Dear Families and Community members,

Applied Learning Awards
Last Thursday night Jane Jamieson and I attended the Applied Learning Awards at the Brighton International. Three of our students were nominated for an award. Congratulations to Carmie Van der Berg from Year 12 for winning the VCAL Literacy Skills award for the region. A fantastic achievement! Well done also to Corey Buckley and Cooper Howard-Smith for being nominated for an award in the VET category and VCAL work skills category.

Principal’s Update

Important Dates
Friday 25 October
- Year 8 SEAL Excursion to Ceres
- Year 12 Final Assembly
- Valedictory Dinner
- Last Day of Official Classes for Year 12

Wednesday 30 October
- Year 12 VCAA Exams Commence

Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 November
- Year 11 Exams

Thursday 7 November
- School Council (5pm)

Monday 11 to Friday 29 November
- Year 11 into Year 12 Headstart

Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 November
- Year 9 (MEX) Community Placements

Tuesday 12 November
- Year 7 Alternative Sports Day

Farewell to the Class of 2013
To celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students, on Friday we will be holding our whole school farewell assembly and many of our Year 12 parents will be in attendance to recognise this significant occasion – the conclusion of six years of secondary schooling. The Year 12 cohort have been wonderful ambassadors and have contributed so much to our College, having represented us in countless sporting, cultural and academic events. They have worked really hard this year with our emphasis on high expectations in everything we do and we are all proud of them. On behalf of the whole College community, I would like to wish all Year 12 students every success for the examination period, which begins next week on Wednesday, 30 October. I am (cont’d overleaf)
confident they will all achieve the VCE or VCAL results they deserve and have worked towards all year with much persistence. No matter what their pathway on leaving Mordialloc, as long as they continue to strive to achieve the best they can, they can be satisfied. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 12 leaders: our School Captains, Morgan Hoelfritsch and Jesse Roach; Katie Lee and Anoosha Delpechitra as Vice Captains; James Himing and Cliff Enticott for performing arts; Markus Goodwin for visual arts; Hayley Giles, Matt Taylor and Jenanie Jeyeneshan for sport; Michael Gray and Michelle Topham for special events; and Carmie Van der Berg as our first VCAL captain. They have all been fine leaders for our school and have handled the challenges of combining Year 12 studies with the responsibilities and expectations of student leadership with distinction!

Another big event on Friday night will be the Valedictory Dinner to be held at Woodlands. This will be an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to get together in a formal setting to reflect on the past year and recognise the achievements of our Year 12 students. The class of 2013 have made an outstanding contribution to our school and we are proud of each and every one of them. I would like to thank Director of Senior School/Acting Assistant Principal, Shelley Muir, Year 12 Coordinator Tim Randell, Assistant Principal, Kevin Osborne and all of our Year 12 teachers who have all worked tirelessly to support our Year 12 students this year.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of the graduating class for 2013 at this year’s awards night in December, when all students will be presented on stage in academic gowns in front of the rest of the college community. This also allows the community a final opportunity to wish them well for the future.

**Art Show**

In what has been a very busy week at the College, another highlight was the opening of the Annual Art show on Tuesday night in the EZ centre. This was a true community event with the talents of Mordialloc staff and students, our local primary school students and community members on show. There was a great attendance with over 150 people through on the night, reinforcing the value the community places on such an event. An incredible amount of work went into the preparation of this event. The Art and Technology team deserve the highest praise for their commitment to the College and dedication in ensuring the delivery of this quality event where over 800 pieces of student work and some from the community were framed by our staff and were on show. Amy Witorz, Lea Gilbert, Stuart McIntyre, Robyn Napolitano, Emily Court and Melinda Smith are to be congratulated!!!

**Spring Picnic**

Congratulations to the Senior and Middle school student leaders for organising and running this event last Saturday afternoon at the College in the year 7 area. We had beautiful weather to support the event and a vast array of talent made up the performance part of the program including the return of former school captain, Josh Mulcahy to the stage to perform his magic show and also perform with the “Other Direction”. The sports captains ran games throughout the afternoon, including the traditional egg and spoon race and three legged race. Thanks to the members of our community who were able to attend to support this important student initiative.

*Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal*
Year 10 Advance Grampians Hike

On Wednesday, 16 October, the Year 10 Advance Class went to the Grampians for our final camp. After a long bus ride we finally got to Beehive falls. We walked for about two and half to three hours to get to the top, (after a few stops along the way). At Briggs Bluff we set up camp for the night. We were all relieved to take the heavy bags off our backs. We then had time to explore and really take in some of the great views. We cooked dinner on our trangias and then went for a short walk after dinner to have a look at the lights of the towns we could see in the distance, which was pretty cool. We then headed back and went to bed. We got up about 8am, and had breakfast in the rain! It had been raining non stop from about 11pm the night before. We packed up our tents and bags in the rain and headed off again—it finally stopped raining, for a little while. As we hiked towards our first stop we could see some big dark clouds coming towards us—it started not to rain but hail on us. We all walked through it and, after a few more stops and some great views, had photos taken. We finally made it to Trooper’s Creek. We set out our tents to dry in the sun and headed into Halls Gap for a look around the town. We returned to camp and cooked dinner again before heading off to “J Ward” for a night tour. It was a fairly scary experience for some of us, but also an interesting lesson in the history of the area and the many forms the jail has been used for over the years. We headed home late from there and went straight to bed when we got back to camp. The next morning we got up, packed up everything and headed back to school. We all had sore muscles and were relieved that the challenging, but fun camp was over. Thanks to Mr Evans for organising it and Ms McIvor for also coming along.

Kristy Clark, Year 10 Advance

Victorian Secondary Schools’ Sports Association State Track & Field Championships

On Tuesday, 22 October five athletes competed in the 26th Annual State Track and Field Championships held at Lakeside Stadium. Mordialloc placed 57th out of 242 schools in the State.

Congratulations to all athletes on their excellent performances and personal bests throughout the year. You should be extremely proud of your successes throughout the semester and how you have conducted yourselves with distinction.

Mr C Watters, Sports Coordinator

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**Kingston Division Athletics Age Group Champions**

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2nd Girls 18-20 Long Jump  
2nd Girls 18-20 200m  
1st Girls 18-20 Triple Jump (New Record) |
| Girls 16 Years | Alana Hafoka                           | 1st Girls 16 High Jump (New Record)  
2nd Girls 16 Triple Jump  
1st Girls 16 Javelin  
3rd Girls 16 Long Jump |
| Boys 14 Years | Declan Brightman                       | 4th Boys 14 High Jump  
2nd Boys 14 100m  
2nd Boys 14 400m  
4th Boys 14 200m |

**Southern Metropolitan Athletics Held On Friday, 11 October Overall, Mordialloc College Finished 19th**

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Girls 18-20 Hurdles 100m | Katelyn Lee 2nd |
| Boys 12-15 1500m Race Walk | Robert Deacon             | 4th |
| Boys 15 Discus | Matt Harmor          | 4th |
| Girls 18-20 Hurdles 100m | Katelyn Lee              | 2nd  
Girls 18-20 Long Jump | Katelyn Lee 2nd |
| Boys 18-20 Shot Put | Ajuka Julin-Turner       | 3rd  
Boys 18-20 High Jump | Orion Sanger 2nd |
| Girls 12-13 Long Jump | Gina Wong                 | 5th  
Girls 15 High Jump | Alana Hafoka 2nd  
Boys 17 Hurdles 110m | Akid Syed-Taha 2nd |
| Girls 16 Javelin | Alana Hafoka             | 1st  
Girls 14 High Jump | Natalie Wood 6th  
Girls 15 High Jump | Alana Hafoka 1st  
Girls 18-20 Javelin | Hayley Giles 1st  
Boys 14 Discus | Kai Herbert            | 1st  
Boys 15 Shot Put | Matt Harmor            | 5th  
Girls 18-20 Triple Jump | Katelyn Lee 1st  
Boys 17 Discus | Matt Smith             | 1st  
Boys 18-20 3000m | Matthew Taylor 7th  
Billy Aston 10th  
Boys 14 Discus | Kai Herbert (Discus record of 43m) |
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