Assistant Principal’s Update

Dear Families and Community members,

Term 1 is always a busy time for staff, students and families as everyone settles back into a routine and finds that rhythm again after enjoying a long break from it. The Year 7 students have settled in well and it was lovely to meet and chat with the parents on the first morning (some feeling just as nervous as the children) and again at the Year 7 Information night on Monday. In some ways the Year 7 students and I have much in common. We have all had the same rollercoaster of emotions about starting somewhere new, first day jitters and then the feeling of excitement that quickly follows when you meet other people who are welcoming, friendly and supportive.

The support from staff, the politeness and friendly smiles from students and the conversations with parents since the start of the year has made my transition into the school very enjoyable. I am very much looking forward to Year 7 camp next week and spending time with the staff and students outside of the classroom environment. Camps are a great opportunity for students and staff to develop relationships and create bonds that are enduring not only for the rest of Year 7 but throughout their entire school experience.

I have really enjoyed walking around and visiting classes over the last 2 weeks. Each time I enter rooms there is a quiet buzz of activity and the students are on task and working hard. The Year 8 team held an information night for parents and their children last week. Listening to the home group teachers and the coordinator (Ms McIvor) talk about the Year 8 program, how assessment occurred, along with the expectations of students and the support required from parents was very informative and reflected the cohesive nature of the teaching team. It was a great opportunity for parents to talk further with their child’s home group teacher and introduce themselves. Year 10 and 12 have also held similar nights over the last two weeks and again many parents have taken the opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the year ahead.

My role as an Assistant Principal at Mordialloc College encompasses Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and the Middle School. The school has worked hard to establish learning environments that meet the learning requirements of today’s youth and the teachers work tirelessly to provide all students with the skills and knowledge they require to be successful along whichever path they choose. I look forward to working alongside them in their continued pursuit for excellence.

Miss Jennifer Roep, Assistant Principal

Year 7 Students - thoughts on the first week.

‘Still getting used to it’
Ella Harris

‘Really fun and enjoyable, learnt new things’
Ebony Parker

‘I love it’
Lucy Faid

‘Intriguing’
Jade Matthews

School Council Election information distributed with this edition of College News
Important Dates

February 2014
Monday 17/2
• Year 7 CAMP RUMBUG 17-19/2/14
Thursday 20/2
• Intermediate Girls & Boys Cricket
Friday 21/2
• Y9 Advance Snorkelling
Monday 24/2
• Golf & Lawn Bowls Day
Thursday 27/2
• School Photos
Friday 28/2
• House SWIMMING SPORTS all day

March 2014
Monday 3/3
• Whole School Leadership Induction Assembly
• Y10 Advance Hike
• VCAL Survivor Hike
Thursday 6/3
• VCE Physics to Luna Park
Friday 7/3
• Kingston Swimming Sports all day
Wednesday 12/3
• Y9 French Film excursion
Thursday 13/3
• Senior Round Robin
Friday 14/3
• Y10-12 French Film excursion

The Mordialloc College school production is one of the most exciting events of the academic year. Each show sees students across all year levels band together to entertain and WOW the rest of the school community. This year will be no exception.

We are excited to announce that the Mordialloc College production for 2014 will be...... (drum-roll, please)......... Variety High!

This fast-paced and energetic show follows a week in the life of an American High School, and draws on songs from a variety of different musical theatre shows to tell stories about all types of students. The show itself was conceived by our very own Miss Hayley Wood, along with ex-student and former school captain, Josh Mulcahy. The show was nominated for an astounding 12 Lyrebird Theatre Awards in 2013, and is sure to excite and inspire our Mordialloc College community.

We are thrilled to welcome Josh back to the school to direct this production. Since finishing school, Josh has been in constant demand around Melbourne as a teacher of song, dance and drama to children aged 5-18. His credits have seen him work on all manner of performances both locally, nationally and overseas. He is so excited to be returning to his old stomping ground to put on this show which he calls "an upbeat and fun event for all who get to see or perform it".

We would love to see as many students as possible getting involved in this very special event. Whether you're interested in singing, dancing, acting, comedy, playing an instrument, building and painting sets, or just generally being involved in any which way, WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in auditioning, they will be held on Thursday 20th February in the performing arts room (C3) from 3:15-5:00pm.

If you would like to be involved in any way or have any questions, please see the school's Performing Arts Co-ordinator, Miss Kelly McConville.

IMMUNISATION: all Y10 boys and girls and all Y9 boys must return forms now—they are overdue.

Restoration works

During the past week, you may have noticed scaffolding appear around the front entrance to the main building.

As we approach our 90th birthday we have seen the need to give our fantastic main building a bit of a spruce up. Restoration works will commence Thursday 13th Feb and will run for approximately 3 weeks.

During this time the front entrance (facing Station street) will be closed. Access to the College administration building, including the general office and reception will be via the main gate courtyard entrance (Attenborough Street).

Thank you for your co-operation during these works.

Kevin Osborne, Assistant Principal
In today’s technological society there are many different ways to communicate. At Mordialloc College we are no different and you as parents have a number of ways to communicate with the college and for us to provide information to our community. The following is a list of the many different ways you can stay in touch with us.

**School Newsletter:** Published each Thursday and available via email upon request. The newsletter provides information about current events, important dates and feature articles.

**School Website:** [http://www.mcsc.vic.edu.au/](http://www.mcsc.vic.edu.au/) Everything you wish to know about the college from term dates, to curriculum to reporting an absence. The newsletter can also be accessed via the website.

**School phone App:** Provides information relating to key school contacts, dates, activities and reminder alerts about information nights, permission forms etc.

**School Facebook page:** This provides up to date info about what’s happening at Mordialloc College. Like our Facebook page to receive updates and alerts in your news feed.

**Google Apps:** Students can log into our College domain and access curriculum and resources from an array of subject pages. *Requires student login details*

**Compass:** Students and parents have their own login to the compass portal where a student can check their schedule and monitor attendance. Parents have access to their child’s schedule, upcoming events such as excursions and also individual subject attendance information. Staff can contact parents directly via email and you will be able to access all of your child’s reports through compass.

Of course we are still able to be reached by phone. **The college number is 9580 1184**

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Kevin Osborne, Assistant Principal

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Mordialloc College

House

Swimming

Friday 28th February

All students to participate - wear PE uniform or house colours!! Remember: Bring permission form, bathers, broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, lunch, snacks and drinks.
VCE Drama

Excursion to the National Gallery

Students went to the National Gallery to see the Melbourne Now exhibition on Tuesday 11/2. Drama students will use images and ideas from this amazing exhibition as stimulus for the creation of ensemble performances. The exhibition continues until March. Students will perform their ensembles in Term 2 at the Senior Performing Arts Night.

Ms. Jennifer Connolly, English Learning Area Leader
Have you ever thought how good it would be to be able to learn what it's like to live in another country?

Learn a new language? Experience a different culture?
You can have all of this in 2015
- With Rotary Youth Exchange -
If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 in 2014 you can apply now

For further information contact
District 9810 Rotary Youth Exchange
Phone: Stuart McDonald, 5962 4694 qcl
Email: stuhoo2000@yahoo.com.au
www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au

Getting Teens on Track

➢ Is your teenager not listening to you?
➢ How can parenting teens be easier and fun?
➢ Where's the balance between rules and independence?

Come along and join other parents/carers to discuss experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

When: Wednesdays for 5 weeks
5th March – 2nd April 2014
6.30pm – 9.00pm

Where: Youth Information Centre
Stuart Avenue (next to Library)
Hampton Park

Facilitators: Sandra Phillips from Parentzone
Dani Williams from Casey Youth Services

Bookings & Enquiries: Sandra Phillips at Parentzone
Ph: 1300 984 011 or 0447 500355
sandra.kelly@anglicare.vic.org.au

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We Have Joined Facebook!

You can find Mordialloc College on Facebook by typing Mordialloc College into the search bar, then click ‘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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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Public Transport Victoria

Student Travel

Students are legally required to touch on with their myki cards every time they travel, even if they have a valid student pass.

Students who have a student pass, or who are over 16 years old, must also carry their concession card at all times when travelling.

Without their concession card their student pass is not valid whether they have touched on or not.