

# KaleidoScope



## From the Principal

This year a record 67 students from Year 10 are participating in a Scopus Ulpan programme. Some will be in Israel for six weeks, some for eight and a small group are staying for a total of 13 weeks, during which they will combine Ulpan, touring and the experience of life and schooling on Kibbutz S'de Eliyahu.

In addition, the College is running, for the third time, its highly successful Family Trip enabling families to experience Israel together, as part of the Scopus community.

The centrality of the land, the people and the State of Israel to Jewish life is an essential part of Scopus' philosophy. That is why we ensure that each student has the opportunity to acquire fluency in Ivrit (and we offer the Years 7 and 8 bilingual program) in order that they can feel totally at home both in Israel itself and in the world of Jewish literature.

We are developing a new curriculum of Israel studies, to ensure our students are fully aware of Israel's past and present, so that they can play a part in Israel's future. And, for as many as possible, we make spending time in Israel during their schooling a reality, so that their knowledge of Israel becomes an experience and not just a lesson.

## Rabbi James Kennard Principal



RABBI KENNARD WITH SZALMUK EARLY LEARNING CENTRE STUDENTS GEMMA SMITHSON AND JESSE WUNDHEILER

## Enriching learning



GABE BACK TRYING HIS HAND AT PLATE SPINNING WITH CIRCUS TRAINER DAVID LEACH

Wednesday afternoons are abuzz with energy, laughter and learning for Years 4 to 6 students in Smorgon Family Primary School.

The introduction of Enrichment Clusters is allowing students to further develop their individual strengths and talents in a unique way, and provides a special time in the school week for all students to engage in high-end learning based on their genuine interests.

Each student selects their own area of interest from an extensive list, including: involvement in the school musical, set design, junior architect, chess mate, create a cartoon superhero, circus skills, how does it work, scientific adventures and many more.

All clusters involve creative thinking, problem-solving and fun and are focused towards the production of a creative product, performance or service.

Conducted by teachers and professional facilitators, enrichment cluster time is fast becoming the highlight of the week.

## Shalom Rabbi Ralph

The great number of staff, council members, parents and students who gathered at Rabbi Ralph Genende's farewell brunch was a good indication of the impact that Ralph's tenure has had on the entire College community during his ten years as College Rabbi, and the esteem in which he is held.

'Rabbi Ralph', as he is invariably known, has looked after the Jewish needs of the school, spoken at assemblies and taught Jewish Studies classes. He has spoken about forthcoming Chagim to students of all ages and at all levels, from singing with Kinder children to examining texts with senior students. But many students' close connection with Ralph came from encountering his warmth, his approachability and his unique style of counselling – especially for students and their families in difficult times.

Ralph leaves us in order to take up his new position at Caulfield Synagogue. We know that not only will he serve there as the rabbi of many Scopus families, but that we will certainly keep in touch, and that Ralph's presence and his contribution will still be seen and felt at Scopus.



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT ANN WOLLNER PRESENTED RABBI RALPH GENENDE WITH A CHANUKIAH IN APPRECIATION OF HIS SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

## Council News

I am extremely excited to advise you that Mount Scopus sold the properties it acquired last year in Kooyong Rd to Becton Property Development Group for \$12.5 million. We are delighted with the result.

The sale of the properties has resulted in a healthy profit which will enable us to begin our redevelopment program. This will include the redevelopment of the Secondary school at the Gandel Campus, a new Primary school at the Gandel Campus and the refurbishment of Gandel Besen House. It will also further enable us to help parents in need of financial assistance.

We are now beginning the process of transforming our school into one with modern, technologically advanced campuses. These improvements will provide our children with an environment that will better facilitate their learning. I look forward to sharing the redevelopment plans with you in the near future.

Exciting times lie ahead.

**Lisa Kennett**  
College President

## Lord Florey Student Prize

Mazal Tov to **Daniel Baker** '06 on being awarded a Lord Florey Student Prize.

The Lord Florey Student Prize (formerly the Australian Students Prize) is an Australian Government initiative designed to give national recognition to academic excellence and achievement in secondary education, particularly in senior secondary years. Daniel was one of 500 prize winners nationally.

## High Holyday Services

For many years **Burwood Hebrew Congregation** has held services in the beautiful Synagogue at the Gandel Campus. Again this year, young and enthusiastic Old Collegian Chazanim and Shammos will be running family friendly and inclusive services. Seats are not expensive and Scopus families are always welcome. For tickets please contact Mr R. Cainer on 9803 1090.

## Teachers are learners too



GILDA ELO FROM COLEGIO HEBREO MAGUEN DAVID IN MEXICO WITH YEAR 3 STUDENTS ELI JANOVER, KERRYNN JAYES, LACHIE HAYMAN AND RACHEL WEINBERG

As we further implement the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, connections are being forged with PYP schools around the globe.

Earlier this term we welcomed Ms Gilda Elo, Head of Primary School at Colegio Hebreo Maguen David in Mexico. Gilda worked with staff across the Primary school on our implementation of the PYP.

As a Jewish day school with the same Jewish Studies Tal Am, Tal Sela and kinder programs as Scopus, it was marvellous to be able to share experiences and learn about the successful journey of another PYP Jewish school. Gilda shared her positive experiences and resources, and also outlined the issues they faced and overcame at Colegio Hebreo Maguen David as they implemented their PYP program.

Gilda's visit provided support for the whole school in terms of gaining a better understanding of how the Programme of Inquiry can be integrated across Jewish Studies, General Studies and specialist areas in the PYP.

The College is indebted to the generous support of Sylvia Gelman AM MBE, who enabled this professional development opportunity to be far more than a pipe dream. Thanks to her, and the principles of the PYP, we continue to strengthen our role as part of an international learning community.

Staff have also had the opportunity to attend seminars on promoting critical and creative thinking, as well as reading programs aimed at providing teachers with a method to help children build their phonemic awareness.

## Yiddish online

Scopus students have launched their own Yiddish webzine – 'Yidtzayt' at [www.yidtzayt.com.au](http://www.yidtzayt.com.au)

Unveiled at a school assembly, the online Yiddish magazine was the brainchild of Year 11 students Sarah Unger and Jarrod Kestenber.

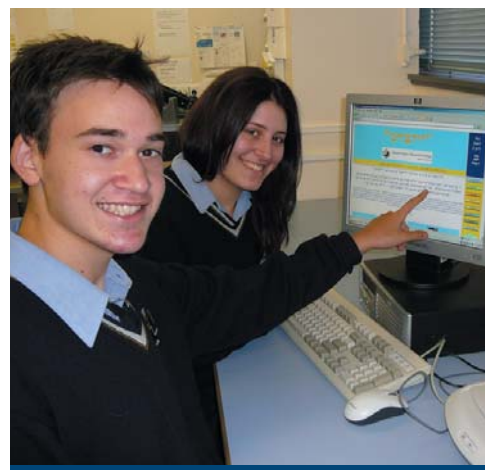
With a page devoted to each year level, as well as a page of general Yiddish news from around the school and a fun page, the webzine will be updated monthly.

Yiddish is taught as an elective in Years 8 to 10 and as a VCE subject in Years 11 and 12, allowing the new Yidtzayt webzine to showcase students' work at each level.

There are also links to Yiddish web sites and audio-visual features related to the students' involvement in school based Yiddish activities.

The first edition of Yidtzayt was written and designed by the students in conjunction with their teachers.

Yidtzayt will be sent to a network of Yiddish associations in Australia and overseas to showcase the work of Scopus students to Yiddish readers. It is also available on the College's website: [www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au)



SARAH UNGER AND JARROD KESTENBERG PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THEIR NEW WEB BASED YIDDISH PUBLICATION, YIDTZAYT. READ IT ONLINE AT [WWW.YIDTZAYT.COM.AU](http://WWW.YIDTZAYT.COM.AU)

## Soccer double



BACK ROW: ADAM LEVIN, IKE GOTTLIEB, JYM ORFANIDIS (COACH), NATHAN COHEN, YONI UNGAR, MICHAEL FRENKIEL, NIV MAAYA, JOSHUA BRAVER. FRONT ROW: GREG SACKS, DAVID SPICER, DEAN COHEN, DANIEL BOOKMAN, BRETT SACKS, PAUL MILLER, JOSHUA LERNER, AVI EHRENREICH (ABSENT INJURED: DANIEL HABERFIELD)

Mazal Tov to our Senior Boys Soccer team on winning the EISM (Eastern Independent Schools of Melbourne) premiership for the second year in a row.

Defeating Luther College 3-0 in a grand final played at home, the Scopus team of Years 10, 11 and 12 boys were thrilled to win the flag a second time.

Not be outdone, the Senior Girls Hockey team also won their premiership in a 2-0 win over Aquinas College.

Since the start of the year, Scopus teams have played in 15 grand finals at both Middle School and Senior School levels.

A number of teams have also qualified to compete in State titles in various sports.

## Enrol now for 2009

If you are considering enrolling your child into the College for 2009, now is the time. Demand for places is high across most year levels, so to avoid disappointment please send in your application form soon.

## Come for a tour

Mount Scopus welcomes all prospective families to come and see what we have to offer your child. To arrange a meeting with College Principal, Rabbi James Kennard, and the relevant Head of Campus, or for a private tour, please contact Gina Elais, Registrar on 9834 0000 or [gelaits@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:gelaits@scopus.vic.edu.au)

## Behind the wheel

Year 10 students got behind the wheel recently as part of their Science unit on 'Motion' and spent time learning to drive at the Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre in Kilsyth.

The unit enabled students to understand the concepts of motion, including inertia, acceleration, speed and stopping distance in real life situations. They also investigated the operation of car safety features, such as seat belts, head rests and crumple zones.

Professional instructors taught students to drive in a safe, enclosed driving site, providing an invaluable starting point to learn about driving safely and responsibly.



ZOE KRON, CHLOE GREGOR AND DANYA COHEN

## Annual giving

A big 'thank you' to our Chairperson Ruth Kaye, and all our donors and volunteers for helping to ensure a successful campaign.

We are especially grateful to the many generous supporters who sent in their donations without waiting for a phone call. New government legislation forced us to cancel our Super Sunday telethon and follow up phone nights, which greatly limited the amount of phoning we could do.

If you haven't sent in your donation yet, please do so now. Your support is much appreciated.

## Sharing their simcha

Thank you to the family and friends of **Alexandra Davis** (pictured with Rabbi Kennard), who generously donated to the College on the occasion of Alexandra's Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you also to the family and friends of **Benno Henenberg** who very kindly donated to the College on the occasion of Benno's 85th birthday.

## Parent workshops



JUSTINE SCHUTZ, MELANIE SUPER, JO LANGE AND BEATA GOLDMAN

Parents, Old Collegians and staff heard from two excellent speakers earlier this term. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg addressed Secondary school parents on 'Tips for parenting the Myspace generation', while child development expert Jo Lange helped parents of younger children understand 'Why won't they do as they're told?'.

Both speakers were informative as well as highly entertaining and provided parents with practical tips and strategies.

Parent workshops and talks are open to all Old Collegians as well as current parents. If you are an Old Collegian, please register on the Old Collegians Online Directory to be informed of future events. Go to [www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au) and follow the prompts.



## Presentation Ball



The 2007 Presentation Ball convened by Edna Lipson and Ginette Peterfreund was an outstanding success.

Approximately 1650 people attended a remarkable production where 168 students were presented to their parents, grandparents, family and friends.

The College is extremely fortunate to have such selfless volunteers as Edna and Ginette who worked tirelessly to produce the College Business Directory, create fabulous decorations and recruit dedicated volunteers amongst their many tasks.

The support of the following sponsors is greatly appreciated: Dans Plants, Ed Hardy, EMP Industrial Australasia P/L, Gandel Metals, Bernie and Rita Rubinstein from IES Australia P/L, Kalus Kenny, Kaylock (Australia) P/L, Alan and Caroline Wein and The Mediator Group, Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre and Phillips Shirts Group of Companies. We are proud to announce that over \$94,500 was raised for the College.

Our Year 12 Ball participants continued the Scopus tradition of donating to a charity in lieu of gifts for their partners. This year \$2,000 was donated to Jewish Care's 'Building a Place to Call Home' project.

Mazal Tov and thank you to all involved – Parents' Association, volunteers, students and staff.



BALL CONVENORS EDNA LIPSON AND GINETTE PETERFREUND

## Scopus Founders and Friends Patron: Sylvia Gelman AM MBE Sunday 14 October 2007 at 10.30am at Gandel Besen House, St Kilda East.

Our Founders and Friends, with the support of Patron, Sylvia Gelman, are planning another 'get-together'. Please join us to meet our Principal, Rabbi James Kennard, and to hear about Archives progress from co-ordinator, Helen Synman.

Helen and her team will also exhibit interesting memorabilia they have discovered and have photos on display for you to identify.

Please look for your invitation, printed on the back of the address sheet of this edition, and RSVP by 28 September 2007.

Scopus Founders and Friends includes Old Collegians from the Years of 1955 to 1970, our Founders, past parents, previous staff and our supporters.  
Enquiries to Jan Whytcross on 9888 9022 or email: [jwhytcro@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:jwhytcro@scopus.vic.edu.au)

## Parents' Association



LOUISE CASPER, REBECCA GOLDBERG, FIONA DURRA, NATALIE BARON, TRACIE OLCHA, ANITA GORDON, MICHELLE GOLDBERG, AMY HERSHAN, LARA JANKELOWITZ. (ABSENT: JO SILVER, LANA SHEEZEEL, TORI KAUSMAN, TOBY LEVY)

Over 260 people enjoyed the Gandel Besen House Parents' Association **Bingo Night**. Ian Rawlings, a professional bingo caller, together with MC David Southwick kept the crowd on their toes. Great prizes were won throughout the night and a delicious supper was served. The event raised \$11,500 for the school. Thank you to the dedicated organising team, pictured left. Many thanks also to our numerous sponsors and supporters, without whom such a function would not be possible.

**Kick Start 4 Kids**, convened by Helen Reizer, Leanne Rostovsky and Rhonda Rothschild saw a panel of 8 specialists involved in children's health and well-being speak on asthma, nutrition, psychology, physical fitness, ENT conditions and dental care. The evening included supper, entertainment and both silent and live auctions.

We thank our sponsors: ABN AMRO Morgans, Baruch's Driving School, Gross Waddell and Lombard The Paper People. We also extend our gratitude to our supporters: Dinergy, Yvonne and Ian Fayman, Rachelle and Paul Givoni, Handcrafted Flowers, Hocking Stuart Caulfield, Looking Good Display Furniture, Leanne and Trevor Mills, Pinos, Print Dynamics and The Shanghai Tea Company.



BACK ROW: CRAIG HARPER, DANIEL DONAHOO, HILLEL NEW, LORENA FROMBERG. FRONT ROW: STEPHEN KLEID, MICHAEL HARARI, ZETA BIENKRANT, SAMANTHA VAN DORT

A wonderful committee ensured the success of the night. Thank you to Rachelle Givoni, Rebecca Goldberg, Rachel Kessel, Dana Rosen, Ellie Smorgon, Susannah Swiatlo, Nicole Tugendhaft, Bev Blode and Yvonne Fayman.

## From the Archives

### What do you have in your cupboards?

At the Archive Centre we've been busy sorting through lots of programs – speech night, sports night, house plays, school plays, musicals, B'not mitzvah, graduation, special events – and we've found there are quite a few years missing.

If you find any programs lurking in your cupboards and want to clear them out, please clear them our way. We need your help to find as many missing programs as possible!

And while on the subject of help, many thanks to all those Old Collegians who have replied to our Photograph Project, adding names, dates and events to the many faces we have been unable to identify. We've just added new photos, so please keep checking the Old Collegians Online Directory ([www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au)) and see if you can find yourselves and your friends. Let us know by emailing Helen Synman at [archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au)



IS THIS YOU? CIRCA 1970

## Old Collegians 1949-1959

In the lead-up to the College's Diamond Jubilee year in 2009 we are trying to get our database up-to-date and correct, so we can invite you to year-appropriate events.

Unfortunately we are missing some details for students who started between 1949-1959.

If you attended Mount Scopus in those years, we would appreciate your assistance to help us update our records.

Please email the following information – **Surname** (current and former), **First Name**, **Date of Birth**, **Year/grade you started at Scopus**, **Year/grade you left** to our Database Officer, Jenny Stosser at [jstosser@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:jstosser@scopus.vic.edu.au)

If you haven't seen our alumni website, log on to our Old Collegians Online Communication Directory by going to [www.scopus.vic.edu](http://www.scopus.vic.edu) and following the prompts.



JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND THEIR SCOPUS HOSTS

## Japanese heard at Scopus

Japanese could be heard loud and clear in the corridors recently. With 11 visiting Japanese students from Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, eager to converse with their Scopus hosts, conversation practise was high on the agenda.

This is the 13th year the College has hosted Japanese exchange students and the benefits to both groups are immense. The visiting students were exposed to both Australian and Jewish culture, while our students improved their Japanese language skills and all quickly realised that friendship is borderless.

During their 12 day stay, the students, who ranged from Year 7 to Year 12, attended classes with their hosts and enjoyed an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. They gave an entertaining Judo and Karate demonstration at assembly and helped bring a taste of Japan to Scopus.

Thank you all our host families and staff members who contributed to the great success of this visit.

## 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 call us on 9834 0000.

### BIRTHS

Rebecca (Boulton) '94 and Daniel Xuereb, Milla Angela (Krangel) and Danny Stein '88, Gabriel Nicole (Sztajer) and David Kurc '93, Jamie Michelle (Benjamin) '99 and Shaun Factor '97, Jake Limor (Silberman) '92 and Naish Peterson, Mika Dahlia (Fried) and Nathan Sable '85, Sascha Natanya (Maller) and Josh Fisher '91, Lola Tal and Davin Jacobson '89, Daniel Rebecca (Frid) '93 and Michael Kahane, Zoe Vanessa and Ashley Levin '80, Stella Lisa (Baumwol) and Joshua Rubenstein '86, Sacha Rebecca (Goldstat) '92 and Daniel Ades '90, Ashlee Ruth (Dayan) '96 and Michael Kurc '91, Lani Rachel (Perell) and Ofir Kranz '94, Lily Rachel (Sterling) '91 and Marcel Pitt, Eiden Nicole (Seligmann) '89 and Robert Rees, Brendan Revital (Vaknin) and Daniel Nahum Zmood '90, Alon Rebecca and Gill Lobel '90, Noa Annette (Roth) and Danny Marlow '87, Max Sigalit (Zilkha) and Allan Niewodowski '77, Shiran Simi (Solowiejczyk) and Sean Ickowicz '94, Samuel Hilary (Orlove) and Rami Kranz '89, Abigail Corinne (Haber) '84 and Dion Link, Keilani Felina (Feynberg) and Phillip Goldberg '90, Asha Rachel (Mohr) '91 and David Gold, Ashley Victoria (Barsky) '85 and, Marc Nayman '81, Ethan Emma (Smorgon) '96 and Craig Cohen, Ashley Abi (Tenen) '89 and Julien Freitag, Kara Caroline (Khafif) and Henry Zeimer '82, Jacob Ruthie (Kingsley) '94 and Ryan Bass, Daniel Jacqui (Baytch) '93 and Lee Klass, Ava Jasmine (Siegel) '93 and Alan Rosengarten '88, Sari Mireille (Keen) and Toby Krasnostein '93, Hugo Lisa (James) '92 and Danny Degen, James Elishava (Berezin) and Anthony Leibler '85, Ayelet Linda (Stiglitz) '92 and Adam Rose '88, Bailey Natalie (Maller) '92 and David Stolar '87, Jai Karen (Buckwall) '92 and David Raines, Benjamin Belinda (Richter) '97 and Roy Smith, Dean Ilana (Ackerman) and Simon Tisher '90, Ellie Charis (Atlas) '83 and Chris Heelan, Tilly Monique (Lewkowicz) and Michael Rajch '92, Tayla Bettina (Rosen) '86 and Simon Ryan, Phoebe Ronit (Abrahami) and Ilan Almagor '92, Ma'ayan Elana (Gance) '92 and Tom Cordiner, Amelie Sharona (Max) '93 and Michael Nathan, Zachary Bindy Edelman and Pip Mushin '80, Coby Hali (Grodski) and Martin Halphen '88, Sacha

Kerry (Hale) and Sammy Wolfe '87, Kylie Debbie (Beckman) and Danny Bloch '87, Tali Nicole (Salinger) and Adam Micmacher '85, Manny Georgia (Gould) and Patrick Schilling '91, Maddie Elise (Breuer) '88 and Zac Weiss, Mia Naomi (Moitz-Teri) and Dovid (Boyd) Cohen '82, Ora Shanit (Finkel) and Michael Borsky '93, Jeremy Amanda (Adler) and Karl Kutner '93, Zak Fiona (Alperstein) '89 and Marc Brick, Jaxson Belinda (Segev) '95 and David Freund '92, son Naomi (Buchner) '96 and Elliot Swart, Dylan Belinda (Pryer) and Adrian Gold '83, Ashleigh

### MARRIAGES

Dalia Ben Galim '95 and Adam Ognall Angie Smith and Jay Szkolnik '92 Rebecca Polgar and Yoni Berkovic '99 Laini Liberman '90 and Ben Rozenes Romi Weil and Ilan Rimer '97 Joanne Farmer and Warren Samuel '90 Debbie Miles and Reuben Kranz '90 Rebecca Chrapot '97 and Gary Waisman '96 Rachel Stainmagen '97 and Zak Gelfand '91 Danielle Marks '93 and Jeremy Davis '87 Rebekah Barson '96 and Stewart Boon Kate Hackett and Gideon Lurie '88 Nicole Newburn and Adam Golabek '90 Gabbi Field '95 and Aviad Sar-Shalom Riki Tabib and Ilan Bowen '91

### IN MEMORY

Ami Olian '66  
Betty Akkerman  
David Herman '72  
Gregory Shapiro '78  
Ilana Rischin '78

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Victor Smorgon AC  
Howard Freeman OAM  
Peter Kolliner OAM  
Aleck Miller OAM  
Kurt Rathner OAM  
John Zalberg OAM

## 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.

### Class of 2002

Thursday 20 September 2007  
Natalie Kirschner: 0412 528 566  
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### Class of 1997

Thursday 8 November 2007  
Michael Guthry  
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### Class of 1977

Sunday 25 November 2007  
Jeanette Mass (Krechman): 9523 8332  
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### Class of 1967

Sunday 18 November 2007  
Miriam Suss (Zydower)  
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