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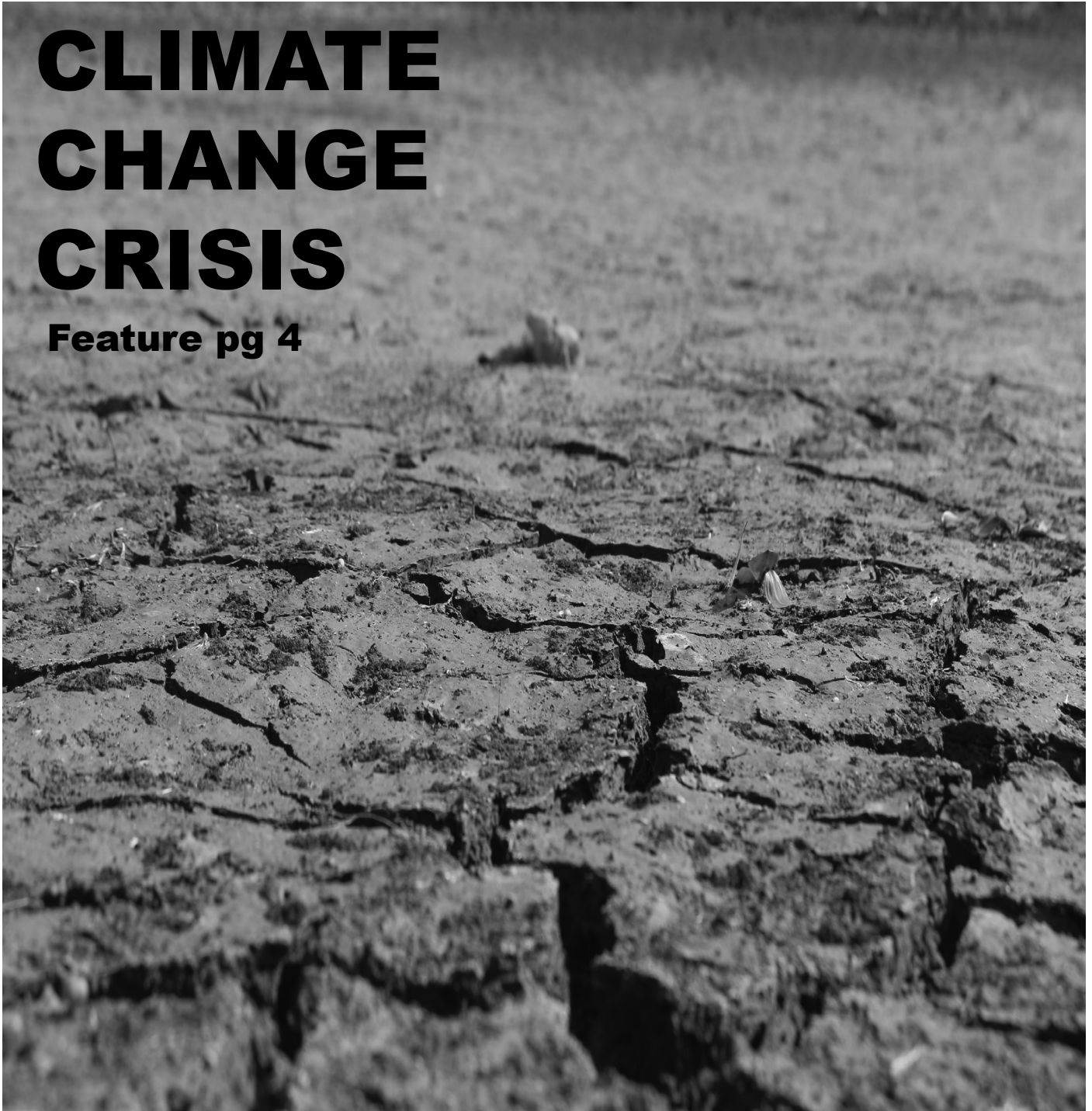


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Flying the Flag for LGBTQI+ Students

IDAHOBIT day, or the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, stands

as an important national holiday for people within the LGBTQI+ community. This year, Williamstown

High School participated in its own events during the day with the help of Equality Club. This in-

cluded activities, such as badge making, chalk drawing and raising funds for the organisation Mi-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

by Taylor Lester-Hosking

Courtney Herron

On the crisp morning of Saturday the 25th May, a body of a young woman was found in Royal Park, Parkville brutally bashed to death. This young woman was later identified to be troubled teen Courtney Herron. Ms Herron had multiple run-ins with the police over drug charges and at the time of her murder was on a 6 month rehabilitation plan to avoid conviction. Herron was found to have been partying with her accused killer, Henry Hammond, 27, shortly before her death. Hammond was arrested on Sunday afternoon - the day after Courtney's body had been found behind logs a short walk from Melbourne Zoo. Hammond appeared in the Melbourne Magistrates Court on the 27th of May with a smile on his face and a disheveled appearance. The court heard Hammond was previously diagnosed with ADHD and has "possible delusional disorder" as well as "possible autism spectrum disorder" and has been prescribed Ritalin. The 27-year-old nodded when he was told he will be remanded in custody to appear again on September 16. The court heard prosecutors will go over CCTV footage, and a forensic analysis of Herron's body will be carried out.

AusElection 2019

The Australian Federal election for 2019 was called by Prime Minister Scott Morrison for Saturday the 18th of May to elect members of the 46th

Parliament of Australia. It decided on the composition of the 151 member House of Representatives for the next 3 years and elected 40 members of the Senate - 36 for 6 year terms - who will take their seats on July 1st. After all votes were counted, Liberals obtained the majority of seats and Scott Morrison (ScoMo) continues as the leader of our country. Bill Shorten has now stepped down from his position and Anthony Albanese has been declared Labor leader.

Bangladeshi terrorist put-down by judge

A judge has launched a scathing put-down of terrorist Momena Shoma, saying she was a "unimportant" criminal, not a martyr in "green wings" on the way to Islamic heaven. Sending her to prison for 42 years, the judge told off the 150cm tall jihadi, telling Shoma she had "achieved nothing". She told Shoma that instead of being a grand jihadi she was an "insignificant criminal" with "transitory notoriety". Shoma became the first person in Australia convicted of violent jihad for attempting to murder her homestay host in his suburban Melbourne house with a kitchen knife she'd brought in from Bangladesh. Shoma stabbed Roger Singaravelu in the neck, intending to murder him, as he took an afternoon nap with his five-year-old daughter in their rumpus room on February 9 last year. Shoma had only been in Australia eight days after

arriving on a student visa to study at La Trobe University when she attempted to fatally stab Singaravelu to "trigger the West". Wearing a black niqab and kneeling beside him as he slept in a chair, Shoma had yelled "Allahu Akbar" (God is great) and stabbed him so forcefully the knife embedded in and fractured his spine.

ghanistan by Australian troops. John Lyons - the head of ABC investigative journalism - live tweeted the raid, reporting an alleged 9,000 items were downloaded by the AFP.

Labor leader, Anthony Albanese, was quoted saying, "it is quite frankly outrageous that seven officers spent seven-and-a-half



Australian Federal Police raid the ABC

Attack on Press Freedom

The Australian Federal Police - AFP - raided the media on Tuesday 4th. The home of News Corp journalist, Annika Smethurst was raided over a report from 2018. This report included details of the Australian Signals Directorate planning to consider allowing the government to spy on Australians. The AFP claims to have raided due to concerns that the published information, "classified as a national secret," has the potential to undermine the national security of Australia.

The following day, in another raid, the offices of ABC located in Sydney were entered relating to a documentary from 2017 - this documentary detailed alleged war crimes in Af-

hours in [Annika's] home, going through everything throughout her home, in the kitchen, in all of the rooms." While Prime Minister Scott Morrison stated, "these are matters that were being pursued by the AFP operationally, at complete arm's length from the Government, not with the knowledge of the Government, not at the instigation of government ministers," - not taking any responsibility for the actions of the Federal Police. Many have seen these raids as an attack on the so-called 'freedom of the press.' The journalists maintain they were acting in the interest of the public and there is concern over what could be seen as intimidation of whistle-blowers and the press.

Additional coverage by Olivia Meehan

Editorial

In case you didn't know, climate change is a rising problem in our society. It's pretty simple, we all need to get educated, spread the word and do our part. Throughout this issue, we provide the how, why and when (now). It's up to each and every one of you to decide what to do with this information. I thoroughly suggest that you absorb what you read today and use it for the betterment of the future - because we are the future. Due to increasing demand for awareness surrounding this matter, we found it vital for this to be our focus for our seventh issue of Hold Fast.

Some people don't view climate change as the imminent threat it truly is, because currently there are no individual consequences damaging our way of living - that's where the mantra of, "if I can't see it, it doesn't exist" comes into play. Ignorance surely is bliss, but knowledge is power, and who doesn't want power? Just because climate change isn't knocking on your door, interrupting and making life difficult for you, doesn't mean it doesn't exist. We must look at the bigger picture. We must turn our attention towards the melting glaciers, rising temperatures and increased risk of disasters - these are only a few consequences from global warming. I hate to sound all negative, but things are only going to get worse. We will see increased wildfires, more destructive hurricanes, more frequent and intensive heat waves, heavier flooding, continued destruction of marine ecosystems. Shall I go on? It's sad that many people won't act until it's too late, until our beautiful world will be no longer.

So, let's do this. Let's change the mindset. Let's conquer through strikes and protests, let's be wise surrounding the products we use and let's help our fellow friends, family and even acquaintances be sustainable. For us to really make a dent on a global scale, corporations need to step up too. Already, great initiatives are being put forth and smaller



companies are doing their part (keep cups, bring your own bag). We're definitely moving, let's make sure it's in the right direction.

Journalism is now more important than ever before. The recent AFP raids have demonstrated how crucial journalism is in providing government accountability and a working democracy. The right to the freedom of the press is vital in order for the media to act in the interest of the public and provide individuals with useful and necessary information. Unfortunately, our government doesn't seem to see it that way in an attempt to classify documents. Journalists may now be less likely to publish stories in fear of the risks to their sources and themselves. We must not let them intimidate our news sources and protect the basic freedom of the press.

Enjoy reading the seventh issue of Hold Fast. Our journalism community is growing with each issue, the energy and passion students have from all year levels at Pasco is incredible. If you would like to be a part of this amazing team, email the paper or speak to a member of the editorial committee.

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CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS

Climate change. A term we have become especially familiar with over the past few years. The issues surrounding climate change are increasingly worse with each coming day, yet it seems as if the world has become desensitised to this fatal problem.

The first proof of climate change occurring is as early as the earthquakes in Ancient Greece, causing mass destruction to what we now consider historical landmarks (i.e the Acropolis), as well as the disappearance of the Greenland Viking community as a result of decreasing temperatures. Nowadays, the destruction of climate is evident globally, with disasters occurring daily.

Some wonder how humans contribute to climate change, as majority of the issues surrounding it are considered 'natural' disasters. Climate change - according to dictionary.com - is defined as 'a long-term change in the earth's climate, especially a change due to an increase in the average atmospheric temperature'. Evidence suggests that this increase in atmospheric temperature occurs as a result of excessive fossil fuel usage, greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, and even the spraying of aerosols. Many homes have transitioned from using fossil fuels as an energy source to more renewable resources, such as solar panels and wind energy. These renewable resources all support a more sustainable future for the earth but, unfortunately there is not enough people using these ma-



Photo Credit: Sarah Brady

terials in order to reverse these detrimental effects.

In Australia, we are especially feeling the environmental effects of climate change. The Great Barrier Reef - one of the 7 great wonders of the world - is almost completely dead due to extreme coral bleaching, overfishing, pollution and excessive water temperatures. The reef itself is home to over 2,900 species of coral, and is the largest reef in the world. It is one of Australia's most beautiful landmarks, yet almost nothing is being done to save it.

Queensland is also facing another potentially fatal issue known as the Carmichael Coal Mine owned by 'Adani'. When this mine is built, it will not only add over 4.6 billion tonnes of carbon pollution to our already heavily polluted atmosphere, but it will also destroy the

ancestral land of Australia's Indigenous people. It will also cause over 500 more coal ships to travel through the Great Barrier Reef every year, causing the reef further damage. Queensland is also in drought, and allowing the Adani mine to go through, will take over 270 billion litres of water from many ancient springs and rivers. Although the government argues that Adani will introduce more jobs to society, the cons definitely outweigh the pros on this one.

Queensland is not the only place in Australia experiencing extreme climate crises and destruction. Victoria experiences severe and almost irreversible bushfires every year, not only causing thousands of Victorians to relocate, but also destroying many animals' natural habitats. These bushfires occur as a direct result of the weather becoming very hot and dry,

which is closely correlated with pollution (as pollution can cause a rise in atmospheric temperatures). Bushfires are not the only natural disaster that Australia is increasingly facing, though. Nationwide, we are vulnerable to droughts that can last for many years. We have been in and out of droughts since the '80s, yet we continue to ignore these serious red flags.

If the climate crisis in Australia continues to be neglected, the country as a whole will be destroyed. No more going to the beach for a swim on a 30 degree day. Scientists predict that by the year 2030, in order to swim in an Aussie beach, you will require a hazmat suit. Skin cancer rates will increase as the hole in the ozone layer will continue to deteriorate.

STUDENT ACTION

On August 20th, 2018, fifteen-year-old school student Greta Thunberg didn't go to school. Instead, she stood outside the Swedish Parliament with a sign that read "School Strike for the Climate". Her aim was to call attention to the climate crisis that is being experienced around the globe. With climate change being felt in every continent of the world through increasing temperatures, more intense floods and droughts and rising sea levels, Thunberg created her own protest movement, putting pressure on governments around the globe. She protested during school hours every day - sacrificing her education for a greater cause. This simple act of protest by the Swedish

AND STUDENT ACTION

Feature by Pan Mavridis and Isabella Mitchell-Sears

teen sparked one of the largest student-led movements ever. Through Greta, the "School Strike 4 Climate" movement was born.

Thunberg's actions caused a ripple effect around the world. With her message being embraced internationally, students everywhere were inspired to take action against their own government's inaction. March 15th saw an estimated 1.4 million pupils globally urging adults to take responsibility and put an end to climate inaction. In Melbourne alone, approximately 20,000 kids protested outside the Old Treasury Building, with 150,000 students nationally demanding climate action from our currently idle government. The protest movement had three main demands: Stop the construction of Adani's Carmichael coal mine, no new coal or gas projects, and one hundred per cent renewable energy sources by 2030. However, Scott Morrison's federal government did not address the students' three demands, instead, the party condemned students for taking action and criticised their right to freedom of assembly.

Various federal politicians declined to back the political movement, with New South Wales' education minister Rob Stokes warning that students would be punished for attending school strikes; "These are on school days, school children on school days should be at school". Resources minister Matt Canavan likened school striking to unemployment

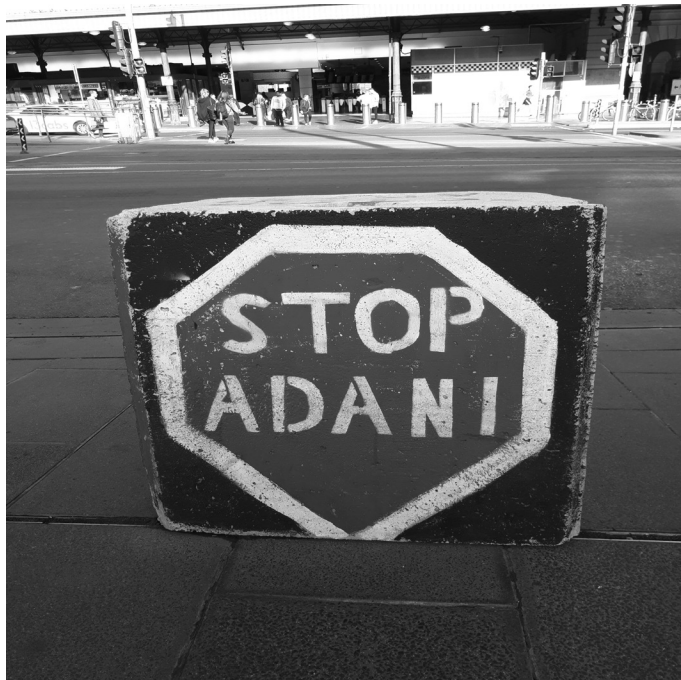


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and dole bludging, saying the "best thing you'll learn about going to a protest is how to join the dole queue". Outrage followed as prime minister Scott Morrison affirmed his opposition of "...our schools being turned into parliaments," stating that "what we want is more learning in schools and less activism in schools". It

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doesn't serve as a surprise that the Liberal-National government has refused to back the school strike movement, considering the three main demands made by students go against the grain of the government's entire climate policy.

The Liberal's current climate policy includes no plan to address the current climate crisis, instead

choosing to make it worse. The government have given several environmental approvals in order to rush through the Adani project and many attempts have been made to use taxpayer money to fund the mine. Many Queensland members of the LNP have extremely close ties to Adani, accepting over sixty thousand dollars

in donations from the company.

The party seems to have a vested interest in the go-ahead of the mine, therefore student strikers have had no choice other than to call the government to action and hold them accountable. Additionally, the LNP's government has no renewable energy target and actively undermines the attempts of state governments to invest in and construct renewable en-

ergy sources. In the 2019-20 budget, \$8.4 million was set aside for fracking projects in the Beetaloo Basin in the Northern Territory, with Scott Morrison threatening to take away funding from State Governments if a fracking ban was implemented.

With such differing opinions on all sides of politics and the imminent threat of the climate crisis, the 2019 federal election was rightfully dubbed the "climate election". More than 60% of Australians agreed that "Global warming is a serious and pressing problem" and that "we should begin taking steps now even if this involves significant cost". Given the LNP's dismissal of, not only climate change but the concerned voices of our youth, it was assumed that Australia would not vote in a party that continued to let down both the planet and our young people. Yet, on May 18th, Scott Morrison's LNP government was voted in for a third term.

Australia had just voted for another 4 years of inaction on climate change. A feeling of shock resonated through all school strikers. Every student worked so hard to push the movement; to get students to rise up and force adults to listen to us. It felt like the Australian population had served our generation a death sentence. The School Strike movement has given us a giant platform; enabling us to be heard and, eventually, be represented in parliament. Our kids have told Australia what we want. It's time for Australia to start listening.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE AFL? THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY.



Essendon star Joe Daniher

The 2019 AFL season has gotten off to a smashing start with the Geelong Cats refusing to give up the jackpot and only conceding one match so far. Four points behind them is Collingwood, fueled by their lowest casualty list in years. Third place is currently being held by the Brisbane Lions, but this may not be for much longer; the West Coast Eagles are on their tail with the same point tally.

Saturday Night Footy has been action-packed recently, with the latest games being no disappointment. Last weekend's showcase between

Essendon and Fremantle proved to be a thriller with the Bombers pulling out a close win against the determined Dockers. Essendon's close win is a massive attribute to the team's constant fight and skill under pressure. This display of artistry was portrayed by a spectacular mark by Essendon's superstar Joe Daniher which placed the team in good terms for the rest of the match. His performance comes as no surprise with his vast history of these show-stopping speckies.

The Sydney Swans have had more than their fair share of injuries. Already

missing their superstar player Lance Franklin, the team was not happy during their clash with North Melbourne when two more of their players had to sit out due to injuries. It was a gripping game but the inspiring comeback from the 'Roos in the final quarter was just not enough to pass the Swans in this exciting match. Their lead was only lessened to 5 points and they were able to secure a win: 77 - 72.

The Adelaide-Brisbane match was another nail-biter and, in the end, it was a single point that decided the winner. On Saturday, the Lions beat the Crows

for the first time since 2012, having lost each of their past seven matches against them. This amazing win will only heighten the South Australian team's high from winning the 2019 AFLW season just a couple of months ago when they defeated the Carlton Blues in front of more than 53,000 spectators.

AFL has been as thrilling as ever and the next few matches will be just as exciting as the last. There are many injuries plaguing the performance of the sport, but these will not dampen the ecstatic mood of footy fans for what's to come.

Trivia Time with Daniil McIntyre

Q1) How many dots are there on a standard 6 sided die?

Q2) Who did Madonna first marry?

Q3) What does the A in DNA stand for?

Q4) Which continent has

more countries? Europe or Africa?

Q5) What sport involves brushing ice with brooms?

Q6) What is the largest state by area in Australia?

Q7) What do you call someone who studies the

weather?

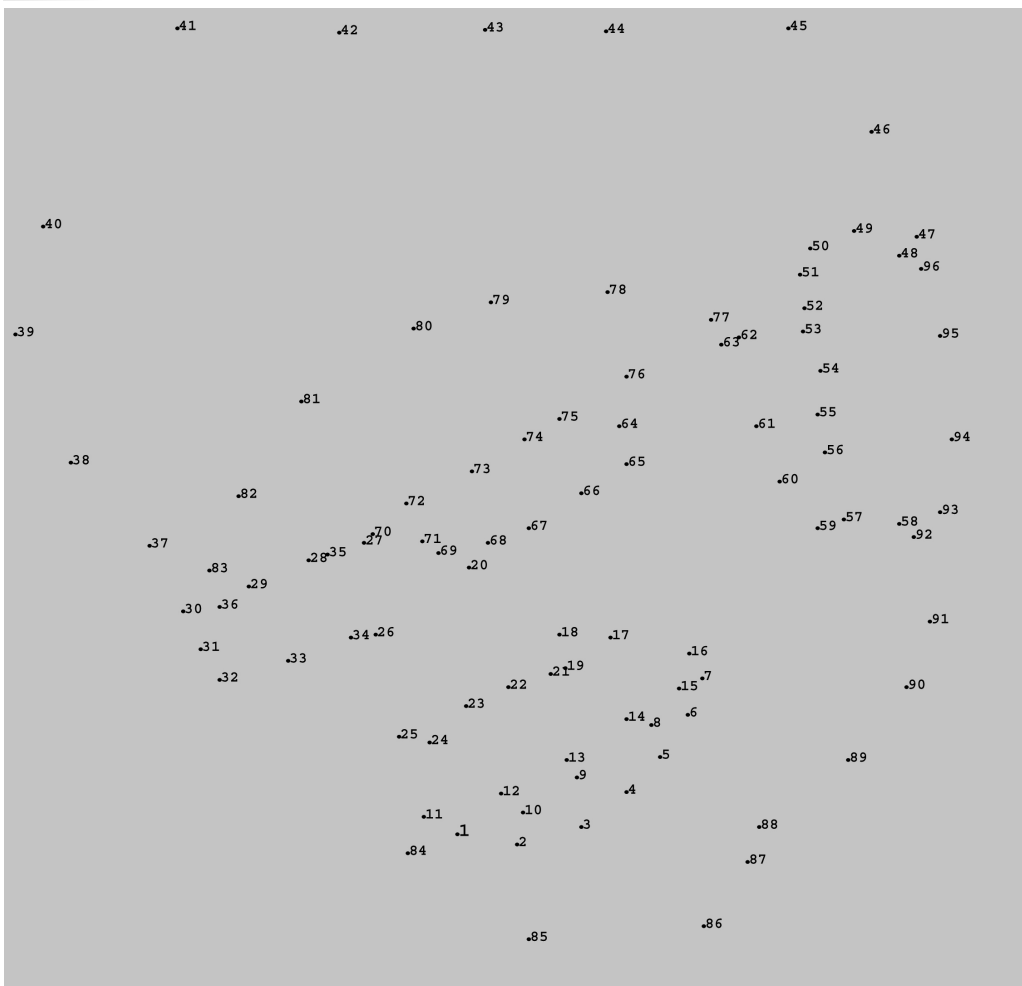
Q8) The fingernail of which finger grows the fastest?

Q9) Which actor plays Deadpool?

Q10) In what year did Michael Jackson die?

Q11) What device was famously used in the French Revolution for beheadings?

Q12) A tomato is a berry. True or false?



JOIN THE DOTS TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY TEACHER



Artwork by Nelly Bowyer and Hannah Smith

RIDDLE ME THIS

What grows when it eats but dies when it drinks?

FLYING THE FLAG FOR LGBTQI+ STUDENTS CONT'D; IDAHOBIT DAY AT WHS AND HOBSONS BAY



Students and staff show their support for our LGBTQI+ Community
Photo Credit: Sarah Brady

nus 18. IDAHOBIT involved many students in an inclusive and fun day.

The badge making gave students a chance to express themselves through creating and wearing their own badge designs - many in support of the LGBTQI+ community. The creative expression of the students was further promoted through the use of colourful chalk provided by Ms Robertson. Students were given the freedom to write many positive phrases and add colourful drawings to the area just outside the library, where a group

photo was then taken.

These events gathered both a large crowd of students and teachers who participated in and helped run the activities. The joint effort made by the students and teachers showed support and a great deal of collaboration in order to make the day one to remember. A big thank you to all who were involved in this celebratory day!

by Olivia Vlahakis

To find out more about IDAHOBIT Day go to IDAHOBIT.org.au

Hobsons Bay Council

On IDAHOBIT day, Hobsons Bay City Council held their annual flag raising ceremony. This involved guest speakers, the raising of the iconic rainbow flag and shared conversations with the diverse community of Hobsons.

Jessie Lloyd - a performer, composer and creative entrepreneur - opened the ceremony with an original song about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the importance of diversity.

Bobuq Sayed - a queer and non-binary writer and artist - was the second guest speaker who spoke passionately about the challenges that still face the LGBTQI+ in today's society, centering around the challenges for culturally diverse communities. They shared stories surrounding recent altercations regarding asylum seekers and refugees - who identified as queer - to shine light on the homophobia that unfortunately still exists in today's day and age.



Jessie Lloyd and Cr Marsden
Photo Credit: Olivia Meehan

The ceremony was hosted by Hobsons Bay Mayor Cr - Jonathon Marsden. He shared his own stories about what this day meant to him. For each individual who attended all went for their own reasons but shared a common message: to be accepting of all members of the LGBTQI+.

Overall, it was an incredible day with interesting and supportive members of our community joining together to celebrate the importance of IDAHOBIT.

by Olivia Meehan

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ASK ANYTHING by Alexandra Solomos

I feel like I don't have enough time to do all my homework as well as study and I'm getting too overwhelmed by trying to balance all my subjects. What can I do?

Firstly, you're not alone - VCE is not supposed to be 'easy', it's meant to challenge you in preparation for life after school. For now, let's focus on improving your approach to your studies.

Organise the work you have to do

Create a checklist to motivate you to do work. This can be easily done by creating your own bullet journal/planner system - look at Pinterest or YouTube for inspiration. Alternatively, write out all the work you have to/would like to do daily on a sticky note. The sensation of having ticked all the boxes on your to do list cannot be beaten.

Understand the differ-

ence between 'smart studying' and just studying

Look, we don't have all the time in the world and that's understandable, so you have to ensure that you're not wasting that time. 'Smart studying' is studying efficiently with no distractions and actively working with the content (eg a practice SAC under timed conditions).

Get rid of that phone

"Just going to scroll

through Instagram for five more minutes!" Uh huh, sure. Unfortunately, technology seems to be the biggest distraction for the majority of us. To help combat this you can: leave your phone in the other room, put it on aeroplane mode, or install an app like Forest.

Good luck! The first step is to be able to recognise that you have a problem, now it's time to tackle it and... Get. This. Bread.

Q&A WITH YOUR LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: TIM WATTS

Tim Watts is the local labor MP for the Gellibrand seat, making him a member of the Commonwealth Parliament. In this Q&A I had the opportunity to ask him about his life in politics so far, the limited abilities of the labor party as opposition, the issues plaguing young Australians such as climate change, and the overall ethics of politics.

You started out with a career in law. What interested you to move into politics?
I've always believed that it's important to live your life in service of a cause that's bigger than yourself. I enjoyed the intellectual challenge of corporate law, and as a geek I enjoyed the novelty of working in technology, but I didn't feel like I was directly contributing to making the world a better place. Working in politics feels meaningful to me.

What drew you to join the Labor Party over other competing parties?
I share the same values as the Labor Party - a belief in equality of opportunity, social and economic. The Labor Party has been the party that has best been able to turn those values into action in the Australian political system and I wanted to be a part of that cause.

You've held the Gellibrand seat for around six years now. What is one of your favourite changes you've been able to help implement?
Unfortunately, the Labor party has been in opposition for the entire time that I have been a Member of Parliament. This has made it more difficult to deliver the big changes that I have campaigned for in our community. I am however proud of the

grants that I have been able to secure for local community groups in Melbourne's West like the Williamstown Swimming and Surf Life Saving Club, the Footscray Community Arts Centre, the Women's Circus, the Snuff Puppets and West Welcome Wagon.

Many young people feel frustrated at the lack of action on climate change in the major parties. What is Labor's stance on this?
I'm frustrated too. It's one of the most important things that I want to change about our government today. Labor believes strongly in protecting our environment and taking action on climate change. The last time we were in government we made real progress in the fight against climate change, delivering the only major, sustained reductions in carbon emissions we've seen in this country. At the last election, we campaigned on a bold climate change policy with ambitious targets - 45% reduction in emissions and 50% renewable energy by 2030. While we lost the election, I'm confident that the public still want us to take bold action on climate change.

Now that Labor has lost the federal election, is it possible for your party to take any positive action on climate change in opposition?
The challenge of climate change isn't going anywhere regardless of the election result. It's now up to us to build public pressure on the government to start taking this issue seriously and to take real action to address it.

Have you ever held strong views on an is-

sue but have not had the support of your party?
If so, identify the issue. I've spoken in the Parliament in the past about the long period that I supported marriage equality while the Labor Party platform did not support making this change. I was pleased that after much work by the supporters of marriage equality in the party over many years, our national conference ultimately made a binding commitment to action on this issue.

Disagreement is a normal part of being a member of a democratic organisation. In a system of representative democracy, no one person will ever get to implement every single one of their individual policy preferences in full. Democracy is about persuasion and organisation, negotiation and compromise. Convincing others of your view and marshalling those who agree with you to take action.

Is it okay for a politician to lie if it serves the greater good?
No. The worst thing you can do to the people you represent is lie to them. Running for elected office is asking the public to put you in a position of trust - that if elected you will do your best to act in the interests of the people you represent. You can't discharge this obligation if you are lying to the people you are claiming to represent.

Do you believe that in politics the ends justify the means?
No. In my experience, in our democracy the process is often as important as the outcome. You can't build durable change in a democratic system on the back of a process that's not viewed as legitimate or fair by the people affected by the outcome. It's better to do things the right way, even if it takes you longer to get the result you want.



Do you think branch stacking is destructive? Should anything be done to prevent branch stacking? If so, what?
It is important that the membership of the Labor party reflects that of the communities that we aim to represent. Given this, we should want as many people to be members of the Labor Party as possible. At the same time, the Labor party has many rules in place to assess new memberships to prevent non-genuine memberships. Labor's strength lies in our grass roots movement and having branches that reflects the views of our communities.

What advice would you give to young people interested in becoming politically active?
Get involved now. In a democracy, power is held by the people who turn up and participate. But you can't do it by yourself. Politics is a team sport. To be effective you need to organise and build support for the things you believe in across the community. There are a lot of opportunities out there for you to become politically engaged. If you care about the environment - join the many groups that advocate for our local environment. Go to Council meetings and community consultations and advocate for the change you want to achieve.

by Sophia McKinnon

Stripes and Gripes

Film Reviews with Nicole Toma

Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile Voltage Pictures

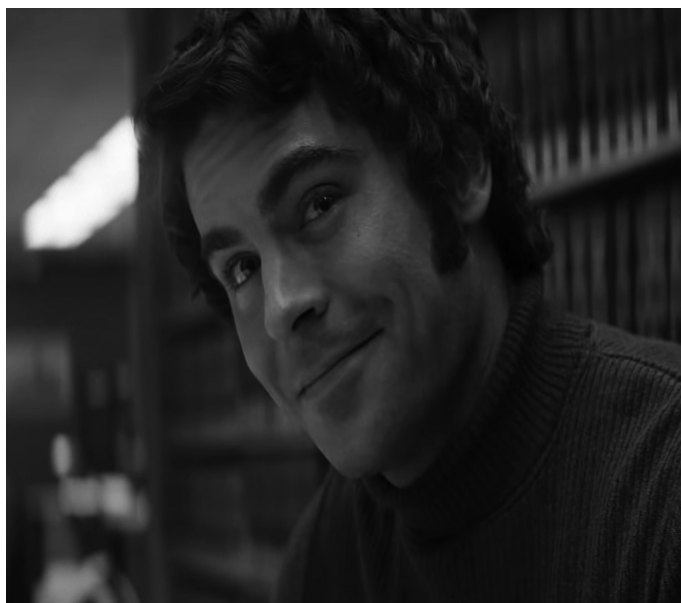
Intro:

Another film, another review. Welcome back to Stripes and Gripes with your favourite film-review cynic, moi! What do I have in store for you this time? *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile* starring super-hotties Zac Efron and Lily Collins.

Stripes:

Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile follows the trial of the grotesque and bestial murderer, Ted Bundy, in 1989 through the eyes of his long-term girlfriend who refused to believe the truth about him for years. First things first, I - along with every other pre-teen girl at the time - fantasised about Efron during his *High School Musical* days, and so you can imagine my surprise watching this film when, at the back of my mind, he was still that young teen with a horrible side fringe, who now, was convincing me that he was this sadistic and charming killer. I'll be honest, when I first heard that Efron was playing Bundy, I was skeptical. I was skeptical because I had type-casted him without even knowing, and so I was pleasantly surprised to see him prove me wrong. This film is told through the eyes of Liz Kendall (Lily Collins) - his long term girlfriend - but also showcases the warped way in which Bundy saw himself - this talented and intelligent man who makes you believe that he is innocent. And if I hadn't known the

story of Bundy's murders, I may have believed the façade that Efron tried to play up so much. One thing that unnerved me the most about Efron's portrayal - and the film in general - were his incriminating expressions that felt like only I, as the viewer, picked up on (I later noticed that Efron just has naturally crazy-eyes, but let's ignore this for now.) He made me feel like I was being watched by him, and that I was within the film myself. And props to him for managing that!



Zac Efron in *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile*

Gripes:

Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile - aside from its horribly tedious name - does a fine job in retelling the murders committed by Bundy, and yet, that's all it really does. I found that this film got trapped in a never-ending cycle of trying to produce a noteworthy rendition of events that were already in the public eye for so long, whilst also trying to make an old story new and exciting. And this film is ex-

citing, don't get me wrong, but it is also extremely repetitive. And I may be getting picky, but I was quite happy with having it on in the background while I focused on something more riveting, and when I paid attention to the film again, I realised I hadn't actually missed all that much. One thing that annoyed me so much about this film was the lack of justice done to the sheer volume of horror that actually happened. What *Conversations With a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes*

down the toilet! I get what they were going for: trying to capture the allure that Bundy had in order to trap his victims, but there was never an obvious instance of alarm in me through this portrayal of him. I only felt repulsed by him because I already knew the events that occurred prior to having watched the film, and so it is as if - in order to actually gather the type of person he was, and why you should be so afraid of him - you needed to do your own research.

Final thoughts:

Now, the ultimate question: should you give this film a go? Eh, sure, why not? What this film does well is that it's entertaining, and gives a different perspective to what happened in 1989, but what it does poorly is capture your attention for the entire two-hours - I'd find it difficult to sit through the whole film once more without groaning once or twice about its length or repetitiveness. As well, it leaves you with never-ending questions that you will have to answer yourself which, in the end, makes you wonder why you ever believed a biography would actually tell you any information - note the sarcasm. But alas, it's hard for any film to capture my attention these days, and so it's no wonder why I am the self-proclaimed film-review cynic. See you all next edition where I will be even more cynical than I am here!

Rating:

★★ 1/2

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Rupi Kaur
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Rupi Kaur, an Indian-born Canadian poet, writer and illustrator is the author of 'The Sun and Her Flowers.' As a powerful poet, Kaur creates novels describing journeys through life, using her own illustrations to add imagery to her poems, claiming a spot as a New York Times bestselling author. 'The Sun and Her Flowers' is only one of Kaur's best-selling works, exploring themes such as sexism, racism, abuse, trauma, and diversity through elegant language choices. Using first-person perspectives in majority of her poems, Kaur creates a strong emotional connection with her readers which allows them to feel represented in her poetry, and empathetic towards those suffering in ways they themselves have not.

As an immigrant herself, Kaur's words have a simple, yet brutal impact on those who read them. Kaur's work takes on a more modern use of language, making the text easier to read for those both experienced in poetry, and those who have never held an interest before.

Kaur's works have been printed worldwide, including, 'The Sun and Her

REVIEWS & THINGS TO DO

Flowers' - the first of two beautiful collections of poetry that capture humanity and all that we are.

by **Olivia Vlhakis**

TEA

The Environmental Alliance - or TEA for short - is a new student-run club at Williamstown that aims to have a positive impact on the local community. The first project this group is working towards is the new Pasco composting system. If you have a passion for the environment, composting and are keen to meet like-minded individuals, then this is the club for you! Please contact Annabelle Artemis for more information.

World Environment Day

The theme of this year's World Environment Day was 'Beating Air Pollution', hosted in China on the 5th of June. World Environment day is an ongoing initiative of environmental regulation by the United Nations - it aims to unite the world to fight for progression and change. This was supported by over 6000 events across the globe which all raised awareness of air pollution's detrimental impacts on humans and the environment. This sparked many movements, including doctors in California announcing their work against air pollution, Swiss apparel leaders signing a pledge for sustainable fashion, and Robert Downey Jr. discussing how AI can cure air pollution.

To contribute to this movement you can: try and use more modern stoves that can reduce their carbon

footprint in your kitchens, think about carpooling or switching to a cleaner public transport, and move to a plant-based diet while reducing food waste!

Even our very own Bayview campus got involved. The campus committed to a litter-free lunch while being taught the consequences for sea turtles when they mistake plastic bags for food. This day helps remind individuals that every day is important to think about the outcomes of their actions and pledge to create a positive social atmosphere to give back to nature.

If you are interested, go to <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/> to find out more about this inspirational movement for our planet.

Remember, in the words of Miao Wong: "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."

by **Ruby Glynn & Elena Turner**

REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Here are some tips to help reduce your carbon footprint:

Pick up litter as much as you can:

It was relevant in primary school and it is just as relevant now; the more rubbish we leave around, the more difficult it is to

clean out of our ecosystems and waterways. Try bringing a separate rubbish bag to concentrated polluted areas, such as the beach or the park, to collect thrown away rubbish.

Reduce your meat consumption:

Try going meatless once a week, or slowly eliminating red meat out of your diet. Any attempt to lessen meat consumption is worth it, and even adopting a mediterranean diet can significantly cut your carbon footprint by almost half if you're not keen to go completely vegan/vegetarian.

Plastic/waste free:

Attempt producing as little waste as possible in your daily life. Plastic items never break down and therefore are around to harm the environment for hundreds of years. If you do accidentally purchase plastic items, try to reuse them as much as you can or replace them with glass or stainless steel alternatives. Reduce, reuse, recycle!

Incorporate composting at home:

Even if you have a limited garden/backyard space for plants, there are worm farms and outdoor or indoor composting bins that are worthwhile investments. If you have no idea what to do with the soil, you can donate the compost to local community gardens or help your own plants grow.

by **Kim-Vy Ngo**

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