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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

We have been working very hard this year to ensure that our processes are in place to communicate at a high level with students and parents in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for our young people.

Learning and education are the keys to a brighter future. I am not just talking about an education that leads to university. At our school we value the widest possible range of outcomes for students. That means we want to ensure that all students achieve their best and make positive steps towards achieving what it is that they need to be ready for the work force, gain an apprenticeship, a place at TAFE or university.

The recipe is simple...

- ✓ **Come to school**
- ✓ **Attend all classes**
- ✓ **Set goals**
- ✓ **Work hard**
- ✓ **Do your best**
- ✓ **Achieve**
- ✓ **Be Happy!**

A number of students will have received "At Risk" letters. If clarification is required around the work that needs to be completed or handed in students MUST talk with their teachers. If parents are unsure what the letters mean they are welcome to seek more information from class room teachers or Sub School Leaders.

Year 11 and 12 students are half way through their year. They must take advantage of every opportunity to succeed.

Over the next few weeks students will have a significant number of assessments as we move closer to the exam period and end of semester.

Thank you to students who are in uniform and conducting themselves in a manner that reflects our College values – Relationships built on Respect and Responsibility.

The Sports Academy always has so many new achievements in each newsletter. Please make sure that you read about the success of the girls AFL. They have been doing fantastically well in a number of areas. Congratulations to Brett Alexander and the Girls.

Anne Martin
Principal

VET Building & Construction

Students from the Building and Construction program recently enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the class room and apply their skills in creating a Sub-floor structure as part of their semester 1 work.



Science - Heart Dissection

Science students recently had the opportunity to study the structure of a vital organ when they performed a dissection of a Sheep's heart. Messy work but very valuable to their education.



Whooping Cough and the Importance of the BOOSTRIX Vaccine

What is Pertussis?

Pertussis is a highly contagious disease which affects the air passages and breathing. The disease causes severe coughing spasms. Between these spasms, the child gasps for breath. Coughing spasms are often followed by vomiting and the cough can last for months. Pertussis is most serious in babies under 12 months of age and often requires admission to hospital. Infection of these babies is often via contact with adolescents and adults carrying the disease.

Pertussis can lead to complications such as haemorrhage, convulsions, pneumonia, coma, inflammation of the brain, permanent brain damage and long term lung damage. Around one in every 200 children under six months of age who catches pertussis will die.

Pertussis can be caught through coughs and sneezes from an infected person.

Protection against pertussis both from the disease and the vaccine decreases over time. Therefore a booster dose of pertussis vaccine is recommended for adolescents in Year 10 (as well as other groups in the community) to reduce the incidence of pertussis circulating in the community.

Current Epidemic

Over the last 3 years there has been an increase in the number of cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) across Victoria and most other states in Australia, leading to Health Authorities declaring a Whooping Cough Epidemic.

In the City of Casey there has been a tripling of Whooping Cough cases from 2008 (56 cases) to 2009 (150 cases). From 1 January 2010 to April 2010 there has been 50 cases of whooping cough in the City of Casey.

Vaccination

Whooping Cough is a vaccine preventable disease. Students in Year 10 receive a Free Booster vaccination against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis.

The Department of Health have collected the data from the last 3 years Year 10 immunisations for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis. Consistently in the City of Casey there has been a decrease in the number of students receiving this vaccine. Currently only about half of all students in the City of Casey are receiving this vaccination.

Please note, Students considering future study or employment in nursing or military service must have received this vaccination and be able to demonstrate to gain entry to these professions.

Please ensure that if your child is in year 10 this year that you have received and returned the consent card for this vaccination. The consent card MUST be returned if the child is or is not to receive the vaccination.

Parents wanting more information regarding the disease Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis or the Boostrix vaccination can contact Council on telephone 9705 5200 or the Department of Health website below.

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/fact-sheets/factsheets/adult_dtp



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Uniforms

**The uniform shop is now open
Monday & Thursday from 12.30
– 2.00pm at the college.**

Many students have taken advantage of the opportunity to have quick and easy access to purchase uniform items.

It is wonderful to see our students in full uniform, looking smart, comfortable and with loads of uniform options to keep warm this winter.

This includes the option for students to purchase from any retail shop plain red, plain white or plain blue beanies, scarves, gloves or tights.

Our uniform shop has a big range of hooded tops, weather proof jackets, rugby tops and jumpers so everyone can be in uniform and warm this winter.

If you are not organised yet with cold weather uniform, please hurry as we are already experiencing some colder, wet weather!!

New Year 12 windcheaters

**All Year 12 students who
ordered the special tops for
2010 have now collected them.**



This was a once only order! The students were very excited and had been anxiously awaiting their arrival.

They look fantastic and students are wearing them with great pride.

Thank you to Ms Bowling and a huge thank you to Anne Marie Tulloch for all the time and effort they put in to the organisation of these tops.

Melbourne Heart Visit

Our Soccer Academy Students recently had the pleasure of hosting Melbourne's newest A-League entry the Melbourne Heart.

Jason Hoffman (Melbourne Heart squad member) and Michelle le Poivedin (A former State player) joined our students at Berwick City Soccer Club.



Jason joined in and gave valuable advice to our soccer players while our squad members were training. He also modified some training drills which our players appreciated. Both Michelle and Jason spoke with our squad members (boy's and girl's) and took questions from them which they answered with enthusiasm.

Our students were provided with some insight to the dedication required by a professional soccer player (Melbourne Heart train 5 days a week). Our players were so happy that they could chat freely with Jason and Michelle and I could tell that our players were keen to receive any advice on offer.

Jason and Michelle were then presented with our soccer shirt which was signed by our whole soccer academy.

We would like to thank Jason, Michelle and the Melbourne Heart for their visit and encourage the College community to get behind the Melbourne Heart as they prepare for their first season in the A-League competition.

Peter Matassa - Soccer Academy Manager

Girls Aussie Rules News

Girls AFL Auskick - First Ever

Hallam Senior College students became the first ever group in Victoria to organise & conduct a girls only Auskick clinic run by girls for girls.

They went to Maramba PS to deliver it to the grade 4 girls. All of our students did an exceptional job for their first time and will continue to go there every Thursday this term.

AFL Victoria have published an article on their website that has more information: http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-3071-0-0&sID=56270&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=11869437§ionID=56270



Casey District Finals

The Academy team played in the Casey District Finals. In their qualifying games they beat Pakenham 75 to nought & Cranbourne 66 to nought. Finishing on top of our Pool we played Lyndhurst in the grand final and defeated them 95 to nought. A great team performance that sees the girls progress to the qualifying round of the Southern Zone Finals.

Congratulations

Three Hallam Senior College students have been selected to participate in the U16 national AFL championships at Perth in July later this year. They are Riplee McLachlan, Ellie Blackburn & Chloe McMillan.

Brett Alexander

Boys Cricket

Our Senior Boys Cricket team is now the Southern Zone Champions after a comfortable win against Leongatha Secondary College at their school oval last Friday. This means the boys will be in the state finals in October representing the southern Zone alongside our Senior girls team. Something I think most schools would only dream of having.

Despite the fact that the cricket season finished before the school holidays, all the boys turned up on the day ready to perform. We batted first scoring a modest total of 6 – 172 from our designated 35 overs. Once again Josh Amsterdam with 76 runs and Arryn Sippos with 60 lead the way. Expecting

a long afternoon in the field the boys attacked from the onset and this resulted in some quick wickets thanks to an inspirational spell of fast bowling from Luke Cody who finished with the figures of 7 wickets for only 8 runs. Luke Hill also contributed with 3 wickets for 8 runs and in no time at all Leongatha were dismissed for a total of 31 runs.

All the boys should be congratulated for their efforts. We have beaten the following teams along the way:

- Pakenham SC – Hallam 7/226 (J Amsterdam 102 n.o, A Sippos 40) defeated Pakenham 99 (M Anderson 5-27)
- Lyndhurst SC – Lyndhurst 7/147 lost to Hallam 5/148 (A Sippos 50, L Cody 37)

- McKinnon SC – Hallam 111 defeated McKinnon 105. GREAT TEAM EFFORT
- Hampton Park SC – Hallam 5/193 (J Amsterdam 69, A Sippos 68)defeated HP 113 (S Scanlon 3/5, J Amsterdam 3/7)
- Leongatha SC – Hallam 6/172 (J Amsterdam 76, A Sippos 60) defeated Leongatha 31 (L Cody 7/8, L Hill 3/8)

The players that have played along the way are: Prince Singh (C), Arryn Sippos (VC), Josh Amsterdam, Travis Davis, Luke Cody, Stewart Scanlon, Lachlan McIver, Lionel Benoit, Luke Hill, Mitch Anderson, Mitch Woolgar, Lachlan Moss, Yoa Yoa, Luke Bull, Matt Bernado.

We will keep you all updated after the State Finals in October.

Careers News

Undergraduate Medicine And Health Sciences Admission Test (Umat)

Applications have opened for this test. If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for Medicine, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy/ Commerce or Pharmacy at Monash University or for Oral Health (Therapy or Hygiene) at Melbourne University you must sit the UMAT as part of the application process. Several interstate universities require the UMAT as well.

Registration deadline: 5pm AEST Friday 4 June 2010;

Test date: Wednesday 28 July 2010.

See: <http://umat.acer.edu.au> for details.

Two Careers In Sports Medicine And Science Seminars

Hear practitioner presentations about their profession, education pathways and get university information.

When: 9.30am-1.30pm, Sun 23 May;

Where: Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park;

Cost: \$35 (student), \$25 (one parent);

Registration vic.sma.org.au;

Info: Tamara, ph 9674 8707, tamara@vic.sma.org.au.

OR:

A careers evening will be held with short talks by practitioners, handouts and question time.

When: 6.30-7 (reg'n), 7.30-9pm (talks), Fri 28 May;

Where: Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre, Melbourne Rectangular Stadium, Olympic Blvd;

Cost: \$25 per student;

Enquiries: Alane Hillbrich, 9420 4312, opsmc@opsmc.com.au.

Want To Find Out About Melbourne University?

'Meet Melbourne' is a great opportunity for students/parents to take a closer look at study options at Melbourne. Find out about courses and careers, how to enrich your degree, scholarships, information for indigenous students, entry requirements and so on. From 6.30pm to 8pm. Tues 18 May at Chifley Doveton Hotel.

Check Out Monash University

Monash is again conducting their 'At Monash' Series of presentations for Year 11 and 12 students and parents in various faculty areas. These provide an opportunity to hear from staff, current and past students at one place. Coming up soon (all at 6.30pm):

Tues 11 May: Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Cossar Hall, Parkville

Wed 12 May: Architecture at Caulfield

Mon 17 May: Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy at Peninsula

Wed 19 May: Business and Economics at Caulfield

Thurs 20 May: Engineering at Clayton

Tues 25 May: Science at Clayton

In June, IT, Law, Health Sciences & Social Work, Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedics, Medicine, Biomedical Science, Radiography and Nutrition and Dietetics, Psychology and Behavioural Neuroscience and Design, Fine Art and Multimedia will also be featured (details later).

Bookings: www.monash.edu.au/atmonash

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 students are expected to do Work Experience from Monday 19 to Friday 23 July.

They should be looking for a position now.

Transport Manufacturing Careers Open Day

10am - 3pm on Wed. 12th May, 2010

The South East LLEN, in partnership with Bombardier Transport, is excited to announce the inaugural Transport Manufacturing Careers Open Day.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in manufacturing, engineering, spray painters and other associated trades.

Bombardier Transport is a keen supporter of continual growth of the manufacturing industry in South East Victoria - and as such are pleased to be hosting this event in their main manufacturing area, onsite at their Dandenong location. This event will involve not only Bombardier, but other vehicle manufacturers in Dandenong including: Jayco, Volgren and other manufacturers in our supply chain.

Bombardier Transport understand the need for transporting people safely so they will be providing free buses to and from the event. But be quick because places are limited.

Bombardier Transport are pleased and excited to invite your students to visit their premises and learn more about career opportunities in our industry.

These include:

Coachbuilders, Mechanical fitters, Boilermakers, Welders, Spray painters, Panel beaters, Trades assistants, Stores people, Production engineers, Mechanical engineers, Electrical engineers, Drafting, Finance, Sales and Marketing

And more...

The day will run as follows:

- Groups will arrive in 45 minute intervals and will make their own way through a trade exhibition area of supplier displays and careers booths
- Groups will then go on a tour of the factory stopping throughout to learn how each integral part comes together and the career paths of each component
- Following from the Bombardier production line, students will have the opportunity to gather information from Jayco recreational vehicles and Volgren bus and coach manufacturing.

If you would like any further information or have any queries please don't hesitate to contact our Careers Advisor, Ms Jane Bloodworth.

Casey 360 Youth Bus

The Casey 360 Youth Bus will be coming to Hallam Senior College on Thursday 27th May, 2010 and Thursday 17th June, 2010.

The bus is a converted passenger bus which provides information on a variety of issues relevant to young people. The workers on the bus are available to provide assistance to young people, families and the community."



Parent Invitation

On Thursday 17th June, 2010 Hallam Senior College would like to invite all parents interested to come to the school during lunch break between 12:55pm and 1:55pm to go through the bus to find out about the services it offers. If you have any questions in relation to this invitation please call Julia Nicholson, Student Welfare on 9703 1266.

Emergency Management

Hallam Senior College staff, students and visitors to the school recently practised some Emergency Management procedures to ensure that we are all well equipped in the event of a real emergency.

This included a 'lock down' and an evacuation out on to the oval adjoining the primary school.

The practice went well and has helped everyone appreciate how important it is to respond in a sensible and responsible manner.

Thank you to everyone for their cooperation.

Important Dates

19 May	Practice GAT 9am - 12pm	25 June	Last day of Term 2 Reports distributed at Sub School assemblies
24 May	Yr 10 injections	12 Jul	First day of Term 3
4 Jun	Unit 1 exams begin	19 Jul	Yr10 work experience week begins
7 Jun	Unit 3 exams begin Yr10 exams begin	22 Jul	Parent/Teacher interviews 4-8pm
7-11 Jun	VET Structured Workplace Learning for VCAL students	17 Sep	Last day of Term 3
10 June	GAT 10am - 1:15pm	4 Oct	First day of Term 4
11 June	Report writing day (Pupil free day)	17 Dec	Last day of Term 4
14 June	Queen's birthday holiday		
15 June	Semester 2 begins		
24 June	Semester 1 Awards Night		

Please see www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au or call 9703 1266 for more information

At Risk Letters

If you received an "at risk" letter for your student please don't hesitate to ring the school and discuss the issues.

Encourage your child to attend classes and catch up on missed work.

Most of all TALK to teachers if your child is having problems.

We have only five weeks left before the end of semester which means all work must be completed.



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