Principal’s Report

As the school year of 2013 commences I would like to welcome back all our parents, students and teachers. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and their parents and especially our new Year 7 students. We are really looking forward to a long and happy association with you all.

I would also like to welcome four new teachers to our staff - Ms Megan Cheong, who will be teaching Chemistry, Science and Maths; Ms Emma Van Leewen, who will be teaching Physics, Science and Maths; Ms Anna Muston, who will be teaching English and Media studies; Ms Lisa Pearson, who will be teaching Art and VCD.

2012 was an incredibly successful year for the school in many respects. In terms of VCE results our students continue to achieve very high standards - as a percentage of students achieving study scores over 40 our school was placed eleventh out of all State Government schools. In terms of ATAR scores our top study score was 99.75 and over 30% of our students achieved ATARs of over 90.

This year as a school community we will continue with our focus on our values (please see website) and “Creativity” as an acronym sets the standards. These letters stand for:

C  Collaboration - Students work collaboratively.
R  Respect - Students respect themselves and others.
E  Excellence - Students are expected to strive for excellence in everything they do.
A  Active Contributors - Students are expected to be active contributors in all school activities.
T  Timely and meeting deadlines – This is a crucial skill that all need to learn.
I  Innovative where appropriate
V  Value individual differences – This goes together with respect. Everyone is different.
I  Ingenuity – Students are encouraged to think of unique solutions to problems
T  Talents discovered and not hidden – Students are encouraged to discover their unique interests and talents.
Y  Yes we can attitude as together we seek solutions, and are prepared to try new things.

It is our expectation that students will strive to meet these criteria.

I wish you every success for 2013. I expect all children to focus, work hard and be a strong contributor in the Box Hill High school community and beyond. We are looking forward to another successful and great year with you all!

New German Language Assistant

We are fortunate once again to have a German Language Assistant allocated to our school. Last year, Maxi Gührlich was a great help to the German faculty. This year, a young man, Sebastian, will be working with us.

Sebastian is seeking accommodation in a shared house. Do you know of anyone who may be looking for a house-mate, has a spare room to rent etc.? This arrangement could start any time from now on and needs to be for the duration of the school year.

Please contact Jana Kühn directly if you can help out - kuhn.jana.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Jana Kühn – German Teacher
Yes, Homework Club is on again but...

This year Homework Club will run on Mondays and Wednesdays. It’s a great opportunity to catch up or to get some help from a teacher. We look forward to seeing you in the Research Centre from 3pm to 4pm.

Mrs Tehan, Mrs McQueen & Mrs Craig

Box Hill High House Swimming Carnival 2013

Box Hill High School will be hosting its’ annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 5 March, at Boorondara Sports Complex, 271C Belmore Road, North Balwyn. The day boasts to be a fabulous day with all major swimming events and an abundance of extra activities including novelty competitions, novelty races and a fashion parade. There will also be a pool available for students not in races to use as well.

The carnival will start at 10am and finish at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Students are expected to meet at school at 8.30am for Form assembly; they will then be driven to the venue by bus. Students will be dismissed upon arrival back at school. Food will be available at the venue; however, students are encouraged to bring their own lunch. All students are expected to attend this event and support their house. We are all looking forward to a fantastic day!

Mark Whitehead – Inter-School Sport Co-Ordinator

Community Announcements

Learn About Yourself!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

International Women’s Day Dinner & Myeloma Research Fundraiser

Friday, 8 March 2013 from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM (EST)

Box Hill Community Art Centre, Station St and Combarton St, Box Hill, Victoria 3128

BOOK HERE or for more details ph on 1300 146 178 or email: jenruth@orgwell.com.au
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EMAIL: admin@whitehorsebasketball.org.au
ENQUIRIES: Steffka Andrikopoulos
0402 882 178

REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday 16th February 2013
10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Orchard Grove Primary School
(Enter via Holland Road)

Completed Registration forms may be mailed or emailed now

GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME!
Make a team with your friends...or make new friends