PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

October 10, 2014

Affirmation

Positive ‘self-expectancy’ is pure and simply optimism, in the face of all odds. Winners have positive ‘self-expectancy’ which creates desire. They are dissatisfied with the status quo. They want change for the better.

Denis Waitley

Welcome back, Fourth Term is always an exciting term with plenty to look forward to. It is also a very important term with Year 12 students sitting their final exams and other students consolidating their learning from this year in preparation for next year.

EXAMS

Over the next 6 weeks there will be exams for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. It is important that students are well prepared for the exams by studying effectively and by keeping healthy, eating well and getting regular sleep. Support your child by providing them with a quiet place to study, helping them to be organised and be interested in what they are learning.

Technology and the distraction that it can provide is a real challenge at this time of the year. As parents/guardians it is critical that you are proactive in providing direction to manage these distractions. Having the computer on or the mobile phone close by while studying, can and does create interruptions to thinking and working. We suggest that they have a place ie the kitchen where they can be left while they study.

Key dates

- Year 12 student’s final day at the College will be on Tuesday 21st October with their Celebration Day on Wednesday 22nd October. Their exams commence on Wednesday 29th October.
- Year 11 students commence their exams on Monday 10th November
- Year 10 students commence their exams on Monday 24th November

SAFETY MONTH

I would like to bring to your attention that every October is Community Safety Month, this reminds us that we all have a role in making our communities safer.

Local communities, groups, schools, regional services, businesses, state and local government departments and agencies, are encouraged to build community safety partnerships by organising safety activities with other organisations and groups. For those with established partnerships, Community Safety Month provides an ideal opportunity to showcase existing safety programs or develop new ones.

Participation in Community Safety Month will demonstrate your commitment to maintaining Victoria as the safest state in Australia. By promoting safety and safe practices within your community, you will be contributing to increasing the confidence of Victorians about safety.

The Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) is dedicated to making Victoria a safer place in which to live, work and play. For more information see: www.vscn.org.au

Simon Reid
Principal

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.

186 Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
Phone: (03) 9727 8100 Fax: (03) 9727 8188 Web: www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au
**Assistant Principal**

**Lost Property**
The start of the term provides an opportunity for both students and parents/guardians to check their uniform. Every year a significant amount of lost property is handed in at the Office. If you have lost items of clothing please check with Kerrie Hague/Carmel Gibbs in First Aid to see if the items have been handed in.

To assist with this process please ensure all uniform/s are clearly labelled with the student’s name and home group.

At this time of year it is also timely to check that your son/daughter has not picked up another student’s uniform.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

**Three Big Changes to the Vaccine Program**
1. In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students.

2. The Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parents/guardians contact details to local councils for this purpose. **Contact Carmel at the College on 9727 8100 by the 28th February 2015 if you do not want your contact details give to the Shire Of Yarra Ranges Council.**

3. In 2015 only the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

**BPAY – REMINDER**

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email – mooroolbark.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Or a copy of your receipt brought in to the College Office.

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**No Standing Zones**
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Manchester Road has no standing areas. Please check with the VicRoads website re No Standing.

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**SRC Carnival**
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The Great Mooroolbark College Bake Off

Decorate a cake based on a book to win!

Years 10-12 champion: $50 book voucher
Years 7-9 champion: $50 book voucher
People’s choice: $30 book voucher

Simply bring your finished cake to school on Thursday 23rd October with the winners revealed at the Year 7 showcase evening that night.
See any Library staff for more details.
MOOROOLBARK FOOTBALL CLUB
2015 JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

Registrations accepted for all players in all age groups (under 8 –17)
*a player must turn 8 during 2015 to play

DATE: SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 2014
TIME: 10:00am – 12:00noon
VENUE: MFC - LONGFELLOW AVENUE, MOOROOLBARK

All registration forms and information is available on our website
www.mooroolbarkfc.com.au
If you have any queries regarding registration for 2014 please contact
Craig Pretty (President) 0411 868 435 or Tina Danisch (Registrar)
tina.danisch@gmail.com