Discovery
Friday 16 March 2018

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20 March
Year 7 Parent Evening

21 March
Instrumental Soiree

22 March
Junior School
Singalong Evening

28 March
Easter Bonnet Parade

29 March
Last Day Term 1

30 March
Good Friday

24hr Absentee Line
Please ring 5991 0801
(not the school's main number)
to alert the school of a child's absence.

General Enquiries
5991 0800

SEQTA Parent Login
engage.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au

SEQTA Student Login
www.learn.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au

Make a Payment
CGS online payment facility

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

On Wednesday night and Thursday I had the pleasure of attending year 5/6 camp. It was a fantastic camp with so many fun activities. I continue to be impressed with the behaviour and wonderful manners of our students. Special thanks to our many teachers that plan and organise the activities and give up their evening to make these events so successful. I am sure that all of our students including our staff will sleep well tonight with some lifelong memories.

HARMONY WEEK

Next week is Harmony week and incorporates the celebrating of Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Held every year on 21 March, the Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs', the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

At Casey Grammar School we will celebrate this day with lunchtime concerts on the Tuesday and Thursday and a themed free dress day is planned for Thursday 22 March. The theme is cultural diversity and may include traditional dress from your country of origin or something that represents your country such as sports or cultural attire. *This is not a casual dress day.

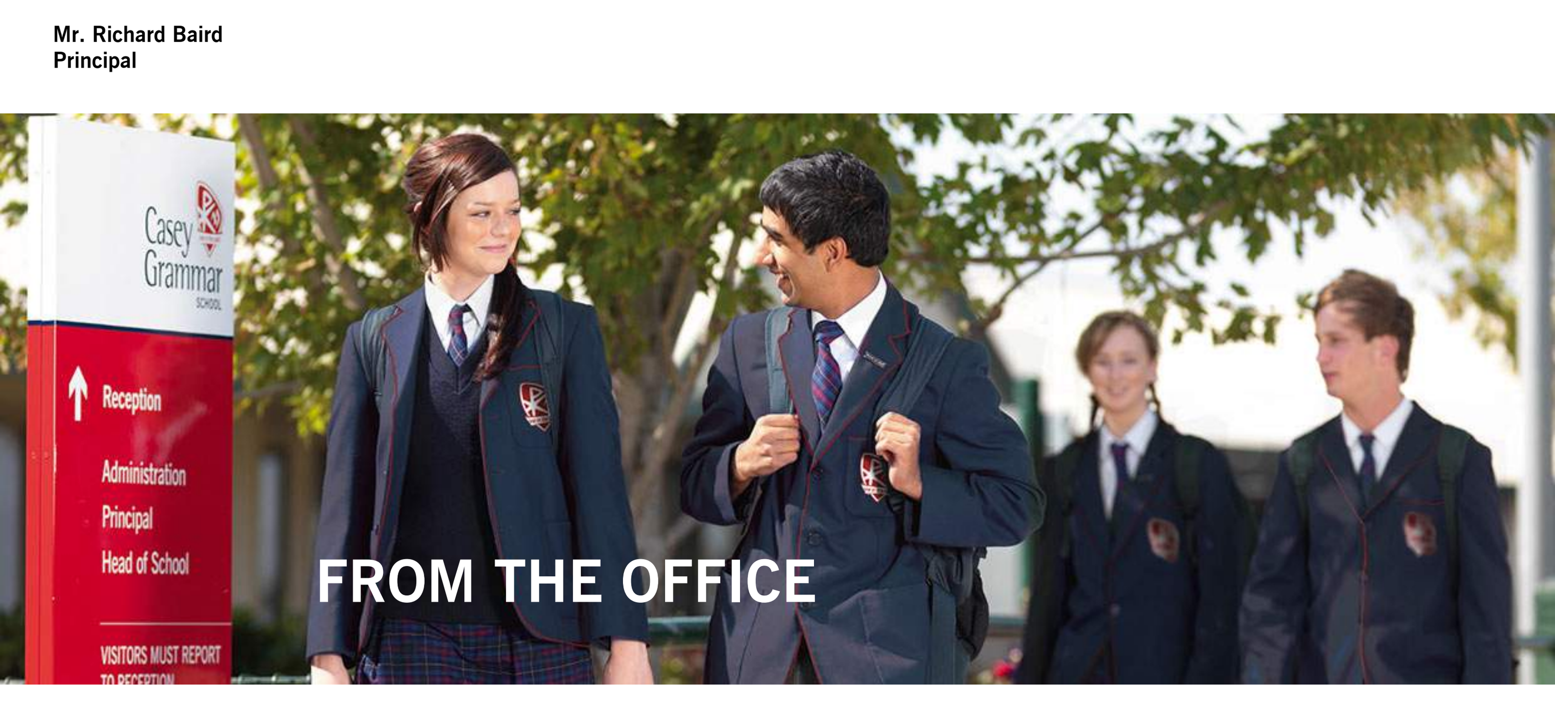
I would like to thank our Social Justice Captain Shaylah Portelli-Moore and Mrs Riviere-Pendle, our school Chaplain, for their work on this special week.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE

I have formed a uniform committee made up of a range of staff members and student leaders. This committee will look at the current uniform and will also be empowered to look at any future modifications or new items. If parents have any feedback on the current uniform or would like anything to be brought up with the uniform committee, then I ask that you please email me at r.baird@caseygrammar.vic.edu.au or make a time to see me. Thank you to the parents and students that have already visited me to make some positive suggestions.

To view the uniform list and policy please click here.

Mr. Richard Baird
Principal



FROM THE OFFICE

EXCURSION CONSENT FORMS & MEDICAL INFORMATION

Due to parent's feedback, we have streamlined the process of obtaining parental consent for excursions and activities taking place off campus. An on-line permission form has been developed, and you will have recently received an email with further information and a link to this form. If you have not already done so, please click on the link below to access SEQTA. Click the "Parent Consent Form" tile and submit the consent form to ensure your child does not miss out on activities that are an important part of the curriculum.

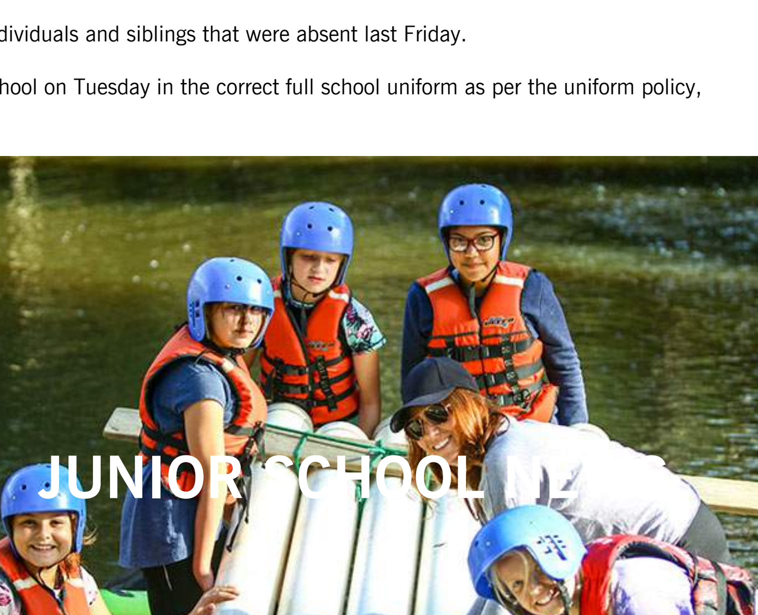
https://engage.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/

All management plans, ie. Anaphylaxis, Allergy, Asthma, Diabetic and Epilepsy need to be provided to the school every year.
If your child is on a medical Action Plan, it is a legal requirement that you provide the school with an updated plan at the start of each school year. Please provide the school nurse with a current Medical Action Plan from your doctor for your child if applicable.
All plans are available for download via http://www.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/?q=health-information or alternatively you can collect one from the office.

SCHOOL PHOTO CATCH UP DAY

SchoolPix will be holding a makeup photo session on Tuesday 20 March, for individuals and siblings that were absent last Friday.

If your child was absent for photo day last week, please ensure they come to school on Tuesday in the correct full school uniform as per the uniform policy, and they will have their portrait photos retaken.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

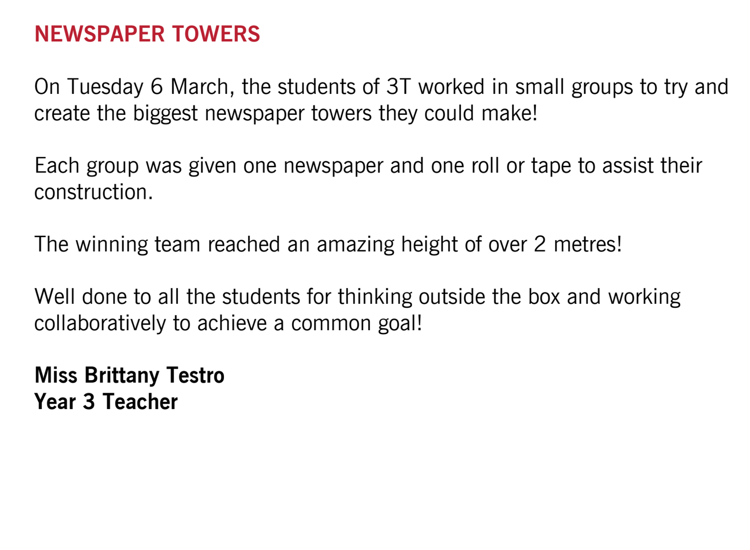
YEAR 5/6 CAMP

It is always a feat for a new teacher to take on a Primary assembly at Casey Grammar. Last week, Mrs Nolan and her talented students put on an amazing show for us when we were transported back in time to the music and dancing of the 1970s. The students strutted their stuff while singing, dancing and wearing fabulous costumes that matched each song beautifully. Congratulations 5N on a fantastic assembly that involved great teamwork.

Week 7 began with a long weekend for our students, and I trust that they enjoyed some rest and recreation with their loved ones. It has been an action-packed short school week with excursions for our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students. Our Year 1 students headed to the Gould League while our Year 2 students visited the Briars and our Year 3 students had a terrific day at Scienceworks.
This week also saw our Year 5 and 6 students heading off to Adanac Camp in Yarra Junction. To say the students had a fantastic time would be an understatement! Their days were filled with activities that included a flying fox, a 110 metre water slide, canoeing, water trampolining, raft building and archery. Night one involved a night walk and cooking marshmallows on a campfire while night two was all about our disco. A camp highlight for our students was when Mr Baird joined us and spent time with students who practiced their archery skills under his guidance.

My personal highlight was seeing our students stretching themselves to have a go at activities that took them out of their comfort zone. These included sleeping away from home for the first time, attempting the flying fox when initially being fearful of its height and having a go at swimming out to the water trampoline when initially concerned about their swimming ability. In addition to these brave students, I was equally impressed with the camaraderie of our students and the genuine support and encouragement they offered each other when the going got tough for their peers. The kind words of support or the gestures of help like swimming back to assist their friends were simply inspiring. To the parents of our campers, you have good reason to be proud of your children.
I'd like to sincerely thank our camp organiser, Mr Newham and all our dedicated teachers who attended camp. It is an undertaking that goes over and above normal school hours, and we are indeed fortunate to have such willing staff. After such an enormous three days, I'm sure every student and teacher will sleep well on Friday night!

Mrs. Melissa Roberton
Head of Junior School



NEWSPAPER TOWERS

On Tuesday 6 March, the students of 3T worked in small groups to try and create the biggest newspaper towers they could make!

Each group was given one newspaper and one roll or tape to assist their construction.

The winning team reached an amazing height of over 2 metres!

Well done to all the students for thinking outside the box and working collaboratively to achieve a common goal!

Miss Brittany Testro
Year 3 Teacher

SLT - VOLUNTEER TUTORING PROGRAM

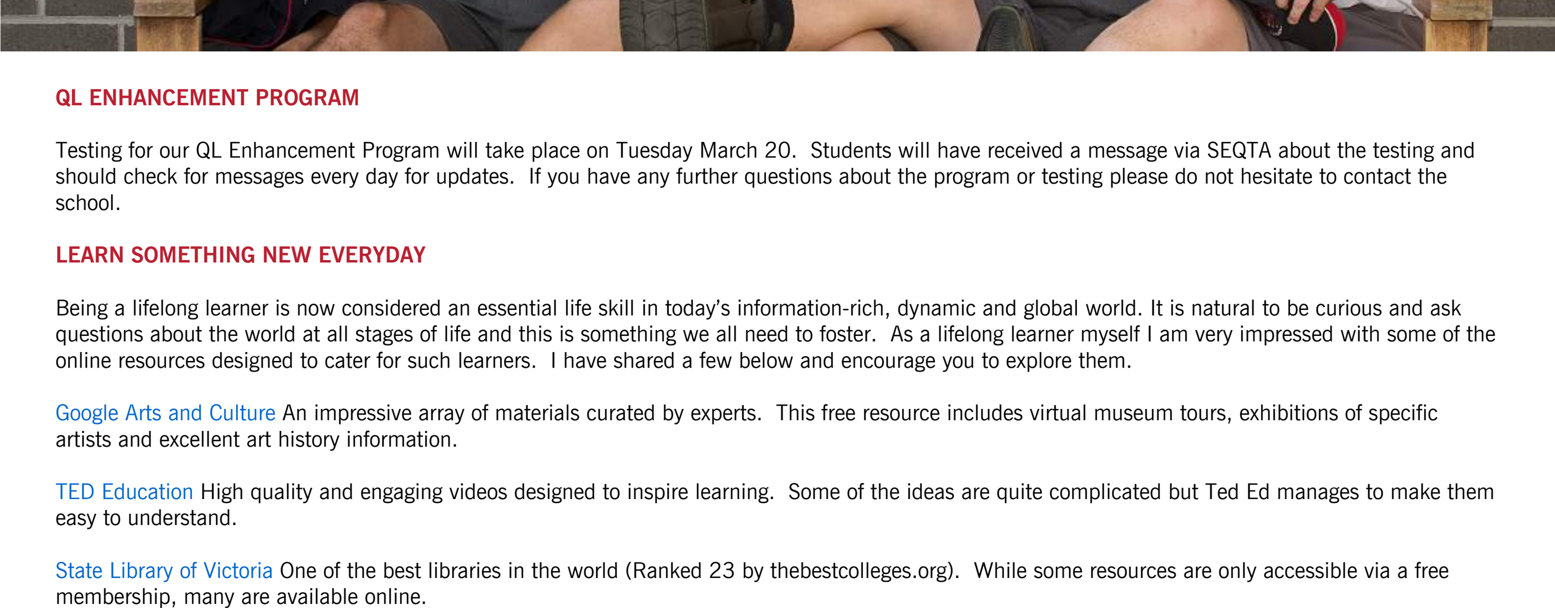
Recently the Student Leadership Team have established a volunteer tutoring program that aims to connect talented Senior students with Junior students who either require extra academic help or would like to further build on their skills.

The program focuses on improving the maths and literacy skills of young individuals whilst also providing the opportunity for older students to develop teaching skills.

Junior students from Years 3-6 are free to join the program and are invited to GL.31 on Wednesdays at lunchtime. Bring along any homework you would like help with or an idea of what you would like to be tutored in.

Year 11 students, Avantika Prasad, Zuhal Masudy and Rochelle Karunaratna will join me in tutoring in maths and english (and other areas where possible).
We welcome all and look forward to the success of this program.

Rashawn Kassen
Year 11 Student Leader



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

QL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Testing for our QL Enhancement Program will take place on Tuesday March 20. Students will have received a message via SEQTA about the testing and should check for messages every day for updates. If you have any further questions about the program or testing please do not hesitate to contact the school.

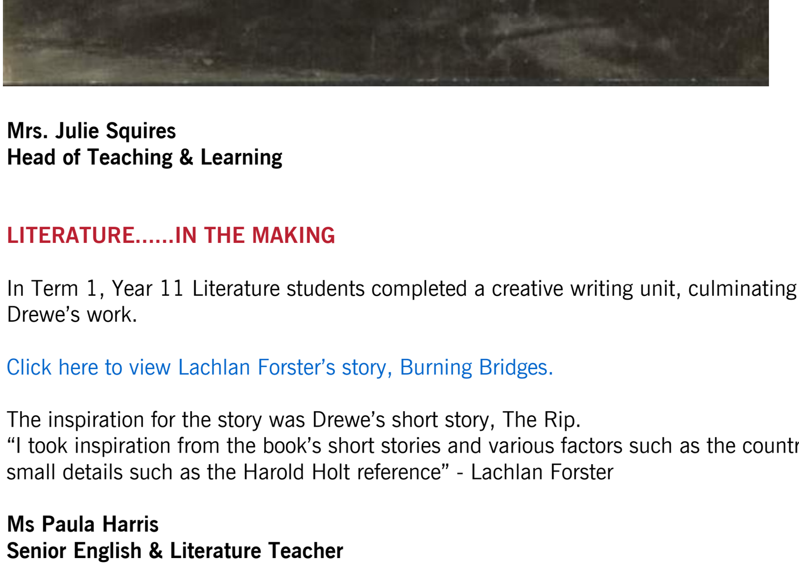
LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERYDAY

Being a lifelong learner is now considered an essential life skill in today's information-rich, dynamic and global world. It is natural to be curious and ask questions about the world at all stages of life and this is something we all need to foster. As a lifelong learner myself I am very impressed with some of the online resources designed to cater for such learners. I have shared a few below and encourage you to explore them.

Google Arts and Culture An impressive array of materials curated by experts. This free resource includes virtual museum tours, exhibitions of specific artists and excellent art history information.

TED Education High quality and engaging videos designed to inspire learning. Some of the ideas are quite complicated but Ted Ed manages to make them easy to understand.

State Library of Victoria One of the best libraries in the world (Ranked 23 by thebestcolleges.org). While some resources are only accessible via a free membership, many are available online.
For example: a quick image search found this 1917 photo Cranbourne Post Office:



Mrs. Julie Squires
Head of Teaching & Learning

LITERATURE......IN THE MAKING

In Term 1, Year 11 Literature students completed a creative writing unit, culminating in them writing a piece to compliment the Australian writer, Robert Drewe's work.

Click here to view Lachlan Forster's story, Burning Bridges.

The inspiration for the story was Drewe's short story, The Rip.
"I took inspiration from the book's short stories and various factors such as the country setting, the theme of Man Vs Nature (with the eucalyptus) and small details such as the Harold Holt reference" - Lachlan Forster

Ms Paula Harris
Senior English & Literature Teacher

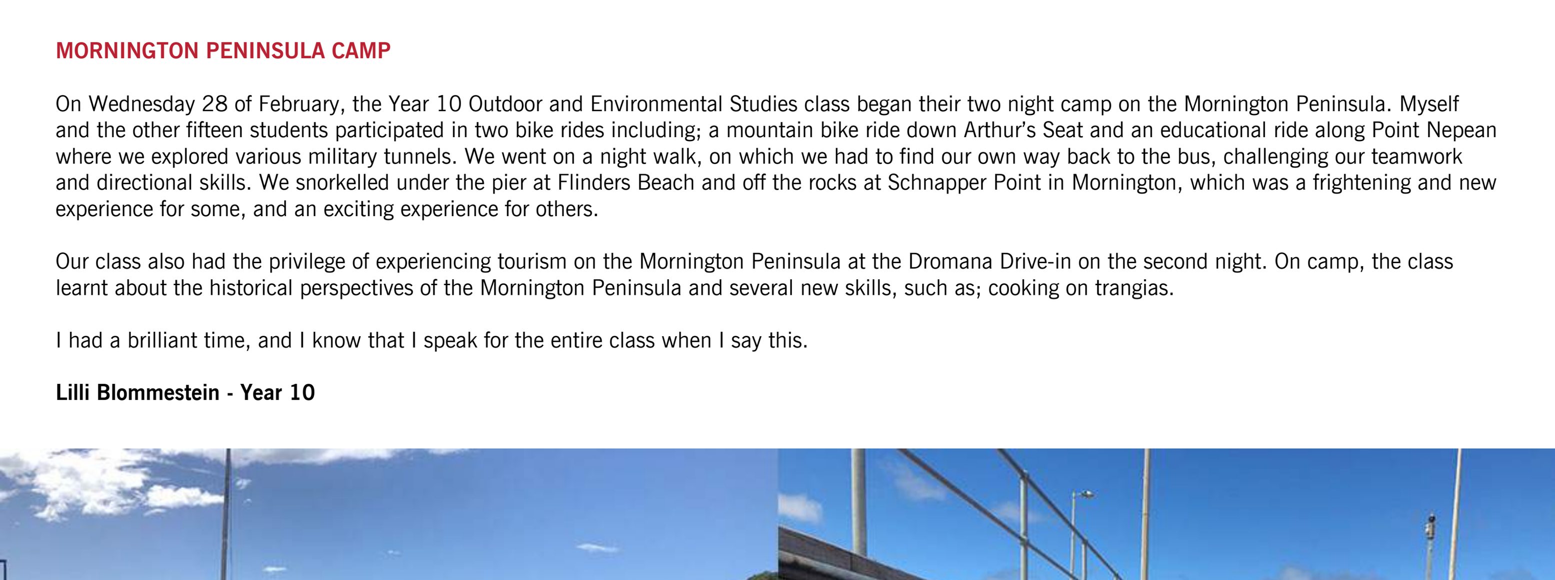
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

This week, five Year 10 and 11 students were presented with the Bronze Award for the Duke of Edinburgh program,

The Duke of Edinburgh is an internationally recognised award, spanning across 140 countries. The criteria is based on involvement in four sections; volunteering in the community, develop new skills, join in physical recreation and embark on adventurous journeys. Our students began their journey towards the award in Year 9 and chose activities that sparked their interest in each of the four sections. They decided their own goals to achieve and set about working in their own time.

Congratulations to Mercedees Lynch, Swetha Kumar, Tanishka Munjal, Lilian Roncari, Noah McCloskey.

Ms Angela O'Driscoll
Health & PE Coordinator



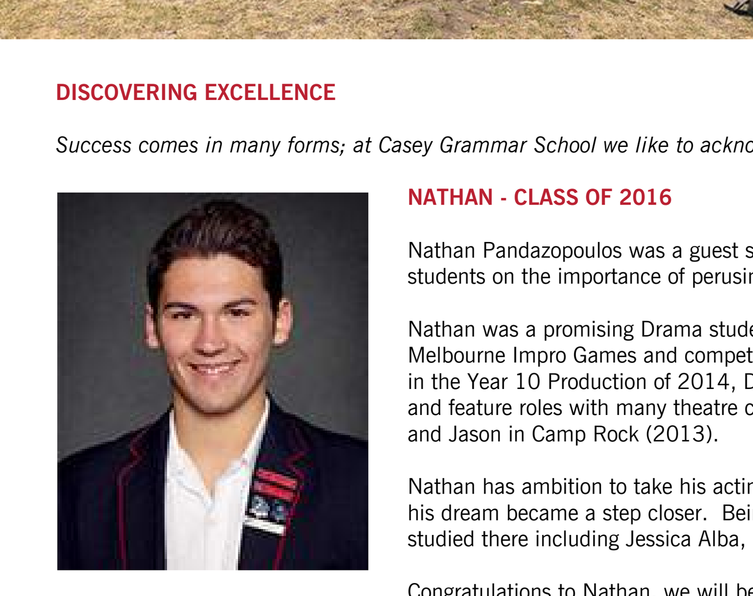
MORNINGTON PENINSULA CAMP

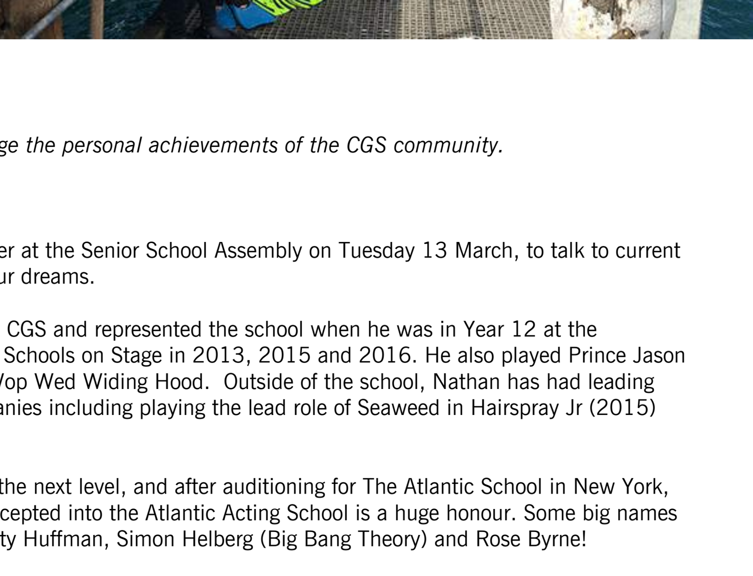
On Wednesday 28 of February, the Year 10 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class began their two night camp on the Mornington Peninsula. Myself and the other fifteen students participated in two bike rides including; a mountain bike ride down Arthur's Seat and an educational ride along Point Nepean where we explored various military tunnels. We went on a night walk, on which we had to find our own way back to the bus, challenging our teamwork and directional skills. We snorkelled under the pier at Flinders Beach and off the rocks at Schnapper Point in Mornington, which was a frightening and new experience for some, and an exciting experience for others.

Our class also had the privilege of experiencing tourism on the Mornington Peninsula at the Dromana Drive-in on the second night. On camp, the class learnt about the historical perspectives of the Mornington Peninsula and several new skills, such as; cooking on trangias.

I had a brilliant time, and I know that I speak for the entire class when I say this.

Lilli Blommestein - Year 10





DISCOVERING EXCELLENCE

Success comes in many forms; at Casey Grammar School we like to acknowledge the personal achievements of the CGS community.

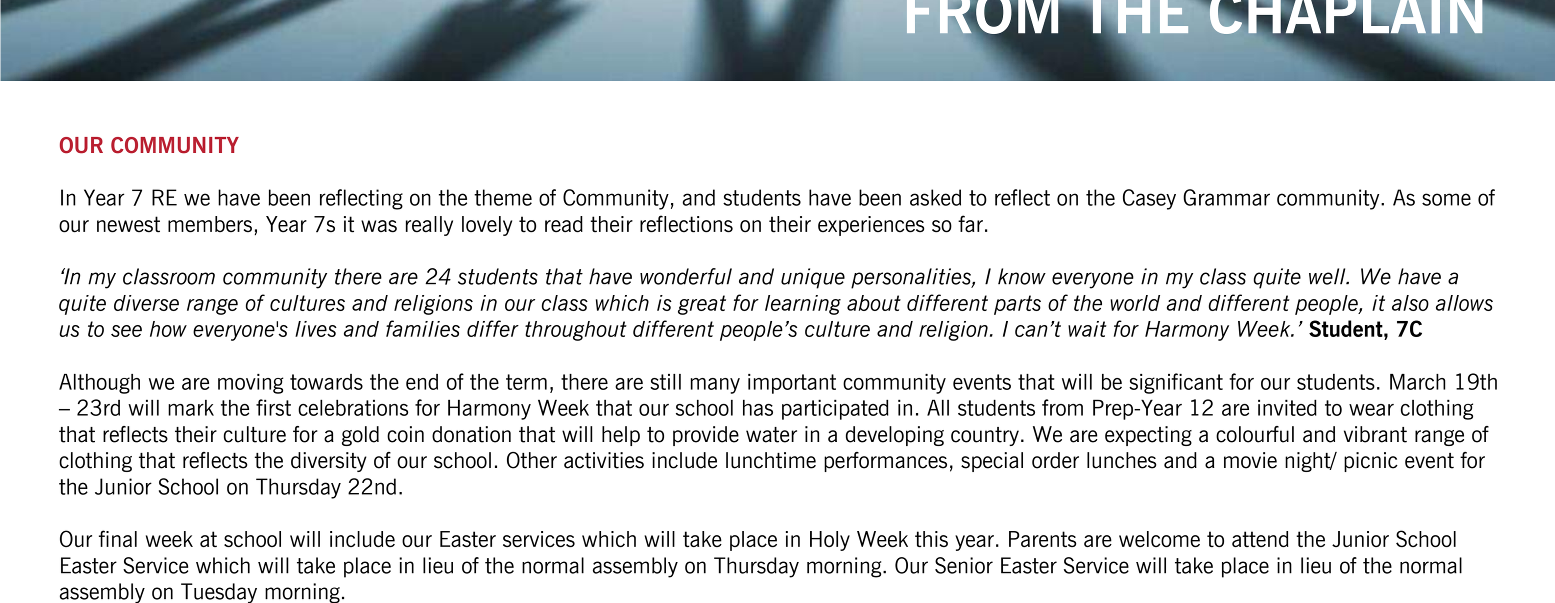
NATHAN - CLASS OF 2016

Nathan Pandazopoulos was a guest speaker at the Senior School Assembly on Tuesday 13 March, to talk to current students on the importance of perusing your dreams.

Nathan was a promising Drama student at CGS and represented the school when he was in Year 12 at the Melbourne Impro Games and competed in Schools on Stage in 2013, 2015 and 2016. He also played Prince Jason in the Year 10 Production of 2014, Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood. Outside of the school, Nathan has had leading and feature roles with many theatre companies including playing the lead role of Seaweed in Hairspray Jr (2015) and Jason in Camp Rock (2013).

Nathan has ambition to take his acting to the next level, and after auditioning for The Atlantic School in New York, his dream became a step closer. Being accepted into the Atlantic Acting School is a huge honour. Some big names studied there including Jessica Alba, Felicity Huffman, Simon Helberg (Big Bang Theory) and Rose Byrne!

Congratulations to Nathan, we will be sure to keep you updated on his success. Nathan has set up a Gofund me page to assist with the financial costs of relocating to America if you would like to support him visit the link gf.me/u/gqavvh



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

OUR COMMUNITY

In Year 7 RE we have been reflecting on the theme of Community, and students have been asked to reflect on the Casey Grammar community. As some of our newest members, Year 7s it was really lovely to read their reflections on their experiences so far.

'In my classroom community there are 24 students that have wonderful and unique personalities, I know everyone in my class quite well. We have a quite diverse range of cultures and religions in our class which is great for learning about different parts of the world and different people, it also allows us to see how everyone's lives and families differ throughout different people's culture and religion. I can't wait for Harmony Week.' **Student, 7C**

Although we are moving towards the end of the term, there are still many important community events that will be significant for our students. March 19th – 23rd will mark the first celebrations for Harmony Week that our school has participated in. All students from Prep-Year 12 are invited to wear clothing that reflects their culture for a gold coin donation that will help to provide water in a developing country. We are expecting a colourful and vibrant range of clothing that reflects the diversity of our school. Other activities include lunchtime performances, special order lunches and a movie night/ picnic event for the Junior School on Thursday 22nd.

Our final week at school will include our Easter services which will take place in Holy Week this year. Parents are welcome to attend the Junior School Easter Service which will take place in lieu of the normal assembly on Thursday morning. Our Senior Easter Service will take place in lieu of the normal assembly on Tuesday morning.

God's blessings with you all in the week ahead

Mrs. Monique Riviere-Pendle
School Chaplain

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