Dear Families and Community Members,

**Having Positive Conversations about School with your Child**

Parents in partnership with the College can have a significant impact on your child’s achievement. Do you ask your child the following question “How was school today?” and get the following answer “OK.” A real conversation stopper! Another way to ask the question is “What have you learned today that might be useful for a lifetime? Your child will have to think more deeply about this question if they are going to be polite and answer you. It will also help them see the way their learning can be applied to “real life”. Other questions you could ask include:

- What have you done today that makes you feel particularly proud?
- Can you think of a time today when you went out of your way to be helpful to someone?
- What is the most demanding or extending experience you had today?
- Can you think of a time today when you were especially enthused?

**School Production**

Congratulations to all students who were involved in this year’s school production, “Variety High”. It was an original production performed by PEP productions in 2013 and conceived by our own Hayley Wood and former School Captain Josh Mulcahy. It was a tremendous show and showcased our wonderful talent pool at the College whether it be in the cast, crew or band. Special thanks must go to Josh Mulcahy who returned to the College this year to direct the show. He couldn’t have done it though without the fantastic support of teachers Kelly McConville – Production Manager, Alice Leppin – Associate Choreographer, Emily Court – Crew Coordinator and Set Design, Demis Danoudis – Associate Musical Director and Eve Macleod – Band Coordinator. Also thanks to Jenny Connolly and Hayley Wood for their invaluable support and advice to the team.

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Uniform Reminder

As we approach Term 4, it is timely to remind everyone that Term 4 will be the last term in which the boys will be able to wear the white polo shirt as part of the summer uniform. From next year all boys must be wearing the new short sleeved business shirt with College logo in summer. A number of boys have already purchased this and all Year 7 boys have been wearing the new shirt this year. There has been lots of positive feedback about how good the new shirt looks. The white polo shirt can still be worn for Physical Education as an alternative to the green polo.

August is Education Support Staff Recognition Month

On Tuesday we held a morning tea for all staff to formally thank all of our Education Support staff who work across the school in a variety of roles to support teachers, students and parents and thus are a vital part of our school community. The contribution they make is invaluable and without them the school would not run effectively!

Future jobs in Victoria: Facts and Figures

Over the next five years, Victoria will need about 70,000 employees in construction, 108,000 in healthcare and social services, 72,500 in education and training and 64,000 employees in accommodation and food services.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created a range of industry snapshots designed to help students and their families find out more about career prospects in a range of fields.

There are 19 new career trends fact sheets that will give you an idea of future employment opportunities in Victoria.

You can find the fact sheets at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/courses/Pages/trends.aspx

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal

Our annual school production is always the highlight of the Performing Arts calendar at Mordialloc College, and this year’s show was no exception. Last week the College Community bore witness to the incredible talents of students, both past and present, with three performances of the original musical, ‘Variety High’. Beginning rehearsals back in Term 1, the show was many months in the making, and the hard work of the team behind it was most certainly evident in this high-calibre spectacle. Ex-school captain and star of previous Mordialloc College productions such as ‘The Wizard of Oz’ and ‘Bye Bye Birdie’, Joshua Mulcahy, returned to the College to take on the role of Director. Since finishing Year 12, Josh has been working full time as a teacher of drama and musical theatre at Stage Schools Australia, as well as writing, directing, choreographing and producing shows of his own. The skills he has developed throughout his short/but/impressive professional career were visible last week in the polished and refined performances.

Very much an ensemble show, ‘Variety High’ gave students from Year 7 through to 12 the opportunity to shine on stage, and shine they did! With powerhouse vocals and dynamic moves, the cast kept the audience’s toes tapping and hands clapping. The College Band, led by Demis Danoudis and Eve McLeod, kept the tempo pumping and the rhythm coming.

Behind the scenes were our fabulous crew, led by Emily Court. This team worked diligently to turn our school hall into a theatre, and to manage the sound and lighting to match the professionalism of the cast on stage. Alice Leppin assisted Josh in achieving the sophisticated performances, and many other staff members, too numerous to mention, helped out in many other ways.

From the glowing comments and feedback received after each performance, the only thing more exciting than this show is to see what is yet to come for future Mordialloc College school productions. On behalf of the creative team, I’d like to thank everyone who was involved with ‘Variety High’, either as part of the show or as part of the audience.
We look forward to doing it all again next year!

*Kelly McConville, Performing Arts Co-ordinator*
**Year 7 - A trip to the Zoo**

On Friday 22nd of August the Year 7s went on a trip to the Melbourne Zoo as part of our studies in classification during science class. We started off at school and headed to the train station on a sunny Melbourne morning. We changed trains at Flinders Street station to get off at Royal Park station and headed towards the Zoo. We were then split up in class groups and sent with one of the Zoo staff to go and meet some of the animals.

We first travelled to go see Mary the wombat who was put in the Zoo because her mother was hit by a car and she was orphaned. After that we went into a room to look at some smaller animals. We first looked at the milk snake, which we all got to pat. We also got to pat the green tree frog. At this point we had finished and we were heading out and Mary the Wombat had rolled over right next to the fence and the whole class got to pat her. Then we had free time to go around the zoo. All of us went off in different directions. I went to the butterfly house. There were lots of different coloured butterflies of all different shapes and sizes. However some people went and saw the bears while others saw the aquatic life. After our free time was over we started to head back home on the train. The excursion was one to remember, it was very enjoyable.

**Ebony Parker, Year 7 Student**

**Lunchtime House Competitions**

This term, Year 12 House Captains have got themselves involved in the school’s lunchtime activities. Students participating in these activities can earn points for their house, be a part of the school community and have a fun time. Thanks to Denae Grant and Keenin Tatu for their efforts towards a whole school “Dodgeball” competition. It was fantastic seeing students of all age levels get involved.

Bridget Cameron and Emily Colgan put in a fabulous effort for a Tug of War competition, held last week. So many students gave this activity a go and it was excellent seeing Ms Roberts join in with a junior team against some mighty scary senior students. Points collected these last few weeks are:

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Day 2: Saturday September 20
10.00am – 12.00pm

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For children aged 5 to 15 years. Boys and girls welcome. Coaching provided. Birth Certificate required if not previously registered.

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Invitation to celebrate our 90th Birthday
October Friday 17 October, 2014 - 2:00-6:30pm
Art Show continues 6:30-8:00 pm

Explore the school
Community: Art Show
Official Opening at 6:30pm
Performing Arts
Activities
Memorabilia