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Principal Team Reports

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Parent teacher day

We look forward to discussing with you the progress of your child on parent teacher day on the 4th of May next term. Parent teacher interviews are a vitally important way of tracking the progress of students and providing them with support, with their studies into the future. We encourage you to emphasise positive messages with your child.

Social media

For better or worse, we live in a social media age. While there are undoubted benefits with regard to social connection that come with social media, there are also challenges. Schools particularly feel the brunt of negative criticism, staff and student attacks, and rumour spreading expressed through social media. If you have a concern, we request that you raise it respectfully through the school channels. I would also ask that all parents and guardians not trust unverified and personally motivated comments on social media about what may or may not have happened at the school.

Year 9 ceramics

It was a pleasure to recently visit a year nine ceramics class under the dedicated and expert tuition of Ms Claudia Khoury. The student works were incredibly impressive, showing a great grasp of detail and the capacity to follow a process to create finished work. The college is adding to the facilities in the ceramic space by purchasing three new pottery wheels.



Staffing challenges

As with so many areas of society at the moment, there are staffing shortages for schools. While we continue to work hard to replace staff we have run into staffing shortages,

especially in the subject areas of Science and Italian. I would like to apologise on behalf of the school for these disruptions. We will continue to advertise and attempt to replace staff.

End of term break

I would like to end this term by paying particular attention to and thanking the vast majority of students who come to school each day and do the right thing. In a school community of 1200 students, I think we're talking about well over 1000 students here. These are the students who come every day and wear the correct uniform, listen attentively to teachers, are punctual, are organised, complete their work and are respectful to each other and to the staff in the school and the yard.

Adolescence is about imperfection and learning. We expect that students will make their share of mistakes. And when they do make a mistake, if they ever need inspiration or guidance about what it is they can do to improve their decision making, they only need to look around them. There are 1000 examples that they can learn from.

I wish you and your families a peaceful, safe and enjoyable break.

John Goodman

Principal

Assistant Principals report

Assistant Principal

This Term I have had the pleasure of replacing Jason Portelli as the Acting Assistant Principal in the Junior School and Jared Williams as Acting Assistant Principal in the Senior School while they have been on leave. Subsequently I have worked with a large cross section of our staff and students and have witnessed first-hand the resilience and dedication to personal and academic growth at both ends of our College.

Term 1 is generally a bit unsettled for Year 7 students as they transition and adjust to the expectations and challenges of high school, and learn to cooperate with students from over 30 different primary schools. This has been further amplified in 2022 with students experiencing their longest stint of on-site learning since Term 4 2019 and dealing with the uncertainty of Covid-19 related illnesses, isolation periods and staff shortages. While there is a minority group of students who have made poor choices this Term, the overwhelming majority of Junior School students have overcome these challenges and attended school each day ready to learn and be a positive member of the College Community.

Moving forward we will continue to support all students with targeted programs in our All You Can Be program. Already, students have attended the 'Hurting Games' performance by

Brainstorm Productions. We have also booked the Proactive Policing Unit and Bully Zero to work with our Junior School students in Term 2.

In the Senior School, Term 1 can also present many challenges as students develop the necessary study and organisational skills required for completing VCE and VCAL. Overall the Senior School students have embraced these additional demands and are meeting these expectations extremely well. It was also heartening to attend the SWSC Careers Expo in Week 10 and watch our students interact with a variety of universities and educational institutions in a mature and inquisitive manner. We will continue to support students in this research and decision making in our All You Can Be and Careers programs.

Jay Koeleman

Acting Assistant Principal

SUBJECT CORNER

ITALIAN



ON Wednesday 16th March our Year 11 Italian class met with students of Licio Linguistico (High School for Languages). We met with a class of Italian students who are majoring in English studies. Students conversed in both English and Italian to learn about each other's school life and family lives. Our students were able to get an authentic insight into the Italian lifestyle. Our Italian friends were quite surprised to learn about how many of our students have part-time jobs as we were to learn that Ferraro chocolates (such as Nutella) are made in their hometown of Cuneo. Our students are looking forward to another online meeting in the near future.



Trish Testa - Year 11 Italian teacher

Italian Week Celebrations

Last week SWSC celebrated Italian Week with a range of activities and competitions. Students participated in Tombola (Bingo), Italian card games such as 'Scopa' and had the opportunity to enter the Italian week poster competition. Students also celebrated by indulging in gelato and delicious Nutella doughnuts. 'Grazie mille' to the Italian staff, Education Support staff and to our students who helped make the week such a huge success.



SWSC Italian Week!
TUESDAY 16TH MARCH-FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

NUTELLA DOUGHNUTS: \$5
GELATI: \$5



ARTS and DESIGN

MEDIA



The 1-Minute Film Competition is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary school students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation, and win fantastic prizes in the process. The theme for the 2022 competition is 'Dreams'

All entrants must adhere to the following guidelines:

The competition theme for 2022 is 'Dreams'. All submitted entries must establish a link to this theme.

Dreams: Hopes we have for the future; an often fleeting array of experiences which mainly occur during sleep.

Whether it's our wishes for an ideal future, personal dreamscapes to which we let our minds wander, or goals we strive towards – dreams provide points of connection to others and insight into our own psyches.

Entrants may create a piece of fiction, a documentary, a community-service announcement or a music clip (be sure to adhere to copyright rules!). Submitted films can be animated or live-action – funny or serious.

- All films must be made specifically for the 1-Minute Film Competition 2022.
- Entry is free, and is open to all primary and secondary school students in Australia and New Zealand.
- Each film must be no longer than 60 seconds. Opening and/or closing credits are not required, but (if added) may add up to an additional 10 seconds in total.
- Films may be in any language or have no dialogue at all. Non-English audio (and important on-screen text) must have English subtitles.
- Ensure that all content in your film (including footage, music, images, props, etc.) is your own. If you include any copyrighted or trademarked content, you must be able to provide written permission for its use. Entries containing any unauthorised content will be disqualified. For more information on copyright, [click here](#).
- All entries must be submitted online (including uploading of the short film and at least three still images from the film) by close of entries: midday AEST, Friday 29 July 2022.

SPORTS

SWIMMING, INTERSCHOOL SPORTS, SOCCER

Keilor Division Swimming Championships Results

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Keilor Division Swimming Championships. It was a very successful day for Springside West, with 6 of our relay teams winning their way through to compete at the Western Metropolitan Swimming Championships.

Special mention to the outstanding performance by 10 of our students, who not only were a part of our winning relay teams, but also won individual events.

1.Tori Clare won all 5 of her individual events (1st in 12-15 200M Freestyle, 1st in 12-15 100M Freestyle, 1st in 14yrs 50M Freestyle, 1st in 14yrs 50M Butterfly, 1st in 12-15 200M IM)

2.Francine Cartina won all 4 of her individual events (1st in 16yrs 50M Breaststroke, 1st in 16yrs 50M Freestyle, 1st in 16yrs 50M Butterfly, 1st in 16yrs 50M Backstroke)

3.Daniel Nguyen won all 4 of his individual events (1st in 12-15 100M Freestyle, 1st in 15yrs 50M Freestyle, 1st in 15yrs 50M Butterfly, 1st in 15yrs 50M Backstroke)

4.Zoe Berens won both her individual events (1st in 12/13 50M Freestyle, 1st in 12/13 50M Butterfly)

5.Deanna Moore won both her individual events (1st in 16-20 200M Freestyle, 1st in 16-20 100M Freestyle)

6.Jarrod Wakefield won 3 of his events and came second in the other 2 events (1st in 12-20 100M Breaststroke, 1st in 14yrs 50M Backstroke, 1st in 12-15 200M IM, 2nd in 12-15 200M Freestyle, 2nd in 14yrs 50M Breaststroke)

7.Nea Padrigo won 2 of her events and came third in the other event (1st in 14yrs 50M Breaststroke, 1st in 14yrs 50M Backstroke, 3rd in 12-20 100M Backstroke)

8.Gabriela Stojkoska won 1 of her events and came third in the other (1st in 15yrs 50M Butterfly, 3rd in 15yrs 50M Backstroke)

9.Francesca Cartina won her individual event (1st in 12/13 50M Breaststroke)

10.Dante Kuang won his individual event (1st in 15yrs 50M Breaststroke)





INTERSCHOOL SPORT- VOLLEYBALL

The Springside West Senior and Intermediate Volleyball teams have gone against the pump and competed against multiple schools on their respective days. The Seniors had close games against VU, Copperfield and Gilson while the Intermediates were two points off beating St Albans while having a more decisive loss against KDC.

In SWSC, volleyball is going to continue with games being organised later this year. SWSC hopes to play games against Gilson, VU and Copperfield in the coming months to take some revenge!



HUMANITIES

On the 4th of March, the year 11 Business Management classes attended an excursion to Windsor and Bistro Morgan. The students were given the opportunity to explore High St and the businesses along there. From here, students were able to observe the impacts of the external environment on these businesses. Students were also able to speak directly with business owners, including Morgan Hipworth (Founder of Bistro Morgan). Morgan shared with the students how he started his business at the age of 16 and how he's navigated the business environment since then, particularly with the challenges of COVID. Overall, it was an informative excursion that ended with some sweets!

Ms Eugenie Tran and Mr Daniel Esdaile





YEAR 9 SOCCER CAMP

From Friday 25th to Sunday 27th March a group of 20 year 9 soccer students competed in the Boys and Girls FC soccer tournament in Bendigo.

It was a weekend where the students gained valuable insight into how a major soccer tournament operates, as well as the importance of preparation, nutrition, recovery, leadership, resilience, building culture within a team, playing hard and fair and making every chance count in front of the goals.

The two Springside West SC teams played three group stage matches on Saturday, and both teams had very positive results which resulted in each team playing in the semi-finals on Sunday morning. While the students gave it their all and played incredibly well, unfortunately both results did not go our way.

Some individual player highlights across the two teams include:

- Filip Momcilovic scoring a header goal to secure a draw on the last game on Saturday afternoon to make the team qualify for the semi-finals,
- Marko Micic scoring a penalty with the last kick of the game to win the match,
- Mousa Babawi scored two goals in a hard fought 4-0 win.

A huge thank you must go to Mr. Markowski who helped coach one of the teams and supported our students throughout a busy weekend.

Mr. Ower





YEAR 7 CAMP

Earlier this term Year 7 students enjoyed themselves on camp at Cave Hill Creek, Beaufort. Camp is a time when we ask students to put our college values of Growth, Challenge and Community into practice. As such, students had a wonderful time getting to know each other and their teachers whilst doing a range of activities such as archery, low ropes and the giant ladder. They also participated in a variety of team building activities such as raft building and hut building. Overall, it was a positive and enjoyable experience where most students reported that they loved their time on camp and they really enjoyed making new friends they otherwise would not have made. I would like to thank teachers on camp for volunteering their time in order to make camp possible, and to also recognise teachers who remained at school to offer an alternative program for non-attending students.

Trish Testa - Head of Junior School







JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

Junior School students have been loving their house basketball competition held weekly at lunch time. We have had plenty of spectators and participants demonstrating College values Challenge and Community. It's been lovely to see such enthusiasm and respectful behaviour from our Junior students. Nolan has been the winning team and they will challenge the staff team on Friday 25th March. Next week we start our new House challenge with a Handball tournament.

Trish Testa - Head of Junior School





SENIOR SUB-SCHOOL

We would firstly like to acknowledge the hard work and determination of many of our Senior School students so far this year. After two years in and out of lockdown, the students and staff have had their resilience stretched to the limit but have shown the capacity to adapt to the evolving nature of education and the climate of schools.

A highlight of the term involved the Fit 2 Drive presentation that the Year 11 students attended. The students worked with a facilitator to discuss dangerous driving and ways to remain safe when they are on the road. In particular this focussed around being about the way they communicate with their peers if they don't feel safe in the car and challenging the preconceived values and misconceptions that young adults develop about driving.

The Year 12 Biology students had the opportunity to Unit 3 Biology students travelled to Genes Technology Access Centre (GTAC) on the 15th March, where students immersed themselves in the world of biotechnology as they applied gene cloning techniques used in protein production. Students got the chance to work with several mentor scientists who are completing their PhD in biotechnology – they also got the opportunity to ask questions about



potential career pathways!

The Year 11 and 12 VCAL students have been navigating the workplace through the Structured Workplace Learning program. Our Careers Adviser, Lisa Denys has expressed her excitement at the fact that the majority of our students have found a work placement. Many students across the region have struggled to find a placement during COVID and even this year, as businesses are trying to get back on their feet.



The Year 11 and 12 students engaged in a Student v's Teachers game of Dodgeball. The games were extremely close however, the students won the first game and I will say that the teachers won the second round. Special mention goes to Denis Cerimovic who flexed his determination and was responsible for sidelining many of the teachers and to Nathan Saveski who successfully shot a goal at the end of the first game which resulted in all of the students returning to the court. We will need to wait until the next scheduled event to determine who the reigning champions will be.



CAREER AND PATHWAYS

LaTrobe University



Swinburne University



Headstart



Federation University



Whitehouse Institute of Design



William Angliss Institute



Defence Force Australia



Academy of Interactive Entertainment



RMIT University



SWSC CAREERS EXPO 2022

ON THE 1ST OF APRIL, THE ANNUAL CAREERS EXPO TOOK PLACE AT SWSC. UNIVERSITIES, INSTITUTES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH CATER TO VARIOUS INTEREST CAME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE YEAR 10, 11 AND YEAR 12 STUDENTS WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSES AND PATHWAYS THAT THEY WANT TO TAKE AFTER FINISHING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THE STUDENTS FOUND THE EXPO VERY ENLIGHTENING, PROVIDED THEM WITH THE UNDERSTANDING AND EXPECTATIONS ON PATHWAYS THEY WANT TO TAKE IN THE FUTURE.

TRY A TRADE DAY



**TRADES
WOMEN**

AUSTRALIA

TRY A TRADE DAY

To celebrate International Women's Day, Tradeswomen Australia came to Springside West Secondary College to talk about all things trades! Some topics of the day are, What it's like to work in trade, How to get into a trade, and What's being done to support girls in trade.



Daniella Gozun, Career and Pathways

COMMUNITY SECTION

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GIRLS PLAYERS
WANTED

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BRIMBANK STALLIONS FC

The advertisement features a young woman in a black and blue soccer jersey holding a soccer ball. The background is a collage of soccer-related images and the club's logo. The text is prominently displayed in a stylized font.

SHARKS
Hillside Football Club

BELONG TO SOMETHING BIGGER

COME AND JOIN THE HILLSIDE SHARKS FOR SEASON 2021!

The Hillside Sharks Football Club are seeking Junior players, boys and girls of all ages for Auskick, under 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's.

With excellent programs at all ages, this is your chance to get involved and *belong to something bigger!*

Junior training is starting now, come and have a kick and meet the team.

SHARKS
Hillside Football Club

LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?
CONTACT: LINDON WAY
Email: juniors@thesharks.com.au
Phone: 0419 754 053

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK
TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT
TRAINING TIMES AND
LATEST CLUB NEWS

SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

The advertisement features a group of young soccer players in action on a field. The text is bold and eye-catching, with a shark logo at the top. A QR code is provided for more information.



JUNIOR WATER POLO COME & TRY

Calling all kids aged 8 - 16 years

Come along and give it a go - learn the basics, then put your skills into action in a game!

THE DETAILS:

Where: Sunshine Leisure Centre
5 Kennedy Street, Sunshine

When: Monday 21/3, 28/3 & 4/4

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm (arrive 5:45)

Cost: FREE



More info: info@footscraywaterpolo.com

