



Yavneh Foundation Report 2013



Message from Foundation Chairman Leon Burman

As another school year closes, this inaugural Foundation Report gives us an opportunity to reflect and look back at the year that was. We are also pleased to turn our focus to the exciting initiatives that are in place for the year ahead.

Since 1999 the Foundation has raised over \$5.8m, raising funds for new buildings, facilities and programs for our children. We look forward to 2014 with the opening of the Yavneh Crèche, redevelopment of the ELC and playgrounds and the completed refurbishment of the "Old Hall". There are a number of opportunities for Foundation members to be involved in these projects and other exciting initiatives.

I take this opportunity to thank former Chairman Mark Joel for his outstanding work in bringing the vision of the Yavneh Foundation to life and building it over the past 13 years. Mark's Chairmanship has placed the Foundation in a very strong position.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Foundation Board for their enormous contributions: Zoe Goodhardt, Benji Jotkowitz, Daniel Parasol, Daniel Solomon, Roy Steinman, Ilana Wald, Jonathan Wenig and Reuben Zelwer and Executive Director, Tanya Shaltiel. I thank the Executive for their time, dedication and commitment to both the Foundation and College overall.

To our Foundation members: we thank you for your generosity and passion for our College. Your wonderful support has had an incredible impact on the strength of our school and consequently on the Melbourne Jewish Community. I wish everyone a wonderful summer break and look forward to an exciting 2014.

Leon Burman
Chairman, Leibler Yavneh College Foundation

Message from the College Principal Roy Steinman

In today's world, it is important that schools teach their students how to ask the right questions and ensure their students acquire the skills with which to steer their own individual paths for themselves.

So how do we indeed prepare our students for the future when they will eventually be employed in jobs or careers that do not even exist at the present – so fast is the rate of change? Our students need to learn how to learn; how to relate to others and how to choose. The teacher's function then would be to present the student with as many alternatives as possible – and to teach them the necessary skills required to investigate, criticise and possibly select for themselves one of the exposed alternatives.

At Leibler Yavneh College, our students are shown in a powerful and tangible manner that by looking at life through the prism of Torah values, helps one to find one's moral compass in the turbulence that is prevalent in the sophisticated and modern world in which we now live and that we do not need to compromise our Judaism to be successful in this world.

I am deeply grateful to all those members of the Foundation whose dedicated focus on our school allows us to do the wonderful work we do. It is the teacher in the classroom who touches the souls of the students who sit before him or her. However, it is our Foundation members, who provide us with the necessary facilities, resources and opportunities which help us do the work we do on a daily basis. My thanks to Leon Burman and the Foundation Board, Tanya Shaltiel and Zoe Goodhardt, for the wonderful work they do in so many ways and the support they give in all our endeavours.

May our College continue to impact and shape the lives of all our students, and may we all come to recognise that together, as a team, we can indeed ensure the destiny of the next generation of young Jewish adults.

Roy Steinman
College Principal

Message from the College Co-Chairs Ilana Wald & Jonathan Wenig

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we salute the achievements of the Yavneh Foundation, and in particular the activities and successes of the past year.

The native currency of the Yavneh Foundation is gifts. The Yavneh Foundation enables our three year olds to enjoy the gifts of laughter and security. The Yavneh Foundation enables our primary children to lay a foundation for a lifetime of learning by embracing the gifts of literacy and numeracy. The Yavneh Foundation assists our teenagers and Secondary School children to discover the gifts of friendship, of achievement and of chesed.

And the Yavneh Foundation is itself a precious gift, from its members and supporters, bestowed on our school, and our community. We are so grateful to you all for your vision, your encouragement, your passion and your unstinting support.

During the past year, we have farewelled Mark Joel as Chair of the Yavneh Foundation, and welcomed Leon Burman as he has accepted that position.

Mark Joel was and continues to be a passionate advocate for our school and our community. Indeed Mark Joel was the founder and driving force behind the establishment of the Yavneh Foundation. We are eternally grateful to Mark for those gifts that are his legacy.

Best wishes to Mark, and to Leon and to all the members and supporters of the Yavneh Foundation.

Ilana Wald & Jonathan Wenig
Co-Chairs, Leibler Yavneh College

Save The Date
Foundation Function
Cocktails followed by School Musical
"AIDA"
Monday, 7th April, 2014



*Left to Right:
Daniel Solomon, Ilana Wald, Jonathan Wenig,
Leon Burman, Daniel Parasol, Mark Joel, Roy Steinman,
Reuben Zelwer, Benji Jotkowitz, Tanya Shaltiel
Absent: Zoe Goodhardt*

Highlights from the past year

Our students have thrived both academically and spiritually this year. The array of annual events at the College included the 10 and 20 year Alumni reunions and an inaugural "Alumnite" Shabbat dinner where 130 former Collegians re-connected in our newly refurbished "Old Hall". We proudly hosted a 90th Birthday celebration for our Founding Principal, Mrs Mena Kozminsky, welcomed Grandparents and Special Friends to join our Foundation students and enjoyed a successful Business Networking Luncheon at the Crown Palladium together where over 300 people supported our College.

Each year, the fundraising target presents us with a daunting challenge. We are then inspired by our Foundation Members who understand the monetary demands of a quality education and choose to make Yavneh a focus of their charitable giving. We continue to seek out donors who are as motivated as we are in assisting our future plans to help the College move forward. We specifically thank our major donors in the past 12 months for their generosity and continued financial support to our College.

Kol hakavod to you, our Foundation Members for your generosity, warmth and care and for recognising the need to invest in the future of our students and consequently the Jewish community.

I am so proud of our community. Our goals are high, but our mission is vital, and our students - your children, grandchildren and friends, are so worthy of your generosity.

Tanya Shaltiel
Executive Director - Yavneh Foundation



The year ahead ELC

The opening of the crèche next year has generated much excitement in the ELC. For parents it will be convenient to have one place to drop off and pick up children. For the children it will be a seamless transition from crèche to kinder and for the staff so rewarding to witness the progression from toddlerhood through kinder to Prep. Our thanks go to the Board, to Roy Steinman and to David Fisher for turning the idea into reality. We have employed trained, enthusiastic and dynamic staff to work in the crèche.

The Department of Education recognises and acknowledges that Early Childhood education is crucial in setting the tone for children's future learning and has supported the training of staff to provide education for young children that is developmentally appropriate and that supports their learning over five outcomes:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity: This is totally compatible with the philosophy of our ELC. Children are immediately immersed in the Modern Orthodox Zionist atmosphere of our kinders as well as being made aware of their Australian identity.

2. Children are connected with and contribute to their own world: Our children's individuality is respected and acknowledged and the program is planned to include their individual and group interests.

3. Children have a strong sense of well being: Again this sits comfortably with our philosophy, if children feel safe and secure in their environment they will be more positive about their learning experiences and gain the confidence to attempt new and different tasks.

4. Children are confident and involved learners: We provide learning experiences that are appropriate and achievable for young children which increases their participation and involvement. Having trained and knowledgeable staff to provide this and support and extend the children's learning results in more active and involved participation.

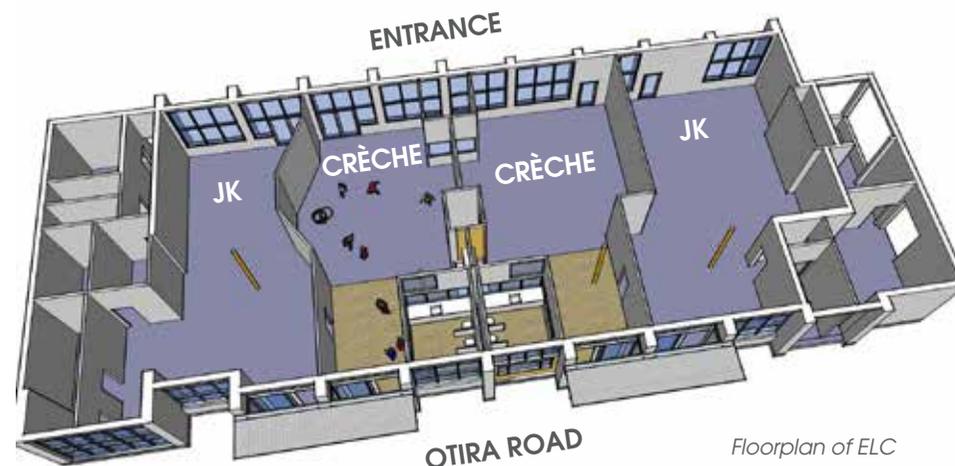


5. Children are effective communicators:

Our dedicated and caring staff make a point of chatting to each child on a daily basis. We have Hebrew speaking staff in each room and the children are exposed to Hebrew as a living spoken language. We also have mat sessions where specific Hebrew vocabulary is targeted.

Our Early Learning Centre is a learning space that embraces all of the above outcomes, a place where children are encouraged to be active participants in their learning, a place where children have pride in their Jewish heritage, traditions and a love of Israel and Hebrew and above all a place where the children can thrive and be happy.

Nava Miller
Head of ELC



Floorplan of ELC

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