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Dear Parents Guardians and Students,

Transition

It is very important for students to attend during transition as work contributing to assessment will be underway.

Students are required to attend their classes and be ready and equipped to learn. All students will receive Transition Packs that contain important information about dates and times over the next few weeks, school uniform and policies for 2011, bell times for transition and the 2011 booklist.

Sub Schools

In 2010 we moved towards a student wellbeing and management system where students and teachers are linked through the common interest or passion in their programs to ensure we are connected. This model includes Leading teachers, teachers with Learning and Engagement roles, subject teachers and support staff all developing a culture within their program to keep the students connected with school and all on a path to positive outcomes. Parents have a clear line of contact with this model.

Feedback on this model over the 2010 year has been very positive. Students and parents have connected with their Sub Schools. A clear line of communication should now exist that parents can rely on. Any issues with students or general enquiries about students are best directed to the Sub Schools where support staff can help you make the contact with the Leading Teacher or subject teacher as required.

Leading Teacher – Arts and Humanities Sub School – Deb Cox
Leading Teacher – Sport and Health Sciences Sub School – Travis McIntosh
Leading Teacher – Science Commerce and IT Sub School – Ron Jooss
Leading Teacher – Traditional Trades and Technology Sub School – Mark Gelderbloem

Strategic Planning: Parent Forum

Monday 29th November at 6.00 in the College Staff room.

Over this year the College has undergone an intensive review of its practices. This was very good timing for our school being only in its second year of operation. Through the newsletter I have been keeping our community up to date with the progress of the review.

The review identified a number of areas that we need to address as a school in order to continue to improve outcomes for our young people. As a staff we have been discussing some of these areas as we begin to form our first Strategic Plan. These plans set out Key Improvement Strategies and actions that will help us to drive improvement across Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transitions. The Leadership Team have formed a draft of the plan. I would now like to invite parents to play a role in looking at the results of the review and how they translate into a Strategic Plan that is also an action plan.

With this in mind I have set **Monday evening 29th November at 6.00pm** in the staff room as a time for parents to have their input into this process. This meeting should not extend much beyond 7.30.

Anne Martin, Principal

Speech Pathology

Students are able to receive Speech Pathology at Hallam Senior College. This notice explains how you can organise this referral.

Speech Pathology helps students with:

- Understanding and completing schoolwork if there are difficulties with learning, such as comprehension, reading and writing (eg understanding new concepts, reading long pieces of information)
- Developing social skills and working to support behavior associated with communication difficulties. (eg conversation skills, asking for support in class, making friendships)
- Diagnosed language disorders or communication difficulties associated with Autism, Aspergers, brain injury
- Speech and voice disorders
- Students already eligible for funding to receive Speech Pathology or to assess to identify the need for funding

How can I organise a referral to Speech Pathology?

To organise a referral to Speech Pathology, you need to visit your local Doctor who can refer through the Medicare system.

You should take a copy of your Speech and Psychological Assessment reports to the GP, along with any documentation from other specials (e.g audiologists) and funding status if you have it.

Your local Doctor can write a referral to Speech Pathologist, Louise Thorn (BSc Speech Pathology). Louise provides a Speech Pathology service to the school. Your Doctor may also want to refer for a hearing assessment or to see a Psychologist.

All queries about referrals are welcomed.

Bernadette Bowling, Assistant Principal

Louise Thorn, Speech Pathologist Mob: 0431810285

Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Scholarship Program

Students in Year 12 who were directly impacted by the 2009 Victorian Bushfires are invited to apply for a Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Scholarship.

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Scholarship supports young people undertaking a course of tertiary or vocational education in 2011 by assisting with educational costs.

Scholarships are available to students completing Year 12 in 2010.

Online applications open on 22 November 2010.

For more information visit: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships.

Applications close on 31 January 2011.

Dafydd Lewis Trust

Scholarships For Government School Students

Scholarship for Year 12 boys to undertake university study.

Up to \$14 000 payable per year to successful applicants. Family income must not exceed \$64, 641. See Ms Bowling or more info available at www.lewisscholarships.org.au

School Welfare Service

Hallam Senior College offers a student support/welfare service by way of two Social Workers to help support students and their families who experience personal issues during the senior school years.

This service is available daily between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm. This service is located at the school in the "Welfare Centre" which is located off the Upper Courtyard (between the Library and Kitchen).

The welfare service can be contacted on 9703 1266/0435 685 522 or by email on: hallam.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thanks Julia & Tahlia, Student Wellbeing Team.

School Holiday Break

Over the school holiday break if you are experiencing any difficulties and require support or assistance, please feel free to contact Julia or Tahlia, Student Welfare, on 0435 685 522. Either one of us will be contactable on this number between the hours of 9:00am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

Pre-loved Uniforms

As the end of the school year approaches many of you will have out grown or will no longer need your school uniform. If you have a school uniform that is in good condition that you would like to see go to a new home the Welfare Department at Hallam Senior College would appreciate donations to provide to students in need. We particularly require pants/shorts for boys and jumpers/hoodies. Thankyou, Julia & Tahlia, Student Wellbeing.

Second Hand Books

The school welfare department is seeking assistance from the local community to help support students in need. If you have any second hand books that are listed on the current school book list, donations will be gratefully accepted by the school welfare department with many thanks. Julia & Tahlia, Student Wellbeing

Need Assistance for Education Expenses

You could be eligible for a No Interest Loan from the Casey North Community Information and Support Service.

Do you live in the City of Casey?

Do you have a Centrelink Health Care Card?

Do you receive payments from Centrelink?

You may be eligible for a flexible, affordable, interest free loan to purchase school books or school uniforms or pay school fees. Eligibility criteria applies.

Please contact Casey North Community Information and Support Service for more information on 9705 6699.

Year 10 Girls

Girl Guides Victoria run the Casey Mentor Breakfast every March – if you would like the opportunity to attend this please see Mrs Bowling – it's a great opportunity to develop your leadership skills and meet some positive role models!

Parents – please encourage your daughter's to apply.

Milo in2cricket

Hallam Kalora Park Cricket Club is running Milo in2cricket on Saturday mornings at Hallam Recreation Reserve.

This is for primary school boys and girls looking to learn the game of cricket in a fun environment.

Contact Gary Davidson on 0411591485 for further details.

Careers News

Year 12 Students: Change of Preference

29 November students will be able to change their preferences if they wish.

20 December Change of Preference closes.

13 December students will receive their VCE results and ATAR. This means they only have a week to change their preferences after they receive their results. During this week students are able to visit the Careers Office at school for assistance (do not leave this til Friday). All the universities & TAFEs have Info Hot Lines so students can ring for advice. There are also information sessions that students can attend. The websites of all the institutions are excellent.

Please feel free to ring Jane Bloodworth or Bronwyn Carlos 97031266 or visit the Careers Centre.

Year 10 Students Visit Deakin University 29 October

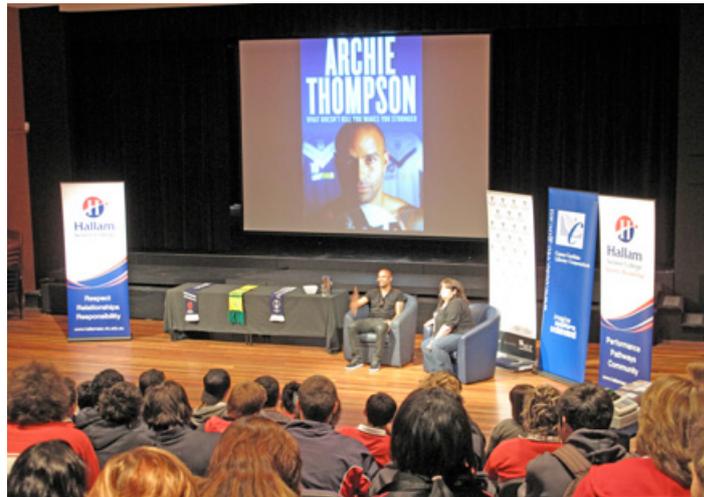
Year 10 students spent a day at Deakin University. They heard about life at university and had a guided tour, including information about courses in the sport and exercise science field.

Four Deakin University students who are former Hallam students spoke about their experiences and gave some advice. It was wonderful to see these students doing so well and giving their time to speak to our Year 10 students. An inspiring speaker about recognising your learning style and maximising your VCE potential completed the day.



Archie Thompson Book Signing

On Tuesday 16th November, students and staff were able to get Up Close & Personal with Soccerroos and Melbourne Victory star, Archie Thompson as he spoke about his new book
'Archie Thompson, What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger'



The students were enthralled by his visit and got a lot out of what he spoke about. Not only did he talk about his soccer playing exploits but he also spoke about his private life and the obstacles and setbacks that he has had to deal with.

Students were then able to ask questions, which Archie answered without hesitation.

Archie then took time to sign memorabilia and autograph copies of his new book while students were able to have their photo taken with him.

I would also like to say how well behaved our students were, listening to every word for over an hour.

Sandra Goding
Event Organiser

Child Employment Update

WORKFORCE VICTORIA

Children under 15 years who work in Victoria are protected by child employment laws. In many situations a Child Employment Permit is required. Child employment laws have recently been streamlined to ensure that children are well protected and the system works smoothly for employers. The reforms come into effect on 31 December 2010. For more information, please call a Child Employment Officer on 1800 287 287 or visit www.workforce.vic.gov.au

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Hallam are State Champions



The Hallam Senior College Girls Cricket team are State Premiers.

In the state final we played Pascoe Vale and bowled first, dismissing them for 67. We past their total after 19 overs for the loss of only 2 wickets.

A great days cricket by all the girls which sees them finish with 2 state titles for the year. A very rare achievement.



Hallam Senior College is now ranked the Number 1 Intermediate Boys Basketball Team in Victoria.

Competing against Box Hill Secondary College Hallam was too strong all day, out rebounding and out shooting their opponent at every quarter to steal the game and crown themselves Intermediate Boys Champions.

Breaking News



Congratulations Arryn

Sports Sub School Captain Arryn Siposs has been chosen at pick 75 by St. Kilda in the 2010 AFL National draft.

Arryn joins fellow Hallam Senior College AFL program graduates Ryan Bastinac, Tom Gillies and Shane Savage at AFL clubs.

Read more at: www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au

Important Dates

22 Nov Transition Week 2
Unit 3 VCE & VCAL
Year 10 Exam Week

26 Nov Year 10 Last day

29 Nov Transition Week 1
Unit 1 VCE & VCAL

**Strategic Planning:
Parent Forum**

6 Dec Yr 9-10 Transition begins

8 Dec Secondhand Book Sale

13 Dec VCAA results available

15 Dec Semester 2 Academic
Awards Evening

**Reports/Certificates
available for collection**

17 Dec Last day of Term 4

Please Note:

**The Parent Payment Day advertised
for 23rd November has been
postponed until further notice.**

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Dates correct at time of printing and are subject to change without notice

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