

AROUND THE J-COM

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EMMY MONASH

Global recognition for Jewish aged care

EMMY Monash has been shortlisted in three categories of the 6th Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards.

These awards recognise exceptional aged care organisations for their innovative and quality approaches to changing the way seniors age. Emmy Monash's CEO Tanya Abramzon said, "To be recognised on an international stage for our innovation in active ageing programs as well as building architecture and interior design is an amazing achievement." The Finalist Presentation Day is on May 14 at the Eldercare Conference. Emmy Monash has been shortlisted for:

Best Active Ageing Program: Still firing – journeys through sculpture and clay; Best Silver Architecture: Emmy Monash Gandel House and Best Silver Interior Design: Emmy Monash Gandel House.

FLYING FOX

Camp Sababa, Buzz Israel trip

OVER the summer period Camp Sababa was in full swing. In its fourth year, the junior camp once again brought together some old friends and a lot of new ones too for an experience of a lifetime. 23 campers and 49 buddies attended the camp.

The buddies were all recent year 12 graduates who participated in Flying Fox's training program in the lead up to camp. They came together to both enjoy camp alongside the campers and also to create a warm and inclusive environment for each participant.

A five-day getaway in picturesque Queenscliff was enjoyed by 70 senior campers. Their time away included swimming, Supatramp, and plenty of time at the beach.

The Buzz Israel trip proved to be an incredible success as 14 young people with a disability, supported by young adult volunteers embarked on a life-changing 10-day journey to the Jewish homeland.

SCOPUS & STAND UP

Refugee Awareness Day at Scopus

MOUNT Scopus College year 10 students recently participated in a Refugee Awareness Day in partnership with Stand Up.

In addition to hearing from a refugee on the conflict in Darfur, they gained an understanding of the legal, societal and ethical issues regarding refugees through a series of workshops and presentations. Students considered these questions through the lens of their Jewish identity and as internationally-minded citizens.

Students also took part in a session which explored the media's presentation of refugees.

A new component of the day this year, saw students participate in a workshop with Tal Shmerling based on a project called Our Stories, which involves collecting stories of refugees, focusing on the significant and difficult choices they face starting a new life in Australia.

A website is being developed which will contain the interactive stories, as well as a suite of educational resources for teachers. The focus of the project is empathy, leading to action and will launch in the second half of 2018.

YESHIVAH-BETH RIVKAH

2018 captains inducted at YBR

OFFICIAL induction of school captain positions have taken place across Yeshivah and Beth Rivkah (YBR) Colleges in recent days. At Beth Rivkah, with the various leadership positions ranging from school captain positions to house captains, health and wellbeing captains and tzedakah captains, student leaders hope to focus on "effecting positive change and boosting student unity and school pride".

Yeshivah school and vice-captains as well as individual year level leaders were announced, with new initiatives unveiled. YBR principal Rabbi Yehoshua Smukler provided words of



From left, Rabbi Smukler, Chaim Marcus and Eli Mochkin and Mrs Juliette Rosen.

guidance and encouragement to the newly-inducted student leaders at each campus' assembly, outlining the responsibilities associated with their roles and "the honour associated with captains being elected by peers".

Leaders for 2018 were also revealed to the primary campuses – with Yeshivah primary boasting an array of captains encompassing environment, wellbeing, sport, tzedakah, Jewish life and technology as well as the school and vice-captaincy roles and student representative council (SRC).

Students undertaking these roles will partake in a leadership conference to hone their skills and assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities during the year. Beth Rivkah primary students will participate in leadership forums and workshops and will assume a range of leadership roles throughout the year. Beth Rivkah's inducted captains were Tzivia Greenbaum, Ella New and Mussie Loewenthal.

KING DAVID SCHOOL

FIRST robotics comp powers up

THE launch of the 2018 FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) robotics competition earlier in January signified yet another six-week period of building robots for a dedicated group of King David School (KDS) students.

Supported by industry and university mentors, including four KDS alumni (David Lewis, Devon Boyd, Jory Braun and Sasha Goldenberg), the KDS students joined