**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

November 23rd, 2012

### Calendar

**TERM 4**

- **Tuesday 27th - 30th Nov**
  - Yr 12 (2013) VCE Orientation

- **Monday 3rd - 4th Dec**
  - Yrs 10 & 11 (2013) Course Confirmation

- **Monday 3rd Dec**
  - Yr 7 2013 Parents Information Evening

- **Tuesday 4th—10th Dec**
  - Yr 11 Queensland Camp
  - Yr 11 (2013) Orientation
  - Friday 7th Dec
    - Yr 10 Picnic Day
    - Newsletter Published
  - Monday 10th - 14th Dec
    - South Australia German Tour
    - CALTEX ALL AROUND AWARD
  - Thursday 13th Dec
    - Secondhand Booksale
  - Monday 17th - 21st Dec
    - End of Year Program
  - Wednesday 19th Dec
    - Awards Night

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**VALEDICTORY DINNER**

On Thursday night, 22nd November, we said our final goodbyes to our Year 12 students, their exams are over, they are now free to reflect and celebrate 13 years of schooling and their time at Mooroolbark College. As a collective and as individuals they have made an excellent contribution to our College. The Valedictory Dinner was a wonderful night where each individual was recognised for their time at the College.

The following awards were presented:

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**AFFIRMATION**

The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them to the impossible.  

*Arthur C. Clarke*

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**CALTTEX ALL-ROUNDER AWARD**

The Caltex All-rounder, awarded to the student who has contributed to the College and who has demonstrated our values of Excellence, High Standards and Success. We congratulate Stephanie Cuskelly on being this year’s winner.
COURSE CONFIRMATION  
Course confirmation is on over the next 2 weeks. Each student in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2013 will have a meeting with their House Leaders to have their course for 2013 confirmed. Once their course is confirmed all essential education charges need to be paid to secure your child’s position in their chosen course.

COLLEGE AWARDS NIGHT  
Mount Lilydale Mercy College is again the venue for this year’s College Awards night to be held on Wednesday 19th December. It is a special evening at which we recognise the students who have achieved exceptional academic results throughout the year. We are looking forward to a good night. Students who will be receiving an award or who will be performing during the award ceremony will receive an invitation during the week beginning Monday 3rd December, 2012.

Simon Read  
Principal

WANTED Second hand Uniforms for Families in Need  
With over 200 new Year Sevens arriving in 2013 (as well as new students at other year levels) we are starting to get requests from families for help with uniforms. With recent cuts by the State Government to financial support for families in need, we are expecting even more requests from Mooroolbark families this year than in previous years.

If you have any good quality second hand uniform items we would love to find a new home for them with a family who will deeply appreciate your generosity. Donations can be dropped off to the office or directly to myself. (donations of current books will also be accepted).

John Nichol  
Student Welfare Coordinator

SPORT  
ZONE TENNIS FINALS  
On Friday 16th November, the Mooroolbark College Year 8 Girls Tennis Team competed in the Eastern Zone Finals. The girls had an exciting day finishing 2nd in their pool, having wins over Wheelers Hill and Mt Waverley, though finding the eventual winners Balwyn High School a tough opponent.

Our team consisted of Emily Higgins, Tani Watts, Rebecca-Jonn Gideon and her sister O’Love Gideon, who came in to replace the unavailable Micaela Ambler.

The girls were a delight to be associated with and supported each other well and were wonderful representatives for the College. As the next round was to play the Country Champions down in Gippsland, we hope they will be back next year to do one better.

Keith Clapp  
Sports Co-ordinator

SECONDHAND BOOK SALE  
This will be held on ONE DAY ONLY on THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER from 1.00pm until 5.00pm in T Block. Relevant forms and list will be distributed to Years 7-10. Current Year 12 will receive in the mail their lists of books they can sell.

All books will be collected in T Block on Friday 14th December from 8.00am until 12.00pm.

Volunteers are needed for the successful running of the book sale. If you would like to be involved please contact Carmel at the College on 9727 8100. Any volunteer who assists for a minimum of two hours may purchase books (for their family only) prior to the book sale. Current “Working With Children” registration required (card must be sighted).

Please note the following Important Information:-

Please have all relevant forms filled out when you drop off the books. Instructions will be included with your lists.
Books of reasonable quality only will be accepted.
Books are left at own risk.
Books will only be available for sale after 1.00pm.
The school deducts 20% of sales and supports our Student Welfare Program.
Cheques or cash only (NO EFTPOS)

Unsold books can be collected on Friday 14th December from 12.00am until 3.00pm in T Block.
Money for sold books can be collected from T Block on Friday 14th December between 12.00am & 3.00pm.
If parents are unable to collect their money a written authorization can be given to the student. ID must be shown before money is handed over.
Books not collected by 3.00pm Friday 14th December 2012 will be considered to be a donation to the College.
Money not collected on Friday 14th December can be collected from the General Office.
Northern Lights

Northern Lights is a fantasy novel by Philip Pullman. It is found in the Fantasy section of the Fiction in the library.

Lyra lives in a world where your soul is an animal called your daemon. Pantalaimon (Pan) and Lyra live at the famous Jordon College. She is a rebellious girl when the mysterious Mrs. Coulter comes. She offers Lyra and daemon a place at her house, to live with her. Lyra, adventurous, accepts the offer.

But before she can leave the Master of Jordon College gives her a gift. A rare golden compass known as an alethiometer. Lyra finds that she can read the compass and all its different levels of meanings without effort.

Along the way to Mrs. Coulter’s home, Lyra discovers that her best friend Roger has been kidnapped by the horrible GOBBLERS, people who kidnap children. Lyra and Pan decide to go after Roger and help him.

Whilst looking for Roger Lyra meets extraordinary people, as well as a fearsome armoured bear. They finally come to the North Pole, and find that a team of scientists are doing things too horrible to say. While at the North Pole Lyra discovers something concerning The Northern Lights or beyond…

The Northern Lights is also a movie called The Golden Compass. There are two more books in his Dark Materials series: The Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass. Both are found in the library.

This book is a great novel if you loved the film or if you love fantasy.

Melanie Pauer

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
**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.
COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

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Mentoring: We need you!

Youth Services at Yarra Ranges Council is now recruiting mentors, with a particular focus on males, to take part in our youth mentoring programs.

The Jindi Woraback program involves a one to one relationship between a volunteer adult mentor and a young person (12-25yrs). The program is based on having fun, sharing interests and recreational activities. Mentors are required to commit one hour per week for a 12 month period.

We are in need of Learner Driver Mentors who will work one on one with learner drivers aged 16-21 years who face significant barriers with obtaining their Probationary drivers licence. The primary function of the role is to supervise learner driving practise sessions and assist the young person to become a safe and lawful driver.

The L2P program includes training, a safe vehicle and ongoing support for the Mentor. All volunteers must satisfactorily complete a screening, induction and training process. Mentors are required to commit to a minimum of 1 hour a week, for a 12 month period.

The homework group will commence in February 2013 and requires a volunteer coordinator and additional volunteers to support the coordinator. The homework group will take place at Lilydale Library for approximately two hours per week.

For more information, please contact Mentoring Project Officer, Maria McLaughlin on 92946775, m.mclaughlin@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

CROYDON NORTH NETBALL CLUB INC.

President: Julie Jacobs Secretary: Louisa Turnham

I am sending this email on behalf of the Croydon North Netball club committee and players. We are about to advertise locally through different schools with the goal of increasing our membership numbers. Therefore being able to register more teams in each age group - the “Association” is introducing a younger age group next year so children from age 5 up to adult age, can register with our club and play.

We are hoping to advertise our Club through school newsletters as a means of contacting anybody that may be interested in or know of someone that may be. We are currently gathering information about changes, frequency of newsletters being issued and any requirements that the club may need to be made aware of prior to embarking on this campaign. Could the relevant person please reply with this information at your earliest convenience?

Much appreciated,

Tracy Jackson - Committee member

Accredited Training

(To assist students to gain employment either part-time or full-time)

SI8X05002 Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures (Food Handling) - is a must for anyone handling food in the workplace, including kitchens, restaurants, cafes and hotels, and for people in aged care or disability services.

This training course allows participants to develop basic skills and knowledge relating to industry specific hygiene procedures. On completion of the course, participants will be able to demonstrate a variety of techniques, including compliance with personal hygiene standards, contribute to the cleanliness of food handling areas, maintain sanitation and avoid food contamination.

Course: Monday 3rd December 10am to 5:00pm
Cost for 1 session $150.00

SIT41008A Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Victoria is an essential certificate for hospitality workers throughout the state of Victoria. It is imperative that all those working in licensed premises have the skills and knowledge to help create an enjoyable and safe environment for patrons.

All licensed and non-licensed businesses are responsible for ensuring people are responsible in their consumption of alcohol.

Course: Wednesday 3rd December 10am to 5:00pm
Cost for 1 session $150.00

HLTA301C Level 2 First Aid including CPR: this course covers all Level 2 practical competencies and some theory. Remaining theory and assessment is to be completed at home. Pass includes certificate.

Three hour course, flexible. First aid and CPR practical component. Last hour – level 2 practical component, bandaging, splints, etc. Course delivered by accredited trainers.

Course: Wednesday 3rd December 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Cost for 1 session $150.00, CPR only $70

CPCCOHS1001A Work Safely in the Construction Industry (National White Card) is required by Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws for all people working in the construction industry in Australia, and is recognised in all States and Territories.

This training course allows participants to develop basic skills and knowledge relating to industry specific health and workplace safety requirements and obligations. On completion of the course, participants will be able to demonstrate a variety of techniques, including competency and common harm, duty of care, working in heights and scaffolding, operating and managing tools and hazards. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Cost for 1 session $150.00

Courses conducted at: Wonga Park Community Cottage
Unit 1, B-10 Yarrab Rd, Wonga Park
Phone/Fax 9722 1964 Email: jacobs@lcpmond.com.au

Monkami Rocks the Carols

Monkami Centre
2-6 Dixon Avenue
Croydon 3136

Thursday 13th December

Bring your chairs, picnic rug, wine, nibbles, wear your flares and enjoy an evening of fun and Christmas celebrations.... and ABBA music!

Gates open at 6.00 pm, Concert commences at 6.30 pm.
Tickets $15.00 per adult and $40.00 for a family.

Ticket bookings essential
Telephone: 9725-8877