Affirmation
Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. Ralph Waldo Emerson

VCAL MARKET DAY
On Tuesday 20th May, our VCAL students organised a Market Day as part of a unit of work. They did a terrific job in organising and running this event with many great stalls. The Market Day was positively received by the whole student body who eagerly bought and ate all that the VCAL students had to offer. I am very grateful to the following teachers who supported the students either on the day or as their teachers in class. Jenny Roache and Chris Seabrook,

CROSS COUNTRY
Our College Annual House Fun Run and Cross Country was held at Lilydale Lake on Friday 16th May. All Year 7 & 8 students and a dedicated selection of senior runners completed the walk/run with many students using the event as a fundraiser for the SRC.
Congratulations to the overall Champion House for 2014 Yellow House. A big feature of the event in 2014 was the increased support shown by senior students. It was wonderful to see the growing number of parents/guardians in attendance, watching and helping, adding to the whole atmosphere.

PUPIL FREE DAY
A reminder that on the 13th June students are not required at the College as it is a Pupil Free Professional Day for the teachers of Mooroolbark College.

CHINA TOUR
We welcome back the students and teachers from the inaugural Tour of China. It was an outstanding opportunity for the students who went and it has certainly forged new links with Wujiang Senior Middle School, our Sister School. The students all had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal. Thank you to Robyn Cooper for her organisation and Jesse Johnson for his support in ensuring that the camp was so successful.

SISTER SCHOOL STUDENTS RETURNING
We are looking forward to having students from Wujiang Senior Middle School, our sister school in China returning to Mooroolbark College in July for a cultural experience with our students. The students from last year’s tour had such a positive experience with us that this year Wujiang has been inundated with students wanting visit Australia. We are looking for host families to look after the students for a home stay while they are at Mooroolbark College. This is a great experience for the Chinese students as well as for your family. I am speaking from experience as my family hosted a student last year. If you are interested please contact the College on 9727 8100. We appreciate your support.

Simon Reid
Principal
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA OF SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY**

Mooroolbark College is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form.

More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: [https://www.education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au) or contact Mr Simon Reid, Principal, at Mooroolbark College on 9727 8100 if you require further information or have any further questions.

Samantha McIntosh
Assistant Principal

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**

The Music and Art department would like to invite you and your family to our annual Performing Arts Festival which will be held on Thursday 29th May.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear some amazing performances by our College music students, as well as seeing art displays from our College art students.

Performances will run from 1.00pm - 3.00pm in A3, and then again from 4.00-5.00pm.

All family members are welcome to attend the performances during the day, however we realise that this may be difficult for many parents/guardians, so we hope you will be able to attend our 4.00pm concert. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Lisa Gaudion
Instrumental Music Coordinator

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**PTCA NEWS**

**The PTCA would like to thank all staff, students and parents/guardians involved with the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 10th May. We really appreciate everyone’s efforts and the $1600 raised will benefit the students at Mooroolbark College.**

The House points scored were:
- Green 189
- Yellow 141
- Red 96
- Blue 50

PTCA Committee

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**MYKI AUTO TOP UP**

Myki allows our students to now be ready to travel anytime with ‘auto top up’. You can choose your minimum balance and when you balance drops below this amount the top up value is loaded instantly onto your card. This is easily linked to your bank account, debit or credit card. A reminder it is important that students always touch on and off on every trip, even if they are using the pre-paid myki pass (weekly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly) as this information is used by Bus Lines in conjunction with Public Transport Victoria (PTV) to determine bus service levels.

Travelling without a valid myki is fare evasion and could result in the issuance of an infringement notice by Revenue protection officers.

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**College Uniform Policy**

Tattoos cannot be visible and must be covered at all times. In Victoria the legal age for a Tattoo is 18. (Department of Health; Regulations of tattooing and body piercing: Legal restrictions on tattooing in Australia).
**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2014**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014 is now well underway having reached the half way point. Already over 900 books have been read this year with 15 students already completing the challenge.

All students in Years 7-10 are automatically registered. To complete the challenge students only need to read 15 books before 31st August, 2014. All students that complete the challenge will receive 30 house points, a certificate and a free pizza lunch.

This year we are also running a special Year 7 competition with the form group that completes the most books winning an extra special prize. The current standings are:

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**NETBALL**
On Monday 12th May our Year 9 and 10 girls set off for an exciting day at the McDermott Ave Netball Courts. Our 1st team consisted of Emma Breen, Jamieson Batten, B’Elanna Price O’Reilly, Kirra Abrehart, Sharna Hams, Chloe Windfaull, Taylah Dymond, Courtney Brown and Melissa Del Vecchio. The girls put in a top effort and although they were unable to secure one of the final spots, they fought all the way to the end.

Our 2nd team was able to secure 1st place, remaining undefeated for the entire day. The team consisted of Sophie Schofield, Caitlyn Adams, Hayley Thompson, Hayleigh Blackburn, Hayley MacKenzie, Isla Macloud, Chloe Shade, Mackenzie Fouls and Brooke Smith.

A special thank you goes out to our talented umpires, Ruby MacDonald and Aimee MacKenzie, for showing an admirable degree of confidence and skill on the day.

Well done Mooroolbark!

Kristie Harris
Teacher in Charge

**RESULTS:**

1st Yellow Stingers 322 points
2nd Blue Thunder 312 points
3rd Green Machine 267 points
4th Red Devils 239 points.

**SPORTS**

**INTERSCHOOL BOYS SOCCER**
The Year 9 & 10 Mooroolbark College Boys Soccer team played the Yarra District competition on Monday 12th May. They won two matches, losing one match and drawing one. All the boys showed wonderful spirit and sportsmanship and in sunny conditions appeared to enjoy the day.

Our team consisted of Sean Ackroyd, Daniel Anderson, Jake Casey, Max Casey, Patrick Clements, Owen Cunningham, Brandon deSouza, Nich Dimitelos, Jake Dimitelos, Jake Dioguardi, Darian McNabb, Jack Hardstaff and Braden Zammit.

Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

**CROSS COUNTRY 2014**
Mooroolbark College held their Annual Cross Country and Fun Run at Lilydale Lake on Friday 16th May. With the temperature at a balmy 20 degrees it turned out to be ideal conditions for running.

All Year 7 and 8 classes attended, but it was particularly pleasing to note the huge increase in the number of Year 9 to 12 students who were willing to sacrifice their afternoon lessons to participate. 550 students participating might be the record attendance ever and approaching the numbers for Swimming and Athletics.

The fitness level of the students continues to improve and credit must be given to Ms. Bateman Mr. Lorkin and Mr. U’Ren in holding Running Group on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. A special thanks to Mr Ryan for introducing Digital Scanning via the library Bar Code system which eliminated much of the onerous writing and recording for both teachers and students.

The Medal Winners for each Age Groups were:

**13 Girls**
1st Cassie Mullens, 2nd Matilda Finch, 3rd Ashlinn Walker

**13 Boys**
1st Thomas Hardstaff, 2nd Zac Matheson, 3rd Tyler Jones

**14 Girls**
1st Melanie Barber, 2nd Sarah Mullens, 3rd Jaymie-Lee Burton

**14 Boys**
1st Hayden Watkins, 2nd Will Alsop, 3rd Jin Rong Jiao

**15 Girls**
1st Hayley Thompson, 2nd O’Love Gideon, 3rd Isla MacLeod

If you require more information, please contact Mr Neil at the College on 97278100 or your child’s English teacher.

Matthew Neil
Library Coordinator

www.love2read.org.au
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014
Mooroolbark College held their annual Athletics Carnival at Knox on Tuesday 6th May, in overcast but reasonably dry conditions. The Red Devils House won a close competition with 982 points to their nearest rival Yellow Sting- ers 912 points, third was Blue Thunder on 858 points and fourth Green Machine with 690 points.

The atmosphere created by the students on the day with their colours and outfits was a delight to see. The first event was the Fashions on the Field and showcased the efforts many students had taken in preparing for the day.

The relays were another highlight this year with Mr Ryan and Mr Nichol doing a running commentary for the track events and adding to the excitement. This included the annual Staff vs Student race which gained hundreds of spectators cheering on all competitors.

The innovation of the photo finish camera created considerable interest from participants with relay winners having their picture taken on the victory dias. The new practice of allowing competitors to participate in field events at any time throughout the day seemed another success with the throwing and jumping activities doing strong business all day.

A number of records were created on the day by the following individuals:
Tyler Waqanivalu (2), Braedon Dobie-Delmo, Sophie Dillema, Sarah Mullens, Angus Fern, Joel Caruana, Kyle Crosby, Van Hlawn Ceu, Katelyn Eisele, Benjamin Donald-Wilson and Lateisha Willis.

A big thank you is extended to all staff who manned the activities and events all day, many who entered into the spirit of the day by dressing up colours and outfits as well.

Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator
YEAR 12 OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 3 DAY HIKE

Last week a group of students from Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Environmental Studies went on a 3 day hiking camp to the Mt Buller and Howqua Valley region in the Victorian high country. Students investigated key environmental issues in the Mt Buller Alpine Resort and hiked to the summit of Mt Buller. After camping in the Sheepyard Flat area, students embarked on numerous river crossings to make their way to Tobacco Flat the second night. Students needed to be self-sufficient and carry all their requirements on their back for the 3 days. They learnt a great deal about the surrounding environment as well as learning about each other and having a little fun along the way. Best camp ever.

Anonymous OES student.
Cogmed Working Memory Training

Cogmed Working Memory Training is an evidence based program that helps children, adolescents and adults improve attention by training their working memory.

Delivered by computer at home or at a designated healthcare facility, the software adjusts complexity level for each exercise, in real time for maximised training effect.

Cogmed is based on scientific research and is delivered under the supervision of a qualified Coach who leads the training, tracks results and offers support and motivation.

The complete program includes:
- initial interview
- start-up session
- five weeks of training with weekly coach calls
- wrap-up meeting
- six month follow-up interview
- access to the Cogmed Training Web
- Cogmed Extension Training (12 months).

Cogmed is provided via a national network of attention specialists, all qualified by Cogmed.

Cogmed Training Web gives all users online access to their own training results and progress status.

Benefits

Research and clinical data show improved grades following Cogmed training. Published studies have shown Cogmed training to address math skills, reading comprehension and attention deficits.

After using Cogmed parents and teachers report improved social skills, taking initiative, remembering instructions, and completing assignments more independently. The objective is better academic results, particularly in reading comprehension and math.

Visit www.cogmed.com/research for further information.
OUTDOOR GROUP FITNESS

SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2014

'World NO Tobacco Day 2014'

On May 31st, GUSU Outdoor Group Fitness will be holding our first ‘Health and Wellbeing’ session for ‘World No Tobacco Day’.

We are not only asking our valued clients, but we are extending our invitation to the greater community to bring family and friends along who smoke and who may not, to join in on an hour long exercise training session.

Our event is not only to bring awareness of the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle, but to highlight the the health risks associated with tobacco use, being death and disease.

Common fact - Tobacco kills nearly 6 million people each year. Not to mention 600,000 are non-smokers dying from breathing second hand smoke.

GUSU - Outdoor Group Fitness Event
WHEN: Saturday 31st May 2014 @ 8AM
(Please arrive 10 minutes prior to starting time)
WHEN: Mooroolbark College - Enter off Ross Pincott Drive, Mooroolbark.

COST: FREE EVENT

For further queries regarding this event, contact us on the following:
W: www.gusu.com.au
E: sales@gusu.com.au
M: 0474 127 179
PLAYERS WANTED - Get Active & Have Fun with Rugby League!

The Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club is your only local rugby league club, providing the opportunity for local boys and girls to play Rugby league from Under 6’s through to Under 14’s.

The Club is pleased to invite all new players to come and have a TRY! We have vacancies in all teams. No experience is necessary; our accredited coaches are willing to teach all aspects of the game.

The season has just started but it’s not too late, get on board now!

The Club is located at Colchester Reserve, Colchester Road Boronia and we train on Monday and Wednesdays from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

For further information, please call Rebecca Marnock on 0421 154 776

Rugby League is an exciting game combining the skills of passing, catching, running and having FUN!

Go to www.easternraptors.com.au for further information