PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
March 15th, 2012

Affirmation
To know how to wait is the great secret of success. 
Joseph De Maistre

YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS
Thank you to the Year 7 parents/guardians who attended the Year 7 BBQ held on the 7th March. It was a great opportunity for parents/guardians and teachers to meet and talk about their son/daughter’s start to the school year. Thank you to the PTCA for their support on the night. I would also like to thank Catherine Blackburn for her organisation of the night and the significant number of staff who attended, cooked, served and helped make it a very enjoyable night.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The College Council elections have concluded. I would like to congratulate and welcome the following people onto the College Council:

- REPRESENTATIVES
  DEECD
  Dannielle Clarke
  Rachael Williams

  PARENT
  Carol Wells
  Stuart Gay
  Sharon Dymond

I thank them for commitment to the College; their support is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to our College.

The current members are: -

- REPRESENTATIVES
  DEECD
  Lyn Godfrey
  Ann Stratford
  Jenny Roache

  PARENT
  Iain Harrison
  Andrew Watts

These people are our representatives on the Mooroolbark College Council. If you want to raise anything at Council please contact one of these representatives and they will ensure that it gets placed on the meeting agenda.

The AGM and the first meeting with the new Council will be on Tuesday 20th March, 2012.

PARENTS TEACHER CITIZEN ASSOCIATION (PTCA)
The PTCA plays a very important role in supporting the College through the coordination and organisation of key events. I urge all parents/guardians to be part of the PTCA as its support is critical to our operation of the College.

The PTCA had its Annual General Meeting on the 6th March. I would like to thank all who attended the meeting. Congratulations to the following people who were elected to the following positions.

- President
  Debra Alsop

- Vice President
  Anne Woolley

- Secretary
  Mandy Hocking

- Treasurer
  Sharon Dymond

PTCA School Council Representative
Linda Hall

General Committee:
Beth Rose, Carol Wells, Anne Chatwin, Janine Fullerton

COLLEGE CAR PARK
THE COLLEGE STAFF CAR PARK OFF ROSS PINCOTT 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 SPEED ZONE AROUND SCHOOLS IS 40KPH.

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YEAR 12 STUDY CAMP
The Year 12 students attended their study camp on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th March. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to get together, learn more about themselves, set their goals for the year and acquire strategies to achieve them. I would like to thank John Nichol for his work in organising the camp, along with the following staff for supporting the students; Grant Olarenshaw, Brad Magri- Olson, John Nichol, Steve Cameron, Andrew U’ren, Jenny Young, Judy Patten, Dannielle-Clarke, Melissa Cameron and Samantha McIntosh.

MID-SEMESTER REPORTS
This is just a quick reminder that mid-semester reports are being sent home at the end of term. Please read the report carefully and discuss it with your son or daughter. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held Thursday 26th April, 2012. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with your children’s teachers. The link for bookings will be on our website from Wednesday the 28th March and closes at 1.00pm on Monday 23rd April.

The College web address is: www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au.

A computer will be available in the library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

DEBUTANTE BALLS
On Friday 16th March and Saturday 17th March, 120 Year 11 students will participate in our annual Debutante Balls. We are very grateful to the Hon. Christine Fyffe, Member for Evelyn and Mr Andrew U’ren being the special guests at Deb Ball 1 and Mrs Carol Wells, College Council President and Mr Andrew U’ren as special guests at Deb Ball 2. I am sure that it will be a very enjoyable night.

CHINA STUDY TOUR.
I would like to wish Lyn Godfrey, Stephen Cameron and Robyn Cooper a safe and successful journey on the ‘Internationalising Education Rural China Tour’ departing on Tuesday 20th March.

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YEAR 9 TASMANIA TOUR & THE YEAR 10 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR
The Year 9 and Year 10 students are heading off on their camps. Both groups are certainly going to have exciting adventures. We look forward to their return and hear about their experiences.

Simon Reid
Principal

SECONDARY SCHOOL IMMUNISATION
If you would like to know more about the immunisations available as part of the Secondary School Immunisation program, the Department of Health immunisation website has a new fact sheet titled Secondary school immunisation—information for parents at:

This is a web-based resource for download only.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE COLLEGE
Parents/guardians are reminded to obey all road rules surrounding the College. There have been occasions where our neighbours have been inconvenienced by parents parking across their driveways. Also be aware that students should be dropped off in a place that does not compromise their safety.

YEAR 12 – CARS AND PARKING
Just a reminder to Year 12 students that if they are driving to school they cannot park on school property. Options include Manchester Rd, Ross Pincott Drive or the McDermott Netball Court parking area. Students are reminded to obey both parking regulations and road rules in regards to where they park. Once the additional car parks have been established students will be notified of appropriate parking area.

Students are not to leave the College premises in their cars during the school day and must not drive any student, except for a sibling to or from school.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ANAPHYLAXIS
Food allergies are real and they are currently on the increase. Research shows that up to 2% of the population will have food allergies for life. In our College we have several children diagnosed with a potentially life threatening food allergy particularly to nuts. Whilst it is primarily the responsibility of parents/guardians to teach the student to care for themselves at the College, it is our aim to educate our community on the facts about anaphylaxis. It is not practical to bar nuts or other foods that can cause allergic reactions, but we would appreciate it if parents/guardians could speak to their children about the risks to other students when they bring products containing nuts to school. One way we can protect students at risk of anaphylaxis is to ensure students do not share food with other students and that they are aware that if they bring anything containing nuts in their lunches they should be particularly careful at all times.

SHOES
The school uniform policy clearly states that the school shoes need to be black leather or similar vinyl shoes. Canvas shoes are not acceptable.

Girls shoes cannot be slip on, they need to be lace up or have a strap. Ballet type shoes are not safe or acceptable. If you are unsure, there are photos of acceptable shoes on the College website.

LOST PROPERTY
Attention Year 7 students who attended Camp Rumbug. There are still several items of lost property to be collected. Please see Ms Blackburn at the library as soon as possible.

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal
STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL WITHOUT A NOTE

Starting on Monday 19th March, any student who is late to school without a note will automatically receive a lunch time detention on the day they are late. This will be issued when they sign in and the student must report to their House Detention on the same day. Students who do not sign in will be issued with an after school detention.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

eRICH CLASSROOMS

The year has started extremely well with Year 7 and 8 students continuing on their exciting and engaging eLearning journey. The enthusiasm is fantastic to see, with students producing some fantastic work on their iPads and utilising web2.0 technology.

CARING FOR iPADS

These devices are a valuable tool for our students and need to be looked after properly. School leased iPads and student owned iPads when at the College need to be stored securely during recess and lunch times. Please ensure that students have appropriate locks on their lockers when leaving all valuables unattended.

Guidelines to help maintain Apple warranty:

- always store and carry iPad in protective case and STM bag
- never leave iPad in an unlocked locker
- never leave iPad in unsupervised areas during school day
- never leave iPad in a car or in an exposed area where it can be stolen
- do not expose the iPad to heat, dust, moisture, magnets or heavy shock or vibration

It is also essential that all iPads have Find My iPad App enabled which if lost or misplaced could help you locate a device. All this requires is an Apple ID which can be the same details as your iTunes account.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal
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](http://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 device and snap away.

**Paul Collins**

As part of Library and Information Week from 20th – 26th May Mooroolbark College is proud to host Paul Collins, an award winning Australian author who specialises in science fiction and fantasy. Paul has written many books for young readers in which we have many in our library. He is best known for his fantasy series The Jelindel Chronicles along with The Quentaris Chronicles.

Paul Collins will be hosting workshops on Friday 25th May with Year 7, 8 and 9 students focusing on the 12 steps of writing fantasy novels. This session will further equip the students with the necessary skills to continue their writing dreams. For the Senior students Paul will share his insights into the publishing industry that continues to allow him to follow his passion. Further information will be available from the Library.


**I Am Number Four**

Pittacus Lore

I Am Number Four is an epic novel by Pittacus Lore about two alien races, one being hunted and the other hunting for them. The book takes place in Paradise, Ohio and follows the story of ‘John Smith’. He is one of the last of an alien race from the planet Lorien. He is one of the last 18 left of his race. Nine are protectors, Ce’pan, and the others, Garde, (John Smith) are to bring an end to the slaughter done by the hunters, Mogadorians. The Mogadorians must kill the Garde one by one in order of their numbers. They have killed the first three. John is Number Four. Can John and his Ce’pan, Henri, stay hidden from the Mogadorians? And if they can’t, how can they survive their brutal attacks?

I Am Number Four is the first in a new, upcoming series with a sequel, The Power Of Six, being released recently. I found this book to be very entertaining, intriguing and exciting. In my opinion, far better than the movie with a lot of mystery. I Am Number Four is a great book and I highly recommend anyone who has seen the movie, or likes action, suspense and excitement to read this.

Brayden McManus
Year 8

**The Hunger Games**

Suzanne Collins

The Hunger Games, written by Suzanne Collins, is a young adult fiction novel. The book is set in a futuristic North America, where it has been destroyed and split into 12 districts, which are rule by the Capital. The novel follows Katniss Everdeen, a 16-year-old girl, who takes her sisters place and becomes one of 24 ‘tributes’ in the Capital’s annual Hunger Games. The Hunger Games is where 24 children, aged 12-18, known as tributes are pitted against each other in a mysterious arena, where they must fight to the death. All of which is televised throughout the country.

Katniss and Peeta, a tribute also from District 12, must work together in order to survive the hunger games. The only catch is that there can only be one winner.

Overall, The Hunger Games is one of the best books I’ve ever read. It is exciting and I highly recommend it. If you enjoy this novel make sure you read the other two novels in the series, Catching Fire and Mockingjay.

Melanie Pauer
Year 8

**East@The Edge**

Mooroolbark College Music Students have been invited to participate in the annual DEECD Eastern Metropolitan Region Youth Concert Series ‘East @ the Edge’ to be held on Monday 23rd April and Tuesday 24th 2012 at 7.30pm, students will be performing in one of Victoria’s premier performance spaces the BMW Edge at Federation Square. The College Choir accompanied by the Guitar Ensemble will be performing at this Concert Series on Tuesday 24th 2012 at 7.30pm. We commend them for their contribution to this important regional event.

**Tickets**
Due to the small size of the venue (approximately 300 seats), it is advisable that parents purchase tickets promptly.
Tickets are available from 12th March at [http://trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

Student/Conc. - $11.00
Adult - $16.50
Family - $50.00 (2 adults & 2 child/conc.)

Janet Whitby
Performing Arts Coordinator

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**Free Tutoring Service**

Yrs 7 - 11 for Mooroolbark College students

A group of Mooroolbark College staff have offered their services to tutor students in Yrs 7 - 11 free of charge one night per week after school at Mooroolbark College.

They are aware that there are lots of students who would benefit from quality tutoring but due to financial difficulties, cannot afford it.

Their particular areas of expertise are Maths and Science Years 7 - 11, and Year 11 Legal Studies, PE and Psychology. They are expecting to work with small groups.

The club operates on Tuesday nights from 3-4.30pm in E3.

If you would like to know more information then please contact Mr Lucas Unland, the Homework Club Coordinator at the College on 9727 8100.

Lucas Unland
Homework Club Coordinator

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**STOPstart**

Once again Mooroolbark College is supporting STOPstart Global, an organisation working to support and empower trafficked women and children around the world. STOPstart’s vision is to build awareness of human trafficking.

We currently have in the General Office area some samples of the handbags and totes that can be purchased from STOPstart or go online to [www.stopstart.com.au](http://www.stopstart.com.au) view the products produced by STOPstart. By purchasing a product you are supporting projects that work with victims of human trafficking, as well as organisations working towards prevention.

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**You can advise us of your child’s absence by phoning our 24 hour absence line on 9727 8198 and leave a message.**

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**ANGLICARE**

**BREAKING THE CYCLE - MAKING CHANGES**

A group for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers whose adolescent is abusive and/or violent at home.

Do you feel threatened, frightened or controlled by your son/daughter? Do other family members, particularly younger siblings feel scared? Do you feel that you are walking on eggshells? Do you feel that you are no longer in charge? Do you feel isolated and alone? Would you like to find ways to help your son/daughter become more responsible and respectful?

If any of these questions apply to you, this group may be for you.

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**GROUPS FOR 2012 (8 WEEKS)**

Wed 1st Aug—19th Sept (Daytime)
Wed 17th Oct—5th Dec (Evening)

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**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

VENUE: 7 Shipley Street, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6.30-8.30pm
      Daytime 10—12pm
COST: $50.00 individual
      or $80.00 couple (negotiable)
CONTACT: Meridian Intake at Anglicare on 9896 6322

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School Crossing Supervisor of the Year

To acknowledge the contribution and spirit of the work undertaken by school crossing supervisors throughout Victoria an award will be given to a selected school crossing supervisor for their commitment and dedication to the supervision of school crossings.

The recipient of the award should model enthusiasm and successful outcomes.
This award is open to all school crossing supervisors employed in this role stationed at a permanent crossing or a relief school crossing supervisor.

Nominations for the award must be employed as a school crossing supervisor at any Victorian Council who should demonstrate –

- Professional demeanour and presentation (uniform and equipment)
- Working knowledge of road rules relating to school crossings
- Welcoming, caring, supportive and encouraging to all users of the school crossing
- Helpful – Informative and clear on correct use of the crossing
- Involvement in the school community
- Attendance – no time off (other than illness)
- Punctuality

Municipalities and members of the community will be invited to forward nominations for the award. Nominations will close on Friday 30th March 2012.

Send completed forms via mail or email: info@schoolcrossings.com.au
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For more information visit: www.schoolcrossings.com.au

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17 March 2012
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Food Baked goods, Savoury Fries, Hamburger, Chips, Devonshire Tea
Activities Rides, Animal petting zoo, Games, Wine tasting, Jumping castle, Face painting
Youth Bands Program

Calling all young musicians:
We invite all brass, woodwind and percussion players to play with us in:

The John Mallinson Youth Band (= AMEB 4-6)
or the The Wilf Dyason Wind Ensemble (= AMEB 2-3)

Time: every Saturday afternoon
Venue: Mt Waverley Secondary College Melways 61 F11
Web site http://www.ybp.org.au MEET US; LISTEN TO US
Email: melaniebennetts@optusnet.com.au

Reach Out For Kids, Anglicare, Parentzone & The Nunawading Uniting Church

‘Dads Matter: Reach Out For Dads’ Program

‘Tune In’ - Communication Skills For Dads

Would you like to develop and maintain a strong positive connection with your children?
Understand different levels of communication and barriers to communication?
Learn to listen attentively and understand body language communication?
Develop skills in responding effectively to both words and feelings?

This is a follow up course open to all fathers who have completed either the Dads Matter or the Reach Out For Dads program.

DATES AND TIMES: Saturdays, March 17 and 24, from 9 am to 12.30 pm.
VENUE: ROK (Reach Out for Kids), Silver Grove, Nunawading (Melways 48 E10).
FACILITATORS: Paul Tonson, father of three young adults, with 30 years experience in community and church education and motivational programmes. Ingrid Crosser: parent, grandmother, counsellor, and 32 years experience as parent educator. Parent Resource Worker with Parentzone for 12 years.
TOTAL COST: Just $40 ($20 concession). Or you may negotiate a price.

In a relaxed atmosphere the communication challenges of marriage and fatherhood are explored.

Bookings Essential – SMS or Phone Paul: 0413 010 146 ASAP

With sponsorship from Anglicare, Nunawading Uniting Church and the City of Whitehorse.

For full flyer go to www.anglicarevic.org.au >Media > Newsletters >Parentzone - open Eastern Newsletter, check Flyers included at end of Newsletter)
WE NEED YOU!
Could you give us 1 hour and 10 minutes of your time on the morning of 24th of March?

CALLING FOR STREET PARADE MARSHALLS

Celebrate Mooroolbark Street Parade, Sat 24th March, 2012

We require 22 adults to wear a ‘stylish’ fluorescent vest and stand at the road side as a street marshal and cheer on the 2012 Street Parade between 10 and 11am. (there is also a ten minute briefing at 9am)

If you can help please contact:

Matthew Gudge
Celebrate Mooroolbark Committee Member
E: parade@celebrate Mooroolbark.com
M: 0412 674 319
P: 03 611 8605
Dads ‘n’ Daughters

24th & 25th of March

Dads ‘n’ Daughters weekend – girl power in the great outdoors!
Girls – grab your dad, gumboots and a little bit of girl power for a weekend of action packed adventure in the great outdoors of Phillip Island – only 90 minutes from Melbourne.

Camp on Churchill Island and help out around the farm, challenge dad in a sack race and join a ranger for wildlife adventures on the beach and with the koalas. Who says boys have all the fun?!

Where: Phillip Island Nature Parks, Phillip Island
Cost: *$165 all inclusive (dinner, breakfast, activities for one adult, one child). $65 per extra child.
Activities include:
- Camping and entry to Churchill Island Heritage Farm (own tent required)
- Ranger guided beachcomb at Penguin Parade
- Games
- Ranger guided walks
- Farming activities at Churchill Island Heritage Farm
- Entry to the Koala Conservation Centre
- Koala spotlighting tour
- BBQ Dinner and big breakfast

Phillip Island Nature Parks is a not-for-profit organisation. All proceeds are reinvested into research, conservation and education activities.

Bookings and information: Jade Cranton Tel: 5951 2802 email: jcranton@penguins.org.au.