Life is a series of collisions with the future; it is not the sum of what we have been, but what we yearn to be.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM-LITERACY AND NUMERACY NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test for Years 7 and 9 students were on Tuesday May 14, 2013 (Language and Writing), Wednesday May 15, 2013 (Reading) and Thursday May 16, 2013 (Numeracy).

I wish to thank Rachael Williams for her work in organising NAPLAN for this week. It has been an incredible organisational task, with over 400 students having to do the 4 assessment tasks in a week. I also want to thank Brad Magn-Olson for his work in coordinating the timetable for the week. It was a complex task and his efforts were appreciated.

VCAL MARKET DAY
A Market Day was organised by our VCAL students as part of a unit of work. All the VCAL students did a terrific job in organising a stall and running it. The Market Day was positively received by the whole student body who eagerly bought and ate all that the VCAL students sold. I am very grateful to the following teachers who supported the students either on the day or as their teachers in class. Jenny Roache and Chris Seabrook,

CROSS COUNTRY
Our College Annual House Fun Run and Cross Country was held at Lilydale Lake on Friday 10th May. All Year 7&8 students and a dedicated selection of senior runners completed the walk/run with many students using the event as a fundraiser for the SRC. The overall Champion House for 2013 was Yellow House, second place went to Blue House, just ahead of Red House and Green House.

A big feature of the event in 2013 was the increased support shown by senior students. It was wonderful to see the growing number of parents/guardians in attendance, watching and helping and adding to the whole atmosphere.

YEAR 12 ASPIRANT PROGRAM
Mooroolbark College initiated an Aspirant Program for Year 12 students in this area. We have 15 students from our College participating in the program this year. On Tuesday they attended a presentation on how to improve their writing at York on Lilydale. It was a very successful afternoon in which all the students gained a great deal of information. We must thank Ms Samantha McIntosh, Head of VCE for her work in organising this event.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Congratulations to the students who participated in the Performing Arts Festival. It was a great success with the students demonstrating their talents and skills in music and drama. Thank you to Lisa Gaudion and the music team for their organisation of the Festival.

Simon Reid
Principal
A very big Thank You to Sharyn Clarke, Curriculum Support Coordinator and her team for another successful “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea”.

The aim of the “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” is to raise as much money as we can for the Cancer Council. We have been involved with fundraising for this event for the past 7 years and during that time have raised over $2,000.

The “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” was held on Friday 24th May and was particularly relevant to us at Mooroolbark College as many staff members, their families and friends have been affected by cancer, and has allowed us the opportunity to show our support to those we have lost and those that have survived.

We would like to thank all staff and students who donated to this very important cause, along with an extra special ‘Thank You’ to the sponsors from our local community who kindly donated to this event.

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- Roller City Bayswater
- The Tangled Maze & Function Cntr
- Piece of Cake

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

Next semester, students will be expected to make their choices for Mathematics next year. We highly recommend that students speak to their teacher about their recommendations. If Year 9 students are struggling with Mathematics and wish to enter VCAL, we recommend Foundation Mathematics. For those Year 9 students are doing all right and wanting to do VCE Maths, we recommend General Mathematics.

For those Year 9s who are excelling, we recommend Advanced Mathematical Methods. We really wish to encourage students to consult with parents and staff so we can find the right pathway in Mathematics for you.

David Innes
Head of Mathematics

Uniform Policy Change
Further to the College Council meeting held recently the following amendment was made in relation to the 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

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

FINANCIAL MATTERS
PLEASE NOTE
On 20th and 21st June the 3rd instalment for the College Levies will be directly debited from your account. If you need to change any of your account/card details, please call Jodi Matheson at the College on 9727 8100 before this date.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal
### TECHNOLOGY

**USA/CANADA TECHNOLOGY TOUR - SEPTEMBER, 2014**

Parents of current Year 9 & 10 students are invited to attend an Information Evening to be held at the College at 6.30 pm 30th May 2013 in relation to the proposed Technology Tour for 2014. This exciting 13 day tour will have our students doing workshops at prestigious universities such as Stanford, University of British Columbia and Caltech and industry leaders such as Apple HQ, Intel in Silicon Valley, finishing with workshops looking at the Physics that go into designing rides and attractions at Disneyland.

As with any international tour the costs are significant. We feel the experience will open our students eyes to just how innovative they can be in an educational environment.

As we ask for excellence from our students; we are now giving them the opportunity to see just what excellence looks like on the international stage.

Rob Forbes  
Technology Teacher

Amanda Peters  
Year 7 Science Teacher

### SCIENCE

**YEAR 7 SEPARATING MIXTURES**

Students have been very excited about completing practical activities where they are separating mixtures. Students were asked to separate a mixture of salt, sand and water. We were very impressed with their capabilities of decanting and correct use of the Bunsen Burner to heat and separate salt from water. Some even managed to collect some pure water in their beakers. The students created a small presentation using their iPads to photograph and describe the stages of their separation. Students have been able to observe and participate in the use of the centrifuge, distillation apparatus and the separating funnel in the laboratory. These techniques are then applied to uses in the home and industry. We will also be looking at chromatography as another way of separating mixtures, involving separating the colours out of Smarties. Keep working hard Year 7 students! We are so pleased you are all enjoying Science.

Amanda Peters  
Year 7 Science Teacher

### SPORT

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The College Cross Country was run at Lillydale Lake on Friday 10th May.

All Year 7 and 8 students attended, but it was particularly pleasing to note the large number of Year 9 to 12’s who were willing to sacrifice their afternoon classes to participate.

The fitness level of the students continues to improve and credit must be given to Katrina Bateman and Adam Lorkin for their efforts in holding Running Group on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The students who regularly attend this group achieved particularly impressive times, which helped to stoke the inter-house rivalry. In a very close result, the Yellow Stingers held off the Blue Thunder to record a 2 point victory and retain their title.

Dane Keogh & Todd Zarebski  
Sports Coordinator

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

Mooroolbark has enjoyed a large degree of success in Interschool sports so far this year, with several teams claiming the title of district champions. These included the Year 7 boys football, Year 8 boys volleyball, Year 8 boys soccer, Year 8 girls netball, Intermediate boys and girls tennis and VCE boys soccer. We look forward to seeing these teams continue their success at the Eastern Zone in Terms 3 & 4!

Dane Keogh & Todd Zarebski  
Sports Coordinator

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Mooroolbark College has become truly international, with student tours to the United States and Canada, and exchanges with China currently being planned for 2014. As part of this program, a number of Chinese students from our sister school in Wujiang will be visiting us for a week of intercultural education in the first week of August.

We are looking for families prepared to host these students for seven days (including a weekend). Not only will you have the opportunity to share the Australian way of life with these young people, but you will be able to enrich your own children’s education through the cultural exchange.

This is a fabulous opportunity.
Please contact Mooroolbark College on 9727 8100 to express your interest.
An information evening will be announced shortly.
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Class of 1993

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FREE study for overweight young people looking for help

The Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is conducting a randomised controlled trial of an online weight management program designed for overweight adolescents aged 12 to 17 years.

We want to find a fun and interactive way to help adolescents learn about healthy food choices and physical activity. Around 30% of all 12 to 17 year old Australians are overweight and spaces in clinical services are limited. Staying Fit is an interactive online program designed to help adolescents learn about healthy lifestyle choices. We would like to find out if it is more effective than the information that is already available to Australian adolescents.

We are looking for 550 overweight adolescents aged 12-17 to help us test two ways of providing health information. Those who take part in the study will be randomly assigned to either the Staying Fit group or the Usual Care group.

- Both groups will receive information for young people about healthy food choices, physical activity, stress and coping with eating disorders, and a list of useful websites to visit. The Staying Fit group will also spend about an hour each week for 12 weeks working through a fun, interactive, online session and they will be provided with a pedometer and a walking program.
- If we find that the Staying Fit program is more helpful, then at the end of the study the Usual Care group will also get access to the Staying Fit program.
- All participants are asked to complete questionnaires and have their height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months follow-ups. Parents are also invited to complete questionnaires, height and weight measurements. These measurements can be taken at the Royal Children’s hospital or during home visits (not at schools) and all individual information is confidential.
- Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for overweight young people aged between 12 and 17.

If you would like to know more, contact the Staying Fit Project Coordinator, Karly Glini on (03) 9345 6954 or email StayingFit@rch.org.au or visit www.rch.org.au/stayingfit.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!
We are seeking all photos and memorabilia to include in a commemorative book which will be available for purchase and displayed on the day. In addition, if you knew of anyone who can help with our search, please inform them of our upcoming event.

Please contact the school to register your details for an invitation:

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