Month  Date       Event                              
May   04       Year 7 Girls Swimming (period 5 & 6) 
May   05       Grade 6-8 Cyber Safety Incursion (period 3 & 4) 
May   05       Year 9 Girls PE ex. (period 3 & 4) & Year 9 Boys PE ex. (period 5 & 6) 
May   06       Year 7 Boys swimming (period 5 & 6) 
May   07       Grade 5 & 6 Interschool Sports 
May   06-08    Mothers Day Stall 
May   09-10    The VCE & Careers Expo 10am - 4pm (Caulfield Racecourse) 

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We still have quite a few students that have not purchased the school blazer. This needs to be done by the end of this week. Phone calls will be made home to parents within the next few days. If there are issues in purchasing the blazer you need to contact the school and provide a date of when it will be purchased.

A reminder that you are not to double park in the school car park in the morning for drop off and after school while picking up your child. Please be considerate of others and with holding up traffic in the car park. Cars need to be parked in the allocated parking bays. This is to ensure the safety of your child and of others. The roundabout should not be used as a pick up and drop off point. Once again, please be considerate of others.

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 8.40-8.50am (for secondary) and 8.40-8.45am (for primary) every day and it is of utmost importance that students are at school at the correct time.

Sareh Salarza7deh
PRINCIPAL
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May 2015. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Mr. Andrew Stock
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

VCE NEWS

VCE STUDENT STUDY PERIODS & ATTENDANCE

This is a very important reminder in regards to the student’s use of allocated study periods.

There are currently many VCE students at Mt Hira College who consistently use their study periods (in the library) productively. Generally this is an area where our students have shown some improvement in 2015.

Importantly though all Mt Hira College students are required to be at school from 8:40am-3:30pm every day. In order to pass their VCE subjects students must have attended 80% of their scheduled VCE classes.

The students who utilise their study periods effectively and are always in attendance give themselves a much greater chance of meeting their potential during VCE. If students are at school they can seek assistance from their teachers and quite simply they give themselves the greatest chance of success. Students who attempt to leave when they do not have a scheduled class are obviously not using their time at school effectively and unfortunately based on research this will have a negative impact upon them, as they form poor work habits and do not complete all set tasks.

Every VCE student has always got work to complete, be it in the form of revising, practical tasks or assignments.

When VCE students do not have classes they are not permitted to sign themselves out. Parents are responsible for signing their children out, if for some reason it is necessary to collect the child early. If there is an alternative arrangement for transportation then this should be communicated with Mr. Campbell or Ms. Sareh, either by letter/note or a phone call.

If a student is ill or unable to attend school, it is very important that the office is notified so the necessary arrangements can be made and the teachers are aware of the students absence.

Unfortunately despite constant reminders, this still does not occur on a consistent basis.

We want all of our students to reach their potential and the best way for that to happen is for the students to be Mt Hira College during all scheduled school hours.

Mr. Tim Campbell
SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR
On behalf of Mt Hira College I would like to congratulate Ms Katie Silva and Mr Andrew Curtis on the arrival of Olivia Rose on the 25th April 2015. We wish them health and happiness.

I would like to thank all parents who attended the International Children’s Day concert it was amazing to see so much support and enthusiasm for the celebration. I would like to personally thank Ms Fatma Kullu for her great organisation for the day and Mr Enver Yenilmez who operated the sound system. Well done to all of the children who performed on the day you did an amazing job especially the preps who participated in their first performance ever.

Grade 6N has taken on an initiative to keep the school yard clean and tidy and care for the environment. Each day different students are going around and collecting rubbish. At assembly this week Saif Kezrej and Ayse Balcioglu encouraged all students at Mt Hira College to take pride in their school and assist them in keeping it tidy.

I was very proud of the grade 5 & 6 T-Ball boys team who last week cared and supported a member of the opposition when he left the game. This showed great sportsmanship which is important when competing against others. The boys did eventually win the game which was a great achievement.

Please, can you ensure that all of your child’s uniform is clearly labelled. We already have so many jackets and jumpers in the lost property area. If your child has lost a jumper or jacket please check lost property and see if it is one of yours. To eliminate this from happening if your child’s name is clearly on the clothing then it can be returned to them easily and we shouldn’t have this issue.

The Grade 6’s are very excited as their Grade 6 Jackets have arrived this week. The students will receive their jackets once they have paid for them. The students need to pay $50 and they will get their jackets.

On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th there will be a Mother’s Day Stall held at Mt Hira College. There will be a variety of gifts ranging from $2 to $20. I would like to thank Ms Saadet Duman for organising this event and encourage everyone to support the school and purchase something for your mother. I would like to thank the parents who have assisted Ms Saadet Duman in wrapping the gifts, organising raffle tickets and collecting the different items needed. The gifts look amazing.

School Photos

There are 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. You have until Friday 8th of May to place your orders.

Coryn Bretag
PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Parents, please ensure all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Please also check the name on your child’s clothing to make sure it does not belong to another student.

Please return any item of clothing you believe is not yours.

A blazer has been handed to the office, if it belongs to you, please collect it from the office.
EBRAR KARAOĞLU
6Y
FOR HER SPEECH FOR INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION

BEYZA SADOĞLU
6N
FOR HER SPEECH FOR INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION

ATAKAN YAN
4H
FOR SINGING “BIR DÜNYA BİR AKIN” AT THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION

TÜRKÇE ÖĞRET-Token
FATMA KULLU

CEYDA ERGEÇ
9K
EV ÖDEVİ VE SINIF AKTİVİTELERİNE KATILIMI EXCELLENT

MELISA ADAMS
9W
EV ÖDEVİ VE SINIF AKTİVİTELERİNE KATILIMI EXCELLENT

ALEYNA MAMAK
9W
EV ÖDEVİ VE SINIF AKTİVİTELERİNE KATILIMI EXCELLENT

TÜRKÇE ÖĞRET-Token
HASAN VATANDAŞ

IMRAN ALI-SHAD
27/04
YUSUF-ALI SEVGI
27/04
FARIS ADAM
29/04
SIYANA LIMANI
29/04
GURNAZ BAINS
30/04
RAYA ELOSHAICKER
30/04
ANISA SAGIZLI
01/05
ANWAR BROURY
03/05
ILYAS NOOR
03/05
RAFAL KEZRAJ
03/05

The last day for fundraising for the Nepal earthquake appeal is Tuesday 5th of May. Please leave any items you wish to contribute at the office.
On Monday, the 27th of April, twenty-one Year 10 students went to King David School for Building Bridges Interfaith program.

When we got there, we played a simple game of “Rock, paper, scissors Championship”. Believe it or not, our very own Qasime won the game.

Then we got into small groups and we introduced ourselves and spoke about our schools. Then we shared about the values that we should observe throughout this program such as honesty and respect.

Afterwards we made new friends and got into our facilitators’ groups to discuss more about our faiths.

If anyone is thinking of joining Building Bridges, then they should do it because it is amazing and the people and the food is even better.

Sara Zunic 10D

Last Monday we went to King David School for the Building Bridges Program. At first I thought it would be people talking about their faiths, but it was more than that, it was a social gathering for Year 10s from different schools talking about themselves and their school. The whole program was a great experience meeting new people and hanging out with my friends. I suggest anyone to seize this opportunity because it will be a great experience.

Bekim Shukri 10D
INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS DAY

Thank you to all students for their outstanding performance and to teachers for their contributions and assistance which made the Mt Hira International Childrens Day celebrations a success.

Fatma Kullu