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CALENDAR EVENTS	<b>From the Principal - Angelique den Brinker</b>
<p><b>Labor Day Holiday</b>  <b>Monday 9th March</b>  <b>Public Holiday</b></p>	<p>On Monday at assembly we had the second round of student speeches for School Captain. How impressive our students are as they outlined their vision of the role of School Captain and how they see themselves fulfilling that role. Next Tuesday at assembly the School Captains will be announced and SRC representatives presented with their badges. The announcement and photos will go on Facebook.</p>
<p><b>Swimming Carnival</b>  <b>Tuesday</b>  <b>10th March</b></p>	<p>1. <b>School Council Elections</b> - I have received three nominations for school council for parent representatives at the close of nominations. As a result I declare those parents elected and congratulate them. I and the school council look forward to working with them for the next two years as we continue to ensure effective governance for the school. At our first meeting for the new council which is the March meeting we will be electing office bearers. I will list the council members and the office bearers in the newsletter following this meeting.</p>
<p><b>Sport</b>  <b>Year 8 - Wed</b>  <b>11th March</b>  <b>Boys Baseball</b></p>	<p>2. <b>Parent Information and Permission Forms</b> - Thank you to those students and parents who have returned their updated student permission forms and information. All students received a booklet of forms a week ago to be returned by Friday 27th February. If you have not received the forms from your child please contact the office for another form. It is essential that we have the most up to date student and family information and permission forms.</p>
<p><b>Polygot workshop with the Primary Students</b>  <b>Friday</b>  <b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>3. <b>Business Manager</b>– Nerida left last Friday four weeks before her baby is due. We wish Nerida all the best as she embarks on motherhood for the first time. Laura Madden will be the new Business Manager. She has school office experience as a Business Manager from two other schools.</p>
<p><b>Year 5 / 6 Excursion</b>  <b>16th March</b>  <b>ACMI and Chocolate Tour</b>  <b>All day</b></p>	<p>4. <b>Education Support Staff</b> - Nayla and Liz started this week to support students in classrooms. Nayla will be in Shel's classroom and Liz will be working in the secondary area. Nayla and Liz can both sign. I welcome them and know that they will enjoy working at our wonderful school.</p>
<p><b>Primary Cricket</b>  <b>Tuesday</b>  <b>17th March</b></p>	<p>5. <b>School Material Charges</b> - Parents are reminded that if they wish to contact the office to arrange a payment plan for the year then please do so and talk to Laura. These charges go directly to classroom budgets to provide classroom supplies for the students.</p>
<p><b>School Council</b>  <b>Thursday 19th March 5 pm</b>  <b>Finance Meeting</b></p>	
<p><b>End of Term 1</b>  <b>Friday March 27th</b></p>	



## Primary

Congratulations to Isaaq and Yvonne, our Primary School Captains for 2015. We look forward to your great work and support. Well done to all students who were nominated, it was a close vote and it was great to see the enthusiasm for the roles.



All children seem to be settling in nicely, familiarising themselves with their new teacher and class. We've had so many birthdays in the Primary area already - 6 and counting! We had a successful Parents Information afternoon where the students had the opportunity to showcase their class, school work and meet their child's teacher. The children enjoyed preparing some treats for afternoon tea. Thank you also to Mai, part of the Parents' Association for organising a delicious afternoon tea. Last Thursday we went to the Botanical Gardens to look for fairies (Disney Fairy Trail) which consisted lots of walking and the children had lots of fun exploring the children's garden. Polyglot Theatre has returned to VCD and doing a fun -Voice Lab- workshop with the children. Children have been involved in Hockey and AFL clinics part of PE, including a visit from a Collingwood rookie player who is learning Auslan much to the children's excitement.

## Middle Years

### Travel Training

Learning to travel on public transport is an important skill for our students. It develops independence, builds confidence and assists with transitioning into senior school. We are fortunate at VCD to have travel training provided by DCA who have two youth workers who will train the students. Students are taught incrementally to learn the skills required and no student is left to travel without the youth workers being satisfied the students have mastered the skills.

Students often know when they are ready to travel and it can be at different ages. Some students may be comfortable at year 7 whilst others will be ready at year 10 level. Our aim is to have all students traveling independently by year 10 except if there are exceptional circumstances.

One of the advantages is that all students who use public transport to come to and from school receive a Myki card to cover the costs. So there is no cost and students learn to use our public transport system. If you child is not travelling on public transport and you want to more about our program contact your child's home group teacher.



## Senior Years

The senior years students have made an excellent start to the year. Students studying VCE subjects at Wesley College and VCD, as well as those studying VCAL and Vocational Education programs are well into their studies. The VCAL students are studying Gallipoli – 100 Years On and will be participating in Camp Gallipoli – a swag sleep out at the Melbourne Show Grounds on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. These students will join many different school and community groups at the show grounds and commemorate ANZAC Day with the arrival of the ANZAC flame and concluding with the Dawn Service early Saturday morning. Students are responsible for planning this event – the group logistics and requirements. Keep a look out on the VCD Facebook page for more information.



A reminder to all senior years students that keeping up with homework and having good study habits at home is important to support your learning at school.

## School Wide Positive Behaviours

**Our school values are;**

**Respect      Responsibility      Resilience      Learning      Pride**

### **Awards—Raffle ticket**

Raffle tickets are given out to the students by the teachers during the week for students who are display our school values, in the classroom, the yard and anywhere else in the school. All the raffle tickets one box for primary and one for secondary and put in a box. Then at assembly one ticket for primary and one for secondary is drawn out. They win a hot chocolate and cake from the café. It is another example of a positive approach taken to promote our values within the School wide Positive Behaviours framework.

Monday 2nd March primary raffle ticket winner was Lucy

Monday 23rd February secondary raffle ticket winner was Isra

Monday 2nd March secondary raffle ticket winner was Moustafa

### **Student Support**

This year we have two psychologists from the Department of Education and Training coming to VCD. Virginia comes on Tuesday and Sue comes on Thursday. Some parents have been sent permission forms in the mail to sign so that their child may see the psychologist. Students cannot see the psychologist unless we have signed permission forms. This service is provided by the Department and support students at school in many areas to ensure they achieve, engage in learning and develop good wellbeing.

### **School Values - Resilience**

Resilience is one of our five values. It was chosen because it is a key skill for all of us to have as it will helps us throughout our life to be successful in the things we do. Some of the students asked what does resilience mean? It means that when things get difficult your persevere or stick at the difficult thing and see it through. We often don't know what we can do until we try. From the time students come to school we need to teach about resilience and how to strive through and achieve their best, not to give up.



## Student Representative Council

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS, DEPUTY SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC REPRESENTATIVES TO  
RECEIVE THEIR BADGES AT ASSEMBLY NEXT TUESDAY MORNING**

The SRC is currently organising a formal for year 11 and 12 students to be held this year. A planning committee has been established led by Ian and will decide on the venue, date and other details. The senior students are very excited about this event and looking forward to it. More details in coming newsletters.

## Parent Information



**DEAF AMAZING RACE EXPERIENCE**

Organised by Melbourne Polytechnic Auslan students  
All money raised will be donated to the Victorian College for the Deaf

**Event Location:** V.C.D. 597 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne  
**Date:** Sunday 22nd March, 2015  
**Race start time:** 10 am (Race approx. 2 - 3 hours)  
**Sausage sizzle:** Starts at 12 pm

**To register for the D.A.R.E. Challenge visit:** [www.trybooking.com/GZFC](http://www.trybooking.com/GZFC)  
(A registration fee of \$25.00 applies to each team application. Conditions apply)  
*For more information please visit us on Facebook at:*  
*Deaf Amazing Race Experience*

**PRIZES TO BE WON! DON'T MISS OUT!**  
Sausages \$2.50 each Drinks \$2.00 each

**All Ages Welcome**

**SLAM**  
STUDENT LIFE AND MEDIA

### Welcome VCD Parents & Carers!

My name is Mai Bryant Kelly. My daughter is Zara Kelly, currently in year 3. Myself and Kellie Addicoat and the parent reps. for the newly formed Parent Network Group. We'd like to extend a special welcome to all the new families that are joining our wonderful VCD community.

Kellie and I are currently trying to compile a list of all the families/carers that would be interested in receiving more information from the parent network group. We have many exciting ideas for the upcoming year, but would also like to receive input and hear from all of you.

If you are interested in receiving more information, kindly contact us and include:

-Your name, Your child's name and year / The best way to contact you (email, text, phone, etc.)

We both look forward to meeting all of you soon.

Sincerely,

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