Dear Families and Community members,

**Having Positive Conversations about School with your Child**

Parents, in partnership with the College, can have a significant impact on a child's achievement. Do you ask your child the following question “How was school today?” and get the following answer “OK.” A real conversation stopper!

Another way to ask the question is “What have you learned today that might be useful for a lifetime?” Your child will have to think more deeply about this question if they are going to be polite and answer you. It will also help them see the way their learning can be applied to ‘real life’. Other questions you could ask include:

- What have you done today that makes you feel particularly proud?
- Can you think of a time today when you went out of your way to be helpful to someone?
- What is the most demanding or extending experience you had today?
- Can you think of a time today when you were especially enthused?

**Professional Development Day**

This Friday we have a Whole School PD day focused on ICT and in particular 1:1 pedagogies with the implementation of our netbook program in the senior school and soon to be ipad program in the middle school starting with Year 7 in 2014. Andrew Douch, an independent education consultant and teacher with 22 years classroom experience, is our guest presenter for the day. Andrew has won many awards for his work with emerging technologies in education, including an Australian Government Award for Quality Schooling, the Victorian Education Excellence Award for Curriculum Innovation, the Microsoft Worldwide Innovative Teacher of the Year and an IMS Global Learning Impact Leadership Award. I sent an invitation to our network schools to attend which has been gratefully received. We have representatives from Aspendale Primary School, Edithvale Primary School, Mordialloc Beach Primary School, Avenues and Cheltenham Secondary College joining us for the day.

**Good Luck Campbell**

This week Campbell, one of our Year 10 students is off to Canada to represent Australia at the World Youth Sport Climbing Championships. Campbell has already won the Youth ‘A’ under 18 division at the national titles held in Sydney in July and in May won the Youth ‘A’ Oceania title in New Caledonia. Good luck in Canada Campbell!!

**Principal for a Day Program**

On Wednesday I hosted Sarah Barzel, Possibility Australia’s Director of Education and Community services, participating in the Principal for a Day program. Sarah is also an international advisor for the Institute of Social Studies, Vietnam; Adjunct Professor Hanoi University, Faculty of International studies; been the Education Coordinator of the Jewish Museum of Australia; and is a trained ‘English as a Second Language’ teacher. She is fluent in French, Portuguese, Polish, and Hebrew. Sarah joined the Leadership Team breakfast meeting first thing and then I took her on a tour of the College visiting a number of classrooms to observe the range of different programs in action. We then held a morning tea with staff. Next there were some specific classroom visits planned for Sarah to speak to the students about her experiences overseas, in particular her work in helping communities source funding for projects, with a particular focus on developing countries. We finished with an informal lunch with the Student Leadership Group, Coordinators (cont’d overleaf)
and members of the Principal class team.
Sarah’s comments about the day: “Meeting with staff and students of Mordialloc College was both a pleasure and enlightening. A school shaped by the enthusiastic staff who obviously enjoy what they do. Thankyou all for a most enjoyable day”.
The day was a most positive and worthwhile experience. It was such a good way to promote public education and was a great chance for the students to get a different perspective on global issues and to make new connections.

As previously communicated, from 1 December, the College’s uniform supplier will be Dobson’s, not PSW. Dobson’s are a well-known family uniform supplier business and I am very pleased to announce that they will be setting up a uniform shop for our school community on site here at the College, located off the hall foyer. PSW are working with the College to provide the smoothest possible handover which has been much appreciated. I thank them for their professionalism and support of the College over the past five years. From now until the end of term 3, PSW are offering 30% off all stock with our logo on it. All current stock is to be located at the Frankston store (no longer at Cheltenham) until the end of term 3. This is a great offer, especially for any student requiring a new jumper (e.g. ALL Year 9 students will need a grey jumper for next year as a member of the Senior School in Year 10).
It is important to note the items being phased out when considering your purchases. The Spicer jacket will no longer be part of the uniform next year, and the white polo shirt for boys as part of their summer uniform will be phased out by the end of 2014.
Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal

Ventura Bus Lines:
Student Use of Myki

Our drivers are reporting that large numbers of students are still failing to touch on or off their Myki when travelling on their buses. Most students believe that if they are using the Myki pass (weekly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly) that they have pre-paid for their trip and therefore not required to touch on or off as they enter or exit the buses. Ventura Bus Lines would like to remind students that failure to touch on or off could result in an infringement notice being issued by one of our revenue protection officers.
For further information contact: Daryl Brundell on 9737 2000.

Dental Services for Children at Central Bayside Community Health
FREE and low-cost dental services for eligible children
The Child Oral Health Program is available to all children aged 0-12. Your child will have priority access which means there will be no waiting list, they will be given the next available appointment.
The service includes:
- Emergency care
- General care (eg. fillings, extractions and sealants)
- Dental health advice
To make an appointment phone: 8587 0350

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**Term 4 hours commence Monday 7 October.**
Please note: Store hours may be reviewed/changed to meet demand. PSW will communicate any changes to store trading hours with your school.

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Singin' in the Rain - Production Update

Well, it’s all over! The show Mordialloc College staff and students have been working on since February this year. Singin’ in the Rain, the annual College Production, has wrapped up. And, what a fabulous show it was. The 70 staff and students involved in the cast, crew and band pulled together to create a memorable and hilarious production at the Shirley Burke Theatre in Parkdale.

Hundreds of theatre goers guffawed without control at the story’s quirkiness and the actors’ delivery. The story, about Hollywood’s transition from silent films to talkies, was well received, and the combination of film and stage was refreshing.

A dozen professional musicians joined the student band to enhance the sound. The crew managed by Performing Arts Captain, James Himing, worked beautifully together to ensure rapid scene changes, even with the 50 set pieces.

I was an audience member for the three performances on July 31, August 1 and August 2. It was a joy and a privilege to watch the students take ownership of the show and to see friendships grow and skills develop. Well done to all those involved – you should be proud of what you’ve accomplished.

Miss Tammy Shmerling, Performing Arts Coordinator

Year 11 Media Film Project

On Tuesday, 13 August the Year 11 Media class worked in groups of eight to film their major outcome of Unit 2. Armed with scripts and shooting schedules, the students worked hard to get all their filming done in one day in order to edit over the week and weekend. The students planned for wet weather and location inaccessibility, and costumes and props were organised beforehand.

Well done! I can’t wait to see the finished products!

Miss Tammy Shmerling

Two students making fake blood for their psychological thriller
Camp started on Tuesday, 23 July and ended on Friday, 26. We started off by meeting at the front of the school at 6am. Once everyone arrived and the trailer was packed, we were on our way. After about two hours of driving we eventually got to Yea where we had a quick toilet stop and a bite to eat. After Yea we drove for another hour and a half to Mansfield where we had to change buses and we were on our way to Mt Buller. The view while driving up the mountain was amazing as the scene of green grass eventually turned into a sea of pure white snow. We had come at a perfect time as it had been snowing non-stop for two days before we arrived. We eventually got to the mountain where had our feet fitted for boots to walk around and collected our snow boards and skis. Once we had done that we had to carry our bags up a steep hill for about 200 meters. We stayed at a place called Koomerang Lodge which was an awesome place to stay. We settled into our cabins, got our warm clothes on and headed to the toboggan run which was a five minute bus ride down the mountain. Tobogganing was brilliant but we eventually had to leave so we headed back to the cabin. It was a quiet night because everyone was incredibly tired so, after we played celebrity heads, we called it a night and went to bed.

After we ate our breakfast we headed out for our first lesson which started at 9am and ended at 11am and, luckily, it was a beautiful day for beginners. The view while driving up the mountain was amazing as the scene of green grass eventually turned into a sea of pure white snow. The class would have the dinner table and discussed the different stories everyone had experienced over the day. We eventually got to our last day where we had our lesson and everyone made the most of the little time we had left; but the day was over in a flash and we had to return our skis and boots. We met back at the lodge to pack up and put our things in our bags. Once packed, we left the lodge for the last time and we walked down to the buses where we drove back to Mansfield to get back on our bus. We stopped to get food at Lilydale and we got back to school at 8.00 where we met our parents and returned home. We all had a great time and had a great experience as there were lots in the class who had never been to the snow before. The class would like to thank Nurse Betty, Mrs Nap, Mrs Sheer for their help on the camp, and Mr Evans for organising everything. Declan Lee, Year 10 Advance

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Certificate in Hospitality

RSA, RSG, RSF, OHS, First Aid (Level 2), Coffee Making, Bar Operations and Waiting

Course Commencing Tuesday 27th August 2013

To enroll online visit www.hosptrain.vic.edu.au/mordialloc

Course Information

Hospitality Training Australia is offering their popular Certificate in Hospitality to Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, past students and friends of the Mordialloc College community, in the familiar surrounds of your school. This course has been designed to give participants the certificates and minimum skills needed to work in hospitality. Students receive recognised qualifications and skills in espresso making, bar and beverage operations, waiting and more.

The course commences Tuesday 27th August 2013 from 2.30 to 5.30pm. The course will continue each Tuesday until completion, excluding school holidays.

Course Outline

Participants complete the following units of competence:

- SITXH5001A: Follow health safety and security procedures (OHS)
- SITXH5002A: Follow workplace hygiene procedures (RSF)
- SITHGAM006A: Provide responsible gambling services (RSG)
- SITHIND001A: Develop and update hospitality industry knowledge
- SITXCOM001A: Work with colleagues and customers
- SITXCOM002A: Work in a socially diverse environment
- SITHFAB003A: Serve food and beverage to customers (Waiter)
- SITXFAB002: Process financial transactions
- SITHFAB001A: Clean and tidy bar areas (Bar)
- SITHFAB0012A: Prepare and serve espresso coffee (Coffee)
- SITHFAB002A: Operate a bar (Bar)
- SITHFAB020A: Apply food and beverage skills in the workplace
- HLTA301C: Apply first aid (First Aid Level 2)

Course Costs

Total cost is $52.50 for students or $21.00 with Health Care Card.

How to Apply

Enroll online at www.hosptrain.vic.edu.au/mordialloc or Telephone Phuong Tran, Hospitality Training Australia on 1300 659 557.
HELP OUR STUDENT WRITERS RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

The Book in A Day competition is an Australia wide writing marathon where teams work to write children's books in 12 hours and to raise funds for Children's Hospitals in each Australian State. A copy of each finished book is donated to the hospital library.

This year Mordialloc College has entered 2 teams and we would love your sponsorship! Teams need to raise at least 250 dollars each to be judged in the competition. 100% of the funds raised will go to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

The Year 8 and Year 9 teams have been meeting weekly to build team work and writing skills in readiness for the competition on the 20th August. Our teams will be emailed a random setting, two human characters, a non-human character, an issue and five random words at 8.00am on the day. They then have until 8.00pm to write and illustrate a book!

This is an exciting project that raises funds for a great cause. We hope the community will get behind our writers!

If you are interested in sponsoring our Book in a Day teams please phone the general office on 9580 1184.

Ms Jenny Connolly
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When: 9:00am to 11:00am on Sunday the 1st of September AND 9:00am to 11:00am on Sunday the 15th of September.

There will be a free BBQ sausage and drink for all participants.

For more information, please contact our Summer President, Tony Green on 0418-662-230 or Summer Secretary, Garry Jacks on 0417 237 039

*Junior teams are open to both girls and boys from U12 to U13.

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