Calendar 2013 - TERM 4

- Thursday 5th December - QUEENSLAND TOUR
- Tuesday 10th December, 2013
- NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED
- Monday 9th - SOUTH AUSTRALIA GERMAN TOUR
- Tuesday 10th December, 2013
- YR 7 2014 ORIENTATION DAY - CURRENT YR 7 STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED AT THE COLLEGE ON THIS DAY
- College Council Meeting – 7pm
- Thursday 12th December, 2013
- SECONDHAND BOOK SALE
- Tuesday 17th December, 2013
- AWARDS NIGHT
- Wednesday 18th December, 2013
- FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2013
- Friday 20th December, 2013
- LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - 12PM

2014 - TERM 1

- Thursday 30th January, 2013
- YR 7, 11 & 12 Students Return
- Friday 31st January, 2013
- YRS 8, 9 & 10 Students Return
- Monday 3rd February, 2014
- YR 11 & 12 VCAL Students Return

HOUSE SHIELD

Congratulations to Blue for winning the House Trophy this year. It was a tight contest between all the Houses with Blue coming out on top.

Although Blue House won I would like to congratulate all the Houses and their House Leaders. All the Houses were superbly led by the House Leaders, Cluster Leaders and House Captains.

All these teachers genuinely care about our students; they go beyond the call of duty to support the students in our College. This is reflected in high levels of engagement by students in House and College activities.

PTCA

I would like to thank the PTCA for the wonderful support that they have given to our students over the past year. The members under the leadership of Deb Alsop, have managed once again to raise considerable funds throughout the year from the highly successful Debutante Balls and other fundraising activities. This has enabled the College to purchase a number of resources to support our educational program.

BEGINNING OF 2014

The College has two Professional Development days at the beginning of 2014, they are on the 28th and 29th January 2014. Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 will commence on Thursday 30th January with Years 8, 9 and 10 starting on Friday 31st January.

EXAMS

We would like to congratulate all the Year 10 and 11 students for completing their exams. This is an important stepping stone for students and it is also a terrific learning experience for all involved. I urge all students to use their results as a building block and an opportunity to reflect and learn. It is this active engagement that will result in excellent results when it matters.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR 2014 YEAR 7 STUDENTS

On Friday 29th November, 30 students from smaller or underrepresented primary schools attended for a pre-orientation day. The students started the day looking a little apprehensive but finished the day with new friends and big smiles.

On Monday 2nd December The Information Evening for Year 7 2014 Parents was held. If you have a child beginning in Year 7 in 2014 and where unable to make the evening, please contact the College and the relevant documents will be sent out to you.

Orientation day for the Year 7 students will be on Tuesday 10th December. THE CURRENT YEAR 7 STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT THE COLLEGE ON THIS DAY. Years 8 & 9 students will be participating in school organised activities.
COLLEGE AWARDS NIGHT
Mount Lilydale Mercy College is the venue for this year’s College Awards Night to be held on Tuesday 17th December. It is a special evening at which we recognise the students who have achieved exceptional academic results throughout the year. We are looking forward to a good night. Students who will be receiving an award or who will be performing during the award ceremony will receive an invitation during the week beginning Monday 9th December.

2014 COLLEGE BOOKLIST
As parents/guardians would have already received the packages containing the 2014 College Booklist, this is just a friendly reminder that all Online orders using either Option 1 or Option 2 need to be completed by Friday 20th December, 2013, using 4YH6 as your code.

For retail purchases (no Online ordering) you will need to print the Booklist from the Campion site and visit Campion Books at 18 Coolstore Road, Croydon.

If you have any further queries, please contact the General Office.

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Ann Stratford
Acting Principal

COLLEGE INFORMATION

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Congratulations Sebastian Zych
Sebastian received 96% (FIRST CLASS HONOURS) for his recent AMEB Grade 2 Classical Piano examination.

Well done Sebastian. Erica Sykes Piano Teacher

SECONDHAND BOOKSALE

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THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
1 - 5PM IN “T” BLOCK

Please bring books to be sold at the Booksale to “T” Block between 8am to 12 o’clock on Thursday 12th December, 2013.

Books will be sold from 1 - 5pm.
Please note this date in your diary.

The PTCA requires volunteers throughout the day to assist. Volunteers must hold a current Working With Children Check. Volunteers, who donate two (2) hours of their time, may purchase books for their family prior to the sale.

If you are able to spend a few hours helping out please contact Carmel at the General Office and leave your details.

PTCA Committee

FOR SALE

Secondhand Casio Classpad Calculator for sale. Complete with box, cables, stylus, wet suit material and protective cover.

$130.00

If interested, please contact General Office on 9727 8100 to enquire.

Janet Whitby, Jodie Tilley & Elisabeth Nickel

TAZZIE TOUR

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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).
Recently some Year 8 students were given the task to create a game that was Educational and suitable for younger students. The range of material that was presented was wonderful.

The class tested and judged each game and were constructive in their assessment.

We had a range of activities for a variety of age groups. One group, created a Digestive Monopoly game which was absolutely brilliant.

The girls put a lot of work into their creation and their presentation was terrific.

It was informative and educational and most of all FUN!

Debra Curciev
Science Teacher

Our systems engineering students were given the challenging task of designing and building a “flat pack” model car as their last practical project for the year. The design brief was quite restrictive in stating the pieces could be cut from 3mm plywood and had to slot together to form a rigid vehicle powered by the electric motor and small battery pack provided. The vehicle when assembled would look like a typical motor vehicle. When the option of nails, screws or nuts and bolts was taken out it was interesting to see the level of thought and design refinement required to come up with a design that worked.

As you can see by Sam Dodd’s model of a Formula 1 Racing Car the students were up to the challenge. All the students completed the project with vehicles that ranged from taxi cabs, family cars and one that looked like the Bat Mobile Car; and of course Sam’s F1 Car, as pictured above and to the right.

Rob Forbes
On Thursday evening 28th November, parents and friends were treated to another wonderful concert with performances from the Keyboard Ensemble, Choir, Year 7 Concert band, as well as solos from all students.

The concert, which was held in the music department at school, showcased some of the amazing talent we have here at the college.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and a very special thank you to the music staff, especially Erica Sykes for organising the evening.

The Senior Concert Band also performed on Monday 2nd December at the Year 7 information evening for new students and parents. The band opened the evening with a wonderful rendition of ‘Aint No Mountain High Enough’, with some students also helping later in the evening with instrument trials.

If any current students at Mooroolbark College wish to learn an instrument next year, please contact the music department soon as places for 2014 are filling up quickly.

Lisa Gaudion

Instrumental Music Coordinator
MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE
CHINA STUDY TOUR
11 - 25 May, 2014

Applications must close this week!

Mooroolbark College is a local school with a global outlook. After the successful visit by our Chinese sister-school in 2013, we are delighted to offer this unique tour to study in China next year.

Including time in Beijing, Shanghai and Wujiang, this tour offers a range of cultural, geographical, historical and culinary experiences.

Students will visit The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Pearl Tower, The Bund, temples, markets, museums and other cultural sights.

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With an anticipated cost of $2,500 (based on a minimum number of students), inclusive of all flights, hotel accommodation, meals, tours, transfers, guides and entrance fees, this program offers unbelievable value for money.

Places are strictly limited to 12 students.

Places are still available!
For further information and application forms, please contact Carmel at the office. Ph: 9727 8100
YEAR NINE STUDENT SHOWCASE

On Tuesday 3rd December the College and Food Technology Department were privileged to welcome Mr Mark Lucas Manager and Ms Janine Archer from the RACV Healesville Country Club to Mooroolbark College. They were invited to speak to our Year Nine students who will be part of the new and exciting 2014 “Foods Master Class Program” elective (a part of the highly successful ‘Taste of All Seasons’ Program, currently running within the College).

On the day Mark and Janine had the opportunity to “taste test” the morning tea prepared for them by the Year Nine students that will be part of the 2014 program. The festive menu included; vegetarian sausage rolls, mini lemon cheesecakes with lemon curd, biscuit Christmas trees and mini puddings. The student’s final products and the presentation of their food were of a very professional standard and was noted by Mark and Janine. The advice given by Mark and Janine was well received by the students and added to their enthusiasm on the day. Our relationship with the RACV Healesville Country Club will allow our students to experience the hospitality industry and the ability to participate in Work Experience at the Club, along with the opportunity to meet their Chefs, who will be running a variety sessions at our College next year.

Congratulations to all Year Nine students involved and Thank You once again to RACV Healesville Country Club.

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Where: Mooroolbark College (Rossicott Drive)
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Cost: $15 per session on direct debit or $20 per session for casual trainers.

Registration available at start of each session - Please arrive 15mins prior to start of session.

For further queries, please contact
Bradd - 0419 898 319.

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Sunday 2nd March 2014 is a significant date!!

It’s the 14th running of "Take on the Lake", the most popular local charity fun run in the eastern suburbs. It will be a super-special day with the community coming together to support the great work of Eastern Volunteers. Raising funds and awareness of volunteering is the goal of the day.

- **Electronic timing:** professional, accurate, individual times. Results posted on-line, immediately.
- **The course format:** hugging the shore of Lillydale Lake. Simple, direct and enjoying the wonderful views across the lake to the Dandenong Ranges.
- **5 & 10km runs and a 5km walk!**
- **2.5km kid’s run!** open to children under 10 years and fully timed.
- **The popular Team Event** is back again - ideal for schools, workmates, clubs and groups. A touch of bonding with a dash of competition.


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Put **Sunday 2nd March 2014 at 9am** in your diary now! Pass the word around to friends, family, your class, workmates and clients . . . . anyone who likes the idea of a run or walk, whether for serious practice or to simply share the day.

Please ring us on 03 9870 8722 if you want more information or email [info@easternvolunteers.org.au](mailto:info@easternvolunteers.org.au).

Australia Day Public Holiday 2014...
Yes we are open!

We know that the back-to-school rush can be a busy time of year, so our store will be open for regular trade on the Australia Day Public Holiday (Monday 27 January) to provide you with convenient shopping hours!*

*Please note: We will be closed Sunday 26 January. Lay-by will be unavailable in January and February.

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