From the Principal

Farwell Assembly to year 12 students from 25th October:

“I have farewelled more year 12 students than I care to remember in my career and it continues to feel special, sad, joyful, quizzical and a whole host of other emotions. It is one of the great pleasures of teaching to be a small part of young people’s lives as they celebrate their triumphs, share their troubles and interact in so many varied ways with us. In education a recurring theme is of how school is preparing young people for their futures, Yet the time we spend together as adolescents is incredibly valuable in itself, can't be repeated and should be cherished. The view of young people as just mini adults is something of an insult to the achievements and contributions of people in their youth. Five years in anyone’s lifetime is significant. Being with people of the same age and sharing experiences is a very powerful bonding opportunity. People look back to their school years with affection, and I am continuously reminded of the significance that schooling plays in people’s lives in my discussions with former students, who reflect back so much on prior experiences.

It is always tempting to try to impart one really important message to graduating students, one piece of guiding wisdom. But this is not really possible. Life and education are not that simple. Life is complex, and of course in reality what the future holds is unknown and by its very nature unpredictable. One thing follows another often in relentless waves. So year 12 students, I don’t have one special piece of advice, rather I trust that we have helped you develop the graduate qualities to which our school aspires: that suite of dispositions, skills, behaviours, attitudes, learning capacities and attitudes to your own well being and that of others that will enable you to thrive. Go forward with confidence and remember the regard with which you are held by your school community. Keep that positive self image close to your hearts. Always keep a special place for Le Fevre in your memories.

Traditional societies subscribe to the adage that it takes a whole village to educate a child. To me this is similarly true in modern societies as it takes a whole school community and beyond to really educate a person.

In particular I say thank you to all the staff of our school who have worked with these young people. I especially thank the year 12 staff, but also acknowledge the ‘village’ of staff members at Le Fevre and indeed in the student’s primary schools who have contributed to the education and the lives of these fine young people. I offer our best wishes for your examinations and final assessment tasks and of course we look forward to the Graduation and Prize Ceremony at Bonython Hall Adelaide University on the Tuesday 22 November to say our farewells. Years 8-11 students please support these people as they undertake their final weeks at school.”

STEM Works: We have recently submitted the completed concept plans developed with our team in conjunction with the architects. We now await the timeframe for this exciting new development for our school. As part of our professional learning in preparation for the new STEM facilities a group of technology, mathematics and science staff accompanied me on a visit to the Australian Mathematics and Science School at Flinders University to discuss with their leadership team and teachers the teaching approaches they use in their specialised STEM facilities.

Languages Centre and other Facilities: Phase III update:

- At last the new basketball courts are almost finished
- The redevelopment of the ground floor of B Block is complete and is looking really great
- The site works for the Languages building commenced on 31 October. The delivery of the building modules is
scheduled for 28 November and according to the works schedule we have it will be ready for use at the start of the 2017 school year.

Goals Program: Graduation week one term 4
Approximately Year 9 students graduated from this excellent leadership development program. Sincere thanks to Andee Kalatzis and Ben Earle for their coordination of this program.

Staffing Appointments
I am pleased to announce the following staff appointments:
- Arts Band B1 Coordinator 1 year: Shona Mishra
- VET Band B1 Coordinator 1 year: Andrea West
- IBMYP/Languages Band B2 Coordinator 3 years: Sarah Craddock
- Maritime Leader Band B3 Coordinator 3 years: Liam Narcys
- Literacy/Hums/Eng Band B2 Coordinator: Rachel McLaine

Ice Factor Spectacular: Our students did very well and they impressed the Federal Minister of Education, Hon Simon Birmingham.

One and All trip: Week 10. We had 6 of our students on this year’s voyage along with a number of students from other sites. Liam Narcys very capably managed this event.

Active 8 Kayaking Experience, many thanks to Ben Jones, Laurence Fletcher and Damien Coulthard for leading the Active 8 Kayaking expedition with the year 10 students on the weekend of 5 and 6 November. The students really appreciated this great opportunity and experience.

International activities:
We have a visit of Indonesian teachers across November as a consultancy. Our sister school will be coming to visit us next March now instead of November.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: The Governing Council parents provided positive feedback about the new online parent teacher interview system we adopted this term. If you have any feedback for us regarding this process, please send me a message via the ‘contact us’ button on our web page.

Graduation Date and Venue: we will feature the prize winners and highlights from our Graduation and Prize Night held on 22nd November at Bonython Hall in our next newsletter.

Site Improvement Plan 2017-2019: please see attached the draft Site Improvement plan for 2017-2019. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please make suggestions on the pages and return the copy to the school marked “Attention: Rob Shepherd.”

Regards

Rob Shepherd
Principal
Year 10 Knockout Basketball Finals

Music lunchtime concert

Woomera Lesson

Minister Close with Eddie Grzeskowiak and DIPP10 students at TAFE

Site works for languages building begins

Eddie Grzeskowiak at DIPP10 course teaching
Fellow classmates, teachers and other students. Claire and I would like to say thank you for attending our Year 12 Farewell assembly which will be the last assembly you will be blessed with our presence. Only 5 short years ago, 90% of us were scared, little year 8’s who were terrified arriving at school on the first day. From being put with a group of kids we didn’t know, we formed a bond that most of us hope to keep for life. From first attending year 8 aquatics, to school camps and Indonesian excursions we got to know our class mates and teachers and have shared a lot of funny and eventful memories.

While many of us are happy to leave school, there are many things we will miss. Although a majority of year 12 was a stressful mess, we were able to escape the pressure at our Year 12 Formal, which I’m pretty sure all of us have great memories of. And if we are honest...this night was not the only homework free night.

Thanks Lindsay for throwing the after party. Although the weather didn’t agree with us, it didn’t stop us from partying to our fullest potential.

We have all discovered what true friendship is about and how we will all miss each other and the memories shared. We flooded the science room, sorry Miss Price. I’m sure this will be of no surprise to the teachers. We have always had them on the edges of their seats and we appreciate all the time and effort you have put into teaching us.

There are many teachers we would like to thank who have taught us over the last 5 years. Thank you for all the times you have helped us finish assignments due the next day, again not advisable. We would individually thank our teachers, but there’s too many of you. You have all helped us in many different ways, from finding a math equation with Mr K, to learning about enzymes with Miss Kwok, teachers have taught us many life lessons we will use for the rest of our life.

We now know why task sheets say assignments can’t be done in a day. Thank you to Miss Bourke and Miss Dale Little for drafting my work last minute and crying with us over stressful work.

Also we’d like to tell Mr Herman, don’t worry, we will pass this year... and thank you for always taking time out of your life to help us with school work, and other events like archery.

A big thanks to Bails for being such a legend, both in and out of PE. We thank all of the teachers for their endless support and positivity. All of us year 12 students appreciate the work the teachers have put into our learning, this year in particular.

A special thanks to the student services ladies and the IT crew. We know we can be an annoying bunch, but you guys have always put up with us.

We learnt things from our teachers including hard work, time management and being true to ourselves. We hope the years to come use these teachers as resources because they are all amazing people.

Years 8, 9, 10, and 11’s we wish you all the luck in the world with your schooling. We’re sure a majority of you will all do well and will accomplish great things. Obviously you won’t be as legendary as us, but that’s pretty hard to beat. If you take nothing from this speech today be sure to read your assignment sheets...trust me...it helps to read them.

Also please don’t leave assignments to the last minute, you will not like doing a 2000-word essay in a day, not fun. Of course we need to thank Bu Sarah for coordinating us and being a positive friendly face in the last year, taking your time to help us individually.

We’d like to say a huge thank you to the man himself, Mr Shepherd for being the best principal. You do so much not only for our school and the community, but to the world. You are so generous and humble to everyone you meet. You have taught us many life lessons and we appreciate everything you have helped us with over the past 5 years. A quick thank you to Christian for always making us laugh and smile this year and being so friendly. You’re such kind and gentle soul and we thank you for being so nice to us.

For our fellow year 12 students, we wish you luck in your final exams and wish you all the best for the future whatever it may hold.

Thank you everyone for listening to our speech. We hope you all enjoyed.

Claire Sampson and Mitchell Lunnay
During Term 2 and 3 this year, 7 students took part in the National Australia Indonesia Languages Competition. In their own time during lunch and at home, these students prepared and filmed a short speech in Indonesian. The Indonesian faculty are very proud of their efforts and awarded them with a certificate and a voucher during a full school assembly in Week 2. Congratulations to our participants: Mitchell. B, Milica. C, Maddy. R, Cameron. C, Nicole. H, Jess. P and Ellen. W.

Emily Newcombe

Congratulations to those who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge!

Reading widely is a sure way for students to achieve success in all their subjects. The more you read, the better able you are to comprehend information and to write well.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is the recognition of those students who have persevered and read at least 12 books this year.

Some guidelines to entering the challenge in 2017:

- Read 12 books: - for years 8 and 9, 4 books from the PRC booklists, and 8 of your own choosing; - for years 10 to 12, all 12 books are your own choice.
- You can include the following types of books: - E-Books - Audio Books - class/shared reading - this includes books you read at home with your family, or even books that are read to you by an adult - Prescribed books that you have to read for school (any subject) - non-fiction - research for assignments - books in another language other than English
- Fill out your Student Reading Record as you go, and get an adult (parent/carer, librarian, school teacher, etc) to sign each one to verify that you read the book.
- Hand the form in to your school's PRC Coordinator by the due date - please check this date with your PRC coordinator, as they may elect to make the finishing date earlier to allow all students to get their awards on time.

Wait for your award!

Those who participated in 2016 will receive awards for their efforts.

Rachel McLaine
APPRENTICESHIP BROKER
Interested in starting an Apprenticeship?
Book a meeting to see Vicki to further investigate your options.
See Nicole in Student Services to make an appointment.
Vicki is available on Mondays between 12.00 and 2.00 pm.

Vicki Bryant
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Do you need free tutoring or homework help?
Students from Years 8-12 are welcome to stay at school on Wednesdays until 4.00pm to complete their homework. The Smith Family brings trained community volunteers to tutor students at no cost. We can help across a wide variety of subjects and a teacher or staff member will be present at each Learning Club.

Your child needs to be registered to attend – please ask for a consent form from Kayla or Simone at Reception.

Alternatively, get in touch for an information pack:

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SMS Systems

Please be advised that the SMS phone number for advising of STUDENT ABSENCES is 0438 130 557.

Overdue Text/Library Books

Text and Library books are valuable school resources. We ask that families search for any overdue books and return them to the school as soon as possible.

First Aid Medical Support

STUDENTS WITH A MEDICAL CONDITION REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PLAN

These are specific to the student’s medical condition i.e., Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylaxis etc. These Plans can be obtained from Student Services and must be completed by the parent and signed off by the doctor.

STUDENTS ON MEDICATION

Students must not administer their own medication, it should be given to Student Services in the original chemist packaging stating dosage information along with written consent from the parent.

If you have any questions in relation to managing medical conditions or first aid support for your child, please contact the First Aid Officer at school.

2017 Materials and Services Charge

Please be advised that the outcome of the recent poll of our community in respect to 2017 Materials and Services Charge was positive, with respondents in favour of legally recovering the higher amount, known as the “prescribed sum”.

The Materials and Services Charge for 2017 will remain at $470.00 per student and is payable at the commencement of Term 1 2017. We would like to thank our school community and Governing Council for their contribution, participation and support in this process.

PAYMENT OF M and S CHARGES can be made at the school from Monday January 23 to Wednesday January 25 between 9am - 3pm by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or Mastercard (in person or over the phone).

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT can be made using any of the following options -

- **Qkr (Quicker)** is a CommBank mobile phone or online payment app which is secure, fast and flexible. Qkr can process full or part payments for M&S Charges. Qkr has been designed for schools and is our preferred method of payment. Qkr will accept payments from Visa or Mastercard. No fees are charged for using Qkr. Download the Qkr app from the App store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android), register and follow the steps to find our school.

- **B Point Direct Debits** made regularly from your account at a time that suits you. Please call us for assistance.

- **Centrepay** - If you receive a Centrelink payment for Family Benefit, Parenting Payment or Disability Support, you can choose to have money regularly deducted from your Centrelink payments to pay for Materials and Services Charges. Centrepay is a direct deduction service that is voluntary and available at no cost to you. Application forms are available from the school or contact Centrelink for more information on 13 2490 or [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

- **Make an application for SCHOOL CARD GRANT** - a Commonwealth Government Grant for the purpose of paying Materials and Services Charges for eligible families. The amount of the grant in 2017 will be $305.00 for Secondary Students. Assessment for eligibility is made on taxable income for the 2015/2016 financial year. A new application for the School Card Grant must be completed and lodged each year. Please bring your Concession Card with you when making the application for the School Card Grant.