Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of our Assumption community,

Year 7 and 9 students sat NAPLAN tests last week. Data from these results allow schools to compare their students’ achievements against national standards. A key aspect of the NAPLAN testing at Assumption is the use of such data to influence curriculum and assessment strategies. Thanks to our Curriculum Coordinator Ms Cristina Vergara for coordinating the testing.

Midyear exams
Semester 1 exams for year 9-11 students take place in the week beginning Monday, June 2. Students should ensure they are well prepared so they can achieve their best. The exams give students a valuable opportunity to learn the skills of revision and to develop examination techniques which are so important in the unit 3/4 examinations.

No Assumption parent should accept a claim by their child that they have no study to do at home. As a parent, change your question from “Do you have any homework to do tonight?” to “What are you going to study tonight?” The library is open daily, and extra help with subjects is available at school. Teachers are also available for questions and clarification via email.

Year 7, 2015 enrolments
Families intending to take up the offer for year 7 enrolment next year should have returned their acceptance form by May 12. Parents who have not returned the form are asked to do so without delay to avoid the disappointment of having their enrolment offer withdrawn.

Alcohol and drug awareness
AlcoCups presenters recently attended a staff meeting to talk about the alcohol and drug education programs they hope to introduce to schools. Our staff found their presentation most enlightening. I plan to invite the AlcoCups staff to do another presentation for our parents later in the year. This is one not to be missed.

Music Camp
Many of our music students, our Music Learning Area Coordinator Ms Pauline Hong and music staff were involved in a camp at Rutherford Park Country Retreat from May 8 to 10. I attended the concert on Saturday afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed our talented students’ performances. Thank you to everyone involved and to parents who attended the concert.

AGSV/APS sport
Our winter sporting season is in full swing and it’s wonderful to see so many students representing ACK each Saturday. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to either coach or manage a sporting team and to those parents who come along on the chilly Saturday mornings to provide vocal support.

Staff news
Congratulations to Damien and Julie Coonan on the birth of their daughter Lily. Also to Jennifer Najdenovski and husband Micky on the arrival of son Sash, and Murray Stone and wife Melissa on the birth of their twins, Madeleine and Lily.

Kind regards,

Michael Kenny
**Important Dates**

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**Things you need to know**

- **Photographic Agreement form:** A reminder to families that the Photographic Agreement form must be returned to the College. If you have not already done so, please fill in the form and return as soon as possible. The form is available on PAM.

- **Absenteism:** The College must be notified when your child is absent. Simply phone the Absentee Line: 5783 0806 and leave a detailed message or email absenteism@assumption.vic.edu.au.

- **Change of contact details:** Please ensure the College is kept up to date with any change of contact details including email and residential addresses and mobile numbers. Simply log on to PAM, go to School Links/PAM support and update your details.

- **Need to make a payment?** For payments to the College for items such as excursions, uniform items or study tours, simply click here.

- **C & J Kerris Menswear:** (Ph: 5792 4333) On campus every Friday lunchtime between 1.30-2.15pm, (opposite the Gonzales Centre, next to the theatrette) for all your uniform needs.

A reminder that all year 10 immunisation cards must be returned. If you have lost your card please contact the council and a new one will be posted out.
From the Deputy Principal

Assumption College has embarked on the successive roll out of a one-to-one managed laptop program throughout the school. All students in years 7-10 have a PMD (personal mobile device) and this is expected to continue next year, with the addition of the year 11s and, finally, year 12 students entering the program in 2016.

All families (student and parents/guardians) have entered into a contractual agreement with the College regarding such things as ownership, college policies, care and security, repairs, terms of agreement, suspension of agreement, return of computer, liability and annual fee (where applicable).

I draw your attention below to the section from the contract agreement signed (by student and parents/guardians) at the start of each lease:

Care and Security
The borrower shall, at all times, take reasonable care of the computer and not expose it to undue risk of damage or theft. Computers must be transported in their bag at all times. The computer will not be lent to others, left visibly unattended in a vehicle or in an unlocked premises. Food or beverages will not be consumed in front of the computer. These are examples of taking reasonable care. The borrower shall submit a completed Incident Report form as soon as possible if the computer is lost, stolen or damaged.

A growing number of students are transporting their PMD without the prescribed bag. Verbal reminders and warnings have had no discernable effect on curbing this behaviour, which breaches the contract agreement. The repair cost that is passed onto families for a PMD is $250.

With a view to protecting families, students and the College, from June 1 we will begin a three-strikes approach to this matter. If a student is not transporting their PMD in the prescribed bag then this incident will be entered into SIMON, three such incidents will result in a Friday night detention. I hope that with a combined approach between home and school we will teach our students the importance and value of these devices.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Library Update

Library Update

Changes to extended hours

After a trial period, the library has determined that the extended hours on Tuesday and Wednesday will be reduced to 5pm on both days (not 6.30pm as previously trialled). The library hours will now be:

- Monday 8am - 4.30pm
- Tuesday 8am - 5pm
- Wednesday 8am - 5pm
- Thursday 8am - 4.30pm
- Friday 8am - 3.45pm

For any queries please contact Mrs Anne Fraser on 57 821 422 or email: anne.fraser@assumption.vic.edu.au
Maths

NAPLAN
Well done to all our year 7 and 9 students for their participation in the NAPLAN numeracy testing last Thursday (May 15). The testing was held in the Montagne Centre and ran smoothly. Thanks to Ms Cristina Vergara for all the planning involved and to the students for their cooperation.

Calculators
All students must have a calculator for their mathematical studies. At year 7, a basic calculator will do but by Year 9, students require a scientific calculator. For VCE subjects it is imperative that students bring their calculators to every class and for every assessment task. Students should not be using their laptops or iPads as calculators in class as this does not help prepare them for the skills required while completing assessment tasks. These can be ordered by downloading the form on PAM or bought from supermarkets, newsagencies or office supply stores.

The Australian Mathematics Competition
in the past, students have volunteered to enter mathematics competitions or have been nominated by their teachers. This year, to raise the profile of mathematics and help increase the standards of your child’s mathematical understanding and skill level, we plan to increase the number of entries.

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), run since 1978, is internationally recognised and sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. All those from years 7 to 12 should be able to manage the competition which helps identify gifted students. Upon completion, students receive a certificate of participation and around 50% of participants qualify for a certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit.

This year most year 8 and 10 students will be entered in the competition along with those from the higher end VCE mathematics subjects. All other students are invited to put their names down and participate in the competition which will be run on August 12. If you have any queries please feel free to contact your child’s mathematics teacher or either of the learning area coordinators (Narelle Collins or Laila Sarraf). The AMC is a good opportunity to encourage and support your child in the study of mathematics now and for all future endeavours.

Tutorials
Academics in Mathematics and Science (AIMS) Program
Our extra-curricular tutorials are held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the library (with increased tutorials leading up to exams) as part of the AIMS program. Students are being notified about calculator and examination sessions held during these days. For further information please contact Laila Sarraf at laila.sarraf@assumption.vic.edu.au. Other tutorials in progress are as follows:

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VCAL Events

VCAL Mother’s Day morning tea
Year 12 VCAL numeracy students prepared a morning tea for our mothers on Tuesday, May 13. We started our preparation by deciding what we wanted to make in our groups, researching the ingredients needed and how much everything would cost. We also had to estimate how much food to make so we had enough for everyone (but there were lots of leftovers, which the staff enjoyed).

The day before, my maths class started cooking in the hospitality centre. There was plenty of food ranging from chocolate sweets, warm pizzas and sausage rolls to bowls of fruit salad.

On the Tuesday, we set up the hospitality centre ready for our mothers to come and enjoy the food we had made. Everyone got stuck into the food, more so the students, eating as much as they could. All our mothers seemed to enjoy the morning tea and the teachers seemed to be happy with how it all went. Thank you to all the lovely mums and grandmas that attended our morning tea.

Thomas Martin

VCAL students partner up with the Kilmore Men’s Shed
Business students recently went to meet the gentlemen of the Kilmore Men’s Shed to discuss how both groups could help each other out in some upcoming projects. Our students are going to produce a monthly newsletter for the men and in return a few of the men are going to start working with our numeracy students as they build billy-carts.

Men’s Sheds are non-profit organisations that originated in Australia, to advise and improve the overall health of all males. Kilmore has two sheds and we hope to help with the communication between the two groups with our newsletter. We look forward to developing this partnership during the year.

Workplace learning
A reminder to year 11 VCAL students that their work placement forms for June 2 to June 5 should be back by now. Any student who has not found work for this period is required at school on those days.
From the Careers Desk

A reminder to year 9 and 10 parents
We still have a few spots left if any parent would like to attend our Parents As Career Transition Supporters (PACTs) sessions on May 27 and 28. Details were in the last newsletter. If you would like to attend and haven’t yet booked, simply go to the web address.

A vet visits
New graduate and former student Dr Jessica Coates (pictured with Ellie McLean, Alana Atherden, Charmaine Matthews-Gunn and Ashleigh Topham) returned recently to talk about her career.

Jess graduated from ACK in 2008 and enrolled at Melbourne University to study science and soon moved into the veterinary science program. Jess shared her passion for animals, her experiences at university and how difficult it has been finding the right job.

I think the students were surprised when she showed them a graph of the average income of graduate vets compared with the graduate incomes of other careers that her friends have gone into. The average graduate wage for vets is only about $50,000, and when asked whether all her classmates have jobs, the answer was “No, not yet”. We were happy to hear that Jess has a job in Bendigo and we wish her all the best.

Year 11 excursion to the Age Career and Employment Expo
Sixty of our year 11s attended the Age Career and Employment Expo at Caulfield Racecourse on May 9. This expo is the biggest in Australia with 190 exhibitors spread over three floors in the Members Stand of the racecourse. Students could speak to representatives from universities, TAFEs and private training organisations from around Australia. The students who attended took the opportunity to gain as much information as they could about courses, career opportunities and some even took the chance to learn new skills such as bricklaying. Those who couldn’t attend will be able to speak to Victorian representatives at ACK on June 17.

La Trobe University’s new early entry program
La Trobe has launched a new early admissions program called the Aspire program which will certainly benefit Assumption students. The program recognises the positive impact that students have had on their local community. Community engagement and objective school achievement forms a significant part of the assessment criteria of the Aspire program, not ATAR scores.

Students can apply across all La Trobe courses at all its campuses. Offers will be made to successful applicants as early as September. If a student receives an offer into the Aspire program it will be conditional that they receive an ATAR of 50 except for most of the health science courses which will be lowered by 10 marks. Further information will be released soon, but to register your interest visit the La Trobe website.

A more detailed newsletter can be found on PAM.
Hilary House

Hello ACK parents, fellow students and other readers of the newsletter.

I’m Ryan Cumberland, Hilary House Captain. The year so far has been really successful for the mighty Sharks. For a start, we have finally cracked the top four in at least one of the house sports carnivals, something that hasn’t happened before while I’ve been at ACK. I was an extremely proud leader of the group and to finish second at the swimming carnival is truly in the spirit of our mascot.

There have been other events too: our house picnic, where we introduced all our SRCs for the year and had a really fun night and also raised money for our house charity, the Oasis Centre in East Timor; also, the Easter liturgy, athletics carnival, several fun pastoral care sessions, Open Day and the opening of the new boarding houses. My favorite event has been going to the Year 7 Camp and being able to mingle and get to know the Hilary students and creating some strong friendships.

I have appreciated the amazing support from all students and staff, especially Mrs Coyle and fellow House Captain Whitney Comte, who have done an impeccable job with the house.

I hope you have enjoyed my wrap up of the year so far.

Frayne House

It’s been a busy start to the year for the mighty Frayne Bears. We’ve had the Year 7 Camp where the youngest bears went off to Bacchus Marsh for three days. It was a great opportunity for the students to make some new friends and have a lot of fun.

The oldest bears in the house, the year 12s, went on retreat for three days to the Upper Plenty Conference Centre for some personal reflection and time away from the stresses of the year. Many memories were created.

Frayne had its house picnic at the start of the year, which was a great opportunity for the students and parents to mix over a barbecue and to welcome in the new SRCs.

Old rivalries were rekindled at the annual swimming and athletics carnivals. With great pride the Bears were back-to-back winners in the swimming carnival. It is such an enjoyable sight to see most students in the house getting involved and watching the red caps go down the pool. Unfortunately we couldn’t pull off the double, after failing to win the athletics by a narrow margin.

With such a great start to the year and the house mixing well, from the seniors right down to the juniors, there are encouraging signs for the rest of the year.
La Valla Swimming Star 8th fastest 15-year-old in Australia

Many parents and students associated with La Valla know of the talented swimming sensation Andrew Rice. Andrew recently competed in the 2014 Australian Age Championships in Sydney and achieved some excellent results. He recorded two personal best times, made his first age final and then finished 8th fastest in his age group for the whole of Australia. It is an amazing achievement and one that doesn’t come without self-sacrifice.

While many of us are tucked up in our warm beds, Andrew is dragging himself out of bed at 4.30am to be driven to Greensborough to train. After training he is driven back to Assumption to start the school day. All this whilst juggling the demands of Year 10. It just goes to prove what one can achieve if you have the desire, organisation and belief in yourself. We wish Andrew and his family all the best for the future and we look forward to his continued success.

Another La Valla student, Matthew Ranger, was recently selected to play in the under-14 Victorian cultural football team. Matthew participated in several trial games before being selected for the final squad which journeyed to Coffs Harbour in the first term holidays. Reportedly the team experienced some success while Matthew performed admirably and was listed among the best players. Well done to Matthew and his family.

All at La Valla wish our year 9-12 students all the best for the upcoming exams, and we hope they have been spending effective study time going over notes and exercises in preparation for their exams.

Damian House

Looking back on first term, it really was jam-packed. During two of the most anticipated days, the swimming and athletics carnivals, all of Damian House showed great spirit and came together to support each other in the competitions.

Our house barbecue had a fantastic turn out and was a good night, raising over $200 for our house charity, St Michael’s in Vanuatu. We also announced our SRC members, who we are really excited to be working with. We farewelled Mrs Julie Coonan of DA5 as she went on maternity leave and welcomed Mr Matthew Smith to the house.

Damasian is known for its outstanding students, who get involved wherever they can. Congratulations to Jai Cameron for becoming the Youth Mayor of Mitchell Shire Youth Council; it truly is an honourable position. Three of our year 12s: Tom Martin, Joel Brincat and Taylah Paul, met the Governor-General and were praised for their involvement with Blaze Aid. Year 10 student, Gemma Whitty competed at the Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney in the 100m hurdles and came tenth in triple jump, and Dillon Paul caught a massive fish, weighing over 100kgs, at a nation-wide fishing competition.

Anzac Day is another important commemoration, with many students going to services all over Victoria. My sister Eliza and I [Ryan James] marched alongside our grandfather, John Gillis (pictured left) in the Whittlesea Anzac march. We saw it as an honour to be part of such a special occasion and took great pride in wearing the Assumption uniform. We have been part of the Whittlesea Anzac march for many years and hope to continue to remember and commemorate our soldiers.

Stay tuned for all the other events and activities in Damian House, and thank you to all the students for supporting us as we led you through a very busy first term.

Emily Hocking and Ryan James

Eliza and Ryan James with their grandfather John Gillis.
Music News

Music Camp

Music Camp gives a group of people who all share the same passion the chance to spend some time away from school just relaxing in a lovely and calm setting. Well, that’s what, ideally, is supposed to happen; however Music Camp usually turns into something else, and this year wasn’t any different. From the minute we arrived, rehearsals began, with many jokes told and re-told during our three-day stay at Rutherford Park Retreat. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves while rehearsing and mingling with different groups during the breaks.

A highlight for many was the trivia, or rather, games night on the Friday. This was where the true Music Camp showed itself, with people dressed in newspapers and garbage bags parading around, and everyone making fools of themselves and not caring. It was great to see everyone getting involved. Special mention must be made of Jack Cornelissen, Pat Kelly and the other members of the winning Dal Segno team who created some long-lasting memories with their hilarious participation in the games.

The concert on Saturday was the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the results of all the hard work that the music students had put into rehearsals, polishing old pieces and learning new ones too, and it was the best way to end another fantastic Music Camp.

Special thanks should go to all the staff: Mr Barlow, Mrs Barlow, Ms Hosking, Ms Hong, Mr Hope, Mr Weber and our special guest, Monte Mumford. Without them, the camps would never be as great as they are. To the parents, thank you for allowing your children to be involved and for coming to the concert, it really is appreciated by us all.

I encourage any student who loves music to become involved in the department in some way, whether it be by joining an ensemble or taking weekly lessons. Finally, to all the students who attended the camp, I thank you for making it the most memorable one for not only me, but for many other year 12s. Also, and I shall forever be asking myself the question, “Where’s George?” [George was the non-existent person who was referred to or blamed when someone didn’t play their part during a rehearsal.]

Assumption College-Lavalla Catholic College

Music Exchange

The Music Department is hosting the inaugural music exchange with Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon, on June 18 and 19. Lavalla students will participate in joint rehearsals with ACK students, culminating in a twilight concert on day two. Please read the letter recently distributed, as I require expressions of interest for billeting Lavalla students asap. A current Working with Children Check is required.

Boys Sport

We have now completed three rounds of AGSV sport. The weather, in the most part, has been kind to us so far.

In football, the First XIII have won two of their three games. In round 2 the team travelled to Peninsula and secured the points in a hard-fought match, winning by 15 points.

Last Saturday the undefeated Ivanhoe team travelled to ACK and the boys jumped out of the blocks to lead by five goals at quarter-time. Ivanhoe got as close as 20 points, but ACK skipped away to win convincingly by 63 points.

In other football matches, our Thirds, Inter A and both year 7 teams remain undefeated after three rounds. The Seconds had a draw against Trinity last Saturday but still remain undefeated.

In soccer, our Firsts have won their last two matches with a 2-1 win over Camberwell in round 2, and an 8-0 win over Peninsula last Saturday. Ryan Hall has been the dominant player in both matches along with Taylor Scott who has jelled well up forward.
In other soccer matches, the year 7 team remains undefeated (one draw) while all the other teams have had at least one win to start the season.

The hockey team remains undefeated after two good wins against both the Camberwell teams in the first two rounds. The team is coming off a bye against the undefeated Trinity team, however, the boys are feeling confident.

A reminder that there are NO matches on the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

**Girls Sport**

Round two of girls AGSV/APS sport was held on Saturday, May 10, and with some awful weather the night before it was destined to be an interesting day. It turned out to be better than interesting- it was fantastic!

All top-level teams in the four sports were victorious. The Seconds soccer won 1-0, and the Seconds hockey won 3-1. Our Firsts netballers had a comprehensive 36-goal victory against PEGS, while the Firsts basketballers won a thrilling game against Carey by a point. Both the ACK girls firsts teams are sitting undefeated on top of their respective premiership ladders. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

**Round three**

Kilmore produced one of its finest Autumn mornings for sport on May 17. It was a pleasing change, considering the first two rounds had been cold and wet. Buses departed ACK well before sunrise, beginning what is always an enjoyable road trip.

The Firsts netball team lost an away game to Haileybury 41-35, but the Firsts basketball team returned from Yarra Valley victorious by two points (double the winning margin from the first game). That leaves the netball team with a win-loss ratio of 2-1, and the basketball team are undefeated at 2-0.

There were also some promising results from the juniors, with the Junior A basketball team having their first win of the season. Junior A, and Intermediate A netball teams had wins at home, and while it did not necessarily show on the scoreboard, the Junior soccer and Intermediate hockey teams showed a lot of promise.

Girls, keep training, and give 100% at every game so we can keep these great results coming in.

**Co-curricular selections**

It’s that time of year again where students and parents need to discuss what co-curricular activities their son or daughter will participate in.

In the next newsletter there’ll be information about the co-curricular offerings for students with the new co-curricular period starting in fourth term. Students will be making their selections in pastoral care by the end of this term, as we have to enter summer sports teams by the end of July.

Parents are asked to discuss the options with their son or daughter and to select the co-curricular activities that they will commit to. We enter the number of sports teams based on how many students select that sport, so it is very important students only select activities that they will take part in. Options for co-curricular include sport and cultural activities.
Tickets for the matinee of the ACK musical Hairspray on Friday, June 13 at 12.30pm are being sold at a discounted rate for families.
DraftStar STAR Camps

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The sessions are put together with help from these guys as they give us tips on what they do at training to work on skills, on having fun with footy, on Leadership, and on what it takes to play at the ELITE level.

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