Principal’s Update

Netbook program in the senior school is a key priority in our new Strategic plan 2013-2016. 2013 has been set as the planning year supported by a successful Teacher Professional Leave application by Year 7 Coordinator, Felicity Stewart. The Department are financially supporting the College to provide time release for team members throughout the year to thoroughly research the proposal and establish an effective, informed, structured and richly documented 1:1 iPad program that will become an exemplar for other schools to follow.

Region Restructure
State education in Victoria has been through significant restructure at the regional level with a reduction in the number of personnel. Nine regions have been reduced to four, with our school now part of the South Eastern region which includes all of the Southern Metropolitan area and all of Gippsland. Peter Greenwell our former Regional Director is now working in the North Eastern region. John Allman is our new Regional Director. Simon Hamilton, Senior Advisor Regional Performance and Planning, is now overseeing the Kingston network of schools. I have invited Simon to speak at our Leadership Induction assembly next week and to assist in presenting the badges.

Financial Literacy Program
We are one of six secondary schools asked to trial the MoneySmart project in 2013 with the support of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA). Thanks to Marcelle van Maanen for following up on this initiative and to teachers George Tzimourtas and Joe Shanahan for volunteering to lead the program. George and Joe attended a two day conference in Adelaide at the end of last year and have already delivered their first PD session to staff. The College is being funded to support the trial of the program.

Information Nights
On Thursday, 7 February the Year 10 Information Evening was held for parents to welcome them to the senior school and inform them of the expectations we have of our students in this sub-school and to also receive information about the Year 10 camp to Queensland running in Term 3. Thanks to Daniel Williams, our Year 10 Coordinator for running this evening and the teachers who were able to attend to meet parents.

On Tuesday, 12 February the Year 12 Parent Evening was held where parents and students had the opportunity to hear from our Director of Senior School, Shelley Muir and Year 12 Coordinator, Tim Randell on expectations and requirements of VCE and VCAL; Josh Flood on statistical (conf’d overleaf)
moderation, scaling and the ATAR; and Jane Jamieson our Pathways Coordinator. Thanks to Shelley for organising the Information Evening and all staff who attended to meet parents.

On a very hot night, Monday, 18 February, the Year 7 Parent Information Evening was held in the Year 7 Learning Centre. This was an opportunity for parents to be introduced to the key features of the Year 7 program (structure of a typical day, communication with Family Guides and Leadership Team, home study, learning tracker and assessment). Parents also had a short presentation from the Tree Frog Transition Team working across the Kingston network with all primary and secondary schools. There was an opportunity at the end to meet representatives from a number of outside agencies available to support parents and their child in the transition to secondary school. Thanks to Hayley Wood for organising this night and the Family Guides for their support and attendance to work with our parents on the night. We are holding a similar night for Year 8 parents on Monday, 25 February.

**Extra Curricular Activities**

**Year 7 Excursions**

Although we had to cancel the camp, the Year 7 students have had a most positive start to the year and were highly engaged by three days of excursions and activities that were organised to replace the camp. Thanks to Hayley Wood and the Year 7 team for their support of our new cohort of students into Year 7.

**Elevate Seminars**

On Tuesday afternoon our VCE students received practical knowledge and tips on how to study, prepare for exams and stay motivated throughout Year 12. All sessions were presented by young, engaging people who have recently finished secondary school, many of whom achieved outstanding results in their VCE. Thanks to Shelley Muir for organising this valuable activity for our students.

Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal

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**Mordialloc College Phone App**

You should have received a letter in the post explaining how to access our MC App.

Some common Q&A to help with any issues you may be having:

**Q: Can I get it on my phone?**

A: Your phone needs to be an iPhone or Android. At this stage, the App isn't accessible on a Windows phone, Blackberry or Nokia.

**Q: Why can't I get to the site?**

A: There are 2 possible solutions:

- Ensure you are typing the address into the *address* box, **NOT** the search box (can happen to some using iPhones)

- Ensure you are typing the "**www.**" before the address (ie [www.classapps.com.au](http://www.classapps.com.au))

**Q: Will this cost me any extra?**

A: No. It does use a *very* small amount of data but no more than visiting a web page.

**Q: Do I have to do anything else?**

A: If you want to receive push notifications (urgent notices) you will need to install the *FREE* app "Alert Rocket". There are instructions and a link *within* the app. Simply go to the ‘news’ section and click "Receiving Alerts".

Josh Flood, Director of eLearning

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**THE HUB**

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**BOOK FAIR**

*Books for early readers onwards*  
*Fun stationery*  
*Lots of prizes*  
*Opens Monday 4 March*  
*Closes @ 6pm on Thursday 7 March*  
*Parents and friends very welcome to come and buy – books make great Easter presents!!!*

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**Important Information**

**Lateness:** Students are expected to arrive at school punctually. If they are late they **must** obtain a late pass by reporting to the General Office. It is expected that a note from parents will explain the lateness. Accurate attendance records are crucial for reports, Youth Allowance payments and DEECD training requirements.
Grand Opening

Mordialloc College’s State of the Art Resource Hub

This was the dream.
Come and see the exciting reality.
Mordialloc College Council invites all members of the school community to celebrate the opening of our Resource Hub.

Monday 4 March 4 to 5pm
Light refreshments will be served
The Seaford Junior Football Club are now taking registrations for season 2013 for all age groups. Please contact Mark on 0435 900 674 for more details.