Dear Families and Community Members,

I’m back! This may be a surprise to some of you but in case you didn’t know or notice I took leave during Term 2 and spent some quality time with my family. I would like to thank Mr Tzimourtas who filled in brilliantly for me while I was away and had everything running like clockwork upon my return.

We are now well and truly more than half way through this year and our Year 12 students are into their very last full school term. Final exams begin just a few short weeks into Term 4. This means that time management for our senior students is a major priority. They are (or should be) extremely busy with SAC preparation and revision. In addition to exams and study for exams the College moves along at breakneck speed with an amazing range of extra curricula events such as: the production “Variety High” opening in August, Mordi Idol, Interschool and district sport just to name a few.

At this time of year we begin our planning for next year and many students and parents will be involved in course counselling sessions over the next few weeks. These are extremely important decisions and choices are not to be taken lightly. It is vital that students are well informed, ask questions and seek out all relevant information leading into the counselling sessions. This will include feedback from your semester reports which students are now able to access via their own Compass log in details. Simply bring up your profile page and look for the reports tab.

It is also the time of year for the annual parent opinion survey. Over the next couple of weeks a randomly selected group of families will receive a survey to complete. The information collected via this survey is used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. All responses are completely confidential, so if you are one of the families selected please take the time to complete the survey and you may be the lucky winner of a $100 Bunnings gift voucher for simply completing and returning the survey.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very successful second half of 2014 and in particular, all students undertaking Units 3 & 4 subjects all the very best with the upcoming final examinations.

Mr Kevin Osborne
Assistant Principal

Are you an ex-student of Mordialloc College? Or do you know someone who is?

https://www.facebook.com/groups/9303938388
HELP OUR STUDENT WRITERS RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

The Book in A Day competition is an Australia wide writing marathon where teams work to write children’s books in 12 hours and to raise funds for Children's Hospitals in each Australian State. A copy of each finished book is donated to the hospital library.

This year Mordialloc College has entered 2 teams and we would love your sponsorship! Teams need to raise at least $250 each to be judged in the competition. 100% of the funds raised will go to the Royal Children's Hospital.

Our 2 groups have been meeting weekly to build team work and writing skills in readiness for the competition on the writing day on 7th August. Our teams will be emailed a random setting, two human characters, a non-human character, an issue and five random words at 8.00am on the day. They then have until 8.00pm to write and illustrate a book!

This is an exciting project that raises funds for a great cause. We hope the community will get behind our writers. We are looking for sponsorship and will also be selling copies of the books we produce for $5.00 each (all monies raised will go to the Royal Children’s Hospital).

If you are interested in sponsoring our Book in a Day teams or pre purchasing one of our books please phone the general office on 9580 1184.

Ms Jenny Connolly

Important Dates

July

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

Monday 28/7
- Y10 into 11 Course Counselling

Tuesday 29/7
- VCE Drama - Malthouse Theatre
- VCAL Bunker Skate Park Fundraiser

Thursday 31/7
- “Variety High” Trivia Night

August

Tuesday 5/8
- Y10-12 French - Film Festival

Thursday 7/8
- VCE Art - NGV Excursion
- Book in A Day Competition

Friday 8/8
- Y8 Scienceworks

Wednesday 13/8
- VCE French - Oral assessment
  Berthe Mouchette

Thursday 14/8
- School Council

Friday 15/8
- STUDENT FREE DAY—Staff PD Whole Day

Monday 18/8
- Intermediate Round Robin
- Y9 Community Placements 18-25/8
- Variety High Rehearsals commence

Wednesday 20/8
- “Variety High” Opening Night
A computer with access to the World Wide Web is one of the best productivity tools ever created. Never before has it been so easy to get a wide variety of work done so quickly. But never before has it also been so easy to become distracted and unfocused. Social sites like Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, and YouTube can quickly eat up chunks of time.

The following are several of the more polished and useful applications and browser extensions available for Mac or Windows to block or limit time spent on the sites you choose.

- **RescueTime** helps you track and understand how you’re spending your time in front of the computer. With the pro version, you can temporarily block access to websites you’ve marked as distracting for a set period of time.
- **Anti-Social** locks your computer away from social sites. When Anti-Social is running, the only way to get around the block is to reboot your computer. Anti-Social is available on Macs and Windows computers for US$15.
- **FocalFilter** is a basic, free productivity tool for Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8 to temporarily block distracting websites for the amount of time you specify.
- **Cold Turkey** for Windows will temporarily block access to social media sites, games, programs, and any other addictive websites. It has more features than FocalFilter and is more difficult to subvert.
- **SelfControl** is a free and open-source application for Mac OS X that lets you block distracting websites, mail servers, or anything else on the Internet.
- **LeechBlock** is a browser extension for Firefox on Linux, Mac, and Windows which allows you to specify which sites to block and when to block them.
- **BlockSite** is a free extension for Chrome and Firefox browsers. It blocks websites of your choice and can disable hyperlinks to these websites.
- **WasteNoTime** is a browser extension for Chrome and Safari designed to help you manage your time spent on the Internet more efficiently. It includes a time tracker, instant site lockdown, and a time quota to block selected websites when you reach your set daily time limit.
- **Freedom** completely disables your Internet access for the amount of time you specify. You’ll need to reboot your computer if you want to get back online while Freedom is running. It’s available for Mac OS X and Windows platforms for $10.
**Kingston Charitable Fund Art Show**

Friday 8th August (Gala Opening Night – 6.30pm @ $25.00 per head)  
Saturday 9th – Tuesday 12th  
10.00am – 5.00pm  
Wednesday 13th – 10.00am – 2.00pm  

The Art Show is held at Woodlands Golf Club in Mordialloc running from Friday 8th August to Wednesday 13th August.

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**Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College**  
**9587 0738**  
**Trading Hours**  
Monday - 8.30- 11.30am  
Wednesday-12.30-4.00pm  
**Situated off the foyer of the School Hall**

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**Find us on Facebook!**

You can find Mordialloc College on Facebook by typing Mordialloc College into the search bar, then clicking ‘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.

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**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](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)

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**Thursday 31 July**

**Trivia Night**  
**Tickets now available at the General Office**

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**excite health and fitness**

517 Main St. Mordialloc  
Chris 0408 541 527

**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 Metric 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 [getfit@excitehealthfitness.com.au](mailto:getfit@excitehealthfitness.com.au) / Chris 0408 541 527.