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Mrs Julie Baud Acting Principal

I wish Andrew Ponsford all the best as he takes time out to attend what should be some very worthwhile professional learning. It is important we all take time out of our busy lives to reflect and engage in such opportunities as not only will we benefit individually, but those around us will also benefit from our renewed energy, ideas and enrichment.

Last week we commenced interviews for the 2020 Senior School Subject Application process. An important part of this process is a discussion around possible future pathways. While we aim to prepare students as best we can for the rapidly changing world they will be working in the future, we understand many will probably change careers a number of times in their lifetime. One of our staff has made a decision to do just that.

Unfortunately, Evelyn Smith, will be leaving us at the end of this week to study full time and make a career change. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this next phase of her life and we thank her for her contributions to the life of our community.

The other staff news I have become aware of early this term is that of teacher, Jane Barnes' marriage. We wish Jane and her partner all the best during this happy and exciting time.

There is also to be much excitement in the Junior School tomorrow as our Foundation students celebrate their first 100 days of school and come to school dressed up to enjoy the very special Assembly at the start of the day. I wish our youngest students and their families all the best as they reach this milestone. It will be a very special time!



Deputy Principal's Address

Ms Louisa Rennie

Deputy Principal Head of Senior School (10-12)

R U OK? Day is a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone to ask, "Are you OK?" and to remember to support family, friends and people we work with who may be struggling with life's challenges.

R U OK? is an Australian non-profit suicide prevention organisation founded in 2009 by Gavin Larkin. It revolves around the slogan "R U OK?", and advocates people to have conversations with others.

While the official day is later in September, we will support the event in Week 4 on Friday 9 August. Various activities will be held in the Junior, Middle and Senior School and weather permitting, we will come together at the end of the day for a shared assembly. We look forward to sharing further details with you soon.

Parents and Friends Association

PFA F-4 DISCO

The PFA F-4 Disco is coming soon on Friday 23 August. To coincide with our chosen charity, Foodbank, we are asking our JS Disco dancers to wear something purple. During the event a JS class will win the Ultimate VIP experience in 2019.

To give your class the chance to win the Ultimate VIP experience, collect food donations for Foodbank. Donations can be brought to school Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August in your classroom. Help out, be awesome and make a difference to our community.

Book your child's Disco tickets [here](#). Please note that this is a **student only event**.

FATHERS' DAY STALL

Join us to celebrate Fathers' Day with a special stall on Friday 30 August. A great variety of gifts will be available for students to purchase for their dads and special friends.

We urgently need volunteers to assist with setting up the stalls on Thursday 29 August and managing the stalls during the events.

If you wish to volunteer for the PFA F-4 Disco and/or the Fathers' Day Stall, please contact pfa@scg.vic.edu.au to register your interest. Please note that you must have a valid Working with Children's Check registered with Reception.

NEW TO YOU UNIFORM SHOP

The New to You Uniform shop is open every Friday from 2:30pm. A limited selection of house colour t-shirts will soon be available for anyone who missed out on ordering directly.

Are you awaiting the delivery of your pre-ordered t-shirt? The t-shirts will be distributed in classes once they are received by SCG from our supplier. The t-shirts are expected early in Term 3.

What's on Next Week

Friday 26 July

Foundation 100 Days of School Assembly at 8:45am
Chinese Speaking Competition at 6:30pm

Monday 29 July

Intensive Swim Program Years 4-6 (29 July-2 August)
Chinese NGV Terracotta Warriors Excursion
Year 7 Melbourne Museum First People's Excursion

Tuesday 30 July

ANCQ Chemistry Quiz
MS and SS Tour at 9am

Wednesday 1 August

GALWAY Senior Student Leaders Forum at 1:15pm

Thursday 2 August

Australian Maths Competition
GALWAY Debating
JS School Tour at 9am
Year 4 Virtual Excursion to China



Junior School News



Ms Romina Pimpini Head of Junior School (F-4)

To start the school term, we have acknowledged the great work of so many students and announced our Class Captains. It is an honour to be chosen by your classmates to hold a leadership role and make a difference for others. We wish our Class Captains every success for their contribution to the SCG community for this term.

Congratulations to:

- FJF Mariella Hoang & Keilen Galang
- FSK Suvin Kulasekara & Ruby-Rose Prakash
- 1CS Xavier Borg
- 1SS Myrah Bali
- 2LH Evelyne Nguyen
- 2SM Arav Sidhu
- 3VT Scott Cremona
- 3AB Lithum Ratnayake
- 4DG Saksham Nagpal
- 4DM Azzaam Qureshi

At our assembly we also spoke about our own personal goal setting and Personal Goal Plans (PGP). These goals, based on the Student Centred Vision, are important in students' growth as learners and in their development as thinkers.

Students will begin reviewing and updating their PGP and may be able to discuss their progress at their Progress Interview Meetings in Week 5.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM HAS LAUNCHED!

This week we launched our Junior School (JS) Enrichment Program.

Five workshops were filled to capacity by student across Years F-4 and students began a 6-week opportunity to meet new friends, work together, be creative and importantly – try something new!

Whether it was Dance Club, Food Art, Southern Cross City, Creation & Innovation Station or Billy Carts, students used their hands, minds and bodies to try something different.

A big thanks to all of our passionate teachers who offered these workshops. We can't wait to hear about them all!

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are creating a city for our enrichment program called Southern Cross City. We are hoping you are able to donate any spare boxes to help make our city possible. Please drop them at **2LH**. Thank you!



iChina 2019 is coming on Friday 16 August at JS
Expect a day of Culture, Colour and Fun!



Middle School News

Mr David Wildsmith Head of Middle School (5-8)

It has been a busy return to school in Week 1 for the Middle School (MS)! It was great to see everyone get back into the groove of things and settle into the routine of school again with the:

- Year 5s and Year 6s completing in their Athletics trials
- Year 7s building their STEM projects
- Year 8s enjoying their new electives
- Year 9s going on an excursion to Melbourne CBD

If the first week is anything to go by it will be a sensational term for all.

The MS' Enrichment Program begins next week. The Program provides students with a number of extra-curricular activities. This has been included as part of the Calendar recently distributed to families. You can access the calendar [here](#).



Dance Club

Dance Club returns as part of the Enrichment Program in Term 3 for all MS students. Each week students participate in a new theme of dancing, which includes Contemporary, Broadway, Hip Hop and Jazz, as well as others! Students can indicate their interest via a sign-up sheet located in the MS.

Students involved in Dance Club last term performed a dance involving a number of styles they learned during the term at our assembly and did a fantastic job!

Year 9 Melbourne Industrial Revolution Excursion Recap

We arrived in the city at Federation Square and organised ourselves into 3 different groups. We then went with our tour guide for a walking tour and visited a lot of places influenced by the Industrial Revolution before we went through the arcades to the chocolate shops. We went to the graffiti alleyways, including Hosier Lane, and heard about the factories in the Melbourne CBD during the early 20th Century. Most of the factories made things like clothes, chocolate and jewellery.

We then got given a number of group challenges that were focussed on all things Melbourne, like taking a picture of a coffee and getting to some significant landmarks in Melbourne, like Federation Square and Flinders Street. Overall, it was a really good day!

Pranav and Ghazi (Year 9)



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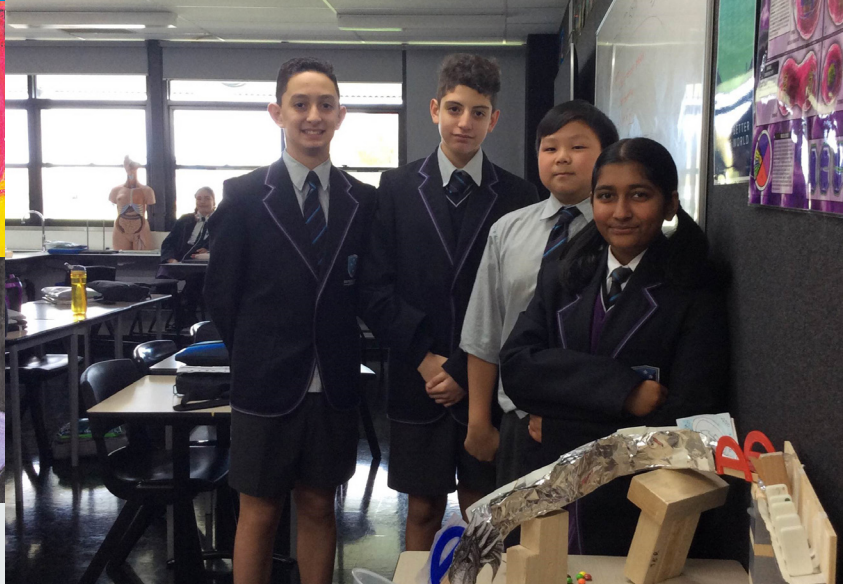
VIEW
ARTWORK

Year 9 Students' Art in Zart Art Student Gallery

Some of our very talented Year 9 students were recently selected to have their artwork displayed at the Zart Art Student Gallery in Box Hill.

The Gallery is a unique public space that exhibits and celebrates the artwork of primary and secondary students across Victoria. The exhibition closes on 7 September.

Click [here](#) to view our students' artwork.



STEM News

Recently in Year 7 STEM we have been working on creating our own Rube Goldberg Machines. Rube Goldberg Machines are machines designed to complete an easy task through a range of complex chain reactions using simple machines.

Our group have designed a machine with the purpose of getting candy into a bowl, we could've just used our hands, but of course the teachers wanted to make it hard work.

While creating our machine, we encountered many challenges such as design changes due to large amounts of kinetic energy, ideas that didn't work and objects that didn't function the way we wanted, but as a team we overcame these problems by all contributing ideas to help fix the machine.

- Josie Wollard



Kayla Jones – State Cross Country Final

Kayla took part in the State Cross Country Final in Bundoora on 18 July. She finished in 45th place out of 86 runners and beat her personal time by 15 seconds. Great achievement Kayla, we are very proud of your effort!



Senior School News

MS Louisa Rennie Head of Senior School (10-12)

We have a unique opportunity for our Year 10 and Year 11 students to join the Ecolinc Model UN Conference in Bacchus Marsh on Friday 16 August 2019 on the important topic of Space Research and Sustainable Development: Improving life on Earth.

The conference will be hosted by the Victorian Division of the United Nations Association of Australia.

Students will learn about how the UN General Assembly runs while focusing on developing their understanding of the topic, from the perspective of various countries.

Students will be required to research the Space Research Program in a particular country prior to the conference and use their public speaking skills and collaboration skills to work together and 'represent' the country on the day.

Our students will 'represent' Australia, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Zimbabwe, Iran, USA, Kyrgyzstan, India, Japan, Algeria and France.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to build their confidence and I look forward to supporting those who are keen to apply. Places are limited, students are encouraged to see me for an **Expression of Interest form**.

Advance notice to all of our Senior School (SS) dads – we are looking forward to celebrating Father's day with you at our morning BBQ on Friday 30 August. We are hopeful you can make some time to join us from 7:50am for a coffee, bacon and eggs!



Casual Clothes Day

Joseph Hedditch
Assistant Head of Senior School

Thank you to all staff, students and families who participated in our Casual Clothes Day to raise funds for Team Peru. It was encouraging to see so many students enjoy wearing warm casual clothes and happily contributing to the work of the student ambassadors, who will travel to Peru in December.

The Team were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm for the sausage sizzle and the great sense of community that prevailed. They were very busy and we are proud of the way they worked together. There is much to learn from team activity and we will reflect on the event in order to plan for our next opportunity.

VCE Update

Megan Unthank
VCE Coordinator

Congratulations to all SSI students who have recently undertaken their mid-year exams, including Year 11 and 12 students who sat their Unit 3 practice exams. Students approached this season of assessment with confidence. They are to be proud of their efforts in preparing for, and sitting, the exam period with maturity and a sense of responsibility for their learning. Students are encouraged to reflect on areas of improvement when looking at their results and to celebrate all that they have learned and have been able to demonstrate under exam conditions.

The Unit 2 and Unit 4 SAC Calendar has been sent to parents this week so that students can be supported both at home and at school throughout their various assessment heavy periods. Additionally, the VCAA Unit 3 and 4 exam timetable has been released for all written subjects and can be accessed [here](#).

Performance based subject exams will be confirmed individually as VCAA releases this information in the coming weeks.



SOUTHERN CROSS
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THE SOUTHERN STAR

Thursday 25 July 2019 - Edition 307

Principal: Mr Andrew Ponsford

Library News

Reading is my
SECRET POWER

CBCA Book Week
17-23 August 2019
#CBCA2019



Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week

The Children's Book Council of Australia's (CBCA) Book Week is coming up in Week 6 and 2019's theme is 'Reading is my Secret Power'.

On Friday 23 August we will be holding our Dress Up Parade for the Foundation to Year 6 students.

This is definitely the highlight of Book week, so get making and organising now! We can't wait to see everyone's costumes.

We are very busy finalising exciting activities to be held during Book week so we can enjoy the shortlisted books throughout the school.

Keep your eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Melton City Library - Short Story Competition

The Short Story competition is a great opportunity budding writers of all ages to showcase their talent and have their work read by popular authors.

Entries can be submitted in any medium: print, illustration, video, verse, voice or combinations of any of the above. Entries should be no more than 3000 words for adults, 1500 words for juniors and teens, or for other story formats. We recommend creating an entry that takes no more than 5 minutes to experience.

The competition will award the first, second and third prize entries in Junior (Foundation to Year 6), Teenage (year 7 to 12) and Adult (18+) sections.

Competition runs from Monday 15 July - Monday 19 August 2019.

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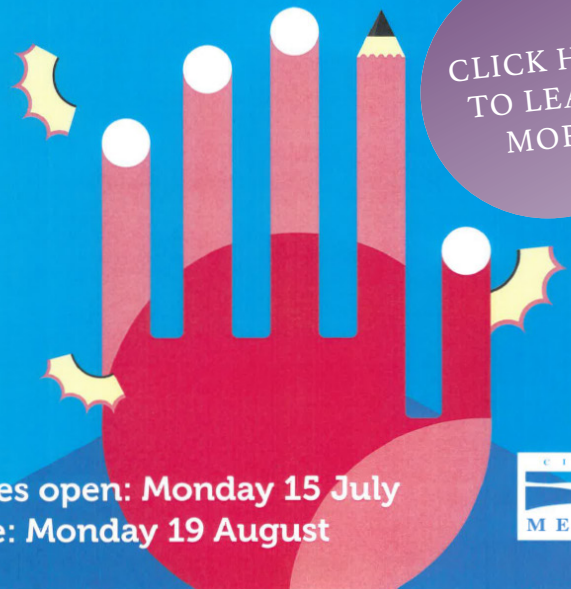
SHORT *Story* COMPETITION

Stretch your writing muscles and you could share in more than \$3000 worth of prizes in the Melton City Libraries Short Story Competition!

Entries can be submitted in print, illustration, video, verse, voice or in combination, with prizes for first, second and third in Junior, Teenage and Adult sections.

Grab an entry form at your local Melton City Libraries branch or visit our website.

CLICK HERE
TO LEARN
MORE



Entries open: Monday 15 July
Close: Monday 19 August



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

- Children up to nine years old should hold an adult's hand in traffic
- School crossings are the safest place to cross the road
- Model safe crossing procedure: STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK
- Drivers must stop at flagged children's crossings if a pedestrian is on, or entering the crossing, even if there is no crossing supervisor present
- Children should exit the vehicle from the rear kerbside door where possible
- Plan your trip, don't change direction of travel
- U turns should be avoided, please use roundabouts to turn your vehicles around where possible

CHILD RESTRAINTS & BOOSTER SEATS

- Children aged 4 years to under 7 years must be properly fastened in an approved adjustable forward-facing restraint with built in harness OR an approved booster seat with a properly fastened and adjustable seatbelt or child safety harness
- Did you know? The Victorian road rules allow a child aged 7 years and over to travel in the front seat of a car, however research shows that children under 12 years of age are at a greater risk of serious injury when travelling in the front seat
- More information can be found at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

HANDY TIPS FOR SAFE PARKING

- Park a few streets away and walk to and from school. Use this time to teach your child about road safety and be a good role model
- Allow enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing
- Always observe the parking signs around the school
- Never park illegally in a driveway, or on/near a school crossing
- Never double park or wait on the road at a pick-up / drop off point. It blocks the vision for other drivers, forces children onto the road, obstructs the flow of traffic and may force other drivers to make inappropriate driving choices
- Do not use staff car parks or driveways to drop off your children
- Please remember to be patient, courteous and respectful when driving around schools
- More information can be found at www.melton.vic.gov.au/Services/Building-Planning-Transport/Roads-and-traffic/Car-parking

DRIVING SAFELY AROUND SOUTHERN CROSS GRAMMAR



Safety around our school is everybody's responsibility



SOUTHERN CROSS
GRAMMAR



OBEY THE SIGNS

Parking unsafely puts children at risk

There are parking restrictions surrounding schools. The areas are regularly patrolled by City of Melton Local Law Officers, purposely for the safety of children, the community. Council conducts enforcement actions by the way of infringement notices to seek compliance and educate on unsafe parking matters, which can put a person in danger.

No Stopping (Min Penalty \$161)

You must not stop at the kerb or any reason where No Stopping signs are located or within 10 metres of an intersection



No Parking Signs (Min Penalty \$81)

You may stop for up to 2 minutes but must not leave your vehicle

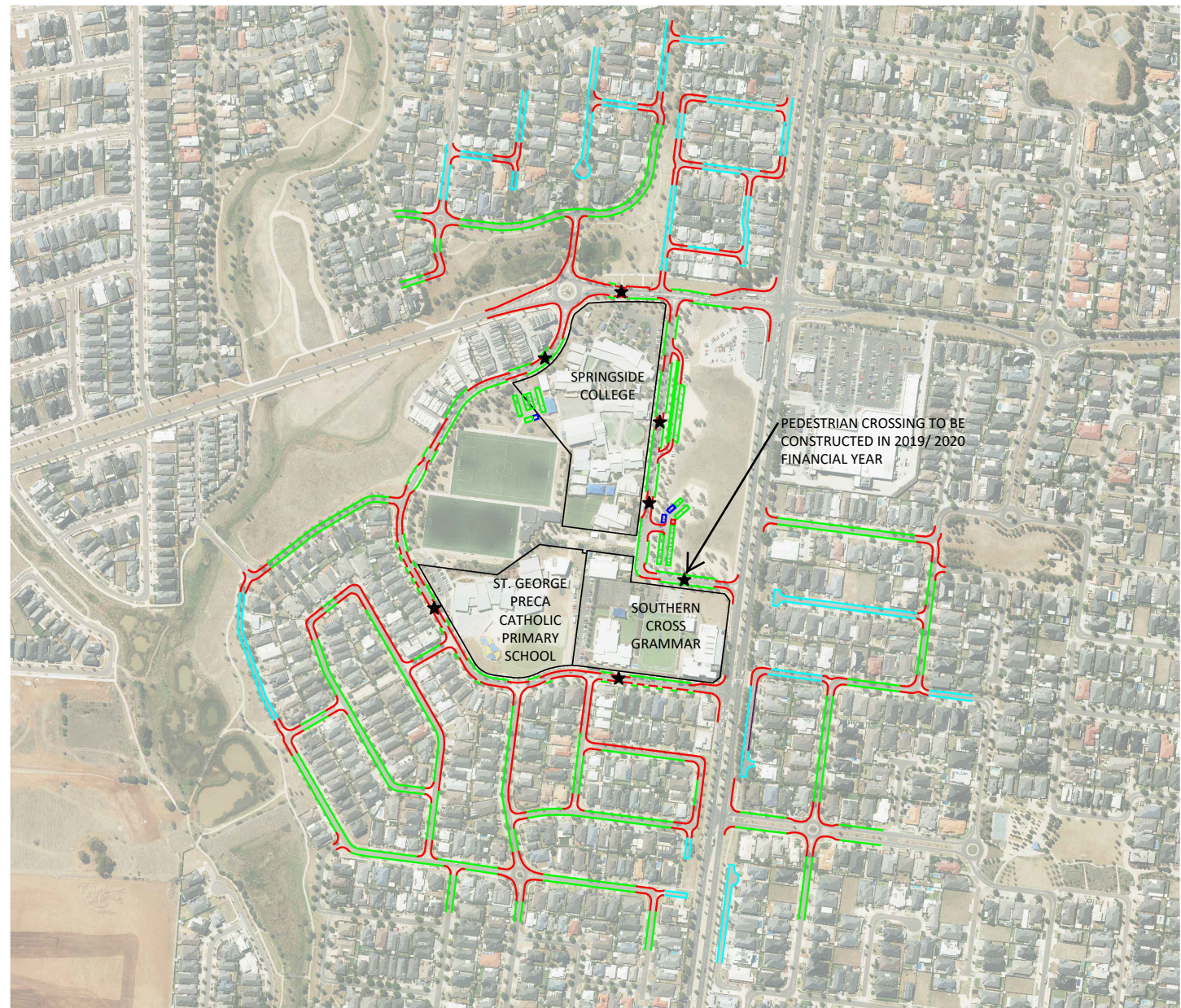
Speed Limit

Do not exceed 40km/h in school zones.



Other common parking offences

- Parking on a naturestrip
- Unreasonably obstructing (flow of traffic)
- Double parked
- Stop too close to a school crossing
- Park within 3 metres of a continuous dividing line or dividing strip.



	UNRESTRICTED PARKING		DISABLED PARKING
	UNRESTRICTED PARKING, GENERALLY AVAILABLE ON ONE SIDE OF ROAD ONLY (MAINTAIN 3m TRAFFIC LANE)		BUS ZONE
	PICK UP/ DROP OFF ZONE (2 MINUTE PARKING)		NO STOPPING ZONE (STATUTORY ALL DAY, DURING SCHOOL TIMES, LOADING ZONE etc.)
	TIME RESTRICTED PARKING (10P, ¼ P, 1P etc.)		CHILDREN'S CROSSING/ ZEBRA CROSSING