Dear Families and Community Members,

90th Birthday Celebrations

I encourage all members of our community to attend our 90th celebrations on Friday 17th October 2-8pm. This will be an early dismissal day for students, with students dismissed at 1.30pm. I thank the students who have volunteered to remain at school to act as tour guides and assist with the activities happening throughout the afternoon and evening. The whole school will be open from 2pm to 6.30pm for current and past students to explore the school, speak to current staff, visit the memorabilia display supported by our growing Alumni association, visit our community art show in the EZ, participate in a range of activities down in the hall and enjoy watching our Performing Arts talent.

From 6.30 only the Art show will remain open and there will be an official opening along with the cutting of our 90th birthday cake by our youngest student Caitlin Emmott and oldest past student Rae Sinclair. Rae visited the school on Tuesday to meet with me and tour the school. She is very excited about being involved in the celebrations on the 17th.

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Parents of students in Years 7 and 9 should have received their child’s NAPLAN results in the post last term. Please contact the College if you did not receive this information. The teacher teams within the middle school have all received copies of the results to utilise in conjunction with the on demand testing program that already exists within the College, in their planning for their respective classes over the rest of the year and into 2015. It is most pleasing to see the “value adding” or growth in student progress that has been made again this year across all measures (reading, spelling, grammar & punctuation, writing and numeracy) on NAPLAN. We are above the state average on all measures which is excellent. “Value adding” is determined by looking at the results of the Year 7 2012 cohort to these students who are now in Year 9. A key focus on literacy and numeracy in our staff professional development workshops with teacher teams and the ongoing commitment of our staff to the learning needs of their students have been integral to this ongoing improvement.

Focused on achieving Personal Best

Congratulations and thanks to our Director of Senior School, Shelley Muir and Year 12 Coordinator, Justin Wischusen and all the VCE students for their attendance at school over the last three days of the recent school holidays to complete practice Year 12 exams in all subjects. My thanks to all teachers who assisted with the supervision of these exams and their timely marking of the papers, to provide students with valuable feedback to assist their preparation for their final exams this term.

All students in the senior school (Years 10-12) will be completing final assessments and continuing the rigorous planning and preparation for their final exam weeks that are fast approaching. It is so important for all students to remain focused and use class and home study time effectively. VCE students should seek help from their teachers to work on any identified weaknesses, complete unit summaries and continue to work on exam performance by completing past exam papers under the exam time constraints.

Uniform

All students should be wearing the summer uniform this term. Just another reminder that Term 4 will be the last term in which the boys will be able to wear the white polo shirt as part of the summer uniform. From next year ALL boys must be wearing the new short sleeved business shirt with College logo in summer. A number of boys have already purchased this and all Year 7 boys have been wearing the new shirt this year. There has been lots of positive feedback about how good the new shirt looks. The white polo shirt can still be worn for Physical Education as an alternative to the green polo.

Also to our current Year 9 students, a reminder that you will need to purchase the grey Senior School jumper for next year as you enter Year 10 and the Senior School.

Mental Health Week

Thanks to Psychology teachers Tim Wischusen and Shelley Muir for coordinating this event this week and raising the level of awareness within the student body of mental health issues.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal
Our College hosted an 'epic' Intermediate Band Festival on 11 September. The strength of our school halls foundations were tested as approximately 150 music students from 8 different schools around our region spent the day practising and producing some wonderful (gigantic) melodic sounds.

Well done to Mordialloc’s talented music students who not only participated, but helped put together this great musical event.

The X-Factor’s got nothing on our Mordi Idol!

Term 3 went out with a bang in a demonstration of great talent in our annual event, ‘Mordi Idol’. With over a dozen students strutting their stuff in a variety of ways, it was a fitting end to an eventful term.

Hosted by Performing Arts captains, Stephanie Webb and Gemma Neaves, and judged by Mr. Tzimourtas, Miss Connolly and myself, we had students from across the school singing and playing all manner of instruments, with some braving it to do both at the same time. The audience supported their peers clapping, cheering and singing along – it was fantastic to see everyone behaving in such an enthusiastic and encouraging manner.

Year 7s have shone all year in terms of participation, and this event was no different. We had the youngest representatives in the school showing everyone else how it’s done, playing everything from the piano to the saxophone to the violin. They are to be congratulated on not only their awesome talents, but also their admirable attitudes – well done!

There was strong representation across the other year levels, and it made it very difficult to judge when it came time to tally up the scores. As the three teachers collated the numbers, the staff band appeared on stage to perform ‘Radioactive’ by Imagine Dragons and the anthemic ‘You’re the Voice’ by John Farnham. It was great to see the looks on the student’s faces as they realised just how many of their teachers have incredible talents hidden away.

Although we were blessed with much talent on the day, there could be only one winner. Congratulations to Jasmine Binyon in year 9 for winning with her beautiful rendition of John Legend’s ‘All of me’. You are our well-deserved Mordi Idol for 2014!!!

Kelly McConville
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Mordialloc College staff and students share and proudly demonstrate our agreed values of:

- Personal Best
- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility

CONTACTING STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The College asks that you do not ring your child’s mobile during school hours.

If it is urgent or an emergency please call the College on 9580 1184 and a message will be passed to your child.

Students are allowed to use their mobiles in class as a learning tool and a ringing mobile is a distraction to all students in the class and the teacher.

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

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We are turning 100!!!!

Help us celebrate by getting involved in all three of our major events

**Event 1**
- **CURRENT STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ONLY**
- Classroom and Whole School Activity Day – turn back the clock – we are going to learn in the good old fashioned way
- Friday October 17th
- 9.30a.m – 3.00 p.m

**Event 2**
- **Open Day**
- Picture and Photo Displays, Memorabilia, Get Togethers
- Remembering each decade
- Entertainment,
- Saturday October 18th
- 10a.m -3p.m

**Event 3**
- **Centenary Dinner Dance**
- Frankston RSL, 3 course meal and entertainment, drinks at Bar Prices. $65 per head.
- Limited seats, so book early.
- Saturday November 22nd from 6.30pm.

Contact school on 97861357 for more information or visit our website:
www.seafordps.vic.edu.au

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Seaford Primary School Centenary Celebrations

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**SunSmart**

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.

Further information available at www.sunsmart.com.au

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**Open Day**

**Saturday 18th October 2014**
1 – 4pm
Chelsea Lifesaving Club
The Strand, Chelsea

1pm Free sausage sizzle
   Have a chat with our friendly members.

1.30pm Club tour
   Check out the club’s facilities including the million-dollar view!

2pm Nippers display
   See our current nippers in action!

2.30pm IRB display
   Inflatable Rescue Boat – mock rescue, see how our skippers save the day!

3pm Sign up, socialize!
   You’re invited to stay and socialise.

Chelsea LONGBEACH