Principal’s Update

Dear Families and Community Members,

Importance of having a study routine, people around you for support, and fully utilising the teachers for assistance when needed. Also, that a consistent effort was required over the whole year, so keeping up the motivation levels was critical. This can be aided by getting in early to speak to Jane our Pathways Coordinator to look at possible courses that are aligned to your strengths and interests and knowing the ATAR required. Above all else, a lot of hard work was required but she didn’t lose sight of taking in the moment of it being the final year of school and enjoying the company of her fellow students and the special events throughout the year the cohort enjoyed together.

Chelsea Primary School Fair

Our band was invited to play at the Chelsea Primary School Twilight fair last Friday. This note of thanks was sent from the Student Wellbeing Coordinator at Chelsea Primary School:

I am writing to congratulate and thank Eve, Demis and the students from the band who performed at Chelsea Primary School’s Twilight Fair last Friday, 15th March. I only managed to catch a snapshot of the performance, but feedback from our school community was that they were entertaining and gave a polished performance. I am very grateful to Eve for efficiently coordinating the students and the logistics of transporting instruments and all of the equipment. Not only did she and Demis commit extra time of their own to being at the performance but I’m sure there would have been extra work involved in getting the band performance ready too. You have some very committed teachers on board! A wonderful endorsement for our College!!!

Important Dates

Friday 22 March
- Year 9 Advance Snorkelling at Pope’s Eye
- Year 8 Round Robin & Final

Monday 25 March
- Year 7 French Excursion to French Film Festival

Tuesday 26 March
- Year 12 Media Excursion to ACMI
- Year 7 Round Robin & Final

Wednesday 27 March
- Parent/Teacher Interviews—4 to 7pm (reports distributed)
- World’s Greatest Shave
- State Swimming & Diving
- Year 8 Excursion to GESAC

Thursday 28 March
- House Athletics
- Last Day Term 1

Monday 15 April
- Term 2 Commences

New Electronic Sign

Thanks for all of the positive feedback we received when our new signs were operating at the start of the school year. I am sure most of our community has noticed that our new electronic signs have not been operating now for a few weeks. After having a few teething issues these have now been resolved and the signs are now operational again.

MC App

Families are now able to access important school information anywhere and easily using any smart device. The MC App has contact information, news and events for families to access. There is also the ability to notify the school of your child’s absence using the App. 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 (cont’d overleaf)
We’re all doing the Worlds Greatest Shave!

Join us on Wednesday, 27 March at lunchtime

Miss Amelia Hargreaves, SRC Coordinator

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owners Risk

Please note the following extract from the DEECD regarding ‘Personal goods brought to school at owner’s risk’.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment, bicycles and cars parked on school premises. The DEECD does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools.

Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal

**Late to School**

Late to school is a serious issue and those who are regularly late are missing out on both time and class work. If a student is constantly late, beginning this week, they will be provided with the opportunity to make up for lost time and catch up on any missed work on Fridays after school from 3.15 to 4pm.

Mr K Osborne, Assistant Principal

Dynamite Dave Visits Mordialloc College

This term I invited a special guest to our Year 9 & 10 English classes, David Pizarcoff, also known as ‘Dynamite Dave’ (his cheerleading nickname). Dave has Downs Syndrome and he was invited to speak about his abilities and strengths such as, training and performing as a ‘base’ in a cheerleading group; learning and accomplishing various skills via TAFE; playing drums; acting and volunteering as a DJ at friends’ events.

Meeting Dave inspired our students to focus on achieving their best as individuals, both personally and academically. He also taught them to avoid judging others based on their appearance and disabilities and instead focus on their contributions and abilities. Dave was an enthusiastic and entertaining speaker; he even demonstrated his one arm push-ups which were pretty impressive.

Every student actively listened and participated during Dave’s presentation. I was very proud to see them exercising our school values of Respect and Integrity.

Mrs V Nicolopoulos, English Teacher

Student comments:

"Meeting Dave was a great experience. He was really nice and extremely funny. I enjoyed having Dave as a visitor to our classroom. He’s always welcome back. Amberlee.

"Meeting Dave was like meeting a good friend. His love, generosity and kindness swept us off our feet. So glad he came to visit us.” Ari.
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