Hi All,

I can finally report to the school community that a number of long term projects are finally being realised. Firstly, the Cafeducation Program is to open next term! It was an idea Graeme Barwise and the Pathways staff first proposed nearly 18 months ago, where establishing a shopfront training facility for our VCAL retail group would greatly enhance the work education component of the course. It would also enable us to accommodate another ten students at Pathways. A shop front in the middle of the Elliot Street housing development in Holmesglen became available in the middle of last year and we were encouraged by the local community groups to establish a cafe. After several major setbacks with planning and finance, we finally gave the go ahead to the builders to fit out the cafe, and they assure us all will be ready for the start of 3rd term. A big thanks to Deborah Zang for securing a number of special grants to finance the fit out, then taking on the role of project manager. Next term I invite everyone to come down for a coffee and a cake, and experience the service of a Berengarra student.

To accommodate the extra classes at Pathways two new staff members have been appointed. Sheridan Mitchell will be teaching literacy/numeracy and Nick Coppin will fill a combined role of youth worker and teaching assistant. The name sounds familiar? Sheridan was the art/woodwork teacher from 2001-2004, and then left to have a family and experience the lifestyle of the Bellarine Peninsula. Her move back to Melbourne came at an opportune time for the school and I had no hesitation in offering her a job once it became available.

Nick Coppin has been working with Outer East Youth Services for the past five years and in that time he has referred a number of students to Pathways. He knows us well and we know his capabilities, and like Sheridan, when we decided we needed another youth worker at Pathways we approached him and made him an offer he couldn’t refuse!

Box Hill Tenure

The current status of our situation at Box Hill is that we have a lease until 2019, but for the last few years we have expressed an interest in purchasing the site. Last week I received news from St Francis Xavier Parish that this now may be possible. I hope to have a final answer by August. Fingers crossed!
They have also indicated we can have the use of an extra room in the building behind the school, as the number of students now applying to come to the school requires extra accommodation urgently. This will enable us to return to home groups of ten students each, and to have 40 students at the school. The room should be available and ready for use by 4th term.

Resource Room
During the last school holidays several staff members gave up a few days to establish a resource room. It has been a great addition to the school, with staff no longer having to waste time looking for books, protractors etc. A big thanks to Cheryl and Justin for organising the whole thing.

Marianne
Last month our student counsellor, Marianne, went off on maternity leave for the next 12 months. I am happy to report that last week she gave birth to baby Alistair, who weighs in at 7lbs 13 oz. All are well and very happy to have a new addition to their family.
While Marianne is away, Damien De Manno has been appointed to take her place. More about Damien in the next newsletter!
Well it’s time for a break. Stay safe and see you next term.
Pete

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**TERM 3, 2014 commences**
Staff return—Monday 14th July

Teacher/parent interviews—Tuesday 15th July

Students return—Wednesday 16th July

Staff professional development Tuesday 2nd September.

Students finish—Friday 19th September @ 2.30 p.m

**TERM 4, 2014 COMMENCES**
Staff return—Monday 6th October

Students return— Tuesday 7th October

Pathways program finishes Friday 28th November

Box Hill campus finishes Friday 5th December
Staff at Box Hill campus finish 12th December @ 2.30 p.m
MARSHALL HOME GROUP ACTIVITY DAY....

On Wednesday 21st May our home group had an activity day. We went to the Medibank Icehouse, Etihad Stadium and for lunch we went to an Italian restaurant in the docklands. We left school at 9:30 and we headed straight to the Medibank Icehouse for an ice-skating lesson. We were taught how to ice-skate by an instructor and it was very challenging, but fun, and towards the end everyone started to find it a bit easier. After about an hour at Medibank Icehouse we left to go for lunch at the docklands.

The restaurant we went to was an Italian restaurant specializing in pizza and most of us there had pizza. We spent about 45 minutes there before we headed off for a guided tour of Etihad Stadium. After walking for 10 minutes we arrived at Etihad Stadium. We were greeted by a tour guide who gave us a detailed tour of the stadium and all the facilities. We went inside the coaches box, change rooms, player’s race, corporate boxes, legends bar, media centre, and we even got to sit on the interchange bench so we took a class photo outside” the place.

After Etihad Stadium we all headed back to school and we arrived back at 3:25. Overall it was a great day which we all enjoyed greatly.

My name is Jack. I loved our day out, and I enjoyed writing this article for our newsletter.
Girls Group “Camp” in Sydney

Sight Seeing

While up in Sydney for the girls camp we did lots of sightseeing. On the Wednesday we went to the Haymarket for some shopping. We shopped for a few hours before going to have a lunch break.

After having some lunch and going home for a rest we went back out to the city of Sydney. On the train to the city we crossed the Sydney Harbour Bridge and you could see a fantastic view of Luna Park and the Sydney Opera House. Once we got off the train we actually went to the Opera House. It was so much larger than I expected it to be.

On other days we got to look around The Rocks, the zoo, Luna Park and lots of other beautiful places in Sydney.

By Kayla Erzetic

Ghost Tour of the Rocks

Wednesday, 11th was the night the girl’s camp went on an exciting ghost tour at the Rocks. We arrived to meet our tour guide dressed all in black with his long leather coat.

On our journey we heard true stories of murder, suicide, hangings and haunting. Some of the girls swore they saw things like a little girl in the window. Some are still hesitant.

By Dana Ashley

Taronga Zoo

One of our days (Thursday, 12th) in Sydney we went to Tooronga Zoo by a ferry. When we arrived, we all split up into small groups to look around the zoo. Lucy and I mainly just looked at the Asian male elephants; we looked in all the gift shops and even got a crappy coffee from the cafe there. Unfortunately we did not have enough time to see all the animals, but we did get a chance to see the baby penguins getting a feed. Over all it was a good day.

By Morrin Weston

Luna Park

On Friday the 13th we went to Sydney Luna Park, we had an unlimited rides pass and could be there all day until it closed at 10 pm. From Luna Park we could see the Sydney harbour bridge and the Sydney opera house. We went there at about 12pm and left for dinner. After dinner we came back when it was dark and the harbour bridge was lit up with blue lights outlining the bridge, it was very pretty.

The rides there were fun and there was more than the rides at Luna park Melbourne. At night time on the Ferris wheel Luna park looked very pretty with all the lights outlining the rides and the lights on the buildings look very pretty also.

The face on Sydney Luna Park is a lot more detailed than the one in Melbourne; the one in Melbourne looks creepy...

The staff at Luna Park were all so nice. I gave my loom band to one of the staff members. He was really nice and I gave him my bracelet for memories.

We all enjoyed Luna Park and would love to go back again!

By Maddie Wright
WRESTLING

It was a fun time to learn about what goes into wrestling, and how we can muck around and learn not to hurt one another and Brian the teacher taught us to back bump, arm drags, hip flips, suplex, entry, front bumps and submissions and on the last day we got to have matches against each other and the winner went against Brian.

Tom became a little angry.

He went out of his way to calm himself down and then came back in and said ok, let’s go Brian. We had a muck around in the ring.
"FISHING FANATICS"

Spencer, Rokan Okan, Chris, James, Riggs, Kayn, Jake.

The crew on the pier at Phillip Island. Students were looking for the perfect fishing spot. It was twilight. The weather was perfect.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED

Riggs, James, Jason, Jake, Kayn and Connor.
The overnight surf camp was a great success with Surfing being a big hit. In all thirteen students attended.
Fun with staff, school friends
THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND MAT PROGRAM
OVERNIGHT SURF CAMP.

A brilliant day in the surf, wet, cold and hungry. Where is the food????

Will, Riggs, Eliza, Jason, Alyssa Jared, James, Okan, Cam, Chris, Connor Kayn, Surf instructor, Julio (on the phone). Sadly Bec was injured, she was unable to be in the photo.

All students that attended the “Surf Camp” had the best time.

First day we went fishing, sadly without success. The next day we had surf teachers to assist with our board riding. Fortunately, there was a bit of success surfing. Getting our wetsuits on was quite hard fortunately we succeeded with the help of teachers. Sadly Bec hurt her back while trying to help kids get their suits on. All students worked well together., fun filled activities and they all worked together very well. Pizza for dinner was wonderful, students were able to select the variety of pizza they wanted most....the hungry hoards loved it.

Best wishes
Julio, Bec and Okan.
BREAKFAST CLUB MENU

Monday:
- Sweet, yummy, fruit muesli with yoghurt (or milk) & banana.

Tuesday:
- Healthy French toast!
- Delicious fruit smoothie

Wednesday:
- Rockan Okan & Rossy's barbequed B.E.L.Ts

Thursday:
- Sweet, yummy, fruit muesli with yoghurt (or milk) & banana.

Friday:
- Lyn's famous B.L.T muffins with spinach and mushrooms.
ROCK CLIMBING AT CLIFFHANGER
WITH BEC AND OKAN.................

The rock climbing experience was a great challenge for students. Fear of heights and not having experienced rock climbing before, it took some effort to get to the top.

A fun day was had by all.....who can get to the top the fastest and down again. The process took a great deal of team work. Encouragement and guidance by those holding ropes, to those on the wall encouraging each other. Everyone had a “go”. Overcoming their fears, taking on the challenge, displaying trust in each other was great to see. Lucy was first to the top (far left on the wall). Great job Lucy.

Sara waiting her turn.

ON THE WALL (l –R) Lucy, Cam, Jake, Connor, Alyssa.

GIVING SUPPORT—Jason, Riggs, James, Eliza.
FROM THE ART ROOM WITH ANNE AND FRAN....................................

A stitch in time....Maddy hand sewing her tie dyed cushion cover. Well done Maddy. You have worked hard and very patiently to achieve your goal.

TIME IN THE ART ROOM

Eventhough our student's have been very busy with construction, drawing and painting in the art room this semester, the favourite activity at the moment is designing on t-shirts.

Many students have experimented with screen printing, tie dye and direct application of fabric paint and the results are absolutely fantastic! They are learning as well as having a good time and that is what Art is all about.

By Anne

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Leia

Riggs

Leia Flame Ansel & Maddy’s completed cusions
GOODIES FROM THE KITCHEN

PERFECT PIZZAS

Once again the food technology room was a hive of energy and enthusiasm.

Students were asked to make their own pizza with lots of yummy ingredients.

Measuring out the flour and water, mixing until combined and then rolled out. Using a rolling pin was a little challenging for some. Eventually everyone was ready for the toppings.

Using a knife, they were to chop their bacon, salami and olives. Tomato paste was spread over their circle of dough and favourite, expertly chopped ingredients.

Grating the cheese was a new experience for some but ultimately they were ready for the oven.

Perfectly cooked Pizza came out of the oven and most enjoyed eating their creation. Some students shared it with staff. Thankyou from the staff.

Best wishes for the holidays,

Lyn and Ros.
MARTIAL ARTS THERAPY.............

Here are some photos of the students breaking boards in the MAT program. They start at a weak colour and then move on to the strongest colour which is black. Connor was able to break the black board with one arm in a sling. They all did extremely well.

JULIO.......