As Mrs Douglas is currently on long service leave, I am filling the role of Student Wellbeing Coordinator for the rest of the term, having worked as an SWC for many years at other schools. Every staff member at Mordialloc College prioritises the wellbeing of our students and it is rewarding to see how much time and effort is devoted to ensuring that they feel happy, safe and supported.

Just before she went on leave, Mrs Douglas, and our Adolescent Health Nurse, Jenny Muir, trained a group of Year 10 students who had volunteered to be part of a Peer Support Program with our Year 7s. The leaders gained many valuable skills from the training day and have already had one session working with their Year 7s and the Home Group teachers. Several other sessions are planned for the rest of the year and we hope that many of this year’s Year 9 students will volunteer to be trained and then participate in the program in 2015.

Jenny works with a number of students from a variety of year levels who are involved in the Respect group. This group promotes the celebration of all areas of diversity in our community and their next focus is ‘Wear It Purple’ day on Monday 1 September. Students will be offered purple ribbons and other purple items which they can choose to wear to show support. Jenny is also working with a group of Year 8 girls who are participating in a positive self-esteem and body image program which will run weekly for the rest of this term.

Our Chaplain, Andrew Austin, hosts breakfast in the Wellbeing area every Thursday morning and all students are welcome. He is also working with a group of Year 7 and 8 students in a program called ‘Drumbeat’ which everyone is thoroughly enjoying, although maybe not parents when the participants practise at home!

Janet, from Kingston Youth Services, runs a lunchtime group for Year 7 students with Andrew once a week. She also sees individual students who have been referred to her. Another option for support is for individual students to meet with Brooke, a psychologist from Engage 1 on 1, who is at the school regularly.

Please feel free to contact me, until the end of Term 3 and then Mrs Douglas, to discuss the wide range of support services we have available as part of the College’s wellbeing program, either onsite or via a community agency.

Penny Trumble
Acting Student Wellbeing Coordinator
### Important Dates

**August**
- **Thursday 21/8**
  - Y11 VCAL McClelland Sculpture Park
  - “Variety High” performance 7pm
- **Friday 22/8**
  - Y7 Zoo excursion
  - “Variety High” Closing Night
- **Monday 25/8**
  - Y7 French Puppet Show incursion
- **Tuesday 26/8**
  - MEX Information Night
- **Wednesday 27/8**
  - VTAC Information Session - Parkdale SC
  - Y11 & 12 VCAL - Australian Teenage Expo
- **Friday 29/8**
  - Y8 Medieval incursion
- **Sunday 31/8**
  - VCE French Exam Seminar

**September**
- **Tuesday 2/9**
  - Y11 Fit 2 Drive incursion
  - Y12 VCAL Amazing Race
  - Y8 into Y9 2015 Information Night
- **Wednesday 3-4/9**
  - World Challenge Training Expedition
- **Thursday 4/9**
  - Kingston Athletics
- **Friday 5/9**
  - Y12 Psych. Dax Centre
  - Y10-12 French Theatre

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**ATTENTION**

**City of Kingston Business or Organisation**

**Subject: Program Sponsorship 2014**

Seven young and eager VCAL students are preparing for the challenge of a lifetime while participating in the Mordialloc College “World of Difference” Cambodia Immersion Program 2014.

The students will spend from February through to November this year preparing for the twelve day humanitarian tour to Cambodia from 4th – 16th November. In preparation, they will be learning how to be humanitarians, engaging with the community through fundraising and volunteering activities and raising awareness of the third world with their families, peers and our local community. While in Cambodia, students will be delivering humanitarian aid and conducting educational programs in Rotary supported schools, orphanages and remote villages, interspersed with sight-seeing activities.

Considering the cost of such an endeavour, we hope that local businesses would be able to assist our students with a donation of $200. Our students themselves must come up with $1,000 of the total $3,499 cost, with their fundraising efforts and sponsorship acquirement making up the remaining $2,499 per student. In addition they are aiming to raise an additional $2000 to purchase bicycles for local children and to provide livestock for the villages. Your contribution will get you:

- Your logo and acknowledgement of your support in our school newsletter
- Your logo in photographs at three of the projects in Cambodia (presented as a Certificate of Appreciation),
- Invitation for two representatives from your business or organisation to a Community Breakfast at Mordialloc College on Thursday 28th August at 8am in the Hub. Please RSVP to the breakfast by Friday 22nd August.

Thank you for taking the time to read this request and we wish your business or organisation well in 2014. To sponsor the program or to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact Shelley Muir using the details below. Payments via cheque or credit card or direct deposit should be made to Mordialloc College with the reference “VCAL Cambodia program”. Bank Account Details BSB: 063 149 - A/c no. 10024046

Yours faithfully,

Shelley Muir
Director of Senior School
Ph: 9580 1184
Email: Muir.shelley.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Tickets still available for Thursday and Friday night shows!!
Last week was English Week at the College which featured events such as a school wide Spelling Bee, the Book In A Day competition, heaps of great activities in the Hub and of course the traditional staff verses student debate.

After years of being defeated in the debating the staff were finally victorious, successfully proving that ‘the book is not always better than the film.’

The Book in A Day competition is an Australia wide writing marathon where teams work to write children's books in 12 hours and to raise funds for children's hospitals in each Australian State. A copy of each finished book is donated to the hospital library.

This year Mordialloc College entered 2 teams who met weekly for a term to prepare for the competition. Our teams were given a random setting, two human characters, a non-human character, an issue and five random words at 8.00am on Tuesday morning and then had until 8.00pm to write and illustrate a book that had to be at least 4000 words long!

The teams worked incredibly hard to produce 2 fantastic books in the timeframe. The Ty10s wrote “Finding Harvey” and The Incongruous Chickens created “The Hybrid’s Bite”.

Both books are on display in the Hub.

We have until August 31 to keep fundraising for the Royal Children’s Hospital and to meet our target of $240 per team. Donations can be made by contacting the general office on 9580 1184.

We are also selling colour, bound copies of the book to assist fundraising at $5 each. These can be ordered and paid for at the general office.

A big congratulations to our teams:


The Ty10s: Georgia Neel-Hewett, Melanie Taylor, Zoe Gorozidis, Annabelle Neal, Jasmine Lloyd.

Thank you to all the staff and students who participated in activities throughout English week.

Ms Jenny Connolly

Congratulations to Sheridan Horne, whose photo has been selected as a runner-up in the Cambridge Checkpoints VCE competition.

Sheridan’s photo will be published in the Cambridge Checkpoints VCE Biology Units 3&4 2015 cover.

Sheridan took her winning photo while on holiday in the Galápagos Islands.
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Advertising

Low UV occurs in Victoria between May and August each year. At this time, most people need between two and three hours of midday winter sun exposure spread over a week to help with their vitamin D levels and sun protection is not required. Further information available at www.sunsmart.com.au

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Support your local travel agent who supports your school community!

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There are a number of evening presentations on offer to parents in Term 3.

To secure your place in any of these presentations simply email rick@criticalagendas.com.au including your NAME, No. Tickets required and DATE attending.

Collect and pay for tickets on the night (if you decide to attend).

Cost of each presentation: $15 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS.

Presentation 7pm to 9pm  Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Please note that these are public events – all welcome!

Also, if you can think of any other topic (relevant to teachers and parents) that you think we should consider presenting, please tell us!

The evening presentations below are on offer - Please download the attachment containing complete details on all events

**Developing Positive Adolescents! - Greg Mitchell**
**Monday August 18th, 2014**
7pm to 9pm
Sacred Heart College Geelong
Retreat Road, Newtown
**Tuesday August 19th, 2014**
7pm to 9pm
Marcellin College
160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen

**Understanding Adolescent Boys! - Dr Ian Lillico**
**Monday August 25th, 2014**
7pm to 9pm
CBC St. Kilda
11 Westbury St, St. Kilda East
**Tuesday August 26th, 2014**
7pm to 9pm
The Geelong College
Middle School campus
399 Aberdeen St, Newtown

**Promoting Resilience in Girls – Sharon Witt**
**Tuesday September 9th, 2014**
7pm to 9pm
Our Lady of Sion College
1065 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

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