MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE
Newsletter your child - our world

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
August 10th, 2012

Affirmation
Don’t be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated.
You can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE
We are an outstanding college with students regularly achieving notable results. Our whole College assembly this week was focused on recognising excellence, effort and achievement. I congratulate the students who are listed on page two who received awards for the following achievements; Academic Honours Awards, Principal’s Awards, German Language Competition Awards, Athletics Carnival and Cross Country.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
I would like to thank Keith Clapp for his organisation of the Athletics carnival. The day ran smoothly with a large number of students participating. Our College and House Captains were outstanding in supporting their houses and participating in all events. I want to thank the staff for their enthusiasm and encouragement of students, ensuring that the day was one to remember. Congratulations to the students who broke records, some long standing, and to the age group champions. These students are mentioned in Mr Clapp’s carnival report later in the newsletter.

ANDREW FULLER—Professional Learning
Last Monday we had our Professional Development Day. Our focus for the day was to raise our awareness on how the adolescent mind develops and how we can provide a learning environment that will enhance and support student learning. Our facilitator for the day was Andrew Fuller who is a world renowned psychologist, educational researcher and author of many bestselling books on student learning.
Over the coming newsletters I will outline some of the points that Andrew stressed.

Multi-tasking - Doesn’t work.
Your children will argue with you that they can multi-task, listen to music, use Facebook and study at the same time. They are wrong! They can certainly attempt it. However, there will be no learning and no retention of information.

Memory
Memory is increased by repetition but is also increased when the new information is used to perform some tasks. Describing the new information in different forms and organising the new information so it is meaningful also increases retention. We need to provide well-structured practice opportunities and frequent reviews.
What this means for you at home; Ask your child to tell you about what they have learnt or draw it, write it or dramatically present it. Children need to act/demonstrate their learning to consolidate the concepts and commit it to memory.

INFORMATION NIGHTS
Currently we are having information nights for students who will be in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2013. There is a great deal of information provided on those nights about the courses offered in the College and the possible pathways for students. I urge all parents/guardians, if you are at all uncertain about the options available for your children, do not hesitate to contact the College. We are here to support you and your children ensuring an informed decision for their education.

Simon Reid
Principal
Academic Honours Recipients
Nicole Luglio
Melanie Pauer
Robyn (R6)
Brayden McManus
Jessica (Y9)
Grace Webb
Annelise Jenkin
Rebecca Vincent
Sophie Dillema
Paula Hubben
Zoe Adams
Jade Hubben
Emmelyn Vincent
James (G8)

Principal’s Award Recipients
Amberley Nelson
Ryan Higgins
Braeden Dobie-Delmo
Faith Noble
Laura Garside
Jordyn Kruger
Faith Noble
Georgia Sibley
Melanie Pauer

German Language Competition
Merit Certificate
Chloe Neagle
Matthew Allen
Axel Dankwort
Cody Stephens
Sarah Harris
Jake Casey

Bronze Certificate
Sean (G7)
Sophia Schofield
Kirstin Bentley
Robyn (R6)
Gabrielle Petterson
Joan Taufetee
Sarah Ansell

Silver Certificate
Tayla Kelly

Leadership Conference
Last week the Principal team of Simon Reid, Lyn Godfrey, Ann Stratford and Rachael Williams attended Eastern Metropolitan Region’s (EMR) 2012 Leadership Conference. The theme for this year was ‘Forward Directions Leading the Way’, focusing on the process of embedding the three Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) initiatives of Literacy and Numeracy, Quality Teaching and Educating the ‘Whole Child’ in schools. The conference consisted of several keynote presentations and workshops from both international and local presenters, including school leaders and teachers from EMR schools.

Mooroolbark College was invited to speak at this event focusing on many key areas that have resulted in whole school improvement. We spoke on how we have continued to make the College a safe and supportive learning environment through our House System, extended teaching periods enabling consolidation and depth of learning and initiatives to further engage students for example, iPad classes, single gender/mixed English and PE classes, high achievers and leadership initiatives within the curriculum. The College received great feedback via an email from Professor Yong Zhao.

‘It was such a pleasure to hear about what you are doing in your school. Very inspiring and gave me great hope for school-based innovations with such visionary and courageous educators like yourself. Keep up the great work.’

Professor Yong Zhao is currently Presidential Chair and Associate Dean for Global Education, College of Education at the University of Oregon, where he is a full professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy and Leadership (EMPL). He is a fellow of the International Academy for Education.

NAB Schools First Student Award
Congratulations to Paula and Jade Hubben on their successful application in the 2012 NAB Schools First Student Award. This is a fantastic achievement as this is a prestigious award which is only granted to 10 schools throughout Australia. Their application proposed the idea of implementing a bi-weekly “Running Group” into the school’s extra-curricular activities, providing a fun social environment for all students to participate in exercise while improving their health and fitness and learning how to address issues related to heart disease. “Due to the girls tremendous effort, the ‘Running Group’ will be rewarded with $5,000 grant to implement the ideas proposed in their student application as well as each of the girls receiving an Apple iPad for their efforts.

The success of Paula and Jade’s application has provided the running group with the opportunity to become an even bigger part of the Colleges extra-curricular program. Ideas such as designing and providing running group singlets, entering community fun run events and implementing a mileage club where students are rewarded for their continuous efforts, has now become a realistic option.

Well done Paula and Jade, the College is very proud of your incredible effort and achievement.

Katrina Bateman
Running Group Co-ordinator

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PISA is coming to our school!

*Our school has been chosen to represent Australia for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which is taking place between 30th July and 7th September 2012. A random sample of 15-year-old students will be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Australia in education!*

PISA is an international assessment, occurring every three years, which measures skills in mathematics, science, reading, problem solving and financial literacy at a point when students have almost finished their compulsory schooling. PISA helps to inform policy makers involved with education on how well schools are succeeding in helping students to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to meet challenges beyond school.

Since the first PISA assessment in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers world-wide. In 2012, Australia will be one of almost 70 countries participating in PISA. More than 800 schools and over 15,000 students will represent our country in this important project.

PISA is part of the National Assessment Program in Australia. Participation in these sample assessments is an obligation for government schools under the National Education Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, and an obligation for non-government schools under Commonwealth schools funding legislation and funding agreements for 2009-2012.

**What will PISA mean for our school?**

Twenty-five students who are randomly selected from our school will be sampled to complete a two-hour paper-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, financial literacy and reading questions. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

After the paper-based assessment and questionnaire, a sub-sample of 20 students who participated in the paper-based assessment will also participate in a computer-based assessment of problem solving, mathematical literacy and reading literacy.

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**Date of Assessment: 30th August 2012**

**PISA School Coordinator: Rachael Williams**

**PISA IT Coordinator: Rachael Williams**

**ACER- PISA Project Information Line: 1800 280 625**

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Every participating school and student has an important role in showing the rest of the world what Australia can do.

**ACER will provide your school and participating students with a certificate, recognising their contribution, and students will receive results from PISA. Each student will also receive a small gift in appreciation of their participation.**
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION EXPLORING: “AUSTRALIA’S RELATIONSHIP WITH ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IN RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIA’S REFUGEE POLICIES”

On Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} July, the Mooroolbark College SRC hosted a Constitutional Convention for local secondary school students in Years 10 and 11. Sixty students presented arguments both for and against two motions:

“If Australian borders are tightened, it will prevent the horrific loss of lives associated with refugees coming by boat to Australia.”

“Australians are morally responsible for the safety of those who have fled their home country and are seeking refugee status in Australia.”

In preparation for the afternoon debates students had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers, Tial Hnem and Saturnino Onyala from the Migrant Information Centre and Sharrin Murphy – Foundation House. All students who took part need to be congratulated for their outstanding contributions to the success of the event.

Mrs Stratford
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Earn and Learn program is designed to support primary and secondary schools across Australia in the purchase of valuable learning resources.

The College has again partnered with Modern Teaching Aids to bring these resources to you over the coming months.

Students have been given Sheets to start filling up when shopping at Woolworths. If you are in need of any more, please visit Woolworths as they have further copies available in store.

As the program has already started please keep shopping at Woolworths to receive these points. This supports the College in our endeavours to purchase further resources.

HEAD LICE

Head lice appears as an issue from time to time in all schools. Checking for head lice is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. I would appreciate it if you could undertake a periodic check of your child’s hair in order to contain any potential problem.

For further information go to the website: www.dermatology.svhm.org.au

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Cont.

TASTE FOR ALL SEASONS MASTER CLASS

Last week the College was fortunate to once again have another hospitality industry leader in the school to work with our students. Aileen McKempa an exceptionally talented pastry chef conducted a masterclass session on cake decorating for our students sharing her “tricks of the trade” and inspiring our students to further extend their skills. This Master class is a part of a series of sessions which is part of the Taste for All Seasons Program. This is a true educational partnership involving Secondary, Primary schools and Industry Leaders. The program involves primary students visiting the secondary College over a number of weeks to cook with Betty Metaxas sharing in her true passion for food. The program culminates each semester with the Gastronomes Cooking competition featuring guest judges such as Mr Ian Gilbert, renowned food reviewer and chefs from the RACV Healesville Country Club.

COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS

Over the past two years Coles has provided Aussie kids with over $17 million of sporting equipment. To help the College participate and get some brand new sporting equipment all you need to do is shop at any Coles Supermarket and collect the vouchers!

Students can bring any vouchers to the Student Attendance Office to go towards our schools total.

For further information please visit the Coles Website.

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WINTER CONCERT

The Winter concert is on Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} August at 7.00pm at the Mooroolbark Community Centre. Only three days to go!! Our music students are practising very hard and are very excited about their chance to perform to an enthusiastic audience. Be there to support them!

Make sure you purchase your tickets online at www.trybooking.com/27592 to ensure you don’t miss out.

GENERAL OFFICE

This is a reminder to all community members including parents/guardians who visit the College.

It is a requirement that all visitors to the College report first to the General Office and sign in.

It is not appropriate for visitors to approach staff or students in the yard or to go to individual staff offices without first going to the General Office.

Thank you for your support.

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal

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SPORT

Athletics Sports

Mooroolbark College held our postponed annual Athletics Carnival at Knox on Tuesday 24th July, in overcast but calm conditions. The Red Devils House won a close competition with 1,048.5 points to their nearest rival Yellow Stingers 951 points, third was Green Machine on 894 and fourth Blue Thunder with 863.5 points.

The atmosphere created by the students on the day with their colours and outfits was fabulous to see. The day started with Fashions on the Field and when Mr Olarenshaw declared the games open they took this enthusiasm out to the events and provided a wonderful day for all.

The relays were a highlight this year with Mr Nichol running commentary adding to the fun. The Year 12 students success in the Staff vs Student race was cheered on by hundreds of noisy spectators.

The innovation of allowing competitors to participate in field events at any time throughout the day seemed a success with the throwing and jumping activities doing strong business all day.

A large number of records were created on the day by the following record breakers were Kealan Flannigan, Alexander Rousseaux, Lateisha Willis, Benjamin Donald-Wilson, Daniel McGee, Luke Harb, Kaisa Rabelista, Harrison Stevens, Olivia Ansaldi, Matthew Jansink, Ashley Evans, Tayla Kelly, Michael Eshetu-Mulugeta, Sarah Piechowiak, Connor Hughes (2 records) and Darren Delahoy (3 records).

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SPORT Cont.

Age champions were:

BOYS
13 Donald-Wilson Benjamin
14 (R8) Joshua
15 PEARSON Ari
and
16 FLANNIGAN Kealan
17 HARB Luke
20 DELL Liam

GIRLS
13 TAMBLYN Shanty
and
14 WILLIS Lateisha (tie)
15 PAUER Melanie
16 HUBBEN Paula
17 JENKIN Aimee
18 WOODS Jasmine
19 DAVIES Stephanie

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A big thank you is extended to all staff who manned the activities and events all day, many who entered into the spirit of the day by dressing up colours and outfits as well.

VENICE BOYS BASKETBALL

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Keith Clapp
Sports Co-ordinator

GENERAL

EMA

A reminder to Parents/Guardians the Semester 1 EMA Cheques can now be collected from the General Office where they must be signed for.

If you require your child to collect your cheque please issue them with a note.

Carmel Gibbs
EMA Administrator

BRAIN TEASER

What is a Palindrome?

A palindrome is a word, phrase, verse, or sentence that reads the same backward or forward eg. NOON, EYE, BOB…

What call for help, when written in capital letters, is the same forwards, backwards and upside down?

Answer on back page

Dane Keogh
Basketball Coordinator
**Storm** by Brigid Kemmerer.

Becca Chandler, a normal student until she finds Chris Merrick. Chris is different to other boys. He doesn't show off, goof around or flirt with girls. Everyone thought he was a loner that is, until he meets Becca.

Chris and his three brothers are Elementals. Pure Elementals, meaning they are too dangerous to be alive. As one of the five Elements, he can do things normal people can't, like create a tsunami or make it hail. He can even drown someone.

With each day that Becca hangs out with Chris and her brother, her life falls to pieces. The guides, people sent to kill pure Elementals, are trying to kill her. Her best friend thinks she hates her and both the new kid and Chris are competing for her affection.

The new kid, Hunter, shows up and immediately attracts her attention. He’s confident, smart and very mysterious. He helps Becca with almost everything, including chasing Chris away.

This is a very good book if you love science fiction. I definitely recommend this. If you like this book, the series continues with *Spark* and *Spirit* soon to be released.

By Melanie Pauer

**Chocolat** by Joanne Harris.

When Vianne Rocher comes to the faint, little French town of Lansquenet with her daughter, the priest Reynaud is wary. So when Lent comes and Vianne opens a chocolate patisserie, Reynaud declares war.

The people of town, his flock, start buying sweets and unusual things happen. Dreams are tested, secrets are whispered and grievances are aired. When Vianne announces a chocolate festival, the town is split between ‘church not chocolate’. But will everyone compare the church to chocolate?

This is a very mouth-watering book. It is recommended for chocolate and book lovers alike. Other books by Joanne Harris include: *Sleep, Pale Sister* and *The Evil Seed*.

By Melanie Pauer

**VCAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

The Year 12B VCAL Trivia Night was a great success. Over $700 was raised and will go towards helping the flood and fire victims. A big thank you to all the sponsors:

- Prouds Chirnside Park
- Start Training
- Chirnside Park Shopping Centre
- Mooroolbark pizza
- Bunnings
- Target
- Kmart
- McDonalds
- Brazilian Butterfly
- Coles
- Fenix
- ID Hair
- Collins Bookstore
- Video Ezy
- Coldstream Paintball Games
- Rainbow Meats
- Myer
- Subway

A huge thank you to all the wonderful people that came along making the night a huge success.

Carly, Shanelle, Josh, Kate, Natalia and Kyle (12B)
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013 and added to the EMA. As a result, parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, schools will no longer receive EMA payments on behalf of parents.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- 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 temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

The EMA application form must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2013.

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

You can receive the EMA by direct deposit into your nominated bank account or by individual cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application.
VCE MASTER CLASSES

In support of students studying Units 3 & 4 at Healesville High School, Lilydale Heights College, Lilydale High School, Mooroolbark College, Yarra Hills Secondary College and Upper Yarra Secondary College, a Master Class program has been developed to assist students prepare and revise for their upcoming VCE examinations.

This program is part of the Yarra Ranges & Yarra Valley VCE Network commitment to improving VCE achievements through increased teacher capacity and by enhancing student’s opportunities to succeed.

The Master Classes are considered essential exam preparation by the Unit 3 & 4 teachers in the Yarra Ranges & Yarra Valley VCE Network. Classes are usually held on nominated weekends in May & Sept/Oct at Swinburne University, Lilydale Campus.

Follow the link below to book upcoming Master Classes:

http://www.trybooking.com/21514
MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE PRESENTS

WINTER CONCERT

MOOROOLBARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

DATE: AUGUST 13
 TIME: 7:00

ONLINE PRICES.
$7.00 ADULT
$4.00 CHILD/STUDENTS
$20.00 FAMILY
30 CENT BOOKING FEE.

DOOR PRICES.
$8.00 ADULT
$5.00 CHILD/STUDENT
$23.00 FAMILY

ONLINE BOOKINGS THROUGH

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING FOR MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE
Impossible but true!!
- No time, no effort & no money!
- 2 easy ways to contribute to our College and your child

NO.1 BAYSWATER BUCKS
When you buy anything at Goods Guys in Canterbury Rd Bayswater – just ask that Mooroolbark College receive bonus points – we receive 1 point for every $25.00 purchase – Send the vouchers to the office to be collated.
The school can purchase items from the Good Guys with the accumulated points we receive.

NO.2 BAKERS DELIGHT – Mooroolbark and Chirnside Park
- Even easier than the Good Guys!
When paying for your purchases – just ask can the sale be credited to Mooroolbark College.
The College receives 5% of your purchase price to the Mooroolbark College Fundraising Effort.
How easy is that? Didn’t hurt a bit!

BRAIN TEASER ANSWER
What call for help, when written in capital letters, is the same forwards, backwards and upside down?
Answer: SOS

RUNNING GROUP
Tuesday & Thursday
7:30am
Meet at the ECA
Breakfast provided
GET FIT IN 2012!!!

Hope City Mission Food Bank provides those in need with both temporary and on-going support through food hampers, hygiene products, bread, fresh fruit & vegetables.

Assistance is given to those who hold a current concession card or are in financial hardship and are a resident of the City of Maroondah, Knox or Yarra Ranges.

If you are in need of this service please contact our office to arrange an appointment where we will assess your needs and discuss how we are best able to assist.

Food Bank appointments are available Wednesday between 9.30 am and 3pm.

Please call during business hours to make an appointment.
Tel: 9761 6778
Please Note Change of ADDRESS

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