Third term is always a busy term, there are numerous events that occur that engage students from Year 7 to Year 12. When I cast my eye over what has been provided for our students this term and the two terms before, it is clear that our students at the College certainly have outstanding opportunities.

**VCE MUSIC PERFORMANCE NIGHT**

On the 13th September the VCE music students had their last Performance Night for the year. The students gave outstanding performances both solo and in groups. We wish the students the best for their upcoming exams. I would like to acknowledge the commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism of our music staff.

**YEAR 10 SOCIAL**

The Year 10 students had a fabulous night at their annual Year 10 Social held on Friday 14th September . The students danced all night and are to be congratulated for their behaviour and positive approach to the night. I want to thank Grant Olarenshaw for his efforts in organising the night along with the numerous staff who attended to support Grant and enjoyed the night with the students.

**MASTER CLASSES**

Last weekend Mooroolbark in conjunction with our neighbouring government schools commenced a program of Master Classes to give our students completing their VCE in Year 12 the opportunity to participate in review presentations by expert teachers and VCE examiners. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to improve their knowledge in readiness for their exams. There will be more classes over the coming weeks. Students can book into these classes through the College website.

**CARNIVAL DAY AT THE COLLEGE**

On Tuesday 11th September, the College had its annual Carnival afternoon. It was an enjoyable afternoon with students enthusiastically participating in a range of events and activities. All the money raised goes to charity which will be decided on by the Student Representative Council. The afternoon is a major event on the College calendar. We are all grateful for the efforts of Robyn Cooper and the students on the SRC for organising the day.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to acknowledge the high boxing achievements of Adrian Paoletti becoming the number one Australian Amateur Boxer in the 75-81kg division. Adrian was the current silver medallist at the Nationals and holds the top rank in Victoria for his weight division of 75-81KG.

Last week Adrian fought to become the top Ranked Australian in his division during the Youth Selection trials held in Queensland. He fought crowd favourite and home grown Queenslander Adam Couplen. Having a tough first round, which put him four points behind, Adrian dug deep for the last two-three minute rounds to overcome his opponent in the fight of the night, winning by one point. Adrian now fights for Australia against Tahiti’s best from the 15-23 September 2012, and upon selection will go to the ‘Worlds’ this year. Adrian has his sights set on the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Congratulations Adrian and we wish you all the best in your endeavours.

Simon Reid
Principal
**MATHEMATICS**

**MATHEMATICS ON THE iPAD**

Mathletics

We are happy to announce that Mathletics, a software program we use in the Mathematics Department to help students with their understanding, will be coming to the iPad early Term 4. We recommend that all Year 7 and 8 iPad students download the FREE app over the holidays so that it is ready to use in classes next term. The app will be updated over the coming months to put more and more activities on, so students are advised to check for updates periodically throughout the term and next year.

**Maths Quest**

Year 7 and 8 Maths textbooks are also available as apps on the iPad, so that students can access their textbook and other online activities through their iPad. They are to download the FREE Maths Quest app from the iTunes store. Then they are to create a login on the jacplus website (www.jacplus.com.au) and then sign into the app and use the textbook code that should be printed within the cover of the textbook.

David Innes
Head of Mathematics

**INTER-HOUSE ACTIVITIES**

During Term 3, there have been a number of activities running, including the Year 9 Inter-House Egg Drop competition, the Premier’s Reading Challenge, the Winter Concert and the Athletics. The tallies have changed since the last General Assembly due to a Principal’s Award recipient in Yellow House. At the end of the Term, the house points are, as follows:

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The House Points for 2012 end on Friday, 19 October 2012 and the House Trophy shall be presented at the Year 12 Farewell Assembly.

Between now and then, collect all your Merit certificates and get those Principal’s Awards. Each Principal Award is worth 50 points, so at the moment Red House needs, currently, 1 Principal’s Award to be in the lead, Blue needs 4 Principal’s Awards to be in the lead and Green needs 9 Principal’s Awards to be in the lead... and hope that there’s no more brilliant folks in Yellow House to keep the championship for the third year in a row!

**COLLEGE PRODUCTION**

**VCE CONCERT**

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— Janet Whitby
Music Coordinator

**COLLEGE COUNCIL NEWS**

**PRINCIPAL RENEWAL**

I would like to inform the College Community that I was contacted by the Senior Officer as delegate of the Acting Regional Director, Eastern Metropolitan Region “Dean Mann, to inform me that Simon Reid’s contract has been renewed for 5 years. I congratulate Simon, and on behalf of College Council, and the School Community, thank him for his dedication in education, his belief and care of our children and the continuous vision he has for Mooroolbark College. It is due to his leadership our College is recognised as being one of the best in the region.

Carol Wells
College Council President

**MUSIC**

**JULY/AUGUST 2013**

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**COLLEGE INFORMAION**

**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

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

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HUMANITIES IN TERM 3

As always, we have had an extremely busy term in Humanities. Year 7s have made heavy use of their iPads in research for projects, creating and presenting Keynote slideshows on aspects of Ancient Egypt, making models and filming themselves giving talks about their models, and even trying their hands at archaeological jigsaw puzzles with "ancient artefacts".

History students at other levels have continued to produce outstanding work as well. Year 8 Geography students have been learning about rainforests and been involved in debates about their usage, while Year 9s have been studying natural disasters such as volcanic eruptions and typhoons.

ENGLISH IN TERM 3

So spring is here. Not really if you’re in Year 12. It is countdown time and the English exam is the first cab off the rank, as it were. This means extraneous information – like the passing of the seasons – can go unnoticed for now while focus is narrowed down to what needs to be done to do well in the exam.

So what needs to be done? Well, over the holidays it is also a good time to re-read those texts which are likely to be chosen to write on the exam. The list of texts to select from are; Year of Wonders, The Old Man Who read Love Stories, A Streetcar Named Desire and SPIES. If you’re studying Literature, then the texts are: Frankenstein, Peter Carey’s short stories and Gwen Harwood’s poetry.

We also encourage our students to write as many practice essays as they can in the lead up to the exam. The more they do, the better the exam result will be.

So from now on putting in that extra effort will pay big dividends. Spring is a time for industrious work. Nature has been dormant over winter and now everything is busy. Bees are foraging for pollen and honey. Birds are building nests. Plants are sending up new shoots in the warming soil. So too should our Year 12 students be busy preparing for the challenge to come.

Jev Telford
English KLA Leader

HUMANITIES

HUMANITIES Cont.

Welcome to our two International Exchange students, Thomas Bouget (France) and Weronika Hoska (Netherlands) who started at Mooroolbark College in August. Thomas is being hosted by the Lutgens family and Weronika is staying with the Bentley family. Both students are in Australia for 11 months. A big ‘thank you’ is extended to the host families who make their stay at our school possible.

Information about hosting an Exchange student or becoming an Exchange student is available from Mrs. Nickel in C-Block Staffroom.

ENGLISH

ENGLISH Cont.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

People and the Planet students at Year 10 have been completing individual indepth studies of a number of poor countries. Our Year 12 Legal Studies class visited the Supreme Court where they were lucky enough to have the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria come and speak to the students personally after a trial and answer their questions. The Careers subject, World of Work, is giving the Year 9s a realistic view of the way in which the economy works, and has proven most worthwhile, while Business Studies students at Year 10 have been building 3D dioramas of shopping precincts within towns.

Our Year 12 students are facing final exams shortly, and all classes are very busy with that deadline approaching. In all three areas of the faculty, we have been very pleased with the number of students electing to do Humanities subjects next year, and look forward to a good final term.

Patricia Hammond
Humanities KLA Leader
SCIENCE IN TERM 3

Students and staff have been very busy in Science this year! We have been impressed with the enthusiasm and enjoyment displayed by our Science students. We have also been pleased with their hard work and efforts this term.

Year 7 students have enjoyed completing lots of experiments in the Forces unit. They have identified types of forces and explained how they work. They are now studying the environment and ecosystems.

Year 8 students have continued their study of Chemistry, in particular chemical reactions. Students enjoyed mixing together chemicals and making new substances. Students are now working on an Energy unit. They have been identifying different types of energy, finding the most effective insulators for a can of hot drink and discovering how light and sound travels.

Year 9 students have been learning about their own bodies, in particular, the brain, nerves and hormones. Most students enjoyed the dissection of the sheep’s brain. Nerve structure has been examined, along with how our nerves allow us to complete everyday activities. Students are now studying sound and light. Many students have efficiently completed a bull’s eye dissection. Very interesting!

Year 10 and 11 students are continuing to enjoy their studies in their chosen Science field – Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology. They are in the process of deciding on their courses for next year.

Year 12 Biology students travelled to Melbourne University to complete practical activities in the Genetics laboratory. They all did a superb job. Their demonstrators for the day were very impressed with their practical skills and the results they obtained.

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Year 9 have followed apparatus and flight. There aim has been in challenging themselves to experience new situations. Rugby and Dance were also new for 2012 and we hope the experiences were positive. Handball with the ESSEP program concentrating on Community Sport where the students organize, run, score and umpire themselves was interesting. Junior Classes are consolidating the units introduced earlier in the term with Health areas investigating bullying issues, mental health issues and looking at sex ed and drug ed programs.

KLA FACULTY UPDATE

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Amanda Peters & Skye Jennings
Science KLA Leaders

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RUNNING GROUP 2012

**SPRING INTO ACTION!!**

Running group has re-commenced for Term 3 and has seen record numbers making the most of the beautiful spring mornings. We have already started running around some new tracks located in Mooroolbark, and it’s great to see that our fitness levels haven’t dropped off too much after our 3 week break.

RUNNING GROUP 2012 Cont.

Singlets are currently being designed and should be ready to be presented to members early next term. Students can earn these singlets as part of the incentive program for regular attendance and meeting mileage points. We have also been extremely lucky with our maintenance team working hard to restore our showers in the ECA. Students can now enjoy the luxury of a hot shower!!

Congratulations also to Paula and Jade Hubben who were presented with their ipads and novelty cheque as winners of the NAB Schools First Student Award for their running group application.

If students are interested in joining the running group, permission slips can be collected from Ms. Bateman in the Yellow House Office.

Katrina Bateman
Running Group Coordinator

SPORT

**LUNCHTIME SPORT**

Mooroolbark College provides lots of opportunities for students to keep fit, play sport and extend themselves at lunchtimes.

The Weight Room Club for students Year 9 and older, operates every lunchtime for those seeking to improve their build. Badminton and Table Tennis practice alternates every Friday and basketball pick-up games share the ECA with indoor soccer most of the year.

Mr Donald ran the “Ultimate Athlete” in Term 3 and students who show interest in running can join the before school Running Group, and fitness testing is available for all.

SPORT Cont.

Teams training for their Interschool Sport matches train for several weeks to gain the best results and develop teamwork with their colleagues. The sports are too many to mention but there are 4 selected each term, in addition to the Carnivals and special events, so there is something happening for sports oriented students almost continuously in the College.

Newly renovated hot showers, new sports grounds and improving facilities, keep our faculty happy!

**INTERSCHOOL TABLE TENNIS**

On Thursday 13th September our combined Year 7&8 Table Tennis teams competed at Kilsyth Stadium. Both Boys and Girls teams had great success, winning ribbons at the end of the day.

Our Girl team of Rebecca – John Gideon, Emily Higgins, Rachael McMillan – Seeley, Robyn Thomson, Amy Freer and Tani Watts finished Runner Up by a small margin, losing the final 2-4, but ahead on games. They won all their games in their pool but found Healesville just a little bit too strong in the final.

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The Boys team of Lachlan Denelzen- Davey, Ben Donald-Wilson, Ryan Leone and Jun-Way Wu won their first 4 matches and played Lilydale High in the last round for undefeated teams in their pool. Unfortunately they were unable to keep their good form going, but won the play off for third and fourth place to gain a ribbon.

A special mention in this team also is needed as our player Jun Way arrived without ever having been to a practice, but showed great natural ability and improved so fast he went through the day without losing a single game.

Overall, quite a special day for all.

Mr Clapp PE KLA Leader & Sports Co-ordinator
RUOK? DAY

RUOK? Day aims to inspire all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other ‘Are you ok?’ Held on September 13, the college was a buzz with conversation and colour. The year 12 common room was filled to the capacity with 140 yellow balloons. Each balloon having a simple positive message; each one unique. Organised by the ‘Equal Opportunity’ team, the day was a huge success in promoting to students to simply start the conversation.
MISSING CLASS PHOTOS
FROM THE COLLEGE’S PAST

The College is working on creating a digital archive of the class photos of all students and staff who attended the College since February 1973, when it opened as Mooroolbark High School. This will eventually be open for access through the College to ex-students who have lost their original class photos. We aim to have it completed by September 2013 when the College will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the official opening. An audit of the albums has revealed a number of gaps in our holdings. If you or a friend can supply a copy of a missing staff or class photo for us to scan and return to you, we would be very grateful. Even if your class photo is not in good condition, we would welcome the chance to copy it. If you are able to help, please contact Patricia Hammond at the College.

Missing class and staff photographs – Mooroolbark High/formerly Mooroolbark Heights Secondary College and now Mooroolbark College.

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Year 8 - 2C |
| 1977  | Staff |
| 1978  | Staff – have scanned copy |
| 1982  | Year 7 - 1B, 1G  
Year 8 - 2B, 2E  
Year 9 - 3C, 3E, 3F  
Year 11 - 5D, (and 5E?) |
| 1983  | All student class photos from every level except 9F |
| 1989  | Staff |

Pat Hammond  
Anniversary Coordinator
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.