### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to Term 2 – we hope you and your family had an enjoyable break from the school routine and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Once again we are in for a busy term and as mentioned previously, it is only by working together that we can help and assist your child to reach their full potential.

**A few reminders...**

**Blazers** are a compulsory part of the school uniform for years 7-11 and need to be purchased from the Uniform shop. Please ensure that you have purchased the school blazer at the soonest possible time. Students need to wear their school blazers to and from school.

**Smoking** by law, is banned within the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to all childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools and schools as of the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**Thank you** to all the parents and students that contributed to the Vanuatu appeal whether through monetary donations or non-perishable goods.

**Welcome** to Naghma Hadi, Rihab Abouzolf and Stella White who have joined the Mt Hira College family as a Lab Technician, Integration Aide and Business Manager respectively.

**Gate** a new gate has been installed at the front of the school which provides access to the school buildings. The gate will be locked from 8:50 onwards for the safety and security of the students. Please ensure that you make your way to the front office if you wish to see your son/daughter or any of the teachers during school hours. Your cooperation and assistance in this matter is appreciated.

**Sareh Salarzadeh**
Principal
Welcome back to all students and staff for a very important term. Term 2 is always very busy and provides a significant challenge to all students in the secondary school, but in particular the senior school students. In Term Two Year 9-12 students will have an examination period (June 1st to June 3rd) that will assist in determining their level of success over the semester. Year 9 and 10 students will be examined on English, Mathematics, Humanities and Science over this period. VCE students will have an examination on any VCE unit that they are completing.

Effective preparation for these examinations is very important. Students should be regularly revising their work and developing positive study habits that will allow them to achieve their potential for any examinations that they are completing. The official examination timetable will be available in the college newsletter before the conclusion of April.

Year 7-8 students will not be completing an official examination period. These students will complete their official tests/examinations within their scheduled class times.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who attended their VCE Holiday classes. It was great that the majority of students were able to attend these. Thanks to the teaching staff for making the time and effort to plan and run these classes during their break. These classes provide additional learning opportunities for students.

Senior After-School Classes

The college commenced an after-school support program for students from Year 11 and 12 from the conclusion of last term (From Monday the 16th of March). Initially this support program is focused on improving VCE performance (Unit 3 subjects) however if it is successful then we would also like to provide similar after school classes and tutoring for students in Junior Secondary School. Senior school students have received a notice outlining the purpose of the classes and were required to pass this notice onto parents. It is important that parents sign and return the document as this will assist us to determine required resources and staffing.

Ultimately these classes should assist students to achieve better academic results. Parents should have received a note that has been sent home in regards to this which will provide further information. Currently the number of students attending these classes has been a little bit disappointing, however we would like to thank the students who are taking the time to seek extra assistance. These VCE after school support classes run after school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Tim Campbell
SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Online Safety

Parents are encouraged to develop their understanding of the dangers associated with incorrect internet use. The Cybersmart program is designed to help you work with your children so they have safe and positive experiences online. The Cybersmart program is a national cyber safety education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, as part of the Australian Government’s commitment to promoting online safety for children and young people. Please visit www.cybersmart.gov.au to access the following information for parents.

- Parenting online
- Cyberbullying and unwanted contact
- Protecting personal information
- Inappropriate content
- E-Commerce and e-Security

The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of its target audiences of children, young people and parents. Please feel free to contact Mt. Hira College to speak with myself should you require further information.

Mr. Andrew Stock
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR
I would like to welcome back the students to term 2 and look forward to seeing the children continue to grow and develop in their education. This is an 11 week term and is very busy. Please ensure that your child/ren are dressed in correct school uniform and arrive at school on time.

As you can see there are many projects being undertaken at school at present. In the playground they have concreted around the umbrellas and this area has been taped off at the moment. Children are not allowed to go into this area at all presently until all construction is completed.

Next Thursday, 23rd April we are conducting a school concert to celebrate International Children’s Day. The students will be allowed to come to school in their traditional cultural clothing on the day to demonstrate the multiculturalism of the school. Please ensure that the clothing that you choose is appropriate for prayer and the weather on the day.

After school the children will not be allowed to play on the soccer ground. The gate will be closed at 3:25pm and will not open until the next day. Please can you remind your child/ren that they are not allowed to play on the soccer ground after school.

All students in grade 3 to 6 must have their own prayer mat for prayer. You can purchase one from the office for $5 if you do not have a prayer mat. Please ensure that your daughter has a white scarf and appropriate clothing for prayer. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Coryn Bretag
PRIMARY COORDINATOR

DATE:
Thursday 23rd April, 2015
WHERE:
Gym, Mt. Hira College
TIME:
2.00 PM

Primary students will be performing to songs and poems in Turkish, Arabic and English, to celebrate International Children’s Day.

Our primary students have put a lot of time and effort in organising this event and therefore we request all parents, grandparents and family attend the Children’s Day and celebrate with our students.

Please note, no make-up or nail polish is permitted and costumes must be appropriate to the school dress policy.
Fundraising for Vanuatu

During the last week of Term One the school collected donations on behalf of the Melbourne based foundation, The Mosquito Foundation, to send to Vanuatu after it was hit by Cyclone Pam.

Considering the short time schedule the SRC were blown away with the large amount of donations collected from non-perishable canned food, water and sanitary products. $504.05 was also donated which was then used to purchase Roofing iron and Tarpaulins.

The SRC and school would like to thank all the families who donated. It is always amazing to see the generosity shown at Mt Hira College when fundraising.

Ms McGee and the SRC
Abu Usaid Malik bin Rabi’ah As-Sa’idi (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: We were sitting with Messenger of Allah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) when a man of Banu Salamah came to him and asked, “O Messenger of Allah! Is there any obedience to parents left that I can show to them after their death?” He (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) replied, “Yes, to pray for them, to supplicate for their forgiveness, to fulfill their promises after their death, to maintain the ties of kinship which cannot be maintained except through them, and honour their friends.” (Abu Dawud)
**RELIgIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Students from year 3 – 6 are required to pray Dhuhr at school on a daily basis. All girls must have a white hijab (scarf) for prayer. Girls in year 5 and 6 must wear a long skirt and long sleeved top for prayer. If boys wear shorts to school they must bring along long pants for prayer. Most students have purchased a prayer mat from the school office however there are still a few students who require one. It is only $5.00.

**MT HIRA COLLEGE LOGO HIJABS**

Our new hijabs have been ordered and will inshallah arrive soon. Parents will be updated and notified with this progress. Please see below a sample picture. Students from Year 3 – 12 will be required to purchase, however if students generally wear a scarf to school they **will not** have to purchase one.
THIS IS WHERE WE LEARN.

PLEASE DON’T SMOKE HERE.

In Victoria, smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all childcare centres, kindergartens and schools.


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