Dear Families and Community members,

**Chaplain Appointment**
I am excited to announce that we have made an appointment for our School Chaplain position. Andrew Austin begins work at the college next week and will work two days a week on a Wednesday and Thursday. He joins the wellbeing team of Di Douglas (Director of Student Wellbeing) and Jenny Muir (Adolescent Health nurse). Thanks to Diane Cameron who was the school council parent representative on the interview panel. Andrew will be involved in the different wellbeing programs offered at the college as well as being available for one on one support as requested by students and families.

**Every day counts – School Attendance**
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teachers and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teachers or year level coordinator and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your year level coordinator as early as possible. From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your year level coordinator know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

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**Clean Up Australia Day**
On Tuesday, Federal member for Isaacs, Mr Mark Dreyfus MP joined our Year 10 Advance class who were working with Elliot Brooks from the City of Kingston to collect rubbish along the Mordialloc Creek as part of their community service to support Clean Up Australia Day. Students from Yarrabah also joined in with our students to assist with the clean up.

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**School Production**
This year, we are very excited to be welcoming back former student and school captain, Josh Mulcahy to lead our School production of “Variety High” with the assistance of Alice Leppin, Denis Danoudis, Kelly McConville, Jenny Connolly and Eve Macleod. 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 Miss Hayley Wood, along with Josh and was nominated for an amazing 12 Lyrebird Theatre Awards in 2013, and is sure to generate excitement amongst the Mordialloc College community. Auditions are to be held this Thursday after school.

**Information nights**
On Thursday 6th February the Year 10 information evening was held for parents to welcome them to the senior school and inform them of the expectations we have of our students in this sub-school. Attendees also received information about our compulsory work experience program and the link to VCE Unit 1 Industry and Enterprise, a subject all our Year 10 students complete. Students also received information about the Year 10 camp to Queensland in September. Thanks to Amelia Hargreaves, our Year 10 coordinator and Shelley
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Muir, Director of Senior School, for running this evening and the teachers who were able to attend to meet the parents.

We also held the Year 8 information evening on this night, an opportunity to meet the key teachers for Communication and Discovery, and the home group teacher for each class. Parents were taken through the main aspects of the Year 8 program in the EZ (Enquiry Zone), the high expectations that have been set around uniform, behaviour and work ethic and the structure of a typical day and week with the inclusion of a range of specialist classes.

On Monday 10th February the Year 7 Parent information evening was held in the Year 7 Learning Centre. This was an opportunity for parents to be introduced to the key features of the Year 7 program (structure of a typical day, communication with home group teachers and leadership team, the iPad program, home study, learning tracker, compass, google docs, and assessment). Thanks to Director of Middle School, George Tzimourtas for organising this night and the home group teachers and members of the leadership team for their support and attendance to work with the parents on the night.

On Tuesday 11th February the Year 12 Parent evening was held where parents and students heard from our Director of Senior School, Shelley Muir on expectations and requirements of VCE, Year 12 Coordinator, Justin Wischusen on statistical moderation, scaling and the ATAR and Jane Jamieson, our Pathways coordinator. Thanks to Shelley for organising the information evening and all staff who attended to meet the parents.

Year 7 Camp
This week the year 7s headed off to Camp Rumbull for a three day camp. The aim of the camp is for students and teachers to get to know each other better and for team building. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of adventure type activities. Thanks to the following staff who are attending: Miss Hayley Wood, Miss Jennifer Roep, Mr Tim Wischusen, Mr George Tzimourtas, Miss Matina Karamanis, Ms Benita Hughes, Mr James Evans, Mrs Loretta Ilott, Mrs Lyn Butler and Mrs Jenny Muir. Di Douglas and I will be spending Tuesday at the camp. Thanks to Hayley Wood for organising the camp and the Year 7 team for their support of our new cohort of students into Year 7.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal

Important Dates

February 2014
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
Monday 17/3
• Intermediate Round Robin
Tuesday 18/3
• Y8 French Film excursion
Wednesday 19/3 - Friday 21/3
• Y9 Advance Surf Camp
Friday 21/3
• Cultural Diversity Day and Year 7 World Expo

EMA Application forms are available at the General Office. EMA is paid to eligible parents/guardians of students under 16 years of age and who hold a current Health Care/Pension card as at 28 January 2014.

Applications close on
Friday 28/2/2014
Late applications cannot be processed

For more information about EMA, visit www.educations.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx
Lead the Way

On Friday the 7th of February, our leadership team for 2014 took part in a variety of workshops to improve our skills and understanding of what it means to be a leader. It was great to see such a diverse range of individuals being able to come together and share ideas.

The day was run by Narelle Wood and began with an activity to help us get to know each other by sharing what made us different to everyone else. Although there were a few little blunders, everyone joined in and set the mood for the day ahead.

It was interesting to see everyone’s different reasons for wanting to be a leader, and how all of our diverse opinions set us apart. All of us were given the opportunity to choose out of many quotes by famous leaders of the world, including Nelson Mandela and Steve Jobs. It was important to recognise that we are all inspired and motivated by different things, so we will work in different ways to achieve a variety of outcomes. Our differences are what define us as individual leaders.

Next we moved on to learning how to use our differences to work together on a common goal. We were asked to form a group with people we wouldn’t normally work with to try and vary our collective abilities. We had a fair amount of fun, but difficulty, while attempting the “Marshmallow Challenge,” which required us to build the tallest structure possible with uncooked spaghetti, string and tape and be able to stand freely with a marshmallow on top. It is a world renowned challenge and a perfect exercise for us.

Watching some old, but memorable clips about the different kinds of leadership styles was an effective way for us to see the advantages and disadvantages of each style and to realise there needs to be a balance.

Being shown the steps we need to consider before putting forward our ideas helped us to see just what needs to happen to make our ideas a reality. We got experience in presenting our ideas and being able to back them up and persist when they were not approved.

Overall it was a very successful day and we have a very engaged and motivated team of leaders for the school year. We would like to thank Narelle for returning to Mordialloc College to run the day.

Matt Smith, College Captain
Restoration works

During the past two weeks, 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 commenced on 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
2014 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN:

Information/Registration day: Sunday 2nd March 2014 10am-1pm at Glen Street Oval

All welcome to come along and meet the coaches and committee.

EAJFC merchandise will be available and there’ll be a sausage sizzle and AFL activities for the kids.

Sportsafe Australia will be in attendance to custom fit mouthguards. Information about the mouthguards can be found on the website under ‘Club Forms’. Payment for mouthguards is required on the day by EFT or CASH.

Special Football boot sale:

Quality AZUMA Boots low low prices start at $10!! Also AFL Vic Country Football shorts (a League requirement for 2015) will be on sale in all sizes, just see Geoff on the day!!

More information about registering can be found on our website www.eajfc.com.au

Senior Club Memberships will be available for purchase Go Eagles!!!
News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

We are taking bookings for the Monday Kinder Activity Group and our Wednesday and Thursday 4 hour child care sessions. Very popular Upholstery classes are being held on Thursday evenings, beginners starting with a foot stool and students then moving onto projects of their choice. Lots of tips and strategies if you are looking to downsize to a smaller home or just want inspiration for being better organized in your house at our ‘Downsizing – Develop Your Action Plan Workshop’ on Friday 28th February 12.30 to 3.00pm

Stallholder enquiries are welcome for a new Community Market to be held in March. This market will feature New and Loved – children and baby goods, women’s goods and delicious fresh produce.

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.

Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College

Normal Trading Hours

Monday 8.30 - 11.30
Wednesday 12.30 - 4.00

Situated off the foyer of the School Hall

Telephone: 8587 0521

Please call the shop during trading hours if you unable to visit the shop within these times, and make alternative arrangements with the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator to purchase your uniforms

Thinking of becoming a Foster Carer?

Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.

If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak to you.

Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit www.berrystreet.org.au

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