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Dear Parents Guardians and Students,

Our College values relationships built on respect and responsibility where the relationships between people, learning and the environment frame our actions. With this in mind, I really enjoy visiting classes and talking with students every day.

In 2010 we moved the organisation of students into Sub Schools. This move strengthened our student management and wellbeing processes linking them directly to the programs and curriculum undertaken by students.

The Sub Schools - Arts/Humanities, Science/IT/Commerce, Sports Academy/Health/Community Services and Technology/Traditional Trades have been very well received by students, teachers and families.

Our communication with families has improved and I hope that families feel better supported and connected to the school. In 2011 we will continue to improve these processes and build a stronger sense of community where students are at the centre of our actions.

We began 2010 with 750 students and an increasing number of year 10 students.

Over 2010 the College entered into a Year of Self Evaluation and Review. This is a year that is technically the final year of a school's Strategic Planning cycle. For Hallam it really signalled the final closure of the Eumemmerring College influence. This process was very intensive and dug right down into the very make up of the College – in many ways continuing the work we began last year i.e. bringing our thinking, actions, and practices and policies back into a more student centred focus. The process results in the development of a Strategic Plan that will guide our actions over the next four years. Thank you to the many staff, students and parents who helped over the year with this process.

As a school we have been very concerned about student attendance and the connection this has with achievement. Alongside the Self Evaluation and Review processes we engaged Rex Valena and Justin Glenn to do some independent research for us through student focus groups. Rex and Justin are working with students to find out more about their attitudes and feelings about school to enable us to have a very clear picture of ways to improve. They presented their findings at a staff meeting early in term 4. Students provided some very sound and clear directions about their expectations for school.

There have been many student successes through the year across all dimensions of the College – student awards in many areas, sporting success at all levels, student leadership, arts and performing arts, camps and trips away, to name a few. Special events are also a highlight of the year. In particular I was very impressed with the AFL Girls team, as they evolved; Year 12 Carnival Day (a Hallam tradition, where organised slime time, is a real treat to watch). The school production of Alice was wonderful; hosting the sporting exchange with Wodonga Senior Secondary College, the AFL dinner; "Hallam has Talent" organised by the Technology and Traditional trades Sub School - all outstanding; two extremely successful Presentation Balls and the Valedictory dinner, again a treat.

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Principal's Report Continued

Several students were awarded 2009 Australian Vocational Student awards. The prizes recognise the outstanding achievements of students who completed their secondary studies in 2009 while undertaking a vocational education and training subject whilst at school. Congratulations to Angeline Noronha, Marie Bertucci and Ryan Bastinac.

A group of students volunteered their time to take part in the development of a music video called Live No Fear. Comments from the organisers typify what I often hear about our students.... "Firstly, I want to take this opportunity to let you know.....the kids are amazing. They were so well behaved, were very creative, thoughtful and intelligent. I enjoyed immensely working with them all."

The College farewelled two long serving staff. Sue Hiller retired following more than 20 years of excellent service to the College and Margaret May after 18 years with Eumemmerring College, Hallam is leaving to take up a promotion position at Kooweerup SC. Both staff have played significant roles in the history of the school, have been outstanding teachers and leaders within the community. Thank you to both of them.

More planning went into the Trade Training Centre development over the 2010 year. Finally the builder has been appointed and the community will begin to see construction underway. A number of other building projects are underway as we work to improve the school for students.

In conclusion, can I thank students, staff and parents for their support of the College and encourage everyone to continue to evolve this journey we are on, to continuously improve outcomes for all our students and make this environment a vital place for learning, where we really do enact our new College motto "Linking Learning and Life"

I wish everyone a safe and festive time over the holiday period.

Anne Martin, Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

2010 is drawing to a close - it certainly has been a very busy year. Thank you to all students and staff for a really positive and rewarding year.

It has also been a great pleasure to meet a large number of students and parents who are joining our school community in 2011. We are just as excited as you all are about the new year and beyond.

There are a large number of building works being conducted over the holiday break, including the delivery and refurbishment of two large relocatable classrooms to support our arts area and some new meeting room spaces, the painters will be in, our massive archives area is being re-sorted plus a really good tidy up of the grounds and gardens. This will all help to facilitate a really great start to 2011.

Enjoy the festive season and have a happy and peaceful break.

Mrs Mandy Bastin, Assistant Principal

Year 12 Jumpers

Year 12 students are reminded that they must order their year 12 hooded top through the uniform shop by 10/2/11 - a \$30 deposit must be paid with your order. See uniform shop dates listed on the final page of this newsletter.

National Young Leaders Day

Four very lucky students were picked to represent Hallam Senior College at the National Young Leaders Day at the Conference Centre in the city on Friday 19th November, 2010.



Left to right: Faiz Mohommadi; Brooke Coley; Caitlyn Clarke; and Binasa Beslagic

The students were treated to a day of inspirational guest speakers including Lydia Lasila (Olympic Winter Gold Medalist), Jules Lund and Vanessa Amorosi speaking about what it takes to become a leader. The conference centre was filled with students from schools all over the country who had the opportunity to ask questions and meet these exceptional role models.

The school is very committed and excited to offer this opportunity to students next year.

Library Books

There are still a great many books not returned to the Library as yet. The Library will be open until December 17 and will re-open on January 27 so books can be dropped off between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

Unfortunately, because of the cost of replacing books, if books are not returned by the commencement of school next year, invoices will be sent out to enable replacements to be purchased. Students who have over-dues or who have not paid for lost books will not be permitted to use any Library facilities until items are returned or paid for.

Should a book turn up after it has been paid for, the payment will be returned. Thank you for your help with this.

Maggie McCann, Head of Library

VET Music

It has been a great year for the students of Mr Reed's Music Industry VET class. Our final concert showcased some great talent, particularly the winner of the Music Industry Award - Mr Nick McDonald - a great guitarist!! We look forward to performing and making brilliant recordings for you all to hear throughout 2011.

If anyone has any used guitars that they no longer need at home could they please bring them up to the office for Mr Reed to collect. Thanks and Merry Christmas.

Mike Reed, VET Music

Thinking Ahead

Tips for success in 2011 from the Sub School Leaders.



It has been a pleasure working with all our students this year and to help them towards achieving their goals. There are number of very simple behaviours that will help all students reach their potential. Sometimes students might need parental support to achieve these. For example;

- Students should always come to class prepared for learning – bring equipment and textbooks, have the right amount of rest and breakfast etc. Parents please organize books and equipment before the beginning of the school year and have routines at home that encourage your students to go to bed at an appropriate time during week nights and eat properly. I am sure that you would agree that it is not appropriate for senior students to turn up to class without books, pens and paper or to fall asleep because they have no energy!
- Students should attend all timetabled classes. Parents please insist that your student attends all classes and contact your sub school engagement officer if they are ill or you need any assistance in 2011.
- Students should be on time – lateness means that students miss out on instruction and lateness contributes to poor attendance. Parents please help your student with their early morning routines.
- Uniform is important. It is school policy that students be in the correct uniform. The school can decide to send a student home if they are not wearing correct uniform which means learning time will be lost. Parents please ensure that your student has obtained the correct uniform. Please communicate with the school if you require assistance with this matter.
- Holiday homework – if your student has been set holiday homework then this needs to be completed. The holiday homework will prepare them for class room tasks but most of all it will help students start school on 4/2/11 with a positive work ethic.

So if you are stuck for New Year's resolutions you could try a few of the suggestions above! We thank all families for their support during the year and wish you a very happy holiday.

Bernadette Bowling, Mark Gelderbloem, Travis McIntosh, Deb Cox and Ron Jooss (Sub School Team)

Are you an ESL student?

Would you like to improve your English and essay skills before school starts. Hallam Community Learning Centre is running a 3 day mini summer school to help you improve your English and Maths skills. **FREE and we provide Halal food.** Limited places – preference to Homework and Hallam Senior students.

LOCATION: Hallam Community Learning Centre. 56 Kays Avenue.

The summer school will be held on the week of January 17th. The days and times will be confirmed closer to the time.

Contact Andrea on 0403-100079 or homework@hallamcc.com.au for a registration form and further information.

School Welfare Service

School Holiday Break

Julia and Tahlia (Student Wellbeing Services) wish students and their families a happy and safe school holiday break.

Tahlia will have the Student Wellbeing mobile phone with her during the school break this year if you have any urgent welfare matters to discuss. She will have the phone available on weekdays between 9:00am and 4:00pm (excluding public holidays). The number is 0435 685 522.

Regards Julia and Tahlia, Student Wellbeing

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.

Girls' Cricket

On Tuesday the 30th November our girls cricket team defeated Norwood SC (current champions) in the Lord's Taverners Shield run by Cricket Victoria.

The competition is run by Cricket Victoria on behalf of the Lords Taverners annually and is competed between the Premiers of each School Sports Association. Therefore winning the final means we can lay claim to being the best Senior School side in Victoria.

We batted first and compiled 4 for 137 off our 25 overs. Chloe McMillan top scored with 50no, Kiah Laughlin Glen 32no & Ellie Blackburn 23 were our other main scorers. We quickly had the opposition in trouble with the ball, having them 6 for 21 after 13 overs and dismissed them for 51 off 23 overs.

With the ball Chloe McMillan got 2 for 2 off 3 overs, Maddison Blackburn 2 for 10 off 2 overs & Makerita Letoga 2 for 3 off 2 overs.

A comprehensive win to finish the year undefeated and deserved champions.

College Dux

Congratulations to our College Dux for 2010: Dale Patman.

To the students who worked hard and are happy with their score, you should be proud of your achievements.

For those who may be disappointed, remember - the ATAR is the initial entry point for further education: nothing more and nothing less. It is not the sum of who you are and who you will become.

Life provides many entry points into satisfying work, study and relationships.

So be ready to recognise the next one and go forward into a bright future.

Multicultural Day Celebrations 2011

Advance notice and invitation to participate in this fantastic event

The school will be holding a Multicultural Fiesta on 16/3/11.

We invite participation from all members of the community including parents.

If you would like to assist with food, music/ dance, displays or can offer any other services on the day please contact:

Mr McIntosh (music & dance)
Deb Cox (art & displays)
Mr Gelderbloem / Mr Jooss (food & feasting!)



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on the following dates in early 2011.

Thursday 20th January 2011
2.00pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 27th January 2011
10.00am – 4.00pm

Wednesday 2nd February 2011
12.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 3rd February 2011
10.00am – 4.00pm

Please communicate with the school if you require assistance with this matter.

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

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

Important Dates

- 4 Feb Term 1 Begins**
- 14 Mar Labour Day Holiday**
- 16 Mar Multicultural Day**
- 8 Apr Term 1 Ends**
- 22 Apr Good Friday**
- 25 Apr Easter Monday/ANZAC Day**
- 26 Apr ANZAC Day Holiday**
- 27 Apr Term 2 Begins**

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