### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As mentioned over the past few weeks, **Blazers** are a compulsory part of the school uniform for years 7-11 and need to be purchased from the Uniform shop. Students need to wear their school blazers to and from school. Phone calls will be made to parents in the coming days in regards to students without blazers. Alternatively, please contact the school and inform us of the reason it has not been purchased to date.

We still have many parents dropping off students after the bell has gone at 8.40 am. Please ensure that students are dropped off on time to school. The attendance of students is marked between 8.40-8.50 am every day and it is of utmost importance that students are at school at the correct time.

Sareh Salarzadeh  
PRINCIPAL

### VCE News

**Use of Study Periods**

Dear Parents and VCE Students,

VCE students are allocated a set amount of study periods each week. These periods are extremely important in academic success with regard to SAC and Examination results. At present, some students are not using study periods to their advantage. There is no doubt that this will negatively impact the ATAR score of these students if they do not improve their current level of output.

Well done to those who are using their study periods effectively. Hopefully, you will be rewarded for your hard work by achieving positive results.

Mr. Tim Campbell  
SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

### Calendar

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PRIMARY NEWS

Today is International Children’s Day which is a major celebration in Turkey. We also celebrate this event at Mt Hira College by putting on a concert to demonstrate the diversity and performance skills of our students. I would like to thank Ms Fatma Kullu for overseeing this event, the students on their performances and the staff who have assisted to make this another successful event at the school.

I would like to congratulate Reis Yigit on participating in all activities during the PMP program last week. This was a huge achievement for him.

School Photos
All school photos should have been handed out on Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd April to all students. If you have any issues with the photos you are to contact the company directly and sort out your problems. Their phone number is on the packs or information leaflets.

There are also extra photos which can be ordered which consist of school captains, SRC, house captains, Graduation photos and whole school photos. If you would like copies of these you need to order them through Ms Halime at the office and pay for them when ordering. The photos cost $17 each and the whole school photos cost $19 each.

Sports
This week the grades 5 and 6 students begin their winter inter school sports program. They will be competing against Silverton and wish them success in their new sports and I am very interested in seeing their results.

Gallipoli Cup
The Grade 6 students had the opportunity on Monday to go to the tennis centre and experience The Gallipoli Cup. They were involved in a variety of activities. This year we commemorate the 100 years since Gallipoli.

ANZAC March
On Saturday 25th April there is the annual ANZAC parade held in Dandenong. This begins at 10:30am and they march from the Dandenong RSL down that street to the War Memorial in Dandenong. Everyone is welcome to attend this to commemorate the 100 years since Gallipoli.

Coryn Bretag
PRIMARY COORDINATOR

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Academic Performance and Homework

Dear Parents,

The academic year can often feel like a long and arduous journey. The challenges faced by students become increasingly difficult and require further attention to detail. Homework is an integral component of education at Mt. Hira College and must be treated as such. Students are reminded to improve the standard and quality of homework, rather than completing set tasks as quickly as possible.

Student Handbooks were distributed to parents and students at the beginning of the school year. The homework section provides parents with recommendations of time that should be spent on homework and study. Extra copies of Student Handbooks for each year level can be provided upon request at the Mt. Hira College Office.

Mr. Andrew Stock
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Building Bridges

Building Bridges through interfaith sharing provides an opportunity for young people to share their experience. The Building Bridges through Interfaith Dialogue project aims to assist secondary students of different faiths, religions, cultures and values to build bridges of trust and friendship. They learn key skills of dialogue and share personal experiences of their lives which have shaped them. These serve as foundations to negotiate, respect and engage with each other’s differences and commonalities. These are important qualities for leaders of our country into the future of faith or life-values with each other.

During Term 2 and 3 some students from Year 10 will have the opportunity to visit different schools from different faiths, beginning Monday 27th of April. Our first visit will be to The King David School which is an independent, co-educational, progressive Jewish day school located in Armadale.

Mrs A Erenli
R/E co-ordinator
**RE MASALLAH AWARDS SECONDARY**

HAMNA AAMER
7P
EXCELLENT RESULTS DURING TERM 1

MAHAM MANNAN
7P
EXCELLENT RESULTS DURING TERM 1

TUBA OZER
7P
EXCELLENT RESULTS DURING TERM 1

NOORHAN ASHKAR
7P
EXCELLENT RESULTS DURING TERM 1

SALMA BASSIOUNI
7P
EXCELLENT RESULTS DURING TERM 1

HARUN AHMET SEVGI
7P
EXCELLENT RESULTS DURING TERM 1

**RE MASALLAH AWARDS PRIMARY**

MADINAH ECRIN MOSLIH
PREP W
FOR BEING A GREAT HELPER

NOOR KANDIL
PREP A
FOR COMPLETING THE SET TASKS ON TIME

RE TEACHER
FAUZIA HOQUE

**BIRTHDAYS 20/04 - 26/04**

Haroon Sanam 20/04
Azra Ozer 21/04
Anam Waqas Ashraf 21/04
Sumayya Osmani 22/04
Efe Citir 22/04
Hasan Eren Fat 23/04
Yosuf Ghaus 23/04
Can Balkaya 26/04

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Rajab is one of the four months declared sacred by Allah (SWT) in the Glorious Qur’an.
Special prayers and Aamal that can be prayed and carried out on any day or daily for this seventh month of Islamic lunar calendar reached us on the authority of Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), Imam Ali (as), Imam Zainul Abideen (as), Imam Jafar Sadiq (as) and Imam Sahib uz Zaman (as), are given below:
1. The month of Rajab, in its superabundant favours and benefits, reverence and sanctity, is next to none. It is linked to Almighty Allah (SWT) as Sha’ban to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) and Ramadan to his Ummah (Muslim Community).
2. Who so observes fast (even one day) during the month of Rajab gets Allah’s pleasure.
3. Ask forgiveness and turn repentant to Allah (SWT) as much as you can because mercy drops from the heaven like a gentle rain in the month of Rajab (also known as “As’abb” - pouring out, full of love and kindness).
4. Allah (SWT) shall forgive and have mercy on him who recites:
Astaghfirulahallad’ee Laa Ilaaha Ilaa Huwa Wah’dahoo La Shareeka Lahoo Wa Atoobu Ilayh (I ask forgiveness of Allah, who is “There is no God save He, and no other; has no partner”; and I turn repentant to Him)
at least 100 times (400 times will accrue more rewards), and recites “Laa Ilaaha Ilallaah” 1000 times, during the month of Rajab, and gives alms in the name of Allah at the completion.
5. Recite Surah Al-Ikhlas at least 100 times (1000 or 10000 times will accrue more rewards) in the month of Rajab.
6. Keep fast on any day in the month of Rajab.

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.
GRADE 6 TENNIS EXCURSION
KURAN/QURAN TEACHINGS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER-SCHOOL ON MONDAY/TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY FROM 3.30 PM TO 4.30 PM

MON - KURAN
TUE - CUZ
WED - DUA

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND, PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM AT THE OFFICE.

Need Help With Maths Or Physics?

Would you like to feel confident in class?
Would you like to improve your grades?
Would you like to feel prepared for exams?

I can help.

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