Principal’s Update

Dear Families and Community Members

Successful Open Events
We have recently held two very successful open events for prospective students and parents, with over 200 visitors to our Open Afternoon in the Year 7 Learning Centre on Saturday, 20 April and over 250 visitors to our Open Night to see the whole school in action on Tuesday, 23 April. The success of such events is testament to our sense of community where staff, students and parent representatives from our College Council all played important roles at these events. The level of support and enthusiasm from all involved was extremely positive and affirming. My sincere thanks to the key organisers Ms Hayley Wood – Director of Programs Year 7 and 8 and Ms Marcelle van Maanen – Assistant Principal. I would also like to thank all staff for their attendance out of school hours for both events and for organising some terrific displays and highly engaging interactive workshops; to all the students who acted as tour guides or assisted with the interactive workshops, they were so proud to showcase their school; and to the parent representatives from College Council, who were very enthusiastic and proud to speak about Mordialloc College to prospective parents. Please see the page of comments from prospective parents later in this newsletter. Congratulations to Kylie McHenry who won the $100 Myer gift voucher, one of many who went into the draw for completing the learning journey passport on the night.

(cont’d overleaf)

Important Dates
Friday 3 May
- Year 11 & 12 Drama Excursion to Melbourne Theatre Co: ‘Beached’
Monday 6 May
- Year 11 Biology Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Tuesday 7 May
- Year 11 Elevate Seminar ‘Study Sense’
- Year 10 Metlink Great Transport Race
Wednesday 8 May
- Equal Opportunity Sports Day
Friday 10 May
- VSSSA Surfing
- Year 10 & 12 French Theatre Excursion
Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 May
- Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN

Parent Vacancy on School Council. Please contact the College if interested.
Cross Country
On Wednesday, 24 April the College Cross country was held on a lovely autumn afternoon. Congratulations go to Iwala (Red house) on their great win. It was a very close contest between the four houses. Congratulations to Sports Coordinator Cory Watters for his excellent organisation of this event and all students and staff for their positive involvement during the afternoon.

NAPLAN: National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
On the mornings of Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May all students in Year 7 and 9 will be sitting the national tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy. It is important that students treat these tests seriously and strive to achieve their Personal Best.

The results will be used to:
- Help teachers identify students who require greater challenges or additional support
- Help the College identify strengths and, if any, gaps in teaching programs and to set goals in Literacy and Numeracy
- Provide additional feedback to students and parents about individual achievements and progress

All parents of students in Year 7 and 9 will receive a NAPLAN report on their child’s progress later this year. The report is only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made about your child by teachers.

Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal
Feedback from Families attending Open Night 2013

Many thanks to the visitors to our school on Tuesday night for completing the feedback question about their open night experiences!!

- Fabulous Open Night for young and old. Great activities to entertain the kids and lots of informative teachers and students to answer our questions - Thankyou
- Loved all the activities for the kids - Thankyou
- Very informative friendly and helpful Yr. 12 guide Teachers approachable- good hands on experiments/problem-solving/games and music- Thankyou
- VERY GOOD
- It was lots of fun made slime sherbet and glup
- A very relaxing learning environment for children’s learning - Very Impressed
- It was awesome I made sherbet and 2 types of gooooop! : ) : ) : )
- Very impressive!! Kids are great - Well done!
- Great!
- "Really nice" 9 year old girl; "Enjoyed the science experiments" 11 year old boy; "Yummy sorbet" 7 year old boy, Clearly the school has put a lot of effort to bring tonight together, Thank you!
- The night was very Informative and I was impressed by the staff and students and facilities. My daughter is looking forward to attending here next year - Thankyou
- Wonderful! Well paced and enjoyed talking to the students who easily engaged with my children, Teachers very impressive.
- We were very impressed with the tour and the opportunity of the hands on activities. Our guide Jen was fantastic, well spoken and had all the information and answers we needed. All the staff and students were friendly and Enthusiastic.
- This night was an amazing night - I learnt and participated in a wide variety of activities, I hope I could do it again some year?
- Excellent night presentations well done, as well as displays and everybody was friendly and informative. Congratulations on student’s behaviour and conduct. Great facilities, excellent atmosphere. Wish I could come here!
- A well organised evening, Thanks for having us.
- Fantastic! The tour guides were exceptional! Well informed, polite and enthusiastic! Articulate too! Ryan Will and Ethan Chapman and Kieran Lee - they should be commended.
- The sherbet was really nice - had fun
- Sophie really enjoyed herself and everyone was so friendly. We think it’s a great school and were really impressed.
- Advanced program to encourage community involvement and teach survival skills is an integral resource for developing minds- Well thought through!
- Felt very comfortable and welcomed by students (tour guides), good facilities and friendly staff
- Excellent tour guides
- Good school, children were very polite and courteous. Answered all Questions. All staff we met were willing to answer questions, Great Night.
- Great Info night. Well put together, Thanks Markus great help.
- Good interactions, good displays
- Very interactive, which made it an interesting evening
- It was brilliant and our tour guides were really nice. Katelyn and Will were wonderfully informed and very enthusiastic. All credit to them. The school is looking really good.
- Great vibe in the school
- Good- a very excited girl to start looking at Yr. 7 options
- Very informative thank you- great to see so many activities
- Very welcoming and impressive facilities
- It was a terrific night, very informative and Terry did a great job giving us a tour
- Just wanted to pass on our thanks to your staff and students for putting on such a wonderful Open Evening. My daughter, husband and I really enjoyed meeting the staff and students and taking part in all the activities. A special thank you to Lachlan Z and Laird A from Year 8 who were fantastic tour guides and great advocates for the school.
Between 20th and 30th May 2013, our school will be competing in the largest online languages competition on the planet, the Language Perfect World Championships.

Students compete for their class, school and country against other students from around the world, by earning points in a range of foreign languages on Language Perfect. Points count towards earning certificates, entry into prize draws (prizes include laptops, iPod Touch’s, iPod Shuffles & iTunes vouchers) and winning the competition! Our lucky students have been given free entry this year.

The goal is to motivate students to get excited about languages, learning, and having fun at the same time. The LP team have given us something special- we have an Ipod shuffle to award one of our students.

Current leaders in 8E French are Sophie Petropoulos with 1368 points (3781 correct answers) and Rhys Cartledge with 1070 points (3582 correct answers). 8C French leaders are Nathan Cochrane and Brendon Thompson. Ana Bush is leading 8A followed by Jericho Sanger. Congratulations to all our French students who have already answered 52,607 questions with a school score of 12,647 points. I will update leaders’ scores and include Year 7 next week.

NOTE: Please remember that only points earned during the World Championships competition count towards prizes and certificates. (May 20-30, 2013).

HOWEVER......there will also be internal prizes awarded to top students in each of my classes after the championships! There will also be a treat for the top scoring class.

Keep up the great work and let’s get ready for the World Championships!!

Bronwyn Amesbury, French Teacher

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House Cross Country

Raffle Winners

Prizes can be collected from the General Office on presentation of your winning ticket.

Mr Cory Watters, Sports Coordinator

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