From the Principal

Kilvington Ranked No. 1 in 2012 NAPLAN Results

There are many ways to measure the quality of a school. Parents today have a number of avenues to help them source information based on their personal criteria, whether it be academic excellence, sporting or musical programs, or the level of care offered to students.

At Kilvington, we pride ourselves on our holistic approach to education, focusing our efforts on supporting our students to achieve academic excellence through quality care.

In The Australian last Saturday, schools were ranked according to last year's NAPLAN results. While NAPLAN is an important measure, it is one of many and should be considered in the context of each student’s overall experience at school.

Having said that, I am very pleased and proud with how Kilvington performed and would like to share with you some of the results.

For reading, writing and numeracy for Years 3 and 5, Kilvington ranked 17th Australia wide. If you remove select entry schools, we ranked 15th. If you compare co-ed independent primary schools, Kilvington ranked number 1 nationally.

For reading, writing and numeracy for Years 7 and 9, Kilvington ranked 68th Australia wide. If you remove select entry schools, we ranked 39th, and in terms of co-ed independent secondary schools, Kilvington ranked 7th nationally.

This outstanding result is a testament to the quality of the teachers we have at Kilvington, our hardworking students, and our supportive school community. I couldn’t be more proud.

Year 9-12 Production

Hearty congratulations to the cast and crew of Anything Goes who came together to produce fantastic performances over three nights. Congratulations to Ms Celia Gall and Mr Andrew Johnson for their leadership and expertise in producing and directing the show, and thanks to the many other staff and parents who supported the event.

Please note that I am taking some leave from today and will return in the last week of the school holidays. I am travelling to Europe with my family. In my absence, the Deputy Principal Ms Teresa Deshon will be Acting Principal.

Jon Charlton
Principal

Events

June

10
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

12
VCAA GAT, 10.00am-1.15pm
Prep-Y4 Production Peter Pan
Refreshments, Staff Lounge, 6.30-7.00pm
Prep-Y4 Production Peter Pan,
Dalton Hall, 7.00-8.15pm

13
Y10 (Y11 2014) VCE Student and Parent Information Evening,
Dalton Hall, 7.30-9.00pm

14
Y5/6 Balaclava Winter Round Robin, Various Venues,
8.40-10.40am
Prep-Y4 Production Peter Pan,
Dalton Hall, 7.00-8.15pm

17
Y3-Y12 Foundation Day Church Service, Dalton Hall,
11.50am-12.40pm

18
Open Morning, Dalton Hall, 9.15-10.15am

19
Canberra Trip departs

21
Y5/6 Balaclava Winter Round Robin, Various Venues,
8.40-10.40am
End of Term 2

July

16
Term 3 Commences for students
From the Deputy Principal

Year 10 Students Moving into the VCE

Year 10 is considered a ‘readiness for VCE’ year and so is the first step for Kilvington students into their VCE. Year 10 is the start of a new approach to learning where teachers are promoting an adult style learning environment that is appropriate for 15-18 year olds. Kilvington students are exposed to a diverse range of teaching styles and are expected to participate in a wide variety of learning experiences. These require students to develop their initiative and independent working skills.

Students in the VCE years notice that there is a difference between the requirements of lower senior school and the expectations at VCE. The increased focus on independent working skills at VCE level is considered to be necessary for establishing a successful transition pathway to tertiary education or to the world of employment.

The aim of the VCE curriculum is to provide students with comprehensive breadth, and appropriately challenging and rigorous learning experiences that ensure their development of competence in all key learning areas within a learner-centred environment.

The VCE curriculum and pastoral care system supporting it provides Kilvington students with opportunities to:

- Explore individual and group identities
- Develop relationships with peers and adults in an environment which supports difference and diversity
- Negotiate and collaborate with each other in a variety of complex and challenging real world contexts
- Further refine organisational and time management skills
- Take responsibility for their own learning
- Be positive problem solvers
- Further develop resilience and coping mechanisms
- Develop life long learning skills
- Specialise in areas of interest
- Access outside tertiary/TAFE learning areas
- Pursue curriculum to support their tertiary aims
- Prepare for the assessment rigors of Year 12

Consistent with this approach, we encourage students to be proactive in keeping themselves informed of developments around the School and to initiate action to solve any problems and issues that arise.

Open communication between students, teachers and parents/guardians maximizes learning opportunities for students. Feedback is integral to improving student learning outcomes. Our Continuous Online Reporting (COR) system continues to enable parents/guardians to access more timely feedback on how their student/s is progressing. The purpose of this regular feedback in addition to summarised Semester Reports is to communicate information gathered through assessment and to make recommendations for learning. This is a shared process that brings teachers, students and parents/guardians together in appropriate conversation, which is especially relevant at VCE level.

On Thursday 13 June we are holding our Year 10 into Year 11 2013 Information Night in the McKie Resource Centre for parents and Year 10 students. This evening will comprise of an overview of the VCE and the subject selection process as well as the chance for students and parents to meet with Academic Deans and subject teachers to discuss VCE subjects and other pertinent information. There will also be an opportunity to informally chat with the Career’s Counsellor, Head of Senior School and myself.

Students will be taking part in a presentation in the next week or so where they will hear from Academic Deans and subject teachers of VCE subjects in relation to our VCE offerings. Our VCE Handbook will also be available for downloading from our website on Thursday 13 June. http://www.kilvington.vic.edu.au/page/149/Year-10-and-VCE.aspx

We encourage all parents and Year 10 students to attend on 13 June and we look forward to starting the VCE journey with your students.

Teresa Deshon
Deputy Principal
Junior School News

Swimming Carnival

The Prep – Year 6 Swimming Carnival was held last week. The Prep to Year 2 events were held in a shallow pool on the side of the main pool and included a Peg Scramble Relay, Treasure Hunt Relay and Water Relay. These students loved every minute of their time in the water.

The older students swam competitively in the main pool and tried their very best to earn points for their House. The winning house was Burman and the Year Level Champions were as follows:

Year 3: Lane Donohue and Angelique Vouros
Year 4: Tim Senior-Skinner and Jordyn Matusewicz
Year 5: Luc Mascitti and Katya Richardson
Year 6: Danny Feng, Jemima Wareham and Millie Smith

Jeanette Rawlings
Head of Junior School

Scientist in Schools Partnership

Kilvington Year 7 students have been fortunate to be involved in the Scientist in Schools Partnership with Professor Karl Glazebrook, an astrophysicist from Swinburne University. Karl came to several classes in early May. He began by talking about his work as an astronomer and presented an interesting variety of slides and film clips to illustrate the types of phenomena astronomers investigate.

Subsequent visits were devoted to assisting the students to write submissions for the Gemini Competition which is a competition run by the Australian Astronomical Observatory. This requires students to select a celestial object such as a distant galaxy or nebulae and write a submission explaining why they would want this object investigated. The school with the winning entry is then given an hour of viewing time through the 8m Gemini telescope located in the Andes Mountains of Chile. The footage filmed through the telescope is then sent via a video link to the winning school.

Finally, all Year 7 students were invited to attend an Astro Tour at Swinburne University, where Karl was able to present 3D film clips of many amazing objects in our Universe. This has been a wonderful educational opportunity for our Year 7 students and we are very appreciative of Professor Glazebrook giving up so much of his time to be involved in this partnership with Kilvington.

Matt Brinson
Head of Senior School
Kilvington Student Wins Rotary Ainger Memorial Award

On the evening of Monday 27 May, Year 12 Student Surina Butler, accompanied by Kilvington staff and her family, took part in the Ainger Memorial Public Speaking Award Finals, at the Amora Hotel in Richmond.

The competition concentrates on the effective delivery of the spoken word, and takes its inspiration from Cicero’s view that, “it is important to remember that effective public speaking is not just making yourself heard but making people listen.”

Surina’s first place winning speech focused on the importance of punctuation in society, and she spoke clearly, confidently and with passion about her chosen subject.

Surina won a $400 cash prize, a medal, and a trophy to be held by Kilvington for the next twelve months.

Congratulations to Surina on such an outstanding achievement.

Clare Mackie
Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator

LOTE news

Excursion to the Monet’s Garden Exhibition at the NGV

This excursion took place as part of a collaborative project between Art and French in Years 5 and 6. Year 12 French students were also present as their Unit 4 course focuses on La Belle Epoque, including Impressionism.

On Thursday May 23, Years 5 and 6, along with the Year 12 French class, had the wonderful opportunity to see the Winter Masterpieces at the NGV. The collection, ‘Monet’s Garden’, is from Paris’s Musée Marmottan Monet. The pieces are a tribute to Monet’s passion; his beautiful garden in Giverny, complete with Japanese-inspired bridge, full of colours and symmetries to maximise the artistry of his works. An impressionist, Monet explored ordinary landscapes with emphasis on light and reflection to produce his stunning paintings. Our experience at the NGV was fantastic. Thank you to the teachers who accompanied us on our trip to ‘Monet’s Garden’.

Lily Boschetti, Year 6
Jemma Boschetti, Year 12 French
Excursion to the Monet’s Garden Exhibition at the NGV (cont…)

Every twist and turn,
There’s always something new.
Flowers were blooming just for you!
Over the bridge I went.
It felt like a dream.
Feeling the sun’s warmth
and the wind brushing against your skin.
Until time ends.
The day that felt a dream with colours and flowers
And ponds and bridges.
It was only a school trip looking at Claude Monet’s paintings.

Victoria Hronas
Year 5 Student

Year 8 Cultural Afternoons

On 28 May, Year 8C & 8D had a French and Japanese Cultural Afternoon. There were judges for best table, best menu and best food…so everyone was out to impress! In session 3B, it was a mad rush of heating food, setting up tables and it making it look good to amaze the judges.

Lots of tables looked magnificent with beautiful decorations to suit each culture. Soon it was time to eat! Everyone got praise from the judges for their hard work. After that, we saw a Japanese dance which was performed by four ladies. We got to learn their steps and it was a lot of fun doing it!

Amy Amarasinghe
Year 8 Student

On 28 and 31 May, Year 8 students had a chance to indulge in French and Japanese culture. After weeks of vigorous planning, we had created many delicious dishes and amazing centre pieces for our Japanese and French lunches.

There were many incredible dishes and we enjoyed it until the last second.

There was a stunning display of Japanese culture when 5 dancers displayed Bon Dancing after the exhilarating feast. We had the pleasure of learning two of the dances.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience for all of Year 8 and we thank the teachers, Bon dancers and everyone who were involved.

Kevin Wu and Lin Yang
Year 8 Students
Year 9 Focus

Each Friday morning, the Year 9 Focus group have been participating in Taekwondo all semester at the Hansu Taekwondo Centre. The students have enjoyed themselves, learning different kicking, blocking and self-defence techniques as well as discipline and, of course, focus.

The class recently undertook their grading, with all students passing. Congratulations to four students; Tash Finnin, Michelle Volpert, Laszlo Dauenhauser and Matthew Salathiel, who were awarded medals for being the best performers in the class.

Thank you to Yoshiko and the staff at Hansu Taekwondo Centre for their efforts.

Kylie Burns
PE & Health Teacher

Music Notes

Prep – Year 3 Soiree

On Wednesday 29 March, the Prep to Year 3 music students performed a wonderful Soiree for their family, friends and Kilvington staff.

We congratulate all our extremely talented young musicians. It was a fun and most enjoyable evening.

Next term, Year 4-Year 6 Soiree will be held on Wednesday 11 September, 5.00pm – 6.15pm.
Eisteddfod by the Bay

The following students performed at the “Eisteddfod by the Bay” in the Speech and Drama section on Saturday 25 May and Saturday 1 June.

Esther Lucas, Harry Durand, Katya Richardson, Shaun Thomas, Joseph Hosking, Etele Solomontchik, Emma Donnan, Amy Amarasinghe and Sunny Zhang. All Kilvington students performed well.

Esther in Year 1 was awarded 3rd place for her excellent recitation of the poem Spaghetti, Spaghetti in the Under 7 Poetry section. Katya and Etele in Year 5 and Harry in Year 4 were awarded 3rd place in the Under 12 Short Play section with their excellent performance of the play Hiking’s No Fun. Shaun and Joe in Year 5 received an Honourable Mention in the Under 10 Duologue section with their entertaining performance of the play The Airport. Harry in Year 4 and Katya in Year 5 received an Honourable mention in the Under 12 Duologue section with their great performance of the Faulty Towers scene.

Ms Nelson, the Speech and Drama teacher was very proud of all her students that performed at the Eisteddfod.

It’s a Wrap – Anything Goes

The Senior Production Anything Goes performances last week were a great success. The singing, acting and dancing was of the highest standard and all the students in the cast had a fantastic time in their preparation and performance of this event.

Anything Goes is a sophisticated musical created in the 1930s with music by Cole Porter. The setting is on a Cruise Liner travelling from New York to London and all the intrigues that happen on the way. The students handled the humour and story line with ease and loved wearing the beautiful costumes.

I would like to thank all students for their hard work and commitment, staff for their dedication in creating such a fantastic show, and parents who assisted in so many ways.

Celia Gall
Academic Dean of Performing Arts
The Leader takes a peek at Peter Pan

Members of the cast of Peter Pan had a busy day last week while on their ‘promotional tour’ of this year’s Prep to Year 4 School Production.

They were firstly photographed by the Caulfield Leader and an article has appeared in this week’s newspaper. Peter Pan, Tinker bell, Captain Hook and those cheeky Crocodiles then delighted the children in our ELC with a surprise visit.

Buy Your Tickets Now!

Opening night of Peter Pan is now less than a week away. Our Preps to Year 4s have been working very hard at rehearsals and the excitement is building as we near the premiere of this fantastic production next Wednesday.

There are still some good tickets available on Opening Night and on Friday night. Please support our Junior School students and staff, and bring your family along to what will be a great night.

Dates: 12 & 14 June
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Dalton Hall

Ticket Prices
Adults: $18.00
Children/Concession: $8.00
ELC Children: No Charge
Families: $45.00

Tickets can be purchased from www.kilvington.vic.edu.au.

General Information

Parent Portal

A reminder to parents to regularly check the Parent Portal located on the Kilvington website for the most up-to-date assessment feedback information for your child. The Parent Portal changes from displaying Semester 1 results to Semester 2 results at the end of July each year. If you need a hardcopy of either Semester’s results please contact Senior Reception.

School Supervision Times

The School is supervised from 8.00am-4.30pm (Senior School students) and 8.00am-6.00pm (Junior School students).

- After 3.50pm, Senior School students not involved in after school supervised activities are to go to the Library where they will be supervised until 4.30pm (Monday to Thursday) or 4.00pm (Friday). After these times, Senior School students are to wait in Main Reception. Main Reception closes at 5.00pm.

- Junior School students not collected by 3.50pm will be taken to After School Care, where they will be supervised until 6.00pm (Monday to Friday).
To ensure the safety of all students, parents are asked not to drop off their child/ren before 8.00am, or pick them up after the times designated above.

**PFA Report**

**Junior School Production**

The Junior School Production of *Peter Pan* is just around the corner with the first performance on next Wednesday 12 June and the follow up on Friday night 14 June. Some PFA volunteers will be available to help with serving drinks at both performances, so please come along and enjoy the refreshments before the show and say hello to our helpers before you enter the world of *Peter Pan*!

**K-24**

Please sign up to join our parents team for this 24-hour challenge. It’s not only going to be a fun way to get a bit of exercise into your day, but it will be a great way to meet some new people, raise some money for World Vision and have some fun with a bit of friendly competition against your kids!

If you are interested, please contact us at pfa@kilvington.vic.edu.au or contact the Academic Dean of PE and Health, Mr Steve Bustin. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to make it through the 24 hours, so invite some friends to join you. Your participation can be as little or as much as you like, and you can sprint or take a leisurely walk - Easy!

**Volunteering**

We are always looking for volunteers to help us out during the year, so if you have a particular interest in an event, or are available at limited times we would still love to hear from you. You might be able to assist in the Secondhand Uniform Shop occasionally or at the odd Open Morning for an hour or so.

If you can spare an hour or so occasionally please contact us at our email address pfa@kilvington.vic.edu.au - we would love to hear from you.

**Melbourne Entertainment Book**

The sale of the Melbourne Entertainment™ Book is still on and as the 2012 book has just expired, now is your time to buy the 2013 book!

20% of your Book purchase goes towards PFA FUNDRAISING for the school. The books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!

Selling for only $65, you’ll receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers that you can use right away, up until 1 June 2014! Download the free app to view all the participating venues wherever you are to maximise your savings.

Plus, the good news is that $13 from your Book purchase goes towards the school’s fundraising account that helps out special school projects during the year. The more Books we sell the more we raise - so please tell your family and friends!

**BUY YOUR BOOK NOW** via the school website link, https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1959q17 or by completing the order form sent home to each family or phone/email Kim Wareham on 0424 387 208 or kimwareham@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.
PFA Meeting: Please note that there is no PFA meeting in July because of the school holidays. Our next meeting is Tuesday 6 August in the Staff Lounge at 7:30pm.

I hope you have a great long weekend.

PFA President
Kylie Owen
pfa@kilvington.vic.edu.au

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Extend After School Care

Our fortnightly recap

Last week we had a visit from ‘Gilbert’ the Gecko - the Extend mascot who had the children dancing and laughing out loud!

Our art activities had to include colouring patterned geckos that we will use to add to our wall garden mural - still in production!

We are up to ‘D’ for dinosaur in our ABC mural most appropriate for Gilbert’s visit as they are related!

Outside activities included ‘What’s the time Mr Gecko?’ but cricket still starred as the popular choice.

We also cooked chocolate crackles that the children took home to share with their families.

On Friday we celebrated Aaron’s birthday with two special birthday songs when he turned 7 last week.

At snack time we added ‘monster sticks’ - celery with cream cheese and sultana eyes to our menu. Orange smiles were very popular - helping to ward of the winter colds.

Shabuanghi was awarded our ‘star of the week’ for being our best eater at after care!

Next week our garden mural will be close to completion then we can add the creatures - geckos being only one of them!

More spiral snakes will be created and some native mammals will soon appear.

Dancing with the wiggles is a preholiday activity that we all will enjoy.

Skipping will also be our featured outside activity and more creative crackles are planned.
Winter School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN!
Monday 24 June to Monday 15 July

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Footy Fever, Cooking, plenty of games, a Celebrity Dance Party and a Winter Wonderland! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

Bookings close Friday 14 June – book now to avoid disappointment.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437