



# Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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*From the  
Principal's Desk*

Welcome back everyone to Term 4.

Term 4 can be somewhat of a rollercoaster ride with its constant ups and downs, twists and turns, all culminating in a wonderful finale. The light at the end of the tunnel for our Year 12's is now as close as ever, with their last classes scheduled for next Thursday and the traditional celebration morning and parade on the Friday. All our students undertaking a unit 3 & 4 subject are giving it one last push and cramming in as much study as possible. These last few weeks can seem like an eternity for some, but also a sprint to others. Every last bit of study counts. All the best!

Our Senior VCAL students are also finishing off their final projects and outcomes and I thank them for the work they have undertaken with the new canteen aisle rails. I would also like to thank our Intermediate and Foundation VCAL students for their project work on the grounds which are looking fantastic.

A number of our Year 9 students have gone on the Rubicon camp this week and they should all be commended on braving the wet and wintry conditions. This final hike is the culmination of a semesters work and shows incredible resilience and persistence. These are the events that we all look back on as adults from our school years and remember with fondness. I would like to make special mention of the staff that attended and participated fully in Haydn Draper, Jack Brown and Kim Moroney.

Despite the weather, there have been many teams out at interschool sport over the past two weeks, most notably our cricket teams for which we have had some success. I had the pleasure of taking our year 8 Boys to Warragul on Wednesday and although we only got one game in, we were on the winning side! Our Intermediate Boys had a big win in the final on Tuesday and will progress to the next level. A sport very close to my heart, it's great to see THS showing the other schools how it's done.

Finally and with tremendous sadness, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Anthony Wilson. On behalf of Trafalgar High School I pass on our deepest condolences to Fiona and the entire Wilson family. Anthony was an enormous part of the Trafalgar High School community for almost 20 years, holding multiple positions along the way. Anthony had great influence on all those around him and has made an incredible difference to the many students, staff and families that he has worked with over his career.

Vale Anthony Wilson.



# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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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
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER	STAFF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY (STUDENT ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM)
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	YR 10 OES SURF CAMP
14TH-17TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 10 & 11 EXAMS
TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	HALF DAY TRANSITION (TRAF PRIMARY)
TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	VALEDICTORY DINNER
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	PUPIL FREE DAY (YEAR 11 EXAMS RUNNING)
21ST-25TH NOVEMBER	VCE JUMPSTART
25TH NOVEMBER	FINAL DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS
25TH NOVEMBER	NIGHT ON THE LAWN EVENT (
28TH-2ND DECEMBER	YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	HALF DAY TRANSITION (SMALL SCHOOLS)
5TH-6TH DECEMBER	YEAR 8 CAMP
MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER	SEAL EVENING 4PM-8PM
12TH-16TH DECEMBER	ACTIVITIES WEEK
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER	STATE-WIDE ORIENTATION DAY (ALL STUDENTS)
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER	SECOND FULL ORIENTATION DAY (ALL STUDENTS)
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER	PRESENTATION EVENING 4PM-6PM

## JUNIOR PUPPETEERS SEEKING LONELY SOCKS FOR ENTERTAINING RELATIONSHIPS

Yes, we want your old socks for something dramatic! If you have the typical collection of *single* socks; hiding, alone and unloved; we'd like to take them off your hands and put them on ours. Our **Drama** students are working on sock puppet shows and donations of *clean* unwanted socks would help with *casting*! We could also use any old *dolls eyes* or suitable craft material you no longer have a use for; that is taking up space in your cupboards. Please send to Mr David Higgins via the office or directly.

David Higgins



## SOCIT— EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Our local Morwell SOCIT (Sexual Offences and Child-abuse Investigation Team) team are working proactively with schools across the region to offer and deliver educational sessions to students at school. The sessions are led by members of the SOCIT Police team to inform and educate students on the impacts and ramifications of sexting, inappropriate cyber activity, consent laws that exist in this space and to provide general advice to students about the law. These sessions will be delivered to all year levels, and will be tailored slightly depending on the age group. The sessions will begin on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for Year 7, 8 and 9 and the senior students (Year 10 and 11) will have sessions running on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. The police team members delivering the content will advise students that they may opt out at any time during the session if they feel it may be confronting, and our welfare team will be onsite to provide any follow up that may be required. If you do not wish for your child to participate in these session, please email the school at [trafalgar.hs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:trafalgar.hs@education.vic.gov.au) or phone on 5633 1733.

We believe this to be a proactive step in supporting our students to understand their roles, right and responsibilities as citizens within the community.

Kind regards,  
Jimi Hopkins



**Join us for our “Night On The Lawn” event, presented to you  
by Trafalgar High School!**

TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# NIGHT ON THE LAWN

Music • Art • Food

25TH OF NOVEMBER

*5pm - 8pm*

Bring your picnic rug and enjoy a night of music and art showcasing Trafalgar High School students, with special guests from Kurnai College

*Gold coin entry and raffle proceeds go to  
Bowel Cancer Australia*

This is a DRY event - NO alcohol permitted

School Road, Trafalgar



## MUSIC PROJECT COLLABORATION WITH YSAS TERM 4

In week one of Term 4, we kicked off a collaborative music project with YSAS (Youth Support Advocacy Service) to work with a group of students keen to develop their music and performance skills.

This project involves students working together in groups to learn and perform music that is of interest to them whilst also building on their current skills in improvisation, dynamics and arrangement.

The project kicked off with a masterclass workshop and Q&A conducted by three professional session musicians; these musicians have been session musicians for some of the biggest names in music including the Don Lane Show, The Bert Newton Show and many live Channel 9 Studio bands for TV shows around Australia, as well as many other endeavours and performing in jazz clubs in New York.

The session musicians demonstrated a variety of pieces and broke down how they played them, why certain musical concepts work and then they had the students get up and improvise music together to help them understand the musical process.

These sessions are conducted by YSAS but hosted at Trafalgar High School and will be running throughout Term 4, every second Wednesday after school. At the end of the project, students will hopefully perform a small show for an audience of parents and friends.





# GIRLS IN BLUE

On Tuesday 11th October Haylee Luke, Vicki Wang, Levi Corser, Jade Vosper and Bonnie Axford participated in a Girls In Blue event. They were able to take a tour of the Moe Police Station learning about the different ranks, roles and responsibilities of a Police Officer. They then walked to the High Street Community Hub and were able to hear about the recruiting process into the Police Force. They had an opportunity to ask questions about life in the Police Force. The students were treated to a very tasty BBQ lunch provided by Neighbourhood House.



After lunch the students participated in the Human Library. This was where each of the 12 police officers created a blurb about themselves and the students had to choose which novel (police officer) story they would like to "read". Students got to select two books and spent half an hour with each book (police officer) in a small group chat. The students thoroughly enjoyed these sessions learning about the careers and pathways in the police force.

"I found the 11th of October to be exciting and nerve-wracking. However once we fully arrived I was so interested in everything we discussed. Walking throughout the Moe Police Station was intriguing and especially the interview rooms. I learnt much more than I expected and now know what is truly done within the police force. I found the different pathways persuading as there was a range of different ones I found interesting. Meeting the police officers was exciting and interesting, I met a detective and parole officers and so many other leaders in the station. People from all different stations, hearing about their lives and how they got to their job, the challenges of not knowing what a 'typical' day might turn out like. Altogether it was an amazing experience and I wish to do it again." Jade Vosper Year 10





## CHINA HISTORIAN VISITS VCE CLASS

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. Morrison's VCE History Revolutions class were honored to have Historian Trevor Sowdon visit. Trevor is the author of the excellent "Analysing the Chinese Revolution" textbook that we use for our studies. He presented an overview of some key course topics, adding his insights into the language as well as sharing a photographic slideshow from his time spent living and teaching in China in the 1980's.

Some students managed to get their textbooks signed by the author - perhaps adding significant re-sale value! Pictured here are Loki McCallum, Michelle Gough, Ayden Vugs, Beth Darvill, Melinda Ray and Morgana Meier with Mr. Trevor Sowdon.



## SUNSMART—Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide

Term 4 has well and truly started and although it still feels like Winter, we will shortly be entering our Summer months! We encourage all students to wear hats when out in the yard and remind them to be mindful of being Sun Smart.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

# THE STUDIO

After school hang for young people aged 12 to 16!

Join us to get creative in our pop-up makerspaces or just come along to hang out.

- Range of arts and crafts materials
- 'How-to' session from our friendly library crew.
- Non-stop hot chocs!
- Safe and inclusive place to chill or create

### Moe Library

Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm from 8 November

### Traralgon Library

Wednesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm from 5 October

Activities and materials available include:

- Tie-dye t-shirts
- Basket weaving
- Zine making
- Jewellery 101
- Air dry pottery
- DIY fidgets
- Special effects makeup
- Mini-social media studio
- Tarot reading

Or tell us what you want to do!



# NUMBER NINJAS

For children aged 7 to 12 years

## KICK OFF THE MATHS BLUES!

And be cool after school.

### Morwell Library

Wednesdays 3.45pm to 5pm  
12 October to 23 November

BOOK AT EVENTBRITE OR YOUR LOCAL BRANCH

- Shapes
- Fractions
- Time
- Weights
- Measures
- and more







# ParentZone Gippsland

Information on Programs to support parents  
and carers across Gippsland

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