

# COLLINGWOOD ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*The monthly school newsletter*



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What's coming up

**3 Way Conferences**  
*Collingwood and Craigieburn campus*

Wednesday 29 May

**3 Way Conferences**  
*Broadmeadows campus*

Thursday 6 June

**Camps**

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**Student free day**  
*Professional Development day  
for teachers*

Monday 3 June

**Student free day**  
*Queen's birthday holiday*

Monday 10 June

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*Above: Lower Primary take a "silly  
picture" with Ms. Monique*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello all,  
There are many examples of our students demonstrating our core value of kindness. An example of this recently was when one of our Primary students was upset and too tired to concentrate. One of our secondary students saw this and looked after this student in the yard, playing soccer with him and making sure he was included. The primary student then came back into class ready to learn. We are very lucky to have a school that has both Primary and Secondary students. Our community is helpful to those in need without expecting anything in return and this makes us all very happy.

I want to also thank the teachers who helped with our parent information sessions at each campus. An important part of our work is to ensure families are aware of the partnership they have with the school around education for all our young people.

**Catherine McMahon, Principal**

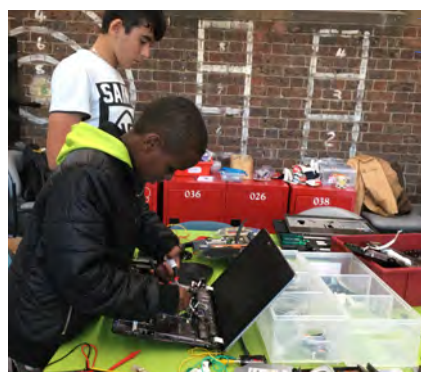
## CAMP DOXA

This term students will have the opportunity to go to Camp Doxa, which is near Malmsbury, about a 2 hour drive from Melbourne. The camp introduces students to the Australian bush environment and provides an opportunity for students to practice English in an authentic setting. The camp is always one of the highlights of the childrens' stay at the school.

Camp - Broadmeadows campus    Primary - 27 - 29 May  
Secondary - 29 - 31 May

Camp - Craigieburn campus    Primary - 17 - 19 June  
Secondary - 22 - 24 May

Camp - Collingwood campus    Primary - 17 - 19 June  
Secondary - 19 - 21 June



## Introducing Makerspace

### What is Maker Space?

At Makerspace students can create, invent, explore, pull apart and build projects together. Students can experiment and learn to use a variety of tools and materials. Here students from Collingwood campus, home groups 44, 42 and 28, are busy exploring what is inside a computer.

Makerspace provides exciting learning experiences in the STEAM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths. Makerspace is fun and a great place to learn English.



## Science Experiments



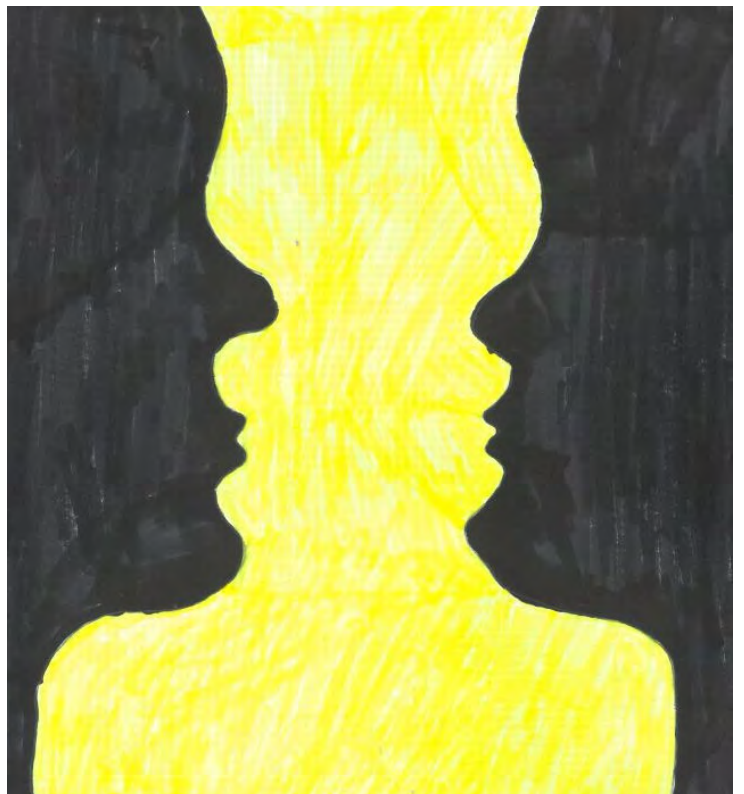
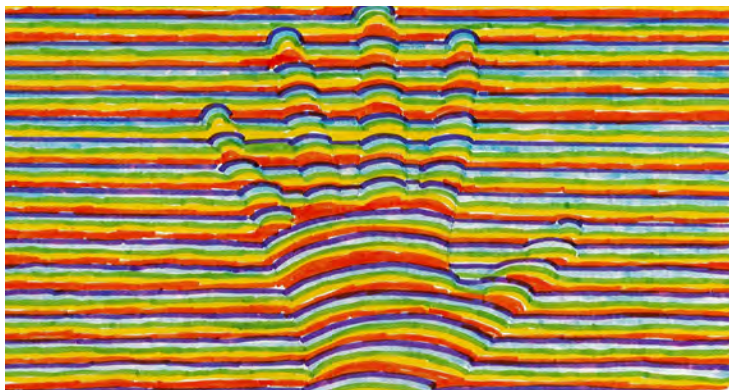
Rocky from PNE Outpost is finding out if mixing cornflour and water (and food dye) makes a solid or a liquid for science class. He discovered from the experiment that the mixture is both a solid and liquid, depending on how you touch it.



HG28 students conducting science experiments to test 'Viscosity of Liquids', and to explore 'Factors Affecting Seed Germination'. The students are engaged in, and excited by, their learning. They demonstrate great team work, deeper level thinking and use of academic (science) language and concepts.

## Escher inspired artwork

Students from Collingwood and Craigieburn created the artwork below, following the excursion to the Escher Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. Students created artwork using illusion as the theme, based on Escher's artwork.



# Meet the Teacher



**MAIREAD  
HANNAN**

**Acting Leading Teacher**  
*Engagement and Wellbeing*



In this new column, the students get a chance to ask their teachers questions, and we publish their answers in the newsletter.

My name is Mairead. I started teaching at CELS this year at Broadmeadows campus and my role now is Acting Leading Teacher, Engagement and Wellbeing. I am really enjoying working with families to support students' learning.

## **Why do you like being a teacher?**

I love teaching because students make you think and keep you real. I started teaching in a new arrival program straight after I went to university and I cannot think of a more special group of people to work with. As a teenager, I went to school in other countries where I could not speak the language well. I love the way you have to trust yourself and others and take risks to learn a new language.

## **What is the best team in the AFL?**

My AFL team is the Kangaroos (North Melbourne) – I think this is the best team for people who are new in Australia because kangaroos are an emblem of our country and the best animal I can think of in the world.

## **What is your best memory?**

My best memories are living in the bush, camping or in villages. I remember these places best through their sounds and smells. If I were born again, I would be happy to be born anywhere on Earth that is peaceful.

## **Do you have a second job? What is it?**

As well as being a teacher, I am a composer and musician. I have written music for film and I play music and perform from time to time.

## **What subject do you like best?**

My favourite subjects at school were music and languages. I did not have any ideas about what I would like to do when I was at school, or at university. I just knew that I liked to learn languages, to study and to play music. But all my work has ended up being related to music and languages – I guess that is no surprise!