



Term Four News

Sew Creative



Throughout the year, our textiles students have been learning how to make patterns, studying designers and working out how to turn the creative ideas into their heads into wearable reality. Now it's time for College textiles students to put all of those skills into practice and to showcase their talents for all to see!

From frilly, flirty aprons to fantastic feathered hats; from baby clothes to gorgeous dresses for the formal - textiles students at the College are

capable of making anything they put their minds to!

Zoning in on Gold



Building on our recent success at District Athletics, College students have climbed to even greater heights at the Eastern Zone Athletics. We sent twenty-three of our finest students to compete against the best from other schools and they achieved outstanding results. Overall, our students won eleven medals, six of which were first place. This means we are sending six students on to compete at the state championships later in the month.

Congratulations to Bridget, Samantha, Rebekah, Rachael, Chelsea and Tom and good luck when you next compete!

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Education in the Great Outdoors



lot of fun along the way!

There's no rest for the Outdoor Education students at Forest Hill College! On the first week of term four, they packed their bags, prepared their tents and rugged up for a three-day hiking trip to Wilson's Promontory. The scenery was amazing, even if the weather wasn't quite as kind - the intrepid group of students was subjected to pouring rain as well as warming sunshine. Over the three days, they put into practice all the skills they had learnt throughout the year... as well as having a

Golden Times at Sovereign Hill



Late in October, Year 9 students packed themselves onto a bus and headed off to Sovereign Hill for the day. They experienced life in the Gold Rush, explored mines, panned for gold and sampled food and drink from the era. Students had a fantastic day learning about the past with their friends and having a taste of a simpler way of life. The final verdict was that Sovereign Hill was an amazing experience that many students would eagerly repeat.

Fours to be Reckoned With



On the nineteenth of November, Forest Hill College played host to nearly two hundred local primary school students. The grade four students from Parkmore, Burwood Heights, Burwood East and Livingstone primary schools were looked after by staff as well as some friendly and very capable Year 9 students. They toured the school and experienced a slice of life at the College, enthusiastically engaging in activities such as making finger puppets and getting active in the gym. A fantastic time was



had by all and we hope to see many of these students again when they enter our gates as new Year 7s!

Toys and Dolls



their audience.

Local primary students (and many College students) were in for a treat on the 25th of November as they settled in to watch Year 9 students perform an original production called "Toys and Dolls". Penned by teacher Ms. McGloin and acted with enthusiasm by her Year 9 students, the play told the story of superficial bratz dolls who learn that looks don't mean everything. The students put in an amazing effort on stage and were clearly enjoying themselves as they thoroughly entertained

Speaking Up For Diatribe



welcomed back some former champion College debaters as judges for the intense debating sessions.

The dialogue between Tribes found a new outlet this term with the introduction of [Diatribe](#). Tribe fronted Tribe at the debating table as they made their point about topics as diverse as the effects of advertising, scientist versus celebrities as role models, space exploration and sport in schools. There were serious arguments, humorous approaches and a great deal of enthusiasm as Blue, Green, Red and Yellow faced off against each other in the competition to be acknowledged as the College's foremost debaters. We even

In the end, it came down to Blue versus Yellow in both the junior and senior debates. Yellow carried their case that "Professional sportspeople are getting too big for their boots" in the senior final, while Blue convinced the judges with their argument on the subject "Beauty will get you further than brains". Congratulations to all students who stood up and took part and well done to Ms. Longthorp on the success of the inaugural Diatribe competition!



End of Year Soirée



On the 12th of November, the College's instrumental music students assembled for their final concert of the year. After captivating us at concerts and providing some musical indulgence at assemblies, the music students finished off the year with some festive flair. The String Ensemble played, as did the Rookie Band, the Stage Band, a snare drum ensemble and many solo performers. The VCE music class had a chance to show off their compositions and Burwood Heights Primary

School students also had an opportunity to show us how much they have improved throughout their year working with the College's music program.

The soirée was a fantastic success and was a fitting tribute to the students, staff and family members who have worked hard and supported the music program all year long.

Exhibition of Excellence



The students at the College are a creative bunch. They spend all year learning various forms of art from photography to traditional drawing right through to digital forms of art, developing and extending their skills and ingenuity. Late in November, these students were given a chance to shine at an Art Exhibition held at the College. Pieces of artwork from all levels of the College were proudly put on display, allowing students, staff and families to marvel at the talent possessed

by our students. Over one hundred family members and friends attended the official launch and enjoyed an evening of artistic enlightenment at the College.

Mo Money for Movember



If someone invents a way to raise money for a good cause, then it's more than likely everyone at the College will throw themselves into it. However, there's one particular fundraiser that is a little exclusive; one in which you can't participate if you happen to be of the female



persuasion.

Movember!

Almost every male staff member took part in Movember for the month of November, growing some classy moustaches in an attempt to raise funds for men's health awareness.

Reading the Way



Every year, more and more students at the College take up the Victorian Premier's challenge to read fifteen books before the end of August. Nearly a hundred students took part this year, encouraged by library staff and their English teachers. Students read a wide variety of books, from the perennially popular *Harry Potter* series, through to all kinds of non-fiction and even a bit of manga. Almost all of the students who took part completed the challenge - some even finished their fifteen

books several months before the closing date!

All of the Reading Challenge students were rewarded with a special morning tea, at which local MP, Kirstie Marshall, presented the students with their certificates.

Year 9s Dance with the Stars



Year 9 students took the dancefloor recently! They participated in four dance lessons with Dancing with the Stars legend, Mark Wilson, learning such dances as the jive, the paso doble, the cha cha and the classic waltz... all in preparation for a dancing competition held at the Jamm Dance Studio in Forest Hill Chase. The students paired up and put all their learning into practice as they danced in four heats, all wanting to be crowned the dance champion of year nine. In the finale, eight

couples danced off in front of three special judges, cheered on by their former competitors as they proved they had mastered the complicated moves they had been taught. Well done to Danielle and Peter, Kristee and Damien, Ellen and Nick, Kate and Alex and Melissa and John for truly dancing like stars



Acknowledging Achievement at the College



Dozens of smiling students and proud families descended upon the Camberwell Civic Centre on the 15th of December for the College's annual Presentation Evening. The night is a celebration of academic achievement and contribution to the College and the community - a chance for students to be recognised and for their peers to become aware of what it is they do. Students were acknowledged for academic success, for sporting prowess and for their contributions to

life at the College.

Special congratulations go to the year level duxes - Rebekah, Alvin, Kimberley, Billy, Joshua and Monique - and to the winners of our highest awards: Sagenta for the Deakin Student Award and Monique for the Principal's Award.