Dear Families and Community Members,

**Successful Open Events**

We recently held two very successful open events for prospective students and parents, with up to 400 visitors to our Open Afternoon in the Year 7 Learning Centre on Saturday 3rd May and over 300 visitors to our Open Night to see the whole school in action on Tuesday 6th May. The success of such events is testament to our sense of community where staff, students and parent representatives from our College Council all played important roles at these events. The level of support and enthusiasm from all involved was extremely positive and affirming. My sincere thanks to the key organisers, Mr George Tzimourtas, Acting Assistant Principal and Miss Jennifer Roep, Assistant Principal. I would also like to thank all staff for their attendance out of school hours for both events and for organising some terrific displays and highly engaging interactive workshops; the students who acted as tour guides or assisted with the interactive workshops, they were so proud to showcase their school; and the parent representatives from College Council, who were very enthusiastic and proud to speak about Mordialloc College to prospective parents.

A special thanks to our student speakers in the formal presentation part of the evening. They all did an outstanding job articulating what it means to them to be a student of Mordialloc College. Congratulations to Bella Barker and Matt Smith speaking in their capacity as School Captains; Jarrod McHenry and Camille Nightingale representing the Year 7 cohort and speaking so well about their experiences to date; and Eleni Hatzis, Max Peters and Samson Melatua representing the Year 7 SEAL class and speaking at the SEAL presentations.

Please see the feedback summary on page 3 containing lots of positive comments from prospective parents. “Feels like a hidden gem in the area,” was one comment in particular that resonated with me. Congratulations to Sarah Johnstone who won the $75 Myer gift voucher, one of many who went into the draw for completing the learning journey passport on the night.

On Saturday 10th May we held the SEAL entrance exam and we were overwhelmed with the interest in this program and the very high calibre of applicants.
State Budget
Last week I was informed that our school would be receiving $1,337,000 in the Victorian state budget 2014-15. While grateful for any funding to improve the facilities of our school, this is not enough to complete stage one of our masterplan which was costed at $4.5 million and included a multi court gymnasium and performing arts centre. The College Community and community will need to consider how we can best use this funding and if there are other options available to still realise our goal of stage one completion.

Cross Country
On Wednesday 30th April the College Cross country was held on a dry autumn afternoon. Congratulations go to Kalura (Green house) on their great win. It was a very close contest between the four houses, and shows how important it is to participate to the best of your ability whether running or walking the course. Congratulations to Sports Coordinator Cory Watters, for his excellent organisation of this event and to all students and staff for their positive involvement during the afternoon.

NAPLAN: National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
This week all students in Years 7 and 9 have sat the national tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy. I would like to congratulate all students for their exemplary behaviour and positive attitude during the three days of testing and for treating these tests seriously in striving to achieve their Personal Best.

The results once available will be used to:
- help teachers identify students who require greater challenges or additional support
- help the College identify strengths and any gaps in teaching programs and to set goals in Literacy and Numeracy
- provide additional feedback to students and parents about individual achievements and progress

All parents of students in Year 7 and 9 will receive a NAPLAN report on their child’s progress later this year. The report is only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made about your child by teachers.

Year 8 Camp
On May 12th-14th our Year 8 students attended camp at Phillip Island over three days. Students had the opportunity to participate in a range of adventure and team building activities. Thanks to Year 8 team leader and Year Level Coordinator Lauren McIvor for organising and leading this camp for our students, and the Year 8 team of teachers who joined Lauren over the three days and made it such a success: Justin Wischusen, Tim Wischusen, Bryony Lowe, Alice Leppin, Matina Karamanis, Kathy Voyer and Daniel Williams.

Year 10 Work Experience
This week our entire Year 10 cohort of students are out on work experience, as part of the compulsory VCE unit (one all Year 10 students undertake at Mordialloc College) called Industry and Enterprise. Completing this unit not only gives all of our Year 10 students credit towards attaining their VCE, it also is a more meaningful way to deliver the careers curriculum. Students have organised placements in a huge variety of workplaces and locations from Frankston to Swan Hill! They are working in hospitality, vet clinics, law, accountant and business firms, graphic design, education, multi media, automotive, retail and landscaping. A big thank you must go to our Pathways Coordinator, Jane Jamieson, for all of her hard work in supporting our students to find suitable work placements for this week; and to all the businesses not only in our community but extending well beyond, in being prepared to accept a student for the week into their place of work.

Jewellery
A reminder of the rules outlined in the College uniform policy regarding jewellery. Jewellery is not to be worn apart from a wristwatch and a plain stud or sleeper for students with pierced ears. Piercing of other body parts must not be visible.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal
Great, very interesting hands on experience
Great job- well done
Lots of opportunities to ask questions
Students were wonderful/gorgeous
Excellent organisation
Lots of space/light/bright/ spaces for different learning styles and purposes
Looks like a good learning environment
Good vibe
A fantastic experience for both me & my daughter
3 years ago was a great night but it seemed more flowing and easier to speak to staff
Informative and well run
You have a great school and lovely students
Very informative
Would help if a little more detail about the area was given but overall really enjoyed it
Really impressed with the presentation by staff & students - even NEW year 7s
Great staff
Loved the emphasis on Transition and pastoral care/nurturing
Feels like a hidden gem in our area - need to convince soccer mad son!
Impressed with obvious commitment by staff who seem young, vibrant & dynamic - Exactly what we need for our children
Good variety of learning tools - iPads, hands on, traditional pen & paper
Great buildings and grounds
Smaller school - not so daunting
Close to transport
High quality of student speakers
I loved your school - impressed by the passion of the teachers and the warm feel
Welcoming atmosphere and showed off the school brilliantly
Definitely sold me on the school
Thank you for a great night
I am pleasantly surprised if I'm being honest!
Would have liked to see more info on fees, school times and general enrolment info
Everyone was so welcoming and friendly
Well run and interactive
Good information and great fun for the kids
Pizza was yummy
Staff and students were friendly and helpful and approachable
Very impressed with what we saw - my son will have a great time here
Excellent - tour and students, excellent representation of the school
A happy learning environment - well done!
Amazing experience and I would highly recommend the school
Liked the SEAL program
Tour was a great way to show the school to new people
Enjoyed the interactive nature of the lessons - informative and fun!
We took a lot away - thank you
Teachers are very hands on, enthusiastic and helpful
This school has many things to offer my son - Thank you!
Teachers made my son feel comfortable and relaxed
We learnt a lot about the school
A great night, experienced all MC has to offer. Our second Open Night and we all agreed this was the best by far - Congratulations on a successful night
Fantastic fun
Student involvement was nice - real opinions
Feels like a great culture has been built here!
Last Friday the senior French students attended the play “Cher Trésor” in Collingwood. It was presented by Melbourne French Theatre – and this was also the first ever performance of the play outside Paris! The cast were all native French speakers and we all found the play very helpful in regards to preparation for our role play SACs. “Cher Trésor” told the story of a man who felt he was a nobody, so pretended to have a tax audit to convince people that he was rich, and cause them to take interest in him. Little did he know, soon his lie would get him into trouble and he would end up a multibillionaire!

Thank you to Madame Peerbux for taking us on this fantastic excursion.

Isabella Barker, College Captain

Year 8 Spelling Challenge

During Term 1, the Year 8 novel studies focused on the novel *Tomorrow, When the War Began* written by John Marsden.

Every week, we competed in spelling challenges in which we were tested on challenging and interesting words that came from the novel. The words were read in quotes from the novel, which was pre-recorded on an iPad and played to us by our Communication teachers (Miss McIvor and Miss Leppin). Along with the spelling challenge, we also competed in ‘speed races’ in which we had to find the definitions of words using a dictionary as fast as we could. The speed race worked like a car race and we got placed on the grid after each round.

The spelling challenge helped us to learn many new words and definitions. It also helped us build our vocabularies and taught us the skill of skim reading.

**Most accurate speller:** Kalena Mulaai (8A), Laura Neaves (8B) and Annie Ea (8C)

**Most improved speller:** Anna Khromova (8A), Josephine Lealofii (8B) and Emmerson Shankie (8C)

**Fastest speed racer:** Bailey Bocksette (8A), Josh Symons (8B) and Rachel Wadey (8C)

**8D Animal Farm Awards:** Best oral presentation skills (Kyle Kovacsics), Most improved presentation skills (Sophie Spurgeon) and High quality jigsaw award (Naena Good-Jackson)

**Annie Ea, Year 8**

Science Week

Next week is the fun and exciting ‘Science Week’ at Mordialloc College!

Throughout the entire week there will be activities happening each and every lunch time for all students to get involved in. The week kicks off with **Magic Monday** where students will experience the physics wonders of static electricity through a demonstration of the Van de Graaff machine. Students will also get a chance to learn to surf, science style! **Terrific Tuesday** will offer a psychological engaging activity around the Stroop Effect. **Wacky Wednesday** offers a fun experience inspired by the Science of chef, Heston Blumenthal, where students will not only taste, but hear their food as they eat it. **Theatre Thursday** will be an opportunity for students to watch some science inspired movies in each of the science labs with popcorn available to add to the experience. Closing up the week is **Frenzy Friday** where there will be a very explosive end to what is shaping up to be a jam packed week of all things science!

Please come to the Discovery Centre each and every lunch time to be a part of these great activities happening next week during Science Week!
Better Start Early Days Workshops

Free workshops for parents who have a child with cerebral palsy in Victoria

Are you in the early days of the journey with your child with cerebral palsy?

Are you still finding your way in the disability system?

Does your child have cerebral palsy?

You can attend FREE one-day workshops especially designed for you.

The Better Start Early Days workshops are for parents who have a child in the early years before school. These workshops will help you to:

- learn more about the services and supports available to you and your child
- understand how Better Start or NDIS funding works
- meet other parents who have similar experiences to you
- build confidence and develop positive strategies

Workshops Near You

We are running workshops in the Southern Region:

**Aspendale – Scope Victoria**

Date: Thursday, 29th May 2014
Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue: Mordialloc Sailing Club: 12A Bowman St Aspendale

**Pakenham – Scope Victoria**

Date: Wednesday, 4th June 2014
Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue: Services Central: 6A Henry St Pakenham

**Moorabbin – Scope Victoria**

Date: Thursday, 12th June 2014
Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue: The Jan Lake Centre: Genoa St Moorabbin

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Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College

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Trading Hours
Monday 8.30 - 11.30 am
Wednesday 12.30 - 4.00 pm

Situated off the foyer of the School Hall

Canteen News
Two Week Special
Lunch orders received before 9am will get $1.00 OFF their order.
Monday 12 May - Friday 23 May

One more week!!