Dear Families and Community members,

State Minister for Education Visit
On the afternoon of Monday 18th Martin Dixon, the Minister for Education visited Mordialloc College to meet with me, tour the facilities and to meet members of the student leadership team. With one of my goal's being to provide the best learning facilities throughout the college, I have been working with local MP’s Lorraine Wreford and Donna Bauer on getting state government support for at least stage one of our masterplan. This would include the development of a multi court gymnasium and performing arts centre. I have numerous letters of support from community organisations supporting such a development. We also require considerable works to the external frontage of the two storey building. I thank the School Captains and Middle School Captains for joining me on this visit from the Minister.

Principal’s Update

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program
The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving Victorian and select New South Wales and South Australian border school students in realising their full potential. The program provides access to events, activities and resources to give students a head start into university. Congratulations to Baris Girgin a current Year 10 student who was successful in achieving one of the Melbourne University scholarships into this program which will run for the duration of Baris’s VCE studies at Mordialloc College. There were 1800 applications received so a fantastic achievement for Baris!!

Awards night
As we move towards the end of this school year, preparations for one of the key events on the College calendar are underway. Mordialloc College is holding its Awards Night at the City of Kingston Town Hall, Nepean Highway, Moorabbin on Wednesday, 11th December. Every year we come together as a College community to celebrate student successes in a variety of areas such as Academic Excellence, the Arts, Technology, Sport and Community involvement.

Not only are awards given on this evening but high quality entertainment is provided by students in the areas of Music and Dance. It will also be a significant event for our Year 12 cohort as we celebrate the achievements of the graduating class for 2013 by presenting all students on stage in academic gowns. Students will be presented with a graduation certificate on stage in front of the rest of the college community. Subject awards for Year 12 and a number of special awards will also be presented. We understand that this is a busy time for parents but we also know that you understand the importance of coming together as a group to acknowledge all the wonderful achievements that your children have made throughout the year. Memories of school include both every day activities and friendships, as well as grand events such as Award Nights. I look forward to a high attendance from our community in support of this very special event.
Grade 5 immersion visits
Mordialloc College is committed to ensuring that all students are welcomed to the college through an informative yet nurturing and supportive transition program. As part of our transition initiatives this year we have offered our local feeder primary schools an opportunity for Grade 5 students to experience life at secondary school through a morning immersion program. The program allows students to participate in a range of hands on activities across the college. E.g. Food technology, Design technology, Art, Drama and Science. Over the past few weeks students from Chelsea PS, Edithvale PS, Chelsea Heights PS, Aspendale PS, Mentone PS and Aspendale Gardens PS have spent a morning each participating in the program. We understand the process of moving to secondary school can be a very daunting one for young students, which is why our College is seeking to maximise the number of opportunities available to our local primary schools to come and visit our college.

Music Performances out in the Community
Congratulations to our Concert Band and Vocal group who performed at the Yarrabah Twilight Fair on Friday 15th November. The students did a great job and the feedback from the audience was excellent. There has been a request for a repeat performance at an upcoming school assembly at Yarrabah. Thanks to Eve Macleod and Demis Danoudis for their work with and support of our students.

Ms Michelle Roberts
Principal

Important Dates
November/December 2013

- Monday 11/11 to Friday 29/11
  - Year 11 into Year 12 Headstart
- Wednesday 20/11 to Friday 22/11
  - Year 10 Exams
  - Year 9 Advance Surf Camp
- Monday 25/11 to Friday 13/12
  - Year 10 into Year 11 Headstart
- Monday 25/11 to Friday 6/12
  - The Mex City Experience
- Friday 29/11
  - Year 7 excursion to Museum
  - Year 9 SEAL excursion to Main Street
- Thursday 5/12
  - Y12 Media Headstart excursion to RMIT
- Tuesday 10/12
  - Grade 6 Orientation for Year 7 2014
  - Year 7 into Year 8 Orientation
  - Year 8 into Year 9 Orientation
- Wednesday 11/12
  - Award Night
- Thursday & Friday 12/12 & 13/12
  - Year 9 into Year 10 Headstart

January 2014
- Thursday 30/1/14
  - School Commences for Year 7 and 12
- Friday 31/1/14
  - School commences for Year 8-11
Mordialloc Award Night at the Kingston City Hall is fast approaching on Wednesday 11th December. At this stage, all students who have been invited should have received a letter via the post to inform them of the details.

In preparation for the night, there will be a rehearsal for all award recipients at the Kingston City Hall between 9.30am-1.00pm on the actual day itself. Students may wear free dress to the rehearsal and are expected to return the permission slip for this rehearsal to their coordinator as soon as possible. However, for the event students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Well done to all invited.

Benita Hughes and Matina Karamanis, Award Night Coordinators.

Zombie High

On Wednesday 6 November, the Year 10 Media class filmed a whole class film titled, “Zombie High.” As you’d expect the premise revolves around a zombie apocalypse at a high school. In our film six teenagers are on their way to a Saturday morning superhero convention, but need to pop in to school beforehand (to account for the available shooting location!). A disagreement ensues, the group splits up and the zombies attack!

The class wrote the film together, and every student took on a pre-production role. We studied the movement and manner of zombies, and sourced hilarious costumes.

The day of filming was tight, as we had sixteen scenes to shoot, Year 11 exams to contend with as well as Grade 5 visits! Media student Thomas Brooks then took on the task of editing the film, whilst studying for his own exams.

Less than a week later we revelled in the fruits of our labour as we watched our film with pride.

Well done to everyone involved! You approached the task like champions!

Miss Shmerling

Award Night Photographs
National Photography

There will be an opportunity for Year 12 Graduation photos. Photos of presentations will be taken throughout the ceremony. Photographs can be viewed and ordered on our website.

www.nationalphotography.com.au
Password = MRD3

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You can find Mordialloc College on Facebook by typing Mordialloc College into the search bar, then click ‘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.
2014 Elective Charges

As per Subject Offers, certain electives carry an extra cost to cover consumables used in subjects such as Design and Technology, Food Technology, Studio Art and Media.

Payment was requested by 11th November to confirm your placement in these subjects.

If you have not paid as yet, and are enrolled in any of these subjects, payment is due now.

Year 11 into 12 Headstart has begun and Year 10 into 11 Headstart will begin next week.

Please make payment at the General Office. Alternatively you may direct deposit into the College Bank Account.

BSB: 063 149  A/c no: 10024046 - Mordialloc College Official Account - Reference: Electives or Student Name

Yvonne Aird
Business Manager

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Every Thursday morning 8.30am to 12.30pm
Term 1, 2014 permanent positions now available. If you wish to secure a position, please contact the Centre on or after Tuesday, 26 November 2013. (There are limited spaces for under 3’s).
Cost of each 4 hour session: $32 per child or $60 per family. Payment must be made at the time of booking to secure your place.
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