MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CO-CHAIRS

Benji Jotkowitz and Reuben Zelwer

The Yavneh Foundation plays an enormously important role in ensuring that the College provides an environment which nurtures and enhances our children’s passion for learning. Thanks to your support, we have made significant progress in 2015. We welcome our 8 new Foundation members and recognise the 11 existing members who renewed their pledges in 2015.

Grandparents occupy a central role at Leibler Yavneh and represent a growing proportion of our Foundation membership. Our inaugural Foundation grandparents cocktail evening at the home of Sam and Judy Siegel in May was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge our grandparents, showcase the musical ‘Annie’ in March, and recognise the 11 existing members in their crucial formative years.

In the new year, we look forward to unveiling new Foundation recognition boards in the Mizrachi foyer and Foundation foyer at the Elsternwick campus. These state of the art boards will accommodate our growing membership base and will include revamped categories which recognise members cumulative giving since inception of the Foundation in 1999.

In the coming month, the lighting of Chanukah candles symbolises our role in the education of our students who will, with our guidance and support, grow and illuminate our community and Klal Yisrael in the years to come.

Chanukah Sameach.

MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Roy Steinman

I want to thank you, the members of the Yavneh Foundation for your generosity and commitment to and passion for our school makes it worthwhile. To know that there are people out there who value and appreciate what we are doing to do all this wonderful College of ours is both inspiring and motivating. We, the professional educators, value and appreciate each and every donation, small and large, of support. This is not just “any school”. Leibler Yavneh College has a unique mission to fulfil in Melbourne. Each child that is nurtured and educated in our school makes it all worthwhile. To know that there are people out there who value and appreciate what we are doing here is wonderful. Thank you for your partnership in this wonderful mission.

B’virkat Shalom.
With sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous contribution of Gillian and Colin Mandel, we are delighted to announce the naming of the Yavneh Crèche in their honour. The crèche will now be known as “The Gillian and Colin Mandel Family - Yavneh Crèche”.

The Leibler Yavneh College journey typically begins in the Early Learning Centre (ELC), where the delightful sound of young voices can be heard and where the characters of our children are formed and nurtured. This Crèche forms the foundation of their educational journey.

The opening of the Yavneh Crèche in 2014 has generated much excitement in the ELC. For parents it is wonderful to have their children develop lifelong friendships that will help them transition from Crèche to Kinder and beyond.

Our new Crèche has already won acclaim with parents and students alike and has in its first year achieved “Exceeding Quality Standards”. Our parents and children have enjoyed the wonderful indoor and outdoor facilities that are at the heart of the innovations introduced in the National Quality Framework. Our renovated building with our newly established Crèche together with the redevelopment of the Kinder playground has given our Crèche and Junior Kinder children a wonderful opportunity to extend their learning to the “outside classroom”: a purpose-built outdoor environment that invites adventure, enquiry and discovery – a whole lot of fun!

The Yavneh Foundation are thrilled that Gillian and Colin Mandel, proud grandparents of our College have so graciously supported this wonderful facility.
We acknowledge the generous contribution by Sarah and Ron Tatarka and family of Scott Winton Insurance Brokers to enable Yavneh to move forward with its eLearning and IT development program.

The College is truly blessed to have the support of members of our community who share a deep appreciation of the goals and vision of our school.

Our eLearning strategy has enhanced and transformed teaching and learning at Yavneh. The use of technology and professional learning has equipped teachers with improved IT skills and assisted in the development of students who are innovative, confident and lifelong learners.

The Tatarka family’s contribution has enabled our College to:

- Establish a comprehensive WiFi network throughout Primary and Secondary schools;
- Provide all Secondary teaching staff with a state-of-the-art laptop device;
- Support teaching staff in the integration of eLearning strategies into their curricula, including the formulation and implementation of a related Professional Development Program for teachers; and
- Introduce an iPad program in Primary for students and staff.

The result of this program has assisted the College to:

- Create a stimulating, inclusive learning environment;
- Inspire and empower our school’s learning community;
- Envisage and implement innovative eLearning strategies and technologies;
- Improve student engagement, experience and achievement;
- Transform pedagogy, empowering teachers to focus on student-centred activities and interactive learning, and;
- Contribute confidence and responsibility to the school and wider community.

This remarkably generous donation has fast tracked our vision into reality. We know that Leibler Yavneh College students will continue to benefit from this amazing gift for many years to come.

THE DAVID AND LINDA GOLDBERG FAMILY

multi purpose court

We are delighted to acknowledge the generous contribution by David and Linda Goldberg to sponsor the complete refurbishment of our Multi Purpose Courts. Our Multi Purpose Courts have undergone the following transformation:

- a major update to the current surface with state-of-the-art artificial turf that suits a myriad of sports;
- a replacement of all the nets, basketball and netball posts;
- two basketball courts have been created;
- two netball courts;
- three tennis courts;
- three volleyball courts.

The refurbishment will also provide a beautiful entrance area with undercover seating, affording students the opportunity to view the games or simply “chill” with friends.

This wonderful new sporting facility is already being used by both Primary and Secondary students and enables students to participate in a wide range of sports on a beautifully redefined sports area. We are excited by the many and diverse uses it will provide the students of the College.

We are truly blessed to have parents, and in this case grandparents, who delight in helping us achieve excellence and improve the facilities of the College for our students who will benefit from these improvements for many years to come.
Last year, we planned and developed a vision for our outdoor areas. A vision that encompasses best practice in education and harnesses play-based methodology.

As a result of the YPO’s fundraising efforts, Co-chairs Karen Franks, Tammie Slade and Treasurer Amy Feiglin, were so thrilled to be able to present our school with a cheque for $75,000 towards the completion of the Adventure Playground.

Providing Yavneh with the funds for this project has been made even more special when we see how much enjoyment the playground has provided for all the students. The adventure playground provides exciting options for play-based discoveries, enables cross-age activities and unlimited individualised learning to take place.
We sincerely thank the YPO and the following Foundation members for generously supporting this project:

- Anonymous
- The Epstein Family on the occasion of the 5th Yahrzeit of Fred Epstein z’l
- Deanne and Danny Segman

This exciting project includes a mini-oval and outdoor play area, which will enhance the variety of recreational and sporting opportunities for our children.

Visionary projects like this can only happen with the commitment and partnership of our Yavneh Foundation and our Yavneh Parents Organisation. We thank them for their vision and passion in turning our dreams into reality.

JOINT PROJECT WITH YPO

- oval grassed play area
- running track
- long jump pit
- rock climbing area
- additional benches
- new landscaping
The Musical “Annie” was fabulous and professionally performed by our extremely talented students. The Foundation evening held over 150 people in attendance and was a monumental success.
At Leibler Yavneh College, we value and appreciate the elders of our community.

Our children are extremely fortunate to have parents and grandparents who can guide them, who serve as role-models, who have contributed so powerfully to the community they will one day inherit themselves. Our children are privileged to learn from their grandparents; their history; their life experiences and from their values.

We are proud to share our vision of the College and showcase the extraordinary talent of our students. This year we were thrilled to welcome grandparents to our Yavneh Foundation cocktail evening; to our Grandparents and Special Friends Day for the Prep students; concerts, soirees, debates, Athletics Day and each event that the College holds.

We love to see grandparents and special friends walking hand in hand with their grandchildren through the gates of our College, picking them up, reading in the corridors, participating in Tefillah, volunteering in the tuckshop and being part of our everyday life.

We are truly blessed to be in a community where we have 3 and sometimes even 4 generations of family members living so closely together.

It is often said at the school that a child’s education is a partnership between the school and the parents. But in our community there is a third partner in our children’s education – the grandparents.

The Yavneh Foundation has undertaken many projects and programs to improve the school’s environment. These projects allow us to continually deliver a quality education for our students.

We offer our grandparents the opportunity to partner with us through their commitment to the Yavneh Foundation.

It is always a privilege and honour to take grandparents on a tour of our College. The pride and joy when a grandchild runs up to a Buba or Zeida is a joy to behold!
We believe in the instructive power of the environment and the importance of learning spaces that dazzle the senses, invite curiosity and discovery and, most importantly, foster strong, respectful relationships.

The preliminary drawings embrace the concept of an indoor/outdoor learning space that would facilitate small group work, exploration and many authentic experiences. Opening up the classrooms to the outside spaces via tall glass doors onto a sprawling deck would allow teachers to set up invitations to engaging learning experiences that promote the application of knowledge, reasoning and inquiry. Incorporating the existing corridor into the Year One rooms and adding glass partitions between rooms enables teachers to work collaboratively and to reflect on their practice. Flexible, adaptive spaces enhance good teaching and promote independence, reflection and self-directed learning.

A larger, purpose built, well lit environment contributes to an increased sense of well-being and creates vibrant, stimulating spaces that provide new opportunities for different forms of grouping and flexible social organisations.

We invite you to share in our vision and see this project become a reality.

INVESTMENT: $250,000+
ACKNOWLEDGING OUR SUPPORTERS

To all our new Foundation members:

Sonia Slonim
Judy and Sam Seigel
Sharona and Benji Jotkowitz
Rebecca and Avi Gilboa
Tami and Michael Dodge
Kathy Franks
Dorothea and Richard Nossbaum
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Shari and Mark Middeldorf
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Anonymous

Thank you to those who renewed their Foundation Membership in 2015:

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Tami and Michael Dodge
Rubin and Robert Epstein
Rebecca and Avi Gilboa
Maria and Corin Mandel
E-Learning Program
Anonymous
The Epstein Family on the occasion of the 5th Yartzeit of Fred Epstein z”l
Danny and Beny Stein
The Arena

We are pleased to advise the categories below which will be reflected on the new Foundation Boards:

Governors: $1,000,000
Lila Trustees: $500,000
Trustees: $250,000
Founders: $100,000
Benefactors: $50,000
Fellows: $35,000
Members: $18,000

We gratefully acknowledge the Bequest of Dr Peter Kozol z”l. May his memory be a blessing.

We are proud to announce the following naming rights for 2015

Linda and Donald Goldberg
Naming of the Yavneh Creche

BENEFACtORS
- Ilana and Michael Abensur
- The Allessi and Kemelman Families
- Carol and David Birkeisen
- Tami and Barry Brewin
- Regina (Git) Bashnach (5)
- Kerren and Mark Baker
- Carol and Nathan Chem
- Sue and Eric Frank (7) Thumm
- Esther (7) and Rosa (7) Chem
- Leora and Mark Franke
- The Fried and Fran Families
- Selia (5) and Tad Goldstein
- Linda and David Goldberg
- Yvonne and Myer Goldenberg (z”l)
- Judy and Sally Jocelyn
- Gittel and Heni (Mrs) Jocelyn
- Gail and Chip Mandel
- Doris and Yoram (Mrd) Mandel
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MEMBERS
- Anonymous 6
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- Anonymous
- Rosanna and Mark Leibler
- Leonie and Morris Joel
- Pearl and Mark Joel
- Rebecca and Avi Gilboa
- Amy and Simon Feiglin
- Marilyn and Abraham Zelwer
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- Tammie and David Slade
- Lea Rockman (z”l)
- Bev and Ian (z”l) Rockman
- The Pratt Foundation
- Lai and Nir Pizmony
- Sonia and Don Mejn (z”l)
- Gillian and Colin Mandel
- Gittel and Henry (z”l) Makby
- Judy and Solly Joss
- Yvonne and Myer Goldenberg (z”l)
- Linda and David Goldberg
- Sara Gold and Sid Gaddie
- Karen and Mark Franks
- Esther (z”l) and Ross (z”l) Esterman
- Susie and Ephraim (z”l) Ehrmann
- Cami and Nathan Chem
- Sara Gold and Sid Gaddie
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