Dear Family and Community Members,

A common misconception is that the school year winds down in Term 4; this is not the case for our very busy Senior School students!! We extend our congratulations to the Year 12 graduating class who sat their VCE exams throughout November, remaining positive and focused throughout the exam period. They now await their final results which will be available on Monday 15th December. Jane Jamieson, our Pathways Coordinator, will be available throughout the week of 15th -18th December to assist students with changes to course options if required.

The Head Start program for the new Year 11 and Year 12 cohorts is well underway, with the new Year 12 students finishing their third week of their Unit 3 programs this Friday. All students have approached their VCE and VCAL programs with enthusiasm – it is great to see so many students organised with their textbooks and other course requirements, and homework completed. I have been very impressed with the attitudes and effort students have been putting into their Head Start studies and the respect they have shown toward their peers and teachers. On Friday 28th November the new Year 12 students will celebrate the end of their school year with the Mystery Tour. Students finish school at lunchtime and need to be back at school by 3.30pm in costume ready for this exciting event.

**Cambodia - World of Difference**

I was fortunate to spend an incredible twelve days with six VCAL students in Cambodia on the World of Difference humanitarian tour. After nearly 12 months of planning and fundraising our efforts were met with a memorable and insightful experience into the impact of war on this fragile country and the strength, humility and genuine nature of its people. We were welcomed into villages, schools and orphanages, visited the ancient temples of Angkor, learnt about the atrocities of the Pol Pot regime at S-21 Prison museum and the Killing Fields, and shared a close-up morning with a collection of protected South-East Asian animal species. Our students created lessons to teach in classes and had to overcome distinct language barriers to interact with the Cambodian children. They persevered in heat and humidity to construct wells to provide access to clean water for poor families. They chased piglets around a pen to donate breeding pairs to families so they could make an income and improve their standard of living. Congratulations and thank you to Niyati Kumar, Celest Harris-Bazil and Tristan McKenna of Year 12, and to Mitchell McKellar, Lawrence Sneddon and Heather Murray of Year 11, who stepped outside their comfort zone, took on every challenge presented to them and were excellent ambassadors for our College. One of our students in her thank you note to our local guide Rithy Ann, wrote: “You have been such an inspiration to me and what I want to achieve in life...thank you for opening my eyes to another aspect of this world. You’ve made me see that one person can make a positive impact on a community through hard work and dedication.” Another said, “Thank you for helping me to understand more about the world we live in. Your people have changed the way I think about all aspects of my life. I will never take my education for granted again. I’ve realised that education is a privilege millions of children are deprived of. You give me so much hope and make me dream of change”. What a life-changing opportunity this has been for our students.

*Shelley Muir, Director of Senior School.*
Cambodia
World of Difference
Friday 21st November saw the Learning Centre host the 2nd annual instalment of the “It’s Academic” Competition, a trivia contest for our local Primary Schools. Our Middle School Leadership team did a tremendous job hosting the event after arranging a large number of questions to test out the competing students. We had teams from Aspendale, Chelsea Heights, Seaford, Mordialloc Beach and Chelsea contest two semi-finals and then a final. The winners for 2014 were Chelsea Heights and a superb showing was given by all the competing students.

Congratulations to Chelsea Heights Primary School and well done to all participants!

George Tzimourtas, Director of Middle School
Mordialloc Award Night at the Kingston City Hall is fast approaching on Wednesday 10th December. All students who have been invited will receive a letter via the post to inform them of the details. Guest tickets are currently available for purchase to attend the night from the general office.

In preparation for the night, there will be a rehearsal for all award recipients at the Kingston City Hall between 9.00am-1.30pm on the actual day. Students may wear free dress to the rehearsal and are expected to return the permission slip for this to their coordinator as soon as they receive it. However, for the actual Award Night, students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Invitations to students receiving awards are being mailed this week.

*Matina Karamanis and Benita Hughes*  
Award Night Coordinators

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**Important Dates**

**November 2014**  
Thursday 27  
- MEX City Week continues  
- Y10 into Y11 Headstart continues to 5/12  
Friday 28  
- Y11 Mystery Tour 3.30-10.30pm  
- Last official school day for Y11

**December 2014**  
Monday 1  
- Y9 Zoo Snooze 1-2  
- Finance Meeting  
Thursday 4  
- School Council  
- Y8 Bounce excursion  
Friday 5  
- Y10 Last official school day  
Tuesday 9  
- Grade 6 Orientation Day  
- Y7 into Y8 Orientation Day  
- Y8 into Y9 Orientation Day  
Wednesday 10  
- Award Night - students dismissed at 1.30pm  
Thursday 11  
- Y7 Icehouse excursion  
Monday 15  
- Y12 Change of Preference 15-18/12  
Friday 19  
- Last day of school

*First day of school for Year 7 and 12 is Friday January 30 and Years 8-11 resume Monday February 2.*

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**Award Night Photographs**

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 when available. Customers can use the direct link below to register for an email message as to when the images go live.

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Homestay families required!!

As part of our International Student Program we are responsible for sourcing quality Homestay providers for our International students. This is a great opportunity to develop an understanding of different cultures and contribute towards a positive experience for our international students. Having your own child attending the school is a great benefit for the experience of the international students. We are currently requiring a Homestay family living in the local area who could host an International student.

If you are interested in becoming a Homestay family please contact me on 9580 1184 to discuss further.

Mrs Diane Douglas,
Director Student Wellbeing
International Student Coordinator

Join UN Youth Australia and the United States of America Consulate to reflect on the key findings of the 2014 Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations Laura John

Laura will outline the issues raised by young Australians in her national consultations and share her experiences at the United Nations in New York.

WHEN: Thursday 4 December 2014, 6pm-8pm
WHERE: Monash Conference Centre
Level 7, 30 Collins St, Melbourne VIC
RSVP: Friday 28 November 2014 to loretta.cornick@unyouth.org.au

Drinks and finger food provided

Car park facilities are located at the Wilsons Collins Place Car Park at 30 Flinders Lane and are part of the Collins Place complex, underneath the Sofitel Hotel. Present tickets to staff for validation to receive the discounted rate.

Mordialloc College
Uniform Shop
In the School Hall Foyer
NORMAL TRADING HOURS
Monday 8.30 am – 11.30 am
Wednesday 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm

We highly recommend 2015 Year 7 students to book a personal fitting appointment to purchase their school uniform. Outside of trading hours at a mutually convenient time, an exclusive fitting with no queues. Please contact Melodie at the Uniform Shop on 9567 0738 during opening hours or email mks@dobsons.com.au

2015 Year 7 Uniform Fitting Dates
Saturday 29/11/2014 9.00 am – 12.00 pm Please call 9567 0738
Saturday 6/12/2014 9.00 am – 12.00 pm to make an appointment

Extended Trading Hours
December 2014 - February 2015
In addition to normal trading hours

DECEMBER 2014
Monday 8/12/2014 8.30 am – 11.30 am
Tuesday 9/12/2014 8.30 am – 11.30 am ORIENTATION DAY
Wednesday 10/12/2014 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm
Saturday 26/12/2014 9.00 am – 12.00 noon LAST TRADING DAY

JANUARY 2015
Tuesday 20/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 21/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Thursday 22/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 23/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Monday 26/01/2015 AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY - CLOSED
Tuesday 27/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 28/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Thursday 29/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 30/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Monday 2/02/2015 8.00 am – 11.50 am All students attend

As of Wednesday 4/2/2015, Uniform Shop Hours will resume to normal.

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