**Affirmation**

If you want to succeed you should strike out on new paths rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success.

*John Rockefeller, Sr*

Welcome back! I trust that everyone had a joyful and restful festive season with family and friends. We have an exciting year ahead.

We have had a smooth start to the 2013 school year. The teaching staff all participated in professional training on Tuesday and Wednesday before welcoming the Year 7, 11 and 12 students on Thursday and Year 8, 9, and 10 on Friday.

I congratulate the students, parents/guardians and staff for the smooth start to our classes. After an initial assembly, all classes began in the second period and were down to business. I was particularly impressed with the engagement of all students.

It was good to see our Year 7 students begin their first day of secondary schooling — big smiles, happy faces (albeit a little nervous for some) and fresh new uniforms.

On behalf of the College community I welcome the following new and returning staff for 2013:

- **Lyn Godfrey** - Assistant Principal
- **Claire Jones** - English/ Humanities
- **Denise Raven** - Science
- **Sarah Garnaut** - English
- **Jonas Bahlo** - LOTE/ English
- **Renu Joshi** - Mathematics

Welcome also to the many new students and their families who have enrolled at the College, you are now part of an outstanding school with enthusiastic students and staff.

**GREAT RESULTS**

Our Year 12 2012 students again did us proud, achieving terrific results. Congratulations to our College Dux, who achieved an ATAR score of 99.5. This is a great achievement and further validation of the high educational standards in our College.

Our graduates had a very successful year in terms of VCAL and VCE completion and Australian Tertiary Admission Rankings (ATAR). 70.3% of our students achieving results in the top 50% of the state.

We have had a significant increase in the number of students in all of the higher ranges of ATAR scores, with 5% achieving the exceptional result of ATAR scores above 90.

These excellent results have allowed our students to begin their tertiary studies in courses of choice. 66% of our students who have received offers for tertiary institutions were granted their first preference in the first round offers, an outstanding result.

Additionally, our VCAL students performed equally well. The pass rate was over 80%. This high completion rate has enabled our VCAL students to continue to pursue their chosen pathways, including apprenticeships, and further study.

**NATASHA REID**

I would like to sincerely thank Mooroolbark College and the Mooroolbark Community for their support with the passing of our friend, colleague and wife, Natasha Reid. She was a wonderful person who genuinely cared about children and had a profoundly positive impact on the students she taught and the College as a whole. She will be sadly missed.

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WORK IN THE COLLEGE

Over the holiday break the College refurbished the Library, installed 2 new portable classrooms, and began construction of the new VCE study centre. We continually work hard to update our facilities to ensure that our students have a first class environment in which to learn.

Reminder - College Policies

FACIAL PIERCING

Facial jewellery is not permitted at the College. Students can have a clear facial stud that does not protrude from the skin and cannot be caught on anything. This also includes ear jewellery that is sharp or excessive. Students wearing facial jewellery will be asked to remove it and it will be placed in a plastic bag and the student can pick it up from the Student Administration Office at the end of the day.

If students are contemplating having facial piercing we highly recommend that they do so during the school holidays, giving them time to have it heal so they can put in a plastic plug when they come back to school. It is best to plan these things so the student isn’t faced with a difficult situation of having to remove the piercing or be sent home from school. We thank you for your support.

SHOES

The school uniform policy clearly states that the school shoes need to be black leather or similar vinyl shoes. Canvas shoes are not acceptable.

Girls shoes cannot be slip on, they need to be lace up or have a strap. Ballet type shoes are not safe or acceptable. If you are unsure, there are photos of acceptable shoes on the College website.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LOCKERS

It is compulsory for all students to have a lock on their locker. We believe that by having a lock ensures the safety of their belongings. Thank you for supporting the College in this matter.

Simon Reid
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Tuesday 12th February all students will have their school photos taken. Please ensure students wear a full uniform for photographs and that they are neat and clean on the day.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunization forms have been distributed to appropriate students. Could you please sign and return as soon as possible to the College.

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal

PTCA NEWS

Thank you to volunteers and the school community for supporting last year’s Booksale.

PTCA Committee

SPORT

MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE RUNNING GROUP

Are you ready to get fit and healthy for 2013??? Well you can, because the Running Group is back on for 2013, commencing Tuesday 12th February at 7.30am.

New showers have been installed, our running group singlets are ready and for those who want to enter the Term 1 fun run around Lilydale Lake, there is some urgent training to do!!

All participants, old and new must collect a new permission slip for 2013 from your House Officer or home group teacher. Remember, that breakfast is provided every morning and it’s a great way to feel great and meet some new people across all year levels. All fitness levels are being encouraged to attend.

Any questions, please come and speak to Ms. Bateman in the Yellow House Office in X block. We look forward to seeing you there.

Katrina Bateman
PE/Health Education

Todd Zarebski & Dane Keogh
Sports Co-ordinators

COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

The swimming carnival is to be held on Monday 18th February at Croydon Swimming Pool - a heated outdoor venue on Hewish Rd Croydon; phone number is 9294 5630.

This is an excellent community event and all students are expected to attend. No alternative program runs at the school. Parents are most welcome to attend as spectators.

There is a cost of $5-00 for each student attending who have not paid their school fees. This should be given to the office or Home Group Teacher in an envelope, with their name, form and homegroup on the outside, and marked “Swimming Carnival”, so the office don’t get confused with other monies.

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 are asked to ensure appropriate sun protection is provided with drinks, sunscreen and hats. The pool canteen will be running throughout the day.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in clothes with colours supporting their particular House.

Anyone interested in acting as officials are particularly welcome and should contact Mr Zarebski or Mr. Keogh at Mooroolbark College on 9727 8100.

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

SPORTS CARNIVAL PERMISSION SLIPS

All students should have received one Permission Slip to attend ALL the year’s Sports Carnivals. Years 9-12 should have received it with their elective choices and Year 7 with their transition packages, last year.

Year 8 students should receive their slips Monday 4th February, 2013.

Could parents ensure these slips are signed and returned to their Home Group teachers or the main office as soon as possible.

Assistant Principal

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College tours can now be pre-booked from the college website. Please click here to make a booking.

Mooroolbark College Apple App

Mooroolbark College is pleased to have released its first App onto the iTunes App Store. Through this app you will have access to the college calendar, news, and general information about the college.

The App can be downloaded by clicking the college logo in the righthand site of this website or by clicking here.

The Mooroolbark College Newsletter is an electronic publication for the remainder of the year. If you have subscription issues please contact the College on 97278100
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
• be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen;
• be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or
• be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or
• be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (31st January, 2013 which is the first day for teaching staff).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by Thursday 28th February, 2013 for the first instalment.

Carmel Gibbs
EMA Administrator

JacarandaPlus — eBooks Bundle

The JacarandaPlus eBook bundle is currently being processed at the College and students will be notified of their usernames and logon information needed to download all required resources. Teachers have been informed and have arranged alternative resources while this is being completed.

COLLEGE CAR PARK

The College Staff Car Park off Ross Pincott Drive

MUST NOT BE USED TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS AT THE START AND FINISH OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

The resulting congestion is presently a hazard to the students and also makes parking difficult.

Please drop your child off in the Northern Car Park off Manchester Road or on the roads bordering the school and arrange to pick up in the same place.

The NO STANDING sign on Manchester Road must be adhered to.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS THAT THE SPEED ZONE AROUND SCHOOLS IS 40KPH.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LILYDALE FALCONS – LICENCE OPPORTUNITY

Lilydale Falcons are looking for an assistant coach to help in field hockey.

Contact: Sarah 0412 150 250

LILYDALE HOCKEY CLUB

SHIRE OF YARRA RANGES

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.

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 – CHANGES

If you are making a BPAY payment for specific charges such as camps, excursions, iPad programs etc. it is essential that you notify 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

By not notifying the College BPAY payments will automatically go towards the oldest outstanding invoice on your account. Please address all communication to Accounts Receivable at the College.

LILYDALE HOCKEY CLUB

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TO REGISTER CONTACT SARAH ON 0402736108

Registration Day

Sunday 17th February 2013

Time: 10am to 12 noon
Venue: The Gateway Reserve
Corner Nelson Road and The Gateway, Lilydale
Melbourne 3140

Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16

(Copy of birth certificate required for all registrations)
Come and have some fun, get some exercise and meet some great mates
ALL players welcome

Any enquiries or to request registration forms email lilydalejunior@sfl.org.au

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SBC Fitness is running outdoor sessions at Melba Park in Lilydale.

Let’s get you motivated every Wednesday morning Term 1.

SBC Fitness will be running outdoor sessions at Melba Park in Lilydale.

Don’t miss out! This is a new start to the new year to get you back into shape after the SILLY Season!!! Limited places available...

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