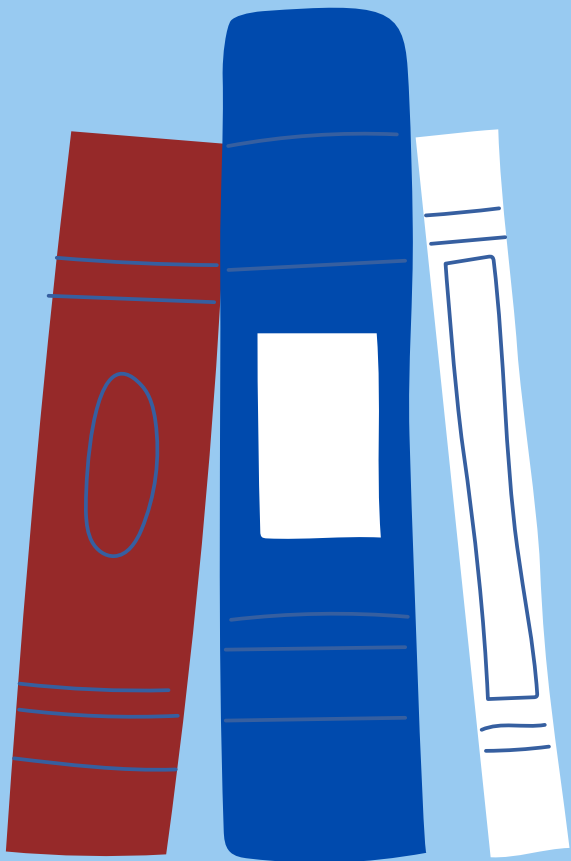




Manor Lakes *p-12 College*

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



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SAVE THE DATE

- Mon July 11 – Term 3 begins
- Tues July 19 – Information Evening: Year 11, 2023
- Thur July 28 – Course Counselling Day: Year 11, 2023

THE TEAM

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Edna Manvi, Year 11
Anshika Handa, Year 11
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- Submit competition answers
- Share good news and story ideas
- Submit student work
- Join our team!

Shout Outs

Year 7

- Kaeden Speers – 100% attendance in Drama this semester and consistently working well every lesson.
- Judd Jassim Alkourashi – Listens in Maths, finishes his work, self-learned in the library to catch up, and always shows a positive learning attitude.

Year 8

- Ria Gokulsing – Consistently achieving high results in Humanities.

Year 9

- Eniiyi Olusa – Aiming high in Drama and achieving great results throughout.
- Pinunkarage Daniru Fernando – Always tries his best in learning software development.

Year 10

- Ethan Allen – Achieving outstanding results in every Drama assessment.

Year 11

- Faith Cameron – Picking up rubbish.
- Te-Raiti Heaney – Helping new students settle in.
- Chloe Campbell – Excellent attendance.
- Cooper Goldsworthy – Excellent attendance.

Year 12

- Rayaana Moalin – Providing multiple practice English essays and getting feedback.
- Krishane Garcia – Providing multiple practice English essays and getting feedback.
- Harleen Bhatti – Providing multiple practice English essays and getting feedback.

VCAL

- Tayla Morton – Leadership and organisational skills on the Adversity Walk excursion.
- Mia Manderson – Overall commitment to the VCAL program.
- Nicholas Rajkovic – Commitment to the sport program.
- Sean Plesa – Initiative and application of skills in his business.

NEW SCHOOL PODCAST:



WHO SHOULD WE INTERVIEW?

Manor Lakes College will hit the airwaves in Term 3 when we launch **Manorisms: The Manor Lakes P-12 College Podcast**.

The show will feature interviews with some of the wonderful people in our school community (teachers, staff, past and present students, parents, and anyone else with a connection to the school) who have achieved good things, or have had interesting experiences, or just have good stories to tell that might educate, enlighten, entertain or inspire.

We want to uncover as many of these stories as possible, so we'd love your help.

Who would you like us to interview?

Please email your suggestions, along with a brief explanation of why they would be a good interview candidate, to podcast@manorlakesp12.vic.edu.au.

Thanks in advance,
The Podcast Team

DRAMATIC SCENES

Drama has been an awesome experience with ups and downs, but nonetheless it has been amazing.

We have learnt many different skills, such as working cooperatively and individually on performances, backstage and stagecraft.

The final performance – the Year 10 Drama ensemble performance, *Family Album*, on June 8 – was challenging but also a great learning experience as we learnt how to work together as a whole class to put on a production.

Drama has been a wonderful place to make new friends as we learnt the content, skills and rehearsed with one another.

We are very grateful for how Ms Szuhan has pushed us to come out of our comfort zones and develop as actors, students and castmates.

Saisha, Elizabeth and Tahlia Year 10 Drama students



GRAMPIANS CAMP

Year 10 Outdoor Education students last week put all their semester one learning into practice on a two-day camp at the Grampians.

On June 16-17 the group set up tents at Staplyton Campgrounds in Olive Plantation Rd, Laharum, in the Northern Grampians.

Among the highlights were treks to picturesque Hollow Mountain and the Waterfalls of Gar, along with a visit to the Gulgurn Manja Aboriginal Rock Art Site.

Students also prepared their own food, cared for themselves, participated in workshops and completed the associated assessment tasks.

Outdoor Education specialist Dillon Reynolds reported that some particularly enthusiastic students "went Bear Grylls" by sleeping under a tarp rather than in a tent to minimise their impact on their environment.



👋 Time To Say Goodbye 👋

In recent weeks we have farewelled four teachers – Heidi Beavan, Jess Davies, Ryan Ritchie and Wayne Abrahams – who each had a positive impact on their students.

Heidi Beavan



By Cara Cormick

This week we farewell an amazing secondary school teacher, Heidi Beavan. An English and Psychology teacher, Heidi has been working at Manor Lakes College since last year. She established the amazing Book Club, attracting the interest students and colleagues such as Mikayla, Ruby, Paige, Naomi, Ms Grigson, Tess and myself. Book Club won't be the same. Heidi will start a new role at the education department, helping international students. All students and staff members wish her the best.

"Manor Lakes is filled with such wonderful teachers and students," Heidi said. "I will really miss everyone at the school. I hope people stay in contact with me because I can't wait to see what amazing journeys you all go on!"

Here's what some MLC people said of Heidi:

Ms Grigson: "It's been a pleasure having Miss Beavan in our office and visiting each other's classrooms. I will cherish the moments we shared: laughing, marking work, and sharing funny stories."

Ms Haveaux: "Enjoy your clip-clopping heels in the big smoke!"

Mr Trewin: "Heidi is always such a positive person at the Lakes. She always believed that all students were capable of achieving great things and inspired many to do so."

I'll also miss having Heidi in English. I loved the last year with her.



Time To Say Goodbye (continued)

Jess Davies

By Grace Matheson

It's bittersweet. Saying goodbye, maybe for a few months, maybe forever, to someone who has impacted your life so abundantly. The majority of you feels elated and even a sense of pride at what they have accomplished, but there is still that minuscule part of you that thinks: "Damn, it's over already?"

Today, Friday June 24, we say goodbye to a very special member of the school community. Jess Davis, a Health and Psychology teacher, has recently been given the opportunity to take employment with the Cotton On Foundation, where she will help improve the lives of those in need and go on amazing escapades on the way. They couldn't have chosen a more perfect person for the job.

Jess, I feel as though I can speak for everyone at MLC and in wishing you the absolute best of luck on your journey. I speak with the upmost confidence when I say that you will change lives. You are an amazing teacher, and an even more wonderful person. I hope your time with the Cotton On Foundation is as magnificent as it sounds. Thankyou for your contribution to Manor Lakes College's greatness. You will be missed.

Now it's time to say what Julie Andrews sang best: "So long, farewell ..."



Departing teacher Jess Davies and Year 11 student Grace Matheson.



Ryan Ritchie



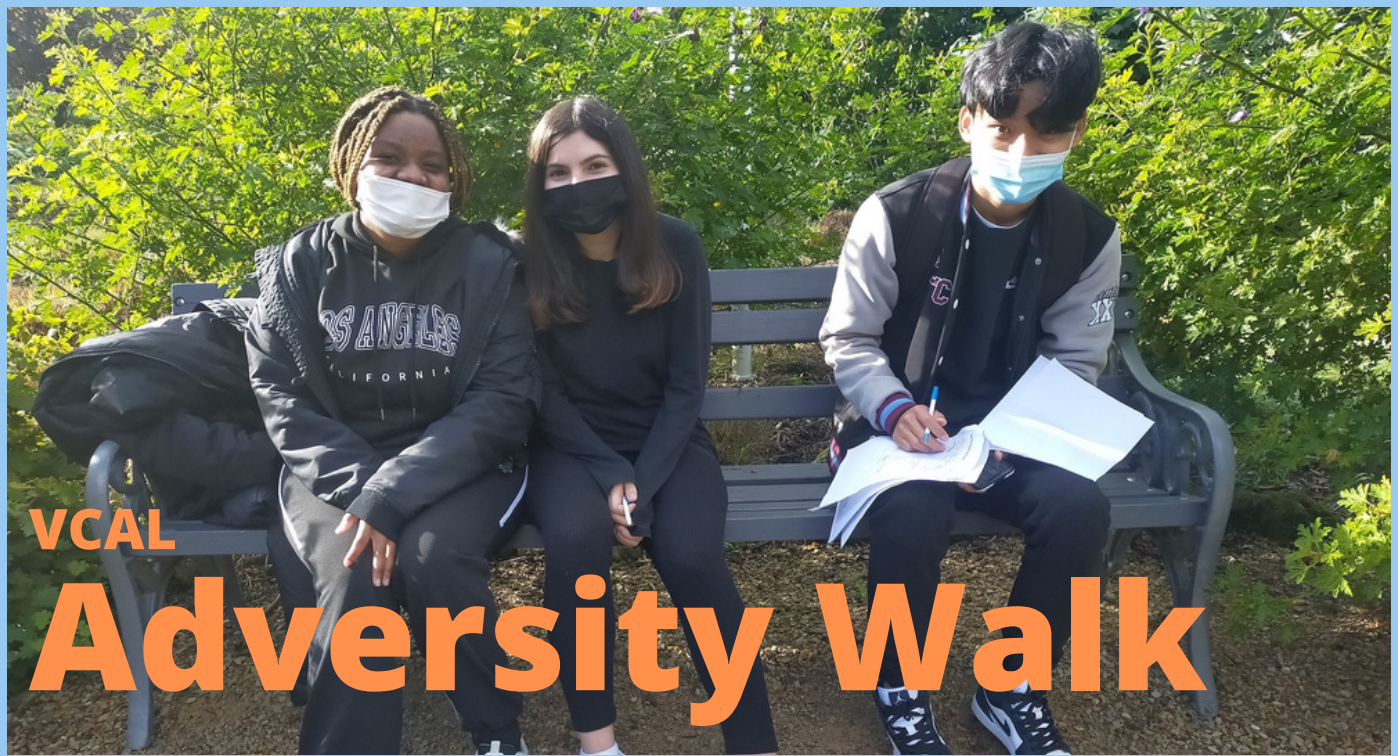
Years at MLC: 5.

Roles: Health and PE teacher / Year 10 year level coordinator.

Favourite memories of your time here: Year 12 camp, and getting to know new students and teachers each year.

Things you'll miss most about MLC: The awesome HAPE crew. The best PE/Health team going around. I'll miss the students I have this year. Also, I'll miss beating Ed Nui in three-point contests.

Next role: Health and PE teacher at St. Bernard's College.



Senior VCAL students organised an Adversity Walk excursion for all VCAL students in Geelong on Tuesday. Students completed a 7km walk and a series of adversity-related challenges, but their main goal was to raise awareness and to educate others about the effects of adversity in the world. The walk itself enabled students to experience, to some small degree, the hardship that people face and go through. The excursion formed part of the adversity unit for Year 12 VCAL students.



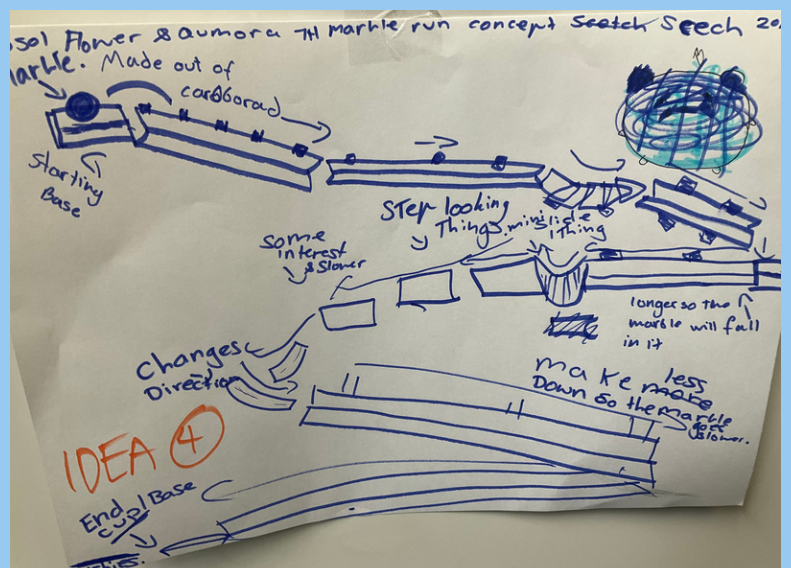
MARBLE RUN CHALLENGE



Add a Year 7 Systems students this week took up the Marble Run Challenge to celebrate a successful Semester One. As these photos of 7H and 7I students show, they are showcasing their skills in responding to an engineering design brief by creating a concept sketch and prototype of their chosen design idea as a class. Well done Year 7s, and see you back at the Systems room in Year 9.

Want to join in on the fun during the school holidays? Just click on this link – <https://bit.ly/MarbleRunSTEMChallenge> – or scan the QR code.

Michelle Magalona
Systems/IT/Mathematics teacher



PSYCHOLOGY



'This week our Year 7 and 8 Enrichment classes helped our Year 12 Psychology class with their research investigation SAC.

The Year 12s designed and ran a range of experiments that tested the memories of our Enrichment students.

A big thankyou to Miss Nicole Grigson and Miss Roovini Weerasinghe for letting us come to their classes. We had a great time and got some fascinating results.

Heidi Beavan,
Enrichment coordinator



Horror Story

By Sanidhya Silori, 8B

(This story received an A+ in English.)

“Are you done?” I serenely said towards the bathroom door.

“Yep, just putting my tee on,” spoke Akarshita (AK) in a tranquil way.

AK ambles out of the bathroom seconds later after taking an extensive shower. Her lengthy hair, for the first time, wasn't convoluted but rather neatly tied, flourished as she was walking. Her hazel-grey eyes were looking as glamorous as ever as the light made them glisten. She had an undersized tee on; so undersized that a bit of her skin was revealed even though it was a velvet-shade (which is usually dark). She had a tracksuit on which was perfectly fitting her and it had a bright-grey colour.

“Are you ready?” she asked me, since we had to go shopping.

“Yeah!” I said in an avid way. I had a bright sky-blue tee on that was loose and flimsy. I also had cream colored pants on. But then I noticed how AK looked. “Put on a damn jacket or hood,” I ordered.

“Why?” she asked in an innocent way.

“What do you mean ‘why’?! Your skin is exposed through your tee!”

“Alright, alright, calm down! Just give me a sec,” she said worriedly as she walked in a blitz way towards our ensuite. She came out of there and was wearing a cream colored jacket.

“Let's go,” I told her as we started walking downstairs through the ill-lit corridor of our compact society. We stepped outside and it was beaming out here and yet again, our society had the filthy green and gooey substance on the floor which was probably algae. “Do you think you can walk over this?” I questioned AK.

“Yeah, easily,” she replied, sounding overconfident. She started walking, and I scurried, reaching the end, whereas AK had only made it to a quarter of the distance. Her being covetous, also rushed straight towards the end, and she slipped at the end, shooting some algae up. I ran towards her, just in time to grasp her in my arms, nearly sinking with her.

“Sorry!” she said in a nervous way.

“It's all good. Are you alright though?” I asked.

“Yep, I'm fine, thanks,” she replied.

We entered our car, put our seatbelts on and the car gave a loud roar without me even touching the keys that were in the key aperture. “Huh!?” I howled.

“What is it?” queried AK.

“I-I-I wasn't touching the keys.”

“Wait, what?” AK asked, very perplexed.

The car moved forward and I wasn't hitting the accelerator.

“Woah! Woah! Woah!” I said, terrified.

I heard an unsettling voice in my head: “Leave, or else you will be slaughtered.”

I opened my eyes and in desperation that our car would stop, but then I saw AK pressing her hands against her head, so I assumed she was hearing the voice too, but it certainly affected her more than me. So I trusted my luck, and turned the steering wheel so that we would make a U-turn, and so we did and I pinned my leg on the brake; the car stopped! Although there was dirt or mud all over the windows, I was delighted. Then I made my way over to AK and sprinkled some water on her face and she roused; slowly but surely.

“AK! Are you OK?!”

“Yeah, I think so,” she said while slightly beaming.

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Student Work

Horror Story (continued)

"Why are you smiling? You scared me! I thought I was gonna lose you."

"No, I won't die so easily."

We got out of the car and ... it was evening? It was just flashing with the sun. "What the-," I said, baffled.

"Wasn't it just sunshine?" asked AK.

"Yeah? Also, should we do what that disturbing noise said?"

There was a slight pause before AK said, "No, we must stay here, since it is where our parents died."

"Yeah, you're right, I was just disquieted."

We started walking back and the algae wasn't there anymore, so I walked on first and it was really slippery, but I managed to make it across as well as AK. AK pulled the handle of the stairway door and it was closed.

"Huh? The door's closed," AK said.

"Really?" I asked and I tried to open it; it was really closed. Also, for some reason there was no one in the society. It was ONLY US.

Just then, something nudged my shoulder and it didn't feel like AK's touch. So I rapidly turned around, only to see AK not there.

"AK!? WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU!?" I screamed at the top of my lungs.

I looked around, briskly breathing as breath vapour came out of my mouth. I sensed a horrible feeling. The air felt thick. I had a sour-bitter taste in my mouth and I could smell ... blood? It seemed to be coming from above, so I looked and I was aghast by what was being presented above me; it was AK, she was seized by a creature holding a scythe to her neck and her tracksuit was awfully torn, which revealed some scars on her legs that were bleeding.

"AK!" I wailed as tears were shedding from my eyes.

Without a second thought, I threw a minuscule knife towards it, and it deflected it with ease with its scythe, dropping AK from its grip. I bolted towards her and I caught her, and hugged her, which helped her regain consciousness.

"I warned you to leave, but here you still are! I, Unknown, better known as 'the othering', will execute you right here and right now!" it said, its voice breaking apart.

Unknown dropped down to us but didn't make contact with the ground. Me and AK ran, and it threw its scythe towards us. In doing so, it touched the floor on the space where there was crystal and it shrieked. I noticed its body had burnt a bit. The scythe reached us. Holding AK's hand, I ducked and dodged it with AK. I left her hand and sprinted towards Unknown.

"Sandy! What are you doing!?" AK screamed.

"Trust me!" I replied.

I ran and ran like a tiger. Not being a coward, I slid under Unknown, picked up the crystal as it scarred my face and I chucked it to AK.

"Doooo it! Touch it with that!"

She flashed faster than ever. She was a falcon, and she nearly touched the crystal on its cloak, but Unknown knocked her out with the handle of its scythe.

So I, ruthless for my life, picked up the crystal and had a flashback of how it had killed mine and AK's parents. In rage and for vengeance, I shoved the crystal in its chest as I tried to dodge its scythe. As my ear was cut off, Unknown shrieked in agony as it disintegrated.

I woke up AK and she saw "the othering" dying and she was delighted that I had done it.

"Are you okay?", we said, syncing our words. "Yeah," syncing yet again.

We walked back to the door. It actually opened this time and, to my surprise, I could hear our deafening neighbours.

"Thanks for everything," she said and we walked into our room, merrily.

There was now light everywhere and we never thought about Unknown again.

Book Review

From The School Library

TAKE THE KEY AND LOCK HER UP

By Ally Carter

Background Information:

Take The Key And Lock Her Up is an adventure fiction novel by Ally Carter. It is part of the three-book series called Embassy Row. Published on December 27, 2016, it is recommended for readers aged 14 to 18.

Summary:

The princess is dead. Long live the princess.

Centuries ago, the royal family of Adria was killed ... or so everyone thought.

Now Grace Blakely knows the truth: there was one survivor, and that survivor's blood runs through her veins. This simple fact could cause a revolution — which is why some people will stop at nothing to keep it from coming to light.

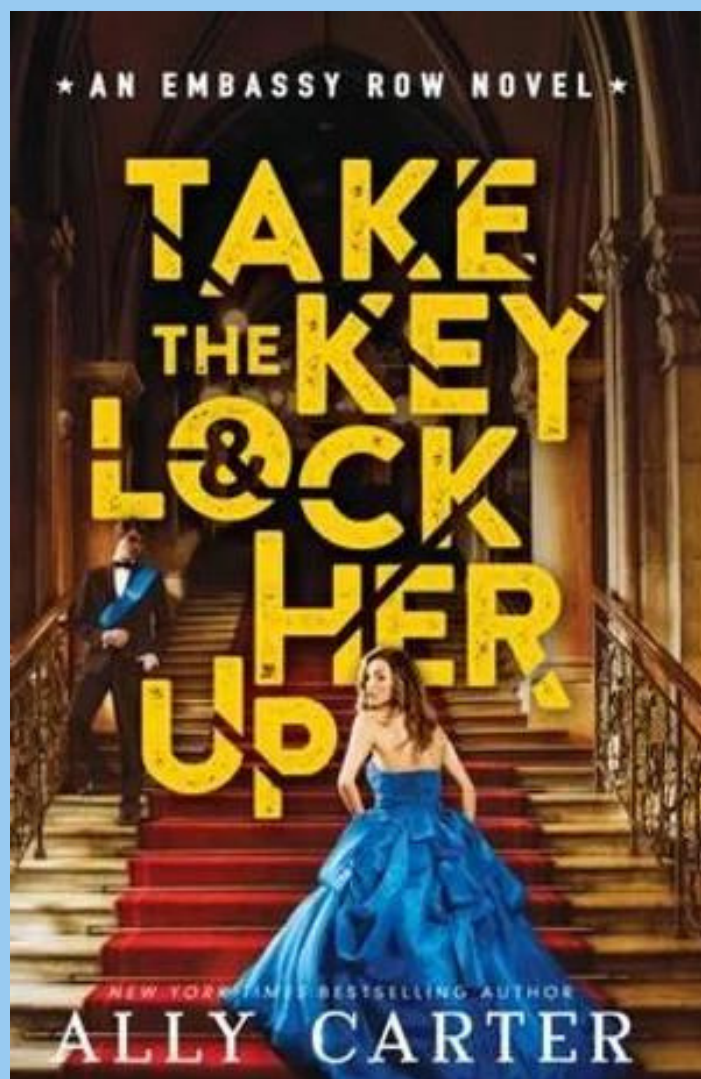
There is only one way for Grace to save herself, save her family, and save the boy she loves. She must outmanoeuvre her foes, cut through the web of lies that has surrounded her for years, and go back to the source of all her troubles, despite the risk.

If she wins, she will inherit a throne. If she loses, she will inherit the fate of all the dead princesses before her.

My Review:

Take The Key And Lock Her Up was my least favourite book in my most favourite series. I am not going to say that I didn't enjoy the book, but the plot was very different to those of the first two. It flowed with the other books but it took a completely different turn.

If I was to talk about the book individually, it was definitely enjoyable but I strongly disagreed with Grace's choice toward the end. Nevertheless, Grace was my favourite character throughout the series and that did not change in this book either. Overall, if I compare this book to the whole series then it was a little letdown, but as a sole book it was a fairly good read.



My rating:

7.5 / 10

Review by Anshika Handa

Holiday Fun



Lightscape

Lightscape takes audiences on a spectacular 1.8km journey of light and sound through Melbourne's beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens. Lightscape's website glowingly reveals the wonderful sights to behold: "Iconic tree canopies will be drenched in colour, vibrant bursts of light will tumble from the undergrowth and run up trees like fizzing fireworks..."



The Melbourne Magic Festival

The Melbourne Magic Festival casts its spell across the city, promising to take you to the extreme end of visual theatre with more than 130 performances of 30 different shows, including top international magicians. The Melbourne Magic Festival is now officially recognised as the largest festival of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. The two-week event is certain to keep audiences utterly spellbound.



Kaleidoscope

The latest project from Melbourne installation artist Keith Courtney scales a deceptively simple device to epic proportions, creating a world of constantly shifting illusions. Hailed as "a mesmerising symphony of light, sound and joy, staged in a breathtaking mirror maze". An exhibit for the brave and adventurous to explore.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

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The Secondary Newsletter Team wants to make the newsletter the best product we possibly can – a publication we can all be proud of – but we need more helpers. So we're looking for students to create a variety of content that will engage, inform, enlighten and entertain our audience.

If you're feeling inspired, perhaps you could work on your first piece of content on the holidays. Write about a family holiday, a day trip you enjoyed, or any adventures you experienced. Write a review. Take some snaps. Create a fictional narrative or a poem. Write about a topic you're interested in. You decide. Let your imagination run wild. And if necessary, we'll help you lift your work to a publishable standard.

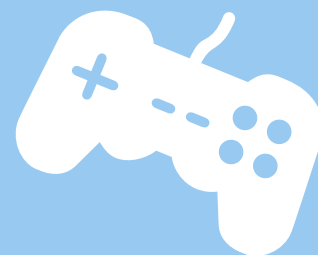
If you're keen to create content and share it, and perhaps **learn a few skills to add to your CV**, the Secondary Newsletter is the forum for you.

Contact us at secondarynewsletterteam@manorlakesp12.vic.edu.au.

Thanks

The Secondary Newsletter Team

Weekly Clubs



MONDAY

Choir	Amadeus Hall	Lunch
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Esport	Mackay 5	Lunch
Frisbee	Gym/Oval	Lunch
Anime/Manga	Cootabarlow 4	Lunch
Gymnastics	Gym	Lunch
AFL Academy	Gym/Oval	Lunch
Esport	Mackay 5	Lunch
Card Club	Cootabarlow 1	Lunch

THURSDAY

Girls African Dance	Amadeus	Lunch
Pasefika Group	Amadeus	Lunch
Kapa Haka	Amadeus	Lunch
Gaming Club	Illawara 1	Lunch
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Chess	Wyara 5	Lunch
F1 in Schools	Mackay 5	Lunch
Soccer Academy	Gym	3:15pm
Volleyball	Gym	3:15pm
Crochet Club	Eyre	Lunch

TUESDAY

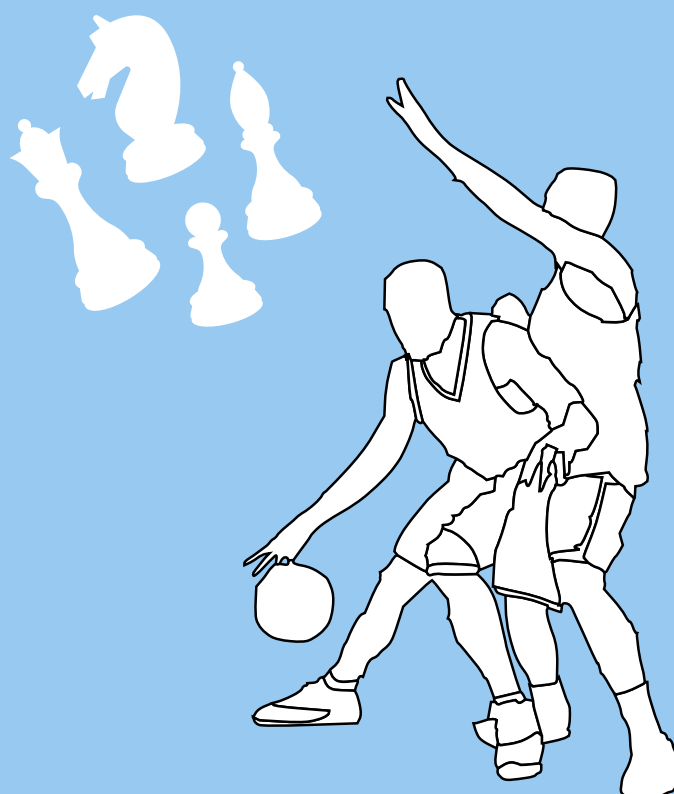
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Gaming	Illawara 1	Lunch
Debating	George 2	Lunch
Rubik's Cube	Eppalock 4	Lunch
Newsletter	Victoria	3:00pm

FRIDAY

Netball Academy	Gym	7:45am
Basketball Academy	Gym	6:30am
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Hindi	George 5	Lunch
Horticulture	Amadeus	Lunch
Spikeball	Gym	Lunch

WEDNESDAY

Netball Academy	Gym	7:30am
Basketball Academy	Gym	Lunch
Cricket Academy	Cricket nets	7.40am
Girls African Dance	Amadeus	Lunch
Pasefika Group	Amadeus	Lunch
Kapa Haka	Amadeus	Lunch
Boys Dance	Amadeus	Lunch
Interact Club	Eyre Library	Lunch
Book Club	Eyre Library	Lunch
Art Club	Wyara 6	3:15pm
Craft-a-noon Club	Cootabarlow	Lunch



LGBTQIA+ in the workplace



Former Year 12 student Jessie Moore and Year 11 colleague Ash Furphy have created a survey about the LGBTQIA+ community and gender in the workplace.

The pair felt it would be a very interesting topic to collect data on.

The following survey is completely anonymous and should only take five minutes to complete. It would be very much appreciated if readers could please complete it.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfE9Fm8Y7M_yZlZP6ZX4Irsjom2H-mb7Pzc23ey2JepcZyeww/viewform



MEME OF THE WEEK

