Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

It is the end (or nearly) of Term 3 2015. It seems that every time I write an article for the newsletter, time seems to have disappeared. I have that same feeling now!

VCE students will be preparing and completing their last SACs and are now in full study mode for their FINAL exams, which begin with English on 28 October. Of course, Language and Performance exams begin even earlier on 5 October. Good luck to all students with upcoming exams. Get organised now and be prepared is the best advice I can give you. Don’t put off your study until the last minute, the last minute has already arrived. Seek advice from your teachers, revise your class work consistently and, above all, practise examination style questions now and right up until the minute you walk into the examination room. Give yourself the best chance by being ready and knowing your “stuff”.

At this time of year we begin our planning for next year and many students and parents have been involved in course counselling sessions over the past few weeks. These are extremely important decisions and choices not to be taken lightly. It is vital that students are well informed, ask questions and seek out all relevant information. Students in Years 8-11 either have or are in the process of selecting electives for next year. Please make sure you complete this process in the allocated time frame. The information is vital for our planning for 2016 and enables us to provide the broadest and most comprehensive curriculum that caters for all of our students.

Thanks to all those families who completed the parent opinion survey. We had our best response rate ever this year. The winner of the $100 Bunnings voucher will be announced in the last week of term. We are now just waiting for the results of the survey to be collated and sent back to us. We will keep you updated once the results come in.

Finally, I would once again like to take this opportunity to wish all students undertaking Units 3 & 4 subjects all the very best with the upcoming final examinations.

Mr Kevin Osborne
Assistant Principal
On Tuesday 28 July, the Year 10 Advance class set off on their journey to Mount Buller. We started nice and early, arriving at 6am on the very frosty morning, all but one. We were eager and full of excitement, waiting patiently for our final member, Ethan, to arrive. Once he finally boarded the bus, the class got acquainted with Ms. T. Douglas, and began the long drive. Unexpectedly, the bus was full of life during the early Tuesday morning, as everyone got involved in some Karaoke.

We arrived in Yea for our first stop of the day, to stretch our legs and visit the bathroom. We were all still enthusiastically waiting to see the first sight of snow, but didn’t get the pleasure until we were half way up the mountain.

We finally departed the bus on arriving at Bourke Street, only to be faced with a hike to our new home. Once at the lodge, it didn’t take long for the first snowball fight to fire up! Mr. Evans seemingly dominated us, showing that he clearly having had practice at throwing them.

After making our way down to George’s Ski Hire, we boarded another bus with our toboggans. We all had loads of fun going down the mini slopes together and, luckily for us, it started pelting down with snow! For a lot of us, it was our first time experiencing a snow fall, which set the camp up absolutely perfectly!!!

Once day two came, it wasn’t too hard to get everyone out of bed, as we were filled with excitement for our first snowboard/ski lesson! The snowboarders went first at 8:30, and the skiers at 10:30. We learnt the basics and then were able to move at our own pace.

Every morning was the same with a lesson and new skills to be learnt. The majority of the class got off the overcrowded Bourke St and had a go at some more difficult runs, such as Wombat and the Summit!

Overall we had an unquestionably awesome and memorable time, and

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we can’t thank Mr Evans enough for organising it! A massive thank you goes out to the Super Skier Ms Nap too, as she played an enormous role in our accommodation, as well as making all meals (which were delicious) and helping us get around the foggy mountain. It was an experience none of us will forget!

Serena Sykes, Year 10 Advance.

Important Dates

September 2015

Friday September 4
- MEX City experience continues
- Facilities & OHS Meeting
- Y8 TAASS Student excursion
- Crepe Day ‘L’ Ecole des Crepes’

Monday September 7
- Y10 Peer Support
- Y11 Psychology - Attitudes Data Collection - p2&3
- MEX City Experience continues
- Finance Meeting

Tuesday September 8
- Y10 Sex Ed
- Y11 Fit to Drive

Wednesday September 9
- Y12 Biology - GTAC
- Mordialloc College Volunteers Club 3.30

Thursday September 10
- Y7A, E & C - Melbourne Zoo
- Y12 Physics - Synchrotron
- VCAL - 1000 Steps - Dandenongs
- School Council 5.00pm
- Instrumental Music Showcase 6:30pm
- Y12 Sleepover 7.00pm

Friday September 11
- Y8 Round Robin & Final
- Y10 PE Ten Pin Bowling

Monday September 14
- VCAL Rock Climbing

Tuesday September 15
- Y7 Round Robin & Final
- Y10 Sex Ed
- Y7 - 12 Student Led Conference 2 - 6:30pm, students dismissed at 1:30pm
- VCE Drama Performance Evening

Wednesday September 16
- Mordialloc College Volunteers Club

Thursday September 17
- Y7B, D & F - Melbourne Zoo
- Y8 Medieval Day
- MEX Expo 1-5:00pm

Friday September 18
- Mordi Idol
- Last Day of Term 3 - students dismissed at 1:30pm

October 2015

Monday 5
- First Day of Term 4
- Y7 & 8 Immunisations

Thursday 8
- VCE English Exam Lecture

Friday 9
- Y11 Literature - Village Cinemas - The Great Gatsby

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Lochie Erwin from Year 10 represented Mordialloc Life Saving Club in the Australian Lifesaving Championships in Queensland last week. Lochie was successful in achieving a Bronze medal in the U17 Men’s 12.5 metre Line Throw and Bronze in the Open Men’s 12.5 metre Line Throw. Congratulations Lochie.

College Value Awards: Responsibility

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded Community Responsibility Value Awards for volunteering to be Blood Donors.

Liam Keene
Ben Roberstson
Ben Milne
Ben Landt
Brayden Moren
Caitlin Loughlin
Jure Plestina
Gabby Howes
Declan Brightman
Lachie Taylor
Matt Mc Leish
Riley Webster
Lexie Close
Joel Davis
Jaimie Lee

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.
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.msc.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
REMINDER

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

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 during the school holidays.

Mordialloc College
Presents the
2015 Art Show
Tuesday, October 20th
In the Enquiry Zone
7-9pm
$2 entry/$5 per family
Catalogue & refreshments included

Artwork by Kristy Clark
Please deposit your stickers in the box provided at Woolworths Mordialloc or take them to the Hub. The program is closing on September 8, so these are the final few days to earn stickers.

Thank you to everyone who has collected Earn and Learn stickers for our College.

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

Positive Mind Positive Future Course – this two week course offers you opportunity to reassess the quality of your life. ‘You are what you think’ is a simple and yet very accurate statement. Course dates are Thursday 8th/15th October and 29th October and 5th November and two lessons cost $20.

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 and kids parties.

On Wednesday afternoons 1pm to 3pm, come and join our friendly line dancing group, the class caters for beginners.

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

You can improve your art and try new mediums at our Friday morning art class 10am to 12noon.

Arthritis Victoria will be presenting an information session on Osteoporosis on Tuesday 8th September 11.15am to 12.15pm.

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.
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

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.