INSIDE OUT
Alexandra Secondary College

Date: - 17th March 2017

Not long until Japan Tour!

We would like to say ‘sayonara’ and safe travels to our students and staff who are heading off to Japan on Wednesday 22nd March. Mrs Tossol, Mr Davies and 17 students from Years 9 and 10 will embark on a 15 day trip of a lifetime as they experience sensory overload, taking in the rich sights and sounds of modern day Japan. Japan is a culturally rich country and is a land of great contrasts. In the middle of a bustling city of millions of people, and with department stores and neon lights visible as far as the eye can see, you can find the most exquisite temples hidden away in pockets of serene landscapes. Japan is both endlessly fascinating, and amusingly bizarre. Students will be immersed in some amazing experiences, which they will remember forever.

There are too many highlights of the 2017 Japan Tour to list! Students will visit the Disneyland and Disneysea resorts and experience a traditional ‘onsen’ experience at Hakone Hot Springs during their time in Tokyo. In Kyoto they will visit the Golden Pavilion, which is covered in pure gold leaf, and enjoy a walk along the Path of Philosophy. In the process they will gain an appreciation for the exquisite beauty of Japan’s famed cherry blossom. A side trip to Iga Ueno to explore the Iga Castle, Ninja House and watch a Ninja Show will be a true highlight. The final city visited is Hiroshima. Students pay a visit to the Peace Park, A Bomb Dome and the Peace Museum there, and gain a greater understanding of the role of both Japan and Australia during World War 2. A further highlight is visiting Miyajima Island, which is considered to be one of the three most picturesque sites in Japan.

There will be plenty of opportunities for students to practise their language skills, indulge in delicious Japanese cuisine, travel on Japanese public transport (including the Shinkasen - Japanese bullet trains which travel at up to 300km per hour!) and spend their hard earned Japanese yen at the myriad of markets and shopping centres. We wish our travellers all the best on their amazing journey! Tanoshindekudasai!

Dates to Remember-

Tues 21st Mar
Hume Swimming
Wed 22nd Mar
Japan Tour departs (15 days)
Saturday 1st Apr
Debutante Ball
Rotary Cycle Dindi

Tuesday 18th Apr
First day of Term 2

Thurs 20th Apr
ASC Athletic Sports
Fri 21st Apr
Hume Golf
Mon 24th Apr
Curriculum Day - No students
Wed 26th Apr
Student, Parent, Teacher Evening

Term Dates-

Term One: Tuesday 31st Jan to Friday 31st March
Term Two: Tuesday 18th April To Friday 30th June
Term Three: Monday 17th July To Friday 22nd September
Term Four: Monday 9th Oct to Friday 22nd December

Curriculum (Student free) Days-

Monday 24th April
Friday 9th June
Wednesday 16th August

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**Principal's Report**

It was great to have a large number of our students out of school yesterday representing our College on the sporting field. The students who enjoy secondary school the most tend to be the ones that get involved both in and out of the classroom in college life. We are very thankful to our coaches yesterday; Mr Nadj, Mrs Nadj, Mr Francis, Miss Wilson, Mrs Collett and Mr Davies. All of our coaches loved the spirit in which our students played.

Some words in the English language are quite misunderstood. “Dobbing” is one of those. It has quite negative connotations for something that is very positive. It is never right to tolerate unfair behaviour. One of the best things we can do to protect ourselves or look after others is to report behaviours to those who can help educate people to better, safer, more socially acceptable behaviour. “Dobbing” is very much a good thing and the right thing to do.

The term is quickly coming to an end. Teachers are currently working on interim reports for students for them to be emailed home at the end of term. Reports are one way we communicate with our families, to help have a good partnership in the growth and learning of students. We always welcome our families communicating with us too.

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**Luna Park Physics Day 2017**

On Wednesday the 8th of March, physics students from the college took part in a Physics experience day at Luna Park. The park was reserved for physics students from 44 schools for students to carry out experiments and make measurements on the forces, acceleration and velocity of a range of rides. They also had to comment on what it felt like before and after rides. Was your mouth dry? Did you feel queasy? Were your palms sweaty? Were you unable to move?

It was a great day with a wonderful bunch of students, their teacher (S.Gillespie) and lab tech (Shannon Draper). They measured positive and negative “g” forces during the various rides and survived to tell the tale!!

The start of the day was on St. Kilda beach watching a Roulet pilot carry out acrobatics above the water.

S.Gillespie
Do you remember when .....?

“It couldn’t have been 1958 as I was in Form 1 in 1956. I started at the high school and it was new then,”

“No, that was the Home Eco Centre and I’m sure the Staff room was down there.”

Many lively discussions took place at Alexandra Secondary College on Saturday 11th March when it was opened as part of the Alexandra 150th celebrations. There was also a lot of reminiscing about events that had taken place nearly 60 years ago as well as more recently. Whilst there was general agreement that the footprint of the M Wing and the foyer were much as they had been for years, the internal workings had certainly changed. The Home Economics and Trade sections were thought to be impressive as was the new Science Centre.

Thanks to Sue Dundas for all her work in creating the displays with uniforms, sport trophies and of course photographs. These, in particular, were the springboard for so many memories. Thanks too, to the student guides: Will Nash, Zac Horton, Michael Harwood, James Gillespie and Jelena Miladinovic who gave up their time on a Saturday to showcase the school.

Enjoying the chance to revisit the school were Katy Misale (nee Ridd), Jadwiga Ridd (nee Kwiecinski), John Kilpatrick, Gael Thompson (nee Hadfield), and Holly and Selina Hadfield.

Katy completed her VCE at ASC in 1996, Jadwiga attended AHS from 1961-1964, John was a student at AHS in the early 1960s, Gael attended AHS from 1959 – 1964 and was a prefect in 1964.
Visit to Seymour Magistrates Court and Police Station

Eight students: Kayden Johnson, Jed Hull, Matilda Walker, Jordan Richards, Kim Webber-Lally, Fletcher McCarthy, Yazmine Armstrong and Charmaine Beggs took the opportunity to have a tour of Seymour's law enforcement facilities. Organised and accompanied by Felicity (our careers adviser), we drove to Seymour on Friday the 10th of March. The tour involved sitting in on a court case at Seymour's Magistrates Court. This was an interesting and eye-opening experience, things grew quite heated between the barristers and it allowed us to witness a real-life case that wasn't 'over the top', as movies might portray. We then took a detailed tour through the Seymour Police Station, lead by Jane Marks. We visited almost every faculty within the organisation and everything was efficiently explained to us. Jane did such a good job at explaining every aspect; all students were silent whenever she asked if we had any questions. This was a great opportunity and I recommend that students should make the most of these programs that are offered.

Written by Jed Hull
Parents & Friends Support the Rotary Cycle Dindi - Saturday 1st April

Parents & Friends would like to encourage all ASC families to get involved in this worthy fundraiser for the Community Boys Project which provides outdoor challenges for our district's young men of the future. Invite your family, neighbours, city cousins, anyone and everyone, to join this great day out on the Great Victorian Bike Trail. It's the longest bike trail in Australia [http://www.greatvictorianrailtrail.com.au](http://www.greatvictorianrailtrail.com.au)

Send with registration by post to PO Box 149 Yea 3717 or email entry to: cycledindi@gmail.com (download form from website [http://rotaryalexandra.org.au/Stories/cycle-dindi-saturday-april-first](http://rotaryalexandra.org.au/Stories/cycle-dindi-saturday-april-first))

Direct Deposit to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account Number 144545126 (RC of Yea Inc.)

Please reference payment with name and ‘Cycle Dindi’.

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Students busy working on their clay signs so they’ll be ready to fire up in the kiln.