Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

**Having Positive Conversations about School with your Child**

Parents in partnership with the College can have a significant impact on a child's achievement. Do you ask your child this question, “How was school today?” and get the answer, “OK.” A real conversation stopper! Another way to ask the question is, “What have you learned today that might be useful for a lifetime?” Your child will have to think more deeply about this question if they are going to be polite and answer you. It will also help them see the way their learning can be applied to “real life”. Other questions you could ask include:

- What have you done today that makes you feel particularly proud?
- Can you think of a time today when you went out of your way to be helpful to someone?
- What is the most demanding or extending experience you had today?
- Can you think of a time today when you were especially enthused?

**Principal for Day program**

This week I hosted Adrianne Fleming for the Principal for a Day program, a program I have participated in each year. Adrianne is the chief flying instructor and Operations Manager at Tristar Aviation. In 2012 she won the Nancy Bird Award for most notable contribution to aviation by a woman in Australasia. With her husband she founded Tristar Aviation, and she is a leader in exporting flight training education through Asia and India.

Adrianne joined in on the College Leadership team meeting before school and then met with me for an informal chat. I took her on a tour of the College, visiting a number of classrooms to observe the range of different programs in action. We held a morning tea with all staff at recess. Next there were some specific classroom visits for Adrianne to speak to the students about her career pathway and professional work, with plenty of student questions. We finished with an informal lunch with the Student Leadership group as they conducted their monthly leadership meeting.

Adrianne’s comment on the day – “It was great to mix with a vibrant group of students and teachers for the day. I enjoyed the range of questions from students and hope that their passion in doing something they enjoy has been ignited. Aviation has been my life and giving students a glimpse of what it involves may lead to someone wishing to become involved in this exciting industry. I loved being part of such a warm school community and thank everyone for making me feel so welcome”.

From my perspective the day is always a most positive and worthwhile experience. It is such a good way to promote public education and is a great opportunity for the students to get a different perspective on local and global issues and to make new connections. In continuing our connection with last year’s participant, we are now a part of the NAB Inspiration program, a careers based program for a group of 15 Year 9 students. They are actually in the city this week! From working with Adrianne today, the...
College now plans to offer VETs onsite in aviation in partnership with Tristar Aviation for interested students from our school and surrounding schools.

**Student Led Conferences**
As we come towards the end of this term, all students should be preparing for their Student Led Conference to be held on Tuesday 15 September 2.00pm-6.30pm where they have the opportunity to showcase their learning to their parents and mentor teacher/home group teacher. All students should be preparing a rich learning portfolio on which to base their conference. It is also a great opportunity to practise the presentation and interview skills that will be so important when going for a job interview in the future.

This will still be a four period day with an extended recess. Lunch will be at 1.30pm.

**District Athletics**
Last week Mordialloc College came third in the District Athletics, a fantastic achievement considering we are competing against much larger secondary schools. McKinnon was first and Brighton second. Other secondary schools participating included Parkdale, Sandringham, Bentleigh and Westall. Congratulations to all of the PE staff and in particular Sports Coordinators, Tim Wischusen and James Evans.

**Fit to Drive Program**
The College continues to fund this special annual program for all of our Year 11 students. It was held this year on Tuesday. Run by Victorian Traffic Safety Education, the program is facilitated by trained University students known as peer facilitators or Road Safety Ambassadors. Fit to Drive (f2d) is a community program for young people that concentrates on personal safety and responsibility, giving them strategies to make them safer on the road. The program actively encourages and empowers young people as road users to look after themselves and their friends, and assists young people to assert themselves in high risk situations where, for example, a driver is speeding or impaired. The program also features a Police presentation of factual information focussing on speed, drugs, alcohol and fatigue. Some of the activities involved the emergency services, MFB/CFA in delivering a real life case study where the young people made decisions about how to avoid dangerous outcomes. Thanks to Year 11 Coordinator Robyn Wilson for organising this program. It was most worthwhile for our students to be involved in and they have been encouraged to discuss the content of the sessions and what they got out of their involvement with their parents.

Ms. Michelle Roberts  
Principal

**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.
Nothing vast enters the world of mortals without a curse. (Sophocles)

Technology certainly plays a major role in our children’s lives today and offers them many wonderful experiences through entertainment, education and the capacity to connect with each other.

A recent study by the University of Western Sydney into the benefits of internet use for students showed that this medium improved online literacy, strengthened personal relationships with family and friends, fostered creativity, personal and collective identity, and assisted with cultivating belonging and civic engagement.

However, many parents will already be aware of the potential risks and harm associated with a 24 hour a day online world. Each day we hear more about young people who are impacted by internet and gaming addiction, or who have been a victim of cyber bullying or sexting. They are complex issues which lack simple effective treatment. Presently, the best way to minimise internet harm is to be cautious about the level of use and to adopt prevention strategies which manage a child’s internet environment. Setting clear boundaries, balancing internet/gaming use with a range of non-online family activities and keeping an open and honest dialogue between your children and yourself will help prevent issues.

Over the next few weeks I will be looking at cyber bullying, internet and gaming overuse in more detail and providing online safety tips for parents and students. If you have any concerns about your child’s use please contact the Wellbeing Department.

Lana Paten
Chaplain
On Friday 28 August, the Year 11 Media class went on an excursion to the Palace Cinema Como in South Yarra. We went there for several reasons, two of which were to support the Australian Film Industry and to experience a different cinema setting. The movie we watched was, 'Last Cab To Darwin', a story of an old man diagnosed with stomach cancer, who begins a quest to locate a specialist who might be able to help him with his condition. His journey takes him to Darwin. It was one of those adventurous, slightly humorous movies with serious messages about awareness, value, and empathy. Exploring ‘theatrical conventions’ and the ‘production elements of a film’ were major parts of our excursion, meaning we had to watch the movie and analyse it as professional critics. Overall the trip as a whole was a success and everyone had a safe trip back home.

Hlogi Bahula
Y11 Media Student
Entries close Wednesday 30 September

‘Superhero’ is the theme for the 2015 Sunshine Short Film Festival, the only community-based film festival in Melbourne’s west. Both budding and accomplished filmmakers are invited to enter an original film of five minutes or less featuring their very own version of a superhero – real or imagined – and compete for prizes worth up to $5000.

CATEGORIES:
The entry categories this year are:

- **Primary** – for films with primary school children involved in key creative roles
- **Secondary** – for films with secondary school children in key creative roles
- **Open** – for everybody else

JUDGING:
Judging is by popular vote and there are lots of prizes to be won:

- **Primary** – The prize for the winning Primary entry is $500
- **Secondary** – There are three prizes for Secondary entries:
  - Third place wins $500
  - Second place wins $1000
  - First place wins $2000
- **Open** – The winner of the Open category receives $5000

There is also a judges’ prize awarded for artistic and cinematic merit, open to entries in all categories. The judges this year are all filmmakers:

- **Andrew McKenzie**, program leader of filmmaking and photography at the Academy of Design Australia and an accomplished writer, director and producer;
- **Andrew O’Keefe**, a writer, director and producer, as well as lecturer at the VCA School of Film and Television;
- **Tuuli Forward**, a Sunshine resident and film producer with four short films under her belt.

THE FESTIVAL:
All finalists films will be screened at Village Cinemas Sunshine on Friday 30 October at a red carpet gala event. The Primary entries will be screened and judged from 6–7pm, and the screening and judging of the Secondary and Open categories will commence from 7.30pm.

Bruce White, Chair of the Sunshine Business Association and Director of the Sunshine Short Film Festival, is really looking forward to the 2015 festival. ‘We keep building on the success of previous festivals,’ Bruce said. ‘This year should be really exciting, particularly with the “superhero” theme. We are surrounded by superheroes, both people around us and in our own imaginations. We don’t want the usual suspects but people’s own ideas of what makes a superhero.’


For enquiries, contact Steve Pereira on 0401 168 679 or Tracey Cammock on 0455 045 545.
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

Applications are open until 18 September
Late applications cannot be accepted

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 18 September. Please include a copy of your health care card.
Community Notice Board

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.

For your convenience the uniform shop will be open on
Saturday 3 October
9am – 12 noon

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.

Aspendale Primary School
90th Birthday Celebration & Learning Precinct Official Opening
You are invited to celebrate the 90th year of Aspendale Primary School. Laura Street, Aspendale
The event will be held in the new courtyard on Friday November 6th, beginning at 2.00pm
The afternoon will consist of fun for the new facilities and an official opening ceremony (beginning at 2.30pm).
Please RSVP to the school on 955803255 by October 31st.
We look forward to your attendance.

FREE Café Skills Training!!
Aspendale Gardens Youth Cove (AGYC) is offering a FREE coffee making skills session to 10 young people aged 13–25 years.
Date: Monday 14th September 2015
Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm
Location: Aspendale Gardens Community Centre (Kitchen)
Places are limited so bookings are required.
Email agyc@kingston.vic.gov.au or call 1300 369 436 to register.

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
TAX HELP IS BACK !!!
Are your tax affairs simple?
Do you earn less than $50,000?
You could be eligible for FREE help with your tax return.
The Australian Taxation Office has appointed a trained volunteer to assist you with your 2014 - 2015 tax return.
Appointments will be held every Monday.
Bookings essential.
For further information or to make a booking, please phone:
Mordialloc Neighbourhood House:
9587 4534

Chelsea Heights - Aspendale Gardens Cricket Club
REGISTRATION DAY
Friday 11 September 4:30pm - 6pm
As John Steinbeck, Nobel Laureate in Literature, wrote: “No man really knows about other human beings. The best he can do is to suppose that they are like himself.”

Getting to know another person, especially one from a different culture, can be exciting, challenging, and has its unique benefits. Department of Education-registered Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is providing a unique experience to help your children and family learn through bridging cultures, grow closer with one another, understand one another better and see the world in a new light.

International exchange students from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Finland, Denmark and Sweden are arriving in Australia to live as a local with volunteer Australian families and attend a local secondary school. The students, aged 15 – 17, arrive from February 2016 for 3, 5, or 10 months and are fully insured, with their own pocket money. If you have a spare room or bed, and a place at the family table, why not be the “heart” of cultural exchange by becoming a volunteer host family?

Expand your world for the whole family – all without any air tickets. Call S.C.C.E. now on 1800 500 501 or email scceaust@scce.com.au or visit www.scce.com.au and ask for our incoming student profiles, choose the nationality you prefer, and start having fun matching up your hobbies and interests.

Capture the spirit of fun and friendship, and build your global cultural network. After all, it is different cultures that make the world go ‘round at the end of the day.

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**Coffee Training - September School Holidays**

**‘Wheelly Good Coffee’**

*Buy a coffee & support a young persons training*

**Wheelly Good Coffee Cafe**
- 2A Studion Street, Moorabbin
- Monday-Friday 8.30-11.30am
- Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Chai
- Full range of styles - $3 & $4.50
- Range of Cold Drinks and Snacks – range of prices

**Coffee Coffee Coffee**

Wheelly Good Coffee Training... ring or email to register interest!

- 3 Day Bootcamp: September School Holidays : 28th, 29th & 30th September
- 2 Accredited units
- Prepare & Serve Espresso Coffee
- Use Hygienic Practices for Food Safety
- Work Experience in the Wheelly Good Coffee Cafe
- 9.30am each day
- 2A Station Street, Moorabbin
- $235.00 per person
- (discount available, criteria applies)
- want a Christmas job? Contact Andrea—no time to waste!

Further information phone
Andrea 0494 585280
wgc@youthconnect.com.au

**Hot! Wheelly Good Coffee Service**

- Coffee Service for meetings, workshops or events...
- we can organise all your food and coffee needs
- We can come to you with our espresso machine & young people to serve your guests
- Need a meeting room? Ask about our space... like our meeting room and we will take care of your coffee and food requirements.
- Competitive prices, minimum numbers required
- Phone Andrea today to discuss or organise a quote

Students interested in enrolling in the 3 day Bootcamp need to register with
Jane Jamieson
Careers and Pathways Coordinator

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