PRINCIPAL’S REPORT  
September 6, 2013

Calendar 2013 - TERM 3

Tuesday 10th September, 2013
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
SRC Carnival Day
Resource Committee Meeting - 7pm
Wednesday 11th September, 2013
Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-3pm
STUDENT FREE DAY
Friday 13th September, 2013
V8 Supercars Sandown Excursion
Tuesday 17th September, 2013
College Council Meeting - 7pm
Friday 20th September, 2013
Newsletter Published
LAST DAY OF TERM 3
EARLY FINISH - 2.30PM

TERM 4
Friday 11th October, 2013
Newsletter Published
Monday 14th October, 2013
Eastern Region Athletics
Friday 18th October, 2013
YR 12 Assembly
Tuesday 22nd October
LAST DAY FOR YR 12s
Yr 12 Farewell GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Community & Community Relations Comm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 23rd October, 2013
YR 12 CELEBRATION DAY

“‘We can’t help but get the best from our students when each day we’re giving them our very best.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS
Our Year 12 students have a little over one month left of their time at the College. This is a crucial time for them as they prepare for their exams and final assessments. This is a difficult time for your children and I urge you to guide them to focus on the tasks at hand, have set study times, take regular breaks, get plenty of rest and eat well. Late nights, social media such as Facebook and other use of technology are major distractions and are proven to impact negatively on student performance. Suggest to your children to leave their phone in another room, as limiting them in the short term is essential. The importance of this time cannot be underestimated.

MASTER CLASSES
Mooroolbark in conjunction with our neighbouring Government Schools will commence a program of Master Classes to give our students, completing their VCE in Year 12, the opportunity to participate in review presentations by expert teachers and VCE examiners. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to improve their knowledge in readiness for their exams. For further information on these classes and for students to book into them, please look at our College website.

INTERIM REPORTS
Year 7 - 12 Interim Reports were mailed home on Tuesday 3rd September. If you have any concerns about your child’s learning or progress, please contact the House Leaders, Cluster Coordinators or Key Learning Area Heads at the College on 9727 8100.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
A reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 11th September between 1.00pm and 8.00pm.

STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT THE COLLEGE ON THAT DAY BUT ARE TO ACCOMPANY THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO THE INTERVIEWS ON THE DAY/NIGHT.

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY
The ‘Principal for the Day’ is a program which enables business leaders to come into schools and share their knowledge with our students. Mooroolbark College has participated in this program for the past three years.

Having such high profile industry leaders in our College is a fabulous experience for our students, the community and supports our senior students with future choices.

We had the privilege of having Kim Wilson, Chief Editor for New Idea come to our College. She spoke at the whole College assembly, visited Year 11 Media and VCD classes and spoke to the Year 11s and the SRC.
Kim shared some personal experiences and insights that resonated with the students allowing them to reflect on their own personal lives. Kim also had lunch with the College Captains and myself where she was very complimentary of our students and the mature approach to their lives and studies.

I would like to thank Lisa Gaudion for her organisation of the night. She was supported greatly by the music staff Amanda Palmer, Gillian Donald, Janet Whitby, Steve Haggar, Erica Sykes, Jacqui Abikhair, Jesse Tumer, Erica Rasmussen and Sean Smyth.

I would also like to thank Keith Chatwin for giving up his time and providing the music equipment ensuring that we had the best music equipment for the students to perform with. I would also like to acknowledge the PTCA for their support of the evening.

Simon Reid
Principal

The Intermediate Boys Table Tennis Team played exceptionally well and will proceed to Zone Level.

In addition to this, a special mention should be made for the Year 7 Boys Australian Rules Football Team coached by Luke McCormick. The boys fought their way to the Eastern Zone Grand Final where they competed fiercely but were eventually outmatched by Rowville.

A Great effort!

Finally, congratulations to the following students who excelled in the Interschool Athletics and will now have the chance to compete in the Eastern Zone Athletics next term:

Alexander Craig - Boys 16 1500m
Braedon Dobie - Boys 14 1500m
Benjamin Donald-Wilson - Boys 14
Triple Jump
Ashley Evans - Girls 16 Javelin Throw
Emilie Garside - Girls 18-20 800m
Girls 18-20 Triple Jump
Rhys Hubben - Boys 18-20 1500m
Sarah Mullens - Girls 12-13 800m
Kiera Noble - Girls 18-20 400m
Sonia Pyrczak - Girls 12-13 Discus Throw
Hayley Thompson - Girls 14 800m
Hayden Watkins - Boys 12-13 800m
Lateisha Willis - Girls 12-13 100m
Girls 12-13 200m, Girls 12-13 80 Meter Hurdles; Girls 12-13 4x100m Relay Team.

We wish all students participating next term the best of luck!

Todd Zarebski & Dane Keogh
Sports Co-ordinators

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40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Past and present students and staff members are invited to attend our 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Tuesday September 10, 2013.

During the day, current students will have an extended lunch-time, in which they will be able to participate in a variety of activities arranged by the Student Representative Council as part of the Annual Carnival Day. Interested students will be able to visit the display of College memorabilia in C Block during the second half of lunch.

Past students and staff members are invited to “take a trip down memory lane” by taking a guided tour, which will commence from the Jack Everson Library. Tours will commence at 5.00 p.m., with tours being conducted every 15 minutes up until 5.45 p.m., and will include the opportunity to view old classrooms, the Student Common Room, the grounds and new facilities.

At 6.15 p.m. the official Celebration Ceremony will be held in the Jack Everson Library.

College memorabilia from 1972 until now will be on display in C Block, the building that was a significant part of the College’s inaugural year. Join us for finger food and drinks, catch up with school friends and teachers and reminisce whilst exploring a visual record of the College’s 40 year history.

A limited edition, commemorative book entitled, “purposeful, fruitful and meaningful activities”, honouring our College, as well as past and present students and staff members, has been compiled. The book will be available for purchase on the evening, at a cost of $20.00.

The evening will conclude at 8 p.m.

To book a tour and/or indicate that you will be attending the Official Celebration Function, or to order a copy of the commemorative book, please email to: 40yrs_celebration@mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au. Remember to include your contact details in your email.

If you are unable to attend during the evening, but would like to view the College during the day, please contact the College on 9727 8100 to arrange both a guided tour and viewing of the College memorabilia display.

We hope that members of the Mooroolbark College community, both past and present, will take the opportunity to celebrate with us.

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MUSIC NEWS
On Monday 26th August, the Music Department held their annual Winter Concert at the Mooroolbark Community Centre.

Over 60 students performed for family and friends, with contributions from our Year 7 & Senior Concert Bands, Choir, Keyboard, Guitar & Percussion ensembles, as well as many individual items and bands. We have some truly talented students at our College, and we were treated to a very entertaining evening with many amazing performances.

A special thank you goes to our two wonderful MCs, Paris Hindby and Sam Eldridge, our Technical Crew who helped backstage ensuring that the Concert ran smoothly, and our Camera/Video Man, Tom Hoysted.

We would also like to thank our Sound Engineer, Mr Keith Chatwin, and the PTCA for providing refreshments during interval.

Lisa Gaudion
Instrumental Music Coordinator
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON MYKI CARDS ON ALL BUSES

From Monday 27 May, 2013 the sale and top up of myki cards has already commenced on metropolitan buses. Bus drivers will sell and top up MYKI cards. A Full Fare myki costs $6.00 A Concession, Child or Seniors myki costs $3.00. If a student purchases a myki on board the bus for immediate travel they must also top up with myki money at the same time. The student will then need to touch on their myki for that trip.

Students must purchase or top up their mykis with cash. The minimum top up is $1.00 and the maximum top up is $20.00. EFTPOS or credit cards are not accepted for top up on board buses.

Students with invalid mykis or negative balance

Any student who does not have a valid myki (e.g. their myki is defective or cannot be topped up), shall be requested by the driver to purchase and top up a myki on board and directed to a staffed railway station or the PTV Call Centre 1800 800 007 to resolve any issues with their defective card.

If a student presents a myki with a negative balance, the driver will request the holder to top up the myki with sufficient money so it can be touched on for travel. A myki which cannot be touched on for any reason is not valid for travel.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO THE COLLEGE ARE AT THE OWNER’S RISK

Personal items brought to the College are not covered by Department of Education and Early Childhood Development or School insurance. The College has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to any personal property brought to the College. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on College premises. Students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to the College.

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

2014 TAZZIE TOUR

We still have a few places left on this fantastic tour! The next instalment is due Thursday September 19. An SMS reminder will be sent to all students going on The Tour. Contact the General Office if you have any further enquiries.

Janet Whitby,
Jodie Tilley &
Elisabeth Nickel
Tazzie Tour Leaders 2014

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Just a reminder for those parents on Payment Plans that the 4th and Final instalment was deducted on the 22nd & 23rd of August, 2013. Statements have been posted. Could you please ensure that any outstanding levies are paid as soon as possible.

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).”
MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE FILM FESTIVAL

Mooroolbark College’s first ever Film Festival was a huge success on Thursday 29th August. A packed audience remained completely engrossed all night in the short films that Year 11 Media students had been working on for the past 7 weeks.

After a short intermission and an audience vote, the night concluded with the following awards being handed out.

Best Short Film
_Pale Blue_ by Jaquelyn Feilds and Bianca Heard

Best Onscreen Performance
Tiki Mara Leslie in _The Guilt_

Best Achievement in Editing
Petar Kozul for _Insomnia_

Most Captivating Storyline
Rheece Wickens for _Bittersweet Return_

Best Achievement in Sound
Bailey Mercer for _The Final Breath_

Audience Award
_The Stranger_ by Tiahn Dugdale, Danielle Higgins and Natalie Miller

All students that participated in the festival should be very proud of themselves and their short films, which were all fantastic.

Matthew Neill
Media Teacher
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Free Public Screening
Mon 21st Oct

MOOROOLBARK

CHILDREN’S FILM FESTIVAL

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Manchester Primary School
Mooroolbark East Primary School

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Yarra Ranges Athletics season 2013/2014

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on Saturday the 5th October 2013 at the new Regional Athletics Facility in Mount Evelyn-Morrison Reserve (off Hereford Road)

Registration Day Saturday 14th September 2013.

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.