Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

A time of farewells and new beginnings...

This is a unique time of year in the school calendar. While on one hand the focus is all about finishing up things for the year, saying farewells, sitting final exams, writing end of year reports, and looking forward to Award Night to celebrate student accomplishments, our focus is also tugged in another direction. This is the time of year we also begin to direct our attention to the new school year, where students are preparing to transition to the next year level. The Senior School Headstart program is well underway. The Year 12s of 2016 have already had a few weeks of their final year! The new leadership positions have already been selected and celebrated.

A critical time of transition is recognised as we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7s in the next few weeks at their Year 7 Orientation Day. An additional new transition program is being put into place this year to support those Grade 6s who require some additional support as they transition into Year 7. We acknowledge that the time of change from Grade 6 to Year 7 can challenge the wellbeing of young people so we have planned appropriately. This program will provide two additional transition days for some students incorporating a range of activities. By the end of the two days it is hoped that these selected students will feel more relaxed about commencing secondary school. They have got to know a group of students, have met some of their key teachers and have become familiar with the school grounds.

As an integral part of this program, a group of Year 9 peer leaders are completing the ‘Leader in Me’ program. This program involves Mordialloc College working in partnership with Family Life. These students will be helping to lead the activities on the transition days and plans are underway to involve them in the Year 7 camp as peer leaders for all Year 7s in the first week of the 2016 new school year.

World Kindness Day

This was a new occasion we recently celebrated. It provided another great opportunity to reflect on our values of respect, integrity, personal best and responsibility.

The Kingston Youth Services team visited at lunchtime and helped to facilitate an inspiring activity that involved students writing messages of thanks and appreciation to friends and family. These messages became a ‘kindness wall’ that reflected a collection of words of thanks and gratitude. It was wonderful that World Kindness Day gave us the chance to reflect on the importance of positive relationships. The World Kindness Day wall is still on display in the HUB.

Di Douglas
Director of Student Wellbeing
Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

Congratulations to Finn McHenry, the successful applicant into the University of Melbourne 2017 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program.

This year, nearly 1800 applications were received from students across Victoria and adjoining border regions. The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program will afford participants the opportunity to mix with like-minded peers and future leaders by offering a tailored program of events and activities to support and enhance their secondary studies, inspire their career paths and provide opportunities to interact with the University Community. Not only will Finn participate in events over his VCE schooling, he will also have access to the Melbourne University library and its resources, attend camps and excursions and have access to revision lectures to enhance VCE results.

We would like to congratulate Finn on this wonderful achievement.

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.”

Important Dates

November 2015
- Friday 27: Facilities & OHS Meeting 8am
- Monday 30: Y9 Zoo Snooze 30 Nov-01Dec
- Y11 Headstart Psychology Zoo Excursion
- Finance Meeting 4pm

December 2015
- Thursday 3: Y10 (2016) Parent Information Night and Senior School BYOD Information Night 6pm
- School Council 5pm
- Friday 4: Y8 Bounce Excursion
- Tuesday 8: Orientation Day Y7 2016
- Y7 into Y8 Orientation
- Y8 into Y9 Orientation
- Wednesday 9: Award Night
- Thursday 10: MEX Expo
- Friday 11: Y9 into Y10 Orientation
- Monday 14: VTAC ATARs released
- Y12 Change of Preference 14-18/12
- Friday 18: Last day of school

January 2016
- Friday 29: Y7 & 12 students commence

February 2016
- Monday 1 February: Y8-11 students commence
Congratulations to Emmerson Shankie and Sabrina Berg who were awarded the Australian Scout Medallion on Saturday 14 November.

What a wonderful achievement for our two Year 9 students, who have been working towards this level for many years.

The Australian Scout Medallion is the highest award in the Scouts Section and involves meeting the following criteria:

To acquire and demonstrate competence in a variety of situations such as safety and survival in the outdoors, undertake an expedition into unfamiliar terrain over two nights, advanced navigation in the field without use of maps and compass, first aid management, environmental awareness and contribute service to a community activity.

It also requires participation in a Scout Leadership Course, developed leadership skills through participation and involves being responsible for broad program planning and leading a Patrol Group of Scouts.

Both Emmerson and Sabrina have been involved with the 1st Seaford Scouts for the past 5 years and are now part of the Venturer Group which will continue to take them along their scouting path. Well done girls!

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College Value Awards

**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.

**Responsibility**

Ben Robertson - always offering a helping hand and giving up time to help staff.

**Personal Best**

Lucy Reekie – always aiming high and putting in full effort to every task.

**Personal Best**

Lachlan Colquhoun - settling into SEAL and working so well in all tasks.
Extended Trading Hours - Uniform Shop

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**News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre**

**Zumba Classes** - 7.30pm to 8.30pm and Thursday morning 9.15am to 10.15am
Have fun getting fit for summer with these friendly calorie burning classes, they are Latin inspired, easy to follow and your first class is free!

**Art Classes** - If you have been wanting to improve your art, learn new mediums and work in the company of other friendly artists come and try a Friday morning class 10am to 12noon. And for the junior artists aged 6 to 10 years there are stimulating classes each Monday 4pm to 5pm.

**Playgroup** - runs on a Wednesday in our large hall, so no matter the weather there is always fun to be had with a fabulous collection of toys and activities waiting for you and your children.

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.

Chelsea Heights Community Centre
Beazley Reserve
160 Thames Promenade
Chelsea Heights 3196

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**Community Notice Board**

**Uniforms**

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**MORDI-BRAE 2016**

**REGISTER NOW!**

**GIRLS/BOYS/MIXED TEAMS**

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**Register online now at www.mbfc.net. pay in Feb 2016**

**COLLECT YOUR REGISTRATION PACK**

**SUNDAY 21 FEB 10AM – 2PM**

From
Walter Gilt Reserve clubrooms
Victoria Street, Parkdale
For all enquiries please contact Carrie
Phone 0402 236 765 email registrations@mbfc.net

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