

# KaleidoScope



## From the Principal

The Greeks believed that a society's values are to be found most clearly in what it teaches its children. With this in mind, Mount Scopus College must teach more than just how to pass exams and achieve first-rate ENTER scores, vital though they are; for the College to fulfil its mission to the community and to the families who entrust us with their children, it must bequeath values.

Indeed in an age when vast stores of information are just a click away, the school's role in conveying skills, understanding and attitudes becomes more crucial than that of just passing on knowledge. I believe that the characteristics that Scopus should pass on to its students and graduates can be summarised in one phrase – striving for excellence.

Our students should have a passion for learning for its own sake; they should be excited by achieving a greater understanding of the world around them and of their heritage and obligations as young Jews and young Australians. They should be seeking to fulfil their responsibilities to the various communities of which they are part. And they should never be satisfied with mediocrity.

The College itself should model the desire for excellence. In many ways, we already achieve that aim; we have excellence in our range of courses and co-curricular activities; we are pioneers in developing the International Baccalaureate programmes for Primary Years and for Middle Years into our school; we have a Jewish Studies programme that engages and enthuses. Our Israel programmes generate a love for Israel and a connection with its

people and its land. We have dedicated and inspiring teachers and many state-of-the-art, purpose-built facilities. Our challenge is to ensure that such a standard of excellence is maintained at all times, and applies to everything that we do in the College.

It is a great privilege to serve as Principal of Mount Scopus, and to build on the work of Hilton Rubin and my other illustrious predecessors. Scopus has served the Jewish community of Melbourne for nearly 60 years and has played a major role in the community's growth and success. Scopus is a school with a great heritage. It is my task, together with the staff and students, to ensure that the College meets the challenges of the 21st century, and continues to raise generations of students, imbued with the values that give them a love for learning and pride in who they are and, more importantly, who they can be.

**Rabbi James Kennard**  
Principal



RABBI JAMES KENNARD WITH YEAR 11 STUDENTS REBECCA SHENKEN, VANESSA GANDEL, BRIANA COHEN, BENJAMIN ZAJAC, LUKE JANKIE AND OSCAR HANNER



## Purim at Scopus

Purim celebrations are always a highlight at Scopus, with students enjoying costume parades, games, delicious food and a lunchtime carnival and concert. This year students viewed a special presentation from Year 10 Media Studies students – short films that told the story of the megillah in different genre.

As in past years, a number of recent Old Collegians returned to school to join in the fun too.

## Israel in 2D

Smorgon Family Primary School students make regular trips to Israel, without ever leaving the College.

Each time they enter the Cheder Yisrael (Israel room) they are transported to Eretz Yisrael. A ceiling to floor map of Israel hand painted on all four walls, together with a sky filled with quotes from the Tanach and modern Jewish thinkers, allows students to feel as if they have entered Israel themselves.

The primary informal Jewish education department uses the room to run activities about Israel, hold sederim, celebrate chagim and generally teach about the geography, history and significant sites of Israel. Similar programs are also run fortnightly at Gandel Besen House and Fink Karp Ivany campus by Itzik Sztokman and the Sherut girls.



PRIMARY INFORMAL JEWISH EDUCATOR, ITZIK SZTOKMAN WITH YEAR 5 STUDENTS IN THE CHEDER YISRAEL.  
BACK ROW: ZYG CHAPMAN, BRANDON REIZER, ALLI LEIBSON, OLIVIA SPITALNIC, ANDREW JOEL.  
FRONT ROW: EMANUEL SHPIGEL, JACK STOCK, RUBY LEW

## 2006 VCE success

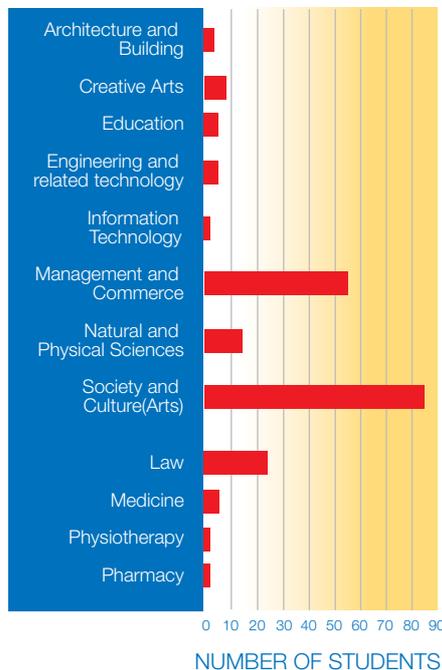
Mazal Tov to the 162 students from the Class of 2006 on their outstanding VCE results. Kol Hakavod to Dux, Elliot Freeman.

- 100% pass rate
- 13.5% of Scopus students in the top 1% - scores of 99+
- 37.6% in the top 5% - scores of 95+
- 60% in the top 10% - scores of 90+
- 19 perfect study scores (50/50)

Our students selected diverse courses, with an increased number gaining entry into Society and Culture (Arts) courses. Approximately one third gained places in Management and Commerce courses, while 23% received offers for positions in a double degree.

Monash University continues to be the most popular destination, followed by The University of Melbourne and Deakin University. RMIT, Victoria, Swinburne and La Trobe Universities also attracted a number of Scopus students.

## OFFERS BY COURSE TYPE



## Kick start for kids 15 August

Don't miss this fun and informative evening on children's health and well-being. A panel of experts will discuss the latest research and development in these areas with guidelines for parents and carers. Details in next edition.



RAPHAEL GLEEDMAN, JEREMY KRAUS, ELISE NANKIN, MARC LIGHT, HEAD OF MEDIA STUDIES

## Jewish Media Studies

In order to provide our students with more choice, the school's Media Studies Unit 3 & 4 syllabus has undergone a radical overhaul.

Head of Media Studies Marc Light said, "Many of our students love Media and are particularly interested in the practical component, which is not offered in other study areas. Through careful selection of texts we have created a course that fits all the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) requirements yet allows for a meaningful analysis of contemporary Jewish issues, thus qualifying as a Jewish Studies VCE subject."

Jewish Media Studies got off to an excellent start with students heavily engaged in issues of Shoah memorialisation through analyses of film texts, *Everything is Illuminated* and *Life is Beautiful*.

Ideas for major productions include a digital photographic series exploring Jewish involvement in the 'shmatte' trade and a mixed video and cell animation production focused on the significance of Shabbat.

## Don't miss Joseph

Limited tickets to the secondary musical **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**

are still available for Sun 25 March, matinee @ 3.30pm  
Mon 26 to Wed 28 March @ 7.30pm.

**Book by phone on 9808 5722  
and collect your tickets  
at the box office.**



GANDEL BESEN HOUSE PREP STUDENTS, GABRIELLE FREEMAN, ZOE SINGER, JADE LOWE AND TALY MALTZ TAKE TURNS

## Building resilience

Learning is not only about achieving high academic results. It is about investigating the world, learning about our uniqueness as individuals, and the uniqueness of those around us. We want children to understand that we don't all have to be the same and we don't all have to believe in the same things, but we need to accept who we are.

Whilst conflict is a normal part of life, children need to be taught how to deal effectively with conflict as opposed to avoiding it. It is with this in mind that we have introduced the 'We Can Get Along' program in Prep.

This program supports children learning to deal with conflict effectively, allowing them to take responsibility for their actions, as well as empowering them to remove themselves from situations where they feel unsafe. Equally importantly, it allows children to make choices for themselves.

## Bus buddies

Proposed by Parents' Association members and implemented by College staff, the Bus Buddies programme assigns responsible Year 12 students to look out for the Year 4 bus recruits. Bus travel can be daunting for students new to the Gandel Campus and the Bus Buddies programme has alleviated many parental and student concerns. An added benefit is the positive mentoring relationships that have developed between our Smorgon Family Primary School students and senior school students.



BUS BUDDIES JESS FLICKER, YEAR 4 AND JOEL GORY, YEAR 12

## Ulpan opens eyes

Meeting Israeli teenagers their own age was just one of the highlights for the 35 Year 10 students on the College's Ulpan program. Discovering just how much they had in common helped cement bonds of friendship that will ensure the emails, MSN chat and phone calls continue across the miles.

Visiting the Kotel on arrival, watersports in Eilat, Yad Vashem and volunteering in a children's hospital all helped give our students a rounded experience of Israel, not to mention the huge improvement in their Hebrew skills.



KIRIA CLEMANS, ZAK JACOBS AND JAY ROSENZWEIG USE RECYCLED WATER ON THE SCHOOL'S GARDEN

## Beyond the classroom at FKI

Good teaching is all about assisting students to make choices, take on greater responsibilities for themselves and their environment and assume leadership roles.

Year 3 students are now in charge of planning, facilitating and running the weekly assembly. Younger students are encouraged to be involved if they wish to share a story, joke or demonstrate a part of a project. The role of the assembly convenors is to encourage others, learn to articulate and project their speech, speak to an audience and use their thinking skills to engage others in creative ways.

The students also suggest initiatives to help our school environment. In light of the current water restrictions, students have organised a bucket for each class. Every afternoon the left over water from their drink bottles is emptied into the bucket and used by students to water the foliage.



ULPAN STUDENTS AT ROSH HANIKRA

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1955 – 1966

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Meet our new Principal,  
Rabbi James Kennard  
Hear about our archives progress  
Bring your own identified memorabilia

Sunday 25 March 2007, 2.00pm  
Bursztyn Synagogue, Gandel Campus  
Please enter via  
87 Station St, Burwood

Enquiries:  
Marilyn Simon 0412 255 457



MICHAEL KLIM WITH MEMBERS OF THE SUMMER BRUNCH COMMITTEE

## Parents' Association

Despite windy weather, there was an enthusiastic turn out to our annual Summer Brunch hosted by Ruth and Sam Alter. Parents and friends warmed to the relaxed presentation by champion swimmer, Michael Klim, and later enjoyed delicious food prepared by our volunteers.

We are extremely grateful to our major sponsors Bevilles Jewellers and Spotlight, and sponsors The Cache Group of Companies, Heather and Trevor Cohen, Urban Intelligence, Lisa Farber and Justin Liberman, Lowe Lippmann, Patterson Lakes Marina, RT Edgar, SEEK and Simon de Winter. Thanks to our supporters Handcrafted Flowers and to convenor Natalie Baron for her commitment and enthusiasm. We are also grateful to the generous donors of the raffle prizes and to the following committee members: Bev Blode, Sharon Brady, Louise Casper, Debbie Cohen, Fiona Durra, Katarina Freedman, Andy Gild, Dina Herman, Jodie Hyams, Lara Jankelowitz, Sharon Klein, Toby Levy, Alla Lew, Jennifer Neistat, Tania Port, Rhonda Rothschild, Lana Sheezel, Ellie Smorgon, Lindy Spicer, Linda Spitalnic, Susannah Swiatlo, Nicole Tugendhaft and Nicole Zuchowski.

2006 was another outstanding year for the Mount Scopus College Parents' Association, raising over \$252,000 for the College.



## Sharing their Simcha

Thank you to the family and friends of **Sophie Baum**, who generously donated to the College on the occasion of Sophie's Bat Mitzvah.

## Five treasures from Archives

Having spent just four hours trawling through boxes in the Scopus archive centre, I managed to unearth some amazing things:

1. From the Office of Ernest Fooks (the College's first architect), on 7 October 1964 – elevations and plans for the cafeteria extension, toilet and classroom details.
2. The 1954 Annual Appeal booklet, entitled 'The Vision Splendid'.
3. A brochure by the then Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies, proudly announcing the establishment of Mount Scopus Memorial College at 414 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. But...don't go looking for the school – it's been replaced by a multi-storey office building.
4. A blue and white tea towel printed in 1999, the 50th Anniversary of the College, covered in a myriad of self-portraits of all the Years 5 and 6 students.
5. A Mount Scopus exercise book with 'Caspi' on the front cover – every page meticulously handwritten with the names of all the boys who went through Mr Caspi's Bar Mitzvah classes, numbering from 1 to 2,773.

If you have any treasures to contribute to our archive collection or would you like to help, please email me at: [archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au)

**Helen Synman** (nee Kornan, OC '62)  
Volunteer archive coordinator



ILANA '98, MICHELLE '05, HENRY, TAMMY '00 AND LEAH SHMERLING

## A heartwarming thank you

Ilana, Tammy and Michelle Shmerling showed their parents just how much they appreciated their Scopus education in a loving and unique way.

To show their gratitude, the sisters presented their parents with a collage of photos and documents from their school years, took them out for dinner and gave them a thank you card with heartfelt messages of appreciation.

Henry and Leah Shmerling are justifiably proud of their children, who so obviously appreciate their education and are living the values they learnt at Scopus.

Kol Hakavod.

## Israel for families

"The Mount Scopus Israel Family Trip offered so much. In true Scopus fashion it did its best to cater to everyone, ensuring that families felt connected to Judaism and Israel.

We all experienced the best that Israel had to offer in a way that engendered a love of the country and a meaningful sense of connection with our history. We experienced this with friends – some old, some new, under the guidance of professional educators and delightful madrichim, on a trip geared for families.

Kol Hakavod to Scopus for offering such a wonderful experience that the ordinary tourist is not privy to. Once again, Scopus has managed to provide an excellent opportunity to its community, connecting them to their roots."

## Melody Curtis

(Current parent and OC '81)





YEAR 7 STUDENTS LEORA FRYDMAN, LAURA SPIVAK AND CARLY ROSENTHAL CREATED ANCIENT EGYPTIAN LINO PRINTS

## Egypt alive

In keeping with the principles of the IB Middle Years Program, teachers have been working in collaboration on transdisciplinary units of work. In conjunction with our secondary school musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, the Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Humanities faculties have worked jointly on a unit about Ancient Egypt.

## Become a Career Mentor

Years 11 and 12 students value the opportunity to talk to a mentor, discover first hand what it is like to work in their area of interest and perhaps visit the work place. If you can spare some time for a student you could make a real difference to their career choice.

Parents, grandparents, Old Collegians and friends are invited to place their name on the mentor list by contacting Ruth Belleli, Careers Counsellor, on 9808 5722 or [rbelleli@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:rbelleli@scopus.vic.edu.au)

## New website

Visit our new Scopus website at [www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au)

Recently relaunched with a brand new look and lots more information, it now includes a dedicated 'parents page' full of important information, as well as all the latest news and College publications.

We'd love to hear what you think: please email your comments to [marketing@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:marketing@scopus.vic.edu.au)

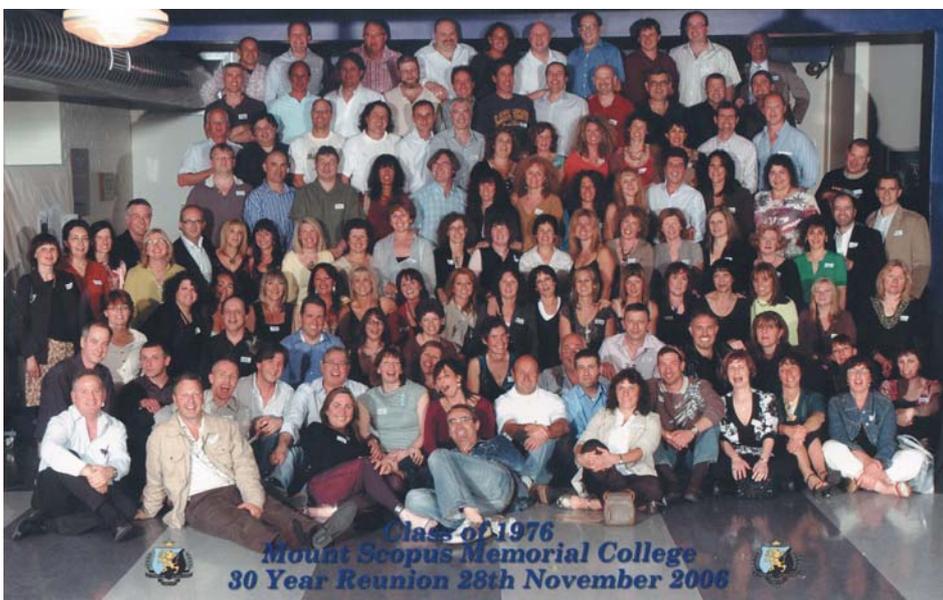
## Farewell

A farewell function was held recently to honour long-serving and respected teacher Bernie O'Brien, who retired at the end of 2006, and our Head of Senior School for the last 3 years, Mark Roberston.

Students, parents, Old Collegians, current and past staff and friends of the College enjoyed the opportunity to thank Bernie and Mark for their service to the College and to wish them well for the future.



MARK ROBERTSON AND BERNIE O'BRIEN



## Reunions

The Class of 1976 all enjoyed catching up at their 30 year reunion. Good organisation and a large number of Old Collegians attending ensured the reunion was a huge success. Thank you to the organising committee of Adina Merenstein (Perlov), Allan Rich, Carol Rothschild, Fay Fitt (Korr), Fruma Michael (Freiberg), Gene Harris (Winter), Karen Goldenberg (Zuker), Karen Joske (Pearl), Lily Tell (Freiberg), Michelle Zelig Pourau, Mirriam Pollack (Wenger), Rosi Melzer and Ron Saunders.

## 2007 Reunions

Please visit the Scopus website and register as an Old Collegian to receive your reunion information and reconnect with fellow classmates. Log on to [www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au) click on 'Old Collegians' and follow the prompts.

To get involved, please contact:

### Class of 2002

Natalie Kirschner 0412 528 566  
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### Class of 1997

Ashley Midalia: [ashmidalia@gmail.com](mailto:ashmidalia@gmail.com)

### Class of 1987

Sunday 29 April 2007  
Elana Melzak (nee Keel) 0437 668 401  
[elana25201@bigpond.com](mailto:elana25201@bigpond.com)

### Class of 1977

Committee required, please contact Bev Blode on 9888 9011.

### Class of 1967

Miriam Suss: [msuss@bigpond.net.au](mailto:msuss@bigpond.net.au)

**Class of 1985** – for information regarding the reunion book, please contact Rohan Levy at [rohan@levy.com.au](mailto:rohan@levy.com.au)

## Dor le Dor – Generation to Generation

Please continue to keep us informed by sending your news to [kaleidoscope@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:kaleidoscope@scopus.vic.edu.au) or calling 9808 5722.

### BIRTHS

Tanya (Gulko) '93 and Shane Shmuel '93, Toby Candice (Nagel) '92 and Sasha Apel, James Debbie (Nugent) and Simon Langer '83, Adam Lilach (Chaviv) and Naftali Steg '90, Ben Evette (Saltzman) '87 and Ashleigh Israel '90, Ellie Marnie (Kirsh) '94 and Andrew Kalinski '88, Lily Elle (Goodman) '81 and Mark Schwartz '77, Ricky Amy (Zuchowski) '92 and Darren Eliau '91, Lily Tamara (Slode) '96 and Steven Oviss, Jesse Lisa (Kalinski) '87 and Simon Pitt, Romy and Jeremy  
 Micheline (Klineberg) and Jeremy Rosens '95, Ryder Emma (Simon) '94 and Jason Shulman, Mia Megan (Blashki) and Dean Federman '93, Tashi Nooshi (Korman) and Jesse Rath '95, Ella Robyn Judy (Lang) and Michael Bereszowski '84, Cassandra  
 Andi (Green) and Kevin Lentin '88, Noah Angie (Missell) and Adam Hoppe '93, Jenna Natasha (Tobias) '91 and Anthony Bottomer, Ari Deanna (Rosenfield) '83 and Ian Hewett, Allegria Limor (Shabtai) and Alex Kain '83, Charli Abbey and Yossi Livne '87, Isabella  
 Nikki (Markham) '84 and Robert Laski, Dione Sharon (Rado) '88 and David Burstin '88, Jay Samantha (Weinstein) '92 and Steven Mokotow, Sienna  
 Elise (Rosenbaum) '90 and Alon Hadass, Eden Sharon (Amira) '94 and Andrew Ryan, Hudson Lindy (Weinberger) '90 and Ady Barda, Tal Nina (Leinkram) '91 and Gary Hendler, Jacob Danielle (Bancroft) and Daniel Bergman '84, Avigail Nikki (Steinberg) '91 and Jonathan Epstein '90, Noah Nicole Vanderhoek '90 and Dan Harvey, Jasmine Rachelle (Unreich) '83 and David Munz '80, Zoe Rochelle (Wytornik) and Paul Steinberg '90, Hannah  
 Simone (Lipson) '92 and Adam Cohen, Ethan Natalie (Appel) and Mark Fine '82, Harper Angie Smith and Jay Szkolnik '92, Ari Suzi (Grimm) and Leigh Redlich '93, Mila Dannielle Michaels and Ben Pitt '90, Sofia Melanie (Niestat) '97 and Daniel Birner '96, Ashley Sharona (Kave) '96 and Benji Jotkowitz, Abby Michelle (Rockawin) '92 and Daniel Levy, Mia Tiffany (Klein) '94 and Daniel Goldstein '91, Oliver Belinda (Kolt) '92 and Samuel Margis, Amiel

Lara Dabscheck '94 and Gavin Brammer, Oliver Debbie '91 and Benjamin '90 Stein-Fooks, Jethro Marina (Gorbachevskaya) '95 and Timothy Cohen, Dahlia  
 Mandy (Engel) '90 and Yaal Broshi, Jessie Corinne (Ashley) and Jonathan Golshevsky '96, Jake  
 Lisa (Black) '91 and Jason Sellyn, Ethan Dahlia (Lesh) '95 and Brian Goldberg '90, Hanna Dielle (Gorski) and Marc Felman '92, Benjamin Lindy (Mahemoff) '89 and Gustavo Lifszyc, Rafael Rachi (Same) '00 and Michael Averbukh, Leila Natasha (Tsykin) '93 and Laurence Mandie, Jacob Sarah and Jarrod Landau '92, Stevie Amanda (Gilbert) '95 and Netanel Kuperman, Talia  
 Joanne (Loewy) and David Irons '84, Naomi Lisa Potasz '86 and Mike Wells, Oliver

### MARRIAGES

Claire Rechitzer '95 and Simon Hatfield  
 Deborah Wiesner and Jason Flamm '90  
 Revital Vakninazualos and Daniel Zmood '90  
 Dana Golabek '00 and Robert Majman '99  
 Anna Granek '98 and Andrew Weiss  
 Rochelle Rosenwax '91 and Jonathan Hirsh '95  
 Zara Livshiz and Joel Cooper '97  
 Monique Cohen and Daniel Robin '92  
 Neda Majedi and Joel Mahemoff '92  
 Candice Davidson '98 and Eyal Shitrit  
 Louisa Cane and Gary Esakoff '81  
 Alana Clements '98 and Darren Levin '98  
 Samantha Lew and David Gelbak '93  
 Dahlia Tauber '81 and Bernard Shafer  
 Alizah Schwarz and Damien Banky '90  
 Kelly Esakoff '98 and David Dermer '98  
 Tammy Sawicz '90 and Robert Isaacson  
 Gillian Suss '96 and Jeremy Snow  
 Sharon Blank and Danny Davis '82  
 Adi Altmuner and Ari Kalmek '91  
 Simone Marsicovetere and Ilya Belobrov '99

### IN MEMORY

Helen Novy '65  
 Peter Sackville '72

### AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Peter Ivany AM  
 Alan Schwartz AM  
 Roslyn Smorgon AM '67  
 Stan Marks OAM  
 Joel Solomon OAM  
 Vicki Vidor OAM

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