Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

**Building Program**

On Friday 16 October I met with Department representatives and the architects in the city to sign off on the Design Development and Cost Plan C stage of the project. We are now entering the construction documentation phase. This will take eight weeks and thus up to the end of the school year. Tender documentation will be submitted to the Department in January. Once approved we can officially put out to tender and this process takes four weeks. I have included images of all new buildings in this newsletter.
**Applied Learning Awards**

Last Thursday night Jane Jamieson, Shelley Muir, Jennifer Roep and I attended the Applied Learning Awards at the Brighton International. Congratulations to Rebecca Vaotuua who won the SBAT Certificate III in Retail Baking. Well done also to Codie Sullivan, Jaala Spithers, Heather Murray, Kieran Begg and Sean O’Reilly for receiving a nomination certificate. Mordialloc College also received a nomination certificate for school of the year. Thanks to Shelley Muir, Jane Jamieson and the VCAL team of teachers for their work with our students this year.

**Farewell to the Class of 2015**

To celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students on Wednesday we held our whole school farewell assembly with many of our Year 12 parents in attendance to recognise this significant occasion – the conclusion of six years of secondary schooling. The Year 12 cohort have been wonderful ambassadors and have contributed so much to our College, having represented us in countless sporting, cultural and academic events. They have worked really hard this year with our emphasis on high expectations in everything we do and we are all proud of them. On behalf of the whole College Community, I would like to wish all Year 12 students every success for the examination period, which will begin on Wednesday 28 October. I am confident they will all achieve the VCE or VCAL results they deserve and have worked towards all year with much persistence. No matter what their pathway on leaving Mordialloc, as long as they continue to strive to achieve the best they can, they can be satisfied. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 12 leaders. Natalie and Max as School Captains, Shae as Vice-Captain, Gemma for performing arts, Elise and Briony for visual arts, Anthony and Alana for sport, Kristy for special events and Kieran for VCAL. They have all been proactive leaders for our school and have handled the challenges of combining Year 12 studies with the responsibilities and expectations of student leadership with distinction!

Another big event, the Valedictory Dinner, is to be held this Friday night at Southern Golf Club. This night will be an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to get together in a formal setting to reflect on the past year and recognise the achievements of our Year 12 students. The class of 2015 have made an outstanding contribution to our school and we are proud of each and every one of them. I would like to thank Director of Senior School Shelley Muir, Year 12 Coordinator Justin Wischusen, Pathways Coordinator Jane Jamieson and all of our year 12 teachers who have worked tirelessly to support our Year 12 students this year.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of the graduating class for 2015 at this year’s awards night in December, when all students will be presented on stage in academic gowns in front of the rest of the College Community. This also allows the community a final opportunity to wish them well for the future.

**Art Show**

Held on Tuesday 20 October, as part of our Arts Celebration week, this was a true community event with the talents of Mordialloc staff and students, our local primary school students and community members on show. There was a great turn out with over 200 people visiting, reinforcing the value the community places on such an event. An incredible amount of work went into the preparation and the Art and Technology team deserves the highest praise for their commitment to the College and dedication in ensuring the delivery of this quality event where over 700 pieces of student and community work were framed by our staff and exhibited. Special thanks to Amy Witorz and Emily Court for coordinating this event, supported by Demis Danoudis, Kathryn Bevan, Stuart McIntyre, Robyn Napolitano and Melinda Smith.

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Year 7 2016 iPad information night
On Wednesday 14 October we held our iPad information night for the new cohort of Year 7 students coming to us next year. The night was well attended and I thank Director of eLearning Josh Flood, and George Tzimourtas, Director of Middle School, for their organisation of this night and also to all the staff who attended to meet our new families. At this stage we will again have six groups in Year 7 with two SEAL groups. There is still the possibility we may need to go to seven form groups with numbers exceeding 150 students.

I will be away for the next two weeks on Long Service Leave. Assistant Principals Jennifer Roep and Kevin Osborne will be acting in my capacity during this time.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal

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DVD on sale now

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 from the payment window at the College for $30 each.
Yesterday our Year 12s attended their last day of secondary school life at Mordialloc College. For these students (and parents with their last child at school) this day marked the end of an important chapter in their lives.

Six years ago these students started Mordialloc College as young adolescents but yesterday they left as young adults. During this time they would have experienced the typical teenage challenges of friendship issues, family conflicts and the stresses of school work. They would have also experienced those very special and memorable first time moments of getting their licence, experiencing their first relationship and, along the way, made life-long friendships. Through these swings and roundabout moments they have learnt some of what life is about and discovered who they are. They may not have recognised or valued these times but they will look back at them as some of the most transforming.

So, there will be mixed feelings of excitement and loss for them. A loss of the familiar, of what’s safe and comfortable, with the excitement of future prospects and possibility.

We wish our students and families leaving our school community this year all the best. I encourage our students to read Dr. Seuss’, Oh, the Places You’ll Go! It’s a children’s story with a message for all. It’s about the journey of life with its triumphs and hurdles, opportunity and hope.

It ends with these words:

Congratulations! Today is your day, You’re off to Great Places! You’re off and away! And you will succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! 98 and ¾ percent guaranteed KID, YOU’LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!

Lana Paten Chaplain

Mordialloc Teaching Staff form the traditional guard of honour to farewell our Year 12 students....
Year 9 Mentor Community Project – Christmas Gifts for kids at the Royal Children’s Hospital

Our 9B Mentor group is running a Giving Tree!

The Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation collects gifts on behalf of the hospital and the nursing staff then selects gifts that are appropriate for their particular patients. They are delighted to accept donated gifts for the children who are in hospital over Christmas. However, they are quite limited as to what items they can receive and distribute within the hospital due to infection control and health & safety.

In the tables below are some suggestions the hospital has provided for the two age groups needed:

**GUIDELINES FOR GIFTS**
- All gifts must be brand new and in sealed original packaging
- Not gift wrapped
- Not perishable, no food or lollies
- No stuffed toys
- No clothing
- No second hand or used gifts
- No hand-made or home-made items

### Gift Ideas for Adolescents (12-18 years):

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<td>Nail polish</td>
<td>Headphones</td>
<td>Board games &amp; puzzles</td>
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<td>Pillow pets</td>
<td>Toiletry gift packs</td>
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### Gift ideas for babies (under 6 months):

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We really hope you can consider a donation you are comfortable with, no matter how small, and help our Year 9 Mentor group help sick kids at Christmas time. See Ms Pierce for any further information.

Gifts can be delivered to the Christmas Tree that will be placed in the Hub and can be donated until Friday 11th December. Brand new and unopened Christmas wrapping paper is also most welcome!

Thank you!
Dobsons Buy Early & Save

Dobsons annual buy early sale begins October 1st, 2015

Purchase your uniform before the 1st of November 2015 for significant savings on your uniform.

Please call the Uniform Shop to book your personalised 20 minute appointment.

The benefits of making an appointment are:
1. Personalised service - we look after you and your child exclusively.
2. Garments may be exchanged if necessary.
3. Avoid the back to school rush.
4. No wait time.
5. Appointment time fits into your schedule.
6. Reduced uniform prices.

Returns and Exchanges:
Dobsons accept exchanges and returns for current uniform which are unworn, unwashed and swing tags attached with an accompanying receipt.

Normal Trading Hours:
Monday 8.30am – 11.30am
Wednesday 12.30pm – 4.00pm

Contact:
Melanie Jazownik
Gabrielle Howes
9587-0738
mdc@dobsons.com.au
Low UV occurs in Victoria between May and August each year. At this time, most people need between two and three hours of midday winter sun exposure spread over a week to help with their vitamin D levels and sun protection is not required. Further information available at www.sunsmart.com.au

Thank you to everyone who collected stickers and either sent them to the school or put them in the box at Mordialloc Woolworths. Our order has gone in and we are looking forward to the delivery of 26 books to add to our collection.

Children’s Party Room – if you are looking for a venue for your child’s next birthday we have a beautiful room, with tables and chairs for up to 21 children a fully equipped kitchen and an outdoor playground area at the side of the room.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at www.chelseheightscommunitycentre.com.au

or just drop on by.

Chelsea Heights Community Centre
Beazley Reserve
160 Thames Promenade
Chelsea Heights 3196
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 comprise tours of the new facilities and an
official opening ceremony (beginning at 2:30pm).

Please RSVP to the school on 0395803255
by October 31st.
We look forward to your attendance.

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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.

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