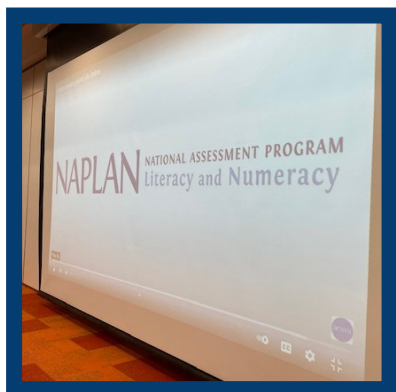




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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 7 and 9 students are held in May each year. In 2022, NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement. NAPLAN Online delivers numerous benefits including:

- * a 'tailored test' design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement;
- * innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types;
- * the extension of the 'test window' to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

While it is anticipated that NAPLAN Online will be successfully implemented in 2022, there are a range of contingencies in place to deal with the unlikely occurrence of significant issues.

Preparation for NAPLAN Online

For the first time this year, Wallan Secondary College students will conduct their NAPLAN online. they are encouraged to access the [NAPLAN Online Public Demonstration Site.](#)

Online NAPLAN

Tuesday 10th May—Tuesday 17th May.

Ms Julie Parker

Assistant Principal

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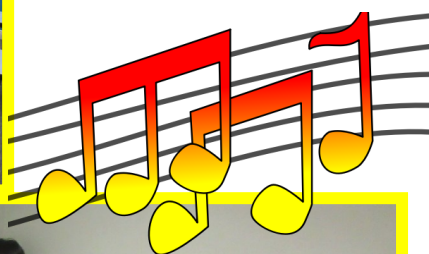
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Get your costume ready for HUMANITIES WEEK

Week Six (6)



CHOIR AND BAND



VCAL: FIT TO DRIVE

Fit to Drive has delivered road safety workshops for almost 140,000 young people since 2014. We pride ourselves on delivering relevant, informative, and interactive workshops.

We fundamentally believe in the power of young people to create change in making our roads a safer place for all. Our tailored approach ensures we focus on the young people in the room, meeting their needs and building on their ideas and abilities to foster a positive road safety culture.

Fit to Drive's flagship program offers Year 11s a unique opportunity to examine the complexities of decision-making and risk assessment as a young road user.

Guided by our dedicated team of facilitators, students are taken through both large and small group activities, assessing what practical tools and strategies are needed to effectively keep themselves and their mates safe on the roads. At each stage, students are encouraged to discuss and share with each other their thinking about different road safety issues. The expertise of local Victoria Police and Fire Rescue Victoria officers are utilised as students are taken through the non-negotiable facts surrounding road laws and a relevant real-life case study.





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Middle School Matters

Excursion to the Holocaust Museum.

Year Ten (10) students are studying the book 'NIGHT' so visited the Holocaust Museum for some first-hand information.



Night is a 1960 memoir by Elie Wiesel based on his Holocaust experiences with his father in the Nazi German concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald in 1944–1945, toward the end of the Second World War in Europe. In just over 100 pages of sparse and fragmented narrative, Wiesel writes about the death of God and his own increasing disgust with humanity, reflected in the inversion of the parent–child relationship as his father deteriorates to a helpless state and Wiesel becomes his resentful, teenage caregiver. "If only I could get rid of this dead weight ... Immediately I felt ashamed of myself, ashamed forever." In *Night* everything is inverted, every value destroyed. "Here there are no fathers, no brothers, no friends", a kapo tells him. "Everyone lives and dies for himself alone."^[2]

Wiesel was 16 when Buchenwald was liberated by the United States Army in April 1945, too late for his father, who died after a beating while Wiesel lay silently on the bunk above for fear of being beaten too. He moved to Paris after the war and in 1954 completed an 862-page manuscript in Yiddish about his experiences, published in Argentina as the 245-page *Un di velt hot geshvign* ("And the World Remained Silent").^[3] The novelist François Mauriac helped him find a French publisher. Les Éditions de Minuit published 178 pages as *La Nuit* in 1958, and in 1960 Hill & Wang in New York published a 116-page translation as *Night*.

Visiting Author MARK WILSON



Mark Wilson is a multiple award-winning author/illustrator with seventeen (17) books in print world-wide in nine languages. Mark has a passion for Australian history and the environment, particularly endangered animals.

Years Seven, Eight and Nine had the opportunity to hear Mark on Friday 6th May and enjoyed the experience.

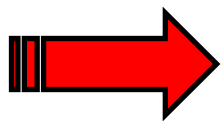




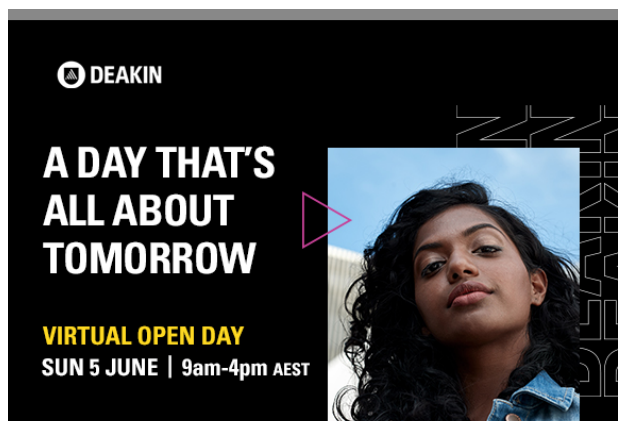
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Production

A short update on how the production is going.

We are almost finished the first half of the show, which is a really great spot to be in! According to our schedule, we should finish the show this term and have a lot of practicing and refining time.

We now have the costumes!

Very exciting.

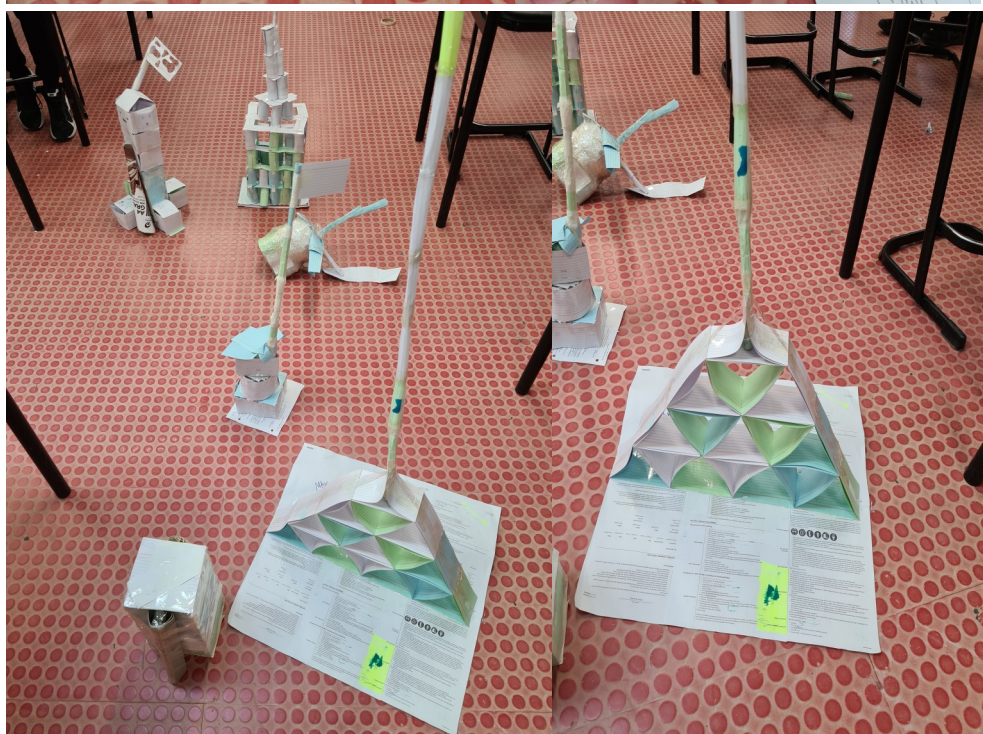
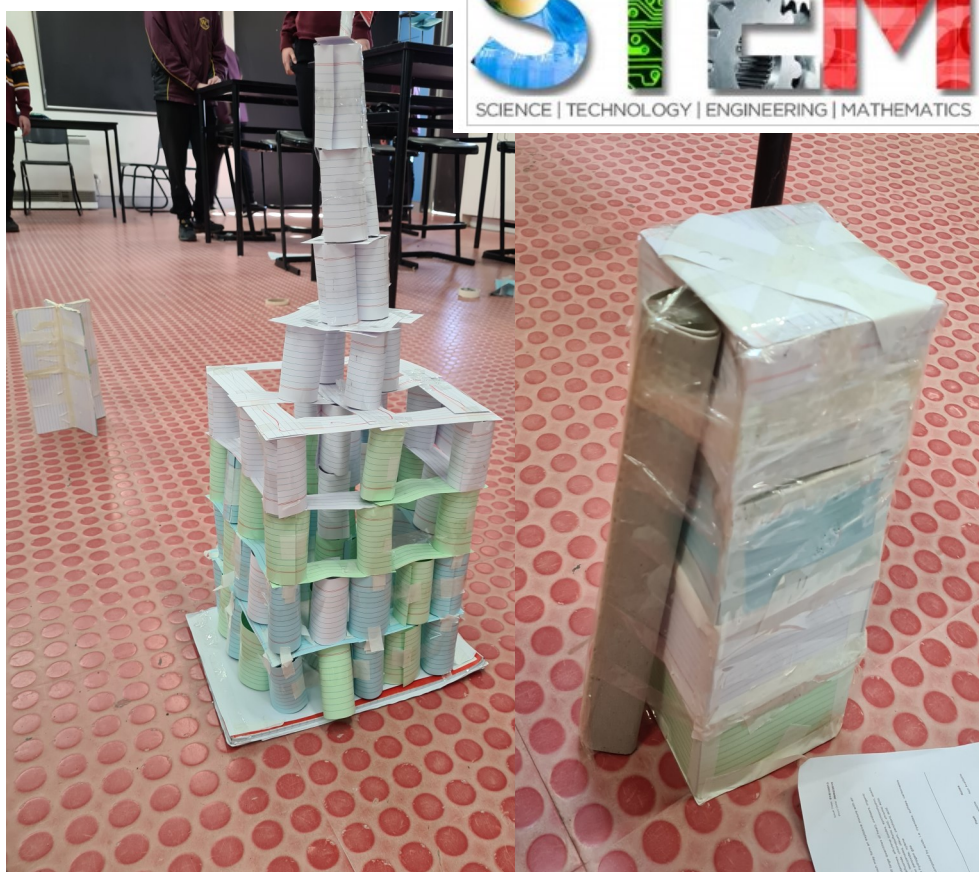
We also have just handed out our fundraising chocolates!

Lastly; in the next few weeks we will be having our promo photoshoots and headshots taken for the program!

The **STEM** class have been working on developing structures that can withstand resistance.

At the completion of these towers, they were tested by having a pencil case dropped on them and a weight swung from the rafters to crash into them.

Most of the structures withstood the forces placed upon them and it was clear that we have future engineers in our midst.



SURPRISING BOOK FACTS

33% of High School Graduates never read another book the rest of their lives



42% of college grads never read another book after college

57% of new books are not read to completion

70% of US adults have not been in a book-store the last five years

80% of US families did not buy or read a book last year

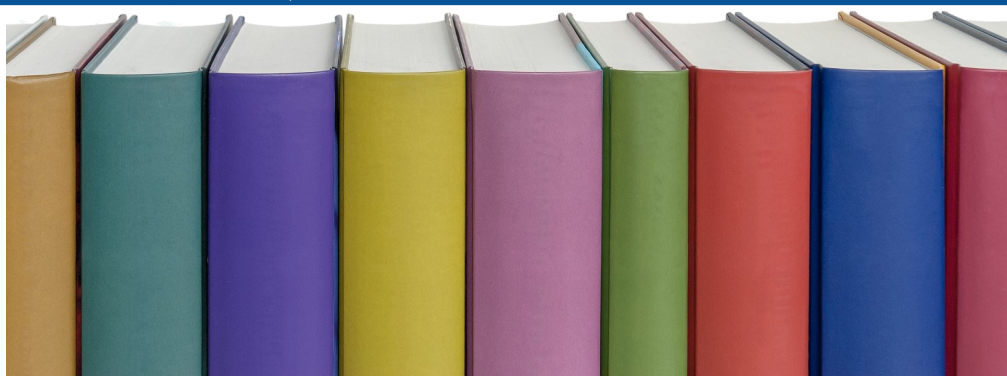
The more a child reads, the likelier they are able to understand the emotions of others



Reading one hour per day in your chosen field will make you an international expert in 7 years.

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The GOLD Programme

Science Talent Search

The Science Talent Search (STS) is an annual, school-based science competition open to all primary and secondary students in Victoria, Australia. Science Talent Search fits closely with the Victorian Curriculum philosophy of teaching and learning. There is a close match between many STS sections and the Victorian Curriculum Learning Areas, Strands and Substrands.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages children and students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the Challenge first began in 2005, more than 3 million students have read nearly 51 million books.

Tournament of Minds

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is an International educational program developed for creative students across all sectors of primary, intermediate and secondary school education. It provides a dynamic approach to learning, whilst developing students' enthusiasm for experimentation, problem finding and problem-solving.





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In an effort to have a bit of intra-class competition, we planned to keep track of how many pages each class reads. Students will tell us when they finish a book and to let us know how many pages the book was. If they liked the book, they can also complete a book review - there are printed copies of the book review sheet in the white cupboard in R6. There will be a visual display in the library that keeps track of the classes' page count so that the students can see. The winning class will have some sort of reward at the end of term.

Ms Prue Baker:

Literacy Specialist

