

# COLLINGWOOD ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*The monthly school newsletter*



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What's coming up

Parent Information Session	Tuesday 6 August
Curriculum Day* *student free day	Friday 16 August
3 Way Conferences at Broadmeadows	Tuesday 20 August
3 Way Conferences at Collingwood and Craigieburn	Wednesday 21 August

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*Above: Students from Craigieburn Campus attend the Art Exhibition held last term*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone,

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning students. I have met with many new students at our three campuses of Craigieburn, Broadmeadows and Collingwood. Everyone has settled in very well to the new term.

This week students attended information sessions, and the teachers

reminded students of the values of the school: Kindness, Respect and Learning. We believe that all students are able to be successful in our school. We are proud of our school community because we look out for each other and we acknowledge each other's strengths and successes. Our rules keep everyone safe, happy and able to thrive.

One of our important messages was about the importance of coming to school. Every day counts! Students also now know which teacher they need to go to when they have a question or a worry. Please talk to your children about this.

I hope to see lots of Parents/ Guardians at the information sessions next week where you can ask questions of the presenters.

Catherine McMahon

## Preston North East Visits Collingwood Campus

The Upper Primary class at Preston North East Outpost visited and played with MPK class at the Collingwood campus after writing letters to each other throughout Term 2. When the two classes meet for the first time they had a lovely afternoon playing with each other at Fitzroy Gardens.



## 3 Way Conferences



Three Way Conferences (formerly Parent / Teacher Interviews) are coming up on Tuesday 20 July at the Broadmeadows campus and Wednesday 21 July at Collingwood campus and Craigieburn campus.

This is an opportunity for students, families/carers and teachers to talk about student learning. We look forward to you attending 3 Way Conferences and being involved in the school's program.

Please talk to your children about their learning before you come to the conferences.

It is very important to have families and carers involved in supporting our students' learning.

## Art Exhibition

*Students from Craigieburn Campus*



Last term, Craigieburn campus held a whole school Art Day and Art Exhibition.

Students from all classes spent the day creating artwork in different styles.

These were displayed in the art exhibition where parents and students had the opportunity to walk through and enjoy the fantastic artwork that was produced.

## Science Lesson

*Primary students from Broadmeadows Campus*



As part of this term's unit on animals, B11 students are studying compost worms. The worms are the students' 'pets' for this term.

They learnt what pets are, why we have pets, and how to take care of their pets. They learnt that the compost worms require food, water, air and darkness.

The photos show the students identifying body parts using real worms. They also measured how long their worms were using wool. The students were engaged and fascinated by their 'pets'.

The Worm Farm is part of sustainable practices at our school. Together with our composting system, we are reducing our food waste that goes to landfill as the worms feed on our food scraps.

# Meet the Teacher



## LISA DRAKE

Classroom Teacher

In this new column, the students get a chance to ask their teachers questions, and we publish their answers in the newsletter.

My name is Lisa Drake. I have been a teacher at the Collingwood campus for three and a half years. I teach English and Maths in the secondary program. I also sometimes teach in the primary program. My other roles are Student Voice/SRC, EMU, Homework Club, and helping teachers write reports.

### Why do you like being a teacher?

I like helping students achieve their goals. Being a teacher also makes me a better learner.

### If you weren't a teacher, which job would you do?

I would be a writer.

### What is your best memory?

When I went to school in Japan - it was a fantastic experience!

### What do you do in your free time?

I play a lot of netball and make chocolate.

### What other languages can you speak?

I can speak Japanese.

### What was your dream when you were a child?

My dream was to become an author.

### Which countries have you been to and which country will you go to next?

I have been to Japan, Canada, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and the U.S. The next country I will go to is Pakistan.

### Do you have another job?

I have four other jobs. I write lyrics, sing, work in a supermarket and have a business.

### Are you a citizen of another country?

Yes, I am also a citizen of Canada.

### What subject do you like best?

I like history because it is important to learn from the past.

## Collingwood English Language School

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Thank you to the amazing teachers, MEAs, and parents at Broadmeadows campus for all of their passion and support for this exciting event.

## CELS New Social Worker

My name is Wendy Khalil and I am very excited to be part of the CELS community. I have just started and I can already see that CELS is an amazing school. Our students are brilliant, our staff are passionate and caring, and our families are supportive and strong.

I have been a Social Worker since I graduated from University in 2000 and have always loved working with new migrants. My parents are both Lebanese migrants and I understand the struggles migrants experience. I also see the wonderful gifts migrants bring to Australia when given the right support to flourish. This is what CELS does for our students. Our community works so hard to make sure young migrants flourish in Australia.

As a Social Worker, my role is all about helping people become who they want to be. If you need any help, please let the school know. I am here to help. I speak English and Arabic.

## RESP Pathways Workshop

Last term CELS was excited to host a workshop on "Pathways" at our Craigieburn and Broadmeadows campuses.

The Wellbeing Team and community organisations including Arabic Welfare, the Centre for Multicultural Youth, and Melbourne Polytechnic came together to talk about the options our students have to become the professionals they dream to be.

We had over 100 students and parents gathered to learn about what pathways students can take after CELS and high school. We learned about many new programs and places such as TAFE, University, VCE, VCAL, Apprenticeships and Work Experience.

We learned that we will all have different pathways because we are all different. Most importantly we learned that living in Australia means we have many options and pathways to travel on to reach our dreams and many people who will help us on our journey.



### 5 key Roles of a Social Worker

1. **Advocate:** to act for others when needed
2. **Educate:** to strengthen and build new skills
3. **Link:** to create and support healthy connections
4. **Counsel:** to listen with empathy and give guidance
5. **Protect:** to ensure that students' and families' rights are supported and understood