

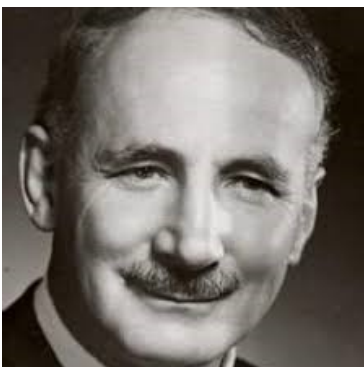
Blackburn High School

19 June 2018

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Principal's Report

Staff acknowledgements

The Professional Development Day on Friday 25 May provided teachers with invaluable time to collaborate with their Learning Area colleagues and time to undertake work individually. It was a very productive day that achieved our objectives around the important work of: differentiated rubrics, moderation, assessment tasks and course review. Thank you to all staff and in particular to the following people for their leadership on the day: The Differentiated Rubric Expert Group: Anthony McGirr, Adrian Ferres, Scott Conte, Louise Hartley, Rebecca Bianco, Aimee Pochinco, Caroline Gachon, Tamara Brown, Kate Chislett, Laura Burns, Shona Mcenaney.

Congratulations also to Year 9 English teachers (Caroline Gachon, Judith Davis, Kate Potter, Chris McDuff, Kelly McGrath, Youla Pantazopoulos, Tamara Brown) who conducted the Year 9 Literary Award evening on Monday 21 May. The evening celebrated student writing about 'Stories of Us'. Students worked on developing personal anecdotes that captured poignant moments in their lives and published one of these writing pieces that were shared on the evening.

Well done and congratulations to those students and staff involved in the NEVR Tributes Concert at Hamer Hall last Tuesday 22 May and a big thank you to Marianne Rigby-Black and Sandra Birze for their work conducting and accompanying the Choir and thanks also to Stephen Hardie for his work with the Chamber Strings. A number of our music teachers work across schools so well done also to Chris Munn who was supporting the item from Camberwell High School. The event had over 800 students involved which is a big logistical effort for the organisers.

Well done to Mark Pasquali who completed a 50km walk on Saturday 26 May to raise money for a fantastic charity called *VILLAGE OF HOPE* which has built an entire village for orphans in Uganda.

Steve Sedergreen enjoyed a great review in the Age Newspaper on the 22 May.

Lively modern take on Duke's jazz classic

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HERE AND NOW: THE FAR EAST SUITE ★★★★★

Chapel Off Chapel, May 20
Review by **JESSICA NICHOLAS**

As the Stonnington Jazz Festival drew to a close, artistic director Chelsea Wilson reiterated her goal to honour the artform's history while focusing on contemporary – and Australian – perspectives.

Fittingly, the final show offered a fresh take on a jazz masterwork: Duke Ellington's *Far East Suite*. It was written after Ellington's world tour in 1963, incorporating themes and motifs from Middle Eastern and Asian cultures.

For the festival, pianist Steve Sedergreen reimaged the suite through the eyes and (wide-open) ears of a musician in multicultural Melbourne in 2018. His version retains the integrity and ingenuity of Ellington's compositions, but

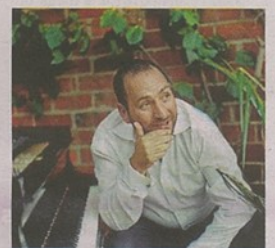
adds new elements that take the melding of musical traditions to another level.

The brass, reeds and rhythm were augmented by a kora, shamisen, tanpura and didgeridoo. *Bluebird of Delhi* segued into a traditional Indian raag, Parvyn Singh's voice suggesting tender invocation.

A gentle Dreaming story narrated by Ron Murray led into two pieces performed with the horn section of the Low Down

community big band, underlining the spirit of inclusiveness Sedergreen brings to projects.

While there were plenty of solos, Sedergreen's focus has always been on collective endeavour. He rarely took the spotlight for himself but his beaming demeanour throughout the finale – a semi-improvised number with the full ensemble – emphasised his passion for jazz as an artform that unites, engages and entertains, just as in Ellington's day.



Pianist Steve Sedergreen.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Tiana Mirra who will be part of the cast for the upcoming production of 'School of Rock'.

Principal's Report



Year 7 Excursion

Year 7 students participated in an informative and memorable excursion to the Eastern Treatment Plant which is a large sewage treatment plant run by Melbourne Water and located 31 km southeast of Melbourne. They also had an opportunity to enjoy a visit to the Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands.



Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 students, teachers and the Principal Team enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Year 12 Formal celebrations on Thursday 14 June at The Manningham in Bulleen.



Principal's Report

Examinations

We commend our students for their effort and work throughout the intense examination period including those students undertaking a Unit 3 & 4 subject who were involved in the General Achievement Test last week. The Semester Two curriculum program for all students commenced on Monday 18 June.

The Environment Club

The Environment Club is currently working on a project turning recycled clothes into useful whiteboard dusters. If you have an old whiteboard duster that is about to get chucked in the bin, please let me know. We are using the magnets from old dusters to make our new dusters magnetic. Thank you to Ms Kelly McGrath for inspiring the students.



Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)

The Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) has got the green light from the Department and its construction is probably going to start over the Term 2 holiday period and we hope the it will be finished either December 2018 or early 2019. House Leaders have informed the students about this exciting new learning facility during the House Assembly presentations. We would like to acknowledge the work and determination of Nicole Taylor which has resulted in getting this new facility built.

Joanna Alexander

Principal



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Dunlop House



WEARY DUNLOP

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Each year the Dunlop Foundation holds an Annual Weary Dunlop Appeal, an opportunity for Australians to give generously to help Australian medical research; a chance to perpetuate the selfless and steadfast spirit of the Foundation's inaugural patron, Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop. Dunlop students and staff have again been invited to attend the Commemorative Service on 12th July, held at the statue of Sir Edward Dunlop at King's Domain, St Kilda Rd in Melbourne. This year House Captain James O'Hehir and Mentor Group Leader Mathilda Karow, will be giving up some of their school holiday time to join House Leader Claire Greve at this year's service. Our annual fundraising day will be held early in Term 3.

Student Leadership

To celebrate a terrific term's work and all that we have achieved, the Student Leadership team will be hosting a House Breakfast with bacon sandwiches, fresh fruit and juice during Mentor Group time on Thursday 28th June.

Farewell Viktoria

It is with some sadness that we will be saying farewell to Mentor Group Leader and Year 11 student, Viktoria Lonnstedt at the end of this term. Viktoria has been an outstanding contributor to both Dunlop House and Blackburn High School. She has been a valued member of Dunlop, taking on the roles of Year 7 Leader as well as Mentor Group Leader. She has immersed herself in many aspects of school life, accelerating to attain

excellence in all academic areas, in House Performing Arts, as well as in Sports including representing the school in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. We wish Viktoria every success and happiness for the future. The student leadership team will be hosting a farewell luncheon for Viktoria on Friday 22nd June.

Victorian State Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to our very own Tom McCracken, who has been selected from thousands of student's auditions from across the state to secure a role as a Trumpet player in this year's Victorian State Schools Spectacular, showcasing performances of music, song, dance, skating, puppetry and magic. Be sure to tune Saturday 15 September for a 90-minute broadcast on Channel 7 and made available on the PLUS7 catch-up website. We wish both Tom as well as student's Elliott Lee (Hollows) and Lachlan Ord-Stelle (Melba), the best of luck for their rehearsals and performances.

Youth Citizenship Award

On June 4th the Rotary Club of Forest Hill held their annual Youth Citizenship Award Presentations. The award is aimed specifically at Year 8 students who contribute to their community and are considered unsung heroes. This year Lizzie Cooper was nominated on behalf of Blackburn High School.

Elizabeth or Lizzie as she prefers, has an excellent attitude towards her learning and she tries her best in all classes, responding well to feedback and always trying to improve her results. Lizzie goes out of her way to help others and is respectful in all of her interactions with peers and staff. Lizzie regularly and enthusiastically, participates in extracurricular events at both the house and school level such as the House Performing Arts Festival. An example of her willingness to help those in the wider community can be seen through her involvement in the fundraising efforts of not only her own house, Dunlop, but also towards the effort on the other houses at Blackburn High School. In



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Dunlop House

2017 she was the driving force behind her Mentor Group making an impressive donation of food to the food drive of Melba House and their partnered organisation the Eastern Relief Network. Lizzie motivated her mentor group alone to donate more food than the other houses combined. Further to her excellent contribution to the school community Lizzie is actively involved in supporting wider community of Melbourne. She volunteers on a regular basis at a Soup Kitchen in Melbourne on Saturday nights. At, not quite 14, yet Lizzie has shown herself to be an outstanding role model for those around her.

We congratulate Lizzie Cooper for being a successful award recipient. Awardee's were presented with a framed certificate and \$100 gift voucher.



Da Vinci Decathlon Victoria 2018

Congratulations to our Dunlop Year 7 HAP students, who participated in the Da Vinci Decathlon event hosted by MLC and Camberwell Grammar Schools. Blackburn High School was the only State School to participate. Congratulations to the following students; Peri Blacket, Luisa Hickey, Jason Tang, Jarrah Cook, Golden Liu, Joshua Kwok, Zane Schelleman, Tamanna Bharaneedharan, Charly Andrew and Vishwa Ramkumar.



Freeman House

Da Vinci Decathlon Victoria, 2018

The Da Vinci Decathlon celebrates the academic gifts of students in Year 7. It includes the activities in the following disciplines: Art and Poetry; Cartography; Code Breaking; Creative Producers; Engineering; English; General Knowledge; Ideation; Mathematics; and Science.

Congratulation to the following students: Reagan Carter, Sharnah Atkins, Madeline Rowan & Amelie Savva for their achievements in this competition.

Week 8 Mentor Program

With the absence of Year 10 and 11 students due to exams, we took a different approach to the Mentor Program for the week. Year 7 – 9 students met in their class groups to discuss the dynamics of their class and how this positively or negatively influences their learning environment. Robust discussions were led by teachers with active participation from students; the aim was to bring attention to relevant issues within each particular class. By talking about them, we felt this could lead to positive changes occurring within the classes, ensuring that each student can learn to their fullest potential. The data has been collected and is currently being collated to be dispersed to each class' teachers.

The Year 12s met as a cohort, focusing on various aspects relating to study skills such as identifying the difference between study and homework activities and highlighting strategies to either maintain a positive start to Year 12 or improve student outcomes for the second half of the year. Accompanied by hot chocolate, muffins and of course, a Kahoot quiz, we had some useful conversations that we hope will assist our Year 12s in the coming months.

Cathy Freeman Foundation

The Cathy Freeman Portrait Competition has been open over the past couple of weeks. The two winners' work will be displayed in the Freeman House; many thanks to Vanessa Du and Riku Fujimura for their beautiful portraits. Kath Markov, Acting Marketing Communications Director, from the Cathy Freeman Foundation will present them with their prizes in this week's House Assembly. At the same assembly, we will have the honour of presenting Kath with a cheque for over \$2,900 which was raised at our fundraiser last term.

(Portraits by Vanessa Du and Riku Fujimura are shown on following page)

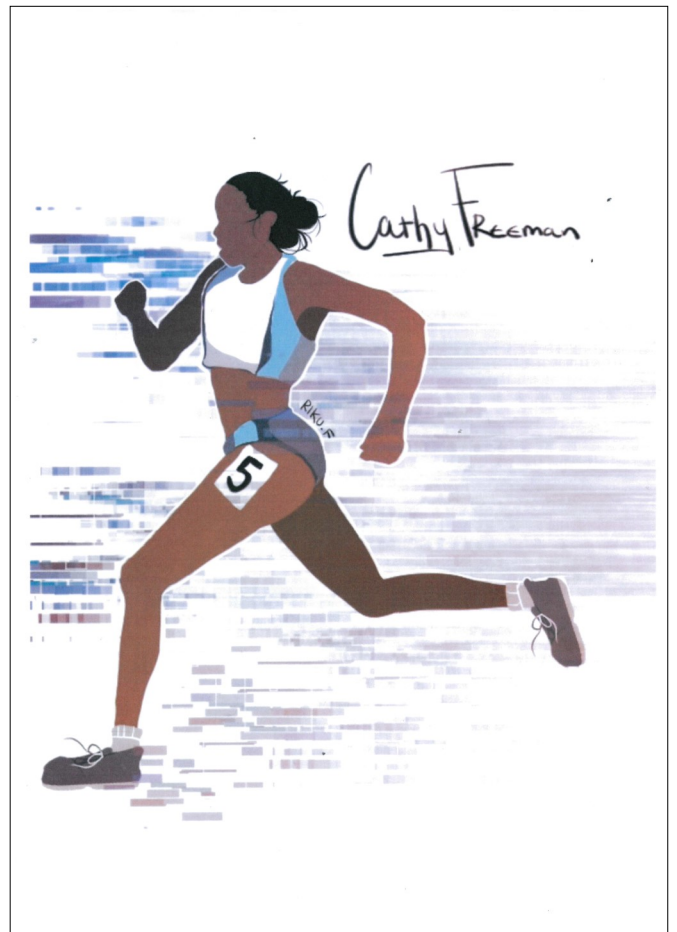


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Freeman House



Portrait by Vanessa Du



Portrait by Riku Fujimura



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Hollows House

Fred Hollows Fundraiser

Friday the 11th of May saw the annual Hollows House Fundraiser for the Fred Hollows Foundation. Despite the weather, our sausage sizzle and bake sale ran successfully, and we were able to support a worthy foundation. We are proud to announce that we have raised an amazing \$3,190.

This year, we also had some of our finest musicians play music at lunch to provide entertainment as students waited in line, and we also organised a Mother's Day card making stall, where students were able to get creative for a donation to the Fred Hollows Foundation. We would like to thank everyone in our school community for their support of our fundraiser, and we would like to congratulate the organisation and commitment of our Hollows student leaders.





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Hollows House

Student Achievement

We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate the outstanding accomplishments of students in Hollows House. Firstly, we would like to congratulate Harrison Needham for achieving his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, which is an exemplary accomplishment. We would also like to congratulate Lucas McArthur and Alec Garrison for achieving their Da Vinci Decathlon Award as part of our STEM Program. It is wonderful to see the passion and determination of our students, and we are looking forward to seeing what the future holds in store!

Assembly Challenges

Mentor Groups had the opportunity to bond in a recent assembly, where the groups competed against each other in a series of physical and mathematical challenges. A representative of each Mentor Group tested their strength in competition, while their peers cheered them on. Thank you to all students involved!





Melba House

It is hard to believe that a semester has already passed, it seems like yesterday that we were welcoming our new students and getting ready for classes! The 18th of June sees us start Semester Two, and we wish all our students good luck for any new classes they may have. We encourage students to not only maintain their commitment to learning, but seek further opportunities to grow, persevere and challenge themselves in the second half of the year.

Exams

During week 7 and 8, Year 10s and 11s had their exam period. Students are to be commended for the way they approached this period and the way they conducted themselves throughout the school. We hope that the exams were a chance to not only demonstrate the semester's learning, but also gave students the practice of how VCE exams are run.

A bit of Healthy Competition

Last week Assistant House Leaders were tasked with coming up with some fun activities to engage our younger year levels and our 12s during Mentor Group. Liam Tobin and Peter Schneider did not disappoint! Monday-Wednesday was a very serious dodgeball competition in the gym. It was great to see a vast array of year levels get involved in some team sport. Teachers did not necessarily escape on the sidelines either. Thursday had students playing a massive game of gang-up tiggly. A big thanks to Mr Tobin and Mr Schneider for organising and to all of the house staff for supporting them. We hope to see some more competitions later on in the year.

General Achievement Test

On the 13th of June all Year 12 students and Year 11 students doing a Unit 3/4 sat the General Achievement Test. Students were on time and ready to tackle the marathon test! Similarly the younger year levels were respectful of the students sitting the test, being careful to be quiet, stay out of test areas and most were highly organised when they knew they could not access their lockers for the day. Well done to everyone involved.

Year 12 Formal

Following on from the GAT, Year 12 students got to celebrate one of their night of nights for the year- the formal. This occurred on Thursday 14th of June and it was hard to recognize some of the students in all of their finery. It was a wonderful evening of dinner, dancing and photos. We look forward to seeing some of the photos of the night. Well done to the formal committee and all students involved in the organisation. Now we look forward to the next semester and before we know it, it will be Valedictory.

Wishing all of our Melba families a wonderful and safe break when it gets here.



Blackburn Primary School Students Enjoy Science Experience

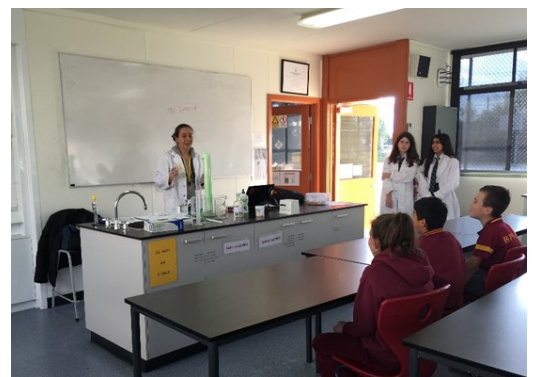
On Monday, 4 June, the Grade 5 and 6 classes from Blackburn Primary School participated in a Science experience. The teachers demonstrated a number of Science experiments emphasising the importance of detailed observations, using all senses. This was followed by the students conducting their own experiments. The primary students were engaged and excited about their new Science learning.

A number of ex-Blackburn Primary School students, currently in Year 7, were helpers on the day. Each was responsible for assisting a group of primary students. They were all excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the following students for their help: **Astrid Botha, Thomas Foulcher, Howard Kang, Victoria Manolaros, Eva Morgan, Cody Tudor, Deppy Connor Mente, Deep Gill, Chloe Jung, Annalee Daly, Eesha Khushalani and Jake Noble.**

Thank you to the Blackburn High teachers, Steve Thomson, Shona Mcenaney, Greg Hlasko, Snjezana Torbica, Brendan Greenwell and Jessica Casey.

Georgia Pashias

Primary School Links
Coordinator

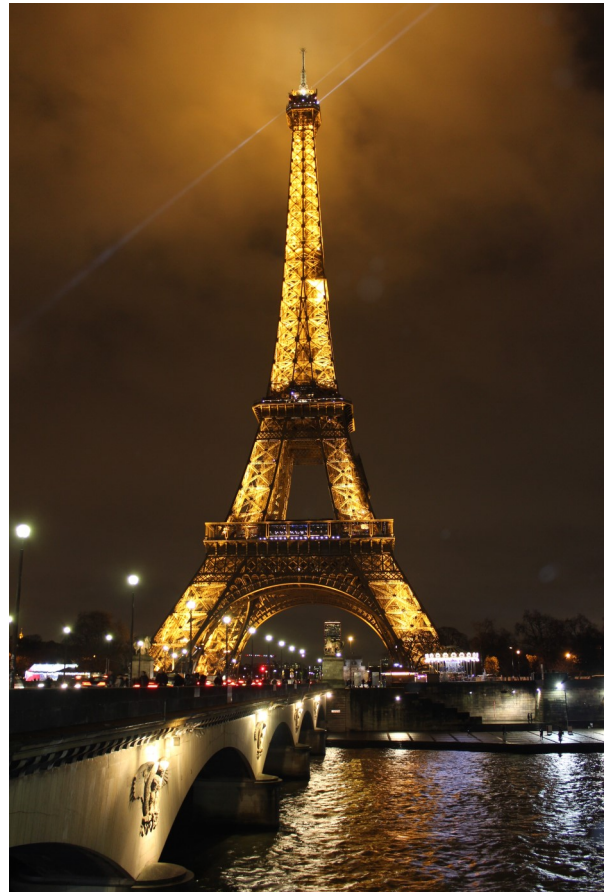


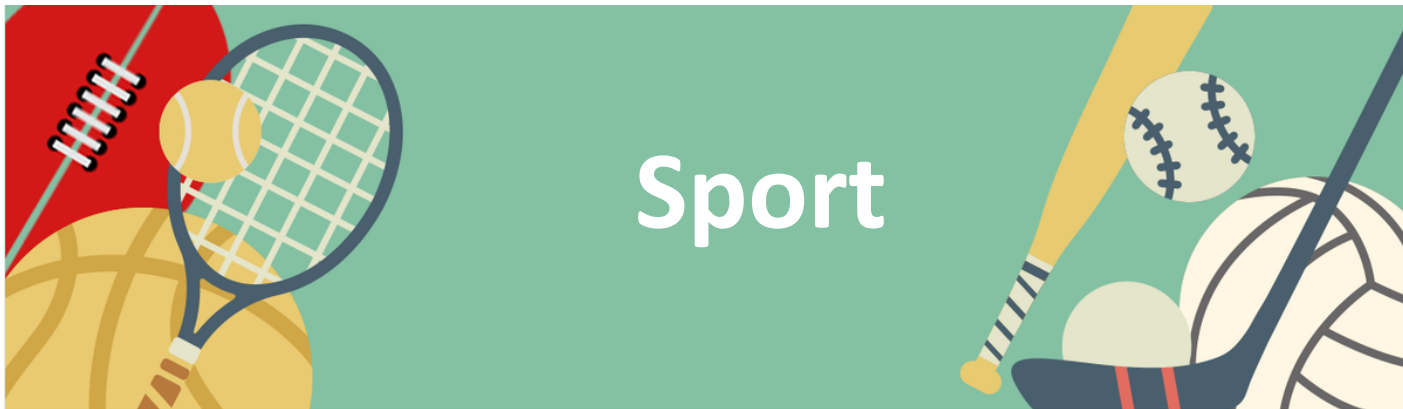


**French language assistant:
Mélodie Malartre**

This year we are fortunate to have a French Language Assistant at our school two days a week, funded by the Department of Education. Mélodie is from Paris, France and has previously taught French in Japan. She is mainly working with our senior students on their spoken French, which is a tremendous help for building both their conversational skills and confidence. She also comes into junior classes whenever possible. Year 8 students Lizzie and Daniella interviewed Mélodie for the following profile:

Mélodie is our French Assistant for 2018. She is working with the Year 10 to 12 classes to help with vocabulary and pronunciation, as well as to give them an insight on French lifestyle, to enable the Year 12s to prepare for VCE. She was born in Paris, but now her family live just outside the city. Mélodie will be staying here in Melbourne until the end of the year, and comes to Blackburn regularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Since arriving in Melbourne, she has taken the opportunity to travel around both Melbourne and Sydney. She has been to Healesville Sanctuary, the Yarra Valley and Saint Kilda, to name a few places. She has tried Tim Tams, Vegemite and had the pleasure of seeing many kangaroos. She has enjoyed seeing all the animals, and has been loving her life in Melbourne. Blackburn has loved having her here, and is grateful for her tremendous help and attitude.





Sport

Term 2 Sport Report

Blackburn High School has had a very successful Term 2 in Interschool Sport. There has been a number of competitions this term, ranging from Seniors to Year 7 and the students have represented the school proudly.

The term began with Senior Soccer, Basketball and Badminton where the various teams put up a great defence against schools like East Doncaster in the badminton and Box Hill Senior Secondary in the soccer. Overall, Blackburn High entered 5 badminton, 5 basketball and 1 soccer team, which is a huge testament to the commitment of the senior students.

Our intermediate teams were the next to follow, participating in AFL and Netball. Again, BHS entered a number of teams with 55 girls trying out for Netball! The round robin days ran incredibly smoothly and our students displayed impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship.

Overall, Term 2 has seen 11 different senior and intermediate sport days take place with close to 250 students participating!

The Year 7 and Year 8 sporting competitions have wrapped up Term 2 nicely, with a number of the Blackburn High School teams making it through to Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals. Our congratulations go out to the following:

Year 8 Girls Netball (taking place August 8th at Jells Park)

Year 7 Boys AFL (taking place June 26th at Koonung Reserve)

Junior Boys Netball (taking place July 30th at Jells Park)

These students are now not only representing BHS, but also the Whitehorse Division, we wish them the best of luck!

Congratulations again to all of the Blackburn High School sport teams, whether you were winners on the day or not, you have been great ambassadors of our school and should be proud of your achievements.



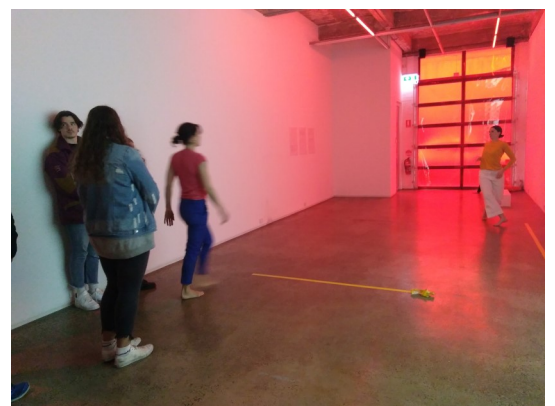
Junior Boys Netball—Whitehorse Division Winners



STUDIO ARTS EXPLORES FITZROY GALLERIES

Last Friday the Year 12 Studio Arts students, Ms Carter and Ms Blyth had the pleasure of attending the Fitzroy Art Spaces Tour (FAST) which is an education initiative for students to explore the art industry in Fitzroy. Students engaged with professionals behind the scenes at four galleries and analysed contemporary art works as well as viewing a contemporary dance performance. Students discussed the different approaches to the exhibitions and were introduced to curatorial considerations involved in the display of artworks. The participating galleries included CCP, Gertrude Glasshouse, SEVENTH and Dianne Tanzer Gallery.

Tameka Carter





Connections



Big Issue excursion

Last week our Year 9 students went into Melbourne to visit the Big Issue offices and take part in a Street Art tour as part of the Connections programs. Students learned about powerlessness and homelessness and using art as a form of expression and harnessing power. Our students represented Blackburn proudly and enjoyed seeing Melbourne from a different perspective to what they're used to.

Kris Burrige

Connections Learning Leader





SpotJobs Melbourne Career Expo



The Melbourne Career Expo, proudly sponsored by SpotJobs, is the most comprehensive careers event in Australia. This expo encompasses all career opportunities from employment to education and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors.

It exhibits a vast array of career advice, employment opportunities, and large University and training representation.

The 2018 Melbourne Career Expo will showcase over 150 exhibitors and will be held on Friday 20 to Sunday 22 July 2017 at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, Southwharf.

For further details, visit: <http://www.careerexpo.com.au/attend/event-details>



A Day at Melbourne

A Day at Melbourne is your chance to explore your passions or find the pathway to your dream career via study at the University of Melbourne. You'll be able to attend a range of taster lectures hosted by our inspiring academics, hone in on your core study areas of interest, experience all aspects of university life and have your questions answered about studying with us.

University and faculty staff will be available on the day to answer individual questions, enabling you to prepare for your next steps to university. You will also be able to find out more about:

- How the Melbourne Model works
- Undergraduate degrees and the pathways to graduate study
- Entry requirements, scholarships and our Special Entry Access Scheme - Access Melbourne
- Your experience at university, including accommodation, clubs and societies and student services

A Day at Melbourne will take place on Friday 13th July from 9.30am - 2.30pm at the Parkville Campus.

[For further details, visit: https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria-and-interstate/victoria/a-day-at-melbourne](https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria-and-interstate/victoria/a-day-at-melbourne)



A Day in the Life

Box Hill Institute will be holding some career taster days over the second half of the year. The first, aimed at students in years 7-9, provides students with the opportunity to experience life as a fashion designer. In this 3-day workshop students will also master fashion illustration, apply design principles, use fabric manipulation and develop skills in pattern-making and garment construction.

A Day in the Life of a Fashion Designer will take place on Monday 9th July but stay tuned for more taster programs in the future at Box Hill Institute.

For further information visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-creative-artist-tickets-44005271953>



MyFuture Website

It has been found that information for parents is highly sought after when it comes to helping their children with their career choices. MyFuture has developed a page of helpful information to help parents and carers with their child's career development. Assisting with; practical support, self-awareness, opportunity awareness, decision making and transition support are the four key focus areas on this website.

This one is definitely worth a visit: <https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others/assist-your-child>

Jay Brutovic

Pathways Coordinator



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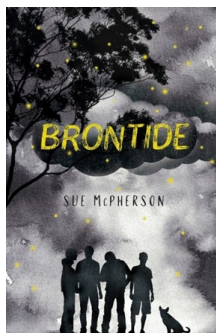
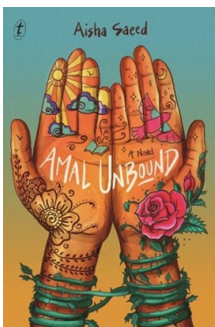
Featured Book and Author: *Changing Gear* by Scot Gardner

Like Scot Gardner's other books, *Changing Gear* was written outside. Scot's not fond of desks or keyboards and his writing process involves writing with pen and paper, and then walking. The rhythm of the construction process found its way into *Changing Gear*—there's a lot of literal walking in the story and a lot of metaphorical walking in the language and syntax.

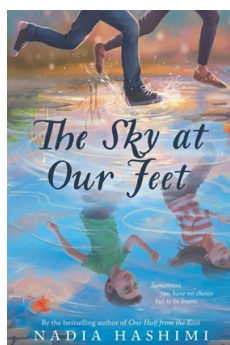
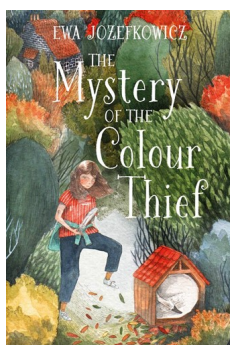
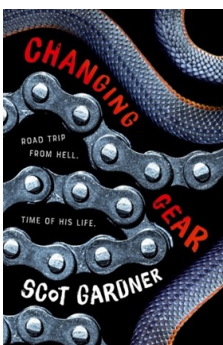
The inspiration for *Changing Gear* is clear—Scot met a 'swagman' while riding his motorbike in outback New South Wales. John 'The Highwayman' Cadoret has lived on the side of the road for almost forty years, and he irreparably challenged Scot's notions of minimalism and the dominant cultural paradigm over two cups of tea. After meeting The Highwayman, Scot had long discussions with his son, who was embarking on his VCE, about the value of standardized education and testing and their relationship to material acquisition and happiness.

Scot became a writer after a chance meeting with a magazine editor while hitchhiking in eastern Australia. His books include *One Dead Seagull*, *White Ute Dreaming*, *Burning Eddy*, *Happy as Larry* and *The Dead I Know*.

NEW BOOKS THIS MONTH



To see the full Resource Centre book catalogue, go to the Resource Centre tab on your home page





5000 Poppies Project

Our students and staff have been making poppies to donate to the 5000 Poppies Project during the Knitty Gritty Art Club. The poppies are for Remembrance Day celebrations later this year. Statewide there have been over 62,000 poppies made by volunteers to remember each fallen Victorian soldier during the First World War, well beyond the 5000 that was the initial goal.

Special thanks to Donna Hewitt and our students for contributing to this worthy cause. The poppies are now on their way to be part of a spectacular display.

Val Weber





Community Links

Scoliosis Awareness Month June 2018

Do you have a friend or family member who may have a scoliosis?

Could they recognize the signs?



Scoliosis

- An estimated **2-3% of children** aged 10-15 years will have scoliosis*
- Scoliosis can run in **families***
- Curves can **increase rapidly** during growth spurts
- Scoliosis increases with age, with 30% of the population over 60 estimated to have an adult scoliosis*



Screening & Early Detection

- **Regular screening** of children is one of the best ways to detect scoliosis early
- The **Scoliosis Research Society (SRS)**, the premier spine society, highlights the documented benefits of earlier detection and screening of children
- **Early intervention** has also been shown to be the most effective in helping those with scoliosis

Growing children should be regularly screened



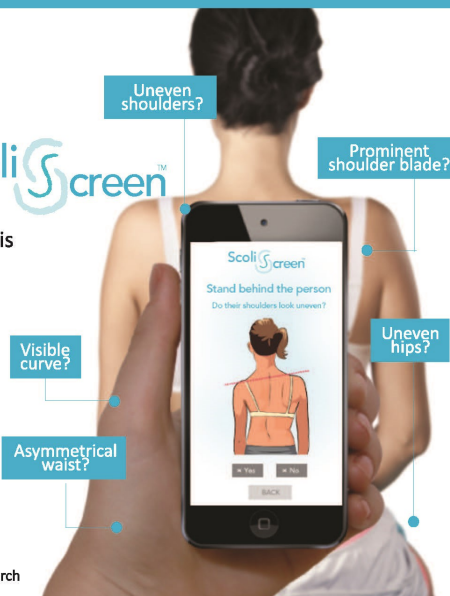
Home screening is now simple with



- Developed by one of the world leaders in scoliosis diagnosis and treatment, ScoliScreen is a free web-based screening tool for the signs of scoliosis
- It's designed to identify important signs and risk factors that may indicate that someone has or may be developing scoliosis. It walks you through 8 simple questions, with an easy to use interface.

<https://app.scoliscreen.com>

It's made for anyone to use, anytime.



*www.scolicare.com/research