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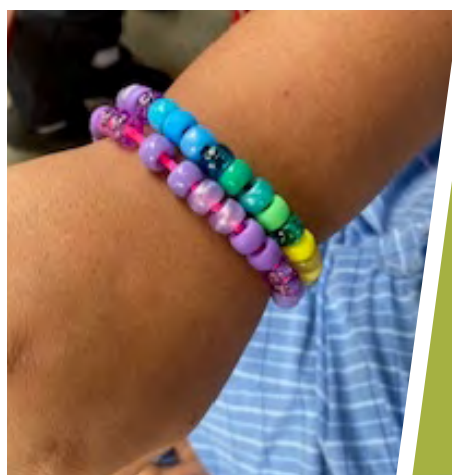
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Bell Times

Period 1 8.45 am - 9.45 am	Recess 10.45 am - 11.05 am	Period 3 11.10 am - 12.10 pm	Lunch 1.10 pm - 2.00 pm	Period 5 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Period 2 9.45 am - 10.45 am		Period 4 12.10 pm - 1.10 pm		

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**VET Music
Assessment Night**
23rd May

**Multicultural Week
Celebrating Asia**
27th - 30th May

**VET Dance
Assessment Night**
30th May

VCE Mid-Year Exams
3rd - 7th June

King's Birthday
10th June

Assessment & Reporting Day
21st June

Year 11 Celebration Day
17th June

Naidoc Week
24th -25th June

Year 12 Camp
24th -28th June

End Term 2
28th June
Students dismissed
at 2:30

TERM 2 2024 STUDENT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 15 Curriculum Day No Students APRIL	16 TERM 2 Students return 8.35am • House Athletics Day	17	18 Breakfast Club • Senior & Intermediate B&G Volleyball - TBC	19
WEEK 2 22	23	24 • ANZAC Day Assembly	25 ANZAC Day	26
WEEK 3 29 Open Day 5.00 pm - 7.00pm	30 • Elevate Year 12 pd 1, Year 11, pd 2	MAY 1	2 Breakfast Club • VCE Careers Expo	3 • Y7 Assembly, P4
WEEK 4 6 • Year 8 B&G SMR Volleyball - TBC • Senior & Intermediate Girls Netball - TBC • Year 11 White Card Incursion - TBC	7 • Senior Boys AFL - TBC	8 Breakfast Club • Senior Girls AFL - TBC • Senior Boys Soccer - TBC	9	10
WEEK 5 13 • Senior B&G SMR Volleyball - TBC • Intermediate Boys AFL - TBC • Year 11 White Card Incursion - TBC	14 • Junior Girls AFL - TBC • Intermediate Boys Soccer - TBC • Senior & Intermediate Girls Soccer - TBC • Senior & Intermediate Boys Netball - TBC • Year 12 Elevate, P5	15 Breakfast Club	16	17
WEEK 6 20 School Council 5:30pm	21 • Year 12 PE Incursion - TBC • Division Cross Country - TBC	22 Breakfast Club • Junior Girls Netball - TBC • Junior Boys Soccer - TBC • Junior Boys AFL - TBC	23	24
WEEK 7 27 Soup Lunch	28 • Junior Girls Soccer - TBC	29 Breakfast Club	30	31 Market Day
MULTICULTURAL WEEK - Celebrating Asia				
WEEK 8 JUNE 3 • VM SWL Placements commence • VCE Mid-Year Exam - Day 1	4 • Senior & Intermediate Badminton B&G - TBC • VCE Mid-Year Exam - Day 2	5 • VCE Mid-Year Exam - Day 3	6 Breakfast Club • VCE Mid-Year Exam - Day 4	7 Lunchtime Concert • VM SWL Placements conclude • VCE Wellbeing Day - no classes
WEEK 9 10 King's Birthday Holiday	11 • Junior Badminton B&G - TBC	12	13 Breakfast Club	14
WEEK 10 17 School Council 5:30pm • Unit 2 & 4 commence	18 • VCAA GAT Exam	19 • Year 10 English Exam - no Year 10 classes	20 Breakfast Club • Year 10 Maths Exam - no Year 10 classes • SMR Cross Country - TBC	21
WEEK 11 24 • Y12 Camp	25 • Y12 Camp	26	27 Breakfast Club	28
29 Soup Lunch	NAIDOC WEEK			END OF TERM 2 Students dismissed at 2.30pm



Dear Parents, Students and Families,

I hope this issue of FG Connect finds you well. It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through the term. Over the last three weeks, our students have actively engaged in many learning opportunities and experiences enriching their education and personal growth.

Sports have been a major highlight, with students participating in AFL football, rugby league regionals, senior and intermediate soccer, and senior and intermediate netball. Our athletes have shown remarkable dedication and teamwork. The Division cross-country event also showcased our students' endurance and competitive spirit.

Our Year 11 students took part in a White Card incursion, equipping them with essential skills for future workplace safety. Year 9 students had the chance to explore various trades during the "Try a Trade" excursion, sparking interest in potential career paths.

Year 12 students have been focusing on their academic success with study skills workshops, and some also had an insightful visit to Parliament, which deepened their understanding of government and civic responsibility. Vocational Education and Training (VET) Music night was another standout event, where our talented students performed and demonstrated their musical prowess.

On May 17th, our school recognised the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT). This day aims to raise awareness about the discrimination faced by LGBTQIA+ individuals and to celebrate diversity. We encourage you to discuss the importance of acceptance and equality with your children. Together, we can foster a more inclusive community.

To foster a sense of community and enjoyment, week four saw the introduction of Fun Fridays, and our recent Casual for a Cause day was a great success.

We have also held celebratory assemblies to acknowledge and applaud the achievements and efforts of our students in various fields. These events highlight the diverse talents and hard work of our student body.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to the remainder of the term with great anticipation and excitement for what's to come.

Take care and stay safe,
Jo Cucchiara



COMMON ASSESSMENT TASKS (CATS) YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10

Each term students are taught the key content and skills from the Victorian Curriculum Standards.

The Common Assessment Task [CAT] and associated assessment period is an important part of each student's learning and as such, it is vital that all students are present. We value the information we gain from the CATs which are used to measure the students' learning and growth achieved against the standard.

What is a Common Assessment Task?

A Common Assessment Task is the final assessment that is delivered at the end of the unit of work in each study area.

What is the purpose of a Common Assessment Task?

- A Common Assessment Task is designed to measure student achievement against the standard and the key skills that come from that standard
- CATs are an opportunity for students to show how much they have learnt and demonstrate their growth in skills
- CATs are used by teachers to report student outcomes, measure growth and inform future planning for learning for each child
- CATs acknowledge, recognise and celebrate student achievement

When do students do CATs?

- In term 2, students will undertake CATs over 2 weeks from June 11th to June 20th.
- CATs will be completed in class time
- Please note that Monday the 10th of June is the King's birthday holiday and Friday the 21st of June is a college wide Curriculum Day.

Note: Some classes may deviate slightly from this timeframe.

When completing CATs, students have access to all relevant tools to help them to complete a CAT successfully and demonstrate their skill level.

What can you do to support your son/daughter during the CAT period?

- Encourage and strive for 100% attendance
 - your child needs to be present for every CAT to receive an assessment result
- Check in with him/her to see how they are coping and be mindful of the work they are undertaking in their classes
- Keep him/her healthy
 - appropriate amounts of sleep
 - healthy food and exercise
- Remind him/her that they can ask for support from the teachers
- Remind him/her that CATs are part of the learning program and not 'extra work'
- Remind him/her that everything they are asked to do in a CAT, is based on what they have learnt in class
- Remind him/her that CATs are a way to measure their growth and achievement
- Remind him/her that CATs are a way to recognise and celebrate their learning

What happens if my child misses the assessment period?

If students are absent for any of the sessions dedicated to the CAT, they will be required to catch up when they return to school. If the student is absent for the whole assessment period, it may be necessary to dedicate after school catch up sessions in the weeks after the CAT.

Fountain Gate Secondary College asks for your co-operation in this process, and this means sending your child to school during this time. If your child is too ill to attend, please contact the school and alternative CAT arrangements will be made if practical. At a minimum, your child will be asked to catch up in the allocated class time when they return.

If you require further information please contact the College on 8762 6839.

Chris Davey-White

Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Leader



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

Children who attend school every day and complete year 12 have:

- better health
- better job opportunities
- higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

Last year, our students were each absent for an average of 29.6 days. This means they missed, on average, almost 6 weeks of school. It will be difficult for any student to achieve their best when they have so many interruptions to their learning. Our goal for 2024 is to decrease this number. So far, we're on-track for a slight decrease to 29.1 days, however we want to see this improve further.

We ask that families ensure students arrive at school between 8:00 and 8:35 am and attend every day instruction is given.



CLASS TIMES

Arrive at school	8:00 am – 8:35 am
Warning Bell	8:35 am
Music	8:40 am
Second Bell & Period 1	8:45 am – 9:45 am
Period 2	9:45 am – 10:45 am
Recess	10:45 am – 11:05 am
Warning Bell & Music	11:05 am – 11:10 am
Second Bell & Period 3	11:10 am – 12:10 pm
Period 4	12:10 pm – 1:10 pm
Lunch	1:10 pm – 1:55 pm
Warning Bell & Music	1:55 pm – 2:00 pm
Second Bell & Period 5	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
End of the day	3:00 pm



WINTER JACKETS

We have received feedback from students expressing that the current jackets are not warm enough, and they would like us to consider new options. We kindly ask for your input through the survey below. Additionally, there is a section where you can provide further feedback on the overall uniform.

Thank you in advance for your support

<https://forms.office.com/r/73JpQG8czQ>



BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is switching things up! Join us on Monday, June 24th in H4 for a delicious choice of Chicken Noodle Soup, Pumpkin Soup, Beef and Vegetable Hot Pot, or Tomato and Veggie Rice. See you there!

Just a reminder: Breakfast Club will be held next Wednesday morning, May 29th, and then return to Thursdays from June 6th until the end of the term.



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Term 2 Interschool Sports Most valued players

We're thrilled to honour our most valued players in interschool sports. Your dedication, skill, and sportsmanship set you apart as true champions on and off the field. Thank you for representing our school with pride and passion.

AFL Senior Boys Braydan C

Soccer Senior Boys Aqi A and Ben M

AFL Inter Boys Mitchell C

Soccer Inter Boys Omeed R and Jamaludin R





YEAR 7 & 8 NEWS

Top 10 Positive Education Points - Year 7 - Term 2:

- Damjan U - 14
- Liam H - 14
- Vishnu B - 13
- Yashal K - 13
- Manazil A - 12
- Elvin L - 12
- Flynn T - 11
- Manu K - 11
- Najma A - 11
- Nicholas R - 11

Top 10 Positive Education Points - Year 8 - Term 2:

- Basira B - 23
- Afaq C - 22
- Evalina P - 22
- Sadia S - 22
- Fatema G - 21
- Zahra Z - 21
- Sanah A - 19
- Tinny T - 19
- Jeriah L - 18
- Alexis M - 15

Top 5 Learning Habits - Year 7 - Term 2:

- Aryahi C
- Iris C
- Ashton I
- Kaden I
- Selena K

Top 5 Learning Habits - Year 8 - Term 2:

- Mahdi T
- Macey M
- Alexa A
- Avindee A
- Mobina A

Fun Fridays:

We're excited to announce an extension of our Thrive program designed to boost connection and engagement among our Year 7 & 8 students. Starting this term, students will be competing in a variety of activities, except during assessment weeks, as part of our effort to build school values and foster a more positive environment.

Each week, Year 7 & 8 students will participate in a new activity that aligns with our school's values and character strengths.



SOCIT Presentation:

On Friday 10th Our Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to engage with a presentation from SOCIT, which focused on raising awareness of body safety and fostering safe relationships, both online and offline. The session emphasized the importance of respecting boundaries and teaching skills and strategies for enhancing online safety.

IDAHOBIT DAY

The Department of Education is dedicated to ensuring all Victorian government schools are respectful, safe, and inclusive places for learning and work for all students, staff, and members of our school communities.

As part of this commitment, the department supported all schools in joining numerous other schools and workplaces nationwide to recognize the International Day Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination (IDAHOBIT) on Friday, May 17, 2024.

This initiative supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, questioning, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) individuals in our schools and communities. It aligns with the Department of Education's equal opportunity and anti-discrimination policy for students and employees, as well as the obligations in Child Safe Standard 5 to uphold diversity and equity for everyone, regardless of their background, characteristics, or beliefs.

We believe it is essential to teach our students about acceptance, respect, and inclusivity. By doing so, we are not only creating a safe and supportive environment now but also preparing students to thrive in a global society. To celebrate the day, we made friendship bracelets, enjoyed rainbow bread, and listened to music from the LGBTQIA+ community. Students engaged in meaningful discussions about our character strength of Kindness and the value of Respect. We thank all the staff and students who participated in the day.



SENIOR BOYS AFL

On Tuesday, the 7th of May, our Senior boys took to the field for a series of challenging matches.

The day kicked off with a tough loss against Hallam, who ultimately emerged as the day's champions with a score of 32-15. Undeterred, our team rallied in the second game, securing a narrow victory over Gleneagles with a score of 34-28. Momentum continued to build as we dominated the third game against Nossal, triumphing with an impressive 70-0 win. Despite facing formidable opponents, our boys displayed commendable resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day, even in our final match against Berwick, and fell short with a score of 101-6.

Our students showcased exceptional representation of our school, demonstrating unwavering effort and determination despite the challenge of playing without a bench due to injuries.



CHESS CLUB

Join us every Wednesday lunchtime in G5 for Chess Club!

Chess Club is back! Students of all year levels are encouraged to join us for a game (or five). The advantages of playing chess are boundless, from enhancing critical thinking and problem-solving abilities to boosting concentration skills. Plus, it's a fantastic opportunity to challenge your friends in friendly competition. No prior experience required – just show up and join in the fun! Feel free to reach out to Ms. Reyes if you have any questions.





SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL

Our senior girls played at Casey Indoor Stadium and dominated their pool, securing a spot in the finals!

Game 1: A stellar win against Gleneagles, 43-2.

Game 2: Victory over Hallam, 27-7.

Game 3: Another win against Nossal, 27-7.

In the final match, the girls faced Berwick in a tight battle, ultimately losing by just 6 goals. Despite the loss, they showcased incredible teamwork and determination throughout the day. Amazing effort, girls.



Your world. Your VCE.



**The VCE's new Vocational Major
fits your world.**

From environmentalists to musicians, the new VCE Vocational Major creates worlds where you can explore your passions and talents.

Speak to your careers counsellor to find out more
or visit vic.gov.au/VCE

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Creating worlds where passions can be explored.

The VCE's new Vocational Major lets students explore their passions and talents. The VCE Vocational Major is a 2-year applied learning program within the VCE. Students complete a high-quality curriculum and work toward completing a VET qualification while finishing school.

This means VCE Vocational Major students gain real-world skills and knowledge, so they can land jobs in Australia's most in-demand industries. Whether they're into music production, hospitality or agriculture, VCE Vocational Major students finish school with an employability edge, ready to take on work, life and more study.

Teachers and career counsellors are available to answer questions, and to support students as they make decisions about their final years at school. For more information, go to vic.gov.au/VCE.

HOMEWORK AND TUTORIAL CLUB

The Homework and Tutorial Club will be held every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:15 to 4:30 in Room G1.

Formerly housed in G3 and G4, the Homework and Tutorial Club has now found its new home in G1. This dedicated space is where students of all levels and across all subjects can come together to receive guidance, support, and assistance with their work.

Whether you need help with a challenging math problem, or seek feedback on your English essay, or just need a quiet space to concentrate and complete assignments, the Homework and Tutorial Club is here to help. Our team of tutors and mentors will be on hand to provide assistance tailored to your individual needs. We welcome students from all year levels and across all subjects. Hope to see you there!





FGSC Tours

We develop all-rounded students ready to take on the world!



Experience Fountain Gate Secondary College up close and personal.

Guided tours Friday Mornings. Bookings essential.

If you're considering enrolment and intrigued by what sets our school apart, we welcome you to explore our College. Witness our committed staff, and immerse yourself in our dynamic learning atmosphere.

Contact Vanessa Chiswell on Vanessa.Chiswell@education.vic.gov.au or on 8762 6839.



MULTI
CULTURAL
WEEK

Lunchtime Activities
Monday 27th - Thursday 30th

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Sign up on Compass

Monday

Cooking Balani - H4
Samosa Tasting - H Courtyard

Tuesday

Henna - P21

Wednesday

Kite Making - P21

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Thursday

Cultural Performance - GYM

MULTI
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WEEK

Thursday 30th May
at Lunchtime in the GYM

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**Cultural Performance
& Fashion Show**

Students and staff are invited
to wear Asian cultural dress



This is NOT a casual dress day. Students not in cultural dress must wear full school uniform.

Stay tuned for our next Cultural Dress Day in Term 3, celebrating other cultures!