Dear Families and Community members,

**End of Semester Reports**

The end of semester reports for all students will be distributed before the end of the day on Friday, 28 June for students to take home. As you may be aware, Victorian State Schools are now reporting to AusVELS. AusVELS is the Victorian curriculum for government schools. This curriculum framework was introduced in 2013 for Prep to Year 10 students. An information sheet for parents from the Department will be included with reports for your referral. I encourage all parents to discuss the report with their student/s over the holiday break and put appropriate actions in place to address any areas for improvement highlighted. Any reports remaining will be posted home. Also included in the report envelope is a letter from me requesting that all families provide an up to date email address to the College for future communications as we look to reduce the amount of paper used in the school and I also outline the uniform changes for 2014.

**Staffing News for Term 3**

This week at our Whole School Assembly it was an opportunity for the student body to farewell Assistant Principal, Ms Marcelle van Maanen. Ms Shelley Muir will be replacing Marcelle in an Acting Assistant Principal capacity for the rest of the year. Mr Bernie Coghlan and Mrs Lisa Ip will be taking over the majority of Shelley’s teaching load (except Year 12 Psychology which she will retain). We also farewell Mr Merv Ferguson who has been filling in for Dr Jeff Gill this term.

**Extra Curricula Activities**

**Year 10 Careers Week, Careers Expo, Subject Expo and Information night for parents**

Last week a most successful careers week was held for our Year 10 students. Students had the opportunity to work on resumes, visit Monash University and Holmesglen Institute of TAFE, consider subject selection for next year and participate in the VCE Subject Expo and Careers Expo. On the Wednesday evening, students returned with their parents to share their learning experiences. The Subject Expo gave students and parents an opportunity to learn about and participate in aspects of every VCE and VCAL subject we have for students to select from at Mordialloc College. For the first time there was also a Careers Expo running from 3-7pm in the Hub on Wednesday which was open to all families with presenters and exhibitors from universities, TAFE’s, the Defence Force, trade and industry groups, community services and apprenticeships centres. Thanks to Jane Jamieson - Pathways Coordinator, Shelley Muir – Director of Senior School and Year 10 Coordinator, Daniel Williams for providing such an engaging and worthwhile week of activities for our students. There were also many teachers who were involved during the week in supporting the activities, especially in setting up and running a section for their subject at the VCE subject expo day and night sessions. Students will be involved in course counselling sessions early next term where their final subject selections for 2014 will be decided upon in consultation with their parents.

**Mordialloc Experience Community Experience and City Weeks: Our Year 9 students in the MEX this term have had the opportunity to complete a week of community placement and, most recently, have spent two weeks in the city completing their action research project and participated in a range of educational excursions eg visit to Melbourne Gaol, Parliament House. Students will be presenting the findings of their action research projects this week to parents, teachers and fellow students in the MEX Expo being held at the College. Thanks to our MEX Coordinators, Alana Singh and Joe Shanahan for all their hard work in organising this terrific program and providing such valuable opportunities for our students. We now come to the end of a very busy and productive term and I would like to wish all members of our community a safe and restful break.**

*Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal*
On Thursday, 20 June the Year 11 and 12 Food Technology students visited the MCG specifically to view behind the scenes of the catering areas. We were met by the executive chef, Peter Haycroft. The classes split into two tour groups and were taken around the pastry kitchen, the hot and cold kitchens and the many store rooms and fridges. It was really organised and each chef had a specific job and area to work in. We viewed the HACCP food safety system in action which was really interesting too.

Everyone enjoyed the pastry kitchen where we all tasted a freshly baked raspberry friand and met Deniz Karaca, Australia’s leading chocolatier. He is about to head to France for the world chocolate masters competition. The day was really interesting and informative and many of us had never visited the MCG before! We would like to thank Mrs Smith and Mrs Roberts for taking us to such a great venue and enabling us to experience behind the scenes.

Jordyn and Leandrie
Year 10 Career Quest
Last week all Year 10 students participated in the annual ‘Career Quest’, a three-day program aimed at equipping them with the tools, resources and motivation to start thinking seriously about their future pathways. Overall student feedback was that the week was thoroughly enjoyed and they learned some valuable lessons about how to prepare for their upcoming course selections in Term 3. Many students experienced their own special “a-ha” moment in which they had a strong realisation of a future direction they wanted to take.

Workshops
In combination with some of the outcomes for Industry and Enterprise, students wrote their own professional resume and practised writing a cover letter for a job application. They discussed the different courses and subjects on offer and completed a detailed Year 10 Action Plan to assist with course selections.

Senior School Information Evening
With such exciting learning being experienced by the students, we wanted to open it up to the parents as well. On Wednesday, 19 June parents were invited to attend an information session about the VCE, VCAL and VETiS programs on offer in 2014. Students then took their parents to visit the Subject Expo and chat with the teachers about the subjects they are most interested in.

Excursion
The final day of the Careers Week involved presentations and a tour to Monash University (Caulfield campus) and Holmesglen (Chadstone campus). Aimed to give the students a feel for the difference in course, training and pathway options delivered in markedly different learning facilities, the students were able to also gain an insight into the support services and facilities. For most students this was the first time they had set foot in a tertiary institution and the experience will give them additional support and confidence when making future training choices.

Subject Expo
Staff have been busy preparing their ‘subject stand’ all term. The Subject Expo was an opportunity for students to experience every VCE and VCAL subject we have on offer. Students joined in an interactive activity for each subject, perused displays that advertised course content and asked teachers a myriad of questions about what the subject involves, what they will learn about and, of course, how much homework they will have! Students were given a ‘show-bag’ that contained the Senior School Course Selection Guide and was handy for collecting information about the different subjects and any ‘freebies’!

Careers Expo
A well attended expo on Wednesday, 19 June truly delivered on the theme, ‘Discover Your Future’, where Year 9 -12 students were able to meet with representatives from 25 organisations selected to provide something for everyone. TAFE’s, universities, trade, apprenticeships and community organisations as well as the very popular Australian Defence Force provided informative presentations, exhibitions and insight into a wide range of exciting training and career options. Students related that they will be making this event a priority next year.

Guest Speakers
Xavier Michelides, a successful stand-up comedian had us all splitting our sides with laughter and many a tear rolling down our faces, whilst he shared with us a fascinating story of the development of his career. 

To follow up, this week during My Mentor, Year 10 students had the pleasure of talking with Jim Asimakopoulos, an inspiring individual who has suffered cerebral palsy since birth and who pioneered the Abilities and Disabilities Awareness Program. Jim’s message to the students was to focus on what they can do rather than what they can’t do, which was a powerful message leading into career choices and pathways.
Students Reflect on Work Experience

Dillon
From June 11 to 14 all Year 10 students went on work experience with the various work placements that each student had organised with the help of the Careers Advisor, Jane. Each student organised the work experience by either emailing, calling or with an interview in person. They sat down with whoever would be their manager to go through the contract that the school had created to abide by all the legalities needed.

I personally went to Neil Fletcher Design, an architect in Edithvale. I had lots of fun learning about what it’s actually like to be an architect. As well as learning what it was like to be an architect I got to draw up my house on a program called ‘Chief Architect’ as well as make a 3D model and then played around with possible renovations. All the staff were helpful and informative. I’d like to try out a few things before I choose what I’d like to do for my future career but, overall it was a great experience.

Daniel

I recently completed two weeks of work experience as part of the Year 10 program. I spent the first week in a one-on-one experience with a mechanic assisting him with the servicing of vehicles and other small jobs around the workshop. It was a great experience. In the first week alone I learnt so much about various vehicles and different tricks of the trade to make repairs so much easier; it also gave me a great view on what I would like to be when I leave school. During the second week, I was lucky enough to be accepted to participate in a week of work experience with the military. I was so excited to be one of the 15 students from around Victoria that were accepted. I had great fun doing lots of various training exercises and learning about what it’s like to be an infantry man. We spoke to many different military personnel and enjoyed many different exercises such as: weapons simulation, drill marching, field training and many more. The Work Experience program only allows one week off school for the placement, this is why I was so lucky to be able to have this experience. I have to thank my teachers and Jane Jamieson for allowing me this extra week.

Now, after these two weeks of completely different lifestyles, I’ve discovered that I am able to combine these two passions into the one and I am now aiming to become a mechanic in the military. I believe it will be a great experience and, if I keep training and continue learning, I will be able to reach this goal without trouble.

Jeaniffer
For my work experience I got the opportunity to work at Harris Scarfe, Southland, a retail store. During my four days there, I certainly gained new skills and now know what it’s like working in the retail industry. I am grateful to them for having me on board and treating me like one of their staff members. I gained a lot of confidence by helping customers with their needs. I was given a number of tasks to complete such as Recovery, which was basically tidying up an area, making the racks look neat, checking and cleaning out the fitting room and un-boxing and tagging shoes. I had to repeat the same tasks each day which got a little boring and tiring. Retail is something I would try again but preferably not as a career. Overall I thought my work experience went alright.

Sean
I did my work experience at DSS Metro which is a fire company that services and provides equipment for other businesses if it was out of date or just needed. He would pick me up at 8am every morning and we would head to into Melbourne. I had an amazing experience working with Steve who was my boss throughout my work experience. We travelled to a lot of places and got to experience talking to many people, which was really fun. We went to a lot of cool places such as radio stations, the circus and a clock tower, where I had to climb about 100 steps to reach the top of the inside. We had to service the equipment and met some really cool people and experienced a whole other side of Melbourne I haven’t seen before.

Doing work experience at DSS Metro has made me think more about what I want for my career in the future—I want to be an electrician. It has made me think more about when and what course to do at TAFE which will help me get into my career.

Bailey goes to court

Brock cutting vinyl at a sign writers

Nat completes puzzles at the Early Childhood Centre