Principal’s Update

On Monday, 25 February we formally recognised our students who have been successful in achieving a leadership position for this year, in a whole school assembly with parents who were able to attend and special guest speakers and presenters, Mr Simon Hamilton, Senior Advisor Regional Performance and Planning, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and Mrs Monica Bladier representing Mark Dreyfus, MP, Attorney General and Federal Member for Isaacs. Students were presented with their leadership badge from the College and a leadership certificate from Mark Dreyfus. Students were selected on the basis of their application letter, a speech delivered to their peers and a formal interview with the selection panel. I congratulate all students who were prepared to nominate and go through the selection process. I am proud of the leadership structure we have in place at Mordialloc, with many opportunities being available to our students. The College community acknowledges the crucial role that leadership at every level throughout the school plays, in inspiring pride in the College and reinforcing the importance of setting high expectations in everything we do. I expect all of our student leaders to be positive role models, both in school and out in the community. This will involve leading by example on a daily basis through proudly demonstrating our agreed College values of Personal Best, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility in all actions and behaviours; and inspiring others to seek leadership opportunities in the future. (cont’d overleaf)

Important Dates
Friday 8 March
- Year 8 French Excursion to Kino Cinema
Monday 11 March
- Labour Day Holiday
Thursday 14 March
- Year 9 SEAL SOSE Excursion to the State Library
Friday 15 March
- Kingston Swimming Sports
Monday 18 to Tuesday 19 March
- Year 10 Advance Hike to Cathedral Ranges
- Year 9 French Film Excursion
Tuesday 19 March
- House Athletics Signs Ups
Wednesday 20 March
- Year 10-12 French Excursion to French Film Festival
- Intermediate Round Robin

Student Leaders

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College Council Elections
In the recent call for nominations for parent vacancies on Council we received nominations from, Ann-Maree Reeve, Diane Cameron, Jeff Goodwin and Sarah Howes. It is my pleasure to welcome them all to the new Council and I thank them for their commitment to Mordialloc College. We received three nominations for the vacancies for DEECD representatives, with Kevin Osborne, George Tzimourtas and Stuart McIntyre all duly elected and again I thank them for their willingness to make this extra commitment to the College.

Student Planner
A reminder to parents and students about the use of our student study planner as a valuable organisational tool to support learning and is an important means of communication between school and home. Students should take their planner to every class and keep it graffiti free and tidy. Students should record home study, important dates eg. upcoming excursions and due dates for class work. Teachers will use the planner to inform parents about matters of importance within their specific class. I ask that parents check their student’s planner on a regular basis.

Resource Hub Opening
On Monday, 4 March we held our Hub Opening 4-5pm, open to all members of the community. Thankyou to the parents, students and staff that supported this event. It was wonderful to have the architects from MINX attend to join in the celebrations. Some feedback from our Community about our new resource hub:

**Teachers:**
- ‘What an awesome space. I can’t wait to bring my classes in here.’
- ‘It’s so vibrant and welcoming – I love it.’
- ‘This is spectacular. It really fills a need. Look how engaged the kids are.’
- ‘This is the best building I’ve seen in all my years in education.’

**Students:**
- ‘Being in here makes me want to learn.’
- ‘I’m glad I wasn’t in Year 12 last year. I would have hated to have just missed out on this.’
- ‘Is this really all for us?’
- ‘Awesome!!!!’ – multiple times

**Community:**
- ‘My child's engagement at school has been enhanced.’
- ‘My child hasn’t put a book down since the Hub opened.’
- ‘I didn’t realise from the street how much space there is for the kids – being inside is a revelation. And the colours are fantastic.’
- ‘Wish there'd been a building like this when I was at school.’

Swim Carnival
On Wednesday, 27 February, the House Swimming Carnival was held and it was a most successful and enjoyable day. The event was well supported by students and staff who enthusiastically engaged with the busy program in beautiful weather before the cool change hit later in the afternoon. Congratulations go to Bunurong (Yellow house) on their great win – I am sure the other Houses will respond in style at the next round of events. Congratulations to Sports Coordinator Cory Watters for his excellent organisation of this event, all students and staff for their wonderful work and positive involvement on the day.

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The SRC Raises Funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital
At the Swimming Carnival, students decked themselves from head to toe in House colours and dived into the fun and games to earn their House some points, while getting a good feed from the BBQ run by the SRC. Thanks to the dedication of the Senior School SRC team, the boys who worked the BBQ like pros and the girls who pleased the customers with top notch service. The Senior School SRC were also assisted by their younger peers from Year 7 and 9 who were a great help with serving and handing out drinks. At the end of the day, a quick tally indicated that 300 sausages and 50 hamburgers had been devoured by all the hungry students and staff with a fantastic profit of $450 going towards the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Our next two fundraisers, the College Athletics Sports and the Easter raffle, held at Parent/Teacher Interview evening, will also go towards this worthy cause. So we encourage you all to get behind the SRC and give so they may grow.

Anoosha Delpechitra & Katelyn Lee, College Vice Captains
House Swimming Sports Held Wednesday, 27 February
Yellow House Are the Victors

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**MC Phone App**

Thank you to all those parents who have downloaded the app and are using it to advise the College of their child’s absence. However, it is important to include your child’s name in order for us to record the absence.

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**Have you ever thought how good it would be to be able to:**

- Learn what it’s like to live in another country?
- Learn a new language and experience a different culture.

If you are in years 9, 10 or 11 now, Rotary Youth Exchange can offer this and more.

Contact: Stuart McDonald, ph 5962 4694

www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au

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**Shine Academy for Girls**

**How do I raise a Resilient Child? - the 32 skills involved in building resilience**

**Date:** Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm

**Presenter:** Melissa Anderson, Counsellor, Pharmacist, Director of SHINE Academy for Girls and Longford & Fraser for Boys

**Location:** Brighton Grammar Senior School: Robert Sanderson Hall, entrance off St Andrews Street

**Cost:** Nil. A gold coin donation to a nominated charity is warmly welcomed.

**Bookings:** 9596 8814 or email: info@shineacademy.com.au

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**SunSmart**

Don’t let your time in the sun catch up with you. When you spend time in the sun without protection, you’re increasing your risk of skin cancer. It doesn’t matter whether it’s at the beach, at the park, or simply in the backyard - it all adds up. So always protect yourself in five ways with a hat, clothing, shade, sunglasses and sunscreen.