Update from Penny Trumble, Director of Resourcing & SEAL Coordinator

THE HUB

Cool autumn mornings have given the College community the opportunity to try out the heating in the new Hub. It works just as efficiently as the air conditioning did on the hot summer days in Term 1. Students are taking advantage of the comfortable conditions by coming in to do some school work, play chess, use the computers or read before classes start each morning. The Hub is also open at recess, lunchtime and after school. Every student is welcome.

Many classes are being booked in to the different learning areas by their teachers and the laptops and iPads are constantly in use. The installation of the HD theatrette in the Space this week and the recent arrival of blackout blinds means that watching movies will be a greatly enhanced experience for students from all year levels.

So far this year, more than 200 books have been purchased as a result of student requests. Once the book arrives, it has a sticker attached naming the student who recommended its acquisition and is then processed as quickly as possible. Sharing favourite authors or titles and the desire to finish reading a series are just a couple of reasons why students have asked us to buy particular books.

SEAL

The Hub was the venue for the SEAL entry exam on a recent Saturday morning. Excited and somewhat nervous Grade 6 students undertook three multiple choice papers which tested their literacy, numeracy and logical thinking skills. The standard was very high and we are looking forward to welcoming the successful students next year.

Year 9 SEAL students who must satisfactorily complete subjects at Year 10 level to be able to do VCE English, Maths and another VCE subject of their choice. It is pleasing to see the students getting ready to step up to the next challenge by meeting deadlines and always doing their personal best.

Publicity

This year it was decided to redesign all the College’s publicity materials and a large number of students from Years 7 to 12 helped out by posing for a professional photographer last term. We are delighted with the new publications which were ready for the primary school visits and our Open Day and Night. Each student who was involved has been given a CD of the images they feature in, as well as a copy of the relevant brochure or prospectus.

Scholarships

Do you know someone starting Year 7 at Mordialloc College next year who is a leader at primary school, is good at schoolwork, music or sport or is very involved in the community? Grade 6 students and their parents are encouraged to register on the College’s website (www.mcsc.vic.edu.au) for the academic, community, leadership, music and sports scholarships which are available. Selection is based on an interview in Term 3 and registration closes at the end of May. Please check the website for further information.

Updating Student & Family Details

Thank you to those parents who have already returned their forms with updated information. We would be grateful if the remainder could be returned to the school as soon as possible.
ANZAC Dawn Service at Chelsea RSL
On 25 of April, Michael Gray and Miss Hargreaves joined us at the Chelsea RSL to pay our respects at the annual Dawn Service for the ANZACs, on behalf of Mordialloc College. It was a great experience to be a part of the Dawn Service and we were fortunate to be able to lay our wreath and pay our respects to the diggers. ANZAC Day means a lot to us because we have both had relatives serve for Australia. ANZAC Day gives us the opportunity to, not only thank them, but also thank and remember all the men and women who have served and laid their lives down for our freedom.
We commend Chelsea RSL for putting on a respectful Dawn Service and thank them for letting us be a part of the service. We would also like to thank Miss Hargreaves for organising the morning and our wreath.
Morgan and Jesse, College Captains

Congratulations Carley Daggett, Year 12
On 27 April, my horse, Allanbridge Rose (Rosie) and I competed in our second inter-schools dressage competition. Surprisingly we did really well, placing 4th out of 25 riders. The next dressage competition is in September and we would love to see others from Mordialloc there! If anyone is interested in competing in the inter-school equestrian series, please come and see me in the Forum at recess if you would like to find out more.

The Staying Fit Project at the Royal Children’s Hospital
Participants needed: FREE study for overweight young people looking for help.
Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program for overweight adolescents. Participation involves completing height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measurements and an online questionnaire at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months. Parents are also invited to participate. Every three months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those participants who have kept their appointments. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for 550 overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne. Enquiries Karly Cini 9345 6954 stayingfit@mcri.edu.au For more info: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit

Year 11 & 12 Food Technology Students cook up a storm to raise funds for the Cancer Council
On 3 May, the Year 11 and 12 Food Technology classes hosted a staff lunch to raise funds for the Cancer Council. A total of $370 was raised. The spread was delicious: salads, kebabs, sushi and pasta dishes—and this doesn’t include the dessert choices! Thankyou to our student chefs and also to Mrs Smith and Mrs Roberts for facilitating this event. Miss Tammy Shmerling
2 May 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs,

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also known as 'crypto') is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends—it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

To prevent the spread of disease, parents/guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy
- Avoid swallowing pool water


If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool (poo) test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation

Yours sincerely,

Dr Rosemary Lester
Chief Health Officer
Visual Arts & Graphic Design Students
La Trobe University Bendigo is holding an intensive, but enjoyable two day (Visual Arts)/three day (Graphic Design) folio preparation program for Year 11 and 12 students wishing to enter university. On completion you will have the skills required to build an impressive professional portfolio, and be able to approach a university pre-selection interview with confidence. Packed with specific interview tips and other valuable information you will maximise your chances of success. Meals and accommodation included.

For further information and registration forms, please email Jennifer:
visualarts@latrobe.edu.au

Bring cultural exchange into your home!
STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs.
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For students aged 15 to 18

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