PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

September 20, 2013

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On Tuesday 10th September the College celebrated its 40th Anniversary. It was enjoyable to see so many past staff and students catching up and sharing memories. The tours were well attended between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm. At 6.15 pm the official celebration commenced. It was interesting to hear the stories of the College in the early years presented by a founding staff member, Helen Hopf (nee Brown). The College Captains cut the cake and all guests were invited to view the display of College memorabilia.

Thanks goes to the Community Relations Committee consisting of Lyn Godfrey, Carol Wells, Judy Patten, Catherine Blackburn, Carmel Gibbs, Linda Hill, Amy Godfrey and Dannielle Clarke.

Particular thanks goes to Judy Patten, assisted by Barbara Bagg, who put together the amazing historical displays in C Block and the Library, and Patricia Hammond who produced the 40th Anniversary publication.

Our Senior and Middle School House Captains and College Captains are also to be thanked for assisting with tours and serving food.

Thanks also to canteen staff, Jan Cooper, Lynette Poulton and Linda Miller for catering for the event.

SRC CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Robyn Cooper and the SRC for the organisation and running of the annual SRC Carnival.

It has become a highlight of the College calendar and this year was no exception. Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including ‘dunk the teacher’, face painting and receiving balloon animals from the clown.

Once again the Mooroolbark College students’ behaviour was exceptional.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR

The Central Australia tour left on Saturday morning 14th September on their annual trek north led by Andy U’ren and accompanied by Chris Seabrook, Dannielle Clarke, Dane Keogh, Todd Zarebski and Melissa Cameron.

We wish all students a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to welcoming them back to the College on Monday October 7 to start Term 4.

Simon Reid
Principal
SCIENCE

STUDENT TEACHERS
Throughout this term, we have been fortunate to have many enthusiastic and positive student teachers within our College teaching our students. Mooroolbark College is seen as a preferred teaching school and values our experienced and supportive mentor teachers. This term we have been fortunate to have student teachers from Deakin University, Monash University, Victoria University, RMIT and Australian Catholic University. They have worked in the areas of English, Music, Arts, Science, PE, Health and Humanities. They range from 1st to 4th year and stay from 5 days up to 8 weeks. Each student teacher is paired with one or more of our teaching staff. The student teachers usually plan, teach and assess the lesson with supervision and guidance from our teachers. I would like to thank our teaching staff for providing such expert advice, support and assistance in developing the skills of the beginning teachers. Without their support, this vital program would not be viable. Thank you.

YEAR 7 SCIENCE
Year 7 students have been working on investigating and understanding ‘Forces’ in the world around them.

Students worked in groups to design an experiment involving the landing time of parachutes. They developed the experimental design by controlling variables and identifying the one variable they would be testing.

The tests included: shape of the parachute, size of the parachute, mass of the skydiver and length of the parachute strings. The students then worked together to individually write up a formal scientific report. We were very impressed with the designs and practical skills of the students. Their written reports were also detailed and well presented.

Students have completed experiments involving static electricity.

EVENTS DAY THANKYOU
Circle of Friends would like to thank the following organisations for their support and donations to our:

“Sausage Sizzle and Events Day” held at the College on 27th August.

Dollar Curtains
Main St, Croydon
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Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark
Subway
Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark
Schnitz,
Knox Ozone, Wantirna South

Kerri Hague
Circle of Friends Coordinator

Y8 SANDOWN V8 EXCURSION
The Sandown excursion was a great success with our Year 8 students enjoying the day, meeting drivers, dignitaries and a past student that had taken a career path as a mechanic and that led to a motor sports support role at the event.

A particular highlight on the day was the discussion Mr John Brumby (ex-Premier of Victoria) had with a group of our students about career paths.

Mr Brumby was soon joined by Garth Tander, James Courtney, Will Davidson and also Mark Winterbottom who then took to the stage at the MTAA stand to officially launch the “Pathways to Apprenticeships Program”.

Rob Forbes
Technology

Amanda Peters
Science Teacher

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READING CHALLENGE

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2013
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2013 has now finished.

Congratulations to all students that participated. Nearly 2,500 books were read by students with a record number of 50 students completing the challenge.

The following students completed the challenge and in the process received 10 house points and a free pizza lunch:

Alannah Fischer (Y6)
Aleisha Hilet (B7)
Angus Fern (G8)
Bradley Evans (R1)
Bradley Menheere (G4)
Braydon Davidson (G7)
Breannan Stock (Y2)
Bryce Szaraszek (B4)
Chloe Neagle (Y8)
Emma Huckel (Y9)
Erin Cairns (G1)
Ethan Wildner (Y1)
Fraser Noonan (B7)
Ian McNabb (R4)
Iris Kennedy (Y8)
Jake Campbell-Box (G6)
Jared Dodd (Y2)
Jesse Mierisch (B7)
Joan Taufetee (G8)
Jordan Haigh (G3)
Joshua MacKay (G5)
Kaleb Stivey (R9)
Keely Hocking (Y2)
Kristy Barbara (B3)
Kyle Sheridan (Y9)

Lachlan Hindmarsh-Brown (Y3)
Lachlan Pennicott (Y3)
Lachlan Wilson (Y6)
Lachlan Jenzen (R5)
Lauren Warden (G9)
Megan O’Rorke (B2)
Melanie Pauer (Y3)
Nathan Abrehart (B2)
Nicola Johnson-Clarke (B4)
Nicole Pyrczak (B6)
Paris Hindby (Y8)
Peta Vanderspek (R3)
Rebecca-John Gideon (R4)
Robyn Thompson (R6)
Sebastian Zych (B5)
Shaun Balkin (B2)
Skye Godfrey (G7)
Sonia Pyrczak (B2)
Sophie Schofield (R6)
Stacey Cooper (R1)
Stephanie DeVincentis (R2)
Toby Haworth (R1)
Tristan Skell (R2)
Zachariah Weatherley (B5)

The final house and form standings are as follows:

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Congratulations to all students that participated.

Matthew Neil
Library Coordinator

READING CHALLENGE contd.

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English Teacher

LIBRARY

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CENTRAL AUSTRALIA 2013
All students on Central Australia camp have been outstanding. Our student received great reviews on their behaviour everywhere they visit.
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We recently held our 40th Anniversary Celebration Day. As part of those celebrations we put together a limited edition, commemorative book A History of Mooroolbark College 1973-2013, “Purposeful, Fruitful and Meaningful Activities”, honouring our College, as well as past and present students and staff members. The book is available for purchase from the General Office at a cost of $20.00. Please contact the College if you wish to purchase a copy. If you are unable to collect the book, one can posted to you.

R U OK? DAY!

R U OK? Day aims to inspire all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other ‘Are you Ok?’ Held on September 12, the College was a buzz with conversation and colour. The Year 12 Study Centre was filled to the capacity with 150 yellow balloons. Each balloon having a simple positive message; each one unique. Organised by the ‘Equal Opportunity’ team, the day was a huge success in promoting to students to simply start the conversation.
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.

Bus Association Victoria

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 ILLNESS

Just a reminder that if students are not well they are to report directly to the Sick Bay to be assessed. Parents will then be contacted if students are to be collected. Your assistance in passing this information on to your child/children would be greatly appreciated.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

STUDENT INFORMATION

It is important that all parents/guardians please notify the College on 9727 8100 of any changes to their child’s enrolment information as soon as possible. This will keep your records updated within the College system at all times.

Carmel Gibbs
Administration

College Uniform Policy

“Tattoos cannot be visible and must be covered at all times. In Victoria the legal age for a Tattoo 18. (Department of Health; Regulations of tattooing and body piercing: Legal restrictions on tattooing in Australia).”

ANGER CARE VICTORIA

FOSTER CARE INFO NIGHT

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in need? Can you support a child from just one weekend per month? Anglicare Victoria is hosting an information session for people interested in learning more about foster care at 7.30pm on Monday 7 October, Mooroolbark Community Centre, Brice Avenue, Mooroolbark. Call 1300 889 335 to register or visit www.anglicarevic.org.au/events

Full training and support provided.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Van Ewyk
Recruitment, Training and Retention Team-Placement Services.
Eastern Region Home Based Care.
Box Hill Office
7-11 Shipley St
Box Hill 3128
Anglicare Victoria
Ph: (03) 9896 6322
FX: (03) 9890 8640
In office Monday and Wednesday.

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 a 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 at the College on 9727 8100.

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Thursday October 10, 2013

- Course runs every Thursday over 16 weeks and is due for completion on February 6, 2014.
- Conveniently located at the Ringwood Trade Training Facility (RTTF).
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CEelia LASHLIE
International bestselling writer and storyteller

Growing Gorgeous Boys Into Good Men

Adolescent boys – they seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, and where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations.

Will they survive and become good men? How can parents and schools understand them and help them through this difficult and dangerous time?

Celia’s entertaining and enlightening view of what goes on inside the world of boys - an entirely different world from that of girls - offers parents practical and reassuring advice on raising their boys to become good, loving articulate men.

DATE: Wednesday 20th November 2013
TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
VENUE: Karralyka Centre
Mines Road
Ringwood
HOST: Outer Eastern LLEN in partnership with
Male Health Victoria

Light refreshments provided

Booking Essential

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