PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
October 26th, 2012

Calendar

TERM 4
Tuesday 30th October
PTCA Meeting - 7.20pm
ICT Committee Meeting - 4.30pm
Education Committee Meeting - 5.30pm

Tuesday 6th November
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MELBOURNE CUP DAY
STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED
AT THE COLLEGE ON THIS DAY

Wednesday 7th November
Year 10 “Mock Interviews”

You can advise us of your child’s absence by phoning our 24 hour absence line on 9727 8198

COLLEGE CAR PARK

THE COLLEGE STAFF CAR PARK
OFF ROSS PINCOT 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.

Affirmation
Positive ‘self-expectancy’ is pure and simply optimism, in the face of all odds. Winners have positive ‘self-expectancy’ which creates desire. They are dissatisfied with the status quo. They want change for the better.

Denis Waitley

FAREWELL TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS
This week we farewell our Year 12 students. It is a marvellous achievement to have completed Year 12. They will look back on their time at Mooroolbark College with fond memories and cherish the friendships they have made. We congratulate and thank them for their contribution in adding to the rich tradition of Mooroolbark College. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their future successes and achievements.

EXAMS
Over the next six weeks there will be exams for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. It is important that students are well prepared for the exams by studying effectively, keeping healthy, eating well and getting regular sleep. To support your child provide them with a quiet place to study, help them be organised and interested in what they are learning.

Technology and the distractions that they can provide is a real challenge at this time of the year. As parent/guardians it is critical that you are proactive in providing direction in managing these distractions. Having the computer on especially with social media and games or the mobile phone close by while studying, can and does create interruptions to thinking and working. We suggest that they have a place ie. the kitchen where they can be left while they study.

Key dates
- Year 12 Exams commence on Thursday 1st November.
- Year 11 students commence their exams on Monday 19th November
- Year 10s will commence on Thursday 22nd November

INTERNATIONAL TEACHER’S DAY
Each year, the community celebrates UNESCO's World Teachers Day to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in their community. World Teachers Day is celebrated in over one hundred countries and in Australia this year it was on Friday 5th October. In 2012, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the many ways teachers make a difference through their teaching and commitment. It celebrates teachers as a significant force in building communities. Teachers ‘make a difference’ every day in the curriculum they teach and how they teach it. Very often, they make a significant contribution to their local and wider community.

We are very fortunate to have a highly committed and talented staff of teachers. They make Mooroolbark College a great school for students to come learn and grow.
SAFETY MONTH
I would like to bring to your attention that it is Safety Month. This is an international event to recognise the importance of promoting safety and preventing injuries in local communities. The aim of Safety Month is to promote awareness about a broad range of safety matters including crime prevention, personal safety, safe work practices and staying safe during an emergency.

Community Safety Month was initiated in 1996 by the Victorian Safe Communities Network, which coordinates the project with support from Victoria Police. The Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) is dedicated to making Victoria a safer place in which to live, work and play. For more information visit http://www.vscn.org.au

Simon Read
Principal

SPORT

Through to State Final
On Monday 15th October, 14 Mooroolbark College students competed at the Eastern Zone Athletics Championships. The event was held at the newly surfaced Knox track, the same venue that our College held our own House Athletics this year.

By winning their chosen events, 4 students made it through to the State Final to be held on Tuesday 23rd October at the new Albert Park Centre.

Lateisha Willis of Year 7 won 2 events after coming first in the Girls 12 to 13 80 metre Hurdles as well as the 200 metres. Lateisha’s hurdles time was very close to the meet record. She is a former Primary School champion and has improved her times significantly this year.

Emilie Garside also won her event, in the very strongly contested Senior Girls Walk against 16 other seasoned competitors. It is a great reward for the dedication and the encouragement she has shown to our athletics team over the years.

Darren Delahoy had a wonderful meet as well, winning medals in shotput, discuss, javelin and a relay zone finalist as well. Darren goes through to another State title in his favourite event - javelin.

Liam Dell is another participant who is a multi-event performer being in 5 events at Eastern Zone. Liam has previously been selected for the Nationals in the steeplechase and is again going to State as the Eastern Zone representative.

These most successful athletes were joined by 11 others who travelled with us to Knox and competed and experienced the high standards needed to reach the elite level at Athletics. They had the satisfaction of knowing they are the Yarra Valleys best performers in their sport and in some cases came up against National performers and hopefully found the day interesting, if somewhat challenging. To see them encourage and support each other was a delight and in many cases they were close to gaining medals themselves.

We thank all the competitors for their dedication and wish our state reps well on the 23rd.


Keith Clapp
Sports Co-ordinator

MUSIC

Music Novemberfest (1st Nov.) – A Block – 12pm to 2.30pm

Our final College Music Festival Day will be held in A Block from 12.00pm until 2.30pm. There will be a wonderful variety of performances and parents/friends are welcome to attend at any time during the afternoon.

The program will be as follows:-

12.00 – 1.00 College Ensemble groups – guitar, choir, Concert Band, Training Band and selected vocal items
1.00 – 2.00 Year 11 Music Performances (College lunchtime).
2.00 – 2.30 College Ensemble groups - guitar, choir, Concert Band, Training Band and selected vocal items.

Parents and friends will have the opportunity to be there for the whole time or for a short period of time.

We value the support of parents at our concerts so hope to see you there.
The Golden Door

The Golden Door is a fantasy, adventure book by Emily Rodda. It is the first book in The Three Doors Trilogy.

Rye, third son of Lisbeth, lives in Weld. Weld is an ancient city in the middle of Dome, an island near the Land of Dragons (Deltora). It is plagued by Skimmers, horrible flying creatures that in summer fly over the Wall of Weld that protects the island. When the Warden, ruler of Weld asks for volunteers to go outside the Wall and defeat the Skimmers and the Enemy sending them, Rye’s older brothers, Dirk and Sholto, go forth.

When they don’t return, Rye himself, even though underage, volunteers to find them. He is led to the secret way out, three ancient doors. The Gold, Silver and Lead. Which one would you choose?

I suggest reading the Deltora series1, 2 & 3 first before tackling this gripping novel. The story continues in The Silver Door and the final in the series, The Third Door. Like all Emily Rodda books, this one is fantastic.

By Melanie Pauer

The Rise of Nine

The third novel in the Lorien Legacies series, The Rise of Nine continues to follow the nine decedents from Lorien. When they first arrived on earth, a powerful charm prevented them from being killed off out of order by the evil Mogadorians. That all changed once Number Four, John, and Number Six combined forces. Their partnership eventually led to the discovery of more Loriens, Number Seven and Number Nine, and in an interesting twist, Number Ten. Simply working together doesn’t mean they’ll survive, however, and there’s some unfinished business to take care of before the remaining Loriens can unite and achieve their ultimate goal.

Improving on the previous novels in the series, The Rise of Nine delivers on all accounts. Not only are there intense action scenes where every Lorien plays an important role, there is also more insight into the background and potential future of their mission. A must read!

By Melanie Pauer
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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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.

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.
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request a selection of international student profiles to check out, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

FREE study for overweight young people looking for help.

Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program for overweight adolescents. Participation involves completing height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measurements and an online questionnaire at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months. Parents are also invited to participate.

Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those participants who have kept their appointments. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for 550 overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne.

Enquiries Karly Cini 9345 6954 stayingfit@mcri.edu.au
For more info: www.rch.org.au/akah/stayingfit

UNIFORMS FOR SALE

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All in new condition. Shorts never worn.

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