sexual identity.

In 2015, we have received a grant to work with *Fair go, sport!*, a terrific program being run by the Human Rights Commission. The program is run in support of providing safe and inclusive environments on the sporting arena. Details about *Fair go, sport!* will come in further editions of Whispers.

As our year gets underway, may I again remind all families that, as a College, we embrace the importance of the role of parents in the life of our school. Our doors are always open to you. I encourage every parent to become known to their children's teachers, and to contact us whenever you have a concern, a query or want to share a good news story. I wish you all a terrific year ahead.

# College Bulletin Board

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This page includes important College notes/dates/events including details of College dates, Principal's morning teas, registration matters, Education Maintenance Allowance and other relevant administrative notices.

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## College Dates

### Thursday 5th February

Middle School Information Night for Taylors Lakes Campus  
VCE Information Night

### Friday 6th February

Year 4 Swimming Trials for both campuses - 10.30am to 1.30pm  
New Parents' Welcome Evening 7pm to 9.30pm at Keilor Campus

### Monday 9th February

Junior School Information Evening for Keilor Campus - 7pm  
Middle School - Taylors Lakes Campus and Year 9 Swimming Carnival - St Albans Leisure Centre

### Tuesday 10th February

Junior School Information Evening for Taylors Lakes Campus - 7pm

### Wednesday 11th February

Taylors Lakes Campus - Prep to Year 9 Individual, class and family photos

### Thursday 12th February

Keilor Campus - Prep to Year 8 Individual, class and family photos and family photos for families with children on both campuses  
Year 10 Information Night

### Friday 6th March

School Alive Tours

### Friday 27th March

Last Day of Term 1

For 2015 and 2016 College Term Dates please [visit the College website at the following link:](http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/our-college/events-calendar.php)

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## Parents Afternoon Tea with the Principal

Mr Laussen will be holding an informal opportunity for parents to meet with him over a cup of tea. Please feel free to call in should you wish to have a chat, ask a question, or share a good news story about your child.

### Term 1 – 2015 Afternoon Teas

#### Taylor's Lakes Campus in the Principal's Office

Wednesday 11th February, 2.30-3.30pm

Wednesday 25th March, 2.30-3.30pm

#### Keilor Campus in the Principal's Office

Wednesday 18th February, 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday 5th March, 2.30-3.30pm

Wednesday 18th March, 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday 19th March, **5pm - 6.30pm**

Please contact the **Principal's Assistant, Josie Klarin on 9334 0149** or [email](#) if you are planning to attend an afternoon tea.

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## School Photos

Photo ordering envelopes are given to each child at school. This year's dates for photos are:

### Wednesday 11th February

Taylor's Lakes Campus - Prep to Year 9 Individual, class and family photos

### Thursday 12th February

Keilor Campus—Prep to Year 8

Individual, class and family photos and family photos for families with children on both campuses

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## Donations of supplies are needed for the Art Department

The Visual Arts Department at Keilor Campus would be grateful for donations of the following items:

- old towels and hand towels
- clean, flat meat trays in all sizes
- butter containers with lids
- forks and knives
- warehouse rolls of plastic or paper
- warehouse containers that can be used as palettes

***Please deliver your donations to the Art Department VA5 and VA6.***

Thank you for your continued support.

Visual Arts - Keilor Campus.

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## Sibling Applications

**A reminder to Overnewton families**

Parents who have a child attending Overnewton College and are interested in obtaining a position for other siblings in their family should contact the Registrar, **Diane King** on 9334 0141 and request an application form as soon as possible.

Some vacancies still exist for Prep 2016.

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## **Student Withdrawals from the College**

As part of the "Conditions of Entry" to Overnewton Anglican Community College, signed by all families upon confirmation of enrolment "One full term's written notice is required to withdraw a student from the College. If one full term's notice is not given to the College, one full term's fees will be charged." If you are able to provide more than one term's notice it would be greatly appreciated.

Notifications should be sent to **Mrs Diane King**

## Head of Keilor Campus

Rob Huntington 



### The Year Begins

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. In particular, I welcome new families and students to the College. There are also several new staff at Keilor Campus who have been busy over the last two weeks readying themselves for the start of term.

**Janet Gangell** takes on the role of Head of Learning after the departure of Andrea Dart. Janet will lead curriculum and teacher pedagogical development and student learning programs across the College. Janet is well known to many families having previously worked at both campuses in a variety of curriculum roles. **Heather Heraud** joins us from Loyola College as College Head of Library and Learning Services and as Keilor Campus Library and Learning Services Co-ordinator. She is a very experienced educator with an extensive history as a leading teacher-librarian.

**Jaime Perris** joins the Senior School team as a teacher of Psychology, Commerce and Religious Studies. She has extensive experience working in America and Asia as a teacher and leader of curriculum development, having completed her schooling at Overnewton in the 1990s. **Michael Bader** joins the Middle School team as a teacher of Year 6 having worked most recently in the Melton area and **Melissa Wake** joins the Junior School team teaching Year 2. Melissa is a former College Vice Captain and we are delighted that she has returned to us as a teacher. **Natalie Di Sauro** is also re-joining the College as a teacher of Physical Education. Prior to starting her family, Natalie taught Physical Education at Taylors Lakes Campus before taking on co-ordination of ACS Sport.

**Sara White** joins the Senior School Science team as Laboratory Technician and has an extensive industry experience in biochemistry and as a tertiary lecturer. **Jenny Bridge** also joins the Community Development team in her role as the Community Development Communications Assistant. **Servet Moustafa** and **Melissa Wood** will also be sharing the Campus Nurse responsibilities during Term 1. Both are experienced health practitioners and have worked in First Aid extensively at the College in the past.

Returning from leave are German teacher, **Pauline Rogan**, Junior School teachers **Kersti Mowat**, **Lyndal Mihic** and **Lisa Pollard**, and Physical Education teacher, **Aleisha Dakin**. Middle School teacher, **Leonne Marchment**, and integration aide, **Andrea Armstrong**, also come to Keilor Campus from Taylors Lakes Campus.

I welcome all of these new and returning staff.

### Campus developments over the break

I was delighted to see the Campus in excellent condition for the start of the school year. A great deal of general maintenance and repair has been completed by the maintenance staff, led by Giovanna Spinazzola, and I thank all parents who attended the working bee on Saturday to tidy the grounds and garden beds.

Work has also begun on the Japanese-inspired garden development on the western side of the Penman Centre. This has been designed by the a group comprising Senior School Visual Arts students, the Head of Visual Arts, Mike Lampard and an artist in residence, Shane Clifford.

Visual Arts students in Year 8, 2014, were also busy working on a community art project that was completed during over the summer. Louisa Zaghis and local artist Debbie Qadri led this project, which has led to a previously ugly concrete cylinder on Overnewton Road becoming a visual story of the history of the area.

This project has greatly improved the visual approach to the Campus.

## Parking

I remind all parents to observe parking signs and drive safely on Campus, particularly as many new students and their families familiarise themselves with the process of drop off and collection.



# Head of Taylors Lakes Campus

Gabe Alessandrini ✉



## Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all of our Overnewton students and their families and welcome to the 2015 school year! It is wonderful to have everyone back for another great year of learning. I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year break with family and friends. I am sure that the students are all very excited to be back at school with their friends and ready for all of the learning experiences that 2015 has to offer.

At this time I would like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new students and their families. It is great to have you with us as members of the Overnewton community.

We also welcome the following new staff and staff returning to the College and Taylors Lakes Campus:

- Alyson Hine (Learning Development and Support)
- Clare Fisher (Deputy Head of Middle School – Teaching and Learning)
- Debbie Rovere (Science Lab Technician)
- Elizabeth Edwards (Middle School)
- Heather Heraud (College Head of Library)
- Donna Hanneysee (PE and Health Teacher)
- Dorothy Patamisi (Learning Development and Support)
- Sophie Bakarnis (Learning Development and Support)

We also welcome the following staff members who have moved across from Keilor Campus:

- Vicky Liaskos (Junior School)
- Rachel Crowther (Junior School – Year 3 and 4 Co-ordinator)

From the time the students left at the end of last year, a great deal of work has been done on the Campus. Apart from all of the general cyclic maintenance that occurs at this time of the year, there have been some minor refurbishments of work spaces at Canowindra as well as some general painting across the Campus.

## Working Bee Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents that attended last Saturday's working bee. We certainly appreciate their efforts to ensure the Campus is clean and tidy in preparation for the start of the term.

## Uniform

Term 1 is summer uniform time for Junior School and Middle School. This includes the blazer for Junior School and the blazer for Middle School as the outermost garment to be worn to and from school each day except for days



where the forecast temperature is 30oC or above. The Canowindra summer uniform consists of the navy blue pants and white polo top and the navy blue polar fleece top is to be worn on colder days. Black leather lace-up shoes (no black leather runners or skate shoes please) are the appropriate footwear to accompany the College uniform. Hairstyles must be of a conservative and non-extreme style and of a natural colour (NO stripes or spots please). Term 1 is also “No Hat No Play” term for all students from Year Prep to Year 9. The appropriate College hat is to be worn at recess and lunch times.

The College Shop at the Keilor Campus will have all uniform items should you still require them.

All details regarding student uniform was sent home to families in the recent mail out. This information can all be found in the student diaries.

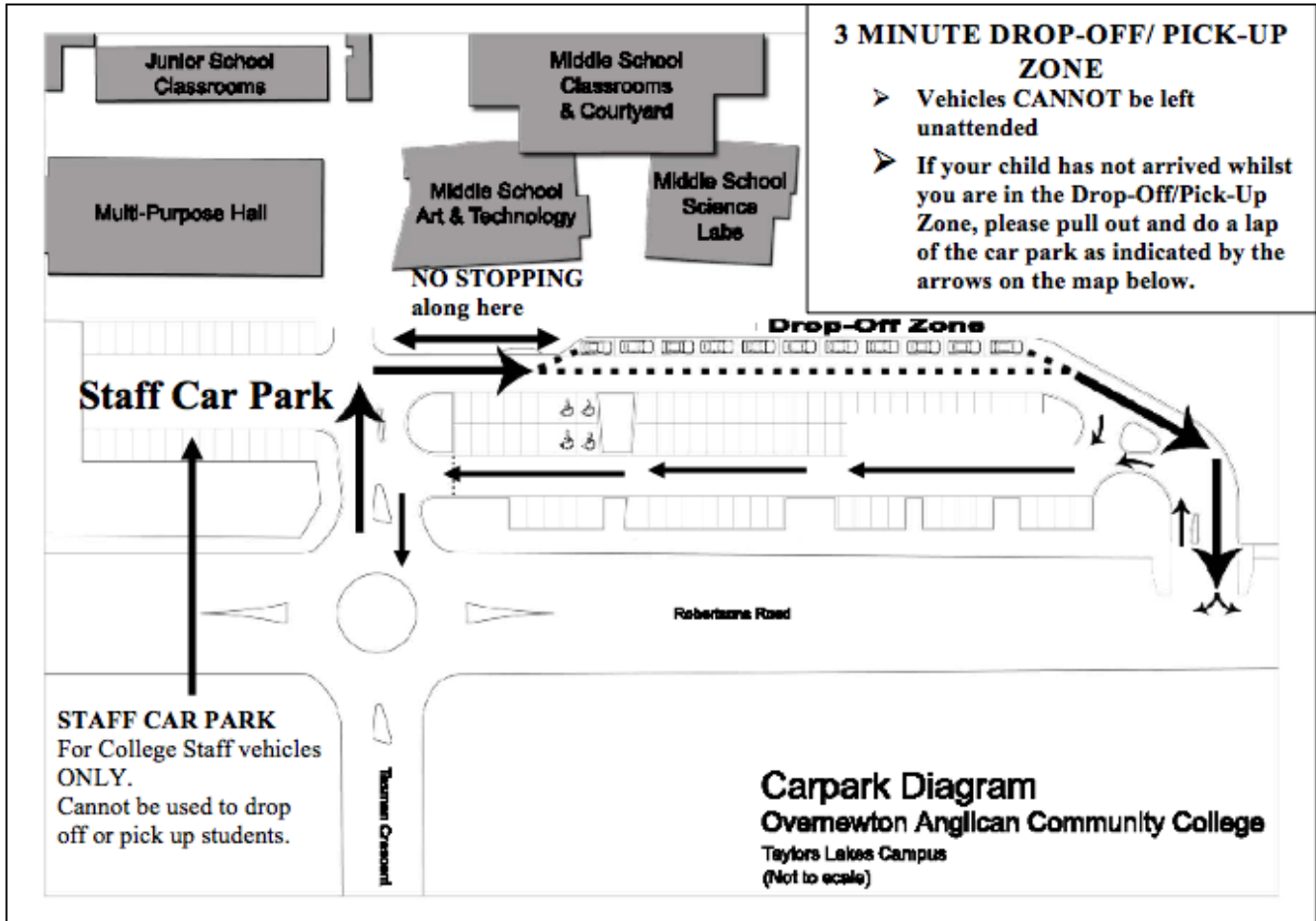
## **Car Park and Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone Procedures**

It is timely at the beginning of the year to remind families of the procedures for dropping off and picking up students at the beginning and end of the school day. (See Car Park Map below).

For families that prefer to park their vehicles and accompany their children to their classrooms in the morning or wait for them at the end of the day, there are several car parking spaces in the main Campus car park or alternatively, across the road in the council car park at the soccer club.

Families that prefer to drop off their children in the morning and pick them up at the end of the day without having to park their vehicles can use the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone. This area is designed for vehicles to pull in for a short period of time (3 minutes maximum) and either drop off or pick up children, and then pull out again into the main traffic flow through the car park. The Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone is not meant to be an area for vehicles to park and wait for children to arrive. As we all know, children can sometimes take a while to get from their classroom to the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone at the end of the day, so parking and waiting will only cause congestion within the car park which will spill out into Robertsons Road. If your child is not at the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone when you arrive, simply do another circuit of the car park. This will keep traffic flowing.

Please respect the four disabled parking spaces and leave them for the members of our College community that have permits to park in those spots. Also, please do not use the staff car parking area to drop off and pick up students. In all of this, the safety of the students is of utmost importance.



# Head of Junior School Keilor Campus

Anne McNaughton 



## Junior School - Keilor Campus, Term 1, 2015

A very warm welcome back to all of our Junior School families, especially those new to the College. The start of a new year is always an exciting time as students settle into their new Home Groups. Considerable time is spent establishing Class Agreements in each year level from Prep to Year 4. These agreements set the tone, or the agreed 'rules' for the interactions within the group for the rest of the year.

Last week the Home Group Teachers had the opportunity to spend an hour with each student where they could connect personally and also undertake some English and Mathematics assessments. These assessments assist in ensuring that work is set at the exact standard from the very first day of learning. It is an ongoing focus in the Junior School to utilise the gathered data to drive instruction and inform everyday practice.

This year we will again have a strong focus on foundation English and Mathematics skills and continue to build our Cross-Curriculum units. Further incorporation of technology into daily lessons will be easier with greater access to iPads in Prep-Year 2 and personal devices in Years 3 and 4. The Values based pastoral care program that was developed last year will be implemented with 'circle time' being an imperative component in allowing all students to have an equal voice. The College theme of "*Thinking first*" fits beautifully with both the academic and pastoral components of our program.

We continue to emphasise the importance of developing organisational skills across all year levels. This includes neat book work, tidy lockers, pride in our classrooms and the importance of dating work in order to keep personal track of progress. A small way parents can assist us is by ensuring all books (including student diaries) are kept free of stickers and graffiti and reinforcing the value of personal organisation skills.

Late last year we were delighted to announce our new Junior School leaders for 2015. They are:

**Captains** - Olivia Evans and Jack Durow

**Vice-Captains** - Bianca Joncevski and Xavier Robinson

**Curie House Captains** - Caitlin Karic and Jed Di Martino

**Curie House Vice-Captains** - Samantha Sikavitsas and Oliver Sugarevski

**Edison House Captains** - Isabella Brdjanin and James Russell

**Edison House Vice-Captains** - Laura Brandt and Brian Bachawarty

**Newton House Captains** - Mikayla Coley and Charlie Biberhofer

**Newton House Vice-Captains** - Lia Brouskos and Zac Jurcic

**Pasteur House Captains** - Amanda Wrout and Alexander West

**Pasteur House Vice-Captains** - Emilia Laferla, Joshua Addamo and Angela Bell

These students will be presented with their badges at our first assembly on Monday 23rd February. We are very much looking forward to watching these students and all of our Year 4s develop into confident leaders.

Please note, Junior School assemblies commence at 2.30pm and parents are welcome to attend. There are two in Term 1, Monday 23rd February and Monday 23rd March.

## Some other relevant dates to note for Term 1 are:

### **Monday 9th February**

#### **Information Evening, 7pm.**

This is a most important opportunity to become acquainted with 2015 class routines, curriculum and specialist subjects.

### **Monday 16th February**

#### **Prep Picnic, 5.30pm.**

Prep parents are encouraged to come along to our Prep Picnic which is being held at school in the grassed area at the front of the Year 1 classrooms on the valley side of the building (BYO picnic). This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to begin to make connections with others new to the College. The picnic is generally concluded by 6.30-7.00pm as tired children head home to rest for another busy school day.

### **Tuesday 17th March and Thursday 19th March**

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

### **Thursday 26th March**

#### **Celebration of Learning morning**

These dates are all published in the diary, however it is always worthwhile keeping an eye on Whispers for all upcoming events.

A timely reminder to parents to follow the car parking routines established last year. In the mornings, the road nearest the Junior School is used as a 'drop-off' loop, which works very well in the mornings. In the afternoons it is imperative that vehicles are not left unattended in the drop-off zone and there is definitely no double parking allowed. Drivers must wait at the entrance to this area until another car exits. The safety of our students is of the utmost importance. I encourage parents to park on the Old Calder Highway and spend a few minutes walking down Overnewton Road rather than adding to traffic congestion. The Walking School Bus is also a fantastic option.

It is important for families to reset meeting points now that students have changed classrooms. The plaza at the entrance and the amphitheatre proved to be popular spots to meet last year. Parents are reminded not to wait in internal spaces/exits at the end of the day due to the volume of students moving out of the building.

Last week parents received information from the College about uniforms. Please take careful note of the reference to shoes being lace up school shoes (not black sport type shoes) and earrings being plain circular stud or sleeper with no stones. We appreciate the support of parents in ensuring our uniform looks its best at all times.

The Junior School team is very much looking forward to a sensational and busy 2015 as we continue to strive to deliver the best possible learning experiences in a positive and supportive environment.

I also remind parents that my door and the doors of Mr Adams and Mrs Zalakos are always open and we enjoy ongoing open communication with our families.

#### **A final note:**

From next week the Junior School Whispers pages from both campuses will be combined, as they are in the Middle School. Student work and events from both Keilor and Taylors Lakes Campuses will continue to be showcased

each week on the new Junior School pages.

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## Coming Events

### Summer Uniform and College Hats

#### **Wednesday 4th February**

First day for students 2015

New Prep Parent Morning Tea

#### **Wednesday 4th February to Friday 7th February**

Prep Early finish 8.50am–12.30pm

#### **Friday 6th February**

Year 4 Swimming Trials, 10.30am–1.30pm

#### **Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February**

Prep Early finish 8.50am–2.15pm

Junior School Information Evening, 7.00pm, Assembly Hall

#### **Thursday 12th February**

School Photos

#### **Monday 16th February**

Prep Regular hours commence, 8.50am–3.20pm

Prep Picnic, 5.30pm–7.00pm, Year 1 playground

#### **Friday 20th February**

Zooper Dooper Day

#### **Monday 23rd February**

Assembly, 2.30pm, Assembly Hall

# Head of Junior School Taylors Lakes Campus

Tracy Fielder 



## Welcome back to the new school year!

I would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are first-time students, parents or staff. The Junior School years are a very special time, with tremendous growth for children, socially, emotionally and intellectually. Assisting your children grow through this period of their lives and become healthy, whole, caring and knowledgeable people who know how to use their minds well is rewarding work. I am delighted to be in partnership with you to help maximise your child's potential.

The beginning of every new school year is an exciting time. This year we have some new teaching staff members joining our Taylors Lakes Campus Junior School team. Vicky Liaskos and Rachel Crowther join us from the Keilor Campus. Both Vicky and Rachel come to us with outstanding reputations as brilliant classroom teachers. They are both teaching in the Year 4 team this year. Rachel has also been appointed as our Year 3 and 4 Co-ordinator. Her experience in leadership, student learning and welfare will be great assets for our Junior School. Alyson Hine joins us as a part of the Learning Development and Support team working in Junior School classrooms. Alyson's wealth of knowledge and experience will provide further excellent support in this area of student learning. Octavia Rae will join us in a full time capacity this year, moving from the Learning Development and Support faculty to the Year 2 classroom team. We are all excited to have her in this new role. Please welcome these new staff members warmly into our Overnewton Community.

A tremendous amount of energy goes into the start of every school year. Teachers have worked hard prior to the return of students to ensure they have the best possible beginning in order to assist them to make it a successful, productive, and happy year. Each classroom teacher spent an hour with each one of their students getting to know them and their abilities over the past week. The assessment interviews offer invaluable information for teachers and promote the building of positive relationships for all involved.

It was exciting to see the students begin the school year this week. There is nothing quite like the return of fresh faced students to school at the beginning of the year, particularly our new Prep students who begin school for the first time. Seeing the Prep students in their crisp new uniforms is always a wonderful sight.

It is timely at the beginning of the year to remind our community about uniform expectations. Some specific uniform points to be aware of are;

- Earrings are to be small, plain silver or gold studs or sleepers (no stones)
- Hair ties are to be in school colours only
- Shoes are to be black, leather lace-up school shoes (not to resemble runners)
- Hair below the base of the neck is to be tied back

(Please refer to the diary for further information with regard to uniform.)

We are looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead in the Junior School. A strategic plan has been developed based on a variety of new initiatives as well as the continuation of plans put in place throughout 2014. Teachers have continued to work on developing curriculum, ensuring we offer best practice and quality educational opportunities for the students. Further information with regards to our Junior School developments will be shared in Whispers as we progress throughout the year.

The students at the Taylors Lakes Campus were assembled together for the Campus Welcome Assembly on Thursday. This was a wonderful way to begin the year together as one. Our Prep students who had been at school for only one half day at the time joined in the assembly and made their teachers very proud. It is always important for us to begin the way we mean to move forward, and having the Prep students at this assembly provides a solid foundation for them. When we show our belief in our students, they almost always live up to our expectations and the Prep students were no exception at the Campus Assembly. The Junior School Captains and Vice Captains proudly received their badges during the assembly. It was exciting for Tahlia and Mitchell (Junior School Captains) to be a part of the formalities of the event by processing and reading the College prayer.

The first Junior School assembly for the year will take place on Thursday 12th February. This will be a time to welcome everyone back to school and to celebrate the year ahead (there will not be a class performance at this assembly). The remainder of the 2015 Junior School Student Representative Council (House, Chapel and Choir Captains) will receive their badges at this assembly.

**Junior School Captains** - Tahlia Holloway and Mitchell Stewart

**Vice-Captains** - Jamie Cefai and Alanah Jevic

**Chapel Captains** - Scarlett Lee and Lavinia Tosev

**Choir Captains** - Saihaj Kaur and Christopher Sayko

**Edison House Captains** - Aarzu Marvi and Marcus Parapuros

**Curie House Captain** - Ian Pinto and Alannah Markovski

**Newton House Captains** - Madison Mountjoy and Vaughn Lipscombe

**Pasteur House Captains** - Joshua Nguyen and Maneesha Perera



**Tuesday 10th February** is the Junior School Information Evening. This is an important evening for parents to attend. After gathering in the Multi-Purpose Hall initially to introduce staff and share some Junior School priorities, classroom teachers will provide specific information to parents about Year level expectations. Please continue to check the student diary and College calendar for important dates coming up this term.

In partnership with families, Overnewton will continue to be a school community in which every person feels respected, valued, and is encouraged and supported to achieve their personal best. I look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout 2015 and beyond.

**A final note:**

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## **Coming Events**

### **Wednesday 4th February**

Junior School classes commence

### **Friday 6th February**

Year 4 swimming trials

### **Tuesday 10th February**



Junior School Information Night, 7.00pm

### **Wednesday 11th February**

Class and Individual photos

### **Thursday 12th February**

Assembly

### **Wednesday 25th February**

Year 3 Incursion

### **Thursday 26th February**

Prep BBQ, 5.30-7.00pm

Assembly

### **Friday 27th February**

House Synergy Day

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## **Taylors Lakes Campus Prep Families Picnic BBQ**

**Thursday 26th February, 2015, 5.30–7.00pm** in the Taylors Lakes Campus Junior School courtyard (weather permitting)

To celebrate your child's first month at school, join us in this celebration where you will meet new parents and get to know staff.

FREE sausage sizzle for Prep families. Bring along a picnic rug, salad and drinks for a night of socialising. (no alcohol)

This event is brought to you by the Junior School Parent Support Team – Taylors Lakes Campus.



## Heads of Middle School

Jan Jolley ✉ Tim Mahon ✉



### Start of the Year

It has been a great pleasure to have the students back. We would like to thank all students, parents and staff for the very smooth beginning to the year. Students have settled quickly into the routines of Middle School, enabling immediate engagement and effective use of their learning time. It has also been very exciting to see the beginning of the 1:1 iPads in the Middle School. Students were able to successfully log on to the College network as well as the new Middle School App4 electronic diary. More information about the iPad usage and diary will be following shortly.

### Term 1 Middle School Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 5 to Year 8 will be held later this term. These meetings will be a great opportunity for families to discuss the progress of their child.

**Keilor Campus - Thursday 12th March and Thursday 19th March**

**Taylor's Lakes Campus - Monday 23rd March and Thursday 26th March**

### Communication

Throughout the Middle School, we like to encourage open and honest communication between parents, students and teachers. One of the keys to your child's success at school is all of us working together. If you have anything you would like to discuss, your first point of call is always the individual subject teacher or the Home Group teacher then the Deputy Heads of School and the Head of School.

### Uniform

It is fantastic to see so many students wearing their uniform and we are very proud of the way they look. Parents, please remember that students are to wear full Overnewton school uniform in its correct form. An outline of the uniform requirements is to be found in the student App4 diary, but a few small things to note are:

- Blazers need to be worn to and from school.
- Shiny black leather lace up shoes to be worn.
- Earrings must be studs or plain sleepers only.
- Only one earring per ear and in the lobe of the ear.
- A watch and small cross (worn under the uniform) are the only other jewellery to be worn.
- Make-up and nail polish should not be worn to school.
- Hair must be tidy at all times, which supports the school policy of prohibiting extreme hairstyles.
- Hair which touches the uniform collar or longer must be (fully) tied back.

- For our sports uniform, it must be full Overnewton attire.

## **Middle School Assemblies**

Please remember that all parents are invited to attend the Middle School Assemblies.

**Taylor's Lakes Campus** assembly takes place on **Friday during Week 2 at 12.50pm.**

**Keilor Campus** assembly takes place on **Monday during Week 2 at 9.55am.**

# Head of Canowindra

## Derek Summerton



Welcome to an exciting Canowindra year, the first for some families, perhaps the second, third or even fourth for others. We hope all families shared a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The Year 9 staff have been busily preparing for 2015, which includes many updated and new programs. We look forward to working with a new, enthusiastic group of students.

Students were allocated lockers on the first day and should have all books at school every day. Please label all books and computer parts if not done so already.

Please assist us in achieving a smooth transition to Canowindra for your child by ensuring uniform and grooming are in line with College expectations. A College hat is also required for all outdoor activities during Terms 1 and 4.

**We look forward to seeing you all at the Canowindra Information Evening on Monday 16th February 7.30pm – 8.30pm.** We have a busy term ahead.

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## Coming Events

### **Monday 16th February**

Year 9 Information Evening

### **Monday 9th February**

House Swimming Carnival

### **Monday 16th February**

Focus Week 1

### **Thursday 19th February**

First ACS match

### **Monday 23rd February**

Focus Week 2

### **Tuesday 3rd March**

Goal Setting Day

# Head of Senior School

Lauren Old ✉



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another school year. It was delightful to see all of our Senior School students for their Orientation Day on Friday 30th January, full of excitement and reconnecting with friends and teachers. I thank all students for how beautifully presented they were on the first day for their photos, and hope that this standard of uniform is maintained throughout the year. On the Friday afternoon, our Student Leadership Team (Student Executive and House Leaders) set off for their Leadership camp at Lake Dewar. We had an incredible two days, completing a variety of teamwork based activities, developing the skills necessary for their leadership roles this year and sharing in a lot of laughs and fun times. I thank all the student leaders for their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved in all of the activities, especially heading off to camp on the first day back at school!

Classes began in Senior School on Monday 2nd February and for our Year 12 students the first day of their last school year commenced. I wish all students a great 2015 and look forward to being able to share in their successes throughout the year.

## Photo Order Forms

All students had their school photos taken on Friday 30th January. If a student was absent on this day, alternative arrangements will be made for them to have their individual photo taken. **All photo order forms are due back by Monday 9th February.**

## Year 12 Ready, Set... VCE Day

Our Year 12 VCE Study and Preparation Day; Ready, Set... VCE, will be held on Wednesday 4th February and is compulsory for all Year 12 students. This program is designed to assist students with starting their final year at the College feeling prepared, understanding the requirements of the VCE and to provide them with relevant skills and tips for completing Year 12. Guest speakers, workshops on study skills and goal setting and VCE forums will be held as part of this program. This day will be held at RMIT (city campus), which will provide students with some insights into university life, which is an important part of their transition.

## Information Evenings for Term 1

There are two key information evenings held in Term 1, and I would strongly encourage all parents and students to attend the relevant night/s for them.

### VCE Information Evening – Thursday 5th February

This information evening will be held in the Assembly Hall (Sports and Performing Arts Building) starting at 7.30pm for all parents of Year 11 and 12 students (students are also encouraged to attend this evening). This information evening provides a forum for the intricacies of the VCE to be explained and an opportunity to meet the Heads of

House, LifeChoices Co-ordinator and VCE Co-ordinator.

## **Year 10 Information Evening – Thursday 12th February**

A special information evening is held for all students in Year 10 in the Assembly Hall (Sports and Performing Arts Building) from 7.00pm-8.30pm. This is an important occasion as it provides an opportunity for parents to meet with your son/daughter's Mentor, Head of House and members of the Senior School Leadership Team. Each of these people play an integral role in the academic and personal development of all students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Academic, developmental and procedural issues will be discussed, along with the wide array of sporting, cultural and community service opportunities available for all members of the Senior School.

## **Enhancement Program**

Our enhancement program will again operate on a Tuesday afternoon and the program for Term 1 is now available for students. The enhancement program is time available for Year 11 and 12 students where they do not have formal classes scheduled but must attend all relevant sessions as required. These sessions could include guest speakers, study skills workshops, revision classes and completion of assessment tasks. Two key dates for Year 11 students are **Tuesday 17th February** and **Tuesday 3rd March**, where presenters from Elevate Education will provide practical workshops for students on study techniques and time management skills. Students are asked not to make appointments or have other commitments during their required enhancement program times.

## **Coming Events**

### **Thursday 5th February**

Year 11 and 12 Information Evening (7.30pm-8.30pm)

### **Thursday 12th February**

Year 10 Information Night (7.00pm-8.30pm)

### **Monday 16th February**

House Swimming Carnival

### **Wednesday 25th February**

Year 10 Immunisations

### **Thursday 26th February**

Year 12 Parent Forum

### **Friday 6th March**

Schools Alive Tours

### **Monday 9th March**

Labour Day Holiday

### **Thursday 12th March**

Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (surnames ending A-L)

### **Friday 13th March**

Senior School year level presentations with Paul Dillon

### **Monday 16th March**

Parent Education Evening- Digital Technology Workshop (Sports and Performing Arts Building - Keilor Campus)

7.00pm)

**Tuesday 17th March**

Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (surnames ending M-Z)

**Friday 20th March**

ACS Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 24th March**

House Performance

**Friday 27th March**

Last day of Term 1

## Head of Student Services

Tim Jezard ✉



### Help Your Child Achieve by Michael Grose

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success.

#### **1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve**

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

#### **2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**

If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.



### **3. Support your teacher's expectations and activities at home**

One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

### **4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**

Maximise your child's chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It's estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

### **5. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes**

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child's teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

### **6. Skill children to work with others**

Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

### **7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**

Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

### **8. Participate fully in class and school activities**

There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

### **9. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience**

Your child's teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

### **10. Talk up what happens at school**

Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive



messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of ten point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you'll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child's teachers.

# *Bulletin Board* Family Contribution Scheme

## Parents and Friends Association Bulletin Board

This page includes requests for parent assistance by various parent workgroup co-ordinators. It also provides dates and details of upcoming social and fundraising activities.

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### Staffroom Assistance at Keilor Campus

We require the services of a parent who can assist with various staffroom duties.

The position will require approximately 2-3 hours per week and will include the following duties:

- Receiving and unpacking staffroom groceries
- General cleaning and tidying of staffroom

Day and time is negotiable and can be discussed further by calling **Lynelle Hawke** on **9334 0000** or **0407 344 601** or please [email](#).

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### Position Available at Taylors Lake Campus

Parent help is required to assist with light duties tidying up the at Canowindra and Middle School staffroom kitchen and the Middle School Meeting Room at Taylors Lakes Campus.

Anytime or day that suits during school hours, approximately 1.5 hours per week.

Please contact: **Lisa Gouder** - Office Support Co-ordinator - Taylors Lakes. Tel: **0418 511 687** or [email](#)

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### Mothers Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall at the Keilor Campus will be held on Friday 8th May.

Are you thinking of ways to obtain your hours for Term 1. We require donations for our 2015 Mother's Day Stall and all assistance contributes to the Family Contribution Scheme. If you have any questions, please contact **Tammie Tanti** on **0417 388 028** or [email Tammie](#), or **Ann Damanti** on **0401 773 564** or [email Ann](#).

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## Do you need hours and enjoy a walk?

Then join the Taylors Lakes Campus Walking School Bus.

The Taylors Lakes Campus Walking School Bus is always looking for walkers to drive or conduct our buses. It's a great way to start the day for both you and your children and it is a wonderful way to contribute hours towards the Family Contribution Scheme. (Hours are calculated at double the walk length).

We have 3 buses operating. The "Wakelin Walkers" bus leaves from Wakelin Crescent. The "Murchison Marchers" bus meets at the car park behind Hungry Jacks. Route 3 starts at Wellesley Drive and goes straight along Palmerston Crescent.

The more Drivers and Conductors we have the more walks we can offer.

If interested please phone: **Emma Grimaud** on **0466 726 195** or [email](#).

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## Taylors Lakes Campus Prep Families Picnic BBQ

**Thursday 26th February, 2015, 5.30pm–7.00pm** in the Taylors Lakes Campus Junior School courtyard (weather permitting).

To celebrate your child's first month at school, join us in this celebration where you will meet new parents and get to know staff.

FREE sausage sizzle for Prep families. Bring along a picnic rug, salad and drinks for a night of socialising. (no alcohol)

This event is brought to you by the Junior School Parent Support Team – Taylors Lakes Campus.



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## Co-ordinator Position 2015 Working Bee Lunch Crew, Taylors Lakes Campus

### The Working Bee Lunch Crew Team prepare morning tea and lunch for parents attending the working bees

A co-ordinator is required to share the role with an existing experienced co-ordinator in 2015. You would be joining a friendly and experienced team with the advantage of sharing the role with an experienced co-ordinator on alternate working bees.

This position would suit someone that enjoys working with people and food. Experience in this area is an advantage but not essential.

Duties include: grocery shopping on the day, supervising helpers in the preparation, serving and clean up of morning tea and lunch and reporting hours. Hours 9.00am-4.00pm on alternate working bee days.

For further information please contact **Kathy** on **0409 161 919**.

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## Parent help required - Catering Group

Parent help is **urgently required** to assist with the set-up, serving and clean-up at functions. Hours are flexible as help is needed during the day, after school and evenings.

For further information please call **Anne Quinn** on **0419 368 813**.

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## Car Pooling

### Do you want to share the driving to and from the College?

Then car pooling may be right for you!

If you are interested in finding other parents who live in your area who may also wish to car pool then all you need to do is register. We will then provide you with the telephone numbers of parents who have also registered from the same area. The arrangements are then up to you!

Please email your name, your telephone number, your address, your children's year levels and the Campus you drive to.

To register contact **Wendy**.

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## Parents & Friends Services Directory

Support the Overnewton Community and always consult the Parents & Friends Services Directory for ideas!

Applications for the 2015/2016 edition are sent to all parents. We would love to advertise your business.

Each year almost 5000 copies of the directory are distributed to our community. Simply fill in the application form and return it to the College.

If you are an existing advertiser please return your form with any changes you require or just tick the repeat box if there are no changes. A line listing is FREE for Overnewton families and Old Collegians.

If you have any questions or need a form please call **Janine Hilton** on **9334 0104** Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

The [Parents & Friends Services Directory](#) is available online.

**Janine Hilton**

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## Book in now for the 2015 Sausage Sizzle roster

Parent assistance rosters for the Sausage Sizzle Fundraising Group at Taylors Lakes Campus are now being finalised and **we still need parent helpers**.



We need parents to assist with operating our Sausage Sizzle, which will now operate from the kitchen situated inside the Taylors Lakes Campus Gymnasium each Saturday during school terms.

**Operating hours available are: 8.00am to 4.00pm – full day shift or half day shifts – 8.00am to 12.00pm or 12.00pm to 4.00pm**

All hours count towards your Family Contribution Scheme.

All help from both Keilor Campus and Taylors Lakes Campus parents is welcomed.

If you are available to help in 2015, please contact co-ordinators **Chris Fernandes** on **0409 070 563** or **Khue Pham** on **0404 830 260** to discuss available shifts.

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## Expressions of Interest - Class Reps 2015

Overnewton will be embarking on a new initiative this year – the appointment of a class representative for every class at both campuses.

As a class representative you will be responsible for establishing and maintaining connections between the parents in your child's class. You will be provided with a class list by the College and required to set up communications between the parents in your allocated class (e.g. through email, SMS, diary notes, face to face presence). You will be the main source of communication of major and minor Parents and Friends events.

Tasks may include:

- Distributing information regarding upcoming events
- Initiating connections with parents in the class
- Initiating attendance at College events such as the Annual Ball or Trivia Night (e.g. by suggesting a table be put together with members from the same class)
- Assisting the Parent Support Team where required
- Assisting the class teacher or Heads of School when urgent help is required (e.g. last minute need for a parent to attend an excursion)

You will be required to liaise with Parent Support Team co-ordinators but will be responsible to the Class Reps co-ordinator who is a Parents and Friends Committee member (Diane Falzon). If you are interested in becoming a class representative, please email [Diane Falzon](mailto:Diane.Falzon@overnewton.nsw.edu.au) your contact details and advise which campus your children attend.

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## Administration Assistance

The Registrar's office requires a parent to assist with general administration tasks which may include some basic data entry. The hours will be flexible and may vary from term to term.

Please call **Jane Sneddon** on **9334 0142** or Diane King on **9334 0141** for further information if this is something you may be interested in.

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## Recording Hours

When you organise or contribute hours towards the **Family Contribution Scheme ALWAYS** ask the person who is allocating the task, "Where should I sign in my hours?".

Make sure you **write your name clearly** and include your child's name if it is different to your own.

Include your **telephone number** also, to help us allocate your hours correctly.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Families who have given ten years of continuous service to the College through the Family Contribution Scheme, only need to complete a minimum of 14 hours per term from their eleventh year.

**Susan Bates, Community Development Assistant, 9334 0143**

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## Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone Duty at Taylors Lakes Campus

Parent help is required Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 3.45pm to assist students safely crossing at the zebra crossing within the car park at the Taylors Lakes Campus.

Please email **Andrea Barrow** to discuss your availability.

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## **Photocopying Assistance Needed at Taylors Lakes Campus**

A position has become available to join the photocopying team at Taylors Lakes Campus. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, approximately 2 hours per week.

For more information contact Office Co-ordinator - Taylors Lakes **Lisa Gouder** on **0418 511 687** or email.

# *Class Activities and Excursions* Family Contribution Scheme

This page includes request for help with excursions, camps, sports activities and other class related activities for both campuses.

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## **CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE**

Classroom Assistance positions for both Keilor and Taylors Lakes Campuses will be advertised through Whispers on a weekly basis. Most positions require a regular weekly commitment for the whole year, although in specific cases you may be able to alternate with another parent or join a roster. You are invited to apply for any position, even if your child is at another campus or different year level. Please note that the person you will be telephoning is a parent fulfilling their 18 hour commitment, so please do not phone before 7.15am or after 9.00pm. Younger siblings or sick children cannot accompany parents whilst on duty. A Classroom Assistance folder is kept at the front office at each campus and in the Resource Room at Keilor campus to record your hours.

### **Recording Hours**

A reminder to parents that it is your responsibility to record your own hours for classroom assistance and excursions in the folder at the front office labelled Classroom Assistance. Please ensure you write legibly and include details of your child, including the surname if you have a different name to your child, and your home telephone number. These hours are collated at the end of each term.

### **Working with Children Check**

It is a Victorian Government requirement that all adults working with children have a current Working with Children Check with Overnewton College listed as a volunteer organisation. If you need to amend your details to include Overnewton College please go to the website [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) click on Update My Details, click again on Update My Details, and then register for My Check, which allows you to update organisation immediately on-line. You will then receive an email detailing the change which you can then forward to the school or relevant parent co-ordinator. Please ensure you have your card number or Post Office receipt number and expiry date when you phone to register your name.

## **Taylors Lakes Campus**

If you have any concerns regarding the Classroom Assistance Program at Taylors Lakes Campus please contact the relevant co-ordinator or Denise O'Keefe, Resource Officer on 9334 0245 or [email](#).

### **Parent Co-ordinators**

**Melissa Lo-Iudice - Prep to Year 2, call 0425 757 838 or [email](#).**

**Michelle Schembri - Years 3 to 9, call 0414 907 337 or [email](#), Tracy Wright - ACS/House Sport, call 9336 7294 or [email](#)**



## Year 9 Focus Week Excursions

Parent help is needed to assist with the following Year 9 Focus Week excursions.

Field Work, **Tuesday 17th February**, 9am-12pm

Field Work, **Wednesday 18th February**, 8.45am-3.20pm

Field Work, **Tuesday 5th May**, 9am-12pm

Field Work, **Wednesday 6th May**, 8.45am-3.20pm

Field Work, **Tuesday 4th August?**, 9am-12pm

Field Work, **Wednesday 5th August**, 8.45am-3.20pm

Mighty Melbourne, **Tuesday 17th February**, 8.30am-4pm

Mighty Melbourne, **Wednesday 18th February**, 8.30am-4pm

Mighty Melbourne, **Thursday 19th February**, 8.30am-1pm

Mighty Melbourne, **Tuesday 24th March**, 8.30am-4pm

Mighty Melbourne, **Wednesday 25th March**, 8.30am-4pm

Mighty Melbourne, **Thursday 26th March**, 8.30am-1pm

**Michelle Schembri 0414 907 337 or [email](#)**

## Year 9 Focus Week Administration Help

Parent help is needed to assist with preparation for Focus Weeks. This will include general administration tasks such as photocopying and collating. Help will be required on the Friday before each Focus Week from 8.30am until at least 11am possibly longer, depending on the workload. Dates will be:

**Friday 13th February**

**Friday 20th March**

**Friday 1st May**

**Friday 12th June**

**Friday 31st July**

**Friday 28th August**

**Friday 16th October**

**Friday 20th November**

**Michelle Schembri 0414 907 337 or [email](#)**

## Junior School Art

Parent help is needed to assist with the following Junior School Art classes. Duties will include set up and pack up and assistance during the art class.

**Prep T Week 1**, Tuesdays 11.45am-1pm; **Week 2**, Fridays 11am-1pm

**Prep B Week 1**, Fridays 11am-1pm; **Week 2**, Tuesdays 11.45am-1pm

**1N Week 1**, Wednesdays 8.45am-11am; **Week 2**, Mondays 11.45am-1pm

**1M Week 1**, Thursdays 11.45am-1pm; **Week 2**, Wednesdays 8.45am-11am

**2A Week 1**, Fridays 8.45am-11am; **Week 2**, Fridays 2.15pm-3.20pm

**2O Week 1**, Fridays 2.15pm-3.20pm; **Week 2**, Fridays 8.45am-11am

**2R Week 1**, Wednesdays 1.30pm-2.30pm; **Week 2**, Wednesdays 1.20pm-3.20pm

**Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838, or [email](#)**

**3BF Week 1**, Wednesdays 1.30pm-2.30pm; **Week 2**, Wednesdays 1.20pm-3.20pm

**3M Week 1**, Fridays 1.30pm-2.30pm; **Week 2**, Fridays 11am-1pm

**3G Week 1**, Thursdays 11.45am-1pm; **Week 2**, Fridays 1.20pm-3.20pm

**4L Week 1**, Fridays 11am-1pm; **Week 2**, Tuesdays 2.15pm-3.20pm

**4I Week 1**, Tuesdays 11.45am-1pm; **Week 2**, Tuesdays 11.45am-2.45pm

**4C Week 1**, Tuesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm; **Week 2**, Wednesdays 9.45am-10.45am

**Michelle Schembri 0414 907 337 or [email](#)**

### **Junior School Choir**

Parent help is required to assist with the Junior School Choir rehearsal sessions, which are held on Thursdays from 3.20pm - 4.20pm.

**Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838, or [email](#)**

### **Middle School and Year 9 House Swimming Carnival**

Parent help is required to assist with the House Swimming Carnival being held on Monday 9th February at St Albans Leisure Centre from 8.30am-3.00pm. Parents will need to make their own way to the venue.

**Tracy Wright 9336 7294, or [email](#)**

### **Year 4 - 6 District Swimming Carnival**

Parent help is required to assist with the District Swimming Carnival being held on Wednesday 4th March at St Albans Leisure Centre from 9am-12.30pm. Parents will need to make their own way to the venue.

**Tracy Wright 9336 7294, or [email](#)**

### **Middle School and Year 9 House Athletics Carnival**

Parent help is required to assist with the House Athletics Carnival being held on Friday 13th March at Keilor Park Athletics Track from 8.30am-3.00pm. Parents will need to make their own way to the venue.

**Tracy Wright 9336 7294, or [email](#)**

### **ACS Swimming Championships**

Parent help is required to assist with the ACS Swimming Carnival being held on Friday 20th March at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Times will be confirmed closer to the date. Transport will be provided to the venue.

**Tracy Wright 9336 7294, or [email](#)**

### **Year 9 Camping Program**

Parent help is required to assist with the Year 9 Waratah Bay Camp, which will take place from Wednesday 25th March - Friday 27th March. Activities on this camp will include a beach walk and a two hour surf session. Parents and students will be camping in tents in a caravan park/camping ground and all food and equipment will be provided.

Expressions of interest should be sent by email to [tlccamps](#) asap. In your email please provide:

- relevant experience,
- child's name and class,
- postal address,
- contact number.

All email applications will receive a receipt of delivery. If you do not receive a delivery receipt please contact **Denise O'Keefe, Resource Officer** on **9334 0245**. As this is a 3 day camp, 3 terms of hours will be allocated

toward the Family Contribution Scheme at the conclusion of the camp.

## **Taylor's Lakes Campus Middle School Camping Program**

Parent help is required to assist with the Taylor's Lakes Campus 2015 Year 8 camp to Falls Creek which will take place on Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2015 (Term 2, 2015). Interested volunteers should note that the Year 8 camping program will involve several nights under canvas as well as participation in outdoor activities such as hiking, cycling and canoeing.

Expressions of interest should be sent by email to [tlccamps](mailto:tlccamps) no later than Monday 23rd February 2015. In your email please provide:

- relevant experience,
- child's name and class,
- postal address,
- contact number.

First Aid qualified parents will be required to hold a current minimum Level 2 First Aid Certificate and current CPR certification and must be prepared to undertake Anaphylaxis training. It is a Victorian Government requirement that all adults working with children have a current Working with Children Check with Overnewton College listed as a volunteer organisation.

All email applications will receive a receipt of delivery. If you do not receive a delivery receipt please contact **Denise O'Keefe, Resource Officer** on **9334 0245**. As this is a 3 day camp, 3 terms of hours will be allocated toward the Family Contribution Scheme at the conclusion of the camp.

## **Keilor Campus**

If you have any concerns regarding the Classroom Assistance program at Keilor Campus please contact the relevant co-ordinator or Jennie McCullagh Resource Officer on 9334 0086

### **Parent Co-ordinators**

**Susie Gekas - Prep, Years 1 and 2, PMP and Art**, 0424 034 744 or [email](mailto:)

**Jenny Ratcliff - Years 3 - 8, Senior School and Hours**, 0425 870 244 or [email](mailto:)

**Tracy Wright - ACS/House Sport**, 9336 7294 or [email](mailto:)

### **Prep Classroom Assistance**

Parent help is required to assist in the Prep classrooms.

**Prep B - Weeks 1 and 2** Mondays 9.00am-10.45am, Tuesdays 9.00am-10.45am, Wednesdays 9.00am-10.45am, Thursdays 9.00am-10.45am and **Week 2 only** Fridays 9.00am-10.45am.

**Prep K** - Mondays 9.00am-10.45am and Thursdays 9.00am-10.45am.

**Prep P - Weeks 1 and 2** Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.00am-10.45am, **Week 1 only** Thursdays 9.00am-10.45am and **Week 2 only** Thursdays 9.00am-9.55am.

**Prep R** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.00am-10.40am.

**Susie Gekas 0424 034 744 before 9.00pm, or [email](mailto:)**

### **Year 1 Classroom Assistance**

Parent help is required to assist in the Year 1 classrooms.

**1CA**

- **Weeks 1 and 2** Mondays 9.00am-10,45am, Tuesdays 9.00am-10,45am, Wednesdays 9.00am-9.55am, Thursdays 9.00am-10,45am and **Week 1 only** Fridays 9.00am-10,45am.

**1CR** - Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.00am-10.45am.

**1S** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.00am-10.45am.

**Susie Gekas 0424 034 744 before 9.00pm, or [email](#)**

### **Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)**

Parent help is needed to assist in conducting Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). All students in Prep and Year 1 participate in activities that encourage skill enhancement, movement and pattern development using dynamic equipment. Physical Education staff design and oversee the program. Sessions are held in the Keilor Campus Gymnasium on **Tuesday** mornings from **8.55am-10.55am**.

**Susie Gekas 0424 034 744 before 9.00pm, or [email](#)**

### **Year 2 Classroom Assistance**

Parent help is required to assist in the Year 2 classrooms.

**2M** - Mondays 9.00am-10.45am, Thursdays 9.00am-10.45am and 1.40pm-3.20pm (any day).

**2P** - Mondays 9.00am-10.45am, Wednesdays 11.10am-12.50pm and 1.40pm-3.20pm, Fridays 9.00am-10.45am and 11.10am-12.50pm.

**2T** - Mondays 9.00am-10.45am, Tuesdays 9.00am-10.45am and Wednesdays 9.00am-10.45am.

**2W** - Wednesdays 9.00am-10.45am and Thursdays 9.00am-10.45am.

**Susie Gekas 0424 034 744 before 9.00pm, or [email](#)**

### **Year 4 Classroom Assistance**

Parent help is required to assist in the Year 4M classrooms on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00am-10.45am.

**Susie Gekas 0424 034 744 before 9.00pm, or [email](#)**

### **Literacy Resource Room**

Parent help is required to maintain the Junior School Literacy Resource Room for a minimum of two days at the end of each term (day and hours flexible).

**Susie Gekas 0424 034 744 before 9.00pm, or [email](#)**

### **Art Assistance**

Parent help is required to assist in the Art classrooms.

**Prep B - Week 1** Fridays 8.55am-10.55am and **Week 2** Fridays 9.55am - 10.55am.

**Prep K - Week 1** Wednesdays 11.10am-12.50pm and **Week 2** Wednesdays 8.55am-9.55am.

**Prep P - Week 1** Thursdays 11.00am-1.00pm and **Week 2** Thursdays 9.55am-10.45am.

**Prep R - Week 1** Thursdays 9.55am-10.45am and **Week 2** Thursdays 11.00am-1.00pm.

**1CA - Week 1** Mondays 11.00am-1.00pm and **Week 2** Mondays 1.30pm-2.30pm.

**1CR - Week 1** Wednesdays 9.00am-11.00am and **Week 2** Wednesdays 10.00am-11.00am.

**1G - Week 1** Wednesdays 11.00am-1.00pm and **Week 2** Wednesdays 9.00am - 10.00am.

**1S - Week 1** Mondays 1.30pm-2.30pm and **Week 2** Mondays 11.00am-1.00pm.

**2M - Week 1** Thursdays 1.30pm-3.20pm and **Week 2** Thursdays 9.05am-9.55am.

**2P - Week 1** Thursdays 9.05am-9.55am and **Week 2** Thursdays 1.30pm-3.20pm.

**2W - Week 1** Mondays 8.55am-10.55am and **Week 2** Mondays 11.00am-12.00pm.

**2T - Week 1** Tuesdays 11.00am-12.00pm and **Week 2** Tuesdays 11.10am-12.50pm.

**3C - Week 1** Mondays 11.10am-12.50pm and **Week 2** Mondays 1.40pm-2.40pm.

**3E - Week 1** Mondays 1.40pm-2.40pm and **Week 2** Mondays 8.55am-10.55am.

**3GK**

- **Week 1** Tuesdays 1.30pm-3.20pm and **Week 2** Tuesdays 11.00am-12.00pm.

**3S** - **Week 1** Tuesdays 11.00am-12.00pm and **Week 2** Tuesdays 1.30pm-3.20pm.

**4MP** - **Week 1** Fridays 9.00am-11.00am and **Week 2** Fridays 11.00am-12.30pm.

**4NK** - **Week 1** Fridays 1.30pm-3.20pm and **Week 2** Fridays 9.00am-11.00am.

**Susie Gekas 0424 034 744 before 9.00pm, or [email](#)**

### **District Swimming Carnival Years 4-6**

Parents, including a First Aid trained parent are required to assist with the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 4th March at the St Albans Leisure Centre from 9.00am-12.30pm. Please note transport will not be supplied.

**Tracy Wright - ACS/House Sport, 9336 7294 or [email](#)**

### **Middle School House Athletics Carnival**

Parents, including a First Aid trained parent are required to assist with the Middle School House Athletics Carnival on Monday 16th March at the Keilor Park Athletics Track from 8.30am-3.00pm. Please note transport will not be supplied.

**Tracy Wright - ACS/House Sport, 9336 7294 or [email](#)**

### **ACS Swimming Championships**

Parent help is required to assist with the ACS Swimming Carnival Championships on Friday 20th March at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Times to be advised.

**Tracy Wright - ACS/House Sport, 9336 7294 or [email](#)**

# Junior Sports Program

## Netball 2014

The following students were received Best and Fairest awards in their netball competition at the end of 2014. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievement.

### Under 11

Overnewton 1, Best and Fairest - Eliza Coyne  
Runner Up - Calista Lo-Iudice  
Overnewton 2 - Best and Fairest - Chloe Lim  
Runner Up - Kate Hobbs

### Under 13

Overnewton 1 - Best and Fairest - Lachlan Coyne  
Runner Up - Kayla Young  
  
Overnewton 2 - Best and Fairest - Alessia Fisticchia  
Runner Up - Samantha Barrow

Overnewton 3 - Best and Fairest - Madeline Yan  
Runner Up - Natasha Stemenkovic

### Under 15

Overnewton - Best and Fairest - Katie Smale  
Runners Up - Mitchell Kitanovski and Georgia Lethlean

Congratulations to all.

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## Netball Results

### 13 and Under

Vixen Cubs defeated Overnewton 1 - 15 to 2  
Overnewton 2 defeated Sydenham Tigers - 13 to 11

### 15 and Under

Overnewton defeated Western Warriors - 20 to 5

A great start to the season and good luck to all teams.

# Music and Theatre Encore

## Encore: Theatre

*Following article written Lynn Dahl, College Head of Encore - Theatre*

In 2015, the Encore Theatre program will continue to give students from Year 5, an opportunity to be involved in a performance event.

The first performance will be the Senior School Theatre performance, which is devised by the students during Wednesday afternoons in Term 1, with a performance early in Term 2.

The Year 5/6 Musical is part of the Friday morning sport program. There are two separate casts that are aligned to the sport program. In 2015, the Year 5/6 students will be presenting "Annie Jnr". What a fabulous opportunity this will be for these students, especially with the new Annie movie that came out in December! Performances are in the middle of June, and the end of September.

The College Musical includes students from Years 7 – 12. In 2015, we will be presenting "High School Musical"! Students will be invited to audition for this musical at the beginning of Term 1. We will be starting with an audition meeting/workshop on Thursday 12th February 2015. At this meeting, information about the show and auditions will be given. This will be held in the Assembly Hall at Keilor Campus, starting at 4:00pm and finishing at 5:30pm.

Performances of "High School Musical" will be on August 6th-9th at Darebin Arts Centre.

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## Guild Awards

At the end of 2014, the Victorian Music Guild Awards took place at Yarra Valley Grammar. The Victorian Music Guild is an organisation that supports, encourages the development of non-professional Music Theatre in Victoria. The 2014 College Musical "The Boy From Oz" received six nominations for this production. In a very exciting evening, three awards were presented to staff and students from Overnewton College for their excellence in the following areas:

**Jon Reeves: Best Male Lead in a Junior Production**

**Mikaela Farrugia: Best Female Supporting Lead in a Junior Production**

**Mrs Fiona Branford: Best Musical Director in a Junior Production.**

Our congratulations are also extended to **Lauren Goetz** who was also nominated for Best Female Supporting Lead in a Junior Production, **Ms Katherine Nelson** for her nomination as Best Director in a Junior Production and the entire production team for the Best Junior Musical nomination. **Kade Hughes** received a commendation for his dancing in a Junior Musical.

All looks very exciting for the 2015 College Musical: Disney's High School Musical!

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## 2015 Encore Ensemble Program

All Encore Instrumental Music Ensembles will begin their weekly rehearsals from the second week of Term 1, 2015 (week beginning February 9th 2015) and all students are strongly encouraged to join one of our many Choral or Instrumental groups (some times/days may have changed since this was distributed at the end of 2014).

Participating in an ensemble provides an excellent opportunity for young people to develop team-work skills, group discipline and commitment. It also is a great way of fostering a lifelong passion for music making and participating in exciting performance opportunities.

Students choosing to participate in an ensemble are required to attend all performances, at least 80% of all rehearsals, commit to learning their individual parts and actively contribute to the success and growth of the group.

### 2015 Rehearsal times are:

#### **Year 1 and 2 Choir – Taylors Lakes Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays during lunchtime in Room MU3. This group will be led by Felicity Woodlock. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Year 3 and 4 Choir – Taylors Lakes Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays after school from 3.30pm–4.15pm in Room MU3. This group will be led by Carolyn Hernandez. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Year 5 and 6 Choir – Taylors Lakes Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays after school from 3.30pm–4.15pm in Room MU3. This group will be led by Carolyn Hernandez. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Year 7 and 8 Choir – Taylors Lakes Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Mondays after school from 3.30pm–4.15pm in Room MU3. This group will be led by Carolyn Hernandez. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Year 1 and 2 Choir – Keilor Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays during lunchtime in the Junior School Library. This group will be led by Eleanor Kratz. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Year 3 and 4 Choir – Keilor Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays after school from 3.30pm–4.15pm in the Junior School Library. This group will be led by Eleanor Kratz. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Year 5 and 6 Choir – Keilor Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays after school from 3.30pm–4.15pm in Room S201. This group will be led by Eleanor Kratz. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Year 7 and 8 Choir – Keilor Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays after school from 3.30pm–4.15pm in Room S201. This group will be led by Eleanor Kratz. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Senior School Vocal Group – Keilor Campus**

Students involved in this group will be advised directly of the day and time for the rehearsal. This group will be led by George Katsikas. To contact him via email, please [click here](#).

#### **Junior Strings “Stringlings”**



Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays after school at Keilor Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm in Room S204. This group will be led by Nadia Forbes and Prudence Jury. To contact Nadia Forbes via email, please [click here](#). To contact Prue Jury via email please [click here](#).

### **String Orchestra**

Rehearsals will be held on Fridays after school at Keilor Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm on the Sports and Performing Arts Building Stage. This group will be led by Prudence Jury and Janet Butler. To contact Prue Jury via email please [click here](#). To contact Janet Butler via email please [click here](#).

### **College Big Band**

Rehearsals will be held on Mondays after school at Keilor Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm on the Sports and Performing Arts Building Stage. This group will be led by Amber Lomanowicz and George Katsikas. To contact Amber Lomanowicz via email, please [click here](#). To contact George Katsikas via email, please [click here](#).

### **Middle School Concert Band – Keilor Campus**

Rehearsal will be held on Wednesdays after school at Keilor Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm in Room S201. This group will be led by Fiona Branford. To contact her via email, please [click here](#).

### **Middle School Concert Band – Taylors Lakes Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays after school at Taylors Lakes Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm in Room MU1. This group will be led by Paula Hessey – [paula.hessey@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:paula.hessey@overnewton.vic.edu.au).

### **Year 9 Combined Instrumental and Vocal Group**

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday after school at Taylors Lakes Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm in Canowindra. This group will be led by George Katsikas. To contact him via email, please [click here](#).

### **Jazz Ensemble – Keilor Campus**

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays during lunchtime in Room S201 This group will be led by Stephen Hornby. To contact him via email, please [click here](#).

### **Senior Rock Group**

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays after school at Keilor Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm in the Sports and Performing Arts Building Music Rooms. This group will be led by David Bennett and Stephen Hornby. To contact David Bennett via email, please [click here](#). To contact Stephen Hornby via email, please [click here](#).

### **Middle School Guitar Group (formerly Junior Guitar)**

Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays after school at Keilor Campus from 3.30pm–4.30pm in Room S201. This group will be led by Greg Stone. To contact him via email, please [click here](#).

# College Shop

## 2015 Opening Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.15am-4.30pm.

The College Shop will be closed for lunch between the hours of 12-1pm.

### Monday Opening Dates in Terms 1 and 2 2015

Regular opening hours apply

February 9th, 16th and 23rd, March 16th and 23rd

April 13th, April 20th

### Saturday Opening Dates in Term 1 2015

Open 9am to 2pm (closed 12-1pm)

February 7th, March 21st

## Exchange and Refunds

While we are happy to exchange, you will need to keep your receipt to do so. All exchanges and refunds will only be accepted in the term of the original purchase.

**Note:** Patches are now available from the College Shop for Junior School grey trousers and track pants.

## Blazer orders

Any queries can be directed to the College Shop on 9334 0112.

## Zip Repairs

Bags requiring zip repairs which were dropped at the College Shop in December, 2014 should be ready for collection now.

## Second Hand Sales

Second hand sales are Cash Only, so please choose well as there are no exchanges. All second hand items for sale must be handed to Miranda Turner or Amanda Markey and at no time are they to be dropped off to Reception. Blazers MUST be dry cleaned with the dry cleaning tag clearly displayed. All other items must be freshly laundered and ironed. We do not accept hats, socks or any items of clothing with holes or stains or any kind. Items are held for a period of 12 months only. If they have not been sold within that period, we ask that you collect your items from the College Shop. If not collected, your items are then donated to the orphanage in Zambia.

***Miranda Turner, College Shop Manager***

