On Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of November grade 5 students from Aspendale, Chelsea and Mordialloc Beach Primary Schools battled it out for the inaugural Mordialloc College It’s Academic competition. The competition was fierce as a team of four students from each school answered a series of questions covering topics such as Geography, History and Science, to name a few. In a nail-biting finish it was Chelsea Primary that came out on top. All participants should be proud of the effort they put in. The Middle School student leaders did a fantastic job in researching the questions and playing the role of quiz-masters during the competition. We look forward to the second instalment next year.
**THE EMPTY PLACE**

Its owners long departed,
New residents move in,
rodents and insects as well as birds,
create their home inside the house.
And although it really isn’t, it’s known as
the Empty Place.
Some weeds begin growing
on the old and dirty floor.
The timbers creak and groan,
some fall, weakened by the termites.
The house is derelict and so becomes
the Empty Place.
The house used to bustle
and the grounds were in use.
Now the place belongs to nature
and all around is overgrown.
But the structure remains and shows us
the Empty Place
Overtime, quite a few travellers approach,
but all of them continue on their way.
Driven back by hauntings,
sights and sounds unnatural,
creeping through and round about
the Empty Place.
The wind winds through
once homely, now decaying rooms.
Throwing dust and cobwebs high and disturbing
long-forgotten memories of when the house was not
the Empty Place.
The sunlight finds its way
Through the cracks and broken windows,
to rest inside the ancient house,
and one day burn it down,
It will be the end of
the Empty Place.
The smoking remains, will be buried
by time and creeping plants.
The house will always lie there.
embedded it the earth,
But only when those who remember pass away
will the place be forgotten, only then
will that hollow house truly disappear and
the Empty Place
will be

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*Sabina Berg*

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During Term 4 we explored a variety of different types of poems. Students were given the opportunity to explore different poetic techniques and include them in their application projects. Sabina Berg produced a very touching and well written poem as part of her project. She should feel very proud of this beautiful piece!!

**Miss Felicity Stewart**  
**7D Teacher**

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Mordialloc Award Night at the Kingston City Hall is fast approaching on Wednesday 11th December. At this stage, all students who have been invited should have received a letter via the post to inform them of the details.

Guest tickets are currently available for purchase to attend the night from the general office.

In preparation for the night, there will be a rehearsal for all award recipients at the Kingston City Hall between 9.30am-1.00pm on the actual day itself. Students may wear free dress to the rehearsal and are expected to return the permission slip for this rehearsal to their coordinator as soon as possible. However, for the event students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Well done to all invited.

**Benita Hughes and Matina Karamanis,**  
**Award Night Coordinators.**

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*Sabina Berg*
For the first time our Intermediate and Senior VCAL classes have combined for Head Start. Our first project is to refurbish S4 within a budget to create a learning space that is motivating, flexible and meets the needs of all students in the class. Jane Jamieson, our Pathways Coordinator and former interior designer, taught the class about the purpose of the room and the use of colour and space. We then ventured into Melbourne to find examples of creative use of shape, colour, space and artworks. Students measured up the classroom and this was converted into a 3-D Google Sketch diagram, upon which they have begun transferring their ideas for the layout, furnishing and design of the room. Students are meeting several VCAL learning outcomes related to numeracy, literacy, work skills and persona development skills throughout this project which will run into the first few weeks of 2014.

We can’t wait to see the transformation of S4 into a creative and personalised space for our VCAL students.

Shelley Muir
Acting Assistant Principal

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**Important Dates**

**November/December 2013**
- Monday 25/11 to Friday 6/12
  - Year 10 into Year 11 Headstart
- Monday 25/11 to Friday 6/12
  - The Mex City Experience
- Friday 29/11
  - Year 7 excursion to Museum
- Monday 2/12
  - Year 9 Advance—Beach Day
- Thursday 5/12
  - Y12 Media Headstart excursion to RMIT
- Monday 9/12
  - Year 8 Iceskating@Icehouse
- Tuesday 10/12
  - Grade 6 Orientation for Year 7 2014
  - Year 7 into Year 8 Orientation
  - Year 8 into Year 9 Orientation
- Wednesday 11/12
  - Award Night
- Thursday 12/12 & Friday 13/12
  - Year 9 into Year 10 Headstart
- Friday 13/12
  - Semester 2 Reports available via parent portal on Compass

**January 2014**
- Thursday 30/1/14
  - School Commences for Year 7 and 12
- Friday 31/1/14
  - School commences for Year 8-11

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**Award Night Photographs**

**National Photography**

There will be an opportunity for Year 12 Graduation photos. Photos of presentations will be taken throughout the ceremony. Photographs can be viewed and ordered on our website. [www.nationalphotography.com.au](http://www.nationalphotography.com.au)

Password = **MRD3**

Customers can order by clicking **Online Ordering** (from the top of our website) then by clicking on the **orange** option that says **Group and Event Photos**.
2014 Elective Charges

As per Subject Offers, certain electives carry an extra cost to cover consumables used in subjects such as Design and Technology, Food Technology, Studio Art and Media.

Payment was requested by 11th November to confirm your placement in these subjects.

If you have not paid as yet, and are enrolled in any of these subjects, payment is due now.

Year 11 into 12 Headstart has begun and Year 10 into 11 Headstart will begin next week.

Please make payment at the General Office. Alternatively you may direct deposit into the College Bank Account.

BSB: 063 149 A/c no: 10024046 - Mordialloc College Official Account - Reference: Electives or Student Name

Yvonne Aird
Business Manager

2014 Booklists are now available on the Campion Website:

www.campion.com.au

Go to order now - then select Mordialloc College - Get Resource List and select the year level you require, and place your order. You can print a copy from the website. Alternatively, copies are available at the College General Office.
Education and Employment Support for Students with a Disability

NDCO Program Resources
The NDCO program has produced and has access to a wide range of resources to assist people with disability in education and employment. Please look at our state website or contact the NDCO if you are looking for something specific.  www.ndcovictoria.net.au

Career Transition Support
Young people rely on the support of their parents to make confident decisions about the future. PACTS is a series of informal workshops that assists parents to provide guidance to young people. The NDCO can tailor a workshop to meet the needs of parents. We could run a PACTS program at Mordialloc College or inform you when a local program is running. Please contact Jane Jamieson, Careers and Pathways Coordinator at Mordialloc College to express your interest and needs. Phone 8587 0546

Creating Accessible Teaching and Support CATS
Creating Accessible Teaching and Support (CATS) is a web based information source that provides up to date, accurate and comprehensive information about inclusive teaching, learning and assessment strategies, accommodations and support services for people with disabilities. CATS aims to encourage equitable, inclusive access to university education for people with disabilities. CATS is hosted by the University of Tasmania, and was funded by DEEWR and the Australian Learning & Teaching Council.

http://www.adcet.edu.au/Cats/

Preparing for TAFE
A guide for Students with a Disability in Victoria

Preparing for Higher Education
A guide for Students with a Disability in Victoria

Your Right to an Education
A guide for students with a disability their associates and education providers
http://www.ddaedustandards.info/

Which Way? Get Ready for study and work, Tips for Indigenous Youth with a Disability or Medical Condition

Choosing your path Disclosure: It’s a personal decision website

Young people talked about getting social at uni, accessing disability supports, how they deal with disability related issues plus lots of other topics.

Tips for Tertiary Part 1 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4UMF3hjY1E
Tips for Tertiary Part 2 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw8D6OozxSE

Other resources
Beyond Expectations, created by TAFE NSW, is a series of video profiles of people with a range of disabilities, who are making their marks in the workforce http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/detresources/beyond_krdg2mPmWg.pdf
Advertising

All advertising enquiries may be directed by email to
mordialloc.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

From Your Local Community Centre

ART CLASSES
Artist, Michele Cleaver, is looking at starting modern and contemporary art classes at our Centre for adults and children. Should you be interested, please contact Michele directly on either 0417 425 116 or gill@kingsland.com.au

OCCASIONAL CARE 2014 - Every Thursday morning 8.30am to 12.30pm
Term 1, 2014 permanent positions now available. If you wish to secure a position, please contact the Centre as soon as possible, noting there are limited spaces for under 3’s.

The cost of each 4 hour session: $32 per child or $60 per family. Payment must be made at the time of booking to secure your place.

Orientation session for parents and children: Thursday, 31 January 2014 at 10.00am to 12.00pm.

For further details, contact the Centre - 9587 5955

PLAYGROUP 2014
Bookings for 2014 playgroup now open
Sessions: Mondays 10.15am to 11.45am
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am
Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am

For more information, please contact the Centre - 9587 5955

HALL HIRE
Looking for a venue for your Christmas Function? Your Community Centre has fantastic facilities, including a full kitchen, indoor and outdoor areas and a BBQ available upon request. For further information contact the Centre - 9587 5955

WHAT'S ON
- ACTIONONE - Over 55 Exercise and Lifestyle Program
- Saturday 30th November - Get your Glow On
- Friday, 29th December - Term 4 Finish
- Tuesday, 28th January - Community Centre opens for 2014
- Wednesday, 29th January - Pre School Interviews Commence

For further information, please contact us at the Office.
Our office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm