College Council President’s Report

For me, and I’m sure that I’m not the only one who feels the same way, the last couple of weeks have seen some tremendous expressions of what Mordialloc College is capable of achieving. The first event was the inaugural Spring Picnic, held at College on a wonderfully warm Saturday afternoon. The Picnic was the initiative of the students and was largely organised by them as well. With side-shows and drinks and food available, this was a great atmosphere in which to watch the entertainment, which again was largely provided by students. This showcased some of the tremendous singing and dancing talent nurtured within the College and we were pleased to welcome back a former student, College Captain even, who participated in the afternoon’s fantastic activities. Three days later, on the Tuesday evening, the Enquiry Zone played host to the annual Art Show, which, once again, was an exhibition of the hard work and tremendous achievements of our students in all grades up to VCE. Not only was the event a display of their work, but the students were also instrumental in organizing the show. Three days after that, the Friday marked the final school day for this year’s VCE students. The day started with the Final Assembly in the Hall, where all Year 12 students were welcomed individually onto the stage by Miss Roberts and were then applauded by the whole College as they left the stage prior to having the Year 12 photo taken outside. The final day of 13 years of school concluded that evening as the Year 12 students and their parents gathered along with staff members for the Valedictory Dinner. This event, with students looking resplendent in suits and dresses, was bitter sweet for many present. Bitter at the prospect of leaving an environment familiar for six years and the friendships made, and sweet at the thought of moving on to the next chapter of their lives. The evening was also a celebration of a lot of hard work. Students were introduced in their Mentor Groups and each received a certificate for an award nominated by their peers, some awards being more oblique than others! Once again, there was entertainment provided by some of our talented students and the obligatory slide show of Year 12 students, showing how much they had grown and matured during the last six years at Mordialloc. The evening concluded with the students presenting awards to their teachers and it was heartening indeed to see the respect with which all teachers were held by their students and the humility with which the staff received their awards. Before those leaving this year totally erase all trace of Mordialloc College from their memories, this is perhaps the time to think back over the years they have been here and the experiences they have enjoyed; sporting, performing, linguistic, musical, social and even academic! Mordialloc College is a great school and has helped shape them to become the people they are today. Some may not all appreciate the College now, in the rush to leave, but in years to come I am sure they will look back with fond memories. And finally a message for those about to leave Mordialloc College and embark upon their chosen pathway, be it in the workplace, TAFE or University. I would encourage you to never stop learning; always keep your skills and knowledge up to date. The world may be becoming a smaller place all the time, but it is also a continually changing and rapidly evolving place and those who keep up to date with the changes will be those who benefit the most.

Mr Jeff Goodwin, College Council President
Last Friday the College said goodbye to the Year 12 Students. The day started with their Final Assembly where the students were able to publicly share their thanks to the teachers that had helped them through their years here, their friends that they had made along the way and, of course, their parents for supporting them through the year. The College Community had the chance to watch a photo presentation of some of the memories that they had made throughout their time here. It was wonderful to see the whole College community congratulating them on their six years at the College.

On Friday night the Year 12s had the chance to celebrate the culmination of their 13 years of schooling with those closest to them at the Valedictory Dinner at Woodlands Golf Club. The night was a great success due to the organisation of the School Performing Arts Captains Michael Gray and Michelle Topham. The students enjoyed a lovely dinner with their parents, friends and teachers. There was a musical number written by Carlos Do Rosario and performed by CJRM and we also had the delight of a surprise number by Oil due to a personal request from the College Principal, Ms Roberts. The evening saw students presented with awards as well as the teachers thanked by the students for the time and effort throughout the year. The night was topped off with another photo presentation looking back at their time here at Mordialloc College. It was a wonderful evening and a fitting way to say congratulations and goodbye to our Year 12 Students.

Mr Tim Randell, Year 12 Coordinator
Term 4 is one of the busiest times of the year across the Middle School. Even though the end of the year is on the horizon there are still many goals students are aiming for.

In Year 7 students are enjoying their newly refurbished Learning Centre, with both teachers and students full of praise for the new furniture and colour scheme. Students have well and truly settled into secondary school life and continue to build on the excellent results achieved earlier in the year.

Year 8 students have been hard at work completing numerous learning trackers this semester. This has included the "Marketing Madness" tracker where students worked in groups to design, create and market an electronic toy within a set budget. Creativity is a strength of this group and we no doubt have some future entrepreneurs amongst them. Earlier this semester I took a team of Year 8 students to Deakin University to represent the College in the 'Tournament of Minds'. Well done to these students on representing the school so admirably.

Year 9 students find themselves getting towards the end of their time in the Middle School. With exams coming up in two weeks, students are busily preparing to ensure they achieve their personal best. We have our last group of students taking part in the Mordialloc Experience. The maturity and responsibility displayed by all students during their time in the City working on their projects this year is something we can all be proud of. Year 9 students will get a taste of things to come next year when Year 10 Headstart takes place later this term.

Throughout this year all teachers of the Middle School have been very impressed with the number of students taking part in extra-curricular activities at the College. Many students had their work on display at the recent Art Show, the School Production featured many Year 7, 8 and 9 students and the recent Southern Metro Athletics event had students bringing back medals. As well, we have had a number of students receiving distinctions and credits in recent nationwide mathematics and science competitions. Well done to all these students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Middle School Leaders, Jaime, Nathan, Gabi, Kaitlyn and Josh for all their hard work throughout the year.

All students of the Middle School continue working to achieve your personal best right until the final day.

Mr George Tzimourtas, Director of Middle School

**Mordialloc College Award Night**

As this year's convenor of Awards Night I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of this important upcoming event. The awards will take place on Wednesday, 11 December at the Kingston Arts Centre so make certain that date is on your calendar. Tickets will be available through the school from 4 November; reminders of this will be posted closer to the date.

If your child is to receive an award, you will receive a letter shortly.

Matina Karamanis—Awards Night Coordinator

**Mordialloc College Art Show**

Thank you to all those who attended the 2013 Annual Mordialloc College Art Show. Once again, it was a huge success, with over 800 artworks displayed from students in Years 7–12, as well as show-casing some of the talents from our local community members and primary schools.

The Art Show is such a wonderful way to celebrate our students’ talents and it was lovely to see so many staff, students, families and members of the public at our opening last Tuesday night. Congratulations to all the students who had artworks displayed in the gallery space, they should all be very proud of their achievements.

Ms Amy Witorz, Art Show Coordinator

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