At the end of last term it was a privilege to invite the Wellington School Community to the MJP Theatre for a night of musical entertainment. The Spring Concert showcased the achievements of this year's Instrumental Students, with all of the College's ensembles performing.

The night also provided an opportunity for outstanding students to present their instrumental skills as solo performers, with Josh Lopez (drums), Charlotte Pilepich (guitar) and Jessica Kean (clarinet) all wowing the audience with their skills.

The Performing Arts Captains, Tyler Pederson-Hor and Natacha Cangy did a splendid job hosting the evening, delving deeper into the importance of the Arts for Wellington students by conducting interviews between each act.

Overall the evening was a triumph for all students who performed and I look forward to more performances in the future.

Jessica Demare
Arts Curriculum Leader
Welcome back to everyone for the final term of 2016, in particular to Mrs Connie Tzelepis and Ms Jen Lavin from their respective overseas trips while on Long Service Leave last term. I trust that everyone else enjoyed the recent two week break and that all students are now ready for the demands of Term 4.

On a personal note, it is great to be back. I find it hard to believe that just stopping to remove some ants from my cat's food and water bowls, while getting ready for school on Day 2 of Term 3, resulted in a nasty fall, operation and stay in hospital and then virtually a whole term 'out of action'. Not being allowed to drive my car until this week has also been very frustrating. Thank you to all who sent such kind and caring wishes while I was on leave. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Carmel Roberts for the wonderful job she did last term in my Assistant Principal role.

Assistant Principal, Mr Dan Butler, has been working with NEVR to upgrade our infrastructure needs for 2017. In terms of meeting our projected enrolment increase it appears that we may be entitled to an extra 4 rooms. This is in addition to the new portables that were installed just prior to the holiday break. These were to replace the four rooms, removed over the break, that had been identified on the Asbestos Register. The front of the College has indeed taken on a whole new look.

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A Master Plan for WSC
Last week representatives from the architects Clarke/Hopkins/Clarke addressed a Staff Meeting and then the College Council to share their vision for our Master Plan. This company will work with the College to develop the Master Plan that will be submitted to the State Government in relation to getting a timeline and funding for the next stage of upgrades for our buildings. It is an exciting time for all members of the College and we are hopeful that re-building may start in the second half of next year.

The VCE Arts Expo
This was officially opened by Assistant Principal, Mrs Fern Brisbane, on the evening of October 11. It highlighted the creativity and depth of talent of our senior students in the various art forms that they have worked in throughout the year. It was a wonderful exhibition and all who viewed the displays were indeed impressed. Congratulations to Mrs Jess Demare and Mr Andrew Bare and the other members of staff involved in coordinating the event, and to the students whose work was on display. Well done.

Victorian Young Leaders to China (VYLC)
Nine of our Year 9 Mandarin students, together with staff members Ms Haijin Zhuang and Mr Josh Coller, left on Wednesday evening, October 12, for their 6 weeks immersion program in China. They joined up with approximately 100 other Victorian Year 9 Mandarin students and staff from their respective schools. Our Principal, Mr Hugh Blaikie, went to the airport to farewell the tour group. He reports that all were very excited and looking forward to the trip. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Fern Brisbane for her commitment and hard work in making this trip possible.

Photo left: The VYLC staff and students at the airport farewelling parents. Photo right: The VYLC students and staff
**Student Leaders**

This week I had the privilege of hosting a 'Thank You' lunch for our 2016 Student Leaders. On behalf of the College I thanked all 2016 Leaders, but particularly our Year 12 Leaders, for their wonderful contribution and service over the year. We also wished each of the Year 12 Leaders success not only in their upcoming exams, but for the years that lie ahead.

*Photo right: Year 12 Student Leaders at the ‘Thank You’ lunch*

The Interview Process for selection of our 2017 Student Leaders commenced this week and will continue into the coming weeks. I wish all applicants the very best. Thank you for taking the time to complete your applications. Successful applicants will be notified prior to our annual Awards Night, Thursday November 17. Formal recognition of our 2016 Student Leaders and the announcement of the 2017 Leaders will take place on this night.

**Future Leaders’ Camp**

This week some Year 9 students involved in our Future Leaders Program have been away from the College on a 3-Day Camp. Congratulations to all involved with a special thank you to Ms Mel Fry who led the group, together with Ms Claire Caughey, Mr Peter O’Bree and Mr Sam Wilsmore.

**Sporting Achievements**

Last week a number of our students represented the College and Monash Division at the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) Athletics Carnival. Five of our boys won their respective events and will now compete at the State Finals this coming Monday, October 17 - Nilesh Vaheesan 10L (110 Hurdles and 100m), Damon Harbis 9K (Triple Jump and 4X100 Relay), Declan Mc Bean 9J (Discus and 4X100 Relay), Tharial Ter 9E (4X100 Relay) and Jack Buller 9H (4X100 Relay). On a special note, in the Triple Jump, Damon Harbis broke the record for this event, one which had stood since the 1970s. A fantastic achievement from all the boys – congratulations from all within our College Community and best wishes at the State Finals. Thank you to Mr Greg Whyte for his support and training of our students.

*Photo above: The team of students who participated in the EMR Athletics*

**Valedictory Season**

Our Year 12 students are embarking on the last phase of their formal schooling. I trust that they will all conduct themselves in the 'Wellington Way' at all times over the next few weeks. The final day of Year 12 VCE Classes is next Wednesday October 19. The following day will be a time of celebration for all Year 12 students with their special ‘Dress-Up’ Assembly during the day followed by their Valedictory Dinner in the evening. Thank you for your contribution to Wellington over the past 6 years. Best wishes to all, whether as a VCE student preparing for your exams that commence shortly after these celebrations, or as a member of the VCAL class completing final work outcomes. On behalf of the Class of 2016 and all other members of the College, well done and thank you to Ms Jen Lavin, Ms Elly Dryburgh, Mr David Chew and Ms Sarah Yousef, as well as all individual Year 12 Class Teachers.
On October 11 the College opened its annual VCE Arts Expo, showcasing the finished artworks of all of the Senior Studio Arts and Visual Communication and Design Students. Visitors to the exhibition were able to view a variety of different artistic mediums, including artworks created using video projections, photography, water colour painting, digitally created architectural designs and scherenschnitte (papercutting).

Multiple prizes were presented on the night beginning with the students who have shown outstanding dedication and achievement in their chosen artistic pursuit. These awards went to Michelle Kittikhoun (Studio Arts) and Hong Doan (Visual Communication and Design). The College also has a tradition of adding to its art collection by presenting acquisitions awards which went to Mai Win (Visual Arts) for her photographs entitled “The hidden series” and Selena Pham (Visual Communication and Design) for her selection of icons entitles Juice Café imagery.

Visitors to the exhibition also had the chance to vote for their favourite artwork, with the people's choice award going to Hong Doan, for her fairy tale inspired artwork which reflected on the values and innocence of childhood.

Once again I would like to thank all of the Visual Arts teachers for their dedication to their students, and the hard work that they put in to make the evening a success.

Jessica Demare  
Arts Curriculum Leader
Year 9 students have spent Term 3 studying a unit on Biomes and Food Security. For their Common Assessment Task they had to create awareness amongst our local College Community about a food insecurity issue in a chosen country. The students worked in a small group to identify, research, present and explain their food insecurity issue to a Year 7 Humanities class, in the form of an expo.

Students spent countless hours in and out of class researching their issue and creating and designing clever, and at times delicious, merchandise for their stand. Students were able to gain a greater knowledge and understanding of food insecurity issues in less fortunate countries and spoke about their various issues with respect and compassion.

Feedback from teachers and students, including the Year 7 classes and their teachers, was overwhelmingly positive. All classes conducted highly successful expos with students running their expos like true professionals. Many students spoke about having a new found respect for the lives of others.

On Monday October 10, the College was visited by Holmesglen students’ studying Community Services. Britney, Jess, Isabel and Taka, partnered with Amnesty International to bring food, merchandise and conversation about the difficulties faced by refugees in coming to Australia.

The group were impressed by our students' willingness to talk and learn more about human rights.

Thank you to all students who took the time to stop.

Mr O’Bree
Director of Student Services
The Alpine School Campus is a School for Student Leadership which is a Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) school specialising in leadership and personal development of students in Year 9. Students will also undertake a community based project as part of the program.

The unique program at the Alpine School focuses on engaging the students in activities which allow them to explore and learn about the local environment and cultures; both indigenous and non-indigenous. Gaining a sense of belonging in local places through knowledge and experience is a key learning outcome.

Providing safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences which facilitate the practical application of knowledge gained from activities that promote **Thinking and Learning, Peer Skills, Leadership and Teamwork**. The Alpine School Program gives students, teachers and school leaders the opportunity to be part of a life-changing education experience. This is a residential camp running for a term at Dinner Plain Victoria. Wellington Secondary College has been successful in securing 5 places for Term 2, 2017.

There is an information night on Wednesday October 26 at 6.00pm when parents and students can ask further questions and you can also go to [http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au](http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au) to get an idea of what is involved in the program.

Expressions of interest forms can be obtained from Mrs. Ravi in G4. Completed forms must be submitted to Mrs Ravi or Mrs Barth in G4 by October 21 in order to be considered. There are limited spaces, so applicants will go through a thorough process including an interview prior to acceptance.
Melbourne Playback in partnership with the City of Greater Dandenong are offering a FREE 7 week acting course for 12 - 15 year olds. Program starts Thursday October 13, 4pm - 6pm. Location: Drum Theatre, Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.
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