Dear Families and Community Members,

Welcome back for Term 3. The end of Semester One reports for all students were available via the parent portal on Compass on the last day of Term 2 for parents and students to access. Please contact the College if you have not been able to access your child’s report. I hope parents had the opportunity to discuss the report with their student/s over the holiday break and plan appropriate actions to put in place to address any areas for improvement highlighted. Next week, on Tuesday 22nd July from 3.00pm – 6.30pm we are conducting Parent – Teacher interviews for our VCE and VCAL students and any student in Year 10 completing a VCE subject. I encourage all parents to attend to meet with their child’s teachers. Parents are able to book in appointments with their child’s teachers now via Compass. Please contact the general office or Assistant Principal Kevin Osborne if you are having trouble accessing the online booking system.

Staffing Term 3

This term we welcome back Kevin Osborne and Melinda Smith from long service leave. At the end of last term we farewelled Felicity Stewart who has taken up a position at Albert Park College and Bronwyn Amesbury who made the decision to resign at the end of last term. Felicity began her teaching career at Mordialloc and made a significant contribution to the College in fulfilling a number of important leadership roles in her seven years here. We wish her the very best for her future career. We were very fortunate to secure Mrs Joanne Greenhalgh, an experienced teacher and leader from England to replace Felicity and Ms Katie Talerico from Canada to replace Bronwyn.

Rachael Rigney is unfortunately on extended sick leave for at least the first four weeks of term and we are working through the process to find a suitable replacement. Our thoughts are with her and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Course Counselling VCE and VCAL 2015

Individual interviews for students entering Years 11 and 12 next year are being held over the next few weeks with members of the College leadership team. Year 11 into 12 for 2015 will be Thursday 24th July and Year 10 into 11 will be on Monday 28th July. It is very important parents and students attend the interviews planned during this time, to discuss potential pathways and to submit their intended courses. Each student and their parents have been allocated an appointment, during which time course selections will be made and strategies put in place to ensure achievement and effort over the remainder of the year are sufficient to guarantee places in chosen subjects. Please note the vast array of VCE and VET subjects on offer and also our VCAL program is another possible pathway. We look forward to students continuing their education with us next year but need everyone to meet appropriate deadlines in order for our planning to be completed accurately. My thanks must go to all staff who will give their time to ensure this process is a success. All students and parents should have received notification of their appointment time last term. Please contact Shelley Muir if you did not receive this notice.

Winter Uniform Reminder

I would like to remind students of their responsibility in relation to uniform. The College expectation is that all students will be in the correct winter uniform, and that this uniform is worn correctly (shirts tucked in, ties done up properly) just as it would be expected in any workplace. This also means no Hoodies worn under or over your jumper. 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 ask parents to reinforce these expectations at home.

Formal

Congratulations to the Year 12 Coordinator, Justin Wischusen, and the Special Events Captains, Leandrie Van Der Berg and Katerina Vafeas, for organising a very successful senior school formal held on the evening of Friday 27 June at the Southern Golf Club. It was a lovely way to end the term and students were exemplary in their behaviour for this significant event for our senior students.
Performing Arts Performance
On the afternoon of Thursday 19 June, forty students from our College presented a Musical, Performing Arts “extravaganza” to the Bonbeach Primary School community. Thanks to teachers Demis Danoudis, Eve Macleod and Kelly Mc Conville for preparing the students for this significant event and supporting them on the day.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal

MEDIA STUDIES
Just a shout out to all budding filmmakers, photographers and animators and our only disc jockey, the Media Department will be open before school, lunch (by appointment) and after school every Monday and Thursday till 5pm and Fridays until 4pm. You have until Week 4 to edit, crop, manipulate in preparation for our preview showing on Friday 8th August.

Mrs. Kathryn Bevan

Important Dates
Thursday 17/7
- Y12 English incursion - A Christmas Carol
- VSSSA State Cross Country
- French Trip Info evening 6-7pm
Monday 21/7
- Whole school assembly

Tuesday 22/7
- Y7 AFL Inter-school sport
- Y12 Finishing Line 1.15pm
- VCE/VCAL Parent-Teacher interviews
- Y12 ‘Elevate’ seminar
- Y10 Advance Ski Trip 22/7-24/7
- VCAL Interviews Seminar

Wednesday 23/7
- VCE PE Enrichment Program excursion

Thursday 24/7
- Y12 Biology excursion - Genetics
- Y9 SEAL Parkdale Library
- Y11 into 12 Course Counselling

Tuesday 29/7
- VCAL Bunker Skate Park Fundraiser

Thursday 31/7
- “Variety High” Trivia Night

Bonbeach Music and Arts EXTRAVAGANZA
Towards the end of Term Two, the Mordialloc College Vocal Group, Junior Band and a selected ensemble from this year’s school production ‘Variety High’, travelled to Bonbeach Primary School to present a showcase of Mordialloc’s talented Arts/Music department. It was a wonderful chance for our music and drama students to perform out in the community.

The afternoon of music was greatly appreciated by Bonbeach’s enthusiastic ‘whole school’ audience, who needed no encouragement to clap and sing along with each entertaining and inspiring performance.

Congratulations and well done to each of our talented students who gave stand-out performances, showcasing our accomplished Music/Arts department.

Mr. Danoudis. Head of Contemporary Music. Mordialloc College
Photos are courtesy of Happy Medium Photo Co. and may be ordered at school until July 23 or online at www.happymedium.com.au
There will be up to 50 unseen photos uploaded by Friday.
Olivia (16) in France – “France is amazing in summer time. Honestly, indescribable. I’m extremely close with my current host family and it will be sad to leave. My host sister is my best friend and sister, and I can’t imagine a life in France without her around. But we’ve already made plans to see each other after I leave.”

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Find Out More!
Meet WEP staff and returned students at one of our upcoming information sessions:

**Moorabbin Information Evening**
Kingston Arts Centre
979 Nepean Highway
29 July 7:30pm-9pm

So, where do you want to go? Request information NOW and start planning your 2015 WEP adventure. If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.

MUMS FITNESS CAMPS
We missed you this morning! Yes, our Term 3 camp has started but you weren’t there, so we knew something was missing! We had a great session this morning and the Mums who were there had a great time and have begun their weight loss and fitness journey - and they were pretty excited about it!

Extra Mums will be added to the group each Monday, and we’ll make sure you get all of your fitness testing done and we’ll make sure you haven’t missed a thing from the previous week (note you only pay pro-rata if you miss some weeks).

Our Fitness Camps are run over 10 weeks and based at Gerry Green Reserve Parkdale, and at our Studio in Mordialloc. They are a unique personal experience, with small group sizes, which ensures personalised service and better outcomes for you!!

We also take the time to set health and fitness goals for each participant, both short and long term plus capture real data, via Body Metrix and measurements, at the beginning and end of each camp. That way our campers can see the amazing progress they make in hard data!

More information online, or contact us mumsfit@excitehealthfitness.com.au / Chris 0408 541 527.

**TRIVIA NIGHT TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL OFFICE**

**FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN MELBOURNE**
Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

**Wednesday, 30th July - 7.30pm**
Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens
380 William Street

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call 1300 135 331 for more information.