Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

The Open Night this week at the College provided a great opportunity for me to again reflect on the positive events and programs that are happening across the College to support the wellbeing of all the students.

While participating in the school tour, families had the opportunity to ‘pin the tail on the rainbow zebra’ at the Wellbeing stand. This activity was a chance to have positive conversations about how we celebrate and respect all diversity at Mordialloc college: culture, faith, race, gender, abilities, health, sexuality, gender identity, skin colour, and more...

This week Jenny Muir and I facilitated the Supportive Friends Training to a group of Year 11 students. This program acknowledges that, when young people are experiencing difficulties, they are more likely to tell a friend then an adult. This program provides students with the skills to be able to support their peers at these times and also addressed the big issues – the ones they need to let an adult know about for support.

A few weeks ago Lana Paten and Jenny held another training event with a group of Year 10 students. The students trained as Peer Support Leaders. These Peer Support leaders will be facilitating a series of activities with the Year 7s over the coming weeks. This program provides a great opportunity to build relationships between the Year 7 and senior students, helping to build a sense of connectedness and belonging for both the Year 7s and the Peer Support leaders.

As part of the celebrations for National Youth Week last week we were fortunate to have Kingston Youth Services and Headspace visit the College and provide a free sausage sizzle for everyone. They organised some fun activities that students participated enthusiastically in. We greatly value the partnership we have with these community support organisations and the contribution they provide to the wellbeing of our students.

We enjoy a weekly breakfast in the Wellbeing Room on Wednesdays. This provides another great opportunity for students to link with other students in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. All students are welcome to join us for breakfast together – a great way to start the day!

Di Douglas
Director of Student Wellbeing
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 a student.

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

Mrs Diane Douglas,  
Director of Student Wellbeing  
International Student Coordinator

It’s a special time for Australians as we come together and commemorate the one hundred year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at ANZAC Cove where thousands of Australian lives were lost.

This was a tragic chapter in our history but it was also influential in creating and strengthening our national identity. What emerged was the legend of the Aussie ‘digger’, who demonstrated values of loyalty to country, courage under fire, endurance and mateship in the face of adversity and defeat.

These values are our legacy and it's these strengths our students can draw on when they, too, face hardship and challenge, experience personal conflict or face strain and pressure to complete assessments or prepare for exams.

Lana Paten, Chaplain

Some local commemorative dawn services being held this ANZAC day include:

- Longbeach (Chelsea RSL), Mentone Memorial Park, Cheltenham/Moorabbin RSL & Frankston RSL at the Frankston Football ground.

Lest We Forget

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Mordialloc College Has A Night On The Town

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival has just been and gone, showcasing over 500 local and international performances, making it one of the largest festivals in the world. In the final week of the festival, a group of Mordialloc College teachers and students went into the city to get amongst it. The show of choice was ‘The 3 Mikados’ - a hilarious take of the comic opera ‘The Mikado’ - performed at The Famous Spiegeltent. The show was a musical and physical comedy, starring some of Australia’s best performers, Colin Lane (‘Lano and Woodley’, ‘Ready Steady Cook’), Esther Hannaford (‘King Kong’) and David Collins (‘The Umbilical Brothers’). The three sang, danced and joked their way through a 70 minute re-telling of The Mikado (with many a ‘Ready Steady Cook!’ reference along the way) entertaining and impressing the audience with their many talents and comedic timing. After an incredibly engaging show we were lucky enough to meet David Collins, who spent time taking photos and chatting with us. It was a fabulous night out for all involved. Special thanks to Katerina Hatzis for organising the meeting with David, and Ms. Napolitano for driving the bus.

Kelly McConville
Performing Arts Coordinator

College Values - Student Pledge

“As students of Mordialloc College, we are determined to achieve our personal best, not only academically, but in sports, the arts and in the wider community. We will constantly strive to be the best we can be. We will endeavour to take responsibility for our actions, owning up to mistakes and helping others out when in need. We will be respectful towards all teachers and students, and we will be true to ourselves by being honest and trustworthy.”

Important Dates

April 2015

- Thursday 23
  - SRC - ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony
  - Y10 Advance Cathedral Ranges 23-24
  - SEAL testing 1:30pm
- Friday 24
  - Anzac Day Whole School Assembly
  - World’s Greatest Shave
- Monday 27
  - Health & PE Week
- Tuesday 28
  - VCE Drama MTC
- Thursday 30
  - Equal Opportunity Sports Day
  - Y11 Top Arts Folio Viewing

May 2015

- Friday 1
  - Immunisation Y7&9 students
  - National Youth Forum
- Monday 4
  - Y8 Camp Phillip Island 4-6
  - Y11 Biology excursion
- Tuesday 5
  - Y12 Media Top Designs
- Wednesday 6
  - Intermediate Round Robin
- Thursday 7
  - Y11/12 Sleep for Wellbeing & Performance Seminar 1:30-3:00 pm
  - Y11/12 VCAL Careers Expo
- Friday 8
  - Y10-12 French Play
- Wednesday 13
  - Y8 Coastal Excursion
- Tuesday 12
  - Y7 & 9 NAPLAN 12-14
- Thursday 14
  - Senior Round Robin
- Friday 15
  - Y12 History Seminar
On 15 April, Year 7 SEAL students and teachers stepped into a world of wonder as they discovered the universe and beyond. The marvellous journey included the sun, planets and stars and their constellations. We had to lie down on our backs and look up at the beautiful sky. It felt like it was real.

Both SEAL classes enjoyed the experience while learning new things. It explained what life would be like on another planet and even made us wonder if life could be possible on another planet or universe. Overall, it was thrilling and very educational for all ages. It was possibly the best experience so far for the new SEAL students.

Joanna Elkington, 7E

2015 has brought about some new and exciting additions to the Mordialloc music teaching team. The instrumental music talent has the foundations of our music rooms ‘rocking and rolling’ with powerful melody and harmony the whole day through. With the addition of Nigel Maas and Evan Hopkins to the teaching team, our music department is stronger than ever before! Nigel and Evan join Robert Krenn, Malcolm Abbott and Demis Danoudis to complete this impressive quintet.

This year’s music ensembles are coming together with great gusto and our music students are looking forward to the many exciting performances to come throughout the year.

(Students wanting to join the instrumental music department should make their way down to the music room to acquire the necessary forms today!)

Demis Danoudis
Music Co-ordinator
House Athletics Results

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Aspendale Gardens Youth Cove
AYC

Hang out!
Drop in!
Free Activities

Drop in
12-25 year olds
FREE Activities
12-18 year olds
Skill Building
12-25 year olds

Come and hang out at AYC on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays any time between 1:30pm - 5:30pm. Play with the MUL, job search, homework help or make a toasted sandwich, grab some snacks and relax.

We want you to join our sessions Monday - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am to 1:30pm. We will run some cooking sessions, join an arts and craft session or help us decide what games you want to play.

Get into one of the Macs and use some of Apple’s products including Garage Band and iMovie or get some help and get a course done. Our Macs are free to use and printing costs $0.50 per page.

AYC is located at Aspendale Gardens Community Centre at 103-105 Kearney Drive.
For more Information or to get involved please contact Lauren Goldberg on 0418 334 173 (Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Email via: lauren.goldberg@kingston.vic.gov.au

Uniforms

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

Please note the Uniform Shop is not open during the school holidays.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The 2015 Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open. Students have until mid September to read 15 books and need to pick up a consent form from the Hub so that they can be registered.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

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