Mordialloc College staff and students share and proudly demonstrate our agreed values of Personal Best, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility

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**eLearning Report**

**The Hub**

With the opening of The Hub, our students now have access to more technology and resources than ever before. Students can now access notebooks, iMac desktops and iPads, as well as traditional resources of books, magazines, etc. All students wishing to access the digital resources will need to ensure they have their planner with them and have the Network and Acceptable Use agreement within their planner signed by their parent and themselves. Our high-definition theatrette is also due to be fully operational by mid-March, providing the College with a unique space for talks, seminars, presentations and viewing films.

**My School App**

Mordialloc College now has a web-app for Smart phones. This app is a quick and easy way to access the latest information and happenings of the College. There is a news section for all newsletter items, a calendar for all important dates and events, lists of activities for the various programs run by the College and, most importantly, a section for alerts and important notifications to keep parents in the loop and up to date. Letters were posted home in early February with instructions on how to install and use the app. If you did not receive the instructions or are experiencing difficulties in accessing or installing the app, please feel free to contact the College or email Joshua Flood, the Director of eLearning on flood.joshua.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

**1:1 Netbook Program**

We are continuing the rollout of our 1:1 netbook program for students in the Senior School. All students in Year 11 and 12, and any student in Year 10 taking a VCE subject, are eligible to receive a Dell Inspiron netbook for use while they are a student at Mordialloc College. These devices allow students to access online resources, digital textbooks, Office software and Learning Management Systems in all of their classes as well as at home. If you wish to take up this offer, please feel free to contact me to discuss terms and conditions and receive the Notebook Agreement.

**Google Apps**

We are currently in the process of constructing the Mordialloc College domain in Google Apps, which will provide a dynamic and flexible means of communicating and learning for Mordialloc students. Google Apps is a suite of online services (Docs, Calendars, Mail, etc.) that allows students and parents to access resources, information, submit work, receive feedback and communicate any time, any where. We will be activating student accounts throughout Term 2, with the aim of having all students online by July 2013. Look out for more information later in the year. Joshua Flood, Director of eLearning

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**Important Dates**

**Friday 1 March**
- Year 9 Economics Excursion to Mordialloc Shops

**Monday 4 March**
- Resource Hub Opening (4 to 5pm)
- Senior Round Robin

**Monday 4 to Friday 8 March**
- Book Fair

**Tuesday 5 March**
- Year 11 Business Management Excursion to Mordialloc Shopping Centre
- Year 12 Dance Excursion to Top Arts

**Thursday 7 March**
- Year 12 Physics Excursion to Luna Park

**Friday 8 March**
- Year 8 French Excursion to Kino Cinema

**Monday 11 March**
- Labour Day Holiday

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**THE HUB 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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Rehearsals for the 2013 College Production ‘Singin in the Rain’ are well underway!

Upon reading through the script, the senior students took it upon themselves to run three 20-minute workshops for every cast member: dance, drama and singing. More than team bonding was achieved: the senior students flexed their leadership muscles and set a high expectation for everyone. Mark your diaries: ‘Singin in the Rain’ will be performed over three magical nights at the Shirley Burke Theatre in Parkdale on July 31, August 1 and August 2.

Miss Tammy Shmerling, Performing Arts Coordinator

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Year 8 student, Kaitaki who is making a name for himself as an athlete. Kaitaki recently represented the Mentone Athletics Club in the Southern Metro Region meet and came second in the shot put, discus and javelin, throwing a personal best in the javelin. Earlier this year Kaitaki represented Victoria in an under 15 competition finishing 3rd in both the discus and the javelin. Well done Kaitaki on always striving for your personal best.

Mr George Tzimourtas, Director of Middle School

PREMIER’S ACTIVE FAMILY CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Active Family Challenge encourages Victorian’s to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity for 30 days over six weeks. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people, more active, more often. Physical activity during childhood helps with an improved cardiovascular system, stronger musculoskeletal systems and a better self-esteem. This can also improve school performance and concentration. Some suggested activities could be walking to school, walking the dog, beach walks, bike rides or even doing family chores - like washing the car, going to the shops.

Please enter by going to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au to register as a family and earn points for your school. You will be supported with healthy eating and physical activity tips and incentives. You will also receive: 20 free YMCA passes, 15% off at Rebel Sport, passes to the Aquarium, NGM and MCG and a lot more!

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions. Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Introducing Cecile, French Language Assistant

Hi everyone—I am Cecile and I just arrived from France. I will be working as a French Language Assistant here at Mordialloc College every Thursday and Friday of this school year. I am glad to be part of the school community and I thank everyone for their warm welcome. I am sure we are all going to have a wonderful time together and I will be pleased to share the aspects of French culture with you.