Dear Families and Community Members,

As we approach the end of Term 2 it is always a very busy time in a school for teachers and students. End of semester exams have been completed, final assessment pieces marked and the finishing touches to reports are being made. Can I remind you all that reports can be accessed via Compass by Close of Business on Friday 27 June. If you have misplaced your password for the parent portal then please contact Reception prior to the end of term.

Senior School exams and the G.A.T

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Year 10 students are currently involved in an exciting week with the annual Year 10 Careers Quest. All Year 10 students will get the opportunity to explore possible program choices for 2015 and they participated in the VCE subject expo. The expo provided students and parents with a chance to learn about, and participate in, aspects of every VCE and VCAL subject we have for students to select from at Mordialloc College. There was also an opportunity for Year 10 students to take part in a taster session at TAFE or a University on Thursday.

Are you an ex-student of Mordialloc College?

We are working with the Mordialloc College Alumni Facebook site to discuss ways that we could work together to digitise the College’s archives in preparation for our centenary in 2024.

You can request access to the site by visiting: https://www.facebook.com/groups/9303938388.

Please spread the word to anyone with connections to the school.

We hope to have some of the material ready to showcase at our 90th birthday celebration on Friday 17 October. We are collecting and building an archive and memorabilia display in the Hub for this occasion.
Thursday 26 June

Wear your tracky dacks and help the SRC raise money for kids in hospital. TLC for kids campaign nationally to assist children who are sick long term in hospital. Trackies represent wellness and normality as kids in hospital are encouraged each morning to get out of their pyjamas to keep a healthy mindset.

Dack up and donate for this worthy cause.

Gold Coin Donation
This is an SRC fund raising event
As part of their History studies the Year 8 SEAL class travelled to Sovereign Hill to see how the Industrial Revolution impacted Australia during the gold rush. They took on the role of journalists for the day and collected evidence for their project. Since returning to school the SEAL students have been busy constructing their Industrial Revolution newspapers using many of the pictures and knowledge gained from the trip to Sovereign Hill.

**Miss Alice Leppin**

The other part of the day was the educational part, which was really quite interesting. We had a guided tour of Sovereign Hill as well as heaps of engaging background information, which helped in a major way with our current Industrial Revolution project.

To top off a brilliant day, we saw the sound and light show, ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’. It was absolutely spectacular, with a series of different scenes, which we were taken to by Sovereign Hill’s very own outdoor style buses. They even had an outdoor cinema setting where you sat to watch the last part of the show, which was by far the best.

It was an incredible and enjoyable day for everyone and was well worth the 2 hour drive to get there. Thank you to Mr. Randell for driving the bus and Miss Sioukas for coming along.

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**Student report by Naena Good-Jackson**

The Year 8 SEAL class went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat on 30 May 2014.

It was an amazing day, everyone had loads of fun. Heaps of activities were set up for us, such as the ‘Rush around the hill’ activity, where we were required to go around Sovereign Hill looking for hidden answers with a clue sheet to guide us. We went into the Red Hill mine and had a tour and an overview of life in the mines.

We also had quite a bit of free time, to do our own sightseeing as well as going to the lolly shop, going to the blacksmith to get a mini horseshoe that can be personally engraved and panning for gold. Some students were lucky enough to find some!
Low UV occurs in Victoria between May and August each year. At this time, most people need between two and three hours of midday winter sun exposure spread over a week to help with their vitamin D levels and sun protection is not required. Further information available at www.sunsmart.com.au.