Calendar 2014 - TERM 1

Tuesday 4th March 2014
Year 12 Elevate Parent Information Night 7.00pm
Education Committee 6.30pm
PTCA AGM 7.00PM
PTCA Meeting

Wednesday 5th March 2014
Year 7 Family BBQ 6.00pm

Thursday 6th March 2014
Central Australia Camp Information Night

Monday 10th March
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 11th March
Compass Parent Information Night
Resources Committee 7.00pm

Wednesday 12th March
Compass Parent Information Night

Monday 17th March
Compass Parent Information Night
Cultural Diversity Week

Tuesday 18th March
AGM College Council 7.00pm
College Council 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th March
Community Relations 4.30pm

Wednesday 26th March
Parent/Teacher Interviews 1.00pm—6.00pm

COLLEGE CAR PARK
THE COLLEGE STAFF CAR PARK OFF ROSS PINCOTT DRIVE
MUST NOT BE USED TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS AT THE START AND FINISH OF THE SCHOOL DAY.
THE RESULTING CONGESTION IS PRESENTLY A HAZARD TO THE STUDENTS AND ALSO MAKES PARKING DIFFICULT.
PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF IN THE NORTHERN CAR PARK OFF MANCHESTER ROAD OR ON THE ROADS BORDERING THE SCHOOL AND ARRANGE TO PICK UP IN THE SAME PLACE.
THE NO STANDING SIGN ON MANCHESTER ROAD MUST BE ADHERED TO.
A REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS THAT THE SPEED ZONE AROUND SCHOOLS IS 40KPH.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
February 28, 2014

Affirmation
Be positive. Not just a blood group, a whole way of life!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 17th February. It was an amazing day! I was so impressed to see all the students and staff enthusiastically participating in an array of events. Feedback from the Pool Management said ‘We always like having Mooroolbark College, they always have the most students, the students get involved in the day and are they are the best behaved.’

Congratulations to Jorja-Shae Baker for her swim in the Individual Medley in breaking a long standing College Record.
I would like to thank Keith Clapp, for his organisation of an excellent program. I would also like to thank all the staff for their enthusiasm and support on the day.

PTCA AGM
The PTCA (Parent Association) plays an important role in our College and all support provided makes a real difference to the school in all areas. The AGM is on the 4th of March, please put it on your calendar.

Parents/Guardians of Year 7 students please make note of the information on the camp at Marysville in second term. It is always a highlight in the students first year.

The Premiers Reading Challenge is off to a flying start, there is some terrific readers in our College, I am looking forward to seeing how many books are read by August.

YEAR 12 CAMP
The Year 12 students attended their study camp on Monday and Tuesday of this week. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to get together, learn more about themselves, set goals for the year and acquire strategies to achieve them. Mr Nichol and Ms McIntosh need to be thanked for their work in organising the camp.

Thank you to the PTCA for organising the Year 7 Parents Morning Tea on Thursday 27th February. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet parents/guardians of our new Year 7 students and talk about how well their children are going in the College.

Please make note of the upcoming meetings for the Central Australia Camp and the Year 12 Elevate Parent Information Nights. These are important events in our school calendar and if your child is involved it is important to attend.

The introduction of Compass has been very successful in streamlining our timetable and other school operations. The students certainly find it helpful. Please make note the information in the newsletter in regards parents/guardians Information Nights.

Simon Reid
Principal

186 Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
YEAR 7 SCHOOL BAGS

In 2014 Mooroolbark College school bags have been introduced as a compulsory uniform item for all Year 7 students. This will be a progressive implementation with both Years 7 and 8 requiring the Mooroolbark College school bag in 2015. The school bags are available from the College’s uniform supplier, PSW (Primary School Wear).

Parents/Guardian of students in Years 8 to 12 are encouraged to buy a Mooroolbark College school bag if they need to replace their existing one.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT

TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. The Department discourages staff and students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. More information can be obtained from the DEECD website at www.education.vic.gov.au.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

MYKI CARDS

Some of our bus drivers are reporting that there are a significant number of Mooroolbark College students failing to purchase or touch on & / or off their myki when travelling on buses.

It is important that students always touch on and off on every trip, even if they are using the pre-paid myki pass (weekly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly) as this information is used by Bus Lines in conjunction with Public Transport Victoria (PTV) to determine bus service levels.

Travelling without a valid myki is fare evasion & could result in the issuance of an infringement notice by Revenue protection officers.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER

This is a reminder to parents/guardians that the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred because of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs.

LOCKERS

It is compulsory for all students to have a lock on their locker. We believe that by having a lock ensures the safety of their belongings. Thank you for supporting the College in this matter.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunisations forms have been distributed to appropriate students. Could you please sign and return as soon as possible

Immunisations will be held on Thursday 27th March.

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal

Mooroolbark College has moved to a new learning management, attendance and communication system called Compass for students in Years 7 to 10, while Year 11 and 12 students will have access to both Study Wiz and Compass.

In the week which started Monday 17th February students have received instructions in Home Group on how to use Compass and log in details have been sent home to parents. Parents and guardians will also have the opportunity to attend parent training sessions during March. https://mooroolbarkcollege.vic.jdlf.com.au

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:

- Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your coordinator early 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 child’s coordinator know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.
YEAR 7 MARYSVILLE CAMP
Monday 28th April—Wednesday 30th April 2014

Parents/Guardians are reminded that forms for students in Year 7 to attend the Marysville camp, need to be returned by Wednesday 5th March to secure a position.

A deposit of $150 is required by Wednesday 5th March the balance will be due on or before Friday 28th March.

We are hoping as many as possible students attend as it is a great opportunity for students to further establish relationships amongst their year level and with their teachers.

Contact Mr Adam Lorkin (Year 7 Transition Coordinator) or contact the General Office for payment queries.

Adam Lorkin
Year 7 Transition Coordinator

YEAR 9 TAZZIE TOUR 2014

Group A: Departs Sunday 30th March 4:00pm

Group B: Departs Monday 31st March 4:00pm

Please ensure that all forms have been returned.

Jodie Tilley, Elisabeth Nickel & Janet Whitby
Tour Organisers

YEAR 10 2014
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR
29th March - 10th April 2014

A reminder that on Thursday 6th March a Parent Information Night will be held in T Block at 7.00pm.

It is ESSENTIAL that one parent/guardian attend. All staff will be present and able to answer any further questions you may have.

Andy U'Ren
Camp Coordinator

FROM THE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Does your student have a Laptop or an iPad?

A reminder to parents you must pay a $30.00 connectivity charge in order for your student to gain access to the College WiFi.

Internet can still be accessed via the use of College laptops and desktop computers, but to have internet access on their own device this charge must be paid.

Payment can be made to the Student Administration office in an envelope (student name, home group and “WiFi Payment”) marked clearly on the outside, or to the General Office over the phone.

BPAY

If you are making a BPAY payment for specific charges such as camps, excursions, iPad programs etc. it is essential that you notify the College for each transaction to ensure that your payment is allocated to the correct charges on your account.

This can be done by either:

email – mooroolbark.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone – 9727 8100
Fax – 9727 8188

MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE RUNNING GROUP

Are you ready to get fit and healthy for 2014?? Well you can, because the Running Group is back on for 2014, commencing at 7.30am from the ECA centre.

All participants, old and new must collect a new permission slip for 2014 from your House Office or home group teacher. Remember, that breakfast is provided every morning and it’s a great way to feel great and meet some new people across all year levels. All fitness levels are being encouraged to attend.

Any questions, please come and speak to Ms. Bateman in the Yellow House Office in X block. We look forward to seeing you there.

Katrina Bateman
PE/Health Education

2014 DEBUTANT BALLS

If you would like your child to participate in the 2014 Debutante Balls a reminder that your deposits are due by 5th March 2014.

If you have any queries please contact Ms Jones or Ms Garnaut at the College on 9727 8100.

Claire Jones & Sarah Garnaut
Deb Ball Coordinators

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

If you want to find out about becoming an exchange student or becoming a host family, see Mrs. Nickel in the English/LOTE staffroom in C-Block or contact her at the College on 9727 8100.

Host families are urgently sought by a number of Student Exchange organisations.

Elisabeth Nickel
International Exchange Coordinator.

College Uniform Policy

Tattoos cannot be visible and must be covered at all times. In Victoria the legal age for a Tattoo is 18.

(Department of Health; Regulations of tattooing and body piercing: Legal restrictions on tattooing in Australia).

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday 17th February Mooroolbark College held our Annual Swimming Sports at Croydon Pool. A close result saw Yellow Stingers take the title with 434 points for the day. They were strongest in the ever popular Walking Lane and had participants in all events throughout the day. 2nd Place was Green Machine on 409 points, 3rd Blue Thunder with 392 points and Red Devils a short way back on 379 points.

Apart from the swimming races there were a multitude of activities and events to cater for all interests and tastes. Music is a constant and Mr Ryan added 3 DJ mixer platters to the Dance Party in the Toddlers Pool so that the Carnival atmosphere there reached loud and noisy heights.

The Learners Pool was also a hive of activities and fun with Wading Polo the main event with hundreds of competitors displaying their skills and enthusiasm. The SRC helped catering with the BBQ at lunchtime and this added to the sight and aromas of the day. Many students also took the opportunity to relax, or play games, meet new people and work on their tan without getting sunburnt.

Hundreds of students used the opportunity to Dress Up in colours and outfits supporting their House. Many took the trouble to co-ordinate fashions and some spectacular war paint and hired outfits were on show. A special thanks is due to the teachers who displayed such wholehearted involvement supporting the day, joining in with all that was offered. They did get wet!

Photos from the day should be up on W Drive and our College website soon to show the dedication and innovations that were a highlight and greatly added to the carnival atmosphere of the day.

Congratulations to Jorja Shae Baker who set a record on the day in the Junior Girls Medley swimming with a time of 3.25.12.

Our Age Champions were:

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Students who collected a ribbon in the swimming races should look out for an invitation to swim again at Interschool on Friday 7th March.

The Teachers managed a win in the last event of the day which was the Staff vs Student race.

Overall just a marvellous day.

Mr Clapp Sports Co-Ordinator
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2014

Congratulations to the following year 7 students that have already completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Cody Bell
Joshua Carroll
Connor Hilet
Jack Schofield

All students in Years 7-10 are registered. To complete the challenge students need to read 15 books before 31st August, 2014.

Weekly prizes and house points will be awarded for individuals that participate and complete the challenge. This year we are also running a special year 7 competition with the form group that completes the most books winning an extra special prize. The current standings are:

- 7B – 60 books completed
- 7C – 56 books completed
- 7G – 49 books completed
- 7D – 32 books completed
- 7A – 29 books completed
- 7E – 16 books completed
- 7F – 14 books completed

If you require more information, please contact Mr Neil at the College on 97278100 or contact your child’s English teacher.


MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE’S DIGITAL LIBRARY

The Mooroolbark College Digital Library, Overdrive, was launched on Friday 21st February with overwhelming success and over 60 students turning up to get connected to the new system. Overdrive will allow both staff and students to access novels on their digital devices including iPads, iPhones, tablets, smart phones, laptops and desktops.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIBRARY

Tuesday 18th March
Alice Pung—Author

Wednesday 19th March
Sue Lawson—Author of Pan’s Whisper

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What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?

If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school.

Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.

Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma

Ever wondered what the experts would say about a cure for asthma?

Or how to get your teenager to take their medication?

If you want to find out the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about children and asthma, watch The Asthma Foundation’s new video series – available from http://forum.asthma.org.au/

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

WEP Student Exchange – A Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2014/15 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada and Ireland are also available.

I did it! 10 months in a foreign country, without knowing the language or culture. Thinking about all the amazing people I’ve met, the lessons I have learnt and things I have seen, I feel truly lucky to have been here living a different life. I have no regrets, as I have grown to be more mature, open to life and aware of the world around me. Despite it being hard, it has also been the best thing I have ever done for myself. I now feel ready to start life in Australia with a clearer idea of my strengths, weaknesses and my future goals. Exchange has really helped me define myself.

Alison (Moreton Bay College) year program to Italy

Become a WEP Host Family!

Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member. We have students arriving in July from Belgium, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Canada, France, Chile, Brazil and Argentina.

Find out More!

Request an information pack online or attend one of WEP’s online or group information sessions. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more. Early Bird Specials are now available for programs commencing in 2015!

Web: www.wep.org.au

Phone: 03 9598 4733 / 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call)

Email info@wep.org.au

Upcoming Information Sessions

VICTORIA

MELBOURNE

Kingston Arts Centre
979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin
2 April 7:30–9pm

Hawthorn Library
584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
18 March 7:30–9pm

Northcote Town Hall
189 High Street, Northcote
25 February 7:30–9pm

25 March 7:30–9pm
PARENT “HANDS ON” IPAD/COMPASS

Mooroolbark College is conducting iPad & Compass “Hands On” Sessions for parents and guardians of Year 7 and 10 students at the College over the next few weeks.

These sessions have been designed to be interactive and practical.

Each group will be limited to 15 participants to allow parents to thoroughly explore the iPad and the College’s new Learning Management System, Compass.

**What will be covered?**

*Each session will start with “Compass” and parents can choose to stay for the iPad session if they wish.*

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**Dates and Session Times:**

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**To book go to ONE of the following links or via the Mooroolbark College website:**


Bookings are essential and close at 9.00am on the day of each session.

**What do you need to bring to your session?**

1. Your child’s iPad with all login details.
   Or
2. iPads and computers will be available for our use.

*Please note, if there is less than 5 participants booked for a session, parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to reschedule.*
KILSYTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
GO COUGARS!!

NEW PLAYERS WANTED
SEASON 2014

Positions available in all teams
Under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s & 15s
First Year Players to the Club receive
FREE registration

President : Danny Lamb 0419 348 669
Registrar : Bonnie Isbester 0411 406 443

WE NEED MORE 13 & 14 YEAR OLD PLAYERS THIS SEASON

Download our free APP now or check us out on facebook
kilsyth junior football club

WONGA PARK WIZARDS
JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB
Registration Day-16th March

A New Season is Starting at the WIZARDS!!!!
- New players encouraged to join in the excitement!
- Competition places available - under 9 though to under 14
- Inter and intra club match play on Sunday mornings
- Clinics and training for each age group
- Clinic for the younger Wizards (under 7s) will be on Sunday mornings.
- Fun and exciting environment!
- Please visit our Website: www.wongaparkwizards.com for updated info.

Where: Sunday 16th March 10.00am – 12 noon
Where: Wonga Park Cricket Club Launders Ave, Wonga Park VIC 3115
Who: Boys and Girls aged 5 – 14 (Turning 14 in 2014)
Season Dates: Clinic and Home & Away: April to September 2014
Pre-season training commences March 2014
Phone: Robert Felicissimo : 0418 345 779

PLAYERS WANTED!
MEN, WOMEN & JUNIORS

+PROFESSIONAL COACHES
+SUMMER CLINICS FOR KIDS
+REGISTRATION DAY-
SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

TRAINING FOR SENIOR MEN & WOMEN - NOW ON!
JUNIOR SKILLS CLINICS - STARTING FEBRUARY!

CROYDON FOOTBALL CLUB
www.croydonsoccerfc.com.au

Players Wanted

CROYDON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB is looking for players for our
Under 14’s and Under 17’s sides for season 2014.

Free Training Top for all players
Free Sports Bag & Warm-up Jacket for all new players (U11 & above)

For more information or to register please contact the CJFC
Secretary on croydonjfc@telstra.com or call 0400 240 300

186 Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
National Ride2School Day

Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian children, just like yours, will ride and walk to school. It is a day about celebrating riding and walking and encouraging everyone to give it a go!

Not only is riding and walking a fun way to get to school, but it also contributes to your children’s daily physical activity needs.

Although some of you live far away, or have conflicting commitments that makes it difficult to ride and walk every day, even going by bike or foot for part of the way, or on some of the days is still great!

Be part of the fun and pop National Ride to School Day in your calendar now.

For more information visit ride2school.com.au