

DATES TO REMEMBER

PFC Father's Day Stall	31 August
Open Day	4 September
Pop-up Canteen	8 September
Schools on Stage	7 September
Division Athletics	12 September
Last Day Term 3	22 September

24 HR ABSENTEE LINE

Please ring **5991 0801** (not the school's main number) to alert the school of a child's absence.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 fees – Now due
Monthly fees – Due 28th of each month.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 3:00pm to 5:30pm
Thursday 8:30am to 10:30am

SEQTA LINKS

Student Login  Learn
learn.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/

Parent Login  Engage
engage.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/

ENROLMENTS

Please ensure you have submitted a separate enrolment application form for all of your children to ensure they receive priority placement for future years.

Parents are also reminded that a term's notice in writing is required if a student is to leave the school. Failure to supply this notice will mean payment of a term's school fees.

From the Principal



Last week Year 7 and Year 9 students enjoyed a visit from authors James Moloney and Tristan Bancks. Students always gain a lot from hearing from writers who both enjoy success with their writing and inspire and encourage the students to develop their writing skills and creativity. Carl Sagan, an American author, astronomer and Science communicator, has written: *What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person....Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who knew each other....Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of magic.*

It is important that parents encourage children to love and read books. There is ample research that documents how literacy blooms whenever children have access to books they want to read, permission to choose their own, and time to get lost in them. In this world of screens, it remains important that children become skilled, thoughtful and enthusiastic readers. Many of them will become creative and skilled writers as well.

Margaret Buttigieg - Principal

Student Leadership Profile

Hello, my name is JoJo, and I'm currently in Year 9. I joined the Student Leadership Team with the hope of being part of a team that makes a difference, builds and improves the community that we're part of.

Being a Student Leader allows me an opportunity to meet new people and develop other leadership skills. It also allows me to give back to the School's community for all it has done for me and all our students.

My favourite subjects are VCD, Art, and English. Outside of school, I enjoy reading immensely, and I am also a lover of music and art.

JoJo - Year 9



Reminders

Roadworks on Berwick-Cranbourne Road commenced on Monday, 21 August, between the hours 9.00am - 3.00pm. They are scheduled to be complete Friday, 8 September.




Open Day
Monday 4 September 2017
from 10:00am to 2:00pm



Casey Grammar School is participating in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn!

You can collect stickers and place them in the box at your local Woolworths, alternatively hand in completed forms at Reception.



From the School Chaplain

Finding God in unexpected places

Over the past two weeks, we have celebrated House Chapels with Leaver and Reid, exploring the theme of 'Story'. Leaver House had the pleasure of listening to Brittany Prescott and Jessica Streat playing to welcome us into the Chapel and during our Offering time. This is particularly special because although they have often played the clarinet together, Brittany concludes Year 12 this year and so there may not be too many other chances to hear them as a duet within our school setting. It was a real gift to hear what they had been working on. Music has the ability to transcend the immediate and to transport us to something beyond ourselves. Sometimes, God is found in music; lyrics that speak to us or encourage us, melodies that evoke peace.

Another element of the House Chapels has been that each student has been encouraged to bring a non-perishable item to contribute to the offering. We have now collected more than 120 items that will be delivered to the Salvation Army. Sometimes, we can find God in the daily acts of kindness and generosity.

At times, it can be difficult to find God in our story, but the encouragement is to look, and perhaps even ask God to be revealed to us. The Bible reading we explored of the Road to Emmaus shows a perfect example of this; the disciples walking along the road, discouraged because they have witnessed Jesus' death. Yet in actuality, Jesus is walking with them, conversing and sharing in their pain. May we find God through music, acts of kindness and in unexpected places as we journey through the week.



God's blessings on you and your families.

Monique Riviere-Pendle

Remaining House Chapels: Trist (12/9) and Booth (19/9)

RoboCup

Excitement filled the air as we boarded the bus for Melbourne University. We had our largest ever CGS RoboCup team on board, with students ranging from Year 5 to 8 and for the fifth year in a row, we were ready to battle other schools at Victorian State Championships.

Four RoboDance teams were programmed, dressed to impress and choreographed with all the right moves, ready to put on a show. Eight RoboSoccer teams had their goal keepers ready to guard the goals using their calibrated light sensors and their soccer players programmed with infrared sensors ready to chase the ball down and guide it into the goals. For the first time, we had six teams competing in the RoboRescue section. These robots used two light sensors to detect and stay on a black line, which could be straight, winding or bumpy; it was all about the speed of the robots and the positioning of the sensors, as much as it was about the programming of them. Once this section of the course was complete, they had to use an ultrasonic sensor to detect an object and remove it from danger. With two RoboSoccer teams making it to the finals and Brendon finishing 4th in the RoboRescue, we had some very pleasing results. We were so proud of everyone who competed on the day as it is as much about the learning in the lead up to the competition as it is about how they perform on the day.



As a way of celebrating, the students enjoyed a RoboExpo lunchtime in the library, showcasing their work and enjoying an in-school competition with a lively audience cheering them on.

Ms Sandra Torcasio - Year 5/6 Coordinator

Pop-up Canteen



POP-UP CANTEEN

Friday, 8 September

For the Secondary School Only



A Day of Reconciliation



Many indigenous people have been waiting for that one word, 'Sorry.' Indigenous people came to see this historic event in Australia's history, the apology to the Stolen Generations. On 13 February, 2008, Kevin Rudd apologised in front of millions in the Australian Parliament House in Canberra. People weren't sure what to think, was it a good or bad idea to have this huge apology? Past Prime Ministers have been reluctant to apologise because it wasn't their doing and felt they weren't personally responsible.

Kevin Rudd said "There is unfinished business," I agree with this statement because the Stolen Generations tore families apart and it was wrong what the past governments did. Kevin Rudd wanted to start a new chapter and reconcile with the indigenous peoples of Australia. Imagine being taken from your siblings, parents, grandparents and other loved ones, I can't imagine how unbearable it would feel, not just to be forced away from your family, but taken away from the only place you know, the place you call home. All the indigenous people just wanted the Australian Government to acknowledge the damage that was caused, and that is exactly what Kevin Rudd did.



Even though Kevin Rudd did do the right thing by acknowledging the Stolen Generations, former Prime Ministers haven't apologised because it happened a long time ago and they didn't see the point. They also thought at the time the government was doing the right thing by taking the children and trying to assimilate them. Now it has stopped, but most people don't understand the damage it caused. What they did was wrong, and now we have a better chance of moving on since Kevin Rudd apologised on behalf of the previous Australian Governments and nation.

I think apologising was a great idea, and it should have been done earlier, I don't know if this made a difference, but it shows we have taken responsibility for the Stolen Generations. It's about time we reconciled with the Indigenous Australians.

Darcy - 6R

Year 9 City Camp & Week Coming Soon

As part of the Year 9 Program 2017 students are going to be involved in a two night City Camp, along with other City Week experiences during 18 - 22 September.



All travel will be via train and trams, and the City Camp is centrally located in Melbourne.

City Camp will start off the week of city experiences and will help students to experience Melbourne "the World's Most Liveable City....7 years in a row", and become more self-reliant, responsible, knowledgeable and confident in moving around the city.



City Camp and City Week will be full of exciting and worthwhile experiences for Year 9; they will be busy and involved in activities throughout the week. Students will be in dormitory style accommodation while in the City and will be involved in the organisation of meals, activities, and travel by train and tram.

Paula Harris - Year 9 City Camp/Week Coordinator



National Cross Country

On 11 August, Bob (6R) and Soha (4D) flew to Hobart to represent the School and Victoria in the National Cross Country. Both students had been training very hard in the lead up to the competition, along with fundraising for the event allowing them to attend.

They ran 3km and were part of School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team. Bob and Soha tried their hardest on the day and did themselves and the school proud. Soha achieved two Bronze medals, one as part of the SSV team relay and the other for her age group team.

Well done to both students, it is a huge achievement making it to National Level.

Ali Bishop - PE Teacher



Astronomy Club & Star-Gazing

Each Thursday lunchtime, interested students can meet in the Science Block (S4) to view and discuss some of the amazing, out-of-this-world objects detected with today’s largest telescopes such as the one located in Hawaii, at the Keck Observatory.

Casey Grammar has recently acquired several Newtonian telescopes (pictured below) to be used for observations of the night sky. In Term 4, when conditions will likely be more favourable, parents and students may come along to a lecture and slide show before stepping out to observe the spectacular lunar craters, Mars, and the famous gas giants; Saturn and Jupiter. The telescopes are also capable of producing images of deep-space objects, such as the Andromeda Galaxy and a myriad of spectacularly colourful nebulae and globular clusters.

Mr Peter Tutera - Secondary Science & Maths Teacher

Lunar crater



Sharpstar telescope



Andromeda Galaxy



5/6 Senior Hooptime

On Tuesday, 22 August, 43 students from Year 5/6, including Year 9 Sports Coaches participated in the Cranbourne District Senior Hooptime. We had four teams compete, 2 All Star and 2 Future Star Teams. Basketball Victoria organised the competition, and each team played between five and six games against the other schools in our area.

The Year 9 sports coaches had been running lunchtime training sessions for all the teams, and this helped with team cohesion. All teams showed fantastic sportsmanship and fair play throughout the day. The students scored many points resulting in lots of wins. Both the All Star teams made it through to the finals. The games were nail bitingly close. The girls did extremely well and ended up winning the day; it was a dead heat with the boys until the last 5 seconds when the opposition managed to score. However being runners up within a 4-point difference allows us to enter into the next level with a wild card.



Ms Ali Bishop - Primary PE

Author Tristian Bancks

On 24 August, Tristan Bancks, the famous author of the novels 'Two Wolves', 'The Fall' and many other titles came to visit our school. All of the year seven cohort listened to an hour-long talk about his life, his motivations, his goals and the tips and tricks to becoming a better writer.

We started to understand the ways of a famous writer, which is a rare opportunity that offered many different benefits to students of all abilities. After the very humorous and informative talk, 30 nominated students, including me, were provided with an opportunity to participate in a writing workshop with Tristan. We discussed many challenges and ways to write stories, plus a Q and A with Mr. Bancks. We all left feeling extremely grateful, especially after getting a selfie and signed books from the man himself! What an amazing chance to further improve our English studies that I will never forget!



Bella - 7A