

COLLINGWOOD ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The monthly school newsletter



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What's coming up

Friday 4th June

Student Free Day, **No School**

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All Campuses Primary Camp

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Collingwood Campus Secondary Camp
Broadmeadows Campus Secondary Camp

**Wednesday 16th June -
Friday 19th June**

Craigieburn Campus Secondary Camp

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Above: students at Broadmeadows campus have been exploring the subject of identity through making self-portraits. Continued on page 4.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to the May edition of the school newsletter. It is full of happy, busy students working very hard and having fun at the same time!

All of these experiences give students English language learning opportunities. They speak and listen, read and write in English about these activities. At the same time they are learning about school in Australia and building their confidence.

As I write this we are in the first day of a 7 day lockdown. Teachers are busy planning for remote learning classes.

We know learning English face to face at school can be tiring. It is even more tiring when students are learning remotely. Teachers understand this and plan each day to include a physical and art activity so students stay healthy, happy and active. Please remind your children to take a break from computer work and do some physical exercise.

Your children will be on webex video conferencing each day during remote learning. This is a time where they can talk to their teacher and other students. It is important for their mental health because they can stay connected and feel a sense of belonging.

I hope you all stay safe during this challenging time.

Catherine

Catherine McMahon
Principal



Secondary students from Collingwood Campus recently made lino-cuts in their art elective.



ES Appreciation Day



The primary students at Broadmeadows made cards for ES appreciation day, to say thank you to the fantastic Education Support Staff for everything that they do to keep us learning and to keep our school running .

Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Students have settled back into school life well after their varied experiences across the world with the COVID pandemic. Some students have arrived only very recently and others have been in Australia for a year - so everyone has had different experiences that they have learnt from.

We have been so happy with their commitment to their learning, their enthusiasm and their willingness to discuss ways in which their lives changed and what they hope for in the future.

At our Hume campuses in Broadmeadows and Craigieburn, senior secondary students have explored pathways to education with the support of Gebril and Zeina at Brotherhood of St Laurence. This has prepared them for the next step to feel comfortable with their choices.

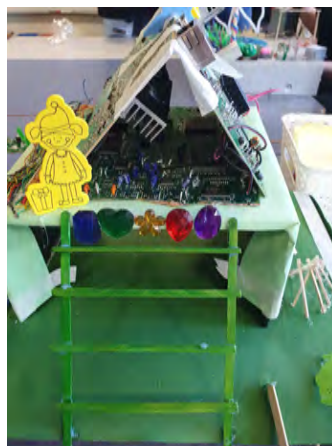
Social Worker Wendy has also been spending time with Yr 9-12 students to discuss their wellbeing, thoughts, wonderings about the months ahead, and aspirations. This is supporting them to be independent, to share their thoughts and feelings and to learn about life as a young person in Australia.



Here is an example of the pieces Secondary students are creating in Makerspace. More details on the next page.

Student Engagement and Wellbeing (continued)

All our students continue to explore their identity as young people settling in a new country. As a part of this, they made portraits of themselves which were displayed around the campuses. A picture of some of them at Broadmeadows campus is below.



Secondary students have participated in varied activities through our community connections and electives programs. These activities connect them to community through sport, music, creativity and technology. They have learnt dance with Outer Urban Projects and joined MakerSpace with Greg - partners whose contributions to our school is valued highly.

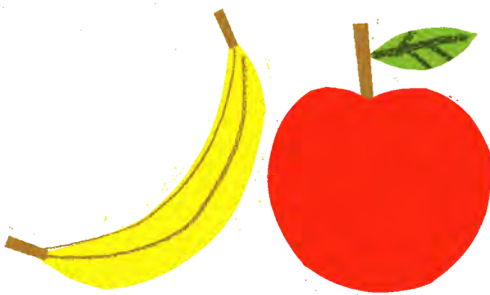
Student Engagement and Wellbeing (continued)

Parents

Each campus has held workshops or meetings with parents to support them with settling in, school camp and transition to the next school. Parents have also discussed their own concerns as parents in the very unusual year we have had - so many new and unexpected things such as quarantine, isolation, masks and learning from home.

Parents across Australia have had to be careful with managing sleep and screen time for their children. This has been challenging because devices are so accessible and attractive to young people. The importance of a balanced life with adequate physical activity, sleep and a good diet are even more important since the pandemic and lock down.

The poster on page 3 gives guidelines to parents around a balanced lifestyle for different ages. Traditional diets and home cooking with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables are also highly recommended and better than processed and packaged foods.



Art with AP2



AP2 at Collingwood Campus learned how to draw cars and paint them with watercolours. We then cut them out and stuck them on a big poster!

Swimming and teamwork at Thomastown Outpost

This term, Lower Primary and Upper Primary in Thomastown Primary Outpost have been learning how to swim at the local swimming centre in Thomastown.

They are getting better every week!



Lower Primary and Upper Primary at Thomastown Outpost have also been learning about how to work in a team. We worked with partners to make boats using simple materials. We measured how many toy animals the boats could hold. One boat could hold 73 animals!



Learning About: Community Helpers

In AP1, Collingwood Campus



Students in AP1 have been learning about the community helpers, places they work and transportation they use. They have been using Investigations to explore the topics. They use construction blocks, mobilo, lego and MAB blocks to construct structures such as buildings and vehicles that community helpers use. They roleplayed various professions such as a doctor, nurse and shopkeeper. They also made Mother's Day cards to present to their mothers and show their appreciation for having them in their lives.



Autumn Leaf Art at Craigieburn Campus

Students in C31 learnt about leaves and then created some fabulous leaf art.



Makerspace Update



Here are some pictures Collingwood Campus Secondary students playing, creating and learning in Makerspace this term.

Excursions from Broadmeadows Campus



Last week, Building 4 went to the Broadmeadows Library to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime.

They read a book called *Give Me Some Space* with the librarians, Space Barbara and Luna Moona.

They then sang songs about space in English, Arabic and Turkish.

Broadmeadows Campus' Trip to the City



Last week, Primary and Secondary students caught the train to the city and visited ACMI museum. They had a wonderful time visiting ACMI and walking in the sunshine exploring our beautiful city.