As part of the College’s Community and Service program, Year 8 students were involved in National Volunteers Week. Students visited Jewish Care and spent time with residents, while a focus on refugees saw students visit Sacred Heart Primary School in Fitzroy. They ran a series of activities with young students from non-English speaking backgrounds and made lasting connections. This was followed by a visit to Ardoch where they donated food and stationary and participated in a workshop on educational disadvantage.

A visit to Dandenong under the theme of multiculturalism saw students meet with Sudanese refugees, and homelessness was explored through a visit to the FareShare Kitchen in Abbotsford, where students prepared meals.

Happiness really was found just over the rainbow for the 140 actors, singers and dancers, and the 32-piece Marc and Eva Besen Orchestra, in this year’s musical, The Wizard of Oz.

The show set a new standard, with state of the art special effects, amazing sets and staging and authentic costumes, not to mention a very well behaved little dog. Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Cowardly Lion, Toto and all the munchkins delighted audiences as they followed the yellow brick road through the magical land of Oz.

Children in our early learning centres are fast becoming seasoned green thumbs thanks to the new garden program. Working with qualified horticulturalists, the Kinder children enjoy fortnightly session in the garden.

Both fine and gross motor skills have been challenged and students have begun to work collaboratively. The children are building a rock creek bed that meanders through one of the gardens, and have planted grass plants hoping to build a natural habitat for insects and interesting bugs. They have also creating a ‘wonderment garden’, with foliage plants that are interesting to touch, smell and observe.

At another campus a mulberry tree has been planted so its leaves can feed the silkworms kept by an Upper Kinder class and a special water play area and herb wall are also being created. Students are learning about composting, seed germination and what is involved in caring for their gardens as the seasons change.

Our students are now involved in garden programs from Lower Kinder right through their primary years.
From the Principal

One of the delights of my role as Principal is visiting the Kinder classes, and seeing the progress of our very youngest students. Although one can witness the growth in learning and maturity of all of our students year by year, in the Kinders such development seems to happen at lightning speed. At this age one can actually see children's understanding expand week by week as they change from toddlers into little people in just a few months. Each visit reveals advances in vocabulary and cognition, as well as new milestones in levels of social interaction as the students form their mini-community.

But the most exciting aspect of observing children at this age is their fascination with the world and the burning desire to make sense of their surroundings. The Primary Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate is the ideal vehicle to harness this innate curiosity and spirit of inquiry to help the children to explore, ask and to collaborate in order to find and test answers. Teachers use everyday occurrences as triggers for discussion and thought, enriching and expanding the students’ minds at every opportunity.

And these very young people are fearless and bold. With a refreshing lack of ceremony they insist that I join them in completing a puzzle or ask for help putting on their shoes after the afternoon nap, and then cheerfully regale me with stories of what’s been happening in Kinder that day. A visit to our ELCs is the best way to experience the wonder of helping a child to learn, and a reminder that the children are at the centre of all that we do.

Rabbi James Kennard

Aboriginal Studies

This semester, Year 9 students were offered an Aboriginal Studies elective for the first time. Students learned about the dreamtime and the impact of white settlement on the Aboriginal way of life.

The impact of changes to the Racial Discrimination Act on Aboriginal belonging, in light of articles challenging the identity of fair skinned Aboriginals, was also a topic of much discussion in class. Students were fortunate to hear from a number of prominent speakers including: Kutcha Edwards and Eva Jo, speaking about the Stolen Generations, Martin Flanagan, speaking about his advocacy for Aboriginal rights, John Searle, Chairperson of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission and Vera Webber, Aboriginal Service Development Officer at Eastern Health.

The highlight was a three day Yorta Yorta Beyachad (together) trip. In partnership with Jewish Aid Australia, the experience of visiting Aboriginal communities in Echuca, Shepparton and Cummeragunja and meeting with elders is one that will stay with students for many years.

Council Update

It gives me great pleasure to advise that at the commencement of Term 4, Amy Hershan will succeed me as College President.

Amy is an Old Collegian and parent of three children in the school. She has been a tireless and dedicated supporter of the College, and over the years has demonstrated her leadership skills in the Parents Association, on the College Council and more recently as a member of the College Executive. Amy is already working closely with Rabbi Kennard and his senior management on all matters of school management.

The College Executive is confident that she will lead the College with strength and wisdom and with a keen understanding of the ethos of the College and all that it stands for. We are also excited as it continues the process of generational change to the leadership of the College.

We are also delighted that Anthony Goldman has joined the College Executive and in addition warmly welcome new Council members Naomi Lenga, Laura Davis, Zivit Inbar, Sharonne Sionim and Helen Apelbaum.

Lisa Kennett
College President
e-learning

Anytime, anywhere learning, made possible through the introduction of iPads has allowed students to truly take their learning beyond the classroom walls.

On a recent Design Technology excursion to Scienceworks, students were able to photograph and write reflections on the exhibition pieces on the spot. They were engaged and focussed, and their learning took place in real time.

Our students use Facetime to engage with their peers around the world, while Prep children at one campus share ideas with their classmates a few kilometres away at another campus as if they were in the same room. Staff use Facetime to plan together allowing more time for sharing of ideas.

For older students, the Notability app allows them to create true digital study notes and embed screen shots, videos, recordings and links into their subject notes, and ensures the learning is indeed driving the technology.

Our Science students are using ProScopes that attach to and convert their iPads into microscope type devise. They allow students to study and photograph both 2D cells and 3D objects in great detail as the ProScopes magnify up to 100 times.

Across the school, the introduction of eLockers has allowed students and staff to share large files directly from their iPads. Teachers can also distribute resources quickly to the whole class or an entire year level.

Our unique Tech Minions program sees over 60 student volunteers specially trained to assist others with technical issues, as well as allowing them to pursue their own projects, ensuring that the introduction of iPads is indeed an exciting and limitless journey at Scopus.

High jinx on the high seas

Cookie the Musical saw over 370 primary students from Years 3-6 working together to showcase their talents on stage. Loosely based on Captain Cook's 1770 voyage to the southern seas, Cookie the Musical charted James Cook's journey to measure the Transit of Venus in Tahiti and then go on to chart new lands in the Southern Oceans.

The biennial primary musical gives younger students the opportunity to perform in our wonderful Besen Family Performing Arts Centre. They learn resilience, develop collaborative working skills and grow to appreciate the journey as much as the end product. This year's show combined humour and history in a wonderful evening of singing, dancing and acting.

Come for a tour

We welcome all prospective students and families to come and see our campuses in action. To arrange a meeting with College Principal, Rabbi James Kennard, and the relevant head of campus, or for a private tour, please contact Anna Faiman, Registrar on 9834 0070 or afaiman@scopus.vic.edu.au
Careers Expo

Students from Mount Scopus College, The King David School, Leibler Yavneh College, Bialik College and Yeshivah-Beth Rivkah Colleges came together for the biennial Jewish Schools Careers Expo earlier this term.

Students and their parents were able to choose from over 80 speakers, covering careers in graphic design, psychology, law, finance, veterinary science and TV production. Social work, engineering, nursing and fashion design were also offered, along with pharmacy, town planning, advertising, optometry, medicine, event management and teaching amongst many others.

The opportunity to hear from these speakers and to question them on the day-to-day aspects of their work was an invaluable aid to students in their own career planning.

University representatives were also on hand to provide course information and entry requirements, and recent school graduates now at university gave an insight into life on campus.

Voice of Youth

Each year our secondary students are involved in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Student Development Program and Speaking Competition.

Run in both junior and senior divisions, the program sees participants select a topic with senior students speaking for eight minutes and juniors for six minutes. In the final rounds contestants are also required to give a three minute short-notice speech. Topics this year ranged from ‘Climb Every Mountain’ and ‘Never say Never’, to ‘Still Waters Run Deep’ and ‘Freedom or Licence?’.

Mount Scopus regularly hosts one of the heats and this year 120 students from schools across the state took part. Students are judged on both the content and delivery of their speech. We congratulate all our speakers and wish Year 10 student, Yonit Chait good luck in the state final.

Sporting Success

Our students continue to shine on the sports field with a number of summer season premierships and success in interschool competitions.

Four Smorgon Family Primary School teams competed in interschool grand finals, in girls’ Softball B, Kanga Cricket A and B teams and Hotshot Tennis. Students also took part in interschool swimming meets and a number of our Year 6 students were invited to try out for district teams in football, netball, basketball and soccer.

Secondary teams competed in EISM (Eastern Independent Schools of Melbourne) grand finals in senior boys’ Softball – winning their fourth consecutive premiership, senior girls’ Softball and boys’ Tennis teams A and B. Our Year 9 girls’ Softball team also took out their premiership, as did the Year 8 boys’ Tennis teams.

Success in the EISM Athletics Carnival and a silver medal in the State Touch Titles for Year 10/11 girls rounded out a great semester.

In the pool, Scopus won the Under 15 boys age group and our boys’ team placed third overall at the EISM Champion of Champions Swimming Carnival, cementing our spot in Division One.
Honouring the fallen

Smorgon Family Primary School students commemorated Yom HaZikaron (Israel’s Memorial Day) in a unique manner this year.

Year 5 students took turns in guarding the Candle of Remembrance, acting as protectors of its eternal flame throughout the day. In ten minute shifts, two students stood in silence beside the flame, some giving up their lunchtime to take their turn.

During their shift, students were encouraged to remember those who gave their life for the State of Israel and as victims of terror. Many schools in Israel mark Yom HaZikaron in this manner and it has become a traditional way to remember the fallen.

Sharing their s’machot

Mazal Tov and thank you to Gabe Jenshel and Jade Swiatlo who both generously directed donations to Mount Scopus College on the occasion of their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Thank you also to the family and friends of Jeff Simon, who kindly donated to the College on the occasion of Jeff’s 70th birthday.

Premier’s VCE Awards

Mazal Tov to our 2013 Premier’s VCE Award winners:

- Alexandra Davis – Religion and Society
- Talia Slonim – History

Premier’s VCE Awards are presented to Victoria’s top students, based on their VCE results, with the number of awards determined by the number of students in each subject.

We congratulate our winners and pay tribute to the teachers who have supported them.

Scopus Flashback

Saul Spielman presenting the ceremonial sword to Scopus cadets, circa 1965

The discovery of a ceremonial military sword in the collection of the Helen Synman Archive Project has added a new chapter to the history of the Scopus cadet unit.

The Mount Scopus College Cadet Unit was established in 1960 and operated till the late 1970s. The inaugural platoon attracted 63 students and boys climbed the ranks of cadet, corporal, lieutenant or sergeant.

Students were eligible to join the boys’ only corps from the age of 12 years and cadets became a popular extra-curricular activity. Cadets experienced new adventures and challenges and learned life and rifle skills, with the brigade marching in military parades for ANZAC day and Jewish commemorations. Bivouacs and annual camps were highlights and took place at army bases in Gisborne, Ballarat and Puckapunyal.

The Archive has a large collection of cadet memorabilia that shows the vibrancy of the unit under the leadership of army personnel and Scopus teachers, including Mr (Capt) Doyle and Mr (Capt) Phoenix.

Pictured is Saul Spielman, returned serviceman with the Australian Army, donating the sword to the Scopus Cadet Unit, circa 1965.

The Helen Synman Archive Project is open Wednesdays and warmly welcomes all visitors and donations of memorabilia. Please contact Frankie Pinch at archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au or on 9834 0087.
Parents’ Association
The Emerald City Carnival Kingdom presented by Catch of the Day was a huge success. The Gandel Campus was transformed into an amazing scene from The Wizard of Oz. The sun shone and all in attendance had a ball. A big thank you to sponsors, Five Squared Property Group, The $2 Blitz, Masons Accountants and Financial Services, Rose Partners, Cornwall Stodart, Jennifer and Tony Smorgon and our supporters, Gary Peer and Wilson Pride. Thanks also to our amazing event committee, throngs of parent and student volunteers and our super talented musical cast who made a guest appearance.

The Scope Shop
1989-2013
The Scope Shop opened in May 1989 at 757 Glen Huntly Road, South Caulfield as an up-market opportunity shop for parents and grandparents to contribute to Scopus and the wider community by donating their quality goods and their time. Conceived by volunteer Marilyn Simon, the Scope Shop was designed to generate much-needed funds for the College.

Second-hand uniform sales began in 2004 and parents were offered the opportunity to sell uniforms on a commission basis. Yvonne Fayman assisted with uniform sales and was the Scope Shop liaison until the end.

The Scope Shop contributed over $400,000 to the College and helped fund many of the programs and items of equipment our students still enjoy today.

Sadly, the Scope Shop closed its doors last year when it was no longer profitable, but the goodwill and community spirit generated by the volunteers, parents, grandparents and customers will be remembered for years to come.

The College thanks Yvonne Fayman for her immense contribution over many years to the Scope Shop and to our second-hand uniform opportunities.

Grandparents and Special Friends
Please save the date
Fink Karp Ivany Campus
Prep, Year 1, Year 2
Tuesday 14 October
Gandel Besen House
Prep and Year 1
Friday 14 November
Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday 17 September
Smorgon Family Primary School
Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday 3 September

Volunteers at the 2011 Glen Eira award ceremony, Susie Spielvogel, Polina Zelener, Brenda McMahon (Manager), Yvonne Fayman (Scopus liaison), Ruth Lismann, Ewa Wartska, Stella Davis and Lynda Gunzberg
Foundation Next Gen

At our Foundation Dinner late last year, honoured by Prime Minister Tony Abbott, we proudly celebrated support, commitment and achievement. From its inception in 1987 the Mount Scopus College Foundation has been blessed with inspiring leadership and committed volunteers.

Following the retirement of Solomon Lew after 26 years of distinguished service at the helm we were delighted to announce Tony Smorgon as the Foundation’s new Chairman. With this appointment, Tony will become only the second Chairman since the Foundation’s inception in 1987.

Tony, with his wife Jennifer, and their five young children, became part of the Scopus family in 2012 when they returned to Melbourne after having lived in San Francisco for six years. Tony and Jennifer are no strangers to communal involvement and philanthropy in Australia, USA and Israel.

Earlier this year Foundation President Henry Lanzer had indicated his intention to retire after 18 years of dedicated commitment. We now proudly and warmly welcome David Gold as the new President. David is a second generation Scopus graduate, graduating in 1988 and is also well known for his communal service locally and internationally. He and his wife Masha have four children at Scopus.

We feel honoured that both Tony and David have selected Scopus as the beneficiary of their energy and passion. Tony and David reflect exciting generational change within the school, the Foundation and the community. They both respect the achievements of the past whilst look forward to advancing the Foundation so it may continue to provide its vital support for the school. In this endeavour they will be ably supported by an Executive which comprises current and past parents and grandparents. Henry Lanzer will maintain his involvement and Sam Alter and Stewart Baron remain as Vice Presidents. Please watch out for opportunities to meet the new team during the year.

We look forward to honouring Henry’s immeasurable contribution to both the College and the Foundation, over a quarter of a century, later this year.

We also take this opportunity to say thank you and acknowledge the dedicated efforts of Jack Hansky AM, who recently retired after 22 years of involvement.

If you wish to learn more, become involved or to support the College or the Foundation in any way please call Marilyn Simon, Executive Director, on 9834 0033. There is still time to make your tax deductible gift by 30 June.

2014 Reunions

Planning is well underway for 2014 reunions. For further details or to get involved please contact the following:

Class of 2000 – 5 year reunion
Thursday 2 October
Matt Lewski, mlewski@netspace.net.au

Class of 2004 – 10 year reunion
Sunday 16 November
Emma Boyar, emma.boyar@live.com.au

Class of 1994 – 20 year reunion
Sunday 9 November
Dean Mohr, deanmohr@bodycare.com.au

Class of 1984 – 30 year reunion
Sunday 5 October
Adina Wolters (nee Wabnik), awolters@scopus.vic.edu.au

Class of 1974 – 40 year reunion
Sunday 26 October
Sandra Dubs, sdubs@bigpond.net.au

Class of 1964 – 50 year reunion
Sunday 19 October
David Sonenberg, sonky@bigpond.com

Scopus Values your Support

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported last year’s Annual Giving campaign either by donating or volunteering. You have contributed to our Scholarship Fund which helps provide tuition fee assistance to one in four of our families who seek assistance every year.

It is not too late to donate and receive a tax deductible receipt before 30 June. Please call Leora Jacks on 9834 0034 or email ljacks@scopus.vic.edu.au ASAP.

We look forward to your help and support this year in September.

Enrol now

If you are considering enrolling your child into the College for 2015 or 2016, or know someone else who wishes to, now is the time to register.

Applications are being accepted for entry in 2015 for Year 3 to Year 11 inclusive, and from Year 4 to Year 11 for 2016. Places are very limited in some year levels; to avoid disappointment please send in your application form soon.

If you are considering Mount Scopus for your child, please contact Registrar, Anna Faiman as soon as possible on 9834 0070 to obtain an enrolment form.
Jacqueline (Mandelbaum) ’94 and David Gyorki ’96,

BIRTHS

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Vanessa (Bilog) and Adam Black ’97,
Madeleine
Sarah
Nicole (Milun) ‘00 and Amit Rubin,
Nadav
Emily
Ilana (Nahum) and David Svirskis ’97,
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Bjorn
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Lindy (Teperson) and Max Ben-Galim ’94,
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Daniella (Frayman) and Alexander Vashchenko ’01,
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