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Welcome to the TC Community to our first newsletter of 2017.

I am writing this the day before travelling to Anglesea for our Entry Camp where our 230 Entry Students will experience their first camp as members of the TC community. This camp will give Students the opportunity to bond with other members of their house, as well as a chance to work with our Student leaders. There are many camps planned for the year that are open to all members of our community, and everyone is encouraged to take part in these outdoor experiential learning opportunities.

This year you will all be aware that we have seen another growth as a community. Our learning community now comprises of just over 1000 students and over 100 members of staff. The new members of our Learning Community appear to have settled in well to life at TC. Over the holiday break there have been building works taking place to accommodate the extra spaces needed. Our Canteen has now been renovated into the Eco Café, providing additional comfortable space, that will be open for students to work and eat in throughout the day. The next stage of this project involves furnishing it.

We have also carried out building works to S Block as it changes into the HC, which is short for the Heutagogy Centre. This space has provided an open learning space that can accommodate up to 100 students. To someone looking into the newly renovated S block they may feel that it looks like an unfinished building project. This is true at the moment for a good reason. A lot of buildings in schools are designed by architects in offices, often missing out on a vital step of consulting with students, the actual users of the buildings. We have set out for the internal designs to include a high level of student input. We want to throw out the “rule book” about what learning spaces should look like and allow students to design spaces that they feel comfortable to learn in. This method of co-construction may take slightly longer than other methods, but will allow us to have a learning space where students feel comfortable to love their learning.

Over the past few days TC have been in the media for very different reasons. Our Emergency Lockdown was reported on in the Herald Sun. Thankfully this was a false alarm but regardless gave us an opportunity to review our processes in a real life situation. Our process for an Emergency Lockdown is well documented in line with Department guidelines, but there is always room for improvement in this process as we learn from each time we carry out this procedure. We are currently in a process of debriefing to review our procedure and will be refining this and carrying out a full school run through shortly.

The second reason for TC being in the media was an article on the front page of The Age on Sunday, reporting on our Opt in Scored VCE policy. We have now reached a point where all students should have submitted their signed obligations of Opt in or Opt out of scored VCE. In a staff feedback session it was reflected that this had proven to be a positive change in the way that we approach VCE. Our change of approach towards VCE is one that is intended to increase the amount of real learning within a VCE subject, where students continue to enjoy their learning, and move away from the rote learning that has become the norm across the state.



“To be a supportive community, empowering students to manage their individualised learning and turn ideas into reality”

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Our Opt in/Opt out process, that gives those students opting in an extra lesson over a three week cycle that will focus on “playing the game” of getting high scores in the assessments, is designed to benefit all of those students within a subject, and not just focus on those who are either going scored or non scored. Non scored VCE is not a new concept, but in some circles has been frowned upon. What it does offer is students a way of focusing on the love of learning a topic, rather than treating learning as a way of getting a score that regurgitates information. Those students who are studying a scored VCE will still learn the tips and tricks to getting a high score in tests, but at the same time all students will study the subject at far deeper level than they would have previously, which will lead to a level of retention that goes beyond leaving the exam room in November, and a level of skills development that goes beyond answering an exam question.





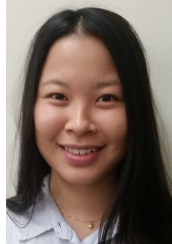


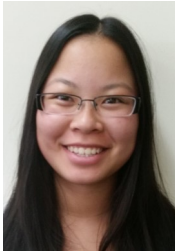




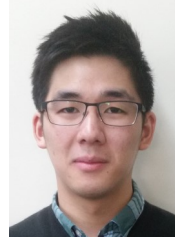



We look forward to a very busy and productive year. There are several ways for you to follow what is happening at TC. Not only is there this newsletter, the weekly email is also a key form of communication. There are also many ways for you to communicate with us as well. The increased amount of Heads of House offer you more points of contact. If you have any questions or any feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.


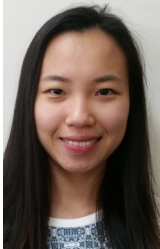

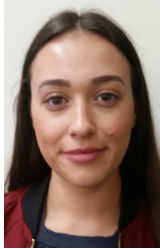








Peter Ellis
Principal – Strategic Implementation







New Staff @ TC

Name	Role	Name	Role
 <p>Aurelie Appasamy</p>	<p>Chemistry/ Biology and MAP Science. Aurelie joins us from Emerald and is very enthusiastic to join TC.</p>	 <p>Wendy Gooley</p>	<p>Chemistry/ Biology Wendy was a Pre service teacher at TC last year. She is a former engineer who has travelled the world with work. She was also a semi finalist in the Young Australian of the year</p>
 <p>Martin Bucholtz</p>	<p>Maths Martin joins us from Rowville and is a former engineer. He is also an instructor of Kung Fu</p>	 <p>Mini Goss</p>	<p>Art Mini is an author and illustrator with over 35 books published.</p>
 <p>Amy Byrne</p>	<p>Chemistry</p>	 <p>Claire Gilder</p>	<p>Biology/Animals Claire joins us from Lilydale. Before that she has worked in most of the major zoos in Victoria. She is an expert in feathers and fur.</p>
 <p>Greta Caruso</p>	<p>English, EAL, History, Politics. Greta has been a presenter on ABC Radio in the past.</p>	 <p>Jenny Herbst</p>	<p>Careers/ Welfare/English. Joins us from Trinity, on her own time she works with social justice programs – refugees and indigenous employment.</p>
 <p>Joanna Copeland</p>	<p>Community Liaison. Joanne has worked as a PA, and has also spent time working with specials need children at Pre- schools.</p>	 <p>Brendon Huby</p>	<p>PE Joins us from Healesville and is keen on many sports and looking forward to expanding TCs range of sport.</p>
 <p>Vicky Ebroil</p>	<p>Food Technology Vicky is a former caterer who is originally from the UK.</p>		

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<p>Emily Hum</p> 	<p>PE Emily has coached intellectually disability basketball at state level for three premierships.</p>	<p>Jessie Ravenscroft</p> 	<p>English/ Philosophy Jessie joins from Ararat. She has a diploma in yoga and has worked as a case worker for IBAC</p>	<p>Yiorgis Sgourakis</p> 	<p>Psychologist Yiorgis joins us full time this year to work with our student support team.</p>
<p>Julian Lee-Holman</p> 	<p>English Julian has a history in working in film and is originally from the UK.</p>	<p>Alysha Taing-Johns</p> 	<p>Food Technology Support Alysha finished at TC last year and now returns to support Vicky in Food</p>	<p>Jo Skuse</p> 	<p>Volunteer Co-ordinator Jo works once a week setting up a volunteer program for TC, and also manages the volunteers at Edendale Farm in Eltham.</p>
<p>Duncan Le Nair</p> 	<p>Design Technology</p>	<p>Jacinta Taing-Johns</p> 	<p>Admin Assistant. Jacinta finished at TC last year and is now helping out with VASS administration and absents tracking.</p>	<p>Eugene Van der Westhuizen</p> 	<p>Maths Eugene is originally from South Africa and is also a qualified soccer coach.</p>
<p>Michael Mance</p> 	<p>English Michael joins us from Kingswood. His children go to The Heights primary school. He has also been an assessor in History.</p>	<p>Michele Timms</p> 	<p>ESDP Basketball Michele has coached the Rio Olympic Chinese Basketball team and is also in the world basketball hall of fame.</p>	<p>Brent Wallace</p> 	<p>PE Brent is a former TC student and used to be a house captain of Dorado! He is also an AFL Field Umpire on the weekend.</p>
<p>Callum McDonald</p> 	<p>EAL/English Callum joins us after several CRT sessions last year, he is a keen lawn bowls player and a real world traveller.</p>	<p>Tony Trieu</p> 	<p>Computer Programming/ Gaming Tony has a Bachelor of Design (Games) and also love table tennis.</p>	<p>John Williams</p> 	<p>Permaculture/DT Support John joins the permaculture team so support and enhance this exciting area of TC.</p>

Monash Pre Service Teachers and Student Counsellors

Genevieve Barlow 	Anna Bui 
Teja Dhavale 	Irma Koulouris 
Anna Leaton 	Juliz Mathew 
Brooke Sheridan 	Ivan Chan 
Elliot Cyngler 	Katherine Mcevey 
Acacia Novak 	Anshula Pem 

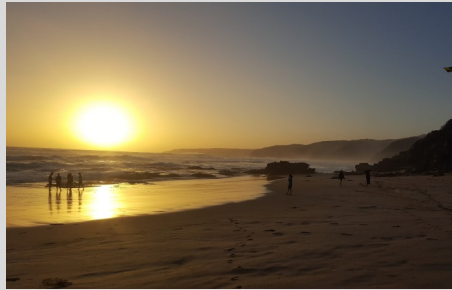
2017 School Captains	
Harrison Pontonio Aquila 	<p>My main goal as college captain is to improve participation within school sports as well as school activities such as house drama or basketball.</p> <p>I want to help maintain the schools personalised experience it provides even with our rapidly growing numbers now flowing over 1000 students. I want to help put in place new ways for the school to run efficiently with these larger numbers, an example of which is the new model for SRC called house congress which you will be hearing more about in next months news letter.</p>
Liam Evangelista Centaur 	<p>The main thing I plan to do as school captain is to improve the education system by looking at the most important things we need to learn to be successful now and in the future, and then finding ways to teach those things at TC.</p>
George Clarke Dorado 	<p>My school community goal is to create and offer more leadership training options to really show and teach people what leaders roles really are. Harrison and I are looking more to bring more house activities into the school and to create a more homely feel to any students house and attempt to increase house competition attendance</p> <p>My personal goal this year is to complete my Duke of Edinburgh gold which will hopefully help me showcase some of my skills going into my future careers</p>
Ruby McDowell Orion 	<p>As a house leader for 2017, I hope to increase participation of students in house activities and competitions as well as create a strong sense of house spirit. As the school expands I aim to act as a familiar face within Orion students and hope that with my involvement I can act as a voice for the student cohort.</p> <p>I hope to complete my VCE this year and after graduating aim to study a Bachelor of Science at Melbourne University. Until then my focus is on maintaining a healthy balance between my academic studies and personal interests.</p>
Jess Smith Pegasus 	<p>In my role as college captain this year I plan to help and support all TC Students.</p> <p>An idea which I have discussed with some students around the school is to have a TC mental health program, to give students a confidential, safe and supportive place to go when they are having a bad day, want support or would just like a chat! I believe the Mental Health awareness and support is an important part of a community and I would love to have it raised within ours! I look forward to working with, and getting to know all the new and current TC Community Members this year!</p>
Tanika Daisley Phoenix 	<p>I am a very dedicated horse rider and this year I am the equine leader. My personal goal for 2017 is to see the schools equestrian team regularly compete while also having students without horses involved any way they can.</p> <p>This year I want to focus on my results within my classes and to stay on top of my workload. As college captain, my goal is to help promote diversity within TC's community. I also want to help take pressure off students that are struggling in classes and at home life to make school an enjoyable place to be.</p>

Outdoor Ed Unit 1 Camp

On the 13th to the 17th of February, the outdoor and environmental 1/2 class ventured off into the wilderness. Our journey began at Cape Otway and continued along the coast to Johanna Beach. We spent the week learning lots of new and different skills. Including setting up tents, using trangias and heaps about our environment from great friends we met along the way. Did you know that if you dig a deep enough hole, far enough up the beach you reach fresh water!! Overall the camp was a jolly good one!

CAN I GET A HOIYAAA???!!!!!!!

By Tinika, Emma and Bella :)



Lunchtime Concert Series

Over the last two weeks the Stage & Beyond and Music Elective classes, organised by the TC music staff put on a series of four lunchtime concerts for the school community. The Stage & Beyond class worked in small student lead groups showcasing a wide range of genres, from folk to soul and jazz. The Music Elective classes worked as whole classes to perform a range of new and old rock songs chosen by the class. As part of the Stage & Beyond class I had a great time rehearsing and performing for these concerts. It was also really great to see the members of the Music Elective classes performing with a huge amount of energy and enthusiasm and really engaging with the audience.

There will be many more similar concerts as well as exciting whole school concerts as the year progresses.

Keep an eye out for posters about upcoming events.

By Luke Barson



TC Market

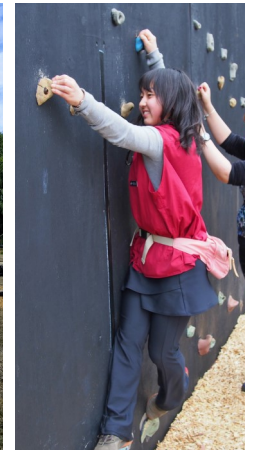
On the 23rd of February, the first TC Market for 2017 kicked off with flying colours. With all the new faces around school, the market's energy was high and full of electricity. Students were selling jewellery, cards, crafts and food as well as some innovative students running a coloured hairspray salon. Students and teachers alike were excited to see the return of Popped Foods, continuing to better their business at each market. TC Music made their regular appearance, providing the market with great vibes and even better entertainment. Overall February's market has set standards high for the rest of the year and we hope to see more and more students be part of this fantastic opportunity.

By Rebecca Ung and Zee Turner

Grad Camp

During Week 3, the Graduating students left for a 3 day camp at the Coastal Forest Lodge, Anglesea. This was a great opportunity for the students to get know one another, strengthen relationships and support networks before a big year ahead. They participated in a range of activities from mountain biking, team building, surfing, archery, mini golf, low ropes, nature walks, and a visit to the Great Ocean Road Chocolatier. Great fun was had all round!

By Lian Davies



Swimming Carnival

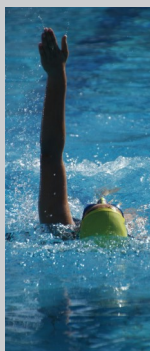
On the 28th of February, the school hosted its annual school swimming carnival. We had a great day, with temperatures soaring up to 34 degrees, with a huge number of students attending, either swimming in the events, or participating in supporting their house. This year, there was a photo-scavenger hunt that was set up to generate interest from students who were not planning on swimming, but still wanted to attend the event anyway to show off their house colours. Overall, the winning house was Dorado, followed by Centaur and finally Phoenix, who alongside Pegasus, Orion and Aquila swam extremely well. We look forward to seeing even more participation next year, and the swimmers going on to Division and beyond are looking forward to representing TC and smashing all of their events.

By Tom Elms

Entry Swimming

On Wednesday the 15th of February, all year 7s along with entry leaders and heads of houses headed up to Aquarena at 12pm. The aim of the day was to form bonds with students from their house as well as their camp leaders, and also to see who could swim or not swim in preparation for surfing at camp. Each house was paired with another house so that there were three groups which rotated between the water slides, the 50m pool and the diving boards. All students formed friendships with others in their house, met their entry leaders for camp and had a lot of fun over the three hours. We all look forward to both camps which are happening this week.

By Liv Rimmington



TEXT IT STUDENTS VISIT THE MELBOURNE AGE

On Wednesday 1st March, students from TC visited the offices of The Age to meet with Journalist, Nino Bucci, as part of their study of informative writing in the subject Text It. Nino took our group on a highly informative tour of The Age's offices and then conducted a Q & A session with students in the Editorial Boardroom. Topics discussed included the mechanics of writing informative pieces, the ethics of crime reporting, the changing face of journalism and the impact of Donald Trump on journalists and journalism. Nino also shared a number of personal insights and stories drawn from his career as a crime reporter. He also gave students a 'scoop' on a book he is working on dealing with the story of Mark and Gino Stocco, which is due for publication later this year.

I was impressed by the quality of questions asked by our students and I know Nino was too. Speaking to students after the excursion it was clear that they really enjoyed themselves and gained insights that were directly applicable to their own writing. It was a great day.

By Michael Mance

TEXT IT



Architecture Excursion

On Friday the 24th of February, both Architecture classes went on an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria to view an Architectural installation there. It was a reinvention of a real car-wash in Blackburn, with its dimensions copied exactly. It was very intriguing to experience a car-wash from a new perspective and one compartment even sprayed out light mist to help replicate the experience of a real car-wash. We also got time to explore the other exhibitions in the gallery, which included 'Semicircular Space', a maze-like piece made entirely of mirrors and a water-wall. Also on show as an Asian history exhibit, which included Samurai armour, ceremonial masks, priceless antiques, and stone carvings from as far back as the 10th century. I found it especially interesting to see the difference in cultures and how innovative Asia was so long ago. After we had finished in the NVG we were allowed to go off in small groups and get lunch. My friend and I got Subway. After lunch we all went to Hosier Lane to see some of the street art and we were lucky enough to encounter a street artist who was working on a piece at the time. Finally we had a wander around the city and spoke about some of the old architecture which included a subway, St. Pauls Cathedral and 220 Collins Street to name a few. Overall this was a very enjoyable excursion and I had lots of fun!

By Daniel Broome

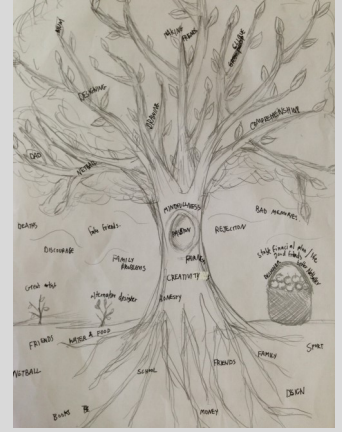
Going to this excursion with my friends were so much fun. Even though we didn't get to do the architecture workshop it was fine. The car wash art piece was really fun to go in and out while getting lightly covered in mist. Near the Car wash art piece was an out door sitting area with giant bean bags, where you could sit on and talk to friends. In the art gallery we went to see ancient East Asian art. Mostly Chinese and Japanese art works. After that we went around the city and took pictures of amazing graffiti and learnt about the old Melbourne architecture. My favourite part of the excursion was when we went to this underground area in the city with little shops inside. One of the shops sold Zines. I couldn't help myself and bought 2 Zines.



Global Studies

In Global Studies we started the year getting to know ourselves and each other by investigating our cultural backgrounds, values and traditions. We learn how these things form the core of who we are and created a 'Tree of Life' to represent who we are and the things that influence us. Then we started on our China unit. Last week we had a mock community meeting to discuss the use of Coal as a primary energy source in China. There was heated debate but the Chinese Government were won over by the citizens, scientists and renewable energy companies and agreed to move towards a greener solution, much to the dismay of the money hungry businessmen and women! They promised to provide training and jobs to the coal workers and truck drivers dependent on the coal industry.

By Meg Bailey



Fareshare Kitchen

In February a group of 13 students and 2 staff volunteered at the Fareshare Community Kitchen in Abbotsford. We did it because we wanted to do something meaningful and help those less fortunate than ourselves. We put on funny hair nets and gloves and were taught to work in a safe and hygienic way. In the 3 hour session we worked together and ...

- Made 1414 veggie rolls and ham and veg quiches
- Prepared 720 pastry moulds
- Chopped 350L of potatoes which will be the base of 700 meals
- Packed 600 veggie rolls ready for delivery.

Overall we helped to produce over 3500 meals and we felt so good about ourselves!

We also took 2 big boxes of produce from our school veggie gardens which will be used to prepare even more food including herbs, potatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, squash, beans and tomatoes.

Back at TC the Community Service Club are organising a rice and pasta drive to help Fareshare, because these are items they often struggle to source.

We will hopefully organise another visit to Fareshare later in the year, because it was so much fun!

By Meg Bailey



Senior Tennis

On the 24th of February, the Senior girls and boys Tennis teams went to Eldon park to compete in the Mullum Mullum division. The competition was small but that didn't stop all the competitors from giving it their best go. The girls team consisting of Greta Baldacci, Ashira Chait, Jasmine Millar and Kaho Ueda won all their matches and demonstrated fantastic serves and powerful returns. The boys had five team members including Matthew Broome, Tom Deakin, Kyle Hall, Kenta Inui and Matthew Melliza. The boys demonstrated great team work, particularly in the doubles matches and also won most of their matches for the day. Due to the great skill among the TC senior teams both the girls and boys teams are going to the next level at the Regional Tennis competition. Great work guys and all the best at Region!

By Katie Conlon



Senior Sport

Senior Volleyball

The SNR Volleyball Interschool Sports Day saw some eager and determined students wanting to show off their skills against some of the Mullum Division's best. Unsurprisingly, TC's teams were super competitive across the day's play showcasing good volleyball and fantastic team work. Despite some valiant efforts during games, both our female and male teams narrowly missed out on the opportunity of progressing through to the next stage. Highlights worth mentioning: TC's Volleyball leader Tessa Jacobs leading her team as well as coaching/providing feedback to all other teams during breaks and transitions between matches. The Male '1's' team partaking in a 40 odd hit rally to set up their match point. Lastly, Chloe Goring serving 22 straight serves to nearly serve out the entire set (which is to 25 points)! Well done to everyone involved on the day and a big thanks to Emily Hum for her support and involvement also.

By Tony Di Falco



Senior Baseball

It was a great effort from the Senior and Inter students to work together to create a team for senior baseball. The recruitment drive led by Blake Davies and Erik Bird was fantastic as it allowed us to get a team together in little time. On the day we versed Mullauna College who were coached by a Kansas City Royals MLB scout, so we had a hard task ahead. We opened the game batting and were able to put a couple of runs on the board, with some great patients and hitting from Ben Porter and Ben Crundwell. We then went into the field where Evan Bellos sent down some impressive fast balls into the glove of our courageous catcher Ben Porter. Throughout the match Mullauna showed some good fundamentals and tactics with their sneaking and base running, which led to them taking the lead. TC showed great character throughout the match and showed a never give up attitude. With each innings TC worked hard to try get themselves back into the game, however the opposition were too strong as they ran away to a 19 - 3 win. It was great to see Alex Salmani Ghasemzadegan, play his first ever game of baseball performing well and improving with every innings. The game was also enjoyed by Justin Veness, who represented TC for the first time since coming across from Boston in the United States. The Senior Baseballers showed great resilience and never gave in. This experience although unsuccessful was an enjoyable one and will hold them in good stead with a team ready for next year's event.

By Brent Wallace



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