Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

As we draw to the close of another term I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break. I would also just like to remind everyone that all students should be wearing the summer uniform next term.

Instrumental Music Showcase

It has been a term full of many activities that have really highlighted how talented and wonderful the students at Mordialloc College are. Last Thursday night I was so impressed to watch many of our students participate in the inaugural Instrumental Music Showcase. With a combination of solo and ensemble music performances, the evening was a huge success. Congratulations must go to the music staff - Mr Danoudis, Mr Abbott, Mr Krenn, Mr Maas and Mr Hopkins who have worked so well with the students to develop their skills and confidence to perform in front of a large audience. I thought Mr Maas made a very good point on the night where he likened the practice these students put in to learning their instruments as being similar to when you are training for a sporting event. However, it doesn’t matter how hard you practise, competing is very different and nights like this Instrumental Showcase were equivalent to competing and therefore so very important. I really look forward to seeing much more of this in the future.

VCE Drama Performance

On Tuesday night, following Student Led Conferences, the VCE Drama Performance evening was held. Our Year 12 students each presented a 7 minute complex solo performance in preparation for their exam early next term. They should be congratulated for their entertaining, humorous and very articulate performances. To finish off the night, a Year 11 ensemble kept the audience entertained as they were charged with the task of re-branding Australia to an international audience. They wrapped it up by singing ‘I Am Australian’ which sends goose bumps through your body. Congratulations must go to Ms McConville for her work coordinating and working with the students to make this evening such a success. We now have ‘Mordi Idol’ to look forward to on the last day of term.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences were also held on Tuesday. As I walked around, it was great to hear students articulating their progress throughout the year to their families and teachers, identifying the challenges they have faced, their successes, the areas they need to improve on and focus points for the future. Being able to communicate effectively and promote their skills and strengths in a formal setting is an important 21st Century skill that we are equipping students with. Students should be proud of the way they conducted themselves and the preparation they have put into making this a valuable part of their school program. For anyone who was unable to attend the Student Led Conference this week, a re-scheduled appointment will be made for Tuesday 13 October between 2:40pm – 3:30pm and it is expected that students and a parent/carer will attend this.
Important Dates

**September 2015**
- 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
  - Mental Health Week
  - Y7 & 8 Immunisations
- Tuesday 6
  - SMR Athletics
  - VCE English Exam Lecture
- Thursday 8
  - Y11 Literature - Village Cinemas - The Great Gatsby
  - Y12 Studio Art behind the scenes
- Friday 9
  - Y11 Biology Fieldwork at Rickett’s Point
  - Y12 Psychology Epworth Sleep Lab
  - Y7 2016 iPad Information Evening - 6:30pm

Booklists

Booklists have arrived for all students undertaking a VCAL or a VCE subject in 2016. All students should have been given one of these by now. If not, they will need to collect one from the General Office as soon as possible or the booklists can be accessed online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using 45R4 as your code.

This year we recommend that you order online or drop off the booklist to the General Office prior to Friday 16 October, 2015. This will allow time for Campion to pre-package your books and have them ready for shop collection between Thursday 5 November and Wednesday 11 November, in time for the Head Start Program. Providing students with the opportunity to purchase the required textbooks and resources prior to the Head Start program will allow all students every opportunity to prepare for the requirements of VCE and VCAL in 2015 before they head off on summer holidays.

The other advantage with the pre-packaged shop collection service is that any books on back order will be delivered to the school free of charge as soon as they are in stock. We expect with a number of new VCE study designs next year that some publishers will not release their textbooks until late this year or early 2016.

All Middle School and Year 10 students will have access to the booklists early next term. For the first time we will be offering a school collection service on 28 January for any pre-packaged or online orders made by the required date. This will hopefully help to alleviate any long delays or lack of stock available at that time of the year.

Senior School – Year 12 Exams

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 through to Year 12. Year 12 students have their practice exams in the school holidays from Wednesday 30 September to Friday 2 October. Importantly, the final exams for our Year 12 VCE students begin on Wednesday 28 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.
On Friday 28 September the Year 8 SEAL students went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill to learn about the Industrial Revolution and the Eureka Stockade.

We participated in many activities such as a gold pour demonstration, gold panning, a scavenger hunt, a mine tour, and much more.

Later that evening we went to see the sound and light show, which was truly a spectacular experience. Most students said that the sound and light show was fantastic and they would definitely go back again.

We also had a lot of free time to explore Sovereign Hill at our own pace, which was a great way to look at the fields in our own time. Every year the students learn something different, even Miss Leppin learnt something new this year - that the further you head up the hill, the further you get to the present day.

Thanks to Mr Randell for driving the bus and Miss Leppin for organising the excursion.

Alex Unwin
Year 8 SEAL
During Week 8 at Mordialloc College the whole school celebrated the subject of Humanities. The week was packed full of interactive activities focusing on the areas of History, Geography and Economics. There were also plenty of competitions and prizes on offer for students who got involved. During lunchtimes, students had the opportunity to watch various documentaries and participate in the Price is Right game. Classroom activities included a scavenger hunt around the school using orienteering skills and the annual Sporcle challenge where classes had 15 minutes to name as many countries in the world as they could. Throughout the week a Wonders of the World competition ran in the HUB and the new-improved electronic daily quiz was certainly a highlight of the week. On Thursday each Year 7 student completed their own ‘here and now’ snapshot for the annual time capsule, which will be returned to students when they graduate from the College in six years time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Humanities team members (Tim Randell, Meaghan Baker, Josh Flood and Joe Shanahan) for their help running the Humanities week activities and all the students who participated throughout the week.

**Year 8 HUMANITIES HIGHLIGHTS – Term 3 and beyond**

A few more highlights from this term for Humanities in Year 8 has been the SEAL excursion to Sovereign Hill, Year 8 Market Day and we are looking forward to Medieval Day on Thursday 17 September.

Alice Leppin
Learning Area Leader – Humanities

### Wonders of the World guessing competition

Gabi Howes and Naomi Vlasblom (Y10) with 21/22 correct guesses.
Equal 2nd – Thomas Brooks and Baris Girgin (Y12) with 15/21

### Daily Super Quiz Winners

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2016 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the five Grade 6 students who have won scholarships to attend Mordialloc College next year. Ms Roberts and I interviewed many very accomplished young people and everyone who applied should be congratulated for their efforts.

The successful applicants will receive their scholarships on Awards Night in December.

Malak Ababneh  
Meike Berg  
Oscar Broad  
Carl Ockwell  
Isabelle Philpot

Bonbeach PS  
Seaford North PS  
Chelsea PS  
Patterson Lakes PS  
Aspendale PS

Penny Trumble  
Scholarship Registrar

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.”

Mordialloc College Presents the

2015 Art Show
Tuesday October 20th

In the Enquiry Zone 7-9pm

$2 entry/$5 per family
Catalogue & refreshments included
Value Awards - September

Amelia Beaton - Responsibility - for organising a fundraising bake sale for R U OK day.

Jo Lealofi – Personal Best - who has made a remarkable improvement in Year 9 Communication

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.

On Tuesday 8 September, I presented a cheque for $500 to the Children’s Medical Research Institute for Jeans for Genes Day. Keith made his way down to Mordialloc College from Croydon to talk about what the CMRI does and how our contribution will help with the Institute. When he arrived, I escorted him to the staffroom to just have a brief conversation about what he was going to talk about during the presentation. We ended up going off topic and talking about his volunteer work and what he does. He volunteers at the local radio station in Croydon and told me that the radio station has been running for 20 years, but it took over 20 years to actually get the request approved. He also said that he drives a community bus to get elderly people to appointments and other places.

I would like to thank all students and teachers who participated in this annual event and we hope that the $500 will help the CMRI.

Blake Herron
Year 12 VCAL
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.

Thank you to everyone who collected Earn & Learn stickers this year. We had our best response ever – both with people putting them in the box at Mordialloc Woolworths and with students bringing them in to the Hub. We have sent them off and are just waiting to be told how much we can spend on new books.
Positive Mind Positive Future Course – this 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 option 1: Thursday 8th and 15th October or option 2: Thursday 29th October and 5th November and two lessons cost $20.

Tai Chi for Beginners – Tai chi is a complete exercise system, addressing mind, body and spirit. It is suitable for people of all ages and physical condition.

Our instructor, Eddie has won National and State titles. Classes run on Mondays 11am-12Noon. For further details please ring the Centre. On a Wednesday and Thursday mornings Occasional Care from 9am to 1pm offers 4 hours of quality care for children - from babies to five year olds.

Cost $35 per child and bookings are essential. Thursday Exercise Class – 45min All Rounder Cardio Circuit Exercise Class. Boxing, HIIT, intervals, equipment and body weight suitable for all fitness levels. To book your place and for more information contact. Claudia on 0437 123 345.

Transparent Mosaics – Saturday 14th November 10am - 4pm
Make something unique and special for yourself, family and friends. This is a six hour workshop where everyone can choose a blank transparent shape – heart, circle or rectangle then make their own transparent mosaic mobile.
Cost $95 - $55 for workshop, $40 for materials to be paid to Tutor on the day.

Bookings essential. 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.