Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

As we enter into the second half of Term 3 it is a stark reminder of how quickly the school year passes by. As always the students and teachers of the Middle School have been working tirelessly on a number of activities and tasks.

**Year 7**

In Year 7 the students have just completed a Classification inquiry task together with devising an Anti-Bullying campaign. A lot of the work produced was of a very high quality and the students need to be commended on their hard work. During this term students have also been working in teams of three to devise their strongest possible arguments for their debates. The students have shown a keen desire to be awarded victory in their debates.

**Year 8**

Year 8 have also been learning out of the classroom with their trip to Scienceworks, following their recent exploration into electrical circuits. From all reports the students displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the day. At the start of this week it was great to see the EZ full of displays as part of the Market Day that runs every Term 3 in the Year 8 Program. Students had spent the previous weeks designing and marketing their own products. Towards the end of this term the Year 8 students will participate in the annual Medieval Day as part their next unit of learning.

**Year 9**

Our Year 9 cohort has been showing tremendous leadership across the Middle School. This was typified in the holding of the “Run 2K for Kyle” event that was held recently at our College. I would like to thank our Middle School Captain, Dilara Isikli, for the tremendous amount of work she put in to this fantastic event. We currently have our Mordialloc Experience students out on their community placements and then in a fortnight they will begin their exploration of the City as part of this program.

I urge all of our community members to get along to our School Production this week. I am pleased to see so many of our Middle School students play their part in this special event, be it on stage or working behind the scenes to make sure the show is a success.

George Tzimourtas
Director of Middle School
On August 4, Mordialloc held the ‘Run 2K for Kyle’ fun run in an aim to raise awareness of youth mental health after the loss of Year 9 student, Kyle Kovacsics, earlier this year. As well as raising awareness and seeing some smiles, this fun run was all about uniting Mordialloc College as a whole.

After much thought and preparation, students from Year 9 were able to put together an incredible morning involving over 250 students and many teachers, who gathered at the school oval dressed in purple (Kyle’s favourite colour), having fun and handing in donations for Kids Helpline. This was an emotional day for many, although we were able to see many smiles and laughs from everyone who joined in. Kingston Youth Services also helped us that morning by supplying fruit and taking many photos, making this event all the more memorable.

Kyle’s parents, Steve and Margy, and other family members, Colleen and Aunty Dot, also joined the College to support us and show their appreciation for the work of the Year 9s. We couldn’t have done it without them.

Mordialloc College raised an amazing amount of $2561.95 which will be donated to Kids Helpline. This was an outstanding effort from the staff and students. Thank you all for your participation and encouragement.

A special thank you to Ms Court (Year 9 Co-ordinator) who has supported the Year 9s throughout a devastating experience and assisted with preparation for the fun run. Also, to the Year 9s who, after the loss of a great friend, have united as a stronger, supportive year level more than ever before. They have showed great strength while overcoming a sad experience.

‘2K for Kyle’ was a great and meaningful event in honour of Kyle Kovacsics. Needless to say, ‘Run 2K for Kyle’ was a huge success!

Rest in Peace Kyle Ryan Kovacsics August 17th 2000 – March 22nd 2015

Dilara Isikli
Middle School Captain
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.”

College Value Awards: Responsibility

The following Year 9 students were awarded awards for Responsibility for organising and raising funds for the recent fun run:

- Annie Ea
- Dilara Isikli
- Angus Macpherson
- Sophie Spurgeon
- Holly MacMillan
- Emmerson Shankie
- Ami Claassen

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

**Personal Best** - Work to the best of your ability. Pursue excellence, try hard and constantly seek to improve.

**Integrity** - Be true to yourself by doing what is right. Be honest and trustworthy.

**Respect** - Treat everyone with equal consideration. Be accepting of others and their differences.

**Responsibility** - Be accountable for your actions. Contribute positively to the school and wider community.
Year 10 Camp - Queensland

On Sunday 9 August, 50 Year 10 students and 4 teachers set off for an exciting and well deserved camp to the Gold Coast, Queensland. We arrived at school at 7:45am to set off for our flight from Melbourne Airport, where we were lucky enough to see the Sydney Swans pass right by us as we were waiting. Once we arrived at Coolangatta Airport we collected our bags and met our bus driver Colin, who stayed with us throughout the entire camp. We settled into our accommodation and then had dinner and a movie night.

The next day was action packed with the entire group, Colin and DJ Randell included, going to Dreamworld and White Water World. A day full of thrilling rollercoasters and waterslides, food and friends (not to mention all the dressed up characters walking around) was the most perfect way to enjoy the warm sunshine.

That night the students participated in a trivia contest, discovering who invented the phone, the last time Brisbane had the Commonwealth games as well as all the teachers favourite music. Team Nhial was the victorious team, taking out first place in an incredible come back.

Day 3 was surfing and shopping down at Surfers Paradise, with students learning how to paddle and stand up on boards, while others just chilled on the beach and enjoyed the warmth. The day was completed with shopping down Caville Avenue and dinner at La Porchetta, with enough pizza and pasta to last a lifetime. To work it all off, we went mini-golfing after dinner which was tonnes of fun for some but for others a world of heartbreak (Mr Randell losing his winner’s trophy to Mr Williams).

On day 4, we got on the bus and headed to Movieworld, and even the light fall of rain couldn’t stop thrill seekers jumping on the 100km fast Superman rollercoaster. After a busy day of being propelled in rides, stuffed with food and having wallets emptied the day was finished with games of laser skirmish in the fields of our accommodation. Even though the boys won, the girls got their revenge by Mr Randell and Mr Williams having to be regenerated too many times to count.

Our last day was spent at Mount Tamborine completing the tree surfing course with each student and teacher getting involved. Although it was scary for some and a breeze for others everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great time. After some time in the town of Tamborine we headed to the airport, where we saw ‘Puberty Blues’ star, Ashleigh Cummings. The dusk flight enabled everyone to see the beautiful sky and even the lights of Melbourne as we touched down. No matter if students and teachers were battling sickness or injury everyone on the camp made many beautiful memories and had incalculable fun. Thanks to those who came with us and who organised it.

By Imogen Kane and Natalie Wood
A convenient payment option

The Qkr! app is live for families of students at Mordialloc College.

Many families are already using the Qkr! app. If you would like to use this convenient way to pay, 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.

SCAN THIS CODE ON Qkr!
Financial Assistance

Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Assistance is available for eligible families. Application forms have been emailed to all Mordialloc College families. You can also download the form from our website: www.mcsc.vic.edu.au

Please complete and return the application form as soon as possible as we can only accept applications until 11 September. Please include a copy of your health care card.
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A WEP student exchange is the opportunity for students to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

To find out more come along to one of WEP’s upcoming information sessions in Hampton, Hawthorn, Moorabbin and Northcote.

When you go overseas on a WEP student exchange program, your family, back at home, has no obligation to host an exchange student in return. However, hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

For more information and to request a free information pack, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

As the leading animal welfare organisation in Victoria, we utilise a range of skilled staff to care for animals and campaign for better animal welfare. RSPCA presenters will include Animal Attendants, Adoption Officers, Vets, Vet nurses, Behaviourists and Inspectors. The day will include hands on activities and behind the scenes tours. Learn insights from industry experts and how you can succeed in an animal care profession.

Bookings are now open for 2015, book now.

Date: Tuesday 1st September
Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Location: Burwood East RSPCA
Cost: $59 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bag, and all activity costs.

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W: www.rspcavic.org
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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 NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

NEW !!!
ACTIVE SENIORS PROGRAM:
Every Thursday: 12.30-2.30 pm
There will be a different activity each week for you to enjoy.
Activities include: Cooking, Scrapbooking, flower arranging, sewing, mosaic making, indoor games, computer training...and much more.
For further information, or to make a booking, please phone:
Mordialloc Neighbourhood House on 9587 4534

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.
Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary
Open Day
Saturday October 24th
10.00am – 4.00pm

All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150th celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available, and there will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market day, and gourmet bar-b-cue lunch on the day. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. Other activities in Romsey over that weekend include a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Institute with an old time supper afterwards on Saturday evening, a special World Children’s Day activity program at Sydney Seymour Cottage (hosted by the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society) on Sunday and a family picnic day at the old school site also on Sunday. Some of the local cafes, restaurants and hotels will be offering special deals for those attending the Open Day at Romsey. All good reasons to come along and catch up with old acquaintances!

For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website www.romseyps.vic.edu.au or call 03 5429 5099. Email your attendance to romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Are you Ex Navy, Army or Air Force?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on 03 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 29 October 2015.

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

Starting on Thursday 27th August we will be running a 4 week evening course on ‘Positive Mind, Positive Future’. Classes run 7pm to 8.30 and provide an opportunity to reassess the quality of your life.

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.

On Thursday 17th September 6.45pm to 8.30pm – come along for an evening of sampling and information on the Appreciation and Brewing of Tea. Learn about the benefits of tea, taste great speciality teas and enjoy the stories from presenter tea specialist Ranjit Giri. Phone Centre to book your place.

Arthritis Victoria will be presenting an information session on Osteoporosis on Tuesday 8th September 11.15am to 12.15pm. The talk will cover, calcium and vitamin D, exercise, falls and fractures, who can help, how to help yourself and the services of Osteoporosis Victoria.

Phone us for details on 9772 3391
Chelsea Heights Community Centre
www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au