



Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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*From the
Principal's Desk*

A lot has been happening around THS over the past two weeks and of priority to share with you all is the proposed timetable changes for 2023 and beyond. Following the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2022 there are required structural changes that all schools are putting in place to manage the alterations required to support the new requirements. Along with satisfying these changes, THS Leadership have identified many benefits in moving to a 5 period timetable; such as student engagement, having the opportunity to see students more frequently and aligning with neighbouring schools. All staff and students have had the opportunity to share their views on the proposed changes and models as part of the consultation process and I look forward to sharing these with you in the coming weeks.

Along with the new VGSA we are also busy planning for the changes to our Senior School in 2023 following the governments Senior Secondary Reforms and an alignment of VCE and VCAL. In 2023 all Victorian schools will be moving to one senior certificate, the VCE, however still be able to offer an Applied Learning stream which will be known as the VCE Vocational Major. This is an exciting change that will not detract from our current pathways offering, instead enhance them for all students. I encourage all our year 10 families to come along to our Senior Pathways Evening next Tuesday 16th August.

Last week all our Year 8 students attended the Live for Life launch at Lardner Park. Live for Life is designed to support our young people to not just identify strategies to improve their own mental health and wellbeing, but also put strategies in place to support those around them. The Live for Life program has been pivotal in our community over the last 3 years and we are very fortunate to have them making these connections with wellbeing organisations across our area.

In addition to the partnership with Live for Life and as a response to an escalation in mental health related concerns we are also glad to announce a more formalised relationship with Headspace, including a Local Coordinated Partnership Group that is mapping out a Wellbeing Action Plan to compliment the amazing work our own THS Wellbeing team currently do. This group is being coordinated by our Area Student Support Services team and will comprise youth specific mental health services. Planning has begun for information sessions for students, staff, parents/carers at an appropriate time in the near future.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students participating in the Debutante Ball the very best and thank our extremely dedicated staff who have spent endless hours organising the evening.

Regards,
Brett Pedlow
Acting Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST	DEBUTANTE BALL
MONDAY 15TH AUGUST	PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST	YEAR 10 INTO 11 SENIOR PATHWAYS
FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST	HARD ROCK EXCURSION
MONDAY 24TH AUGUST	YR 11 & 12 MT BAW BAW TRIP
22ND-26TH AUGUST	BROADENING HORIZONS—7S & 8S
TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST	YEAR 10 INTO 11 COURSE COUNSELLING
TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST	YR 9 INTO 10 INFORMATION NIGHT
FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER	INDONESIAN DAY FESTIVAL
MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	BROADENING HORIZONS PRESENTATION—EVENING—5.00PM
WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER	GAT—PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER	FINAL DAY OF TERM 3
13TH-16TH SEPTEMBER	UNIT 3/4 PRACTICE EXAMS
MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
10TH-14TH OCTOBER	RUBICON CAMP YR 9
19TH-21ST OCTOBER	YR 11 OES CAMP CAPE PATTERSON
FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER	YR 10 CELEBRATION DAY
WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER	VCE EXAMS COMMENCE
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	YR 10 OES SURF CAMP
THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	VALEDICTORY DINNER
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	PUPIL FREE DAY

JOB SKILL EXPO

On Tuesday 26th July, the year 10 cohort travelled out to Lardner Park to attend the Job Skills Expo held by the Baw Baw LLEN. The students could attend various seminars and talk to over 70 stall holders. There were representatives from the Defence Force, Police, TAFE Gippsland, Headstart, and many apprenticeship groups. This was a great opportunity for our students to build their network and start making connections with people who might assist them in their future career paths.



YEAR 7 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Week 2 year 7 academic focus: English

- 7A-Tayla James
- 7B- Ashlee Cooke
- 7C- Skye Moles
- 7D- Mia Gaut
- 7E- Chevy Jeremiah-Walpole
- 7S- Dhiira Slade

Week 3 year 7 academic focus: Maths

- 7A- Tresamaria Thomas
- 7B- Indiana Reid
- 7C- Finlay Wirken
- 7D- Mia Gaut
- 7E- Heidi Donoghue
- 7S- TBC



LOST PROPERTY CUPBOARD—STUDENT PROJECT

A big thankyou to Codie, Jess and Bella on their help updating our lost property cupboard which is now located at the front office.

Along with Miss Sette’s help, Codie, Jess and Bella have done a magnificent job creating our new and improved “Out of Space” themed lost property cupboard. Please make sure all of your property is named and we will endeavour to get it back to you. If there is no name, big chance it may get lost in space....



MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY—GIRL POWER IN ENGINEERING & IT

Hi, my name is Lena Blackshaw, and I am a current year 9 student at Trafalgar High School. Over the June school holidays, I attended a camp for a Melbourne University Girl Power in Engineering and IT Program.

This Girl Power Program is designed to help broaden knowledge about careers and studying for young women who have an interest in science, technology, engineering and maths. This is a 4-year program which includes the camp, work experience in year 10, and mentoring/assisting with school and selections of subjects and universities in year 11 and 12. It is run by a passionate Melbourne University group consisting of current students studying a section of engineering or IT along with the head of the program, Monica Duggan.

At the camp, we stayed onsite at the University College with current students. We received Melbourne University Girl Power Program merchandise and got to network with like-minded students from all over Victoria. The camp enabled us to experience university lectures, technology implemented in real life, hands on and bonding activities, small group projects and finally a Q&A panel with successful women engineers.

This program so far has shown me many different aspects within the engineering and IT field to help me with future career choices. If you have an interest or strength in maths or science or want to broaden your knowledge in engineering and IT, I highly recommend this program to you.

Thanks,
Lena Blackshaw

HEAD START—CONGRATULATIONS TYSON GILL

Congratulations to Tyson who has recently signed into a Head Start Traineeship working with Image Direct, Traralgon.

Tyson is undertaking Year 10 this year and will be commencing his Certificate IV in Information Technology (Web Development).

Thank you to Image Direct for giving Tyson his career "Head Start".



LIVE4LIFE LAUNCH—YEAR 8

Thursday 4/8 saw our THS Year 8's join other Year 8's from across the region for The Live 4 Life Launch at Lardner Park. This program focuses on understanding mental health and supporting regional young people in dealing with mental health concerns. The Year 8's were a credit to our school, engaged and polite at all times. Well done Year 8!



TRARALGON STRING QUARTET—EDITH STRETCH

Edith (8S) played violin in her first concert with the Traralgon String Quartet last weekend in Bairnsdale. Please find below the link for the programme (also check itet.com.au for more information about the quartet)

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58aa54d53a0411800f177c13/t/62e4ff111b6952301a60d390/1659174676198/Itet+Bairnsdale+Program+20220731.pdf>

The Traralgon String Quartet is a part of a program organized by John Noble (from Orchestra Victoria). John has set up various quartets around regional Victoria. He regularly mentors each group and organises concerts. On the weekend, the quartets rehearsed and played with The Flinders Quartet in a concert. This was an amazing opportunity for Edith and she did a great job. The concert was fantastic!



PROJECT READY 2023

Students not sure which pathway they wish to pursue but certain they want to follow a vocational occupation and need a VET program for their 2023 studies, should consider the 12-month Project Ready VET course. This program aims to prepare students by developing workplace skills and investigating future job pathways. Students gain a qualification in Active Volunteering.

An in-person Information session will be held on **Wednesday 17th August** for anyone interested in learning more about **Project Ready for 2023**. Further information about the program can be found at: [Project Ready – Project Ready empowers students to make decisions about their future and their career goals](#)

When: Wed 17 August

Time: 5.30 – 7.00pm

Where- Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, 107 Princes Hwy, Trafalgar (Upstairs)

Who: prospective students, parents, school staff

Light refreshments will be served

REGISTRATIONS: [Project Ready 2023 - Information Night Tickets, Wed 17/08/2022 at 5:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)



SAMUEL JOHNSON "LOVE YOUR SISTER"—CRAZY SOCK DAY

On Friday the 19th of August at 2.00pm all year 10 and 11 students are invited to attend our guest speaker Samuel Johnson "Love Your Sister" for his talk about Breast Cancer awareness and his tribute to his sister Connie.

We will also be holding a Crazy Sock Day for all students on the 19th of August, we ask for a gold coin donation that will go towards the "Love Your Sister" foundation.

Parents, Carers & Guardians are welcome to attend this event which will be held in our Sports Centre at 2.00pm



SMOKING & VAPING

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

[Research from the Royal Children's Hospital](#) shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education and Training has collated [resources](#) to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping, and some suggestions about how to talk to your child about vaping, and where to get support.

This includes a [video](#) from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne with tips for parents for starting a conversation with teenagers about vaping.

Trafalgar High School will be installing Vape Detectors in the toilet areas around the school as an additional preventative measure to help us in ensuring student safety and wellbeing. It is important to note that the detectors we have opted to install, do not have any camera or audio recording capabilities. They work based off detecting the presence of Vape liquid in the air and then alert a member of staff for follow up.

Links:

<https://www.rchpoll.org.au/polls/e-cigarettes-vaping-and-teens-do-parents-know-the-dangers/>

<https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>

https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/E-cigarettes_and_teens/

ATTENDANCE—SMS

SMS Attendance messages are sent out daily via Compass, this occurs twice daily at 11:20am and 2:40pm. If you receive an SMS at 11:20 and do not provide a reason for the absence, you will receive a secondary SMS at 2:40.



In other cases, your child may be marked absent for rolls marked after 11:20, therefore you will receive a text message at 2:40.

Within the SMS alert there is a link to the Compass Portal to enable you easy access to enter in a reason for the absence. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the front office on 5633 1733.

SCIENCE WEEK 2022—15TH-19TH AUGUST

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The school theme for National Science Week in 2022 is Glass: More than meets the eye. It is based on the UN International Year of Glass. It will celebrate the many roles that glass plays in our lives – from phone screens to optical fibre to glassware in labs – plus investigating glass as a part of our sustainable future. The uses for and intrinsic nature of glass in science make it a suitable topic for investigation across all strands of science education.

- We are putting the call out to staff, students and families to collect glass jars/vessels for upcycling - reuse/recycling as plant pots for mini succulent gardens, to be placed in classrooms and offices around the school and cared for by form groups and staff alike.
- Please bring in your clean jars over the next week and deliver them to your wonderful Science teacher or Mrs Bannister who will get them where they need to go.
- There will be an event at a lunchtime next week to fill them with soil, paint or draw a design on the jar and do the planting.
- Wednesday 17th Lunch 1 and Thursday 18th Lunch 2 - meet on the driveway between E-wing and N-wing.
- This activity links to the limitless recycling abilities and uses of glass. I'm thinking Wed lunch 2 and/or Thursday lunch 1.
- There may also be a screening of a related educational documentary or show in library central at the same times for those not wishing to get their hands dirty (TBC).

How will you Science in Science week 2022?

Mrs Bannister



DEBATING CLUB

The THS debating club has wrapped up its 2022 schools competition season. The senior team finished with a 3-2 record, and the junior squad with a 2-3 overall (not bad considering they were competing against teams a year older than them!).

Mr. Spence would like to thank all the students who came to practices and matches, the families for supplying rides to Berwick on school nights, and to the School for supporting the club.

If you're a student at THS who'd like to give debating a shot, we meet every Thursday Lunch 1 in room N7 (next to the art room), and we have casual practice games as well as some formal training opportunities coming up this year.

See you there!



SENIOR PATHWAYS EVENING—YR 10 & 9S STUDENTS

All 9S and Year 10 students and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the upcoming Senior Pathways Evening, which will be held at Trafalgar High School on Tuesday, the 16th of August from 5pm. A “subject fair”, whereby students can learn about the different individual subjects available in 2023 will be held between 5.00pm – 6.00pm and then the information session will begin at 6.00pm and run to approximately 7pm. Individual course counselling sessions will occur in the following week for the Year 10 students, where each student will meet 1:1 with a course counsellor to support them to select their 2023 program. More information is available via COMPASS newsfeed. Looking forward to seeing you there!

– Ms Hopkins and Mrs. Draper

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

 **national science week 2022**
scienceweek.net.au 13-21 AUGUST 2022

GLASS

More than meets the eye



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FAMILY FUN DAY

10AM-3PM SUNDAY 21ST AUG 2022

FREE ENTRY • MARKET STALLS • FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLE • ACTIVITIES AND GAMES FOR
KIDS OF ALL AGES • AND MORE!

TRARALGON RACECOURSE
110 MCNAIRN ROAD, TRARALGON EAST

Love Your Sister is bringing all of Traralgon together for a massive Family Fun Day fundraising event with music, food stalls and heaps of activities for kids of all ages! Australia's favourite cancer vanquisher, Samuel Johnson OAM, will be there with bells on to thank you all in person and announce the total amount raised by your community.



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