MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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Affirmation

Write it on your heart that everyday is the best day of the year.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

With recent events in our state it is a reminder of the importance of family, friends, community and caring for our beautiful children. Our hearts go out to the families who have been affected by the fires. Our thoughts are also with the family and friends of Luke Batty and the tragic circumstances that surround what has occurred. It is a timely reminder about how mental health issues untreated can have such tragic and lasting impact on the whole community.

The swimming carnival, which is a highlight on the calendar is always a day that has high participation and I enjoy seeing all the students dressing up in House colours and getting into the spirit of friendly competition. It is a great fun day.

We have had an exciting start to the year across all learning areas. I would like to draw your attention to some of the key events in this newsletter. The Debutante Ball will be upon us soon, another wonderful event on our calendar and I urge all Year 11 students to get involved, details are in this newsletter.

The PTCA (Parent Association) plays an important role in our College and all support provided makes a real difference to the school in all areas. The AGM is on the 4th March, please put it on your calendar.

Instrumental Music is an exciting part of our school and wonderful for the development of a well rounded student and it has been proven to have a positive impact on the academic success of students. I urge all parents/guardians to look at the excellent program we have in the College and encourage your child to get involved.

Parents/Guardians of Year 7 students please make note of the information on the camp at Marysville in second term. It is always a highlight in the students’ development of a well rounded student and it has been proven to have a positive impact on the academic success of students. I urge all parents/guardians to look at the excellent program we have in the College and encourage your child to get involved.

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The College Council comprises fifteen members – six parents, five Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees, and four community members. Each year half of the membership in the first two categories must present for re-election. Positions in the third category are filled by co-option from the College or wider community when the elected Council meets. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in the two categories open for election this year are as follows:-

- Parent - Three
- DEECD - Two
- Community - One

Nomination forms for the above positions are available from the General Office from Wednesday 19th February. Members of the College community are invited to nominate for these vacancies. Nomination forms must be lodged at the General Office by 4.00pm on Tuesday 25th February 2014. If the number of nominations in each category is greater than the number of vacancies, an election by ballot will be held. Ballot papers and voting procedures will be distributed on Tuesday 4th March (if required). The names of the nominated candidates will be posted on Tuesday 4th March outside the General Office. The voting procedure will be finalised by Tuesday 11th March. The new College Council will meet for the first time on Tuesday 18th March.

Simon Reid
Principal
YEAR 7 SCHOOL BAGS

In 2014 Mooroolbark College school bags have been introduced as a compulsory uniform item for all Year 7 students. This will be a progressive implementation with both Years 7 and 8 requiring the Mooroolbark College school bag in 2015. The school bags are available from the College’s uniform supplier, PSW (Primary School Wear).

Parents/Guardian of students in Years 8 to 12 are encouraged to buy a Mooroolbark College school bag if they need to replace their existing one.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

The Department discourages staff and students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

More information can be obtained from the DEECD website at www.education.vic.gov.au.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

Mooroolbark College has moved to a new learning management, attendance and communication system called Compass for students in Years 7 to 10, while Year 11 and 12 students will have access to both Study Wiz and Compass.

In the week starting Monday 17th February students will receive instructions in Home Group on how to use Compass and log in details will be sent home to parents. Parents and guardians will also have the opportunity to attend parent training sessions during March.

https://mooroolbarkcollege.vic.jdlf.com.au

COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

These are to be held on Monday 17th February at Croydon Swimming Pool - in Hewish Rd Croydon; phone number is 9294 5630. All students are fully included in the College program and are expected to attend; no alternative program is running back at school.

There is a cost of $5-00 for each student attending (who has not paid their school fees). This should be given to the office in an envelope, with their name and form on the outside, and marked “Swimming Carnival” on the outside. Students will be bussed to and from the pool from 9am and will be returned by 3pm, being dismissed upon arrival back at school.

Parents/Guardians are asked to ensure appropriate sun protection is provided including drinks, sunscreen and hats. The canteen will be running throughout the day at the venue.

Participants are encouraged to come dressed in clothes with colours supporting their particular House. The canteen will be running throughout the day at the venue.

Anyone interested in acting as officials are particularly welcome and should contact Mr. Clapp at the College on 9727 8100.

If students are to be picked up from the venue could parents/guardians please provide a written note to that effect.
MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE INFORMATION

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).

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

At Mooroolbark College, we have a large and exciting Instrumental Music Program, offering all students the opportunity to learn to play instruments including – Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn and Voice.

Lessons are held during school hours, on a rotating timetable. All lessons run for half a period (35 minutes), once a week, usually together with one or two other students.

Students who learn a musical instrument will also play in a band, ensemble or choir. This is a great way to become proficient on your chosen instrument more quickly, while having fun playing music with other students.

Playing music is a wonderful way for students to develop all sorts of valuable life skills.

Music helps with self-confidence, leadership and time management skills. It also provides great opportunities to improve self-esteem as they make progress with their instrument. Students in bands also tend to develop close friendships with fellow music students and become members of a very special musical community.

No previous musical experience is necessary, just a love of music and a willingness to learn.

If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, please contact any of the music staff at the College, or collect an application form from the General Office.

Lisa Gaudion
Instrument Music Coordinator

YEAR 7 BBQ INVITATION

To all parents/guardians of Year 7 students in 2014 a reminder that the Family Barbecue will be held on Wednesday 5th March commencing at 6.00pm.

This is an opportunity for you to meet with teachers who will be available to answer any queries you may have.

If you have not already replied and would like to attend please contact Carmel at the College on 9727 8100

Adam Lorkin
Year 7 Transition Coordinator

PTCA NEWS

The PTCA is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 4th March at 7pm in the “B” Block Staffroom. New Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend as it is a great opportunity to socialise with new and current parents. It also gives you the option to represent your family, as part of the College community. The PTCA do a superb job supporting the College through the organisation of events and providing timely and valued advice and feedback about the College as well as some fundraising. We encourage you to think about attending a meeting.

PTCA Morning Tea for all new Parents/Guardians in 2014

When: Thursday 27th July, 2014

Where: T3

Time: 9am-10am

We invite you to come along and meet other new Parents/Guardians and also the Year 7 Transition Coordinator Mr Lorkin and Mr Reid. We look forward to meeting you on the day.

Deb Alsop
PTCA President

MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE

2014 DEBUTANTE BALL

Attention all Year 11 students who are interested in participating in this year’s Debutante Ball. There will be an information night held on Wednesday 19th February at 7pm in T block for students and parents.

An information booklet will be provided on the night outlining costs and details of the event.

PLEASE NOTE ONLY CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS OF MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.

Any queries please see Ms Garnaut or Ms Jones at the College.

Claire Jones & Sarah Garnaut
Debutante Coordinators

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014 has now begun. All students in Years 7-10 are registered. To complete the challenge students only need to read 15 books before 31st August, 2014. Last year, 50 students finished the challenge with 2,500 books being read.

Weekly prizes and house points will be awarded for individuals that participate and complete the challenge. If you require more information, please contact Mr Neil at the College on 97278100 or your child’s English teacher.


MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE’S DIGITAL LIBRARY

Staff and students of Mooroolbark College are now able to borrow books using the school’s new digital library system and the iPad app, OVERDRIVE. All students in Years 7 -12 have automatically been registered and can start borrowing as soon as they follow the below instructions below and set up their devices.

To log in, simply follow these steps.

Download the ‘Overdrive’ app from the iTunes app store. Ensuring that you already have an Adobe id, you click the 3 lines in the top left corner and click Add a library.

Search for MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE. Select it once it comes up.

Login using your network username and password.

Search for the book that you are after. Click the book’s cover picture.

To borrow the book, click borrow then click Download.

The book will then download to your device. Click the 3 lines in the top left corner to bring back the side menu, then click Bookshelf to find the book that you have borrowed.

There will also be a digital library launch party on Friday 21st February, where students and staff can come along and get connected.

Matthew Neil
Library Coordinator

186 Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
CAMPS & COLLEGE INFORMATION

YEAR 7 MARYSVILLE CAMP
Monday 28th April—Wednesday 30th April 2014

Parents/Guardians are reminded that forms for students in Year 7 to attend the Marysville camp, need to be returned by Friday 28th February 2014 to secure a position.

A deposit of $150 is required by 28th February and the balance will be due on or before Friday 28th March.

We are hoping as many as possible students attend as it is a great opportunity for students to further establish relationships amongst their year level and with their teachers.

Contact Mr Adam Lorkin (Year 7 Transition Coordinator) or contact the General Office for payment queries.

Adam Lorkin
Year 7 Transition Coordinator

YEAR 10 2014
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR
29th March - 10th April 2014

A reminder that on Thursday 6th March a Parent Information Night will be held in T Block at 7.00pm.

It is ESSENTIAL that one parent/guardian attend. All staff will be present and able to answer any further questions you may have.

Andy U’Ren
Camp Coordinator

FROM THE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Credit/Debit Card Payment Plan 2014

Just a reminder to families on a Direct Debit Payment Plan, the first instalment for 2014 is due to be deducted out of your account this Thursday 20th February.

Please ensure funds are available in your nominated account.

If your need to update or change your account details, please inform the General Office on 9727 8100.

Does your student have a Laptop or an iPad?

A reminder to parents you must pay a $30.00 connectivity charge in order for your student to gain access to the College WIFI.

Internet can still be accessed via the use of College laptops and desktop computers, but to have internet access on their own device this charge must be paid.

Payment can be made to the Student Administration office in an envelope (student name, home group and "WIFI Payment") marked clearly on the outside, or to the General Office over the phone.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The EMA is provided by the Victorian Government to lower income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as: uniforms, excursion, textbooks, and stationery.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $300 for Year 7 students
- $250 for students in Year 8—Until age 16*

*A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply:
Contact the General Office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date:
You need to obtain an EMA Application form from the General Office and return by 28 February 2014.

For more information about the EMA visit:

Carmel Gibbs
EMA Administration

MATHEMATICS
Numeracy Emporium

The Maths department provides specific numeracy assistance to students from Years 7-12 every Tuesday and Thursday afterschool from 3pm - 4pm in Room A5. Any student who needs extra help in Maths can turn up and get assistance from teachers.

David Innes
Head of Mathematics

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What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?

If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school

Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly

Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms

Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool)

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

Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma

Ever wondered what the experts would say about a cure for asthma?

Or how to get your teenager to take their medication?

If you want to find out the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about children and asthma, watch The Asthma Foundation’s new video series – available from http://forum.asthma.org.au/

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

REGISTRATION FUN DAY
SUNDAY 16th February 12pm
Coldstream Sporting Club Rooms
HAWTHORN players present, SUMO SUIT
WRESTLING, JUMPING CASTLE & FREE Sausage
Sizzle

Coldstream Junior Football Club is preparing for action in 2014 and we would love you to join us!!

Critical that all players register so we can submit our teams and age groups for Season 2014

Old and New Players Welcome
Boys (up to U17) & Girls (up to U14)
Friendly, Family Atmosphere
Fees:
$110.00 U10's & U10's
$120.00 U11's to U15's
$130.00 U16's
$10.00 Family Discount Available

Copy of birth certificate is required for all new players

FREE Club Jacket & Kit Bag for all new registered players (given out at jumper presentations)
FREE Auskick Registration for all players up to 12 yrs

Helmuts mandatory and supplied for U9/U10 & 11's

Shannon Hawkins President 0418 540 965
Yvonne Powell Secretary 0412 608 307
coldstreamjrfc@erf.org.au

This event is proudly supported by the Yarra Ranges Council

Registration Day
Sunday 16th February 2014
10am to 12 noon @ Gateway Reserve
Cnr Nelson Road and The Gateway, Lilydale
Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 17
(Copy of birth certificate required for all new registrations)

OUR COACHES ASSIST PLAYERS TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE GROUP BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY TO ENJOY PLAYING FOOTY. WE HAVE INITIATED A CAMP TO AN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY AND BELIEVE THIS SETS OUR CLUB APART FROM OTHERS IN DEVELOPING LIFE LESSONS.

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN AND BE PART OF A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY CLUB WHERE ALL COMPETITIVE TEAMS PLAYED FINALS IN SEASON 2013! ALL PLAYERS WELCOME.

Any enquiries or to request registration forms email lilydalejrfc@erf.org.au or visit our website

MSC SOCCER ACADEMY
STARTING FEBRUARY 2014
AGES 5 - 16 ALL WELCOME!

-60/90 MIN SESSIONS
-RUN OVER 4 WEEKS
-QUALIFIED COACHES
-PROFESSIONAL DRILLS
-SKILL DEVELOPMENT
-FREE DRINK BOTTLE

MONDAYS 3-24 FEB
4.30 PM 5-7 YEAR OLDS
6 PM 8-10 YEAR OLDS
11-13 YEAR OLDS
5-10 YRS / $5 PER SESSION

WEDNESDAYS 5-26 FEB
4.30PM 8-10 YEAR OLDS
6 PM 14-16 YEAR OLDS
11-16 YRS / $10 PER SESSION

ESTHER PARK, ESTHER CRESCENT, MOOROOLBARK
CONTACT GEORGE HUGHES - 0402 105 348

Players Wanted
CROYDON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB is looking for players for our Under 14's and Under 17’s sides for season 2014.

Free Training Top for all players
Free Sports Bag & Warm-up Jacket for all new players (U11 & above)

For more information or to register please contact the CJFC Secretary on croydonjfc@erf.org.au or call 0400 240 300

186 Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
Wonga Park Wizards
JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB

Registration Day - 23rd Feb

A New Season Is Starting at the WIZARDS!!!!
- New players encouraged to join in the excitement!
- Competition places available - under 9 though to under 14
- Inter and intra club match play on Sunday mornings
- Clinics and training for each age group.
- Clinic for the younger Wizards (under 7’s) will be on Sunday mornings.
- Fun and exciting environment!
- Please visit our Website: www.wongaparkwizards.com for updated info.

When: Sunday 23rd February 10.00am – 12 noon
Where: Wonga Park Cricket Club Launders Ave, Wonga Park VIC 3115
Who: Boys and Girls aged 5 – 14 (Turning 14 in 2014)

WE NEED MORE 13 & 14 YEAR OLD PLAYERS THIS SEASON

Season Dates: Clinic and Home & Away: April to September 2014
Pre-season training commences March 2014

Telephone Enquiries: Robert Felicissimo : 0418 345 779
Outdoor Group Fitness
All Fitness Levels Welcome

- First 2 weeks FREE*
- All weather conditions catered for
- Guaranteed fitness results you will love
- Lose weight and tone up in a fun and social atmosphere

Monday & Wednesday Evenings @ 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Saturday Mornings @ 8am - 9am

Mooroolbark College
Car Park - Enter off Ross Pincott Drive, Mooroolbark, VIC 3138

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For further queries, please contact us at - sales@gusu.com.au