



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### APRIL

**Monday 1st - Friday 5th:**

Year Eleven Study Retreat

**Friday 5th:**

Whole College Assembly  
Term Two Ends

**Sunday 7th:**

Daylight Savings Ends

**Monday 15th - Sunday 26th:**

Cultural Tour Of Turkey  
( Year Ten - Twelve)

**Monday 22nd:**

Easter Monday - No School

**Tuesday 23rd:**

Term Two Starts

**Tuesday 23rd:**

College Assembly

**Thursday 25th:**

ANZAC Day - No School

**Tuesday 30th:**

International Children's Day  
Celebration

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu alaikum

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I am happy to report that things are getting back to normal at school after the tragedy in New Zealand and that's what we would like to see. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to see our Head of Wellbeing Ms Sue Apak or any of our Leadership Team or myself.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Minister for Education and Training the Hon. James Merlino MP for personally ringing the school on behalf of the Premier the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP conveying his condolences for the New Zealand victims and asking if we are okay... He also offered any assistance his government can provide for our school. I've requested security guards for our school and counselling for our school community which he generously provided. I'd like to also thank Victoria Police, ISV, Cornish College, our staff and our parents for the continuous support and understanding during this difficult time. In particular, I would like to thank Killester College students and staff for the beautiful flowers, a light tree with hand written messages and 900 cupcakes for our students and staff which they brought to our school last week Friday. We will never forget their kind generosity...

We have only one week of Term One left and students will be dismissed for their two week Autumn Break on Friday April 5th, 2019 at the usual dismissal time of 3:30pm. During the Autumn Break and the first week of Term Two we will be taking 26 Senior School students to Turkey for a 14 day Cultural Tour. We hope to be back with lots of stories to share with our school community. We hope to make this an annual event on the Mt Hira College calendar so that our other students get an opportunity to see and visit a wonderful country like Turkey, insha-Allah.

We all come back on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019 for the start of Term Two.

I wish and pray that you all have safe and restful Autumn Break.

Mr. Kadir Emniyet

Principal



## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students,

Term One is nearing its end and the term break will begin shortly. For students, this is not just a time where they will have a break from school but also a great opportunity to reflect on how they have progressed in Term One.

Students can revise concepts they have learnt in preparation for the mid-year examinations and they can catch up on topics they had not grasped properly. In the case where they did not do well, they can use this time to turn things around and use this excellent opportunity to get back on track.

Modern textbooks are much easier to understand and learn from. Using these together with other resources teachers provide will help with this revision. In the case where students need different explanations, there are opportunities to learn concepts online from many different sources in many different ways. Students that realise this take the initiative to find these sources online and learn from them to complement their learning in school.

Just remember when you study, whether it is from your textbook or online (by reading listening or watching), you must pause frequently and take notes. You must think and make connections, so that the time you spend studying results in long term knowledge and understanding.

If you need help, always reach out to your teachers and they will guide you.

Please keep this in mind as we enter the term break and take the initiative to do some revision of Term One topics before Term Two begins!

Best regards,

Mr. Shefik Sahingoz  
Vice-Principal

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Junior School,

It has been extremely busy in Junior School the last few weeks. We have had incursions as well as excursions in all levels, which students have enjoyed and learned from. These activities and new learning experiences are always the highlight for our students. I had the pleasure of accompanying the Marine Ambassadors on their first outing where they had the opportunity to meet students from different schools and backgrounds. It was a beautiful day at the beach where they had a great experience snorkelling and discovering the marine life at Ricketts Point.

The Year Four students have been proactive in attempting to raise funds for our brothers and sisters in New Zealand who have had to endure a horrendous ordeal. We as a College are very proud of their efforts and are proud to be a part of instilling amazing values in them which will make them great Australian citizens of the future.

Ms. Apak and I have been working hard in the Junior School corridor to ensure that learning does commence at 8:40 a.m. Parents have been reminded to leave the corridors at 8:37 a.m. and then ushered out at 8:40 a.m. This has enabled the prompt commencement of classes which our teachers have appreciated. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us in this endeavour, we trust that this support will continue. Just a reminder that if students do arrive at school after this time, students should be dropped off at the front office and they should make their way to their classes themselves. Students are not to be accompanied to their classes, and teachers are not to be interrupted while they are teaching; this includes the Year Three, Four and Five classes which are not located in the corridors.

Our teachers have been preparing our students for the upcoming International Children's Day, which we will be celebrating in Week Two, Term Two. We hope that friends and families of Mt. Hira College will attend this celebration on Tuesday 30th April, 2019.

Ms. Hulya Ucler

Head of Junior School



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Assalamu Alaykum Parents and Students,

Once again, it has been a very busy few weeks in the Middle School. Many events have taken place whether it be excursions/incursions and our Annual Athletics Day. The Cultural Tour of Turkey which will take place from 15/4/19 to 28/4/19 has kept me very busy this term. We had an Information Evening on the 28th of March 2019 to brief all the parents and students prior to departure. The Parent Information Evening was very successful and I thank every parent who made the effort to see their child's teachers. I hope that all parents have received positive feedback from their child's teachers.

A reminder that the Year 7 students will be receiving their immunisation HPV Doses. Thank you to all the parents who have returned their forms.

<b>VISIT 1 – YEAR 7 – HPV DOSE 1 &amp; BOOSTRIX</b>	<b>VISIT 2 – YEAR 7 – HPV DOSE 2</b>
3 APRIL, 2019	14 October, 2019

Ms. Ayse Erenli

Head of Middle School



# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Assalamu alaykum

Senior School classes have been busily engaged in their school work as we head towards the end of Term One. Our students have also participated in a number of special activities and events over the last couple of weeks.

The Harmony Day Assembly held on the 21st of March was not only a celebration of our diverse community but also a poignant reflection on the tragic events that took place in Christchurch, New Zealand. We were touched by the many acts of kindness and messages of support we received from the wider community during this difficult time of mourning. We were particularly moved by a special visit to our school by a group of Year Twelve students and staff from Killester College in Springvale. They not only visited us to express their condolences and show their support, but also generously treated us to 900 iced cupcakes for our College community. In addition, they presented us with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and an ornamental tree decorated with fairy lights and messages of hope.

Our students have been fortunate enough to attend some excursions recently. A selected group of Year Ten students participated in their first interfaith excursion as part of the Building Bridges program. This is the first excursion in a series of visits to foster positive interfaith dialogue and understanding. The VCE Unit 1 and Unit 3 Computing classes had an exciting visit to Burnham Beeches, a manor in the Dandenong Ranges. Students explored virtual and augmented reality at the EMPIRE exhibition showcasing the work of Rone, a very talented artist.

Senior School students were pleased to have a number of engaging sporting activities over the last three weeks including the Middle and Senior School Athletics Day and a friendly soccer match against Hallam Senior College. The entire College community enjoyed watching the Year Twelve boys pit their skills against the male staff team in an intense basketball game. I congratulate the Year Twelve boys on winning the first match in the Staff versus Year Twelve series of sporting events. I am confident that our staff team will win the next game, insha Allah!

Our Year Eleven students are excitedly looking forward to their final school camp, the VCE Retreat. They will be staying at Camp Allambee in Yarragon from Monday the 1st of April to Thursday the 4th of April. The program includes many valuable and enjoyable activities including study skills workshops, wellbeing and careers seminars, VCE subject sessions, a trivia competition, a bush walk, a low ropes course, billy carts and much more. I wish our staff and students a safe and enjoyable experience at the VCE Retreat.

As we approach the holidays, it is important to plan a structured study schedule so that students are well-prepared for Term Two and the Semester One examinations (27th to 31st of May). Students are encouraged to read their English texts and complete all holiday homework set by their teachers. Our dedicated VCE teachers will be running compulsory classes in the first week of the Term One holidays for selected Unit 1 and Unit 3 subjects. A timetable will be distributed to students by Monday the 1st of April. This will also be advertised on SEQTA Notices, sent to parents via SEQTA Direct Messages, e-mailed to students and uploaded to SEQTA Documents. It is essential that students attend these classes punctually.

Final preparations are well underway for our inaugural Cultural Tour of Turkey. A group of 26 Year Ten to Year Twelve students and six staff members will be participating in this tour from the 15th of April to the 28th of April. I would like to thank Ms. Ayse Erenli for all her hard work in organising this trip. I am sure it will be an experience of a lifetime that our students will benefit from immensely, insha Allah.

I wish everyone a productive and enjoyable break over the Term One school holidays and look forward to welcome you back on Tuesday the 23rd of April.

Ms. Nazreen Amirudin  
Head of Senior School



## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The great sporting rivalry between the Year Twelve Students and Staff is well and truly alive in 2019. Throughout the year, students and staff will be competing in a range of sports for the coveted championship trophy.

The series kicked off with the male students and staff basketball game, traditionally this has been a guaranteed win for the staff. The game was hotly contested in front of a large crowd within the gym. The students came out firing scoring the first 8 points in a row and establishing an early lead. Malik Ma led the way for the Year Twelve Team providing both a strong defence and some impressive offensive plays in this early stage of the game. After this early run of points, the effort and skills of Mr. David Tudor came to the forefront and he kicked the staff team in motion and got them back into the game with their opening points. After half time the teacher's managed to halt the students scoring and began to peg back the early lead they established. Unfortunately it was too little too late and student ending up winning 26 – 20. Congratulations to the Year Twelve Cohort as this is the first time that a teachers team has ever lost to the students in basketball.

This win has given the students a 1 game 0 nil lead in the series for the trophy. The next game in this series will be the female students and staff netball game to be held on Friday the 29th of March. I am thoroughly looking forward to the female staff winning and equalling the series.

Mr. Jack Franklin

Head of Student Engagement



## WELLBEING MATTERS

Harmony Day at Mt Hira College

ORANGE and other bright colours dominated at Mt Hira College on Thursday March 21st as everybody reflected on their diverse cultures on Harmony Day. Harmony Day was even more important this year as it signified how important the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has become. It was especially important for the Mt Hira college community because it gave us a chance to respond to the Christchurch incident in our unique way.

An assembly was organised by our School Captains to take place as a vigil; paying our respects to the lives lost in the tragic Christchurch incident.

The Junior School unveiled our 'Windmills of our Values' depicted in the hall.

The beautiful diverse colours displayed all over the school celebrated the different cultures within the school community.

A touching event took place on Friday March 22nd that will be cherished for many years to come. Killester College students visited Mt Hira to deliver their support and love through 900 cupcakes! The tree of ribbons covered with messages of love and compassion that they gifted was very healing for all of us.

We wholeheartedly thank Killester College for the kind words and wisdom they portrayed. We look forward to continuing this new bond with Killester College well into the future.

Ms. Sue Apak

Head of Wellbeing



## OUR FAITH

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,

On behalf of Keysborough Turkish Islamic and Cultural Centre and Mount Hira College, I would sincerely like to thank our community for their support in relation the attack that occurred in Christchurch. On Friday the 22nd of March, The Keysborough community and our Mt Hira College students attended an absentee funeral prayer for the brothers and sisters in New Zealand. We offer an extended appreciation for our local support by Victoria Police, CFA, SES, Council Members, local community and businesses.

We also had a fruitful mosque tour last Friday were we had 38 participants from Leadership Victoria attend our mosque, meeting the college leadership team and the imam. A big thank you to Tahauallah Ibrahim from Year Eleven for representing our College and giving a short speech about a Muslim youth's life in Australia.

Mr. Muhammed Sezgin

Head of Religious Affairs/RE Domain Leader



## CAREERS NEWS

### Monash University Scholarship Recipient

2018 Year Twelve student Ms. Adyva Hadian has received a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for Achievement from Monash University worth \$4000. She is a most worthy recipient. I'm sure that everyone at Mt Hira College congratulates her on this achievement.

### 2019 Work Experience

All Year Ten students will participate in Work Experience from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 (last week of Term Three, 2019). Completed Work Experience Arrangement Forms are due by 3:30 p.m. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 to the Careers Coordinator (first day of Term Three).

Prior submission of forms is encouraged. All Year Ten students have been briefed on requirements and given form in Pathways class. Placements in retail and fast food are strongly discouraged. Placements with friends, relatives and classmates are not allowed.

### Updated Mt. Hira College Careers Website

The Mt. Hira College Careers Website has been updated with a new look and some new tabs. Check it out at: <https://www.mthiracollegecareers.com/>

Careers Coordinator

## WHOLE COLLEGE EVENTS

We'd like to warmly thank our College community for their attendance at the Term One Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The day ran across four time blocks between 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The atmosphere was buzzing with new interactions and new opportunities for teachers and families to partner up to ensure that each student has a pathway to success paved out for the remainder of the academic year. Well done to all of our students on their accomplishments and achievements so far in 2019. Thank you to our dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff and to all staff who had designated roles in ensuring the day ran smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to everyone for maintaining their energy and drive in what understandably can be a very strenuous day for staff. We thank all families once again for your attendance and we hope that you gained value with respect to your child's performance from the Term One Parent-Teacher Interviews.



## MATHEMATICS DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new education year. The Mathematics domain has grown with two new teachers, Ms. Rim Chatila and Mr. Fan Wang, joining the team. Together, we have initiated several new incentives for our students in 2019.

Middle School students have been given the opportunity to receive extra assistance by attending Math Club during lunchtimes every Tuesday. During these sessions, students can seek for help with their homework or any concept that they may have trouble with. We have introduced after school classes for our Senior School students, specific to the subject that they are studying. We are running Unit 1 Methods after school classes on Mondays, Unit 3 Methods and Specialist on Tuesdays, Unit 1 General on Wednesdays and Unit 3 Further on Thursdays. All students are encouraged to attend the sessions relevant to their studies.

The Mathematics domain is excited to implement Mathletics in 2019, an online math resource. Students complete tasks that are assigned by their teacher either in class or as homework. They can also complete additional tasks to help them with their understanding of the concepts. Students are highly encouraged to utilise Mathletics as we will be giving a trophy to the top class during each assembly. The class with the highest points over a given three week period will be the recipient of the award. The more tasks you finish with correct responses, the higher your score will be! Well done to 3M and 8T, our first top classes of 2019! The new top class will be announced in the Middle School assembly on Friday 29th of March.



The Mathematics domain wishes everyone a productive year in 2019.

Thank you.

Ms. Fulya Evcimen

Mathematics Domain Leader

## ENGLISH DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to 2019. The English Domain is pleased to welcome two more teachers to the English team in addition to the four we have had since last year. A warm welcome to Ms. Rahma Amanulla and Br. Samir Dorhmi.

This year we have introduced some new literacy initiatives throughout the middle school. All students in middle school participate in a 50 minute 'literacy lesson' every week and also participate in a 'reading rewards' program – in which students are rewarded for reading. It is very pleasing to see so many of our middle school students reading books and we hope that parents will encourage them to continue reading at home.



Lunch time English revision sessions have commenced for both Senior and Middle School sessions. Students are encouraged to attend these sessions for English help or to complete their homework.

In February, our Year Nine Debating Team, led by Ms. Halimoff, participated in their first debate at Haileybury College. Year Nine students, Issa Noor, Muhammed Abdullah, Meliha Zunic represented our school and completed against Haileybury Girls. It was a tight contest and unfortunately we lost by a narrow margin – however, all students involved put in a fantastic effort and we were really proud of them. The next debate takes place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April – parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Ms. Megan Barling

English Domain Leader



## LOTE DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parent, Guardians and Students,

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

The LOTE team would like to welcome you to the new academic year. The LOTE team is composed of nine team members who are very experienced and professional. The Turkish Language is taught by Mr. Kadir Emniyet (temporarily teaching year ten until the end of Term One). And Ms. Fatma who is teaching students from Foundation to Year Five. Ms. Sebnem is teaching Years Six to Year Twelve. As for the Arabic team, Ms. Ninette and Ms. Manal are collectively teaching across the Junior, Middle and Secondary Schools. Ms. Abir is teaching in the Junior School and I myself, teach the Year Nine and Ten cohorts. The team also includes two support staff, one for the Turkish language, Ms. Aynur and one for the Arabic language Ms. Wahba.

The LOTE domain teachers use different techniques and strategies in class to motivate students to appreciate learning a second language. We use multiple resources including electronic resources to encourage students to learn to the best of their ability. The activities in all classes are custom-tailored to the needs of our students. I would like to request the parents to encourage and support their children to learn a second language as it has many benefits and may open doors for them in the job market in the future locally and/or internationally.

Thank you very much.

Dr. Samir Dorhmi  
LOTE Domain Leader

## ART DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Art domain has had a busy start to 2019.

VCE Studio Arts Units 1-4 are well underway on their portfolio development, with students choosing a variety of pathways, including fashion design painting, photography and digital art. To support our students work in using digital media we have recently purchased a drawing tablet, and we are now integrating its use into our drawing programs.

Art Club is up and running now for Middle School Students to extend their skills in the arts, every Tuesday afterschool and Wednesday lunchtime. These time brackets also represent an opportunity for VCE students to seek additional support or purely use the art room and its materials for their portfolio development.

Y10 Art Elective students are studying Urban Landscape this term. This has involved learning the concepts of 2 point perspective and applying their knowledge in the creation of a unique and imaginary landscape through individual research and inquiry.

**Year 8 Art** students have been busy examining the work of Pablo Picasso this term. They have been looking closely at how the artist uses multiple perspective and simplified shape to deconstruct form in his work.

**Year 7 Art** students have been looking at the varying traditions of mythical creatures across cultures. This will culminate in the creation of their own mythical creature ceramic sculpture.

**Year 6 Art** students are exploring identity through drawing. They have been busy researching imagery which can represent them and have been learning about the technical aspects of portraiture.

In the Junior School this term, it's all been about re-familiarising ourselves with the elements of art. We are lucky to have

Ms. Katie Curtis here at Mt Hira, as she does such a wonderful job at inspiring our younger students with creative projects that also teach skills:

**Prep Art** students have been learning about colour and the colour spectrum of the rainbow (ROY G BIV) to create to rainbow self-portraits.

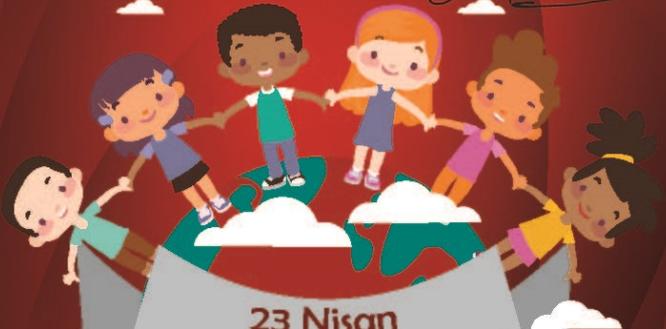
**Grade One**—Using line, colour and shape to draw and paint crazy hair people.

**Grade Two**— Learned about drawing people, horizon and shadows to create detailed artworks like the one pictured above.

Thank you.

Mr. Michael Hawkins  
Art Domain Leader





**23 Nisan  
International Children's  
Festival**

**Junior School  
F-5**

**Date: 30 April 2019  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Venue: College Gymnasium**



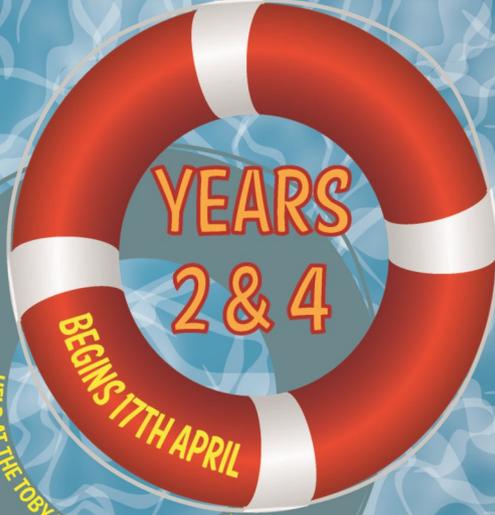
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**SWIMMING PROGRAM**



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10 ASHLEY PARK DRIVE, CHELSEA

**SESSION DATES:**

- WEDNESDAY 24TH OF APRIL
- MONDAY 29TH OF APRIL
- TUESDAY 30TH OF APRIL
- WEDNESDAY 1ST OF MAY
- THURSDAY 2ND OF MAY

**MT HIRA COLLEGE  
JUNIOR  
ATHLETICS DAY  
YEAR 2 - YEAR 5  
WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL  
ROSS RESERVE ATHLETICS TRACK**



**9AM - 2.30PM**