IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

| Monday 3rd March | - Intermediate Cricket, Volleyball and Tennis | Monday 24th March | - Division Golf (selected students) |
| Mon 3rd - Fri 7th March | - Year 7 Camp, Flinders | Wednesday 26th March | - Student Free Day (Staff PD Day) no students |
| Thursday 6th March | - Catch up Photo Day | Thursday 27th March | - Regional Swimming (selected students) |
| Monday 10th March | - Labour Day Holiday (no students) | Friday 28th March | - REACH Workshop (selected students) |
| Tuesday 11th March | - Division swimming carnival (selected students) | Monday 31st March | - Year 7 Volleyball, tennis, cricket, Super 8s |
| Wednesday 12th March | - Year 10 Humanities Excursion, Docklands (except 10D) | Tuesday 1st April | - SEAL Information Night, 7.00pm the Shed, Year 7, 2015 students |
| Thursday 13th March | - Year 9E Excursion to the Bionics Institute | Friday 4th April | - Cross Country Carnival |
| Wednesday 19th March | - Free Dress Day, gold coin donation | | - Last Day of Term 1, 2.30pm finish |
| Thursday 20th March | - Senior Volleyball, Tennis - Intermediate & Senior Baseball Gala Day | Tuesday 22nd April | - Term 2 first day |

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
Regular school attendance is important if students are to do well at school. Thank you to those parents who have been contacting the school before 10.00am to inform us that their children are ill or not attending for a particular reason. Parents can expect a telephone call from our Attendance Officer if their child is absent without approval.

Please remember to provide a letter of explanation to the Home/Mentor Group teacher for VCE students immediately when your child returns to school after a period of absence. If your child is away for a length of time (e.g. medical problem, holiday) please advise the Home Group or Mentor teacher in writing as soon as you are aware so work can be prepared for your child to do whilst they are away. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES
The City of Casey’s School Crossing Unit will be conducting Crossing Count assessments around schools. The Cross Unit staff will be wearing yellow safety vests and will either be sitting in their car or on a chair. The Unit staff may be recording video footage and making notes of their assessments. They will be in possession of a Working With Children ID Card and a Casey Staff ID Card. Crossing counts are conducted to enable the justification of the existence of the school crossing to VicRoads and to ensure the School Crossing staff are working within the guidelines to keep the school community safe.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos were taken on Tuesday, 25th February. After having their photos taken, students were given a docket with their name, barcode and log on code. Photos are available for viewing from Friday, 28th February by accessing the website and using the docket details www.schoolphoto.com.au.

By ordering photos on-line you have the flexibility and lots of choice:

- Preview images – more than one photo was taken!
- You can choose which image is printed in your pack.
- Choose different group layouts.
- You can choose set packs or make a unique pack from components.
- Choose from many designs.
- Incorporate different designs into your pack.
- Create packs to sit your budget.
- Pay for all children together the easy way.

A catch up photo day is scheduled for Thursday, 6th March for students who were absent. When the photographs are available for collection we will advise parents of the details via the Newsletter and website.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne
STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2014

The whole school leadership assembly held on Thursday 20th February 2014 was to acknowledge the appointments of all our School and House Captains and present them with badges in recognition of them being chosen as the successful applicants. Listed below are the House Captains and Deputy Captains for 2014.

HOUSE & DEPUTY HOUSE CAPTAINS 2014

FALCONS
House Captain  Crete Temara  11C
House Captain  Reshad Nahimzada  8F
Deputy House Captain  Aiden Olsson  8D
Deputy House Captain  Hayley Carmichael  8E

HARRIERS
House Captain  Brandon Ware  11J
House Captain  Mouhamed Zietouneh  10I
Deputy House Captain  Kate Di Salvatore  8F
Deputy House Captain  Kameron Lai  7E

KESTRELS
House Captain  Josh Evans  11A
House Captain  Sue Tominiko  11B
Deputy House Captain  Alexandria Woodward  10F
Deputy House Captain  Oscar Devison  8M

KITES
House Captain  Mitchell Lambert  11E
House Captain  Resalene Lavaka  8F
Deputy House Captain  Brooke Holland  11H
Deputy House Captain  Jack Contencin  7I

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MUSICAL JAM SESSION
The feel of last year’s Market Day was rekindled when guest buskers, University students Sam and Al, returned on Monday 24th February to set up on the front lawn and invite the students over lunchtime to pick up an instrument and join in!

Students from all Year levels basked in the sun, under the big tree, some watching nervously, most smiling broadly as they became part of the atmosphere which transferred their learning into real life activity. Back inside the classroom, Sam and Al engaged students from Years 7 to VCE at whatever level they felt comfortable with – singing, tapping, strumming, shouting, listening. Seeing the grins from the students all day, Instrumental Music Director Sue Schueler, declared, “they’ll never want to do theory again, this is what music is all about!”.

Jen Riley, Public Relations

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This year’s Swimming Carnival, held on Wednesday 26th February at Doveton Pool brought a lot of colour and passion for the House teams. Teachers and students were involved in fun competitive banter leading up to the day which helped to create an exciting carnival.

There were some imaginative dress ups and novelty activities run by SAC in the smaller pool. The Year 10 Discovery group organised a delicious fundraising barbeque to ensure that all students were suitably sustained throughout the day.

Despite the cool and drizzly weather conditions, many students and staff participated in the range of water sports (the water slide, the splash park area and the ‘10 minute plunge’ on offer for the duration of the Carnival. The day finished off with a thrilling Teachers relay – with the Kestrels and Harriers swimming a very close race.

RESULTS

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Well done to the Falcons, who demonstrated that both swimming ability and high levels of participation play a part in being able to win a Carnival day!

Congratulations to those that participated and made it through to the next round of competition, but also to those that got in the pool and gave it their best. Good luck to those students who go through to District swimming competition.

A special mention also to the hard work of the House leaders, House Captains/Deputy House Captains and the staff in attendance!

Ashlee Chatfield, PE, Health & Carnivals Coordinator

HOMEWORK PROGRAM, THURSDAYS, 3.00PM - 4.30PM
Our very popular Homework Program is on Thursdays from 3.00pm-4.30pm in the Library each week. This is supervised by a number of staff and volunteer tutors from the community. It is important to note that students should only be attending if they want help with work or a place to study/attend to complete homework and assignments.
VALENTINE’S DAY POETRY WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Xenia Sanut, 8E for her winning piece of writing. You will find it below and I’m sure you will agree it is a remarkable piece of writing.

“Our Song”
The music sheet was empty
White and plain
The blankness was strewn on every page
How lonely it was, so cold and dark
It was quiet and eerie, and still not a single mark
Then you came along and my heart began to pound
It leapt out of my chest and was heard all around
It was beating like a drum, so steady and proud
And that was how our song was found

Soon I could see the violins sway
And the euphonious lyres that angels play
Then the church bells chimed and the cheers from the crowd
As we ran down the aisle, confetti drifting down
We were hand in hand, and I turned around
And smiled at you in your ivory gown

This is where the song begins to hush and fall
When newborn children begin to crawl
The sound of a baby’s cherry squeals
And the indescribable joy a parent feels
I can hear the xylophone melody fly
So innocent and soft, so gentle and light
It’s just unbelievable, how our small group of two
Grew to three overnight

Now the song begins to build and grow
Like the pudgy infants that you used to know
Our faces fall with wrinkles and our hair turns to grey
But the music between us, never did fade
My heart still hammers since the day we first met
And the beat continues to grow stronger yet

The twinkle of the xylophone soon becomes lost
The ensemble of strings slowly go soft
And the chorus of angels and lyres begin to stop
The sound of my drum-beating heart
Returns to the way it was at the start

The love between us, set our melody aglow
And that – is how our song goes.

Runners up were Canis Nugroho and Hannah Halton of 8E.
Thank you to the many entrants who entered this year. The quality of writing was exceptional and we are pleased you took the time to enter.

Lynne Moller, Library Co-ordinator

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY EXCURSION
On Friday 21st February the Year 12 Chemistry students went on an excursion to the University of Melbourne to attend the program ‘Analytical Instrument Workshop’ run by the School of Chemistry’s Outreach Program. Students got the fantastic opportunity for hands-on practice with state-of-the-art, multimillion dollar research equipment.

The students learned how to perform analytical exercises using HPLC, Gas Chromatography, UV/VIS Spectrophotometry and Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy by measuring caffeine in cola drinks, calcium in sea water, alcohol in white wine and iron in a dietary supplement. They also got the opportunity to find out more about how a research laboratory works, and what a career in science can offer. It was a good head start on the senior chemistry curriculum and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Ms James, Science Teacher
Year 10 Work Experience
All Year 10 students should currently be organising their work experience placement for Monday 16th to Friday 20th June (second last week of Term 2). Please hand your completed forms to Chris Wood or your Home Group teacher.

Any student who has not completed their safe@work certificates (General and Industry) will do this in humanities class or can complete them at home (go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/Pages/swguide.aspx). Please hand your certificates in to Chris Wood at the Careers Office.

At Monash Seminar Series
If you are in VCE and would like to find out more about specific Monash degrees, attend one of the At Monash seminars in March (held 6.30pm to 8.00pm):

- Wednesday 12/3/14 Business and Economics – Clayton campus.
- Thursday 13/3/14 Science – Clayton campus.
- Tuesday 18/3/14 Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy – Peninsula campus.

Veterinary Science Open Day
Sunday 16 March 2014 10.00am – 3.00pm University of Melbourne, Werribee campus, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee The Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day is an opportunity for future students and the community to go behind the scenes of our state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital in Werribee. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with veterinary staff, meet current students and tour their outstanding facilities.

Science in the City - RMIT University
Monday 7th April 11.00am to 3.00pm – discover RMIT’s Science programs and book a laboratory tour at the Swanston St campus to view their state of the art research facilities. Go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=1h100z2smaib1 RMIT Science Programs include: biotechnology, chemistry, food science and technology, geospatial science and surveying, mathematics and statistics, nanotechnology, physics and science, as well as biology and nutrition.

University of Melbourne
Friday 11th April is ‘A Day at Melbourne’ Event – for students in Years 10-12, 10.00am to 3.30pm at the University of Melbourne, Parkville campus. This includes a chance to hear from current students about what it’s like to study at Melbourne, tailored sessions about course entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities. A tour of the Southbank campus will also be included in the program for those who wish to visit the Victorian College of the Arts.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

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CASEY CARDINIA LIBRARIES

Students have an increasing need to use specialist software outside of school hours and your local Casey libraries are equipped to help. Cranbourne and Narre Warren Libraries each have two iMac computers, each loaded with iMovie, iPhoto, Garage Band and Adobe Creative Suite, to enable users to edit and manage audio, graphic and movie files.

THESE COMPUTERS ARE FREE TO USE FOR LIBRARY MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP IS FREE.