



# Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



Celebrations are the tonic that help us remember and rejoice all the brilliant things that happen in our community on a day to day basis. The Debutante Ball was one of these such events and as a school community to see our students, staff and families, smiling and laughing together was incredible. I must thank all our staff for the enormous amount of work that goes into putting this event together and make special mention of Wombat Lyons who leads the way.

Another event that we were extremely lucky to hold was the Samuel Johnson Love Your Sister fundraiser and talk. Alongside this event we held a crazy sock day with all proceeds going to the Love Your Sister Foundation. Samuel was extremely engaging and inspiring; providing our students with many pearls of wisdom and anecdotes about growing up and overcoming challenges.

Our Year 7 & 8 SEAL students have been participating in Broadening Horizons this week and working alongside our long-time community partner, CFA. This year we have run the program as a week long program, identifying problems of practice and creating solution-based outcomes to share and overcome these challenges. We are all looking forward to the presentation evening on Monday 5th September.

It has been a busy few weeks for our Senior team and students with the Year 10 into 11 Information Evening and subsequent course counselling being held earlier in the week. The buzz in Library Central throughout the day was clear for all to see as students discussed their senior pathways courses and received expert advice along the way. If you missed this day and wish to book a time, please reach to the relevant Coordinators and Year Level Leaders.

Camps and excursions are back in full swing and although it's been near-on freezing in the locations we have been heading, the Outdoor Ed team have braved the cold for a Snow Trip and 3 day hike in the Snowy Mountains. Although not everyone's idea of great time – the memories from these camps and excursions last a lifetime!

Finally, next Tuesday we have our Year 9 into 10 Information Evening and I hope to see you there - *Acting Principal, Brett Pedlow*



# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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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
THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 3.40PM-8.00PM
FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 9.00AM -1.00PM
FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER	FINAL DAY OF TERM 3—PUPIL FREE DAY
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 12 CELEBRATION DAY
WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER	VCE EXAMS COMMENCE
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	YR 10 OES SURF CAMP
TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	HALF DAY TRANSITION (TRAF PRIMARY)
THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	VALEDICTORY DINNER
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	HALF DAY TRANSITION (SMALL SCHOOLS)
MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER	SEAL EVENING 4PM-8PM
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER	STATE-WIDE ORIENTATION DAY (ALL STU- DENTS)
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER	SECOND FULL ORIENTATION DAY (ALL STU- DENTS)

## YEAR 10 & 11 HARD ROCK CLIMBING EXCURSION

The Year 10 and Year 11 Outdoor Education classes attended an excursion to Melbourne CBD for indoor rock-climbing. All students went out of their comfort zone by bravely scaling 10 metre+ walls at the climbing centre. Even the climbing instructors commented on the great attitude students had. Students then spent some time eating out and shopping in the CBD, before boarding the train to get home. Overall it was a very successful excursion, with most students thoroughly enjoying it.



## YEAR 12 HOMEMADE PIZZA

Year 12 homemade pizza, making healthy meals to meet the Australian Dietary Guidelines.



At THS we are collecting old sports equipment to be recycled. If you have any of the accepted items at home, please drop them off to Meg or one of our amazing PE teachers in the sports centre.

The old sports equipment will be sent to a recycling facility in Melbourne, sorted into sporting item categories and tested for re-use or shredding for downstream recycling. The volume that is shredded will then be passed on to Australian manufacturers where it can be used in the manufacturing of new products (yoga mats, fall mats, footwear, sports surface coatings etc), rather than ending up in landfill.

Then add the Accepted items document attached.

Thanks, Mrs Bannister.

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## Sports Equipment Recycling Trial - Information for Schools -

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### About Game On Recycling

Game On Recycling is a partnership between Australia New Zealand Recycling Platform (ANZRP) and Wilson Sporting Goods Co. Recognised as a thought leader in the Product Stewardship sector, ANZRP works alongside government, industry and community groups to reduce waste, improve recycling and better manage environmental impact.

Wilson Sporting Goods Co., a subsidiary of Amer Sports Corporation, is the world's leading manufacturer of high-performance sports equipment, apparel, footwear, and accessories. The Company brings more than a century of innovation, history and heritage across many sports.

Together, these two organisations are forging ahead to make Australia's sport equipment industry a global leader in sustainability.

Financially supported by ANZRP, Wilson Sporting Goods Co, and an Australian Government grant from the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund, the pilot phase of this project started on 1 July 2021 and will continue to 31 March 2023.

### Why is used sporting equipment a problem?

There is currently no formal system in place in Australia to collect and recycle the significant volume of sports equipment that is sent to landfill each year. There they cause problems with our ecosystems and the biodiversity that surrounds them.

### How will the schools program work?

Collection sites are being established around Australia to collect old and unwanted sporting equipment. Items collected will be sent to ANZRP's processing facilities in Melbourne to be sorted and separated into:

1. Items that can be reused and put back into circulation in the community, thereby extending the life of the product; or
2. Items that have well and truly come to the end of their life and need to be recycled. This recycled material can then be used in the re-manufacture of new products. We are exploring options with producers of yoga mats, thongs and tennis court surfacing.

During the pilot program, Game On Recycling will work with schools to run collections and report back the types and volumes of sporting equipment collected.

For schools located outside of metro Melbourne, Game On Recycling can provide Reply Paid slips for schools to attach to a cardboard box and send back waste sports equipment through Australia Post. Each box can weigh up to 22kg. We recommend deflating balls to increase the quantity of materials that can fit inside each box.

# Sports Equipment Recycling Trial

Accepted items:

## Balls

AFL, Basketball, Gridiron, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Water polo



## Rackets

Badminton, Squash, Tennis



## Unaccepted items:

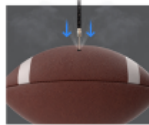
- A: Air hockey table, Archery
- B: Bocce balls, Bowls/ ten pin bowling equipment, Boxing bags, Boxing speed balls
- C: Climbing equipment, Clothing, Cricket balls and bats
- D: Drinking bottles
- E: Electronic consoles (Wii Fit/Sports), Electronic items (Fit Bits)
- F: Fishing rods, Fitness weighted balls, Footwear
- G: Golf bags, balls and clubs
- H: Hockey balls and sticks, Hula hoops
- J: Javelin
- L: Large gym equipment (exercise bike/treadmills etc.), Life vests/ floatation devices/ snorkelling/ flippers/ diving equipment
- N: Netting
- P: Pool tables/ cues/ billiard balls, Protective gear (knee pads, elbow pads, helmets, mouth guards)
- R: Roller blades
- S: Shotput/ discus, Skates/ skateboards, Softballs and bats, Sport cones, Sports clothing/ uniforms/ bags, Surf boards, Swimming pool inflatables/ swimming pool noodles
- W: Weight benches, Whistles
- Y: Yoga mats



## COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOLS



1. LOCATE A CARDBOARD BOX AND COLLECT END-OF-LIFE SPORTS BALLS AND RACKETS



2. DEFLATE BALLS SO MORE ITEMS CAN FIT IN THE BOX. MAX WEIGHT 22KG, MAX BOX SIZE 0.25M<sup>3</sup>



3. ONCE THE CARDBOARD BOX IS FULL, EMAIL [coral.east@anzrp.com.au](mailto:coral.east@anzrp.com.au) TO NOTIFY THAT YOUR BOX IS READY FOR SHIPPING  
A REPLY PAID PDF WILL BE CREATED AND EMAILED BACK



4. PRINT THE REPLY PAID PDF AND SECURE TO THE TOP OF THE CARDBOARD BOX



5. TAKE THE BOX TO YOUR CLOSEST AUSTRALIA POST OFFICE. THEY WILL SCAN THE BARCODE AND THE BOX WILL BE ON ITS WAY TO OUR RECYCLER!



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# TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL DEBUTANTE BALL 2022

88 students participated in the 2022 Trafalgar High School Deb Ball, and the formal dances and amazing outfits were the result of these students' commitment and preparation which officially begun in term 2, included twice weekly rehearsals and many emails. Supported by their families, these students learnt three formal dances, a dance to share with a significant person in their world and the year level dance which included a tribute to the dance moves of Foot-loose. Students were presented to an official party of the assistant principals of Trafalgar High School and School Council president and we like to thank the people and suppliers who make our night of nights possible.

- Ms O'Meara (Grandma O) and Mr Morrison from the senior sub school who supported student supervision and were the MCs for the evening, and Ms Hopkins and Ms Draper for additional supervision
- our Dance instructors Bobby Viney and Kim Moroney
- the front office team at THS, especially Donna Noonan and Dr Sharon Lowater for their support with enquiries, program design, ticket sales and finance.
- Pam and all the team at Larder Park. A new venue for the school and their support assisted our transition especially for such a large number of Students to participate.
- Darren and all the team at Spargo Photography who do an amazing job with our couple and family photos.
- Taryne and all the team at Stitch Productions who have created a fantastic digital DVD of this year's event.
- our Band, Gippsland own Hus-Band who performed after formalities and sent us off dancing into the night even if they didn't know the Disney Classic "Let It Go"
- Lilly Pilly Flower Boutique in Moe who designed again wonderful bouquets
- All the team at Panthers Mensland Moe who support our Deb Partners to look striking

this was our first major event in what is often described in the post covid landscape and like everything we faced supply chain and staffing issues, and we thank every for their support and understanding, we especially thank the young people who supported each other. If a peer had to miss some rehearsals due to COVID isolation requirements, they supported them to catch up. they were flexible around rehearsal venues and applied themselves with dedication to learning the dance routines. They brought a sense of fun and fantastic behaviour to the venue on the day, making this an extremely enjoyable event environment for everyone.

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## MUSIC AT THS

Hello everyone, it has been a busy and somewhat chaotic year so far in music with almost 200 students taking on music lessons and band related workshops each week. Despite illness and absences due to COVID and other flu-like symptoms, the show has carried on and it has been fantastic to see so many students starting bands, writing songs, learning covers and rehearsing each week. Our instrumental team; Steve, Tristan, Lori, Nathan, Grady, Julie and in Semester 1, Natasha Wendt and Caitlin as well; have been flat out teaching and engaging the students in personalised music lessons based on their own interests and capabilities. We have also introduced a "Band Workshop" style lesson for students interested in working in bands and this has proven to be quite popular. It has been so much better teaching in person rather than online!



On Sunday 21st August, a number of current and ex-Trafalgar High School students performed on stage at the Traralgon racecourse in support of Samuel Johnson's "Love Your Sister" Cancer Charity Family Fun Day. This was a brilliant event with a few thousand people attending throughout the day to help raise money for cancer research. Our senior band Echoic performed a 30min set of original songs and covers to great applause and support from Samuel himself and the audience; a crowd favourite was a cover of "Smoko" by The Chats, that really got the crowd pumped. Harry Pace and Alyssa Geiberras in Year 12 performed with their band and a Traf High favourite, The Hus-band; who played at this year's Deb Ball, also played in the afternoon. It was great to see so many people from the Trafalgar High School community there to support the event and it left the students who performed buzzing when they got off stage.

We are hoping to run an outdoor music show at the end of the year and we will provide more details regarding this event in the coming month or two, so stay tuned for more information!



# TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL BUS LOOP

For the safety of all children from Trafalgar Primary School & Trafalgar High School we ask that parents/carers DO NOT use the High School bus loop as a roundabout, or thoroughfare, it is clearly



marked with signage on the road and the fence when approaching. Trafalgar High School have staff on bus duty from 8.15 am until the last bus and from 3.25pm – 4.05 pm when the last bus departs. We thank you in advance and appreciate your cooperation.

# HEAD START—CONGRATULATIONS BRADEN!!

Congratulations to Braden who has recently signed into a Head Start Apprenticeship working with Southern Plan and Equipment. Braden is undertaking Year 10 this year and will be commencing his Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology. Thank you to Southern Plan and Equipment for giving Braden his career "Head Start".



# SAMUEL JOHNSON—LOVE YOUR SISTER

Last Friday we were lucky to have Samuel Johnson visit our school to explain the 'Love Your Sister' campaign. Samuel Johnson won a Gold Logie for his portrayal of Molly Meldrum. He also danced his way to the Mirrorball trophy on Dancing with the Stars. But he would much prefer to be known as a brother to his sister Connie, who died of cancer in September 2017. Since Connie's diagnosis, Samuel has unicycled 16,000 kilometres around Australia, he has helped build a giant love heart out of 50 million five cent pieces and has helped raise more than 15 million dollars for cancer research. The school was supportive of this campaign and held a crazy sock day to raise funds for this worthy cause. We thank Samuel for taking the time to raise awareness of the Love your Sister campaign and the discussion surrounding Breast Cancer.



## 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 –UN CONFERENCE

On Friday the 19th of August, the Unit 3/4 Environmental Science class participated in a model UN conference representing Viet Nam, China, Mexico, Namibia and Egypt. The topic was Planet Ocean: Protecting the world's oceans, seas and marine resources, hosted by Ecolinc in Pakenham. Students were required to take on the role of their allocated countries delegates to prepare a position statement on the issue then make suggested amendments to the draft resolution with hefty debate and a final vote to conclude the day. There were allies and enemies made, call outs and betrayals, and a healthy but entertaining face off between Japan and Norway.

Our Oceans are an integral part of our planet and key to implementing the new global sustainable development agenda. The Ocean is the largest ecosystem on Earth and central to the survival of nature and humankind. But the Ocean is also under massive threat and requires all of us to protect and sustainably manage it. 2021 – 2030 is proclaimed as the 'Ocean Decade' and building awareness as well as taking action is of great importance.

I was so proud to see all students involved play their part with passion and enthusiasm and develop further their understanding of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

"We must put aside short-term national gain, to prevent long-term global catastrophe. Conserving our oceans and using them sustainably is preserving life itself." "Everything we do...must be with a strong focus on building more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change, and the many other global challenges we face. Our roadmap is the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals." UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres.

What a fantastic day it was, student feedback was that it was a lot of fun and exceeded their expectations. A once in a lifetime experience that I hope was unforgettable.

We only have one Earth, what are you doing to save it?

Ashley Bannister.



# FOOD STUDIES

Year 8 to 12—A snapshot of the term so far. From French Toast to Pancakes, healthy meals to mini sponge cakes and hamburgers. The students are loving food studies.



## YEAR 9 INTO 10 INFORMATION EVENING

All current Year 9 students (except for 9S as they attended the senior pathways evening) are encouraged to attend the Year 9 into 10 Pathways Information Evening. This event is held at Trafalgar High School, in the Sports Centre on the 30th of August from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The purpose of the evening is to inform current Year 9 students of their pathways options and choices as they

transition into the senior school. Important information regarding VCE subject selection and the application process for the Year 10 Applied Learning Program will be discussed. We look forward to seeing you there!



# MOUNT BAW BAW SNOW TRIP

On Monday the 22nd August, our year 11 & 12 Outdoor Environmental studies students, alongside the year 12 Environmental Science students attended a day trip to Mount Baw Baw.

Students will use this practical experience to make links with the theoretical content they have currently been studying in class. Students will use this experience to reflect on for their upcoming exams.

Students spent the day snowboarding, skiing and for some building snowmen. There were many snowballs thrown and lots of fun had by all of our students.

We are very proud of the resilience and behaviour our students demonstrated in representing Trafalgar High School.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Angie Farrell a member of our school community and Mackenzie, a federation uni student, who both volunteered their day so that our students could participate. Without our volunteers these trips would not be successful. We also had Meg Macumber and Kym Brand come along with our classes and are grateful for their time.

Here are a few flicks of our Adventure.

Ms O'Hea, Mr Schack & Ms Bannister



# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



12/08/2022

Dear School Community,

## Temporary Change to Traralgon Store Trading Hours (Closed Saturdays)

We'd like to inform you that we will be reducing the opening hours for our Traralgon store and will be temporarily closed on Saturdays. This will come into effect from **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022**, and we will reopen on Saturdays from **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.

Please see below for the store's updated hours:

<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am to 5:00pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am to 5:00pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am to 5:00pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am to 5:00pm
<b>Friday:</b>	9:30am to 5:00pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause, and thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms