Dear Westall Secondary College Community,

Well, here we are beginning Term 4 with the end of the year looming. Every year I get older and time seems to go quicker and quicker. I really don’t know where the year has gone. So much has been achieved with so many things still to do. One thing is for sure, the future is exciting at Westall. Part of that future is almost here with new subjects and 2017 classes commencing on Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} November.

Firstly, to our Year 12 students, today (Friday 14/10) is your last day of formal classes. 13 years of schooling finishes today with some celebrating next week followed by exams and completion of outcomes over the next month. I know you will do everything in your power during this time to get the best possible result. You are an amazing group and you make me very proud to be the Principal of Westall Secondary College. I want to congratulate you on your achievements throughout the year and commend you all on the way you have conducted yourselves as our class of 2016. You have been fantastic role models and ambassadors for our school. I am looking forward to celebrating with you next week on Monday and Tuesday with our Lunch, Aquarium Dinner and Go Karting activities. I would like to publicly thank Leelée Chea, Simon Lay, Matt Yang, Mary Tangimama and Manit Theeurn for being outstanding school captains. So many students achieve amazing things and you should all be proud. I do feel compelled to mention one very unique student who is about to finish Year 12. Ilia Kucherov is one of the most outstanding young Mathematicians in Australia. For the last 2 years he has travelled Internationally representing Australia in the International Mathematics Olympiad and achieving medal finishes. He has competed in a range of Mathematical competitions over the years winning various awards. Most recently, Ilia has been invited to meet the Governor-General at Government House in Canberra as a result of mathematical talent and performance. Ilia, your story will live on for many years to come at Westall.

For students in all other year levels, 2016 classes are rapidly drawing to a close. Exams and other work requirements will be completed over the coming weeks with Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} November the last day for 2016 classes. There will be a whole school awards assembly on Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} November. Don’t count the minutes left but make sure you make the minutes count. Be efficient, work hard and take advantage of the support and advice our amazing staff provide to get the best possible result over the next 6 weeks. From Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} November, our new, 4 x 75 minute per day timetable will commence with new year levels, classes and subjects commencing. Current Year 10 and 11 students will finish school for this year on 2\textsuperscript{nd} December. For all other students, school continues well into December with the school open until Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} December. We will provide more detail about activities week and other events as the term progresses. It is very important all students remain at school until classes are completed for the year and that any travel or holiday plans are organised around these school dates.

Welcome to Mrs Simadri who has commenced with us as an Assistant Principal. I know you will enjoy working with Mrs Simadri and that she will add significant value to our College. Mrs Simadri’s most important portfolio will be around assessment and reporting, in particular, the transition over the next 18 months to Compass Real Time Reporting. Mrs Simadri will oversee all things related to students in Years 7-9 with Mrs Kesidis overseeing Years 10-12. Mrs Kesidis’ most important portfolio will be around Literacy and EAL.
Mrs Gower has joined us from Noble Park as an EAL Coach for this term. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Gower and I know she will also add significant value and experience in this important area of our school. Mrs Armstrong has commenced replacing Mrs Travitz in the Foods area.

Today, (Friday 14/10) we have a planning day with our architects (MINX) in regards to our proposed new buildings for Westall Primary School and Westall Secondary College. This will be a huge focus for us over the next 8 weeks with the aim of having a plan for the redevelopment of our site for both Primary and Secondary schools ready by the end of the year. I sent an email to all families for whom we have an email contact, inviting you to a planning session from 4-4.45pm today. Hopefully I see some of you there. If we don’t have an email contact for you please provide one to the office as more and more communication now occurs electronically via SMS, email and Compass.

Until next time!

Tristan Lanarus
Principal

Assistant Principal—Mrs Eva Kesidis

I hope that the recent holidays provided a good break for everyone and a warm welcome to all the new students and their families who have joined Westall Secondary College this term. A warm welcome is also extended to our new international students who arrived during the break and are currently attending their intensive EAL program in WELC.

We have commenced the final term of the school year and the time is approaching when we must farewell our Year 12 students. For all students preparing for Exams, it is a stressful period and we need to provide our young people with as much support as we can. Our Year 12 teachers are to be congratulated for their dedication and efforts in assisting all students with their preparations for the final exams.

A quiet environment, appropriate for study and concentration, needs to be made available at home, as our Year 12 graduates put in their best efforts over the final few weeks of secondary school life. Good luck with your exams everyone!

The Class of 2016 will be attending their Graduation Ceremony and Awards Night on Thursday the 24th of November. Please mark this date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing all parents and families joining our young graduates and Award recipients at this significant event.

Uniform matters

A reminder to all students and families that the Summer school uniform is required to be worn during Term 4. School shoes must also be worn when travelling to and from school. The College Cap is available at the Uniform shop in Cheltenham and should be worn when taking activities outside.
Assistant Principal—Sue Simadri

At the time of writing this article, I have been Assistant Principal at Westall SC for less than two weeks. During this time, I have met with many staff and students, and I have been impressed by the warmth and friendliness with which I have been greeted. I have also communicated with parents over the phone, via email and as they have come in to the General Office.

I am very pleased to be at this school and look forward to getting to know the families who are an important element of the Westall Learning Community. I also look forward to working with your children and their teachers, and making a positive contribution to the growth of the school.

Ms Sue Simadri

Westall Celebrates National Numeracy Week 2016

Westall Secondary College celebrated National Numeracy Week from Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September. Many activities were organized outside of class times to make students aware of literacy and numeracy during this special week. This year’s participation rate was excellent and attracted many earnest and enthusiastic students.

On behalf of the College, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to McDonalds Mt Waverley for sponsoring the meal vouchers that were used as prizes.

Game of 24
Due to popular demand “Game of 24” was played again this year. The game of 24 encourages an awareness of numerical relationships by challenging students to build a strong understanding of numbers.

Students across all year levels took part during lunch time. They competed with each other to attain a solution of 24. They had to use all four numbers but could only use each number once. They were allowed to use any operation, apart from indices.

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Lucky Guess

The Lucky Guess game, which involved estimating the number of lollies in a jar received hundreds of entries. The cost was $1 for 3 guesses. The first prize was the jar of lollies itself. Many teachers and students showed great support which has made the week extremely successful.

Congratulations to all the winners. Special thanks to Xuan, Vi, Yiyang, David, Krissie, El Sar, Oh, Simon, Yoavely, Tynan, Vitou, Alyssa, Linda, Joanna, Rico, Moeroa and Sanly from Years 10 to 12 for devoting their recess and lunch time in assisting with the sale and taking photographs for the newsletter.
Westall Celebrates National Numeracy Week 2016 cont’d ...

This year’s actual number of lollies was exactly 868

1st Prize = Allen Chen (879)  
2nd Prize = Ngoc Nguyen (880)  
3rd Prize = Ms Dewhurst (888)  
4th Prize = Ms Blias (890)

Ms Chee  
Mathematics Coordinator

University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition—ICAS Results

57 students from Westall Secondary College participated in the competition this year and many have achieved outstanding results. Congratulations to all our high achievers.

22 Participation Certificates  
6 Merit Certificates  
19 Credit Certificates  
7 Distinction Certificates  
3 High Distinction Certificates

The table below shows our students’ performance at each year level

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For the first time in history, one of our exceptionally outstanding student Ilia Kucherov will be awarded a medal and a medal certificate for his level. Ilia was selected to receive the prestigious University of New South Wales medal. The medal presentation ceremony will be held in November 2016.

Congratulations Ilia for you have again made Westall stand TALL in Victoria

Ms Chee  
Mathematics Coordinator
Westall Celebrates Arts and LOTE Festival ‘Yishu’ 2016

Arts Festival 2016 12 – 16 September

Take some time to walk down the main school corridor to get a feel for colour, design, shape, line and texture. You will experience two and three-dimensional forms created by the students reflecting their individual experiences and expressions. It is here where the Arts and LOTE unite; colourful paper lanterns made by the LOTE classes horizontally line the entrance, followed by rows of bulging eastern lanterns. In the heart of the displays look up and embrace the colourful tissue paper flowers that fill the ceiling created by Sotheareth Chan in Year 11 who gives you insight into the meaning of flowers, and pays tribute to Chinese artist Ai Weiwei. Hundreds of flowers were made over the duration of Term 3 by year 11 and 9 students to assist Sotheareth in executing her idea. A recycled bicycle was resurrected from the school garage to a gloss white finish to represent the idea of welcome!! This complimented the finish to Sotheareth’s installation. Moving on deeper into the corridor towards the exit to B block in the glass cabinets you will notice ‘Mini Micro masters’ textured painted canvas paintings created by the staff: A big Congratulations to our prize winners Mr Newton, Ms Barb Hose and Ms Nguyen!!

Arts Week lunch activities included Tee shirt transfer designs, Badge making, Henna, Floral Art and Chinese Opera Masks. We were privileged to have professional artists Michael Duncan who ran stencil workshops for the Year 11 and 8 students, Kathy Fahey who did bookmaking and Dance factory who ran a hip hop workshop for year 9. Ms Wagenfeld held ‘Arts Blitz’ where students created a work of art in 30 minutes, this activity proved to be very successful.

From the east Ms Zeng did an incredible job cooking an enormous amount of dumplings to feed both staff and students on Thursday, these were absolutely delicious not to mention home made. Thank you sooooooo much Ms Zeng!!

Our Arts Opening was a showcase of talented student performances in the areas of dance, drama and music. Alfred Cordial in Year 8 stole the afternoon with his amazing solo hip hop performance, not to mention ‘Abstract formations’ our final performance for the evening choreographed by Monica Ouk and Lee Lee Chea. Our special guests, Chinese Dongbei Cultural Association bought to us spectacular colour with their multi layered silk costumes and traditional folk dance. One aspect of the week that has gone unnoticed is the interactive garden that has been installed on the grass area in the main school quadrangle. The large diamond shaped sleeper beds will be painted shortly to bring colour to the yard and a fun place to sit. What a week!!!!! I would to thank a whole crew of people who work behind the scenes to make such a week possible Mr Kourkouridis, Ms Wagenfeld, Ms Litvak, Ms Casey-Dalglish, Ms Morgan, Ms Teteros, Monisha Year 11, Ms Nikolaou for coming in at the last minute to do Henna creations and Ms Rigopoulos.

Thank you to all the incredible students who participated in nearly every activity!! Three cheers, hip hip hooray to our successful ‘YISHU’ Arts Festival 2016.

Ms Ifandis
Art Blitz

One of the fun activities during Art Week at the end of last term was Art Blitz. Participants were given thirty minutes to paint a picture on a square board. Some amazing works were completed and it was difficult to select first, second and third for the prizes.

Mary-Jane Wagenfeld
Art Teacher.

After School Activity

Design Point runs after school every Monday, and everyone is welcome! For the past couple of weeks, we have been working with plaster, canvas, resin and ceramics! This is what a member of the club has to say.

“I like this club because it is fun. The favourite activity that I did during this club was clay making.” – Hope Tangimama
Can’t wait to see you all there next Monday!

Leelee Chen
School Captain
On Thursday 4th of August, the College had a fantastic day at the Noble Park Athletics track competing in the annual House Athletics Carnival. Lawson have had a tremendous record winning the past 4 carnivals and once again were the ones being hunted down by the other houses.

Dennis were lead with year 11 students showing them the way. Tinh jumped his way to victory in the high jump and also won two 2nd and a 3rd. Monica was dominant winning the 200m, 400m, Long Jump and Triple Jump which was an amazing effort. There were also great signs for the youth of Dennis who showed plenty of promise for the future. Year 7 Kane winning Discus and Javelin while Wati won Shot Put and won two 2nds and a third.

Gordon once again were well represented with two senior students that continue to give their all for Gordon. Sadid smashed the field in his 200m and Long Jump and also claimed a 2nd and a 3rd. Year 12 Tarina made the most of her last carnival at the College winning High Jump, Discus and two 2nds. A great way to bow out having given her all for Gordon over the last 6 years. For the junior students Monique won 3 from 3, winning Discus, Shot Put and Javelin. The year 9 boys Bryan and Tadi along with year 7, Sa, gave their all winning lots of valuable points competing in as many events as they could.

WELC students as always competed way above their weight having far less students than the rest of the houses. It was a team effort for WELC with strong performances in the Tunnel ball and 3 legged races. Combine this with a few determined individual efforts and you get a lethal combination. It was great to see Khanh take out the 1500m and Molly win the 100m sprint. A huge effort by these two.

Paterson were similar to Gordon in that the typicals continued to produce some great results for the seniors. Crystal and Memory gave their all for Paterson competing in some great individual events and add Stavroula from year 11 to this and you get a great core group that earn plenty of points for Paterson. Agabe was also a highlight for Paterson winning the Long Jump and receiving two 2nds and a 3rd. Han from year 8 showed what a year of experience can do winning the high jump and coming a few unlucky 2nds winning four 2nd ribbons. Metsophele showed he could be the future for Paterson winning strongly in the 100m, 400m and 800m.

However, it could only be one house that could win and when you go through the results you understand how dominant they can be. Starting at the top with two girls that have participated in anything for their house over the years, topped off their time at the College in the best possible way. Mary and Leeleee from year 12 won every individual event for the day except the Discus as they both had already maxed out their total of 5 events each. The only difference between the two was when Leeleee got a 2nd in the 100m to who else, other than Mary. A massive achievement by the two. For the boys it was the two brothers, Pros and Lieng showing how similar they are both winning 100m, 200m and Javelin. Only difference is that Lieng also won Long Jump and Pros came 2nd. One other massive performance to mention and who showed there is still plenty to look forward to in the future, was a dominant performance from Steph in year 9 winning all 5 individual events that she went in.

All students that competed showed a great amount of commitment and determination for their houses, achieving great results with plenty of new records being set. Teachers were also spoilt with the willingness of students putting their hands up to help run the events and make the day such a huge success. We congratulate everyone for a fantastic day and well done to Lawson making it 5 Athletic Carnival victories in a row.

Finals scores - Lawson 1027, Paterson 728, Gordon 567, Dennis 486, WELC 274

Mr Roberts
Sport Coordinator
Amazing efforts have paid off for Lieng Tang at the Kingston Athletics Carnival. He has been rewarded for his consistent efforts yesterday, achieving the Under 15 Age Champion. Lieng couldn't have done much more in his events, getting agonizingly close in all of his individual events without actually being rewarded with the elusive first ribbon.

He came:
- 2nd in Javelin by 0.4m
- 2nd in the 100m by 0.14 seconds
- 2nd in the 200m by 0.57 seconds
- 3rd in Long Jump by 0.31m

He brought home the Under 15's boys 100m relay, coming back from 5th to win 3rd place. A huge congratulations to Lieng. He achieved a result that Westall Secondary College had not achieved in a long time.

Mr Roberts
Sports Coordinator
Junior School Social

The Junior School held a social on the 7th September. Students who attended let their hair down, donned new faces and demonstrated their dance prowess. Lots of fun was had by all. The evening commenced with a feast of pizza and was followed by lots of laughter, socialising and dancing. The photo booth, with an array of funny hats, masks, glasses and wigs, was utilised to take many humorous photographs. Dion, our DJ, kept everything moving with lots of good music and competitions. Many of our students were able to show how agile and creative they are with their dance moves. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a great evening.

Year 7 Coordinator

Mrs Travitz commenced maternity leave at the beginning of term 4. We wish her and her husband all the best as they await the safe arrival of their child.

Ms Williamson will undertake the role of Year Level Coordinator for the first 4 weeks of term 4. Ms Williamson knows our junior sub-school students well through her work as Literacy coach, TRIP coordinator, and Year 7 English teacher.

Mrs Susan Blias will take over the role in week 5 and will continue in the role in 2017. Mrs Blias currently works in the Senior Sub School and has the role of Science Coordinator. She is very much looking forward to working with this Year’s Year 7 students as they transition into their next level of schooling.

If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact the school on 95463233 or contact Ms Williamson (rwi@westallsc.vic.edu.au) or Mrs Blias (sbl@westallsc.vic.edu.au).

Ms Temple
Director of Learning—Junior School
Message from Director of Learning - Middle School, Mr Tom Tahos

We are well underway in Term 4 and we have some very exciting excursions and events planned for the middle years.

Remember that we have a shared responsibility when it comes to achieving best results and we can always keep improving how we do things, keep this in mind when you are in class and at home.

Also a timely reminder about the 'Code of Cooperation' that we all developed. These set of behaviours are what we have agreed to that will support us all in achieving best results.

Have a great term.
Mr Tahos

Meet the Middle School Staff

Ms Armstrong
Hi, my name is Julie Armstrong. I am the new food/wood/technology teacher; previously I was at a school in the North and have taught in South Africa for a number of years.

I love my rugby, with my nephew currently playing for Australia and enjoy travelling to countries that are not affected by tourism.

As a pastry chef by trade I hope to take my students on a dessert ride showing them lots of different techniques to spoil their families and friends with.

Ms Gower
Hi everyone. I am Elizabeth Gower, and I am back to Westall SC after 18 years. I left in 1998 and in those days I was known as the ‘Spanish Teacher’.

This time my job is to help you improve and maintain your high standards in all subjects but mainly to assist you in the development of better and more effective learning skills. We can all get better results if we work really hard. You are welcome to come and talk to me about your concerns. You will find me in the Middle School Hub.

I’m looking forward to helping and working with you all.

Beacon Foundation—POLISH High Impact Workshop

Our year 10 students were involved in a workshop that focused on work readiness.

Students found their own way to Flinders street train station in the CBD and we then made our way to one of the biggest engineering firms called ‘Jacobs’.

The workshops were held in their corporate meeting spaces on the 16th floor. The views were amazing and the quality of the venue was outstanding.

Our presenters were also very professional and engaging.

We went through many activities which gave students opportunities to develop and apply various ideas, skills and strategies directly linked to work readiness.

Some key points that came from the day included:
- First Impressions (Smiling/Body Language/Tone of voice)
- Networking
- Social Skills
- Personal Brand (How you would positively describe your strengths and being able to provide solid examples to support what you say)
- Communication and Teamwork
- Grooming (how you present/your hygiene)
- Interview techniques
The workshops were a very important day in which students continued developing the above vital components in work readiness. Each student was fantastic getting involved in the various activities.

**Study Skills for Success**

Day one term 4 there is a message in your compass system - all year 10 and 11 students have a study skills workshop running period 3 and 4. As teachers we can hear their voices “Just another study skills workshop” or so they thought. In comes Darren and his DJ and who said that learning about how to study better had to be a dry experience.

This is what you said about the experience

**Student comments:** “What did you gain from the seminar?”

“I learnt to be more organised and have a system to reduce stress and use my time wisely.” – Amy Nguyen

“I found that Darren’s methods were exactly what I’ve been searching for in terms of study solutions. I now understand myself better as a student.” – Atinata George

“I learnt how important it is to use the study timetable plan and how to train your brain to make it stronger.” – Zamaim Al-Ghafri

“I’ve gained a deeper understanding on how to manage my study time better. I’ve also learnt more about our mindsets.” – Anonymous

“I’ve gained an understanding of how I can mange my time better and how I can use it effectively whilst studying.” – Janelle Da Man

“This seminar has provided some insight into how I can better manage my study time. It has presented me with some helpful tips that I can incorporate into my work in order to achieve better results.” – Alysa

“I gained a large amount of knowledge about how I can improve academically and how I can change my habits to do well in the future.” – Moeroa

“I’ve gained great knowledge to assist me in performing to my best potential.” - Nagin

Study workshops only work when students apply the skills that they learn in the workshop. Remember that information will disappear quickly from your working memory if you don’t use it.

Ms Nikolaou and Mr Tahos
Year 10 Student Excursion to Box Hill Institute

Year 10 students on Monday 10th October visited Box Hill Institute as part of their pathways and transitions activities. Post secondary education is a crucial part of all students learning. Today's community expects that all young people hold some form of post compulsory qualification. The VCE and or VCAL certificates are considered a minimum skill level. Students are expected to complete a university, or TAFE level qualification.

On this day at TAFE students had an opportunity to participate in 2 workshops.

The workshops were:

1. Allied Health: Students learn the fundamentals of working in the Allied Health industry. They will have the opportunity to follow treatment plans through assisting with movement (safely lifting each other into wheelchairs, hoists and hospital beds). One of the groups got to set up a mock surgery...see the photo's

2. Building: This workshop provided students with the basic understanding of the building and construction industry. Each student will be guided and assisted on how to make a wood pencil case using industry tools and equipment. The completed pencil case was then theirs to keep. As students built their pencil cases in the timber workshop they needed to follow the OHS policies of the institute which included safety glasses, wearing long pants and leather shoes.

3. Information Technology: In this workshop students learned how to make a network cable from electronic components. The students will be able to take the completed cable home to use in a range of ways. The students found out that what appeared to be a very simple task was actually very detailed and time consuming.

4. Design: Students learned how to do creative thinking / drawing from a range of inspirational points. This workshop built on a design focus which can be applied to areas such as graphic, fashion and interior design. It is suited to the creative thinkers.

Thank you to all the year 10 students and teachers who attended Box Hill institute, they have sent an email congratulating our students on their behaviour and involvement throughout the day.

Ms Hari Nikolaou
Message from Director of Learning - Senior School, Ms Hari Nikolaou

Class of 2016, a new life is just around the corner

It is hard to believe that our year 12 students will be sitting exams within a week and that the 2016 academic year is going to be almost over within a heart beat. The students and teachers have laughed together, dreamed and schemed and they have shared a vision of a life beyond secondary school. As the exams become a major focus of the coming weeks and during this week of mental health I need to remind all students of one thing. Yes schooling is important, but it is also just one aspect of the person that you are and will be in the future. As young people you have astounded your teachers. As adults we have marvelled at the courage and conviction that so many of you display on a daily basis. We have been amazed by your courtesy to one another and the respect that you show us and others around you.

Don’t forget to find balance in this demanding time of the year. The reality is that it will be a more challenging time. You might feel like giving in but the joy and sense of success comes from climbing the mountain not just dreaming of the climb. Please speak to a teacher or a member of the well-being team if you need some additional support.

To all senior school students GOOD LUCK during your exams.

Ms Nikolaou on behalf of all the senior school teachers

Monash Mentors - why all the fuss!

This year, a small group of students participated in a program called Monash Mentors which is supported by the Access Monash team.

Well, what is so special about this program? Students are provided with a mentor - university student who is prepared to meet with the student on a weekly or fortnightly basis and help them plan and organise themselves so that they increase their chance of success. It is open to all VCE students, and those students who are successful in being selected into the program gain so much.

They have their own support person, some one who has had to work through year 11 and year 12, someone who can help them focus their study time and provide insights into the future.

Someone who will attend open days with them or just to talk about the challenges of doing well in some tasks and not as well as you hoped in others.

For next year there are close to 30 students who have applied to be part of the program. We hope that we can see them graduate from the program just like we did for the students in the photo.

Monash describes their program in the following way

“Students are paired with an experienced and engaged Monash student Mentor to work in a one-on-one mentoring relationship for the final two years of secondary school. The mentoring sessions and activities are designed to help mentees explore and extend their interests and career and study options, develop future plans based on those options, as well as build their study techniques, goal-setting, effective communication, motivation and resilience.”

It’s not too late to sign up for the program, come and see Ms Nikolaou for the expression of interest forms.
Senior School Report cont’d

2016 Australian Business Studies Competition

On Thursday 12th May, the Year 11 and 12 Business Management students took part in the 2016 Australian Economics and Business Studies Competitions. The competition provided a great opportunity for students to test their skills and knowledge of business studies against other students across Australia.

The competition tested the student’s general knowledge of topical business issues and current affairs, practical business related calculations and analysis and reasoning in a business context. Well done to all those students who participated.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Distinction in the Junior Division: Kisha Filipaina and Dylan Liu.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Credit in the Senior Division: Leith Matou and Nathan Kotevski.

News from VCAL

On Thursday 6th October the entire VCAL class visited a Landfill in Clayton South run by the company Cleanaway. We were very lucky to visit that site as it is not normally open to the public.

We were able to go right into the site and see the massive trucks that either are dumping the rubbish from households or building sites and the trucks that are working at compacting the rubbish or turning the green waste into mulch.

The site is heavily regulated by the Council, EPA and other bodies.

The students kitted up and are ready to be shown around

Some of the trucks dumping rubbish at the site.

When the site is closed the company will work closely with the Council and other agencies to turn it into recreational use.

Ms Stenning

Homework Club

Westall Secondary College in conjunction with Monash University Embrace Program are offering support with student learning. We will be running a ‘Homework Club’ where staff from Westall Secondary College and University Tutors from Monash University will be available to support students with their study and set homework (their learning).

All tutors are qualified to work with children and have access to current knowledge and understandings from our Universities. All students are encouraged to attend.

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WELC Report

Message from the WELC Coordinator—Ms Carmela Santucci

R U OK?
WELC students participated in the “R U OK Day”, held at Westall Secondary College on Tuesday 11th October. A casual dress day was organised as a fund raiser to which students donated a gold coin.

Students learnt that sometimes friends need support and asking them a simple question like, “R u ok?”, can make a difference. In the Language Centre, looking after each other and respecting the differences we each bring to class is very important.

Ms Santucci
Clayton region odour issues

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is working together with landfill site operators to minimise the impacts of odour on the Clayton South, Clarinda and Dingley Village community.

We will continue to update you via email, and encourage you to visit our Clayton South, Clarinda, and Dingley Village page for more detailed, updated information.

Closed landfills and what it means for odour
As you can see on the map above, the majority of landfills in the area have stopped accepting waste. We expect that odour will decrease in the area because of these closures, but there may be short term impacts. Cold weather can cause odour from landfills, as rain reduces the effectiveness of gas extraction systems.

Reporting odour pollution
Please continue to report if you’re affected by odour pollution, as soon as you smell it. Odour is best reported via EPA’s 24/7 pollution hotline: 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC).

If you would like to better understand what happens when a pollution report has been made to EPA, view the publication How EPA responds to reports of pollution.

As always, please feel free to contact us at contact@epa.vic.gov.au or 1200 EPA VIC.

Kind regards,

Leigh Bryant
Manager, Southern Metro Region
Looking Great in 2016!

The College Blazer can be purchased from the College for only $110. Students are encouraged to wear their Blazer to and from School every day.

Community News

Mordialloc Neighbourhood House

**DRAWING & SKETCHING** (for adults)

- Monday – 1:00 – 3:00pm
- November 7 – December 12 (6 weeks)
- Cost: $75, materials list supplied upon enrolment.

**MOSAIC MAKING**

- Monday: 7:00 – 9:00pm
- Nov 14, 21 & 28
- Cost: $80, includes all materials.

For more information, or to enrol, please phone Mordialloc Neighbourhood House; 9587 4534.

Wanted: Homestay Providers

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**Homestay Providers wanted**

Do you have a spare bedroom?

Are you able to provide a caring, safe and supportive environment for an International student?

Westall Secondary College’s International Program is looking for English speaking families to accommodate for second-year aged International students who require homestay provision.

Our students are predominantly from China, Vietnam and Cambodia. Families receive weekly payment for providing this valuable service.

For further information, contact Mrs Po Sim Nai on 9546333 during school hours, mobile: 0457369361 or email png@westall.vic.edu.au

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College Blazer—$110.00—buy direct from the General Office

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Become a Family Day Care Educator

Making a difference in the life of a child

**Benefits**
- Self employed
- Flexible hours
- Great income
- Tax benefits
- Look after your own children at the same time
- Build strong relationships with families in your community

**Requirements**
- Enrolled in Certificate III in Children Services (minimum)
- Police Check
- Working With Children Check
- First Aid certification
- Anaphylaxis training
- Asthma training
- Live in Kingston

9581 4852  kingston.vic.gov.au/familydaycare
Free Tennis Morning

Clarinda Tennis Club is opening up their courts to anyone who would like to have a hit of tennis on Sunday, 16th October, from 9am to 12 noon.

At 10am, a representative from Back In Motion Clayton will give a short presentation on how to prevent sporting injuries, and to answer any questions you may have.

The invitation is open to parents, children, grandparents and friends, join us between 9 & 12 - if you have a tennis racket bring it along, otherwise you can borrow one from the club.

If you want any more information, contact Gayle on 9551 6339

Have fun, make new friends and learn new skills

2nd Springvale Scout Group

WHO: For all ages from 5 – 25 years

WHEN: Joeys ages 5-7.5 Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm
       Cubs ages 7.5 – 10.5 Monday 7 – 8.30pm
       Scouts ages 10.5 – 14.5 Thursday 7.30 – 9pm
       Venturers 14.5 – 18 Tuesday 7.30 – 9.30
       Rovers 18 – 25 Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30

WHERE: 2nd Springvale Scout Hall
       587 Springvale Rd, Springvale South
       (Rear hall) opposite the fire station

First 6 weeks are FREE

For more information contact Jenny Morgan on 5977 9251

Clayton Piranhas Swimming Club

COME AND TRY!!!

New Members welcome!!

RACE NIGHT: Come & join us for a night of fun & fitness.

To participate, all you need to be able to swim 25 metres freestyle.

Where: Clayton Aquatics & Health Club, Geoka St Clayton

When: Friday 11 November 2016. Registration at 6.45pm. Races from 7:00pm to 8.00pm.

Clayton Aquatics & Health Club

For further information Colin Maguire 0401 489 042