Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back for Term 4. It is very important that all students settle quickly into the daily routine of lessons as well as our expectations of home study.

**Award Night Wednesday 9 December 2015**

This is one of the key events on the College calendar! Every year we come together as a College community to celebrate student successes in a variety of areas such as Academic Excellence, the Arts, Technology, Sport and Community involvement. There are many prizes awarded on the night, thanks to the generous sponsorship of organisations in the school community. Students are nominated for these awards by their teachers, home group teachers and year level coordinators and these nominations are based on specific criteria for each award. I encourage all students to strive to achieve your best for the many awards celebrated at this important occasion. These include awards listed in the table below.

This night is also a significant event for our Year 12 students. It is here that we celebrate the achievements of the graduating class by presenting all students on stage in academic gowns. Students are presented with a graduation certificate in front of the rest of the College community. Subject awards for Year 12 and a number of special awards will also be presented. We look forward to this very special event, held at the City of Kingston Town Hall in Moorabbin on Wednesday 9 December at 7pm. Please enter the date into your diary now!

**Principal’s Update**

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<td>The ‘Year 12 VCAL Award’ is awarded to students who have demonstrated significant achievements and progress within the VCAL program. A total of four awards will be given to four students in the subject areas of Numeracy, Literacy, Personal Development and Work Related Skills.</td>
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<td>The ‘Community Service’ award is awarded to students from across each year level who have served the College in a particular way. For example, participation in a variety of school activities as determined on an annual basis such as: SRC, House Athletics, House Swimming, School Production, subject competitions, contribution to the College Magazine, participation in Open Night, primary school visits etc.</td>
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<td>Awarded to one female and one male student from Year 7, Year 8, Intermediate level and Senior level in recognition of outstanding sporting achievements made throughout the year.</td>
<td>Awarded to students across all year levels in recognition of outstanding art achievements and progress made throughout the year</td>
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<td>These awards are contributed by particular organisations to recognise achievements made by students in particular categories. For example: City of Kingston, Rotary, Victoria Police, Australian Defence Force etc.</td>
<td>Awarded to a Year 7 and a Year 8 student who have shown high quality commitment to individual learning excellence achieved through teamwork, a process of continual improvement and taking responsibility for their learning.</td>
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**Staffing Term 4**

Sharonne Crossley is taking maternity and then family leave from Term 4 and throughout 2016. We welcome Katie Loynes to our teaching team to replace Sharonne. Katie has been teaching Health/PE at Lyndhurst SC for the past five years, and was very excited when the opportunity came up to apply for a position at Mordialloc College.

**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. Students in the middle school (Years 7-9) will also be completing assessments throughout the term leading into the final reporting period in December and it is our clearly stated expectation for everyone to strive to achieve their personal best.

**Uniform**

All students should be wearing the summer uniform this term. Just a reminder that ALL boys must be wearing the new short sleeved business shirt with **College logo** in summer.

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 Lisa Ip, Alice Leppin and Tim Wischusen for coordinating this event this week and raising the level of awareness within the student body of mental health issues.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal
Reminder
Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences were held during the last week of Term 3.

For anyone who was unable to attend the Student Led Conference last term, a re-scheduled appointment has been made for Tuesday 13 October between 2:45pm – 3:45pm and it is expected that students will attend this.

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.

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**Important Dates**

**October 2015**

**Thursday 8**
- SMR Athletics
- VCE English Exam Lecture

**Friday 9**
- Y11 Literature - Village Cinemas - The Great Gatsby
- Y12 Studio Art “Behind the Scenes” excursion

**Tuesday 13**
- Y11 Biology Field work at Rickett’s Point
- VCE French Oral Exam

**Wednesday 14**
- Y10 Advance Grampians Hike (to Friday 16)
- Y12 Psychology Epworth Sleep Lab
- Y7 2016 iPad Information Evening

**Thursday 15**
- VCAL Bounce Excursion

**Tuesday 20**
- Last Official School Day for Year 12
- VSSSA State Athletics
- Art Show 7:00 pm

**Wednesday 21**
- Y12 Final Assembly

**Thursday 22**
- Y10 Forensics Bioday

**Friday 23**
- Valedictory Dinner 6:30

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**November 2015**

**Monday 2**
- Y11 Exams - Friday 6
- Finance Meeting

**Tuesday 3**
- CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Thursday 5**
- School Council 5:00 pm

**Friday 6**
- Y11 Mystery Tour

**Monday 9**
- Y12 Headstart commences

**Tuesday 10**
- Y9 Community Placements to 13/11
- Y7 Alternative Sports Day

**Friday 13**
- Y8 Alternative Sports Day
Performing Arts

Term 3 – What a Term for the Performing Arts!

Term 3 at Mordialloc College is always a big one for the Performing Arts, and 2015 was no exception. With students from across the school taking part in a variety of events, the College was heaving with energy and excitement, as well as a huge amount of talent.

Our premier annual event is the College production, and this year we proudly presented the multiple Tony Award-winning musical, ‘Guys and Dolls’. Involving students from Years 7 through 12, over 60 students and staff members began work on the show back in Term 1, rehearsing up to three times a week. At the helm once again was ex-College Captain, Joshua Mulcahy. He, along with a creative team including Demis Danoudis, Adelle Stevenson and myself, led the charge to put together a show of which we are immensely proud. It was an experience that all involved will cherish for many years to come. The response from audiences was overwhelmingly positive, and that support gives us great encouragement to do it all again next year. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the production, please see the order form in this newsletter.

Inside the senior Drama classrooms, students worked to develop their creative skills, which they demonstrated in a range of performances. At Year 10, students have been improving their capacities to create and present dramatic works as part of the Malthouse Theatre’s ‘Suitcase Series’. Exploring themes to do with global warming, the students have developed numerous performances, building up to a performance at the distinguished Malthouse Theatre at the end of the month. As part of their preparation, students attended an excursion to SEDA Performing Arts. There, they worked with students from the SEDA program to create performance pieces that they then presented to an audience. This was a very exciting day, during which all involved demonstrated incredible bravery, creativity and maturity. I was enormously impressed with the way that these students took on the challenges set for them, and it was a pleasure to see them so proud of themselves after having had such a rewarding experience.

At VCE the Year 11 and 12 students have worked incredibly diligently to achieve their best work in their respective assessment tasks. At Year 11, the students were charged with creating and presenting either a solo or ensemble performance that explored what it means to be Australian in the current political
climate. Exploring events and ideas ranging from the historical ‘Emu War’ through to internet speed, these students have shown creativity and a dedication to their work that is remarkable. They are to be congratulated on the work ethic and positive attitudes that they have demonstrated in rising to the challenges set for them.

At Year 12, the students have spent the last term developing a solo performance for their externally assessed Performance Exam. This is a difficult task, to say the very least, calling for students to research, improvise, script and perform their own performance pieces, inspired by stimulus material given to them by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority. Each student has pushed through the intimidating nature of the assignment, writer’s block, performance anxiety and self-doubt to produce work that they will present to the assessors at Kingston Town Hall this Friday. On behalf of the college community, I’d like to wish Brock, Gemma, Joe, Nik and Zeb all the very best – break a leg!

Another special event that took place saw a celebrity in our midst! Comedian Michael Veitch, best known for his work on TV shows such as ‘Full Frontal’, ‘Fast Forward’ and ‘Open Slather’, graced the Mordialloc College stage in a special performance of his latest stage adaptation, ‘Flak’. Based on his book, which tells the stories of fighter pilots in WW2, Michael performed his one-man show for our VCE and select Year 9 students. Transforming seamlessly from one character to the next, Michael demonstrated his impressive performance capabilities, captivating the students as he wove together these engaging stories. Having the opportunity to see such skill, and then talk to an experienced performer, was one that the students were very lucky to have.

Heading towards the end of the term, one Thursday evening in September saw the music team host the first ‘Instrumental Music Showcase. Performing to a packed house in the Learning Centre, it featured the wide range of musical talent developed within the Mordialloc Instrumental Music Program. The 90 minute, toe-tapping event showcased pianists, guitarist, vocalists, percussionists, woodwind and brass students. They all bravely took the stage and performed magnificently to a delighted audience. The success of the evening was beyond expectation, with full credit and applause going to our fabulous music teachers, Demis Danoudis, Robert Krenn, Nigel Maas and Evan Hopkins.

This brings us to the end of the busy term, which we always like to make sure goes out with a bang! Mordi Idol is an annual event that takes place in the afternoon of the final day of Term 3. Showcasing talents from each year level, it is always full of surprises and excitement, not to mention nerves for those who are willing to put themselves on the line to perform in front of the entire student body. Gemma Benci and Brock Spicer skilfully hosted the event, which featured a full line-up of dancers, singers, musicians and bands. As always, the competition was fierce, but there can only be one winner….. Actually, in this case, there were two! With the judges unable to split the difference, they deemed Rene Dorland from Year 12 and Liam Canavan from Year 8 the winners. Both won our judges, Max Nicholls, Shae MacBryde and Principal Miss Roberts, over; Rene with his impressive piano playing, and Liam with his high-flying and energetic dancing. It was a fabulous way to end an action-packed and exciting term.

On behalf of the Performing Arts department, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in and supported these and other events. The mark of a truly great school is the time and effort that those within it are willing to put in to make events such as these happen. It is these events that create such important and rewarding experiences for both staff and students, the memories of which last years beyond the end of school. Term 3 for 2015 might be over, but plans are already in the works to make 2016 even bigger and brighter!

Kelly McConville
Performing Arts Coordinator
 Vaughan Wood Video Productions filmed our “Guys and Dolls” production this year, filming the final night, Friday 21 August.

These quality productions make a lasting memento for all involved and their families.

DVDs are available to purchase for $30 each. To order your DVD please complete the form below and return to school with payment.

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**DVD Order**

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Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College
Trading Hours
Monday 8.30 - 11.30
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Situated off the foyer of the School Hall
Telephone: 9587 0738
Please note the Uniform Shop is not open during the school holidays.

Dobson’s annual buy early sale begins October 1. Purchase your uniform before the 1st of November 2015 for significant savings on your uniform.

Community Notice Board

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.

Cooking with a Twist classes on Fridays 11.30am to 1.30pm - fun and inspiring lessons focusing on fresh affordable produce and followed by a delicious shared lunch.

Our popular Christmas Gingerbread House Workshops are back with Thursday evening or Friday afternoon classes available.

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.

EarthCarers Community Garden Open Day and Seedling Sale on October 18th 10.30am-2pm come and enjoy a garden tour, live music, bbq and lots more.
Trivia Night Friends of Manatuto Saturday 24th October 7.30pm $15 per person BYO drinks, nibbles, glasses. Bookings ph: Robyn 9772 1664
Brighton District Cricket Club is currently seeking girls/women fourteen years + to join the fun and come and play women's cricket in one of our two teams.

We play a variety of twenty20 and one day games on Saturday/Sunday and on both Turf and Synthetic pitches. We cater for all ages and abilities and boast excellent coaching with international and highly accredited coaches.

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