Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back for Term 3. The end of Semester One reports for all students were available via the parent and student portals on Compass on the last day of Term 2 for parents and students to access. Please contact the College if you have not been able to access your child’s report. I hope parents had the opportunity to discuss the report with their student/s over the holiday break and decided on appropriate actions to put in place to address any areas for improvement highlighted. Next week, on **Tuesday 21 July from 3.00pm – 6.30pm** we are conducting Parent – Teacher interviews for our VCE and VCAL students and any student in Year 10 completing a VCE subject. I encourage all parents to attend to meet with their child’s teachers. Parents are able to book in appointments with their child’s teachers now via Compass. Please contact the General Office or Assistant Principal Kevin Osborne if you are having trouble accessing the online booking system.

**Staffing Term 3**

At the end of last term we farewelled Benita Hughes. Benita has moved to a country location with her young family. The decision to leave Mordialloc College was very difficult for Benita, and she will certainly be missed by both staff and students. Benita has taught at the College for the last six years and spent the majority of that time in the Year 7 Learning Centre. I have appointed Laura Gorman as the Home Group teacher for 7E. She will be teaching 7E and 7C Discovery (Maths and Science) and also 7E Project Inquiry. Bibi Peerbux, an experienced teacher already at the College, will be taking over the French class Benita was teaching.

**Building Program Update**

During the second half of Term 2 we completed the sketch design process with the architects for our three new buildings – Performing Arts Centre and Canteen, PE multipurpose stadium and Year 8 Learning Centre. These plans are up in the staffroom and I am happy to show these to any parents who are interested next time you are in the school. These were submitted to the Department along with the sketch design report and cost plan B at the end of term. We now have to wait for this stage to be formally approved by the Department before moving on to the design development phase. The design development stage will take us through most of Term 3, and the design...
development report and cost plan C again needs to be submitted to the Department for approval before we move to construction documentation and putting the project out to tender which we anticipate will happen in Term 4.

**Course Counselling VCE and VCAL 2016**

Individual interviews for students entering Years 11 and 12 next year are being held over the next few weeks with members of the College Leadership Team. Year 11 into 12 for 2015 will be on Monday 27 July and Year 10 into 11 will be on Friday 31 July. It is very important parents and students attend the interviews planned during this time, to discuss potential pathways and to submit their intended courses. Each student and their parents have been allocated an appointment, during which time course selections will be made and strategies put in place to ensure achievement and effort over the remainder of the year are sufficient to guarantee places in chosen subjects. Please note the vast array of VCE and VET subjects on offer and also our VCAL program is another possible pathway.

Winter Uniform Reminder

I would like remind students of their responsibility in relation to uniform. The College expectation is that all students will be in the correct winter uniform, and that this uniform is worn correctly (shirts tucked in, ties done up properly) just as it would be expected in any workplace. This also means no hoodies worn under or over your jumper. Our uniform is a very important part of the image we project of our College community and therefore I expect all students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride to, from and at school. I would ask parents to reinforce these expectations at home.

**Schoolmate App**

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your children in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

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Mordialloc College staff and students share and proudly demonstrate our agreed values of:

- Personal Best
- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility

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Michelle Roberts
Principal
Important Dates

July 2015
Thursday 16
• VSSSA State Cross Country
Monday 20
• Y12 Biology - Genetics excursion
Tuesday 21
• VCE/VCAL Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 22
• VCE PE - Enrichment Program
• Navigating Adolescence—presentation by Adrian McMaster
Thursday 23
• Y9 Dare2b Youth Conference & Workshops
Friday 24
• Joy FM Schools OUT Loud
Monday 27
• Y11 into Y12 Course Counselling
Tuesday 28
• Y10 Advance Ski Trip (to 31/7)
• VTAC Parent & Student Information Session 7pm
Thursday 30
• Production Trivia Night - 7pm
Friday 31
• Y10 into Y11 Course Counselling

August 2015
Tuesday 4
• Y9 Fun Run
Friday 7
• Facilities Meeting - 8am
• Y8 Scienceworks
• Staff Vs Student Debate
Sunday 9
• Y10 Queensland Camp - depart 8am
Monday 10
• Science Week
• Finance Meeting - 4pm
Thursday 13
• School Council - 5pm
Friday 14
• Student Free Day

Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize 2015-16

In April this year we celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at ANZAC Cove. At this time I spoke of the importance of values such as courage, loyalty, determination and mateship which emerged out of this chapter in our history. I also encouraged students to draw on these strengths when they too face hardship and challenges in their lives. Recently, I came across The Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize open to all Victorian Year 9 and 10 students and thought it could be something our students may want to participate in this year.

The 2015-16 Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize will provide 12 students with the opportunity to participate in an overseas study tour to Lemnos, Gallipoli and the Western Front. In addition, regional finalists will tour a significant Australian location and will be invited to attend lunch with the Premier of Victoria.

I think it’s a wonderful opportunity for Mordialloc College students and I encourage them to think about how they can use their creativity and knowledge (as well as their determination and courage) to enter this competition.

Applications are open until 10am, Friday 18 September 2015 and require parental consent.

Students are required to submit an entry that addresses the following:

What does the "Anzac spirit" mean today in a diverse and multicultural Australia? To what extent can your definition be related to the events and people of the Great War?

Students are asked to refer to examples of the Anzac spirit from Australia’s involvement in wars and conflicts from Gallipoli through to the present day, and relate those experiences to positive values in their community and activities of Australia today.

Entries can be in a range of formats including: 1000 word essay, poem or short story, audio presentation, (maximum 10 minutes), video presentation (maximum 10 minutes), musical composition (a song or instrumental), web page, or artwork (painting, drawing, photograph or textile).


I am happy to assist students with their entry and can help them after school each Wednesday and Thursday. Please see me in the Wellbeing area.

Lana Paten
Chaplain
Mordialloc College invites parents & carers to a free presentation:

Navigating Adolescence

Adrian McMaster is a local psychologist who has many years of experience working with adolescents and families. Join us for Adrian’s presentation as he shares his knowledge about what parenting strategies are helpful during your child’s adolescence and some of the behaviour that makes life harder at home.

Adrian speaks to parents honestly and candidly about how to relate to their children in a proactive way. Adrian’s session is sure to provide you with useful tools to assist you in supporting your child from childhood to adulthood. Adrian has dedicated some time at the end of the presentation for questions.

When: Wednesday 22 July
Time: 6.30 – 8pm
Where: Y7 Learning Centre

For all enquiries and RSVP: contact Wellbeing – 9584 1184
or email douglas.diane.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
or paten.lana.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Roberts on 9580 1184 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#.Toc404934419
Come along to an evening of excitement and anticipation as students from Mordialloc College test their auctioneering skills and real estate knowledge against those of students from Mentone Girls Secondary.

Following weeks of intensive training from local real estate identity Chris Rae Hodges Real Estate, your students are at the ready to create history.

See other students in action from South Australia at www.auctioneers.com.au

Click on the 'Auction Idol' page, then Watch Performances.

The Winner and Runner up will go on to represent Victoria and your school against students from South Australia and Tasmania at the Inaugural ‘Australasian Schools Auction Idol Competition’ to be held in Melbourne in September.

For those passionate about all things Real Estate, Auction and Education this is an event not to be missed.

How many years did the 100 years war last?
Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar?
What is the motto of the S.A.S?

To support this year’s school production of Guys and Dolls, the Performing Arts department are hosting their annual FUNdraising Trivia Night, and we want you to come along and get amongst the action!

Date: Thursday 30th July, 2015
Time: 7pm kick off, arrive from 6:30pm
Location: Year 7 Learning Centre, Mordialloc College, 1 Station St, Mordialloc
Cost: $15 per ticket, purchased from school payment window or at the door

There will be some light refreshments provided on the night, but if you would like to bring a plate of food to share with your team, you are more than welcome to do so (please note that this is an alcohol-free event). Aside from a great night of trivia, there will be bonus games, great music, and a silent auction. In addition to all of this, you will be privy to a sneak peek of the show!
Senor Formal 2015
Community Notice Board

Meet Sci-Fi Writer
Amie Kaufman

Come to the July Readz Teen Book Club for a fun interactive session. Get into some creative brainstorming and chat about our favourite books.

- Thursday 23 July 2015
- Cheltenham Library
- 12 Stanley Ave Cheltenham
- 4.00-5.00pm
- Suitable for ages 12-16

Book by phoning 1300 135 668 or in person at your nearest Library branch.

VTAC Information Evening

7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday 28 July 2015
Parkdale Secondary College
Senior Centre
Warren Rd, Mordialloc

Find out from VTAC representatives how to apply for tertiary courses, scholarships and special consideration. There will also be information about the ATAR, scaling and offers. This presentation will be most useful for Year 12 students and their parents; Year 9-11 students and their parents are also welcome.
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

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 on these days during the school holidays.

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.

Out of the Shadows
Bernadette Jordan
“An perfect jewel can be revealed by shining light in the darkness”

17th July - 15 August 2015
G3 Artspace, Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkers Road, Parkdale

In a vibrant exhibition featuring flowers with a twist, local artist and Mordialloc College mum Bernadette Jordan makes a contemporary study of light through use of a torch in the dark. Bernadette undertakes a beautiful investigation on shape, form and colour, taking you on a journey through a colourful and exotic night garden.

Opening night 16th July, 6-8pm
RSVP/more info: www.bernadettejordanart.com
Exhibition being opened by Craig Harper, Motivational Speaker & Author