Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

The start of 2015 has flown by so quickly and the students have settled in well to the routine and structure of school after the summer holidays.

The Year 7s attended camp last week and it was a great opportunity for them to develop new friendships and create bonds that are enduring not only for the rest of Year 7 but throughout their entire school experience. Mrs Douglas and I drove down to Camp Rumbug on Thursday and spent time getting to know the students and interacting with them during different activities. The highlight for me was running the mud run with one group and watching them overcome different obstacles and challenges, even when they were drenched from head to toe and their socks and shoes were full of mud. A special mention must go to Leo and Ryan who, along with a small group of eager and enthusiastic Year 7 students, took on the challenge of a racing me in a second mud run and finished 1st and 2nd.

We pride ourselves on the positive relationships staff have with the students at Mordialloc College and it was evident that these relationships are firmly developing amongst staff and students in Year 7. Having camp early provides the perfect opportunity for the Year 7 staff to get to know each student and vice versa, in a different setting and it sets a great foundation for the remainder of the year. Thank you to all the staff who attended camp and also those who have worked with the Year 7s over the previous 2 weeks as they have been given a wonderful and positive introduction to secondary school.

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**House System 2015**

This year we have expanded the House System so it serves to increase participation and create a healthy culture of competition within the College. In recent years, the House System has become one that applies only to major sporting events. The new House System recognises the wide range of activities that exist within the College for students to participate in, whether it is Sport, Academic or Arts-related. We wish to reward students who get involved and work to make this school a dynamic and exciting place to be, both inside the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. Points will be awarded to any student who contributes to the school through participation in sports, academic, arts, voluntary or leadership activities. The points will contribute to the overall House Score for the House to which that student belongs. At the end of the year, the points for all students in a particular House will be tallied and one House will win the inaugural House Cup.

The first whole school activity that contributes points to the House System is the House swimming carnival on Friday 26th February. There was a buzz of excitement across the four Houses during signups on Tuesday and it was great to see nearly every student signing up for an event. Students are encouraged to dress up in their House colours (red, blue, green or yellow) on the day and cheer the other students in their House during each event. All students should have received a permission slip for this event and it would be great if you could make sure this permission slip is returned as soon as possible, rather than on the day of the event. This will help us to make sure all students can board the buses and leave on time.

In recognition of the House System we have extended the House Captain Leadership positions to now include Middle School House Captains. The role of the House Captain is to encourage participation in school activities of all forms ranging from academic, to sports and the arts. The leader will lead by example, participating in a range of school activities, and inspiring other students to do the same. It is expected that each leader will work with their fellow House Captains in a cooperative manner to boost enthusiasm and involvement in school activities. They will demonstrate the College Values of Personal Best, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility at all times, and be good role models for all students in their house.

We would like to congratulate the following 2015 House Captains for Middle School and Senior School and we look forward to working with them throughout the year.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

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**Immunisation**
Years 7 & 10
Monday 23 February
Please return consent forms as soon as possible

**Photo day is**
Thursday 26 February

**Year 7 Parent Information Night Tonight**
Thursday 12 February
6.30pm

**Miss Jennifer Roep**
Assistant Principal
Do you like to organise fundraisers and events?
Do you want to have your opinions heard?
Do you want to do your part for the community?
Do you want to discuss issues facing the student body?
Do you want to enhance your leadership skills?

Then become a member of the SRC!

The SRC organises events such as fundraiser sausage sizzles, free dress days, the Athletics Carnival, the World’s Greatest Shave, Swimming Carnival, etc.

To join, let any of the following people know you are interested:
Your Year Level Coordinator
SRC Coordinator
Miss Campbell
SRC Leader
Shae MacBryde

Go Team!!
The College Production is one of the highlights of the school year, and we are thrilled to announce that this year's Mordialloc College Production will be......... 'Guys and Dolls'!!!

Set in NYC in the 1950s, this is an hilarious musical about gangsters, dancers, and a bet gone wrong.

Students from all year levels are invited to participate as members of either the cast, crew or band. Those wishing to be a part of the cast will need to attend an audition next week.

Auditions will take place in the College Hall until 5pm on the following dates:

Years 7 – 9: Monday 16th February
Years 10 – 12: Thursday 19th February

Callbacks (students required for a callback will be informed on the day): Friday 20th February

Those students wishing to be a part of the crew or band should see Miss McConville for more details.

We are excited to bring to the stage this classic production, and to show off the amazing talent we are so proud to have within our College.

Friday 27th February
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT
All students to participate - wear PE uniform or house colours!!

Remember: Bring permission form, bathers, broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, lunch, snacks and drinks.
Help your kids manage their Asthma

Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?

The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child’s asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated & signed by the doctor on an annual basis.

Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?

Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home).

Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?

Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the teachers aware of these triggers?

Do you listen to what your child says?

They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.

Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?

Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.

For more information go to the Asthma Foundation website


We have a new payment option is at Mordialloc College ……

Mordialloc College has introduced Qkr (pronounced ‘quicker’) by Mastercard: a safe and easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to pay at a time that suits you.

Qkr!!

- Saves you time by letting you pay for school activities and charges directly from your phone
- Reduces the need for students to bring cash to school

See page 6 on how to download the app……
Qkr! is now at Mordialloc College

The new Qkr! app is now live for families of students at Mordialloc College. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code on the left using the Qkr! Code scanner or type MORDIALLOC after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Mordialloc College in future to make payments even easier. You can pay for all College activities/electives and charges right now using Qkr! to make payments immediately, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr! - all feedback to the school office is very welcome.
Our Study Tour to France in March-April 2016 will be going ahead. Students studying the French language at the school in either Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 levels by 2016 will be eligible to participate in this study tour. There are still a few places available. If any more students are interested, please contact Mrs Bibi Peerbux at peerbux.sehenaze.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for supporting your son/daughter in their language learning journey.
Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College

Trading Hours

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Situated off the foyer of the School Hall
Telephone: 9587 0738

Change of Trading Hours

Uniform Shop will be closed Monday 9th March for Labour day and Wednesday 11th March. It will be open Tuesday 10th March 12.30 - 4.30pm and normal trading hours will resume the following week.

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.

News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

As soon as your child turns 3 they are welcome to join our Monday Kinder Activity Group which runs from 10am to 1pm and provides a semi-structured program of outside and indoor activities. On a Wednesday and Thursday mornings Occasional Care from 9am to 1pm offers 4 hours of quality care for children - from babies to five year olds.

Are you looking for a great venue for your next big family function? Our large hall catering for up to 200 people could be the perfect choice. We also have smaller room suitable for meetings, classes and workshops.

Our Playgroup returns on Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am and our NEW Playgroup leader Annabelle looks forward to welcoming families – come and join the fun and make new friends.

Lots of ways to get fit at the Centre in 2015, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Gentle Exercise and Line Dancing.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au or just drop on by.