

5 March
Year 7 Inclusions

14 March
School Council Meeting

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

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

9 March
School Photo Day

21 March
Instrumental Science



General Enquiries
5991 0800

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

12 March
Labor Day Holiday

22 March
Junior School Movie Night

Make a Payment
CGS online payment facility

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It was fantastic to see all of the students both at Senior School swimming carnival and at the Junior School athletics. I was lucky enough to spend the morning at the pool and the afternoon at the track. There were some outstanding individual results, including records being broken and the introduction of Champion Boy/Girl as well as age group runners-up. This is a fantastic way to recognise individual excellence for a number of individuals. However what I found most impressive was the relay events and the support from the students' peers. I was impressed at how the Casey family supported one another, win or lose or draw. I admired the humility of the victors and the grace of those defeated.

A big congratulations to Reid House for winning both events. Below are some of the individual results from the Senior School Swimming Carnival, and you will find the Junior School results located under the Junior School section of the Discovery.

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

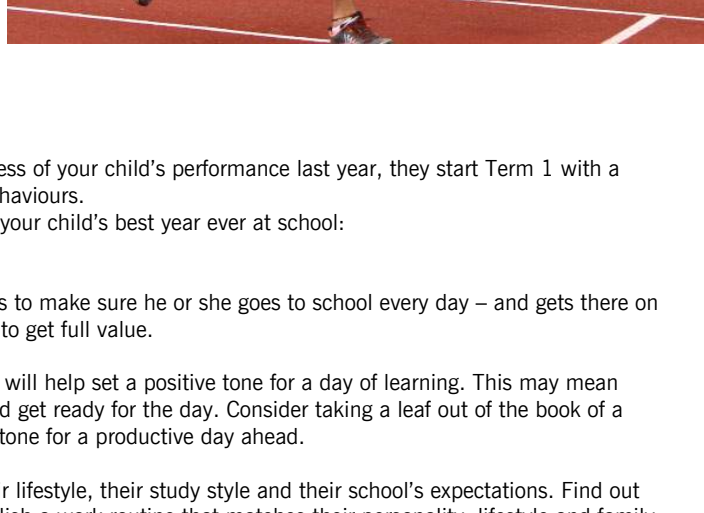
13 Boys	Zain Wasif
13 Girls	Jessica Sampson
14 Boys	Bostyn Baird
14 Girls	Juna Gemmell
15 Boys	Conor Finlayson
15 Girls	Kiara Stevens
16 Boys	Seth Gunawardane
16 Girls	Madison Randles
17 Boys	Michael Kerlin
17 Girls	Lela Wright
18+ Boys	Casey Sampson
18+ Girls	Paige Bettin

AGE GROUP RUNNERS UP

Jonathan Zaitsev
Amelia Licciardi
Mitchell McMahon
Zaina Akkari
Jamie Wise
Ellen Street
Rohan Pathwa
Catherine Thornton
Noah McCloskey
Lucy Pindropoulous
Ryan Curtin
Isabella Tuturus

OLD RECORD

NEW RECORD - Zain Wasif 13 Boys 50m Breaststroke	44.07	51.98
NEW RECORD - Juna Gemmell 14 Girls 50m Backstroke	40.15	44.15
NEW RECORD - Juna Gemmell 14 Girls 50m Breaststroke	44.44	51.21
NEW RECORD - Juna Gemmell 14 Girls 50m Freestyle	34.4	38.03
NEW RECORD - Jaime Wright 15 Girls 50m Freestyle	30.33	36.09
NEW RECORD - Seth Gunawardane 16 Boys 50m Freestyle	29.16	30.68
NEW RECORD - Seth Gunawardane 16 Boys 50m Backstroke	32.96	38.53
NEW RECORD - Seth Gunawardane 16 Boys 50m Breaststroke	38.78	41.21
NEW RECORD - Seth Gunawardane 16 Boys 50m Butterfly	32.28	41.91
NEW RECORD - Lachlan Turino 17 Boys 50m Breaststroke	41.34	43.45



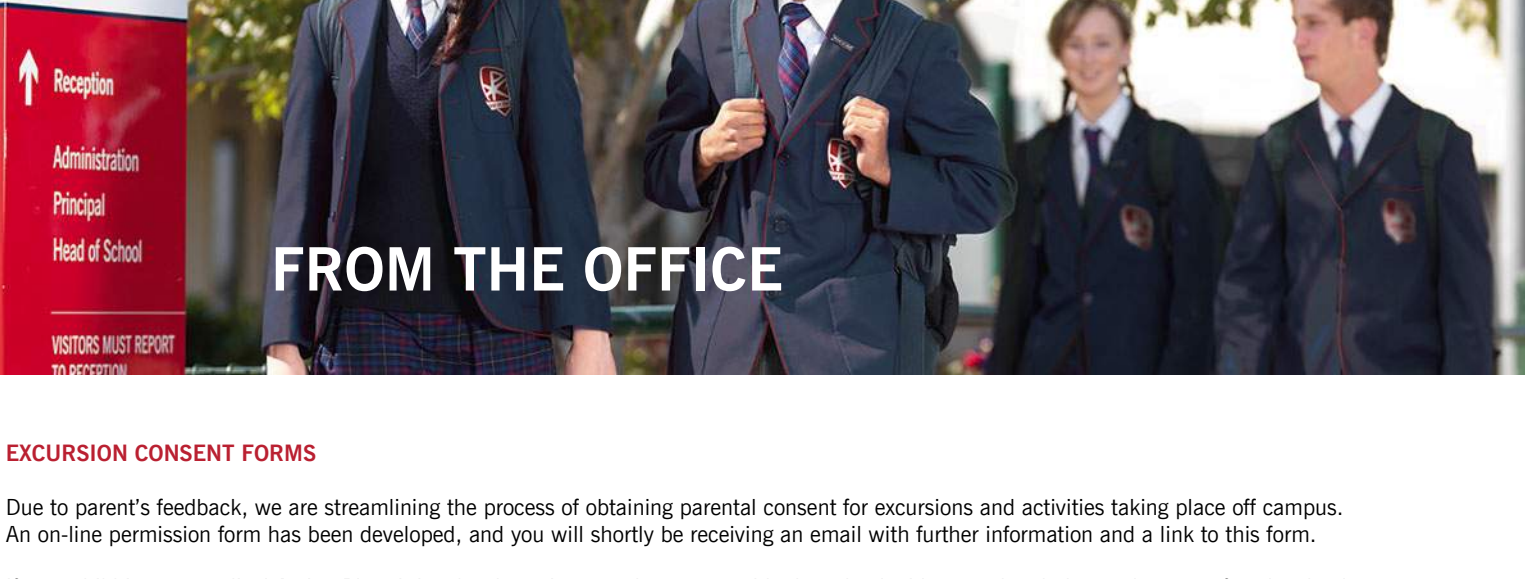
2018 THE NEW BEGINNING

The start of a new year is always an opportunity for a fresh start for students. Regardless of your child's performance last year, they start Term 1 with a clean slate. A break offers students the chance to begin new habits and adopt new behaviours. Here are seven ideas to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child's best year ever at school:

- 1. Commit to your child going to school every day on time**
One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. Kids spend more time asleep than at school, so we need to maximise every day to get full value.
- 2. Help kids start each day well**
A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and some words of encouragement from you will help set a positive tone for a day of learning. This may mean that you adjust your morning routine so that kids have plenty of time to get up, eat and get ready for the day. Consider taking a leaf out of the book of a friend of mine who gets her children to make their beds each morning which sets the tone for a productive day ahead.
- 3. Establish work & study habits**
The most successful students are those that develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school's expectations. Find out the work expectations from your child's or young person's school and help them establish a work routine that matches their personality, lifestyle and family style. Be flexible here as one size doesn't fit all when it comes to helping routines.
- 4. Make sure your child gets enough sleep**
I encourage you to make a big focus this year as many children, and young people are sleep-deprived, which impacts on their well-being and their learning. A good night's sleep consolidates learning, as well as assisting future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of nine hours. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bed-time and get-up time each day. Have 45 minute wind-down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.
- 5. Get your kids outside more for good physical and mental health**
Kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to learning and mental health. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. Encourage kids to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to make moving part of their daily lives. Consider increasing your child's green time and decreasing screen time for good physical and mental health.
- 6. Focus on being friendly**
Schools are very social places requiring kids to negotiate many different social situations each day. Encourage kids to be open and tolerant; to be friendly; and to be involved in plenty of activities and to be social risk-takers. Some kids close down their friendship opportunities through self-centredness, poor attitude and unwillingness to take social risks.
- 7. Develop self-help skills**
Successful students are often well-organised, self-directed and self-motivated. You can foster organisational skills and self-direction by developing simple, age-appropriate self-help skills related to their everyday lives. Also, use visual parenting techniques to aid organisation and encourage independence. Such skills as making lunches, packing school bags, and organising after school schedules can be great lessons that impact on how kids perform at school.

At the start of the school year, kids are more likely to adopt changes than at any other time. Make the most of the opportunity by focusing on two or three areas to target, and you'll find that the rest may well fall into place. (Michael Grose – Parenting Ideas).

Mr Richard Baird
Principal



FROM THE OFFICE

EXCURSION CONSENT FORMS

Due to parent's feedback, we are streamlining 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 shortly be receiving an email with further information and a link to this form.

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. If you have not already done so, please provide the school nurse with a current Medical Action Plan as soon as possible.

SALVATION ARMY CARPARK OFF LIMITS

The Salvation Army next door have requested that our parents not use their carpark for school drop-offs and pickups. They are having an increasing number of events at their centre where they require the carpark free, and it is becoming a safety issue.

Please only use the PAC carpark for dropping off your children before school and picking up after school.

SCHOOL CROSSING SAFETY

Please click here to download the school crossing safety flyer.

CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND)

I write to advise that the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parent are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payments will go directly to the school and be allocated to the families account for camp and excursion costs. Eligible families will need to apply through the school by completing the CSEF Application form and returning the form, together with a copy of a valid concession card, to the school by 30 March, 2018.

Click here to download the CSEF form from the school website.

Further information is provided on the attached flyer from the Department of Education & Training or at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Simone Strauss
School Accountant

FEES

Term 1 Fees are now overdue. A reminder to those that pay fees monthly, payment is required by the 28th of each month.

COLES 'SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS'

Casey Grammar School is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program, please collect your vouchers and place them in the box located inside the Administration building or at the box located outside Coles, Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOLPIX will be attending the school on Friday, 9 March. Photo order envelopes will be sent home next week.

Photo Day Tips :

Dress : Clean and tidy as per school uniform policy

Hair: Neat and swept off face

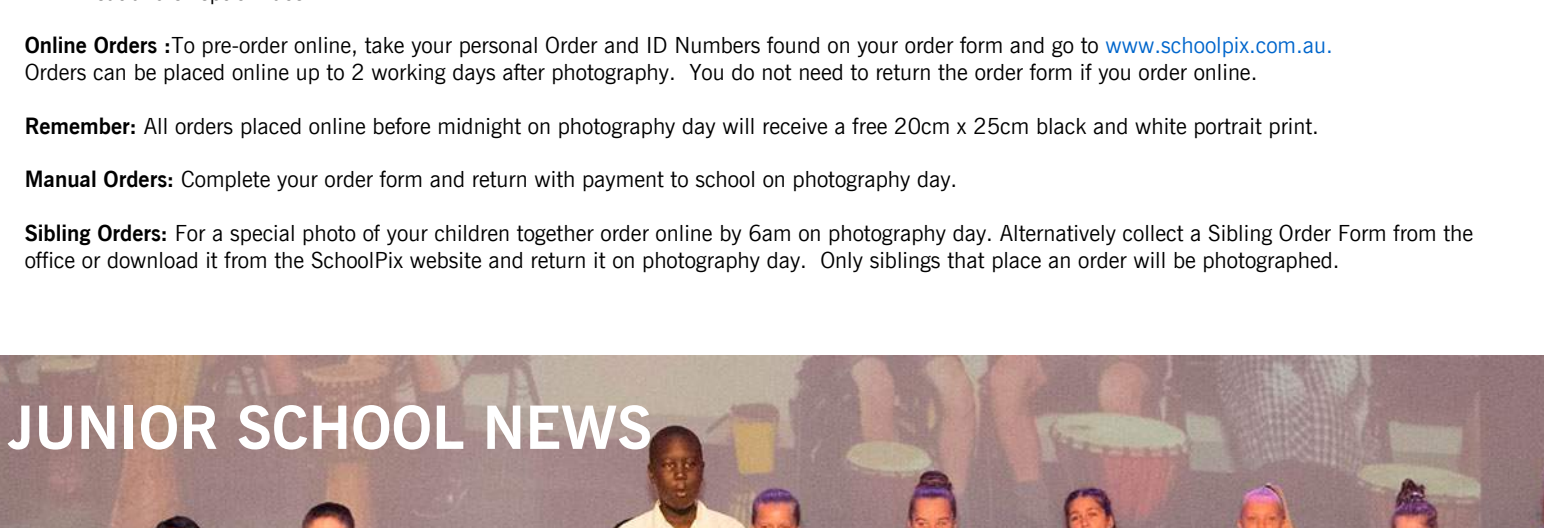
Online Orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online.

Remember: All orders placed online before midnight on photography day will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

Manual Orders: Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day.

Sibling Orders: For a special photo of your children together order online by 6am on photography day. Alternatively collect a Sibling Order Form from the office or download it from the SchoolPix website and return it on photography day. Only siblings that place an order will be photographed.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Junior School assemblies are part of the fabric of Casey Grammar School. They are a wonderful opportunity for students to work together as a team, develop public speaking skills, showcase individual strengths and improve various performance skills. Students hone and develop their skills over seven years. Assemblies are well loved by students and parents alike.

It was great to have 6N kick off our class assembly schedule for 2018. I particularly enjoyed learning about our Australians of the Year, listening to the amazing drumming and hearing about some of the many countries that our CGS families have migrated from. The students did a fine job at what was their final Junior School assembly. Congratulations to 6N and Mr Newman.

We were also fortunate to have 2G perform at our second 2018 class assembly. Their Magic Beach stories were read with confidence and pride, and their play was noted and narrated beautifully. After watching their beautiful slide shows, it was very impressive to see just how many learning experiences 2G have fitted into only four short weeks of schooling. Well done to all our talented 2G students and Mrs Grech.

Our 2018 Junior School Athletics Day was a huge success. We introduced a new format that saw all our Year 1 to Year 6 students competing in running, throwing and jumping events at Casey Fields.

It was wonderful to see our students trying their very best, and it was very rewarding to see so many students encouraging their classmates. I'd like to sincerely thank Mr Batey and Miss Moya for the many hours of preparation they completed to ensure the day ran like clockwork. Congratulations to Reid who were the winning house on the day. To celebrate the success of some of our athletes we awarded Boy and Girl Champions and Runners Up in each age group this year. Congratulations to all these students who are listed below.

Year	Girl Runner-Up	Boy Runner-Up	Girl Champion	Boy Champion
1B	Vrinda Sharma	Thevin Wickramanayake	Harleen Kaur Senghera	Kobi McEvoy
1R	Isabella Sutcliffe	Jacob Mackley	Daniela Bader	Cooper Hine
2E	Chantelle Smith	Oliver van den Brink	Tiarna Thorson	Akam Saini
2G	Meg Van Brakel	Ryder Posthumus	Felicity Kinna Tillbrook	Abdel Abdelrahim
8/9 Year Olds	Finley Harding	Will Bellinger	Mackenzie Bell	Akram Brewster
10 Year Olds	Ruby Van Brakel	Finn Weller	Shae Culpin	Noah Aziret
11 Year Olds	Angie Bulte	Jack Bellinger	Soha Abdelrahim	Jack Brewster
12/13 Year Olds	Zoe Kieverlaan	Harrison Bell/Sebastian van den Brink	Isabella Hetherington	Thomas Rowe

DISCOVERING EXCELLENCE

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

Congratulations to Isabella Hetherington in 6R who has made a fantastic achievement in netball. Isabella recently tried out for the South East Football Federation (SEFNL) Under 13 Representative Netball Team and has now been selected.

What a fantastic achievement!

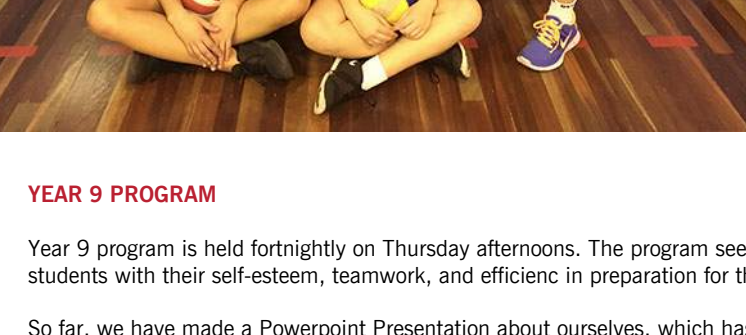
JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

'Take your marks... set... GO!' bellowed the voice of James, our Junior School Captain, as he began the inaugural teacher versus student relay. Video evidence may or may not have indicated that Mr Baird made a false start, but it was a thrilling spectacle, supported excitedly by all the students spectating from the sideline. But enough about the teachers; this is about the students.

Congratulations to all of our committed students who participated so enthusiastically in the Years 1-6 athletics carnival at Casey Fields. They had been training hard in class, and at home, and were given the opportunity to put their practice into action on the day. What was particularly impressive to witness was the pleasing sportsmanship shown by competitors, with plenty of encouragement and support between participants. I would like to congratulate all students on their levels of effort both at school and during the carnival, and additionally, congratulate all students who were crowned champion or runner-up champion in their age group or class. Furthermore, I would like to thank the PFC for their wonderful efforts in organizing icy poles and a sausage sizzle for lunch. But wait, there's more! I'd also like to thank all parents who came to support their children on the day. Some may have taken time off work or travelled some distance to encourage their children and our school, and your commitment is appreciated. Finally, I would like to thank all our dedicated teachers and learning assistants, as well as our parent volunteers, for the excellent job you did in ensuring events ran smoothly throughout the day. It was nothing less than a classic 'team effort' that ensured the 2018 Junior Athletics Carnival was a great success.

Mr. Jeff Batey
Primary P.E Teacher

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



YEAR 9 PROGRAM

Year 9 program is held fortnightly on Thursday afternoons. The program sees the Year 9 cohort come together and participate in activities. These help the students with their self-esteem, teamwork, and efficiency in preparation for the Northern Territory trip and City Experience.

So far, we have made a Powerpoint presentation about our hobbies, which has included our interests, plans for the future and our school goals. We have really enjoyed these tasks and have started to identify our 'Outside of the Mind'. These tasks will be useful for us as the year progresses.

Navjeev Kaur, Ellie Rooke, Shayla Maydom, Matilda de Haan 9C

SENIOR INTERSCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

On Monday 26 February, selected Year 11 & 12 students competed in the Senior Volleyball Tournament held at Casey Stadium.

Congratulations to the senior boys team who were undefeated throughout the day, reaching the Grand Final against Narre Warren South P-12. The boys played extremely well however, couldn't pull off another win in the final, finishing as Runner-up. Well done Kettle- William Dunne, Kobe Seers, Aiden Saluni-Daniel, Edmell Retailick, Johnny Ho, Zac Gerardi and Ryan Favero

Congratulations also to the senior girls team who played superbly and finished sixth all around. Well done girls- Olivia Antonello, Maddison O'Neill, Samantha Mitchell, Lauren Reynolds, Brie Pearson and Liliana Roncari.

A big thankyou to Ms O'Driscoll for coaching both of the teams on the day.

Miss Sienna Captieux
AFL Trainee

QL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Casey Grammar's QL Enhancement Program has been designed with the needs of highly able students in mind. It is named to reflect the quality learning (QL) opportunities created to challenge these students with new and more complex ways of thinking.

QL Students still attend normal classes but will meet with the QL group once a week and also participate in a range of QL activities, including excursions. All activities will be designed to enrich, provoke and stretch students to maximise their academic potential.

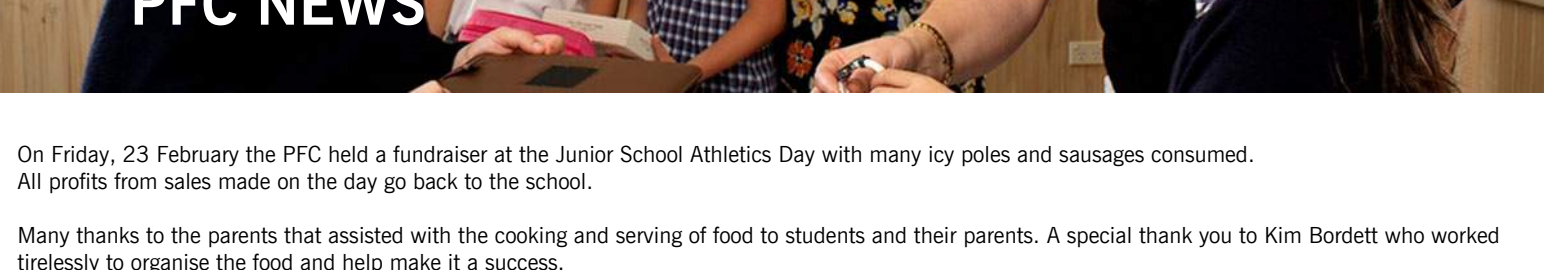
Each QL participant will map their unique learning journey through digital learning portfolios. Progress will be monitored throughout the year to ensure growth, commitment and high-quality learning.

In 2018 QL will be available to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. (Year 9 students from 2017 will continue in the program into Year 10.) It is a select entry program and all applicants will be required to sit an entry test before they are offered a place.

Numbers are limited. Participation will not involve any extra cost to parents.

To apply for QL 2018 please complete the application form available on the School's website. Testing for the program is scheduled for March 20, 2018. For any further enquiries please contact Julie Squires on 5991 0800.

PFC NEWS



On Friday, 23 February the PFC held a fundraiser at the Junior School Athletics Day with many icy poles and sausages consumed. All profits from sales made on the day go back to the school.

Many thanks to the parents that assisted with the cooking and serving of food to students and their parents. A special thank you to Kim Bordett who worked tirelessly to organise the food and help make it a success.

The next PFC meeting will be on Monday 19 March at 6:30pm in the PAC Boardroom.

If you would like to attend, please email the PFC at pfc@caseygrammar.vic.edu.au.

Mrs. Pam Foley
PFC President

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

EVERYONE BELONGS

CELEBRATING HARMONY IN OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

So God created humankind in his image... Genesis 1:27

This year, a new leadership position has been created for a Year 12 student; Community and Social Justice Captain. Our inaugural leader is Shaylah Portelli-Moore, and she has already hit the ground running, coming up with various ideas to continue to develop the sense of community in our school as well as how we can support the wider community through our social justice work. Shaylah, along with Diksha Gosavi and the wider Social Justice Team is planning various activities for Harmony Week at Casey Grammar School. It is worth noting that most places simply do Harmony Day, but we are going to be celebrating for the whole week! Casey Grammar School is an incredibly diverse community so the theme for this year 'Everyone Belongs' is very appropriate. The Bible begins by telling us that God created humankind in his image, reminding us that God creates 'culture and diversity'. If every person is made in the image of God, this surely extends to God celebrating a wide range of cultures. In our context, we only have to take a quick visit to the Chapel to look at our Secondary world map from last year that tracked the countries our students are connected with – it is incredible to see the variety.

Various activities for Harmony Week are in the planning stages, but I would like to highlight a couple. It would be wonderful for this to encourage conversations at home. If your child is learning another language, a cultural instrument or style of dance, encourage them to consider participation in our lunchtime performances.

- All week we will have special lunches available for specific year levels on each day. Details are in the letter sent home with the students.
- On Wednesday (Officially Harmony Day), there will be a performance for Junior students in the PAC. Year 6 students are invited to perform in a way that reflects their family's cultural background (musical item, poetry recital, dance) These can be individually or in a group and go for no longer than 3.5 minutes, including a brief introduction. Year 6 student leaders will be promoting this in the Junior School.
- On Thursday, families of Junior School families are welcome to join us for a Frozen sing-a-long in the PAC and picnic on the oval. Doors open at 4:45pm and the picnic will conclude at approximately 7:30pm.
- On Friday, students across the Primary and Secondary school can wear casual clothes that reflect their family background for a gold coin donation.
- On Friday at lunchtime, Secondary students will be performing in the PAC. All secondary students and Year 6s are welcome to watch.

We trust it will be an exciting week and celebrate the diverse experiences amongst our community. All money raised within the week will be help pay for a water pump through UNICEF, a chance to contribute to another community.

God's blessing on you all in the week ahead!

Schools: Monique-Pendle
Mrs. Chaplain