Dear Parents and Community Members,

The last few weeks have been event-filled for our Senior School students.

Last week, I was lucky enough to attend the Year 10 Queensland camp with a fantastic group of 46 students. They were impeccably behaved, respectful and well mannered, and I was proud to associate myself with them and the way in which they represented our school. Most impressive was the way in which all the students gave the activities on offer a go, and encouraged and supported one another. They challenged themselves and each other, forged new friendships and built on existing ones and have brought home some great memories.

Year 11 were involved in Fit to Drive on Tuesday 2 September. Students workedshopped ideas about their own behaviours relating to safe driving and considered solutions to various scenarios, facilitated by education officers. They enjoyed listening to speakers from the Police and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade who spoke with the students about statistics and their experiences of fatalities in young people.

Year 12 students recently attended an Elevate seminar, called “The Finishing Line”, designed to help maintain motivation throughout the final leg of Unit 4. Feedback from students was that the program was very worthwhile and gave them some extra strategies to help plan their study regimes. Last week they also attended a performance of “Summer of the Seventeenth Doll”, their context study for Identity and Belonging in English.

With the end of Term 3 winding down, life is no less busy for our Senior School students. Exams will be a central feature of Term 4 for all students in Years 10-12 and students should be preparing for these now. It is never too early to begin revision and consistent study. This is an important habit to get into as students progress from Year 10 to 12. Year 12 students have their practice exams in the
school holidays from 1 to 3 October. Importantly, the final exams for our Year 12 VCE students begin on Wednesday 29 October. We wish them all the best of luck in completing their exams and then awaiting their final scores, which will reveal a myriad of opportunities for the next chapter in their education.

Please note the important dates for exams and Head Start programs in the table below:

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Shelley Muir  
Director of Senior School

Important Dates

**September 2014**

**Thursday 18**
- MEX Expo

**Friday 19**
- Y10 Peer support program with Y7
- Mordi Idol
- Last day of term - students dismissed at 1:30 pm

**October 2014**

**School Holidays**
Wednesday 1 - Friday 3
- Y12 Practice Exams during last week of school holidays

**Term 4**
Monday 6
- Y10 Sexual Health Education

**Wednesday 8**
- Y12 Physics - The Australian Synchrotron

**Thursday 9**
- SMR Track & Field Athletics
- Y11 Biology - Ricketts Point Fieldwork
- Y8 Bunker - Skating Experience
- VCAA Y12 French Oral Exams

**Friday 17**
- Early dismissal 1.30 pm
- **90th Birthday Celebration**
- VCE Drama Solo Performances
- Art Show Opening

**Monday 20**
- Y10 Sexual Health Education
- Grade 6 Parent iPad Information Evening 6.30 pm

**Wednesday 22**
- Y12 Final Assembly 9.00 am
- Y12 Morning Tea for students and parents 10.00 am

**Friday 24**
- Valedictory Dinner

**Wednesday 29**
- Y10 Advance Grampians Hike 29-31
- VCAA Exams commence
- Y10 Drama excursion
On Tuesday 22 July, the Year 10 Advance class left for our snow adventure. Many of us who attended snow camp had never seen snow before, but for all of us it was a “winter wonderland” experience that won’t be forgotten quickly. We finally got there after a long bus trip, and put our bags into the lodge where we were staying. We then went to “George’s Ski Hire” to pick up toboggans, which was great fun, especially everyone trying to throw snowballs at Mr. Evans. After a few hours of tobogganing, we went and got our snowboards for the next day, and headed back to the lodge for dinner and some games we had planned around the fire.

Wednesday morning we woke up extremely eager to tear up the slopes. Many of the runs that hadn’t been opened for 10 years were covered in snow, which left the teachers delighted! As we started with the basics, the students who had snowboarded before were supportive of those who hadn’t or were struggling more than others, giving them tips to improve. Our lessons finished just at lunch allowing us to eat and then try our newly learned snowboarding skills all afternoon under the supervision of the teachers. In the evening we had dinner that the students helped to prepare and then played games and activities run by a different group of students from the night before.

Thursday morning, many students woke up with a few bruises from trying to show off the afternoon before, but the anticipation for the day to begin was high. After getting all of our snow clothes on and our boards, we headed down the mountain to meet with our instructors again. Throughout the lesson you could see each of us becoming more and more comfortable with our surroundings and boards, meaning we could progress to a more difficult but effective skill. In the afternoon, everyone headed off on their own and most went down an intermediate run for the first time, creating many stories of success and failures to be told later on.

On Friday morning we awoke determined to make the most of our last day on the slopes, but not yet ready to say goodbye to the fun that we had. We left our lodge and headed down the mountain to meet our instructors to start the day’s lesson. When our final lesson came to an end, we went down the slopes a few more times, before we returned all of our snowboards and equipment to “George’s”. We then walked up the mountain to tidy the lodge and collect our bags. We slowly travelled down the mountain, prolonging our return home. We reached the bottom and caught a bus back to Mansfield. We then loaded our bags back into the school bus and were ready to return home. On the way back we had the radio on singing along with the songs we knew, dedicating different songs to different people! When we finally got to school, everyone was a bit sad our camp was over, but also a bit happy to be home. A big thanks to Mrs. Napolitano, Mrs. Sheer and Nurse Betty for coming along and helping, and Mr. Evans for organising the best camp.
**VCE Exam Seminar - La Matinee du Français organised by the AFTV**

*(Association of French Teachers of Victoria)*

On Sunday 31 August, we attended an exam seminar at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre in Southbank. It was indeed a great session as students had the opportunity to experience a 3-hour immersion in the French language, including reviewing exam techniques and reinforcing tips and strategies about how to prepare to achieve their personal best. The day was very productive and students agreed that the workshop was beneficial, particularly when trialing activities on the spot there, in exam conditions, including the viewing of role-plays as mock orals for the up-coming examination for the dos and don’ts were very useful. Overall, we also enjoyed debriefing the session as a group afterwards.

Julien was a very determined and persistent young adult. He made the effort to approach his dad. One day he learnt that his dad attempted the Ironman marathon race. He was amazed and inspired by his dad’s photos in the newspaper cuttings he saw pinned to the wall. Then his battling journey started were his wish to run the Ironman marathon. Eventually Julien and his dad had to work very hard to achieve their goals, creating a bond between them. This was indeed an awesome movie and a great moral where perseverance and determination are the key criteria! Overall we really enjoyed the day – the train ride to the city was great and so was the movie. Thank you to the teachers, Ms. McIvor, Ms. Talerico and Ms. Peerbux, who accompanied us on this fun day.

Lachlan Begg and Strong Sirachantanakorn

8D SEAL
Theatre Excursion

La pièce de théâtre de Molière: George Dandin

Year 10-12 French students went to see George Dandin, one of the famous Molière's plays of the olden times at the Melbourne French Theatre in Carlton North on Friday 5 September. *George Dandin ou le Mari confondu* (Georges Dandin or the Confounded Husband) is a French comedy that was first premiered on 18 July 1668 at the Palace of Versailles.

The play showcases the madness a man commits when he marries a woman of higher rank than his own. Monsieur George plays the character of a passive and silly husband who has to patiently endure all the extravagant whims and fancies of his wife, who considers herself a dame from the Sotenville family, ranked amongst the nobles.

The actors and their actions were quite humorous and the plot became more and more hilarious as the scenes developed. In brief, George Dandin, a very wealthy farmer, seeks at all costs to rise his status in society. After some thought, he decides to marry a girl from a noble family. Eventually Monsieur George agrees to give a portion of his fortune to the Sotenville, a noble couple of Provence, because they are in need of additional finance. In exchange, Monsieur George will become the Dandinière after marrying their daughter Angelica, a beautiful but frivolous woman who does not respect her husband and people of lower ranks.

It was a great way to experience French learning – students had the opportunity to look at the cultural aspects that surround literature in olden times (visual props, costumes, make-ups, the stage and above all the Molière language in plays). It was also a good way to recognise cultural gestures, mannerisms and facial expressions through the role-play that are associated with language learning.

Berthe Mouchette

On Saturday 13 September, I participated in the final for the "Berthe Mouchette" French competition. The final consisted of four minutes of "general conversation" with two examiners. Topics included school life, plans for the future and interests/experiences. I loved being able to go to the beautiful Alliance Française building in St Kilda. It was also good practice for the French oral exam, which is quickly approaching (in early October)! I would like to thank Madame Peerbux for all her help with my preparation and practise, and for giving all the French students the opportunity to be a part of this renowned competition. It was a fantastic opportunity and a great experience.

Isabella Barker
College Captain

Year 7 Puppet Show

This incursion was offered to all Year 7 students and was presented by the Carousel Theatre. Students had the opportunity to be immersed in a bilingual French-English Puppet Show. The aim of this incursion was for students to experience learning the French language through a different medium as well as to make links to their learning in Drama. Although the show titled ‘La Belle Au Bois Dormant’ (the ‘Sleeping Beauty’ fairy tale) which was more orientated towards girls, most students’ feedback was that they had fun watching the show and asking questions of the presenters about puppet making.
On Tuesday 9 September the Year 11 VCAL students went to Fitzroy to look around at some of the bigger names in graffiti. We met a lady named Karen who told us about what was happening on that day in Fitzroy and also told us the background story of the artwork, like who made it, what could you see that was different to the other artworks or a trademark they left. The artwork we looked at were like paintings but some were cartoonish. We learnt different styles or techniques or shading the artist used like with Pluto where he used a top hat somewhere in his artwork or how one bit was shaded darker and lighter than the other bits in the artwork. We were also told about the stories behind the artwork and who they were. The artwork was either quite large or tiny but they were all detailed. The use of colour was very beautiful because they were all different shades of the colours and Karen got us to make our own artwork to show what our trademark was.

Catherine Gailey and Rebecca Vaotuua

TOMORROW!!
SPORTS TEAM
COLOURS

The SRC are running a “Fight Cancer” fundraiser this Friday. All students may wear an item of their choice in a sports colour in exchange for a gold coin donation. It can be a jumper, scarf, beanie or socks!! Please note that this is not a free dress day and any sports item needs to be worn over school uniform. We hope to see lots of colours on Friday so that we can raise money for this worthy cause.

Friday
19 September

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to Kyndra Walker and her family who are this year’s lucky winners of a $100 Bunnings Gift Voucher. To be eligible, the Walkers simply completed and returned their 2014 parent opinion survey. If you receive a parent opinion survey next year and complete and submit your responses, you too could be a winner.

Kevin Osborne
Assistant Principal
Uniforms

Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College

Normal Trading Hours
Monday 8.30 - 11.30
Wednesday 12.30 - 4.00
Situated off the foyer of the
School Hall
Telephone: 9587 0738

Extended trading hours for Term 4 Summer
Uniform requirements:

The uniform shop will be open:
Saturday 4th October: 9am – 12 noon
Monday 6th October: 8:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday 7th October: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday 8th October: 12:30pm – 4:00pm

From September to April in Victoria, when average UV Index levels reach 3 and above. Check the SunSmart UV Alert every day and protect your skin during the sun protection times (when UV levels are 3 or above), even when you are in the sun for short periods.

The UV Alert is available as a SunSmart app, on the SunSmart website, and in the weather section of the daily newspapers.

During the sun protection times, use a combination of the five SunSmart steps:

- Slip on sun clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen liberally at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors.
- Slap on a broad brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.
- Seek shade.

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‘Rotary Building Communities’ Broaden your Business Networks Be Involved!

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FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
ROSSDALE GOLF COURSE, ASPENDALE

MAJOR SPONSORSHIP COST $1,500

ROTARY CLUBS ASPENDALE & CHELSEA INVITE YOU TO BE THIS YEAR’S MAJOR SPONSOR IN OUR ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY. THIS IS OUR BIGGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, AND THE PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BE GOING TO CAMP AWAKENINGS. WITH YOUR MAJOR SPONSORSHIP YOU WILL HAVE GOLF FOR 4X, DINNER FOR 8X, ADVERTISING ON GOLF APPLICATION, ADVERTISING BANNERS IN DINING ROOM, SPONSOR 2 HOLES ON COURSE. YOUR COMPANY WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE MAJOR SPONSOR THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THIS EVENT HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR SEVERAL YEARS, IF YOU’VE BEEN INVOLVED BEFORE AS A GUEST PERHAPS, THEN YOU WILL KNOW IT IS A VERY SUCCESSFUL ENJOYABLE EVENT.

WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER YOUR INVOLVEMENT.

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