

HTC NEWS

2014 AT HARVESTER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SET TO BE A BIG YEAR!

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As the new year kicks off with a flying start Harvester Technical College would like to send out a warm welcome to our new cohort of Foundation students. The school has been a bustling hub of excitement as new and returning students launch into a range of trade based practical learning activities in 2014.

With Carpentry classes full to the brim Harvester is eagerly awaiting the grand opening of its new Trade Training Centre at the beginning of term 2. In the mean time students and staff are ploughing through the content of the school's current learning programs in the areas of: Numeracy, Personal Development Skills, Literacy and Plumbing. And with the advent of bigger and brighter spaces to work in in the Trade Training Centre, Harvester Secondary College is quickly emerging as a competitive and cutting edge trade school in the broader educational landscape of Victoria.

To those who have just joined us and those who haven't got far to go, all the best for 2014!



SCHOOL SPORTS

Announcement: 2014 will see Harvester Technical College competing in inter-school sports around the broader community of Brimbank and Sunshine.

With Anthony Raffoul spear heading the sports program this year students are encouraged to get involved!

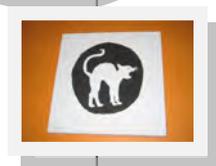
SCHOOL CANTEEN OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Students and staff can now kick back and relax in our newly refurbished school café space every lunch time and recess! With a wide screen digital TV broadcasting sports daily and a sizzling new menu in store, students can pick from a range of tasty snacks and wind down with their feet up in the comfy new lounge space.

Fast Track Students Make a Flying Start in Literacy!

Students in the year 12 Senior Fast Track Literacy program have already demonstrated immense enthusiasm and aptitude in Literacy this semester. As they amp themselves up for their up and coming excursion to Loddon Prison, students have been exploring key themes of: risk taking, justice, morals and codes of behaviour. Keep up the good work!

LITERACY



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Principals Report

Welcome to 2014.

This must surely be the hottest start to a school year in recent memory. I hope that our college families had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are ready for a productive year ahead. Students have responded very positively to some major educational and social developments introduced this year. The introduction of the Laptop program has proven very successful so far. We certainly appreciate the support of families in getting this program off the ground. Secondly, the College Canteen has opened and has been very well supported by the students. Also the change to arrangements where all students are required to stay on the grounds in break times has been implemented with minimal fuss. I congratulate the students for their cooperation with these changes.

We are very delighted to have maintained our continuing growth in enrolments and have reached our projected targets for the start of the New Year. Our new Foundation students have settled in well and have made a very positive start to their Harvester experience. We are also pleased that many of our Inter-

mediate graduates from last year have returned to complete their Senior VCAL (Yr 12) in either Fast Track or Full Year Senior mode hopefully adding another Pre-Apprenticeship qualification to their resumes.

With the New Year, also comes the prospect of our wonderful new Trade Training Centre buildings. Although a little behind time in their completion, they are taking shape and will shortly be an important asset in our establishment as the College of choice for Senior Secondary VCAL and VET provision in the West of Melbourne. Special thanks must go to Mark Natoli, our assistant Principal, Aaron Powter, the Trade Training Centre Manager/Engineering teacher as well as the technology teaching team, Nick, Paul and Brad. In an effort to reduce the inconvenience caused by the building delays, the team gave up much of their summer break to set up temporary workshops for Engineering and Carpentry including construction of amazing mobile Tool Trolleys.

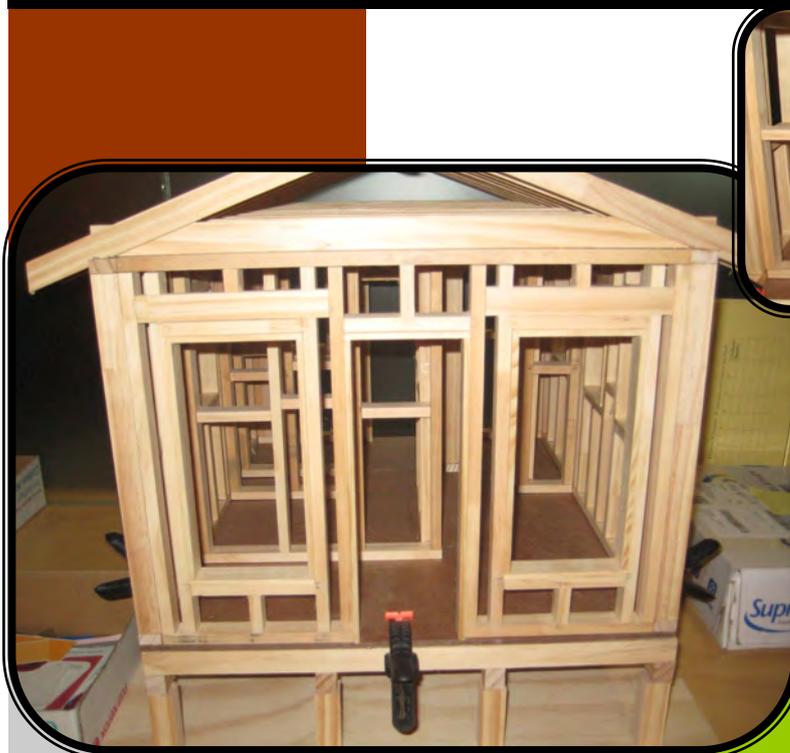
Also, for the first time, Harvester is delivering programs to students from other schools in the Region.

Delivered through the Brimbank VET Cluster, external students as well as some HTC students are completing either the Certificate II in Engineering, Building and Construction (Carpentry) or Hairdressing. This exciting development will allow the College to forge strong, positive relationships with our neighbouring secondary schools whilst proving another VET option for our own students.

Building on last year's successes, I am really looking forward to our representative sports program again this year. Under Anthony Raffoul's careful guidance, we are expecting high levels of participation in a range of team sports over the year. Some great rivalries were started with some neighbouring colleges and I'm hoping to gain bragging rights over some of them this year! Here's hoping for a very successful year for our students and our College community generally.

Mandy Patmore
Principal

YEAR 10 FRAMING SCALE MODEL HOUSES



Year 10 Foundation Carpentry students are developing their design plans for their mini scaled house construction projects.



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COLLEGE UPDATE

COLLEGE TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

During the summer break there has been a lot of work completed on our new Trade Training Centre which is now scheduled to open for the beginning of Term 2. The roof is on and walls are nearly complete, so hopefully we will soon be ready to conduct regular tours of our new facilities.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Sunshine College School Council Nominations—Parent Representative

Attached to this newsletter is the nomination forms for Parent Representatives on School Council.

We would value any support our families would like to offer on School Council and encourage any interested families to contact us if they have any questions. Alternatively, complete the nomination form attached and return to the College.

Nominations Due: 5th March 2014

SPORTS NEWS:

Harvester Technical College offers a robust and exciting sports program, and for those students with a competitive streak 2014 is the year to unleash their fury! With Anthony Raffoul co-ordinating the up and coming inter-school sports students should expect to be challenged!



SHORT STORIES

RISK TAKING

Once upon a time I was in the city of Melbourne skateboarding down the street from Flinders street station and I tried to Ollie and 8 star se. It was a short run up. I picked up my board and I ran towards the stair set. I ollied three quarters of the way down and jumped off. If I landed I would've rolled my ankle. I came down on my feet and I slipped back and hit my head. I looked around for my board and I saw it on the road. I ran to go get it as a car was coming toward me. The car ran over it and the tail snapped. I got the board back and bought a new deck. I just kept skating.

Anonymous Foundation 1 student

DANGEROUS STORY

There was once a young guy named James and he was a dirt bike rider. He would practice in his back yard hitting the FMX jumps. He was out there one day and a guy from the Krusty Demons came out there and said "do you want to ride?". James replied, "yes!", and the guy said "you're in! Go get your gear and jump this lake!".

Anonymous Foundation 1 student

KYLE

Once upon a time there was a young guy named Kyle. He walked around town thinking he was the toughest kid going around town. There was a new kid named Josh who just moved into town. He did boxing and heard about Kyle walking around town thinking he was tough, so Josh decided he'd challenge Kyle in a fight and the loser would have to leave town.

Anonymous Foundation 1 student

MY DANGEROUS ADVENTURE

One day like no ordinary day, I woke up and got dressed, had breakfast and went to school. On my way to school I was having a kick around with the footy. When I got to school I went to the toilet then decided to go to class. As we started learning, the class went quiet. The next minute there were three men with guns that broke into our class. They took all of the students and loaded them into a van. It became dark and we found ourselves in a big dark hole. (To be continued)



Harvester Foundation Literacy students explore digital media landscapes and radio broadcasting techniques on their field trip to the SYN FM studios



Senior Literacy Students will explore digital sound production at the Melbourne Arts Centre term 2



Calendar of Events



February

20 Yr 10 Immunisations

May

5-16 Work Placement

March

1 Labour Day Public Holiday

11 School Photos

24-25 Parent Teacher Interviews

April

4 End of Term 1

22 Start of Term 2

25 ANZAC Day Holiday

June

6 End of Semester 1 Subjects

9 Queens Birthday

10 Start of Semester 2 Subjects

13 Student Free Day

25 Semester 1 Reports Distributed

27 End of Term 2



The Day that Should Have Never Happened

This story goes way back to the twisted eve of December 9, 1979. Now this isn't the story that should be spoken lightly of. Even the hard-hearted will cringe at the thought of this dark and terrible time. To this day, not many people know this true story.

So, it begins on a gloomy night in the winter. A brisk breeze chills the air and bristles the leaves throughout the forest. No person is in sight. Even the stars hide behind the clouds. The very sight of the place is tense, as if awaiting something sinister.

A car drives down the road. The driver pumps the radio to full blast. Him and his mates are having the time of their lives. This was going to be their year., time they could look back on. How wrong were they.

Not long after they set off, Tim pulls over. They then begin to set up a comp fire. It proves to be difficult to achieve, but nonetheless, they get the fire cracking. John goes to the car boot to bring out the beers. As he's taking out 4 stubbies out of the eskie he notices something on the corner of his eye. He quickly....

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NARRATIVE ON CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

There was once a man named John who was a father of two boys. John's wife had died after giving birth to her two twin boys. John lived in Melbourne, Victoria in a suburban home in Deer Park. He was an African American tall man in his mid-30's that lived with his boys. John was one of the people that never really socialised with people from younger generations.

One day John decided he needed more money to support his boys as his work weren't giving him enough shifts. So he called up one of his old high school friends and decided that he wanted to start drug dealing to support his kids more. John had asked him if he could buy marijuana and he said yes. John met up with his old friend at a car park near a local park and bought a pound off him. Suddenly John was drug dealing and selling marijuana.

John's children had no idea what he was doing but were always knew that something was up as he was always leaving the house for a few minutes with his bag on his back. John throughout his whole life had always kept quiet to himself and never talked to anyone about his depression from his wife passing away.... To be continued....

