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And that is what we are here for. Send us an email if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. EAL News is produced by Yvette Medina (MEA).

Nearly 25% of the population in Victoria government schools come from language backgrounds other than English. Various services are provided to mainstream schools to support these students. This includes the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program.

Students are considered EAL if they come from a language background other than English, and have been in Australia for less than 7 years. They may require additional support in learning English as an additional language.

What’s Next? A Family Picnic!

CALD FAMILY PICNIC

CALD stands for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse. Here at Staughton College, we celebrate and embrace our diversity.

This November 26 (Thursday), we would like to invite everyone to a family picnic.

Our students will be preparing traditional dances and songs for everyone. We will also have fund raising food stalls, as well as mini games or activities.

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More information will be made available closer to the date.

Please save the date! November 26, Thursday. Festivities will be from 3:30 till 6:00pm. We will have our picnic in front of the Trade Training Centre.

If you would like to take an active role in planning this picnic, please send an email to yme@staughtoncollege.vic.edu.au.

We welcome suggestions and requests for activities!

Our students have already started planning their performances, and everyone is excited to see what they have in store for us.

We continue to work on strengthening our relationship with the students and parents.

We have also seen the arrival of Ms. Felicity Hemi-ak as our EAL coordinator in semester two. She brings to us different skill-sets and a positive high-energy attitude.

Truly, we are very fortunate to have such an excellent team!

What’s next for us, then?

We are currently planning a FAMILY PICNIC for the 26th of November.

It will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to meet, and also celebrate the cultural diversity that we have at Staughton College.

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Please see the back page for more information about this event.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!
VICSEG Scholars Updates

The VICSEG scholars worked very hard in semester 1. To reward them for their efforts, we organized holiday programs for them.

Using part of the sausage sizzle proceeds from term one, Asyai Luk (10.2), Anyieth Mabiei (10.3), John Riak (11.6) and Jacob Aleer (11.3) were treated to the movie “Minions”. They were joined by Glenda Guzman from VICSEG New Futures, past and present Victoria University Youth Workers mentors Jessica Gjerkes, Hayley Carroll, Mary Briffa, friend Emily Rake and Yvette Medina from Stoughton College.

When asked about the movie, they had this to say: “Banana!”

On the 10th of July, the scholars went up to Lake Mountain to enjoy a day on the slopes. For some of them, it was their first time to see snow. Anyieth, Jacob and John were accompanied by Abraham Jongroor and Colleen Turner from VICSEG.

We are also very happy to announce that thanks to the Melton Council’s funding, we are now able to offer scholarships to four more students. The program is primarily for year 9-11. We have also recently been allowed to offer it to students who come from other language backgrounds.

Food: Eggless Chocolate Cupcakes

We normally feature traditional recipes in this section. However, during the Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, we received fantastic reviews and requests for our eggless chocolate muffins.

Ms. Maria Alexiou, an English teacher, said, “The Chocolate Chip Eggless Cupcake was simply delicious and one of the best cupcakes I have had. Considering there was no egg present, the cupcake was very moist and the choc chips were still visible inside it. The colour was an amazing, dark purple; in fact.

Overall, I was without a doubt very impressed with the cupcakes. And to think, these amazing cupcakes were made with real ingredients and not with pre-packed packet mixtures.

Well done to the chefs.”

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups All-Purpose Flour
2 cups white sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
½ cup vegetable oil
2 Tablespoons distilled white vinegar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups cold water

INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Sift flour, sugar, salt, soda and cocoa together in a big mixing bowl.

2) Make 3 wells. Pour oil into one well, vinegar into the second, and vanilla into the third.

3) Pour cold water over all, and stir well with fork.

4) Bake at 175 degrees C. Check after 15 minutes and cook until tooth pick inserted comes out clean.

Top with frosting, marshmallows or chocolate chips.
Student Highlights

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Athletics regional competitions: Tuputala Tulaga (7.1), Henry Mawi (8.5), NATALINA MARIAK (8.5), Ian Pilapil (8.6), Stacey Tulaga (8.6), Riel Mayuom (10.4), Mula Masaga (10.4), Christine Papalii Seu (10.2) and Kim Pilapil (12.5).

Congratulations to Sharie May Castillo (10.1) for winning the 2015 Melton Star Search. It was held at Tabcorp last September 3. Her winning song was “Hurt” by Christine Aguilera.

Featured on the right is Sharie with her sister Glory, who bagged the 3rd runner up prize. Good job girls!

Congratulations to Sia Tulaga (12.2) for doing a fantastic job with her VCE Theatre Studies presentation last September 8.

Her monologue of the witch from ‘Into The Woods’ was inspired, and everyone in the room burst into applause when she was done. Keep up the great work Sia!

Youth Group News

By: Genesia Malastas

On Saturday, the 8th of August, a scavenger hunt took place around the breathtaking city of Melbourne, hosted by Melbourne Church of Christ (MCOC) Teens Youth group.

This outdoor experience comprised of various challenges including video recording a team member dancing in front of a stranger (and asking them to rate your dance), visiting Hosier Lane and China Town to search for specific objects/graffiti on walls, asking a stranger (starting with a letter ‘J’) for their autograph, and other various tasks that require plenty of fun, socializing and venturing through the city.

While there were five teams divided into groups of seven, each team member played a convenient role and contributed to the tasks greatly; no one missed out! The boys’ team won by a reasonable amount of points, but all in all, it was an extravagant experience that left no team unsatisfied.

Though we were running out of time, each group made the most of their journey around the city through taking memorable photos and having a laugh.

Above all, it was a great opportunity to meet people around our city and inviting them to our welcoming, loving church. To experience our joy and fun, come visit us at melbournecc.org!
RMIT Experience

By: Asyai Luk

On the 9th of August, Anyieth and I had the opportunity to go to RMIT Open Day.

During this experience, there were a lot of workshops in Art, Design and Architecture (where it had a lot to do with designing, drawing and building with blocks).

We also went into the Science field where they talked about body cells.

There were many activities in the city campus like a barbecue and a Spanish dancing festival.

The whole opportunity was fantastic and we look forward to visiting the university again.

Romeo and Juliet

The year 10 students watched the play Romeo and Juliet at the Melbourne Arts Centre on the 20th of August.

When asked about the experience, Anyieth Mabei (10.3) says, “I was expecting them to be in costumes, but other than that, it was good. It was really helpful for me to understand the book better. I really liked the girl who played Benvolo. She was really funny and I liked the way she acted. She was the best one there.”
Science Week was on the 17th-21st of August. There were lots of activities for the students. Pictured above is Racheal Aleer (9.4) having fun with the dissecting activity.

New EAL Staff

FELICITY HEMIAK
EAL Coordinator
Bachelor of Applied Science—Human Movement & Graduate Diploma of Education
Subjects taught: Health & Human Development, EAL

ERIN FAVERO
EAL Teacher
Bachelor of Arts and Arts Education & studying Masters in International Relations
Subjects taught: French, EAL

The latest school production, Grease, sold out tickets for shows that ran from the 13th to the 15th of August.

Our very own Sharie May Castillo (10.1) sang “Blue Moon” during the prom scene.

When asked about the experience, Sharie said, “I liked it better than last year’s Variety Show. Everyone was more committed and present at the rehearsals. Everyone was amazing! ”.

The cast:
Danny—Ethan McIntosh
Sandy—Olivia Schulz
T-birds—Sam Apineru, Mert Ergec, Cooper McGregor, Oliver Mordaunt
Pink Ladies—Chelsea Pollock, Maia Rose Williams, Cailyn Spry, Chloe Campbell

Massive congratulations to Ms. Roslyn Farrugia, Ms. Bronwyn Carmichael, Ms. Abby Grace, Ms. Grace Hawke, Mr. Chris Wilson, Ms. Lorana McClory, Ms. Natasha Forlani, Ms. Nicki Currey, Ms. Angela Watters and the entire production cast and crew of Grease!

More power to all of you! We look forward to your next work!
World Humanitarian Day

We celebrated World Humanitarian Day last August 19 with lots of activities at the college.

Mr. John Flanagan organised incursions for our year 7-10 students. Phil McMillan from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) came to speak to our students on the day.

The Social Justice League facilitated by Ms. Haley Clancy and Ms. Ruth Hibburt, organised a food drive.

The EAL students and VICSEG scholars organised a bake sale fundraiser on August 25. We would like to thank Ms. Bronwyn Carchmichael for overseeing the students in the kitchens. Thank you as well to Anyieth Mabiei, Asyai Luk, Nyibol Atoc, John Riak, Jacob Aleer, Achouh Mayuom, Corin Henry, Natalina Marial, Sakir Nawaz, Ms. Karakurt, Ms. Clancy and Ms. Hemiak.

The proceeds from the food drive and the bake sale went towards the ASRC.

We also launched the Pay It Forward Initiative. This was inspired by the movie, “Pay It Forward”. The world would be such a better place if we were all a little kinder and more sensitive. We continue to encourage everyone to take the little time and effort to give someone a helping hand and pay it forward.

Students were encouraged to send in photos, inspirational stories and video diary entries to PayItForwardStaugton@gmail.com. Select entries have been uploaded to our Staugton Page on Facebook.