As I prepare to begin the next phase of my career leading the Mentone Primary School learning community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful teachers, education support staff, students and families of Mordialloc College for their support and friendship over the past eleven years.

My time as a teacher within the College has been extremely enjoyable and exciting, providing me with a myriad of opportunities to share a rewarding learning journey with students and teachers across all year levels and I’ve loved being part of this community.

I have been privileged to work closely with both our former Principal, Mrs Harris, and in more recent years with our current Principal, Ms Roberts and various leadership teams to continue to develop and implement learning environments that strive to meet the real needs of the students of today, providing them with the skills and knowledge they will require to achieve success in an increasingly competitive and globally connected world.

I will take many fond memories with me thanks to the dedication and professionalism of all the staff I’ve had the pleasure of working with. In particular a highlight of my time here has undoubtedly been working with the passionate and committed teachers, past and present, who have comprised the teaching teams at Year 7, 8 and 9. Working with these teams has been an awesome and unforgettable experience. Their continued pursuit to improve student outcomes within their learning programs is second to none. Our teachers genuinely know and care about their students and, together, they have constantly exemplified the power of sharing practice and building collective capacity to create a system within which each individual student is valued and supported to attain their personal best.

Both as a teacher and as a parent I am proud to have been associated with such highly committed educators.

I must also make special mention of the high regard with which I hold our College Wellbeing Team. Led by Mrs Di Douglas and expertly supported by ‘Nurse Betty’, aka Jenny Muir, and now with the addition of Jamie Toll this team personifies unconditional support, professionalism and friendship. Words cannot adequately describe just how much I appreciate the help they have given me over the years and how much they have taught me about the value of strong relationships. They are truly the cultural gatekeepers of this great school.

Schools are unique working environments, challenging and rewarding in equal parts and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to have held various responsibility roles alongside my teaching, such as Year Level Coordinator, Director of Curriculum and Director of Learning & Pedagogy culminating in these past five years as Assistant Principal. I am indebted to my fellow Assistant Principal, Mr Kevin Osborne for his constant support, help and friendship that has made the experience all the more memorable and enjoyable.

And, finally I would like to thank the students. The greatest joy of teaching for me has been getting to know our newest students at Year 7 and watching them grow through their years at the College and I always get choked up seeing them graduate in Year 12. One of the hardest things about moving on for me will be not seeing our current Year 12’s, and students in subsequent years, graduate from the College. I have absolutely loved working with each and every one of them. They have made me laugh, made me tear out my hair at times, they have inspired me, surprised me, brought me down to earth, made me constantly question what learning is all about, and made me very proud to have shared my time at MC with them. I wish each and every one of them the best in their future endeavors and I will leave the school at the end of this term with the knowledge that I have spent my last 11 years working with the best secondary learning community in Victoria!

Marcelle van Maanen, Assistant Principal

Ms van Maanen Bids Mordialloc College Farewell
**YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL INCURSION**

On 6 June, the Year 8’s participated in a Medieval Incursion. We were all separated into groups of four with four workshops running. Each workshop discussed different parts of life in The Middle Ages such as medieval armour and fashion, punishment, heraldry and the entertainment side of life. In each workshop there was a different person explaining the different things they had and used in that period of time. During period 4, all the Year 8’s got together in the Enquiry Zone and we were shown what types of weapons and armour were used in battle. We were also able to fight against the knights using the different type of weapons the knight spoke about. In the end, everyone had a great day. *Iris (8A)*

The whole of Year 8 had the opportunity to participate in a medieval incursion. It was a really interesting experience learning all about the medieval period. The workshops ranged from dressing up in costumes, learning how to juggle, investigating punishment devices and using weapons and armour. We had quite a ball. Then we ended the day with a good old tournament where we had the opportunity to battle a real life knight. This day was very informative and we learnt a lot. The knowledge we gained from the day will be used in our upcoming Active8 project ‘Blast from the Past’. Lastly, we would like to thank the three presenters for coming to Mordialloc College to teach us all about the medieval times.

*Sammy and Maysie (8A)*

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**Help the SRC Raise Funds for Children in Hospital**

**Tracky Dack Day**

Thursday, 27 June is Tracky Dack Day. Free dress, but wear tracky pants. Gold coin donation required.

*Miss Amelia Hargreaves*

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**Bell Times for Friday, 28 June**

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**SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN**

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**Performance dates:**
- Wednesday 21 July
- Thursday 1 August
- Friday 2 August

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