As always, there has been so much happening around our school of late. Buckley Park College is such a vibrant place of learning, where students and teachers really do work in harmony together to achieve great things.

At our most recent school assembly I spoke about a favourite book of mine, "To Kill A Mockingbird," by Harper Lee. I chose this book to highlight our College values to the students and for me, this wonderful book encapsulates many of them. I particularly wanted to focus on our value of 'determination' and how important it is for students to be determined in all that they do.

During the College athletics carnival, we saw some amazing physical performances. The majority of our students participated in the full range of events, from discus to the relay, and so many of them achieved a result of which they should be very proud. Whether the students won several blue ribbons, a green or red ribbon, or just had a go, they showed their friends, their school and themselves that they accept and embrace our College value of determination.

People who are determined to go places, generally will. If we sit back and wait for things to happen, we'll get left behind. At our College sports day we witnessed many examples of real, honest determination.

School and the act of learning is about accepting challenges and having the determination, with the support of us, the students’ teachers and families, to meet them. If everything was easy, then we wouldn't be learning much at all.

The determination of our production students and staff was also magnificently on show for all to see recently, when The Circus hit town. I was absolutely blown away by the Buckley Park College production this year and by the immense talents of the students who starred in the show and of the teachers who wrote and directed our play. It was a stunning success.

There is an enormous amount of time, work and energy that goes into staging a production of this magnitude and if it wasn't for our teachers and students living our values, we couldn’t have achieved the spectacular result that we did. Without a strong sense of determination, The Circus simply could not have happened. Mr Pease, Ms Scod, Ms Godfrey, Ms Williams, Ms Santangelo, Ms Bainbridge, Mr May and many, many others all proved how determined they were to bring The Circus to life.

Of course the stars of the show were our amazing students; your sons and daughters. Our students proved their determination to make the production a magical success by rehearsing at lunch times, after school and on weekends and then by performing at such a high level for 3 nights in a row. It’s an incredible achievement of which our whole school should be proud. I most certainly felt an enormous sense of pride.

To be determined is so important. It means to accept a challenge. It is to understand that mistakes are about learning and opportunities for improvement, not failure.

It’s to value doing your absolute best and it’s to not be afraid of hard work.

I’m so pleased with how our students are showing that they embrace our school value of determination. I’m determined to show them that when we embrace our values together we can make our school an even better place to be. Together we should determine to live our school values in all that we do, every day we’re together at school.

Please don’t forget that on Saturday October 12th we are planning for our 50th Anniversary Festival. Planning is well under way for our celebration festival and we look forward to seeing all of our families here on the day supporting the school. There will be students involved at all levels of the day, as well as stalls, activities, music, food, etc.

If you can offer support in any way, please contact Louise Gaynor or Richard Jones at school. We are particularly interested to hear from traders who may like to set up a stall at the event and from groups who may be happy to sponsor/provide activities or entertainment for the day.

We’ve got a jumping castle, of course, but what else could we provide for the festival go-ers? All ideas gratefully received.

Each Friday afternoon you’ll receive an email from the school as we count down to the festival. Do you know how many weeks it is now?

Last Friday night the annual Debutante Ball was held at L’Unica reception centre in Carlton. It was a wonderful night for the Year 11 students involved and their families. It was my great pleasure to receive each of the couples, accompanied by the Year 11 Coordinator, James Fidler and the Mayor of Moonee Valley, Cr Narelle Sharpe.

Our students behaved impeccably and had the most fantastic night; an evening befitting the young adults they have become. On behalf of the whole College community, my sincere thanks to the Friends of Buckley Park and especially to Nola Kalaitzidis who again has done a terrific job in organising the whole event. Thanks Nola.

There has been an extraordinary amount of work happening at school by Ms Schultz and her team of willing helpers to create our inaugural BPC Writing Festival, which was held last Wednesday and Thursday. It was great to see all of our teachers and our 7-10 students involved in a variety of workshops across the 2 days.

The Festival has been a key part of the development of our Centre for Young Writers this past year and I’m delighted to say that it was a huge success. The success of the event was due to the determination and willingness of the teachers involved to put in loads of extra time, ideas and energy. It was then up to the kids to embrace the opportunity and they did, with gusto. It was an inspiring 2 days of learning and teaching at BPC.

As part of the Festival, we initiated this year the inaugural Principal’s Writing Competition. At a practical level, writing is key to success at school and in life, but it’s much more than that too. For many of our students it’s a creative outlet that they crave and need. The quality of the entrants for our first competition were outstanding.

I’m delighted to announce that the 3 winners of the Principal’s Writing Competition this year are: Connor Sirij of 7HS for A Nightmare’s Dream Sam McLeod of 8SA for Drowning in Sorrow Riana Bridge of 11CN for They Never Asked

My sincere congratulations to the 3 winners. Thank you and congratulations also to each student who entered the competition this year. It was a great pleasure to read such high-quality writing and I look forward to even more entrants next year.

I’ve mentioned here before that this year we’ll be developing a new College Website. This is now in process. The team who are working on this have been learning the new content management system and we’re now at the stage of refining the content within the new layout and developing processes to ensure the site is current and responsive to what’s happening around the school every day. We’re increasing the importance of our web presence to become a site that you need, and hopefully want, to access often. We plan to launch the new site to begin Term 4.

Don’t forget, if you are a tweeter, please do follow us on Twitter too. @buckleyparkco It’s early days but we hope to use Twitter more and more.

Wishing you a restful and happy Term 3 break. See you in Term 4.

Happy reading.

Nathan Chisholm
Principal
TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our work with Jane Pollock and Matt Kuhn around the use of IMPACT (see below) is all about improving the learning of our students. There are things your child can do in class which improves their learning; knowing the goal of the lesson, making notes, summarising passages, identifying similarities and differences, checking their understanding with a friend, making connections, using their laptops to create a mind map, finding visual representations of ideas, collaborating, making an analysis, posing questions or hypotheses, practise and more practise.

At home ask your child to show them their notebook. Look for the above sorts of things in their work each lesson. Take a look at the IMPACT chart below and the steps involved, say, in the analysis of a system. These steps need to be explicitly and deliberately taught and learned for students to be able to ‘analyse a system’. To be sure, there are other ways of analysing however the point made here is that each and every student is capable of analysing.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE 2014

Information and communication technologies (ICT) can enhance learning outcomes for all students. We have worked to re-form and reshape teaching and learning in the classroom through the use of ICT and many of our classes now use a web based platform to access class materials and submit their work.

You may be aware the funding for school’s 1:1 net book programs has ceased. At Buckley Park we used this funding to provide a net book to students from Year 9 onwards. For 2014 we are going to recommend one device for students to bring to school, funded by parents. We are in the final stages of selecting a device based on:

- a trial here at Buckley Park College, including need and purpose in the classroom
- costs, support and capabilities including reliability, usability and servicing
- experience and recommendations from other schools
- research and reports
- feedback from students, teachers and parents

This is an important consideration for our school community and your contribution to this decision is welcome by phoning or emailing the school.

Richard Jones
Assistant Principal - Curriculum
YEAR 9

With the end of term already fast approaching our Year 9 cohort has continued to impress with their diverse range of achievements. From the passion, talent and creative flair displayed by students involved in the school production (behind the scenes as well), to the determination and athleticism demonstrated at our athletics carnival, to the impressive levels of maturity and respect students have shown whilst undertaking the SAPPS program, our Year 9’s continue to excel. Indeed, it has been a very busy and active term.

Traditionally, in Term 3 our Year 9 program has also included the City Project. As part of our ongoing belief in innovation and excellence, the program has undergone some re-working for 2013. Maintaining the elements that made the traditional program engaging and rewarding for our students, but with a new focus on our school values in the broader community and CBD, the program has been re-branded CIVIC (Collaborative Investigation of Values In our Community). All students will be participating in the program in term four. Details, dates, and further information will be coming home with students in the coming weeks, but it is safe to say that the Year 9 team are extremely excited about what our current cohort will achieve with CIVIC. I cannot wait to see students collaborating in teams outside the traditional classroom environment with a challenging and meaningful learning focus and goal. Of course, witnessing students share their experiences and ideas with parents and the wider school community at our CIVIC night will be a highlight. Without a doubt, the remainder of the year looks to be full of fantastic learning opportunities for all Year 9 students.

Arturo Tallarida
Year 9 Coordinator

CAREER NEWS

Year 12 students are reminded that timely application for tertiary preferences is due by 27 September at 5pm. To lodge an application, students access the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au. Students are encouraged to see Ms Alexander for advice relating to their post school options. To assist with VTAC preference application, workshops will be held in C3 at lunchtimes with the exception of Wednesdays.

Year 10 and 11 students have completed the Senior School subject selections and are encouraged to seek advice if further discussion is required or changes made.

Please contact me if you have queries relating to career pathways.

Ms Alexander
Post School Transition Coordinator
Languages Week in August was a great success again with many students participating in many activities. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 undertook the Assessment of Language Competence Tests in German or Japanese. The students are tested in their listening and reading comprehension skills compared to other language learners across the globe and will receive a certificate later in the year. German students and teachers baked cakes and ran a magnificent Kuchentisch (bake sale) – special thanks go to Tahlia Aylward and Angus and Isaac Miles of Year 7, Rachel Hart of Year 9 and Julie Hercus of Year 11 for their wonderful baking. A friendly Japan vs. Germany soccer match was held, with both teams playing well, but the German team winning. The Nininbaori (chopstick and food eating competition) under the flagpole was an exciting spectacle with students displaying great chopstick and eating skills! The Japanese bodii peinto (tattoo) activity with students writing colourful messages in Japanese characters was also a lot of fun. Thank you to our special expert parent helper on the day Ayako Mikuriya. The Brezeltag (Prezel Day) was also a great success despite some worries with the weather. Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who participated or helped out with Languages Week to make it the enjoyable success it was!

Languages Team

Students are reminded to label their uniforms, books, drink bottles etc. so that they can be returned to their owners if lost or misplaced.

Please see Miss Wyatt in the Science Lab if you are missing any property as there are many un-named items in the Lost Property Locker.

Kerry Wyatt
Lost Property Co-ordinator
On Thursday 23rd August 2013, these 14 amazing students set off to represent Buckley Park College at the School Sport Victoria State Senior Girls Hockey Championships!

Considering that 8 out of the 13 players had never picked up a hockey stick before June this year it was an amazing achievement to make it all the way through to the State Finals!

All players and assistant coaches (one missing on the day) made the commitment to training off campus, after school once or twice a week and their dedication paid off.

Buckley Park Senior Girls hockey team finished 6th in the State out of all the other state schools in Victoria!

I am so proud of their achievement and can’t wait to do even better next year.

Players:
- Isabella Colasurdo 7SN
- Hannah Jennings 8SZ
- Becca Pane 9BB
- Annabel NG 10RN
- Amelia Krassaris 10TO
- Tia Deoki 10TO
- Tayla Benham 11CN
- Olivia Colasurdo 11DM
- Emma French 11KA
- Mel Quinn 11LD
- Robyn Randell 11LD
- Sarah Pellegrino 11LD
- Lauren Vincent 11VM

Assistant Coaches:
- James Pane 11LD
- Matt Lanyon 11LC

FROM THE SRC

The SRC have been working on a number of initiatives over the last few months and have many more upcoming events for the school community.

40 Hour Famine
Thanks to all the students and teachers who gave up something for 40 hours during August. From food to technology, furniture to transport, it was an amazing effort from all involved. The money raised will go to help the people of Malawi who are dealing with a devastating drought and famine.

Year 12 students Olivia Walker and Adelae Bowen joined with 40 Hour Famine organisers, the Year 9 and 10 SRC representatives, to run a BBQ lunch for students in honour of ‘giving up’ for the 40 hour famine. ‘Munch for Malawi’ was a huge success that could have not been possible without donations from local community businesses like Baker’s Delight, Boundy’s IGA, North Essendon Gourmet Butchers (9379 2056) and Florence Butchers (9379 3969). We thank them for their generosity and encourage you to support them as they have supported us.

Students now have until the end of term to collect their money and submit their receipt books. Any cash donations can be submitted into the office and will be deposited into the group fund. All receipt booklets can be handed to Ms Godfrey.

You can still donate online at http://40hf.com.au/buckleyparkcollege

Writer’s Festival Book Swap
Year 7 and 8 students have been working to organise a Buckley Park College book swap in honour of the Writer’s Festival on the 4th and 5th of September.

Students from all year levels can bring any pre-loved book to swap for a new title, the more you bring, the more swaps you can make. Get swapping and read something new.

The stall will run in West Portable 4 at recess and lunch during the festival.

SRC Trivia night
The annual SRC trivia night is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday the 19th of September in the PAC. Get a table together and impress your friends. The fun begins at 7pm. Great prizes, delicious snacks and entertainment, all for just $5 (pre-sale, on the door on the night they will be $7)! Tickets can be bought and tables can be reserved through your class’s SRC rep. All the money raised will be going to fund SRC initiatives within the school.
**Brick Paver Campaign**

This FoBP project, which began last year, is finally coming to fruition. The Engraved Brick Pavers will be laid in a section at the front of the library during the term holidays, adding a splash of colour and some character to the area.

**Market Day**

Preparations are in full swing for this great event, which will take place on Saturday 12 October 2013. Many traders have already confirmed their attendance but there is still space available so contact friendsofbpc@gmail.com to book a place for your stall. It's a unique opportunity to be part of the Buckley Park College 50th Anniversary Festival celebrations.

**Gift to the School Community**

Continuing the tradition of giving back to the school community, which in 2012 saw FoBP provide money for a defibrillator, this year FoBP has funded the purchase of much-needed new barbecues. These have already been used for various events including the FoBP Election Day Sausage Sizzle. Many thanks to committee members Jenny, Brenda (Steven), Spiro, Evelyn, Robyn and Raelene for organising and running the event. Also, thanks to Robert Ferlazzo, Geoff Currie and Richard Jones for their help and support.

**Year 11 Debutante Ball**

What a busy term it's been for the deb set. Not only did they have their regular schedules of school and various combinations of weekly sports, part-time jobs and the school production, they also made time to attend dance rehearsals every Tuesday evening. This exuberant group managed to learn both Latin and ballroom dance routines, and executed them with confidence and grace at the annual Debutante Ball. Family, friends, the Mayor of Moonee Valley, Cr Narelle Sharpe and other VIPS in attendance were most impressed with the wonderful performance, choreographed by dance instructor Elaine McDuff. It shows just what young people can achieve if they put their minds to it. Congratulations to all involved.

Special thanks must go to everyone whose support helped make BPC's '50th Anniversary' Debutante Ball so very special: Mel and Nina from L’Unica on Parkville (9388 9955) Milo and staff at Nelson Alexander Essendon (9379 1313) Cathleen Cramm, Sol and his team at Minuteman Press Essendon (9379 3377) Toola at Celebration Heaven Essendon North (9379 9400) and Chris at Deluxe Video & Photography (9318 9122) Please support these businesses and let them know you're from Buckley Park College.

Nola Kalaitzidis
FoBP Liaison
friendsofbpc@gmail.com

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**Uniform Shop Trading Hours:**

- **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 1pm - 4pm
- **Access:** via Nimmo Street
- **Telephone:** 93373651
- **Email:** buc@dobsons.com.au

**YEAR 7 2014 STUDENTS**

Private appointment times for Year 7 2014 students are available every Wednesday in October. Please call or email the uniform shop to arrange a half hour appointment.

**CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY FORM**

A convenient way to pay for purchases when you can't make it into the shop is to use a credit card authority form. Your child can pick one up during shop hours, or a printable version is available on the Buckley Park College website: www.buckeyparkco.vic.edu.au on the students & parents page.

**SECONDHAND-THE UNIFORM SHOP SWAP SHOP**

To buy and sell uniforms, books, sorts equipment and other items visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au

All sales assist OUR school community and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation

The site provides 24 hour access to goods and is simple to navigate. No commissions. 100% of money received by the seller.

Try it today: www.uniformswapshop.com.au

**ALANNAH AND MADELINE FOUNDATION**

Dobson's are selling Stationery Packs to support The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. The packs are available at the Uniform Shop and cost only $5. Each pack sold allows Dobson's to donate one pack to a child in need.
Can you help in the Canteen?

The school’s canteen is a very important service to students and staff. It is only able to operate because of the commitment and dedication of our volunteers.

The canteen is a busy, friendly, work place and even if you don’t feel that you could serve the counter or handle money, there are plenty of things to do that would be of great assistance.

We would love you to call in and see for yourself just how important the canteen is to the school community. All profits from the canteen go to the school to provide facilities for our students.

So if you have a spare few hours once a month or once a term, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact
Connie Zahra
Canteen Manager
on 9331 9908

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### Canteen Menu 2013

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Lunches can be ordered at RECESS.
Lunches to be collected from the *LUNCH ORDER PICK-UP WINDOW ONLY*
Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps available at Recess & Lunch; can be made to order for lunch.
Parent Presentation on Teens & Alcohol – Term 4

Friends of Buckley Park are kindly organising for Vanessa Bates, a serving member of Victoria Police and a well-known public speaker with Warner Education, to come out and speak to parents about teens and alcohol. She is an engaging and informative presenter, and is experienced in facilitating responses to parents differing opinions and questions on this issue.

At this stage, we are still confirming dates but are looking at an evening in late October or early November. More details will follow as soon as they are available. We encourage all parents to attend as research indicates that there is a concerning level of alcohol consumption amongst teenagers.

Online Consent-Melbourne Uni SENSE Study

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Melbourne University SENSE Study is helping young people sleep better, learn better, feel better & prevent future health problems through healthy sleep habits & study skills groups! Find out more & let us know if you wish your child to be involved by clicking on the link below:

Go to https://melbpsych.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SITID=SV_eScQaQQ2htspj0N to be involved in the Melbourne Uni SENSE Study & get a free USB wristband!

The ACMA’s Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations

On Wednesday 16 October ACMA will run a series of internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. The presentations will provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer. The student presentations will take place during the school day.

Parents are invited to attend an evening session in the Library from 7pm to 8:30pm. A range of support materials such as brochures and websites will be provided.

Please contact Jess McWilliam if you have any questions.
Needed urgently for use on Festival Saturday 12th October

- Pop up Marquees or Gazebos to be used by the teachers and students setting up stalls and booths. (any colour)
- Market umbrellas with stands. (any colour)

If you are able to help us please contact:

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