



NEWSLETTER

Acting Principal's Reflection— Helene Alamidis

Dear Parents, Families and Students,



As the end of February draws near and Autumn approaches, I want to let you know that I am both pleased and reassured by the strong start that has been made to the college's teaching and learning program. I am impressed by the way in which our students are coming to classes 'ready to learn', and teachers are continuing to encourage and extend students so that they can achieve their best. Student enrolments have increased and continue to rise. I have been pleased to be able to visit classrooms and spend time around the grounds, and this has given me the opportunity to interact with students, as well as support and affirm teachers in their work with students. I congratulate all students and teachers for the great start that they have made to the 2017 school year. On Thursday 16 February, I was pleased to be able to welcome our new students and their families to the college at our Year 7 Family barbeque. Our College Captains for 2017, **Miranda Killick** and **Nureddin Kurkcu**, were on hand to welcome those in attendance. Ably assisted by **Salem Chaar**, they also supported staff who provided the food and drinks. This event gave staff an opportunity to meet families in a more relaxed environment and to nurture those relationships between the school and our families that are so central to supporting and extending our students and their studies. The college's annual **swimming carnival** was held at the nearby Fawkner swimming pool the following day. I was pleased to observe staff and students making the most of their time outside the classroom and again, building those relationships which support and enhance student performance and teacher effectiveness. An enjoyable day was had by all, and I was pleased to see strong active participation by our students in all events, including the singing and dance routines! I hope that the pictures of these important events in the life of the school convey something of the atmosphere and enjoyment experienced by participants. Effective and open links between families, students, teachers and the school are critical to ensure that students are able to perform at their best. As we advance further into Term One, teachers, with the support of the school, will be following up on those students who are not working to the full extent of their capacities. This process is underway now, and will be supported by interim reports to **parents and parent teacher interviews on Tuesday 28 March 2017**. I ask that you mark this date on your calendars and make arrangements now so that you are able to attend interviews with you son or daughter on that day.

CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT—All staff at John Fawkner College are committed to ensuring the safety and well being of the young people entrusted to our care. On 16 February, staff discussed implementation and monitoring of the Code of Conduct at a professional learning session, and considered the wide range of obligations covered by the code. The Code applies in all school situations including school camps and excursions, and in the use of digital technology and social media. All staff, contractors, volunteers, and other members of the community who are involved in child related work are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of our young people. Should you require more information about the Child Safe Code of Conduct, how it works and who it applies to, or have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to make an appointment with me through staff at the school's main office. I conclude my comments on this occasion by assuring all members of the College community that we, as a school, are committed to supporting the diversity and equality of all members of what is a very special school community.

Helene Alamidis

CALENDAR DATES

Wed 1 March	EXCN—The Island—Year 10 WRS—10.08am-1.40pm
Wed. 8 March	EXCN—Moreland Divsional Swimming Competition
Fri. 9 March	EXCN—Years 7 & 8 Boys Volleyball
Wed. 8—Sat 10 March	EXCN—Year 11 OE Camp—Mount Arapiles
Mon 13 March	Labour Day Holiday—No classes
Tue 14 March	EXCN—Years 9 & 10 Volleyball
Wed 15 March	Photo Day—All Students and Staff
Thurs. 16 March	Year 9 Elevate sessions
Fri 17 March	EXCN—Melbourne Museum—Years 11 & 12
Mon. 20 March	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 22 March	INC—Year 12 VCAL—PDS Outcome
Thurs. 23 March	-EXCN—Grip Leadership—10 Students from Years 10&12 VCAL - School Council Meets commencing 4pm
Fri 24 March	EXCN—Melbourne Grand Prix—Yr 12 VCAL, & Yrs 10&11 SIPP
Mon. 27 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXCN—Yrs 9 & 10 Boys Volleyball • Yr 7 Immunisation Program—1st Visit • Transition visit—Primary School Visit—Campbellfield Heights
Tues 28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Interviews—no classes • EXCN—Outdoor Educ
Wed. 29 March	Transition visit—Primary School Visit—Coburg North - 2pm
Fri 31 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INC—Yr 12 VCAL Carwash • Last Day of Term 1
Tues 18 March	First Day of Term 2

JFC SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2017—17 February 2017

On Friday 17 February John Fawkner College held its annual swim carnival. Many of the students dress in their house colours of Barrasi(Red), Freeman(Yellow), Thorpe(Blue) to represent their teams. In what turned out to be a sensational, sunny day, students were able to participate in a variety of novelty events such as running races, kickboard races, 25m tow relay and ball scrabble. After those events, the selection races for 50m freestyle, backstroke and breast stroke commenced. Congratulations to the following students who won their events and will compete at the Zone Swim Carnival on 8th March at Fitzroy swimming pool: Nujiayan Bagdas, Ceyda Han , Maximus Hastings, Sam Norton, Alyssa Kaddour, Thomas Pennisi, Tyler Hook, Jack Lowney , Sam Butcher and Robbie Rimmer. One of the final events of the day was the students v teachers relay race. With 4 teams competing in the 4 x 50m freestyle race, the teachers' team was under pressure to retain the title for the twentieth year on the trot!!! The senior team started with Robbie Rimmer and Oljay Cekic, who were overtaken by Mr McDowell and Mr Pawley. Then Mr Tonna hit the water against a very strong year 8 swimmer in Ceyda Han and that was the race won there and then, as Nathaniel Atkinson cruised home for the senior boys plus one year 8 girl for the victory. Thanks go out to all the staff and the year 11 sport and recreation classes for help out and to Mr McDowell for doing a great job of MC and getting the dance floor up and going. All photographs from the day are currently rolling through the library's images screen. **Mr Brent Pawley**



YEAR 7 Family Barbeque - 15 February 2017





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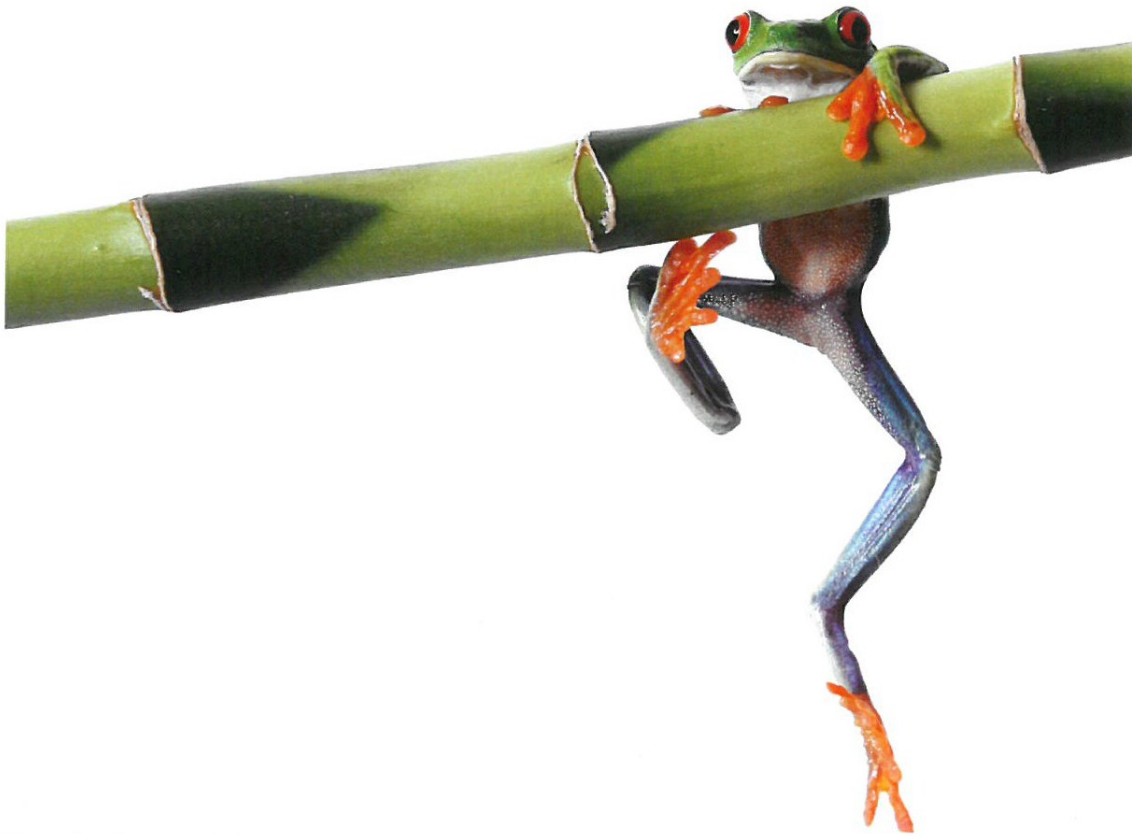
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1. Home Study Environment
2. Organisation & Filing
3. Time Management Skills
4. Managing Workload
5. Dealing with Distractions
6. Overcoming Procrastination
7. Developing Motivation
8. Goal Setting
9. Lifestyle & Balance
10. Managing Stress



AT SCHOOL

1. Will we ever use this?
2. Using Classtime
3. Asking for Help
4. Dealing with Conflict
5. Groupwork Skills



SPECIFIC SKILLS

1. Reading Skills
2. Writing Skills
3. Mathematical Skills
4. Science Skills
5. Foreign Language Skills
6. Assignment Skills
7. Research Skills
8. Presentation Skills



STUDYING

1. Summarising
2. Active Studying
3. Preparing for Exam Blocks
4. Test-Taking Techniques
5. After Tests & Exams



EXTRA 'GENERAL' MINI-UNITS

1. Starting Secondary School
2. Becoming a Senior Student
3. Bullying: Issues & Strategies
4. Managing Part-Time Jobs
5. Your Brain and Memory
6. Live Your Best Life
7. Educational Kinesiology
8. Living Across 2 Houses
9. Travel: A Motivator to Learn
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John Fawkner College

Blazer Order Form

Return orders with payment to the School Office or the Uniform Shop at

133 Bakers Road, North Coburg

Garments are located at the Uniform Shop for sizing if required

(Pick-up from Uniform Shop to be advised)



Student Name:

Contact Phone No:

Size (please circle): 75cm 80cm 85cm 90cm 95cm 100cm 105cm
(Size Range in Shop) 110cm 115cm 120cm 125cm 130cm 135cm

Qty Required: @ \$162.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$

Once garments are ordered the sizing cannot be changed.

Paid by - Cash / Cheque / Credit Card (EFT also available in the Uniform Shop)

Cheques Payable to: AGS PRINTS

(Please write name, address and phone number on back of cheques)

Please debit my Visa / Master Card (circle appropriate)

Credit Card No: / / /

Exp: /

Name on Card:

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