May 2, 2013

Calender 2013 - TERM 2
Tuesday 7th May
Education & Policy Committee 5.30pm

Tuesday 14th May
Resource Committee 7.00pm

Tuesday 14th—17th May
NAPLAN Testing Years 7 & 9

Thursday 16th May
Performing Arts Festival

Tuesday 21st May
College Council - 7.00pm

Friday 24th May
Newsletter Published

Tuesday 4th June
Education & Policy Committee 5.30pm
PTCA Meeting 7.00pm

Monday 10th June
QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Friday 14th June
REPORT WRITING DAY
(Students not required at the College)

T a k e  a  c h a n c e ! 
A l l  l i f e  i s  a  c h a n c e .  T h e  p e r s o n  w h o  g o e s  f a r t h e s t  i s  g e n e r a l l y  t h e 
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f a r  f r o m  s h o r e.

Dale Carnegie

Welcome back, I trust that everyone had a restful holiday over the Term break. First term laid the ground work for a very successful 2013 for students and the College as a whole. I was particularly pleased with the high standards the students displayed throughout the term. This was evident in their presentation, commitment to their studies and their quality of work.

This term is an exciting one as well as being important in the scheme of the year. Students need to be focused and ensure that they do not get behind. With all the other interesting things happening in their lives it is easy for students to get distracted and not be diligent in studying and getting homework/assignments completed by the due dates.

As teachers and parents/guardians we need to continue to work together to support the children. Some of the things that parents/guardians can do are:

- Regularly check studywiz for homework/assignments;
- Regularly check student planners;
- Help your child to have a study/homework timetable for the week;
- Help your child with having a consistent approach to doing homework.

Talking to your child every day. Positive messages of support and encouragement go a long way.

NEWSLETTERS
Please make note that Newsletters will be available fortnightly and the Bugle will be available in the last week of this term. Newsletters can be accessed by going onto the College Website www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au and downloading your own copy or if you would like a hard copy please contact the College and let us know and one will be posted home to you.

ANZAC DAY
The College Captains represented the College at Hookey Park in Mooroolbark on Thursday 25th April to commemorate Anzac Day. Our Middle School Captains represented the school at the Dawn Service in Lilydale. They spoke well and then laid a wreath. All our Captains represented the College with pride and dignity. We are very proud of them.
PRINCIPAL contd.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all the parents/guardians who came to the parent/teacher interview night. We appreciated the large number of parents/guardians who attended and met with teachers. It was a positive night, and we greatly appreciate your support, it does make a significant difference to the education of the student.

YEARS 9 TASMANIA TOUR
The Year 9 students have returned from their Tasmania Tour Camp. I am very grateful for the teachers who committed themselves to ensuring the camp ran smoothly and the students had an outstanding learning experience. It was clear that from the reports I received that the students certainly had an exciting adventure. Thank you to Mr. Graham Small for organising the Tour and the following teachers who also assisted: Elisabeth Nickel, Janet Whitby, Jodie Tilley, Christopher Stephen and Peter Marz.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
I would like to thank Todd Zarebski and Dane Keogh for their organisation of the Athletics Carnival held on Tuesday 23rd April at Proclamation Park in Ringwood. The day ran smoothly with a large number of students participating. Our College and House Captains were outstanding in supporting their houses and participating in all events. I want to thank all the staff, for their enthusiasm and encouragement of students, ensuring the day was one to remember. Congratulations to the students who broke records, some long standing and to the age group champions. These are:
- U13 Female, Ruby McDonald
- U13 Male Angus Fern,
- U14 Female Sarah Backhouse,
- U14 Male Ben Donald-Wilson
- U15 Female Akur Nyok
- U15 Male Lachlan McGee
- U16 Female Annelise Jenkin
- U16 Male Alexander Craig
- U17 Female Aimee Jenkin
- U17 Male Kealan Flannigan
- U20 Emilie Garside
- U20 Rhys Hubben

Well done and thanks to:
- Cameron Dobie, Emilie Garside, Bianca Heard, Emily Hindby, Jade Hubben, Paula Hubben, Bailey Mercer, Daniel Molesworth, Taylah O’Neill, Adrian Paoletti, Catherine Schwab, Liam Watts.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM-LITERACY AND NUMERACY NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test for Years 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday May 14, 2013 (Language and Writing), Wednesday May 15, 2013 (Reading) and Thursday May 16, 2013 (Numeracy). It is essential that your child brings a calculator for the numeracy tests on Thursday May 16.

The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents/guardians and teachers about your child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. It is imperative that your child is at school for all testing sessions. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student’s achievement.

Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will give a snapshot of your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCCA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOWLS TOURNAMENT
On Monday 8th April I had the pleasure of assisting some of our senior students as they helped the Lions Club provide dinners to all the visually impaired bowlers that were participating in the Nations Championships which were held at Mooroolbark Bowls Club.

The afternoon involved assisting in the preparation and serving of food during the opening ceremony of the tournament. As usual, the students did an amazing job in improving the College profile within the local community. Their helpful and friendly demeanors impressed the bowlers, their helpers and other members of the Mooroolbark community.

Some of the comments made were “The best students we have ever had help us out” this was amongst the various glowing recommendations given by the members of the Lions Club who were present on the day.

It was a great afternoon providing an excellent opportunity for the College to showcase the well rounded and caring young people that we as teachers get to work with everyday.

Matthew Donald
PE/Science Teacher
Green House Leader

You can advise us of your child’s absence by phoning our 24 hour
absence line on
9727 8198

Simon Reid
Principal

186 Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
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On Thursday 25th April, Mooroolbark College students attended two local ANZAC Day services. The Middle School House Captains, Sandy Nyok, Jake Casey, Bernice Yeo, Courtney Brown, Brayden McManus and Sam Roberts attended the Dawn Service at Lilydale and presented a wreath. The College Captains, Aimee Jenkin and Adrian Paolletti, Senior House Captains, Staci Radcliffe and Nathan Daniell, Patrick Spratt, Brad Dick, Melanie Briant, Tommy Hore and Sarah Barry and the SRC President, Steven Campbell attended the 12.00 midday service at Hookey Park, Mooroolbark. Aimee and Adrian read the scripture reading and Staci Radcliffe presented a young person’s reflection on ANZAC Day.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

On 25th April we went to the Lilydale Dawn Service to respect and honour the diggers and soldiers who have fought and are fighting for freedom. The service began at 5.30am, and went for an hour and a half, throughout which fallen diggers were remembered with admiration and high esteem. We were privileged enough to lay a wreath upon the memorial, along with many others who gave their respects. It was a truly powerful and awe inspiring experience, and we were very proud to be a part of the crowd, made up of about 3,000 people. Lest we forget.

A young person’s perspective of ANZAC Day!

On this day 98 years ago 10,000 young Australian and New Zealand men paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country on the shores of Gallipoli. Young men, my age, that never knew or comprehended what they were getting themselves into, paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country, for you and I, so that we can have the freedom which we have today. Their sacrifice, and also that of many others, is the reason why we celebrate their bravery and what they did on that fateful day, which we now know as ANZAC Day.

For many young Australians the prospect of war and the sacrifice these young men made is not comprehendible. They simply look forward to a day off school watching Collingwood play Essendon at the MCG while munching on some freshly baked ANZAC biscuits. For others it is a day which they wish to pay their respects for these fallen soldiers by attending a service similar to this one today, but for others it hits much closer to home having a family member who served or is currently serving their country as a member of the Royal Australian Army, the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force, who may or may not have returned home.

Having a loved one on the front line, sometimes not knowing where they are, what they are doing or even hearing from them on occasion of months at a time is a difficult and emotional process for all involved. We can never think that this only occurred during these times of World War 1, World War 2, Vietnam, Borneo, Malaya, and Korea just to name a few, but right now for families of today’s ANZACS, those serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Timor but also those on foreign postings, joint operations or task forces, humanitarian efforts and peacekeeping operations all over the world, but also those closer to home. These men and women are also heroes in their own right, today’s ANZACS.

For me personally ANZAC Day is never something that I will take for granted, and believe strongly that the younger generation not only needs to be told about it once at school but have it embroidered into who they are as an Australian by their families and communities. It is something that should make us proud, to call ourselves an Australian and the history in which our country has. We must never let them and their story grow old as we said in the ode that we that are left grow old, that their age shall not weary them, or the years condemn? Today is so much more than just another public holiday.
As an Australian Navy Cadet and also having had my great grandfather, grandfather, uncles, cousins and friends who served, are presently serving and even some that are in the process of their enlistment or wish to do once they have completed their schooling, the reminder always rings true that the ANZAC spirit is still alive in the Australian society and that it is us who ensures that it remains that way for the next 98 years and beyond.

As a cadet I participate in 4 parades and services every year around ANZAC day. They should never become routine but moving and meaningful, every time, because what we are recognising is something so much greater than ourselves.

Have you ever spoken with a soldier, a sailor or a pilot of the Australian Defence Force and heard their stories? They are incredible people and to hear of what they have done is truly awe-inspiring. I had the privilege two years ago to speak with one of a group of soldiers known as the "Rats of Tobruk". These men held off enemy forces from the Libyan port of Tobruk for 7 months, eventually evacuated by the Royal Navy. These men were put through so many trials but they still remained proud of their country, keeping the Australian spirit alive.

To continue on the legacy of our ANZACs, past and present, is not only something we should do, but something we need to do. We carry this responsibility to continue to make their story known and keep that spirit of the ANZACs alive along with their values of courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice. These values are posted at the start of the Kokoda trail because this is what our soldiers, our ANZACs believed in and displayed during their campaign. So let us not forget or allow this to become routine. Let’s be proud of our heritage and the sacrifice that our service men and women have made. Above all as we remember their selfless act, let us educate this younger generation so this ANZAC spirit will never die or fade away.

Staci Radcliffe
Senior Red House Captain

The 2013 Mooroolbark College Debutante Balls were held on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March at The Centre Ivanhoe, with 50 debutantes and their partners being presented to over 700 guests across the 2 nights. The Mooroolbark College Debutante Balls are formal and grand occasions for our Year 11 students to participate in. A ceremony which is held whereby the Debutantes and their partners are required to learn formal dancing techniques and etiquette, and to don formal attire to be presented to their College community, family and friends.

The Debutantes and their Partners were presented to Mr Andrew U’ren and Ms Katie Zappia on Friday night and Mr Luke McCormick and Ms Tracey d’Unienville on Saturday night.

Thank you to the following staff members: -

Dannielle Clarke/Amy Godfrey
Debutante Ball Organisers

The Bunnings BBQ held on 17th March was an outstanding success. Thank you to all students who assisted on the day and to the school community for their support. We raised approx. $1,400 which will go towards PTCA initiatives. We would also like to thank Simon Reid (Principal) and Ann Stratford (Assistant Principal) for their contribution on the day.

Thank you from the PTCA Committee.
School Camps & Excursions: Asthma
If your child has asthma, attending school camps and excursions can introduce them to new asthma triggers especially if they are going into new environments. It is essential that your child can participate fully and safely in all school activities. The following is a list of considerations to make for your child before they go on school camp or an excursion:

- Is your child’s asthma currently well controlled (e.g. no symptoms at night, reliever use less than 3 times per week)?
- Has your child had an asthma attack or asthma symptoms recently?
- Does the school have an Asthma Action Plan for your child?
- Has the school asked you to complete a School Camp and Excursion Medical Update Form?
- Does your child have their reliever medication and spacer on hand at all times?
- Are they attending with any other medications to be taken on the camp/excursion? If so, are there sufficient instructions to staff for use/dosage?
- Does your child self-administer their medication? If so, has their technique been checked recently?

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

The Homework Group for 12-18yr olds operates from Lilydale Library every Thursday from 3.30pm-5.00pm.
Maths tutor available for students who may be struggling with the subject in the classroom.
For more information please contact Maria on 92946774/ m.mcloughlin@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

MOUTHGUARDS

The wearing of mouthguards during PE can avoid the many unpleasant and even inadvertent problems and are recommended at all times.

The College has published the professional mouth guard manufacture website for schools PlaySafe Mouthguards in earlier Newsletters.
Even the purchase of a plastic Mouthguard from the Chemist can give some protection for little cost.

Dane Keogh/Todd Zarebski Health & PE Coordinators

NO STANDING ZONES
Shire of Yarra Ranges informs parents/guardians that Ross Pincott Drive is a NO STANDING area from 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm On the north side

NO STANDING ANYTIME.
Manchester Road has no standing areas. Please check with the VicRoads website re No Standing.

Photos will be taken by Shire of Yarra Ranges and infringements will be posted out by the Shire.

BPay – REMINDER
If you are making a BPay payment for specific charges such as camps, excursions, iPad programs etc. it is essential that you contact 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
Or copy of your receipt brought in to the College Office.

By not notifying the College BPay payments will automatically go towards the oldest outstanding invoice on your account.

Please address all your communication to Accounts Receivable at the College on 9727 8100.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

STUDENT INFORMATION
Could all parents/guardians please notify the College on 9727 8100 of any changes to their enrolment information as soon as possible. This will keep your records updated within the College system at all times.

Carmel Gibbs
Administration
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Simple, effective techniques that improve self awareness, confidence and assertiveness for women of any age or fitness level can learn, retain and utilize.

Monday 13th May-24th June
10.30am-11.30am
Thursday 23rd May-27th June
6.30pm-7.30pm
Cost: $100/$90 conc/stir

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- Saturday: 9.00am-1.00pm
- Sunday: Closed

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COMMUNITY NOTICES contd.

Auditory Processing and Learning
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon

INFORMATION SESSION
Understanding Auditory Processing Cost $20

Tuesday 18th June 2013 7:00pm – 8:30pm
at: The Remedy Group 1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lilydale

We help children with:
• Concentration and short attention span
• Development and language delay
• ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia
• Sensory Integration
• Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

Using art, movement and music, we can help transform hindrances that will enable your child to discover their true potential.

Bookings essential Please contact Blue Horizon on 9677 2335

Players Wanted
Mooroolbark Rugby Club

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic. It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: www.mooroolbarkrugby.com.au

Games are held early Saturday mornings
Season starts last weekend in April
Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

Come down and give rugby union a try!

NEW STORE HOURS
Term 2 and 3

Dear Parents,

From Monday 29th April:
You can purchase your school uniform from PSW’s Ringwood store during the following times:

TRADING HOURS
Monday CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday 8.30AM – 4.30PM
Saturday 8:30AM – 2:30PM
Sunday CLOSED

PSW RINGWOOD EAST
18-20 Railway Ave
Ringwood East, VIC 3135
Phone: 03 9879 5500

PLEASE NOTE: Store hours may be reviewed/changed to meet demand.
PSW will communicate any changes to store trading hours with your school.

www.psw.com.au – Shop online and have your uniform delivered to your door!