From the Principal


It was with great sadness we were informed over the holiday period that Olivia Carland (Class of 2013) had died, following her battle with cancer. Olivia is remembered by those who knew her as an extraordinary young woman of courage and humility, whose smile "lit the room". With her tremendous strength together with the steadfast love of her family and Ave Maria College community support, Olivia was able to successfully complete Year 12 and celebrate this with friends and staff. The memory of these occasions and the very nature of Olivia was a gift to us and her spirit will not be forgotten. Many staff and most students from the Class of 2013 attended Olivia’s funeral during the holidays. On our return to Term 2 Mr Patrick Jurd led a community liturgy in the Chapel, enabling staff and students to gather, to support one another and to pray for her family.

In this Easter period, we are reminded of one of the central beliefs of our Catholic faith. Death is not the end. For a life cut so unfairly short, and with so much grieving still to do, this can be cold comfort for those left behind but it may perhaps offer some glimmer of hope that Olivia’s life has meaning for those who knew and loved her and that she lives now, in peace, in God’s presence and love. May perpetual light shine upon Olivia and may she rest in peace.

Easter

I trust all families had a wonderful Easter. That special time in our faith when we truly celebrate that Goodness matters. In ways we can scarcely comprehend, God demonstrates to us what truly matters; the Risen Christ demonstrating God’s plan that life triumph over death, that goodness triumph over evil, that forgiveness and relationship with God and each other is what really matters. Easter is Good News; Easter urges us therefore to be people of Good news, people of great joy.

Farewell Mrs Faye Evans

Faye Evans, the College Student Counsellor has resigned from the staff of the College. Mrs Evans was a member of staff for nearly three years and during that time extended great service to the students and families of the College, both individually and in community activities such as wellbeing programs and parent forums. We thank Faye for her work and wish her every blessing as she pursues work beyond the College. I am pleased to inform parents enrolled in the parenting program, Tuning into Teens that these sessions will go ahead as planned this term, facilitated in the short term by Mrs Evans. The College has begun the process toward a new appointment for the role of Student Counsellor.

Italy Study Tour

Our Italy Tour group has returned with great reports of a wonderful trip for staff and students alike. Staff spoke with great admiration for our students, their conduct and their character and what a delight it was to accompany them. Indeed, they reported that many people in Italy commented on the girls of Ave Maria College – a great credit to their families and their College. The students no doubt returned with many tales and life long memories to treasure. As a College we also value the life skills, knowledge and confidence that the girls would have developed as they took part in this formative experience. I thank Mrs Carla Godoy and staff who so capably led this opportunity for students.

Top Arts

Over the holidays, I had the privilege of joining with Mrs Cheryl Kerin in attending Top Arts.

Amongst an extraordinary display of creative talent, it was wonderful to see the work of Taylah Ransome (Class of 2013). Taylah’s work was a display of breathtaking beauty; a source of great pride for the College, her family who were also in attendance and of course for Taylah herself. To witness the extent of excellence in the visual arts from across Victoria was indeed a treat and will provide inspiration and joy for those taking the opportunity to visit Top Arts whilst it runs until 20 July. I commend it to you and congratulate Taylah once again.

Prayer

Loving God, may our celebration of Easter prompt us to live the Gospel more closely, being people who show that goodness, beauty and matter matters. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen
Term 2 brings to us an opportunity to focus our attention on bringing Semester One to a successful conclusion. I encourage all students and parents to be mindful of the discussions held at Parent Teacher Student interviews at the end of Term 1. I stress the importance and value of working in partnership with parents in enabling learning success. Please contact your daughter’s Homeroom teacher and/or subject teacher to follow up on any matters regarding her learning or wellbeing.

Peace,
Elizabeth Hanney
Principal

Head of School
Years 10 - 12

Welcome back as we get into Term 2, and I trust that everyone had a restful and rejuvenating break. The first term finished, as it always does, with a vortex of activity and left everyone – students, parents and staff – ready for some downtime.

Italy Study Tour
Over my break I was fortunate enough to be one of five staff accompanying 38 students on the biennial Italy Study Tour. The tour provides a chance for our senior Italian language students to practise their skills on location, and for our art students to see and appreciate the world’s richest collection of Medieval, Byzantine and Renaissance art. Books, teachers and even the rabbit-hole of the internet can only get us so far; there are some things which only seat themselves properly in our minds when we’ve seen them in the real. Like Michelangelo’s David; like St Peter’s Basilica; like St Francis’s hermitage; and like the painted-glee of pure happiness on the faces of six students as their (quite handsome) gondolier punted them back in. A few of our students will write up a fuller account in a future edition but I’ll leave it by saying very well done to the students who came on the trip for their maturity and willingness to get involved. These were holy-days in the most fundamental way.

Timor-Leste Benefit Ball
A quick plug to keep the Timor-Leste Benefit Ball in mind. The ball will be in mid-August and will be a fantastic community shin-dig as well as an important fundraiser for Timor-Leste. The night is being carefully organised by our team of staff, students and parents and is shaping up beautifully.

Michael Horne
Head of School Years 10 - 12

Important Dates Term 1 and 2 2014

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Due Date for Term 2 School Fees
A reminder to families that School Fees for Term 2 were due on Monday, 28 April. If you have not already done so could you please finalise your payments.

Finance Department

Uniform Regulations 2014
The new uniform is compulsory for all new students, Year 8 and incoming Year 7 students in 2014. A three-year transition into the new uniform is allowed for students at other year levels. From the commencement of 2016, all students will be required to wear all components of the new uniform.

During the transition period, items of the superseded uniform and the new uniform cannot be worn together. New replacement garments from the superseded uniform range will be available as required from the Colleges’ uniform supplier. Failure to adhere to the College Uniform regulations will, in the first instance; result in the issuing of a demerit. We thank parents for their support as we introduce the new uniform.

Absolute Maximum – Help for Mathematics and Science students
Every Tuesday lunchtime, your daughter is able to attend the Absolute Maximum group to get some help with their homework, test or SAC preparation or to ask about a concept that they may have missed. Please encourage your daughter to attend if they need some extra assistance.

Carmel Anile-Saade (Domain Leader Science)
Joseph Papaleo (Domain Leader: Mathematics and IT)
Head of School
Years 7 - 9

Welcome back. Term 2 promises to be a busy and productive term with many academic and co-curricular activities scheduled for students in Years 7-9. First up is the NAPLAN testing, which is completed by all students in Years 7 and 9. The schedule for the tests is as follows:

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In the coming days, all parents/guardians of students in Years 7 and 9 will receive a notice from the school about the NAPLAN tests. Any student who is absent on a testing day will have a limited opportunity to complete a rescheduled test. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests, student attendance and the reporting of NAPLAN results, please contact me at the College to discuss. You can also go to the NAPLAN website (http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html) to learn more about these tests.

Mother’s Day Breakfast
On Monday, 12 May, the annual Mother’s Day breakfast will be held in the Piazza from 7:30am. This year our guest speaker will be from the organisation Headspace (http://www.headspace.org.au/), the National Youth Mental Health foundation. Mothers and their daughters are warmly invited to attend this community event. A notice to families with more details will be sent home in the coming days.

Uniform in Term 2
A reminder that students must be in the College winter uniform in Term 2. Parents and students are asked to review the Uniform Guidelines (page 28-31 of the Student Planner) to ensure that they are aware of the winter uniform requirements. In particular, please ensure that student’s skirt/kilt length complies with the length stipulated in the Uniform Guidelines.

Joanna Hammer
Head of School Years 7 - 9

Faith and Religious Education

There are Reflection Days for four year levels this term. As this newsletter is printed, the Year 10 Reflection Day will have occurred. Based on the theme, ‘What can I give?’, the day introduces the young women to the FIAT (Faith in Action today) project. They will spend time learning about community service and take time to explore their areas of interest. The girls need to find a community service placement for two days – 13 and 14 August. It would be wonderful if you are able to help place one or more of our young women. If you can help or have any questions, please contact me at the College.

A memorial service was held for Olivia Carland (Year 12, 2013) in the College chapel on Thursday 24 April. Any death of a young person is untimely. In struggling to make sense of her death and it coinciding with Easter, I shared the following:

As Easter arrives, we turn again to put words on our faith. We try to deepen our understanding of how it shapes our daily lives. Many families struggle through difficult times. The Carland family have endured their own passion and crucifixion for the last 18 months, watching their daughter, Olivia, be ravaged by cancer and eventually die, aged 18. Through their pain, they clung to the goodness and beauty that shone from her – her courage, selflessness and love. Amidst their pain and tears, they also glimpsed goodness in each other. A faith that matters offers no easy salve for this family’s grief. But it offers a hope that pain, suffering and even death do not have the last word. Her courage, selflessness and love are an ongoing inspiration to them – and the broader circle of family and friends, to do likewise. As Paul said, “And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor 13:13) This Easter may we each make the most of our gift of life – spreading goodness, beauty and love – today and every day.

Patrick Jurd
Director of Faith and Religious Education

Marriage Encounter Weekend
13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne. Starts 7.00pm on Friday. Ends 5.00pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. For further information and bookings: Contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

House Leaders 2014 Update
Assistants
Year 9 Emily Duggan (Francis) Emily Haber (Helene)

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Student Wellbeing

Tuning into Teens Parent Program

Faye Evans
Student Counsellor

Pathways News

Dates to Diarise in Term 2

The Age VCE & Careers Expo – 8 May - 11 May, Caulfield Racecourse. Law Week - Monday, 12 May – Sunday, 18 May 2014, various locations

All VCE students are encouraged to attend the upcoming VCE and Careers Expo at the Caulfield Racecourse from 8 May – 11 2014. There will be exhibitors with:

- Information and resources for the VCE
- Information about university, TAFE and training courses
- Career advice
- Study advice
- International exchange and gap year programs

There will also be over a 150 seminars on topics including –

- Gap year options
- VCE subjects including English, Mathematics, Biology, Business Management, Psychology, Health and Human Development
- Tertiary Courses
- Careers

Tickets are $10 per person and are valid for all four days. Visit http://www.vceandcareers.com.au/ to find out more!

One Year Roles in the Army – Information Session

What have you got planned for the next twelve months? If you’d like to earn great money, make new mates and get world-class training, the Army’s currently recruiting for roles with only a 12-month commitment. After a year you can choose to stay in the Army or use your nationally recognised training elsewhere.

Find out more by attending the One Year Roles Information Session on Wednesday, 7 May 2014 from 5.30pm (arrival time) for a 6.00pm start 7.00pm finish at 501 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Level 14, Reception Area.

Positions are limited for this session so reservations are essential. Please email your RSVP to CPTVIC@dfr.com.au

Parents and students are advised to keep up to date by reading the Career News, which is available on Learning Space, Careers and Pathways – AveSpace.

Year 10 Work Experience Students should have their arrangement forms handed in by now to Ms Aliaga. Students are advised to see Ms Aliaga if they are behind in this regard.

Helen Aliaga
Pathways Coordinator