Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

It is frightening to think that one third of the year has already passed us by. Students in the Middle School have been immersing themselves in all the aspects of the College.

Our Year 7 students began their secondary schooling in excellent fashion. Camp in the second week of the year saw us head to Foster, which provided our students with a great way to meet new friends and also to get to know their new teachers.

Following camp the Year 7 students knuckled down to their school work and have now completed two projects. It was great to see many parents come along to our Expos to view their child’s high quality work. During Term 1 it was my pleasure to take with me numerous Year 7 students as we visited their former primary schools. These important visits form part of our Transition Program and I was proud to listen to our students give an insight into their first impressions of life as a Mordialloc College student.

As I write this article, our Year 8 students are making their way back from camp on Phillip Island. Thanks must go to Miss McIvor and the Year 8 Team for organising and attending the camp. I am sure we will hear positive reports from the group. Year 8 students have also been producing high quality project work. The calibre of political campaigns and speeches as part of the Party Time project were excellent. Both Year 7 and 8 students undertook Student Led Conferences at the end of Term 1. Our students certainly have a great ability to articulate their learning.

Year 9 students are the leaders of the Middle School and they have been leading by example. I would like to congratulate Dilara Isikli and Bailey Bocksette for taking on the important roles of Middle School Captains and Sabrina Berg, Annie Ea & Naena Good-Jackson as Middle School Vice Captains.

The Mordialloc Experience has begun this term under the guidance of Mr Williams. All of our Year 9 students will spend two weeks in the City researching an aspect of Melbourne of their choice. Our mainstream students will also complete a week’s Community Service as part of this program.

Finally, I would like to wish all Year 7 and 9 students well in their NAPLAN tests coming up next week. Just a reminder that they will need a calculator for next week.

George Tzimourtas
Director of Middle School
Important Dates

May 2015
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

Monday 11
- Y11 Psychology Investigation 12.00pm
- Y7 & 9 NAPLAN 12-14
- Y10 Peer Support

Tuesday 12
- Y8 Coastal Excursion
- Y12 Ensemble Performance Night

Thursday 14
- Senior Round Robin

Friday 15
- Y12 History Seminar

Monday 18
- Finance Meeting

Tuesday 19
- Music Exchange Camp 19-21
- Facilities and OHS Meeting

Wednesday 20
- Kingston Cross Country

Thursday 21
- Y12 Business Management excursion
- School Council Meeting 5.00pm

Friday 22
- Y12 Chemistry to GTAC
- Y11 History - Jewish Holocaust Centre

June 2015
Monday 1
- Y10 & 11 Exams 1-5

Thursday 4
- Y11 VCAL: The Big Issue Classroom

Friday 5
- Y12 Practice Exams 5-11

Monday 8
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Friday 12
- STUDENT FREE DAY

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

At The Movies

Ever considered yourself the next Margaret or David? Coming soon to Mordialloc will be our own “At the Movies” club, where students can meet each Thursday and Friday lunch time, will offer them the opportunity to watch, laugh, cry and discuss a variety of movies, anime and short films.

Movies currently suggested for viewing are:
- Little Miss Sunshine
- The Bee Movie
- Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas
- Dead Poets Society

To register your interest, please see Mrs Bevan for a permission form.
Advance Cathedral Ranges Hike

On the 23 and 24 of April, the Year 10 Advance class went on the Cathedral Ranges Hike. When we arrived we had lunch at a carpark next to some long drop toilets. After eating we drove down another little dirt road and pulled up at another carpark where we were told we were starting the hike. The first few hours were definitely the hardest because we had to walk up to the top of the mountain. It was very challenging because it was really steep. We took various breaks on the way up to refuel and get our strength back so we could climb up the next part. Once we were finally up the top, after about two hours of walking, we were greeted by amazing views of the forest, houses and paddocks surrounding the mountain. To add to the beauty, the sun was shining right over everything. It was an amazing sight and it really lifted our spirits.

After a short break, we started walking along the ridge that runs across the top of the mountain. It got very rocky in certain parts and you had to climb your way up and down the rocks to follow the trail. It was really lovely to see everyone helping and supporting each other during the tough times, even just calling out, "be careful, unstable rocks", made all the difference because we were really working as a team. Once we got to the peak, after another hour and a half, we had a longer break and used this opportunity to get some cool pics and just reflect on what we had achieved so far. I remember the group I was with started singing, 'The Climb' during the walk, so I took the opportunity to play the song whilst looking out over the stunning views and most of us joined in for a motivating sing along. That was one of my favourite moments because we were bonding even more as a class and just enjoying our time together, plus the song just fitted the moment perfectly!

We then put back on our packs and started the long walk back to the bottom, where waiting for us we knew was our campsite. Mr Evans had told us was the same place we had lunch earlier that day... we were all thrilled about that! The walk down was harder than most of us thought as it was quite steep and slippery. We walked for about 20 minutes and then had another short break. By this time the sun was starting to set so we headed off pretty quickly. The last walk back to the campsite went for about an hour and a quarter. It was rapidly getting dark and we were still just walking on this random path in the middle of the forest, hearing all sorts of spooky sounds around us. My friends and I were concerned we were on the wrong path because it was taking forever to get back. Thankfully we made it to the campsite and set up our tents just before it got dark. After dinner we all sat down in the pitch black and Mr Evans told us some ghost stories. After that we all went to sleep. The next morning we went on a short one hour hike back to the bus. Overall we had an awesome time. Despite it being the hardest thing most of us had ever done, we definitely all felt so proud of one another and we were really happy with what we had achieved.

Natalie Wood, Year 10 Advance
This term Kingston Youth Services has visited Mordialloc College, getting to know students through informal chats and fun activities as well as offering a free BBQ lunch and fruit drops.

Kingston Youth Services are committed to supporting young people in the Kingston/Bayside area and have now opened a new centre in Aspendale Gardens which our students can access on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. See below for some of the free activities including assistance with completing a resume for part-time work at the Aspendale Youth Cove.

_Lana Paten_
_Chaplain_

**Aspendale Gardens Youth Cove**
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 334 175 (Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Email: lauren.goldberg@kingston.vic.gov.au

**FREE Activities - 12-18 year olds**
We want you to join our sessions Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. We will run some cooking sessions, join an arts and craft session or help us decide what games you want to play

**SKILLS BUILDING - 12-25 year olds**
Get onto one of the Macs and use some of Apple's products including Garage Music and iMovie or get serious and get a resume done. Our Macs are free to use and printing costs you nothing!

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School Photos have arrived.
All students who ordered photos should receive their School Photo Pack during class time by next Tuesday.
Today 31 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma. This year Mordialloc College held the World’s Greatest Shave on Friday 24 April. This event gave our school a chance to raise money to donate to the Leukaemia Foundation.

I would like to thank everyone who made donations to our cause, either by sponsoring one of the students/staff to have their heads shaved or one student who had his legs waxed or by paying the gold coin entry to watch the event in the Hall.

Special thanks to Max Nichols, Blake Herron, Jure Plesitina, Finn McHenry, Matthew Windsor, Ben Milne and our staff representative Mr Peter Collins for offering their services. Together they have raised over $1600. The Senior SRC girls Shae Macbryde, Gemma Benci, Briony Bruce and Natalie Prochazka also offered their services.

Jacky Campbell (SRC Coordinator)
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Telephone: 9587 0738
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