Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2016 school year, and a special welcome to all of our 150 Year 7 students and 20 new students at other year levels who are joining us for the first time. I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday break with family and friends and is looking forward to a positive year ahead.

Strengthening Culture of Achievement

My ongoing mantra to everyone here has been to set ‘High Expectations’ in everything we do, high expectations of our own performance and of those we influence, whether we are student, teacher or parent. Underpinning this focus are our core values of Personal Best, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility. It is so important that they continue to be evident in how we all work together throughout the year.

We are continuing to see the benefits of the College’s emphasis on high expectations and should be proud of our school and the results achieved last year. We are above the state average for value adding in NAPLAN; we are well above the state average on the student attitudes to school survey, in fact in the top 25% of the state on variables such as Teacher effectiveness and empathy, Stimulating learning, Student safety and Connectedness to Peers to name a few; we had very positive results on the Parent opinion survey; all Year 12 students applying for a tertiary placement were successful with 100% getting a first round offer, which is fantastic; and endorsing the College’s growing reputation as a leading education provider in the area is the large increase in our Year 7 enrolments for the second year in a row.

As a school community focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for all of our students we need to continually reflect and seek improvement in everything we do. This year is the final year of our current Strategic Plan (2013-2016) and as such, as part of the accountability cycle set for Victorian Government Schools, we will be undergoing an external review this year to reflect on the past 3-4 years performance in relation to our key improvement strategies and key data sets. We will then work on developing a new strategic plan for the ongoing improvement of our College and provision of an excellent education for all of our students. I will provide more information about this process in the next month.

Our Key Improvement Strategies for 2016 are to:

- Continue to develop teacher capacity at all levels with particular emphasis on differentiated learning and assessment
- Continue to focus on numeracy improvement Years 7-12
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- Continue to build a culture of achievement and high expectations, whilst maintaining an orderly and positive learning environment
- Continue to ensure the provision of a comprehensive Year 7 to 12 program that provides the widest possible range of pathways in the later years
- Develop a set of precise teaching skills in teachers through building consistency and quality of teaching practice across the school to lower instances of in school variation in student performance

Facility Development
I would like to remind everyone about our exciting building program to begin this year. We have $5.83 million to complete a number of priority projects. This term, major maintenance work is being finished off on the bottom floor of the two storey building. Over the summer holidays, all of the windows on the top floor were replaced and rooms were painted. From Term 2, construction of three significant new facilities will begin. First off will be the development of our new performing arts centre with the new school canteen attached, in the old forum area; and a new Year 8 Learning Centre is to be located next to the Discovery Centre. Once these buildings are both finished we will demolish the Hall and build a new Gym: so, very exciting times for the College.

Welcome to new staff
We have quite a number of new staff starting with us this year, to cover the staff on leave and a number of extra staff to cater for our increase in student numbers. We welcome the following staff to Mordialloc College:

- **Ms Lea Gilbert**: Art/Technology (has previously taught here)
- **Miss Courtney Wills**: Art
- **Mr Simon Cummins**: Food/Health
- **Miss Ariana Nickou**: Chemistry/Science/Maths
- **Miss Katrina Anastassiou**: Science/Maths
- **Mrs Alex Brown**: Senior Maths
- **Mr Ewan Slater**: French
- **Ms Liz Evans**: Literacy and Numeracy Intervention
- **Ms Rebekah Bell**: receptionist
- **Ms Amber McHugh**: food assistant
- **Ms Emile Dimek**: French assistant

And we are currently in the process of employing two additional integration aides.

Uniform and Jewellery
Our uniform is a very important part of the image we project of our College community and therefore I expect all students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride to, from and at school. I would like to congratulate the majority of students who have started off the year in a positive way in the wearing of the correct College uniform and I thank all parents for your support with this. A reminder that all boys should be wearing the short sleeve business shirt with College logo.

For PE and Sport, a reminder that students are required to be sunsmart and wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat when participating in outdoor activities. If they don't bring

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**Introducing the College Leadership Team**

- **Principal** – Michelle Roberts
- **Assistant Principal Curriculum & Pedagogy** – Jennifer Roep
- **Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning Implementation** – Kevin Osborne
- **Director of Student Wellbeing** – Di Douglas
- **Director of Middle School Years 7-9** – George Tzimourtas
- **Director of Senior School Years 10-12** – Shelley Muir
- **Director of elearning** – Josh Flood
- **Director of Numeracy Improvement** – Bryony Lowe
- **Business Manager** – Yvonne Aird

**Introducing the Year Level Coordinators**

- **Senior School** - Tim Randell Y12; Robyn Wilson Y11; Joe Shanahan Y10
- **Middle School** - Matina Karamanis Y9; Lauren McIvor Y8; Katie Talerico Y7

*Please don’t hesitate to contact us here at the College, if you need to speak to someone - 9580 1184*
a hat, they will be given one from our PE department to wear for the lesson.

All students must also be using the official Mordialloc College school bag available from Dobson’s.

A reminder of the rules outlined in the College uniform policy regarding jewellery - jewellery is not to be worn apart from a wristwatch and a plain stud or sleeper for students with pierced ears. Piercing of other body parts must not be visible.

College Council Elections

College Council elections are approaching. Further information will be in the newsletter next week and nomination forms available from Reception. Please give some thought to contributing to the College by participating in College Council – there are generally two evening meetings per term, and it can be very rewarding. College Council decides, to a large extent, the policies and direction the College takes and is therefore a most important part of the College community.

I am proud to be the Principal of Mordialloc College and I hope you are all proud to be a part of the Mordialloc College community. I am looking forward to the year ahead and hope that all students make the most of the opportunities and challenges that are presented to them. Please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Ms Michelle Roberts
Principal

Mordialloc College Staff - First day BBQ lunch for our Year 7 & 12 students
**SENIOR SCHOOL ELECTIVES**

Students undertaking a high cost elective in Years 10, 11 and 12 during 2016, payment was required before commencement of Headstart.

We realise it is a busy time of the year and this may have been overlooked. If the student’s electives have not been paid, payment is required as soon as possible.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL eBUNDLE**

All students in Years 7 - 9 require the ebundle to access required texts on their iPads. Please ensure payment for your child has been received by the General Office so that students receive their access code for this essential education item.

**SEAL AND ADVANCE LEVY**

Levy payments for students enrolled in SEAL and ADVANCE should be received no later than March 3.

There are several options to pay: in person at the General Office – (EFTPOS, cheque, cash, credit card), Bpay or through the College Qkr! App or direct deposit. Credit card payments are accepted over the phone, PH: 9580 1184.

Direct Deposit to the College can be set up via internet banking or at your Bank. The College bank account details are:

- BSB: 063149
- Account no: 10024046
- Account Name: Mordialloc College Official Account

If paying via direct deposit, please include a reference of student name and elective/levy/ebundle being paid for.

If you would like to discuss a payment plan for any of these charges, please call me on 9580 1184 or email me direct at aird.yvonne.m1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yvonne Aird
Business Manager
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATON FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
World Challenge

Fresh produce from the farmer to you

Come along to Bonbeach Primary School on the second Sunday of the Month (dates below) for great tasting fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy, meat, baked goods, conserves and wine.

2016 dates
Sunday 14 February
Sunday 13 March
Sunday 10 April
Sunday 8 May
Sunday 12 June

At the 14 February market: Mordialloc World Challenge will be running the community Egg and Bacon Stall. Come along and support us!

www.bonbeachfarmersmarket.weebly.com

Open from 9am to 1pm $2 donation per adult
Bonbeach Primary School Breeze St Bonbeach
This is a Victorian Farmers Market Association accredited market

Mordialloc College

Vietnam 2016
From September to April in Victoria, when average UV Index levels reach 3 and above.

Check the SunSmart UV Alert every day and protect your skin during the sun protection times (when UV levels are 3 or above), even when you are in the sun for short periods.

The UV Alert is available as a SunSmart app, on the SunSmart website, and in the weather section of the daily newspapers.

During the sun protection times, use a combination of the five SunSmart steps:

- Slip on sun clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen liberally at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors.
- Slap on a broad brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.
- Seek shade.

Further information available at www.sunsmart.com.au

We welcome all current and NEW players to our family friendly soccer club

This community club is looking for players to fill vacancies in our Junior BOYS and GIRLS teams from U12 to U18

Registrations are OPEN on the club website.

aspendalesc.com/2016-season/

Registration days are held at Jack Grut Reserve, Governor Road, Mordialloc 92H1

Sunday 7th February 2016 from 9:30am - 11:45am and Friday 12th February 2016 from 6pm - 8pm

Contact the club by Email: registrations@aspendalesc.com

We have a Skills program for 5 to 7 year old boys and girls starting on Sunday February 7, 2015
**Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College**

**Trading Hours**
- Monday 8.30 - 11.30
- Wednesday 12.30 - 4.00

**Situated off the foyer of the School Hall**

**Telephone:** 9587 0738

*Please note the Uniform Shop is not open during the school holidays.*

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**WEP Student Exchange**

Live the life of an overseas teenager and go on exchange with WEP Australia, the French and Italian program experts.

- **Italy**
  - Do you go weak at the knees for lasagne, tortellini and tiramisu?
  - Travel to Italy with WEP!

- **France**
  - Immerse yourself in France, a culture that has influenced the western world for hundreds of years!

- **Belgium**
  - Belgium, the heart of Europe, is a compact country nestled between France, Germany, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and the North Sea.

**INCLUDED EXTRAS!**
- Visit famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower.
- Take part in a weeklong cultural immersion in Paris.

**INCLUDED EXTRAS!**
- Explore various sites during a three-night cultural immersion in Paris.
- You’ll visit the Louvre Museum, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe.

**INCLUDED EXTRAS!**
- Discover France during a three-night cultural immersion, including French language lessons and availability for other exchange programs.

**Contact WEP for a free information pack!**

1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au  www.wep.org.au

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**Chelsea Junior Football Club, Inc.**

**2016 Registration Day**

**Sunday 7th February 2016**

**10:30am – 2:00 pm**

Come down and join our fun, friendly and family oriented club.

Meet the Coaches who are all fully qualified.

**All Players from Under 9’s to Under 17’s are welcome.**

At Chelsea Junior Football Club, ALL PLAYERS receive a trophy at the end of the Season.

Fees are only $135 a Player or $210 per Family with no ongoing costs.

*Please note all NEW Members are required to bring along a copy of their Birth Certificate and a Medical Action Plan, should they have any medical conditions we need to be aware of.*

This season we have acquired a new sponsor, Aspendale Gardens Dental Group, who will be at our Club during Registration Day to professionally fit all Members with a Mouthguard, free of charge.

We look forward to seeing some new faces this year.

If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, Tanya Boyd on 0408 588 477 or registrar@chelseaafc.com.au

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**Join Us On Facebook**

You can find Mordialloc College on Facebook by typing Mordialloc College into the search bar, then clicking ‘Like’. If you like us you will receive information about upcoming news and events within your newsfeed - just another way we are improving digital communication within our College community.

For more information contact Mrs Lisa Ip.