Director of Student Wellbeing - Update

Dear Parents, Families, Students and Community Members,

It is hard to believe we are already well into Term Three! It is great to take some time to reflect back over the great things that have taken place at Mordialloc College, especially in the wellbeing area.

Opportunities to link with parents and carers of the students is always something to celebrate. The recent parent evening, ‘Navigating Adolescence’, with a focus for our Year 7-9 parents was received very positively by all who attended. Psychologist Adrian McMaster provided a very informative evening with lots of tips, strategies and challenges to support everyone in the rewarding but sometimes difficult role of raising adolescents. He caused us to reflect about choices we make and the influences of these choices on the young people in our care. After the presentation it was good to gather and have conversations with those parents and carers who attended.

Croissants and muffins were the order of the day at a recent family breakfast held with the Year 7 students and families. This coincided with the opportunity for the Year 7 students to showcase the awesome results of their recent project work on Ancient Civilisations, another terrific opportunity to build connections with families, something we value greatly at the College.

In the wellbeing area we also greatly value opportunities to gather with students, to ensure they all know where the wellbeing area is and how they can access support when and if it is needed. The Year 9s enjoyed a ‘tunes and toasties’ lunch provided by the Wellbeing Team at the end of term, the Year 8s will be offered hot chocolate this Thursday which I am sure will be well received given the current arctic freeze we are experiencing. Thursday lunchtimes we have been offering manga and card making workshops in the Hub which has been another great opportunity for students to gather.

To help ensure our young people are safe when using the internet we engaged the services of Bamboo Theatre to present a series of short plays titled ‘Cybershorts’ to our Year 7s last term. These plays highlighted the issues around cybersafety and I am sure left students with plenty of ideas on how to keep themselves safe using the very popular internet.

If you have missed opportunities to express to staff any concerns about the young person in your care, be assured that the Wellbeing team are always available to meet and discuss any concerns you may have. We have many strategies and ideas to support you in the important parenting and caring role and have numerous links to wonderful agencies in the community.

Di Douglas
Director of Student Wellbeing
Congratulations **Campbell Harrison (12C)** who has qualified for the Australian Climbing Team. Campbell will travel to Europe this week to compete in two rounds of the International Federation of Sport Climbing World Cup series in Norway and Germany, and the World Youth Climbing Championships in Italy.

Campbell will be preparing for his campaign and competing in the world championships for a month and plans to do this while continuing his Year 12 studies.

Campbell will be supported by his parents and coach. Campbell states “I am confident that I’ll be able to maintain the academic standard required to achieve my goals in schooling whilst pursuing this athletic dream”.

This is an incredible achievement and the Mordialloc College community is proud of our student and friend. We wish Campbell all the best in World cup climbing series.

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**College Value Award:**

Brydee Alford in Year 9 for **Integrity**

For being caring and doing what is right.

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**Student News**

Student News appears in the College newsletter every fortnight and we want your items for this feature. If your son or daughter has accomplished something special outside school in an activity, hobby or sport, please let us know by email: paten.lana.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
Important Dates

August 2015

Friday 7
- Facilities Meeting - 8am
- Y8 Scienceworks - 8.20am
- Staff Vs Student Debate

Sunday 9
- Y10 Queensland Camp - depart 8am
- Science Week
- Y10 Camp Alternative Activities (to 13/8)
- Y11 VCAL - Sculpture Park
- "Flak" Performance Drama incursion
- Finance Meeting - 4pm

Thursday 13
- School Council - 5pm

Friday 14
- STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 17
- Y9 Community Placements (to 21/8)

Tuesday 18
- Y8/9 SEAL French ACMI
- Y11 VCAL - Circle the Square Excursion
- Y10 Sexual Health Education
- Guys & Dolls Primary School Performance

Wednesday 19
- Y11/12 Studio Arts excursion
- Guys & Dolls - 7pm

Thursday 20
- Intermediate Round Robin
- Y11-12 Berthe Mouchette Competition
- Guys & Dolls - 7pm

Friday 21
- Guys & Dolls - 7pm

Monday 24
- Numeracy Week
- Peer Support - P4

Tuesday 25
- Mex Information Night - 7pm

Thursday 26
- Senior VCAL - Sydney Camp (to 29/8)

Friday 28
- Y8 SEAL - Sovereign Hill Ballarat

Sunday 30
- VCE French Exam Seminar - 8.45am

Monday 31
- Humanities Week
Le Concours Berthe Mouchette Finalistes 2015

Every year, students participating in this prestigious competition are raising the standard higher. From the figures sent by Kellee Lewis, the competition Coordinator at the Alliance Française de Melbourne, 920 participants were selected as finalists from different participating schools across Victoria in the Years 3-10 Poetry recital category, compared to only 565 last year.

Please note that the Year 9-12 Levels also participate in a written test competition. The Year 9-10 levels completed their written tests last term, whereas the Year 11-12 students will be doing their Oral in August. Both results for the Year 11-12 Levels will be announced before the end of Term 3.

The Poem recital figures for the 2015 competition (summarised report from Kellee Lewis):

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I am very pleased to announce that this year at Mordialloc College, we had 4 finalists (High Distinction Level) in the Poetry category:

Abby Howard and Jordan Cardente (Year 7)
Eleni Hatzis (Year 8)
Aikaterina Hatzis (Year 10)

Other students in Years 7-10 who have achieved good results are listed in the table below.

Ms Bibi Peerbux

Our Year 7 and 8 students went to the Alliance Française venue in St Kilda to compete in their finals on Sunday 2 August. Here is what Eleni Hatzis says about the experience:

On Monday the 2nd August, I represented the Year 8s in the Berthe Mouchette French Poetry Competition. I was called into a room, and I recited the poem "Quand automne en saison revient" in front of 2 female judges. I really enjoyed being able to take part in this competition for two years in a row. I would also like to say a big thank you to Madame Peerbux for this amazing opportunity.

Eleni Hatzis
International Students

Last month we hosted a BBQ for the International Students attending Mordialloc College and Cheltenham Secondary College at the Edithvale Reserve. A total of fourteen students, including three local students, gathered under the watchful eyes of Mrs Di Douglas and our new international student coordinator, Ms Li Ping Virgo. Jason Tang (Year 10) brought along his father who was visiting for two weeks from China. We were very lucky to have two highly skilled and very expensive chefs do the cooking for us - one chef from Shanghai who is studying at RMIT and the other chef joined us from our local community.

There was lots of conversation while the food was prepared and eaten. Jason's father was very happy to see all the students, staff and chefs getting along and everybody enjoying themselves.

The BBQ started at 12noon and finished at 3:00 pm. After the BBQ all the students played football and an old Chinese game called "The big Eagle catches the little Chicken". Many photos were taken and have been sent on WeChat. The parents were very happy to see the photos and the students having such a good time. Also some students who did not attend have seen the photos on WeChat.

They now wish they had attended and asked if another BBQ is to be held later in the year, as they will come for sure. Everybody agreed it was a very enjoyable afternoon. Maybe we will hold another BBQ at Mordialloc Beach in the September holidays.

Li Ping Virgo

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**WORLD CHALLENGE RAFFLE**

**MORDIALLOC COLLEGE - VIETNAM 2016**

**TICKETS $2 EACH OR 3 FOR $5**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE**

**RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN IN WEEK 10 OF TERM 3**
Tickets for this year’s Mordialloc College production, *Guys and Dolls*, are now on sale. Order yours now so as not to miss out on the show of the year!

Set in prohibition-era New York City, *Guys and Dolls* is a musical about gambling gangster-type guys and the dolls who love them. Taking out the Tony Award for Best Musical when it debuted on Broadway in 1950, *Guys and Dolls* is considered by many critics to be the perfect musical, and broke all box-office records in its first four years. With our talented team of performers, crew and creative, Mordialloc College’s take on the famous show is sure to be no less successful than the original!

**Tickets:**
- $15 for students/children
- $20 for adults

**When:**
- 7pm Wednesday 19 August
- 7pm Thursday 20 August
- 7pm Friday 21 August

**Where:**
Mordialloc College Hall, 1 Station St, Mordialloc

Tickets can be purchased from the school payment window, and all enquiries can be made on 9580 1184.

*Tickets must be shown at the door on the date for which they are valid to enable entry to the show.*

Please complete the order form below and return it to the office with the correct amount of money for your tickets.

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**Guys & Dolls Ticket Order**

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PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT BY:  CASH            CHEQUE            VISA            MASTERCARD          QKR

CARD NUMBER:

CARDHOLDER NAME:  

STUDENT NAME:  

AMOUNT:  $

SIGNATURE:  

CONTACT PHONE NO:  

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We hope you enjoy the show as much as we’ve enjoyed putting it together!
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

Community Notice Board

Celebrate Children’s Book Week with Author Phillip Gwynne

Phillip Gwynne is a former AFL player and author of Deadly Unna?, which was made into the feature film Australian Rules.

- Monday 24 August 2015
- Cheltenham Library
- 12 Stanley Ave Cheltenham
- 4.30-5.30pm

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

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
ART FOR PLEASURE
An art class to suit all skill levels and mediums of choice.
New enrolments welcome

Wednesday
9.30 – 11.30 am.
For further information or if you’d like to enrol, please phone: 9587 4534
457 Main St. Mordialloc. 3195

News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Expressions of interest are now be taken for Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 3pm come and learn the art of Japanese crocheting of soft toys (Amigurumi) and make beautiful gifts for friends and family. On Sunday 6th September nutritionist Sharon Rush will presenting information sessions on women’s health from 10am to 12.30pm, covering tiredness and weight loss. Four hour child care sessions run on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and if you are looking for a perfect venue for your next children’s birthday party, our beautiful child care room and Main Hall with outdoor playground is available for hire on weekends.

Our Yoga and Zumba classes offer a first class free, a great opportunity to come and try a new activity. And coming soon a Tea appreciation and brewing evening and meditation and positive thinking classes.

For further information contact the Centre on 9772 3391
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.

REMINDER
Get in early to purchase summer uniforms in time for Term 4 to avoid long queues at the start of next term.

Mordialloc College has once again registered for Woolworths Earn & Learn.

Please deposit your stickers in the box provided at Woolworths Mordialloc or take them to the Hub.
Thank you.

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.