PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY
The ‘Principal for the Day’ is a program which enables business leaders to come into schools and share their knowledge with our students. This is a fabulous experience for our students community and supports them with choices in their lives.

We had the privilege of having Mark Lucas, Club Manager for the RACV Healesville Country Club. He spoke to the Year 11 and 12 students, delivering a message on having an open mind to all opportunities that are available; take every opportunity to learn and the importance of good communication skills. Mark shared some personal experiences and insights that resonated with the students allowing them to reflect on their own personal lives. Mark also had lunch with the College Captains and myself where he was very complimentary of our students and the mature approach to their lives and studies.

WINTER CONCERT
The Winter Concert was held on Monday 13th August at 7.00pm at the Mooroolbark Community Centre. The winter concert was a terrific success with all students performing well and enjoying being on stage. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform and demonstrate the skills that they have been learning through our music program. Putting on a concert, such as this, requires a great deal of work both before and after the concert and it is because our staff are so enthusiastic and dedicated to the students, such events occur. I would like to thank the music staff, Amanda Palmer, Gillian Donald, Janet Whitby, Lisa Gaudion, Paul Matcott, Steve Haggar, and Erica Sykes, Ash King, Daniel McIlvride, Jessy Turner and Michelle Perrera. I would also like to thank Keith Chatwin for giving up his time and providing the sound system. I would also like to acknowledge the PTCA for their support of the evening.
PRINCIPAL contd.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
A reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 20th September between 1.00pm and 8.00pm. Students are not required at the College on that day but are to accompany their parents/guardians to the interviews on the day/night.

Parent/Teacher interview day/night is an important opportunity for you to meet with your children’s teachers. The teachers value the opportunity to speak with you about your child and want to work with you on any issues that you may have. The Parent Teacher Online booking system will be put up on the College website in the coming weeks.

MUSIC STARS
Anna Palmer and Jackson Davey were selected to represent Mooroolbark College and perform at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Principal’s Conference.

This is a prestigious event with Principals attending from all over Australia including a range of International Presenters. It is significant that Anna and Jackson who are currently studying VCE Music were selected and it’s a great honour. They are both very talented pianists and performed extremely well.

PRINCIPAL contd.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Joshua McLean of Year 8 for winning the State Junior Under 18 Titles in Eight Ball/Pool competition on the weekend. This is a huge achievement. Joshua will now go on and play in the Nationals which will be held in Adelaide in January 2013. Well Done Joshua.

INTERIM REPORTS
Year 7 - 12 Interim Reports will be mailed home on Friday 7th September. If you have any concerns about your child’s learning or progress please contact the House Leaders, Cluster Coordinators or Key Learning Area Heads at the College on 9727 8100.

Simon Reid
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

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. We 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.

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.

THE FINAL DAY TO HAND IN ALL DOCKETS & VOUCHERS IS MONDAY 27TH AUGUST, 2012.

THANK YOU
On behalf of the College, a big thankyou is extended to the staff and Store Manager of Coles Mooroolbark for the valued contribution of their Sports Vouchers.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

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 vouches!

Students can bring any vouches to the Student Attendance Office, these will go towards our schools total.

For further information please visit the Coles Website.

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CONGRATULATIONS contd.

MUSIC STARS contd.

INTERIM REPORTS contd.

GENERAL OFFICE contd.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL contd.
Our annual Winter Concert was a wonderful success and congratulations to all 70 students who participated. There was general agreement that the quality of each ensemble group and soloist continues to improve.

The night was wonderfully varied – items included VCE classical Piano Solos, Contemporary Guitar Vocal Music, Training Band, Concert Band, Guitar and Percussion Ensemble Groups as well as some terrific vocal and instrumental solos.

A big thank you must go to the following people who helped make the night so enjoyable – our Instrumental Music teachers:- Jessy Turner, Erica Sykes, Lisa Gaudion, Ash King, Paul Matcott, Steve Haggar, Michelle Perera and Daniel McIlvride.

Thank you also goes to the class music teachers for their help – Mrs Donald and Mrs Whitby.

A big thank you to Matt Neil for organising the videos and photography and to Mark Quigley for the art work/logo.

Mr Keith Chatwin put in many hours on the day setting up the sound system and ensuring the sound quality was excellent on the night. He was ably assisted by Joel McDonell.
SPORT

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Mooroolbark College came a creditable second at the District Athletics sports on Friday 7th August at Knox. The points were Mooroolbark 772 points, well behind Lilydale High with 1100 but well in front of third place with 660 points.

The College had many competitors going through to Eastern Zone on 15th October – second Monday of Term 4. They are: WILLIS, Lateisha, ELLUM, Jacob, DOBIE-DELMO, Braedon, MULLENS, Sarah, FLANNIGAN, Kealan, STANBURY, Jake, GARSIDE, Emilie, Chelsea (R2) Nathan (G2) Daniel (R9) Kyle (B1) HARB, Luke, DELAHOUY, Darren, DELL, Liam, MUNG, Joshua, BALKIN, Thomas, EVANS, Ashley, DELAHOUY, Darren, Kaisa (R1)

It was very pleasing to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of the participants on the day, helping out in many events and especially cheering for their team mates during the relays.

Thanks to all for their determination and also the teachers Mr Thomson, Mr Unland, Mr Olarenshaw and Ms Tilley for assistance on the day.

Keith Clapp
Sports Co-Ordinator

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Love2read

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen readers finding further sources of inspiration. This initiative is about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of reading.

For more information visit www.love2read.org.au or snap the QR code

QR Codes
Quick Reference codes are 2D bar codes readable by QR scanners and smart phones. Libraries are utilising this technology to link to book trailers and author websites. Load the appropriate app onto your devise and snap away.

Matthew Neil
Library Coordinator

FORTNIGHTLY BOOK REVIEWS

The Isle of Illusion

The land of Pirra was a peaceful land controlled by the three tribes of Pirra. That is until each tribe wants the Pipe of Pirra, the pipe that keeps them safe from the Shadow Lord, for themselves. When the pipe is disbanded, the Shadow Lord sees his chance and turns Pirra into the Shadowlands, where he keeps the people of Deltora trapped.

Leif, Barda and Jasmine once again have set out on the long and treacherous journey into the islands of Pirra to find the fabled Pirran Pipe. They have the first piece, but travelling to the island of Auron and getting the piece from the keepers may be harder than it looks.

While they travel the mysterious sea under Deltora, their loved ones back home worry, and are caught in the game of lies and promises. Will Leif, Barda and Jasmine succeed in getting the second piece? Will their loved ones be ok? Read to find out!

The Isle of Illusion is by Emily Rodda. This is the second book of the second series of Deltora Quest.

By Melanie Pauer

Emerald

The time has come for Emerald St. John to marry. The only problem is, she doesn’t want to marry her betrothed, a man she hates. Her true love is far away on the high seas and the enemies of Queen Elizabeth I are collaborating to get her pet bear torn apart.

The adversaries have just begun. When Emerald discovers a plot to kill the Queen, she must beat them at their own game, by turning the tables. Emerald must change from a country woman into a lady of the court, but with so much at stake will she be able to do it before the spies do?

Emerald is by Karen Wallace. Emerald is a historical book set in the late 1500’s.

By Melanie Pauer

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VCE MASTER CLASS PROGRAM FINAL EXAMS 2012

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.

SERIES ONE - Saturday 15th September

| 12.00pm – 2.00 pm | Subject FURTHER MATHS | Presented by: Belinda Kinnane  
 | | | Experienced VCE teacher  
 | | Cost: $10 | Venue: Swinburne Uni  

SERIES TWO - Sunday 16th September

| 10.00 am – 12.00 pm | Subject LEGAL STUDIES | Presented by: David Brisset  
 | | | Experienced VCE teacher & Uni Lecturer  
 | | Cost: $10 | Venue: Swinburne Uni  
 | 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm | Subject ENGLISH | Presented by: Ross Huggard  
 | | | Experienced VCE teacher, Lecturer, Exam Assessor & Author  
 | | Cost: $10 | Venue: Swinburne Uni  
 | 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm | Subject LITERATURE | Presented by: Malcolm Martin  
 | | | Experienced VCE teacher & Examiner  
 | | Cost: $10 | Venue: Swinburne Uni  

SERIES THREE - Saturday 13rd October

| 10.00 am – 11.30 am | Subject BUSINESS MANAGEMENT | Presented by: Julie Cain  
 | | | Experienced VCE teacher & Author  
 | | Cost: $10 | Venue: Swinburne Uni  
 | 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm | Subject HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT | Presented by: Andrew Beaumont  
 | | | Experienced VCE teacher, Network Leader & Textbook Author  
 | | Cost: $25 | Venue: Swinburne Uni  

Venue Information: Swinburne University – Lilydale Campus – LC Building, Melba Ave, Lilydale  
http://www.swinburne.edu.au/campuses/lilydale

Booking Information: Bookings must be made online at-  
Please note: your browser settings may need to be changed to allow "session cookies"  
Credit card payment is required at time of booking, 30cent booking fee applies.  
Ticket purchases close on the Friday at 5.00pm, prior to each weekend session.  
Students will only be admitted with a ticket.
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.

Date of Assessment: 30th August 2012
PISA School Coordinator: Rachael Williams
PISA IT Coordinator: Rachael Williams
ACER- PISA Project Information Line: 1800 280 625

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.
VCE MASTER CLASSES

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This program is part of the Yarra Ranges & Yarra Valley VCE Network commitment to improving VCE achievements through increased teacher capacity and by enhancing students' 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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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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.