FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mooroolbark College is an exciting place to be. Our students have so many opportunities to learn, explore and be challenged. What you will see in this Bugle is a show case of what the students have been involved in throughout first semester. This includes an amazing array of learning opportunities, performances, sporting events, camps and tours and co-curricular activities. The high participation rate of students and teachers in all the above is reflective of the positive and engaging environment that exists at the College. This will be evident as you read through the Bugle.

Our 2013 Year 12 students again did us proud, achieving terrific results, with the highest all study average school of all the Government schools in the area. Our English results were again a standout with our students clearly achieving the highest scores. This year’s students are all working hard and we expect them to all do equally well this year.

The Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and the Cross Country were standout sporting events. They were wonderful events with all the students and staff enthusiastically participating. At each event there were some exceptional performances. On top of these large events students have participated in a range of Interschool sports with many individual students and teams making their way through to participate in Regional competitions.

This semester students across the year levels have been involved in a wonderful array of camps, tours and extra-curricular activities. They have provided challenging life and learning experiences for students. So far this year there has been; Outdoor Education Camp, Year 12 Study Camp, Year 9 Tasmania Tour, Year 10 Central Australia Tour and Year 7’s going to Camp in Marysville along with VCE Art Exhibition, the Year 11 students having their Debutante Ball, the Music Festival, the VCAL Market Day and the introduction of the morning Running Club.

Other highlights for me was our ongoing partnership with our sister school in China as part of our drive to provide an education for our children that is linked to internationalising education and Asian Literacy. Last year we had students from Wujiang this year we were excited to give the opportunity to 11 of our students to venture off on our first camp tour of China, including a home stay with students at our Sister School in Wujiang. All the students learnt a great deal and this camp certainly paves the way for many more opportunities for students from our school and Wujiang.

I highlight the above as it is representative of the opportunities for students at Mooroolbark College. I believe it also demonstrates our care for students and also our desire to provide students with an outstanding education and enjoy wonderful experiences along the way.

Please enjoy reading our Bugle as I have, we certainly have a great deal to be proud of in our College.

A reminder that Monday 14th July, 2014 is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Students will commence back at the College on Tuesday 15th July to start Term 3.

Have a safe holiday.

Simon Reid
Semester one has almost been and gone in Blue House in 2014. With such a busy time within the College, we have had our team members involved in some great events. To show our consistency these included 2nd place in Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country. The whole Blue House footy tipping competition is again underway with B2 only just leading the way from B7 at the halfway point.

Our Middle School and House captains were once again involved in Anzac day services, doing us extremely proud. We have a number of Principal Awards so far and a number of helpers on exploration night which (as defending champions) places us well and truly in the running for the house trophy once again.

Our House Captains, Mallory Burke and Daniel Molesworth have been doing a good job helping to run our House assemblies, supporting our carnival organisation and helping our Middle School Captains Shanty Tamblyn and Ryan Leone with their new roles.

Mr Christopher Stephen (B4-6) and Miss Robyn Cooper (B1-3) have been fantastic Blue House Cluster leaders this semester, providing much support to many of our students. They are to be congratulated for all their work so far.

It has been fantastic to see that detentions are significantly down in all areas such as lateness and uniform. This shows that most of our Blue team members are wanting to live up to the high standards that have been asked of them.

Looking forward to some more whole house competitions that are planned for term 3

Go Blue!

Luke McCormick, Christopher Steven & Robyn Cooper—Blue House Team
GREEN HOUSE

GREEN MACHINE – GREEN HOUSE –
BIGGER AND BETTER IN 2014.
WATCH OUT THERE’S MORE TO COME!

The mighty Green Machine has made a very positive start to the year. The Green House teams of coordinators and captains have worked diligently throughout the year to continue to develop meaningful relationships with the students of their house. As a house leader it has been very clear how comfortable and supported our students fell when they walk through the door to Mooroolbark College.

Our great start to the year began with a close second place finish in the Swimming Carnival. The number of students getting involved in the events and showcasing their house colours through their elaborate outfits was great to see and made our great performance all the sweeter. Our Green House superstars then continued their involvement with their active involvement in the Athletics Carnival and their third placing in the Cross Country. All of these events were enjoyable days where the staff and students had the opportunity to interact in a different setting.

Outside of the carnivals, our Green House students continued to impress through a large number of Principals Awards, high participation in the Year 7 Leadership camp, involvement in the open night and participation in curriculum programs such as the Peer Support program and Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Captains, John Williams, Lexy Maalouf, Lisa Lin & Kyle Leslie have also started extremely well with both Middle School and Senior House Captains doing an exceptional Job. A big thanks to these students for the work they do in supporting our House on a daily basis.

Overall, I would like to commend the attitude, enthusiasm and work ethic displayed by our students. We as a house team really enjoy working at Mooroolbark College because of the quality of people that we are given the opportunity to work with and this year to date has been no exception. I hope all the students can enjoy a well earned break and return in semester 2, ready to resumed a focused and meticulous approach to their studies. Go Green In 2014!

Matthew Donald, Jenny Roberts & Lucas Unland -The Green House Team
RED HOUSE ARE THE ONES TO BEAT IN 2014!

What a great half a year we have had at Mooroolbark College. The house system has once again seen an influx of students getting engaged with a range of different school events from Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Maths, Reading and more. All students involved have competed against one another in good spirit, something that we pride ourselves at the College and emphasise in Red House.

This year has seen Red House have a flying start, led by the 2014 Senior Captains, Michael Eshetu-Mulegta and Bianca Heard. Both have brought their strong passion and expertise, taking charge of the troops and gearing them up for whatever event is on the calendar. Alongside them, Junior Captains, Thomas Peacock and Kate Gregory have provided a new level of professionalism, supporting both their captains as well as adding their own touch of flare.

Once again we continued our dominance in the Athletics Carnival, making it three straight victories for Red House. This year, the Devils dominated the event from the start with high participation in all events. At the last count before the famous team relays, Red Devils were in front, but with double points on offer we had to dig deep. The Red Devils prevailed, winners 80% of all the team events and bringing home, ‘the bacon’, smashing our rival competition with a great team effort.

Along with this we had a number of students (Bianca Heard, Ally McNabb, Shaily Campaneri, Maddison McQuillen) who have received a Principal Award this year for hard work and dedication in five (Year 7-10) or four (Year 11-12) individual subjects. Let keep up the good work as the Principal awards may determine which team takes home the House Cup this year.

Overall we are very proud of every student in Red House, they work hard at improve their schooling by committing to their studies. Keep up the good work!

Lastly, on behalf of the Red Devils we would like to welcome Miss Kruger into the Cluster Leaders position of R7-9 and extend an open door to come visit us in the Red House Office aka, “The Devil's Lair,” whenever you require some assistance.

Grant Olarenshaw, Matt Bell & Rebecca Kruger - Red House Team
“ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST, WHAT YOU PLANT NOW, YOU WILL HARVEST LATER”

The mighty Yellow Stingers have continued to power forward in 2014 and claim themselves as one of the most successful houses across all areas of the College. The attitude, enthusiasm, genuine caring nature and level of effort from all of our Yellow House students, continues to impress us on all levels!

Our House Captains, Jade Connaughton, Jade Hubben, Chloe Neagle and Hayley MacKenzie have been outstanding contributors to the success of Yellow House so far. Their passion, enthusiasm and willingness to get involved has set the standard and as a result, Yellow House continues to SHINE through!

There have been many highlights so far, but one that clearly stands out above the rest is Yellow House finally claiming its first Swimming Sports Champion Trophy. This is the first time in the history of our Swimming Sports that Yellow House has claimed victory. All students that attended on the day and got involved in the many events and activities are to be commended. Our relay teams were outstanding, which in the end got Yellow House over the line. Term 2 has once again been a time of celebration for the mighty stingers, claiming the Cross Country title for the fifth year in row, this time by as little as 8 points!! This couldn’t have been achieved without the effort of each Yellow House student on the day especially the 50 year 9-12 students who volunteered to represent Yellow House. It was the enthusiasm and effort of the yellow house team once again that got us over the line.

House points are earned for contributions in a range of areas including classroom effort and work ethic, participation in music concerts, open night, sports teams, 100% punctuality and participation in sports carnivals. Up until this point, Principal Awards have been earned by Sarah McKnight, Jessica Webb, Patrick Morrison, Catherine Schwab, Matthew Thompson, Keely Hocking and Sam Allen. We have also had many students across all year levels involved in the Spelling Bee with Yellow House winning the Intermediate Division.

It is easy to say that 2014 has been our most successful yet! As we head into Term 3, I continue to encourage our Yellow House students to get involved and make the most of the opportunities that are presented to them. In 2014, we have continued to live by this motto and as a result we are continuing to lead the change. If we continue to put our best effort forward, 2014 is sure to be another successful year for the Mighty Yellow Stingers.

Katrina Bateman, Rhonda Harker & Andrew U’ren—Yellow House Team
It has been a terrific start to the year and we commend all student for their continuous hard work and enthusiasm throughout the semester. We are proud of our students efforts and positive attitude, especially for our carnival days and interschool activities where the participation and energy was outstanding.

We are really looking forward to another great semester in Terms 3 & 4 and encourage all students to keep up the fantastic work ethic and commitment to their studies they have maintained so far.

Paula Hubben & Eric Sidey

FROM THE HOUSE CAPTAINS

BLUE HOUSE
Congratulations to students of Blue House for a successful Semester! We are both overly impressed with the will and determination of each student to achieve their highest standards and accomplish success. Credit to those who have contributed points in varied ways. Constant attendance rates and ability to wear the correct uniform is a reflection of the culture and standards we hold within Blue House.

We have a magnificent support network in Teachers and Coordinators, so don’t be afraid to consult them.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Semester 2.

Mallory Burke & Daniel Molesworth

GREEN HOUSE
Our first six months as Green House Captains has be an unforgettable experience. We have had the privilege of getting to know and develop relationships with many students across all year levels. It really helps create a strong and friendly environment when students are so comfortable interacting with other students, their captains and the teachers that support them.

Aside from the enjoyable role of leading the Green Machine at school carnivals we have also been given a number of other responsibilities. We had the privilege of addressing a school assembly about the importance of seizing the amazing opportunities our school offers its students. We also had the opportunity to assist in the running of the Year 7 Leadership camp, which helped us get to know young aspiring leaders and helped us see the school from their perspective. Go Green!

Lexy Maalouf & John Williams

RED HOUSE
An absolutely fantastic start to the year for Red House. We have loved all the enthusiasm and effort being put in by everyone. It was awesome to see all students having a blast and getting involved at the swimming sports and athletics, which we even managed the win which was awesome! We loved meeting all the new year 7's and we can really see how well they have settled in and adopted the charismatic, hardworking ways of Red House! Let continue raising the bar and excelling at everything we put our minds too! Thanks for an awesome semester, looking forward to the next!

Bianca Heard & Michael Eshetu-Mulugeta

YELLOW HOUSE
Yellow house has certainly had a great start to 2014 with a victory in the swimming carnival for the first time ever, also a win for cross country and not to mention a second in the athletics carnival. A massive thank you to all you Yellow house champions who participate in winning house points regularly, you're all great contributors to our amazing house. As captains we are extremely proud of our house! The attitude and participation of all Yellow House Stingers has been nothing short of outstanding and constantly contributes to the enthusiastic spirit and competitive nature of the house. We look forward to finishing the year just as strong as the beginning, which we are confident yellow house can do in all areas! We would like to thank all our yellow house stingers for an a great year and we are excited to be spending the rest of the year with such a bunch of champions! Yellow house is the place to be!

Jade Hubben & Jade Connaughton
It has been an exciting semester for Inter House activities, with many Sporting Carnivals and academic events. Students have participated in Exploration Night, the Musical Festival, Times Tables Competition, Swimming Carnival and Cross Country. As a result, the tallies so far are:

1st Place: Yellow 2918
2nd Place: Blue 2353
3rd Place: Red 2311
4th Place: Green 2257

David Innes
Inter-House Activities Activities Coordinator

The Arts have been busy creating and making this year with a large variety of items displayed and performed in the school community from the vast number of subjects.

Student work has been outstanding across all year levels. With the likes of the ceramic heads that keep ‘popping out’ of the kiln; ceramic platters and pots; Koorie and Pop Art inspired art; portraits of people in many different styles and medias. To technical drawings, magazine covers, poster design, cartoon character designs created in Media, VCD and Digital Discovery. Photography in both digital and film format are constantly being developed, creating interesting Surreal scenes and imaginative works. Etching and block prints are working their way out of the printing press.

Students have been scared scriptless this term working on Improvisation skills. Classes have rounded off the semester with a team a Theatresports competition where the most crazy and creative scenes steal the show. Students continue to have fun and perform to a high quality in Drama.

The music team continues to provide students with opportunities to showcase their talents in musical performances. This semester there was the Performing Arts Festival, during which performances from Year 7 through to Year 10 were executed, along with a visual plethora of 2D Art surrounding them. All students, guests and parents that attended enjoyed the items that were presented with enthusiasm and much critical praise.

Congratulations to all the creative and talented people who have exhibited their work so far. We look forward to more in the next half of the year.

Karen Ellis – Arts KLA Head/Arts Teacher
137 students and 13 staff ventured off to Marysville for our Year 7 camp. We started the camp in balmy sunshine before the heavens opened up and gave us a good soaking in the middle of day 2. Fortunately our staff and students didn’t let it bother them and we splashed on through a variety of activities, including a 22m rock climbing wall that several of our students were brave enough to tackle. We also took part in activities such as canoeing, cooking, teamwork and balance, Ultimate Frisbee and bike riding. Seeing our students splash through muddy puddles and wade for gold in the nearby river on the big trees and rivers walk was also a highlight.

In my view the camp definitely achieved its main aim of providing students with the opportunity to get to know each other better and further develop positive relationships with several staff members. Our students generally presented themselves as a supportive, friendly and positive group. I am even more confident this group of students will continue to uphold the Mooroolbark College culture.

Many thanks to the following staff who attended and worked hard to ensure the camp was a success – John Nichol, Luke McCormick, Matt Donald, Dane Keogh, Glenn Carroll, Graham Small, Rhonda Harker, Claire Jones, Sarah Garnaut, Tracey Benness, Jen Young, Stephanie Parsons and Jan Willingham.

Adam Lorkin—Year 7 Transition Coordinator
YEAR 9 TASSIE TOUR

This year our tour was split into two groups, Group A had 40 Year 9 students and Group B had 38. Each group had 4 staff. Group A departed Sunday 29th March and Group B departed Monday 30th March. We travelled on the Spirit of Tasmania and we were lucky to have a relatively smooth sail until we hit the heads. We arrived unscathed at 6am and we disembarked about 6.45am.

We found our Redline Coach Captain and after being checked for fruit by the friendly Beagles we loaded up the bus and headed to breakfast at Sheffield. After bacon and egg rolls we explored the Murals at Sheffield and then we were on our way to Marakoopa caves. We stayed in a different motel each night and spent the days travelling and visiting may places of interest along the way. It was unseasonably warm for the first half of the trip.

Some highlights included:

DAY 1
♦ The fantastic murals in Sheffield whilst marvelling at the surrounding Mountains.
♦ Marakoopa Caves— the stlagmites and stalagtites and the Glow worms, Cataract Gorge, the Chairlift ride.
♦ The Botanical Gardens in Launceston to watch the Monkeys.
♦ Shopping in Launceston.
♦ Arrived at Tamar Valley Resort where students could play Mini Golf and stayed in our Swiss-style chalets for the night.

DAY 2
♦ Richmond and Ross
♦ The wood carvings in the main street at Campbellfield.
♦ Zoodoo Wildlife Park—Lions, Tigers, crazy Ostriches and Emus, Tassie Devils, patting the Albino Wallabies and Koalas.
♦ The Blow hole, Devils Kitchen and those excellent chips.
♦ Port Arthur at night for the Ghost tour, no torches allowed.

DAY 3
♦ Visiting the Port Arthur site the next day and cruising to the Isle of the Dead and visiting the convict’s graves.
♦ Completed the Scavengerhunt—many received prizes for their efforts. Remarkable cave.
♦ Hobart Mall.
♦ Arrive at the Riverfront Motel—Many students were lucky enough to stay in the River-house and Coach-house.

DAY 4
♦ Visit Cadbury’s factory shop—fabulous Hot chocolates made with real chocolate flakes.
♦ The Huon Air Walk and barbeque.
♦ The suspension bridge, Jeeveston.
♦ Fly home Friday evening.

The accommodations and food were excellent! A great time was had by all!

Jodie Tilley, Janet Whitby & Elizabeth Nickel—Tour Organisers
FROM THE HEALTH & PE DEPARTMENT

Our faculty has started the year full of eagerness and drive from both staff and students. The junior years of Year 7 and 8 begun the year with some fitness activities and team building games to set them up for the year ahead. This was followed by an Athletics unit in preparation for our very successful Athletics sports.

Term 2 saw all our Year 7s involved in a Netball unit which provided the opportunity for some peer coaching and the chance to interact with some other Year 7 forms in some class versus class competitions.

Year 9 students have been involved in a range of team sports, including; Cricket, Lacrosse, Rugby and Volleyball. Also working on their personal fitness and resistance training through an intense unit of varied Recreational Fitness activities. Starting in Term 3, Year 9 students will undertake a SEPEP program for European Handball which will require students to coach, organise and umpire the unit. This provides a unique opportunity for students to take some ownership in their learning. Students often flourish in this environment, demonstrating high levels of initiative, co-operation and sportsmanship, which I believe will be no different, this year round.

We’ve had a real focus on quick, active starts to all our practical classes and ensuring each class includes a fitness element. This is an area of great significance as we continue to live in a world that can often reduce our physical activity levels due to the many distractions available. As many of our Year 7 parents may have noticed with their son/daughter’s assignment we are actively trying to encourage students to monitor and evaluate their own activity levels in an attempt to establish healthy life long habits early.

Year 10 students have been involved in a range of alternate sporting activities that are not offered in junior years, sparking keen interest in coaching, umpiring and skill development. Students have tested various recovery techniques, even braving freezing cold ice baths as an example. They have also investigated current real life issues relating to Health and making responsible choices for their future.

All our elective subjects are up and running with students from Sports leadership classes umpiring on the MCG and Etihad Stadium, Outdoor Education and Duke of Edinburgh students heading out on sailing, canoeing, orienteering, high ropes courses, surfing, snorkelling and camping expeditions. With winter starting to set in, Outdoor Ed students are building with excitement in preparation of their upcoming ski trip.

Our faculty again boasts very healthy numbers selecting VCE subjects and we are continuing to challenge our Year 11 students as much as possible in preparation for a successful Year 12. Our Year 11 teachers are increasingly gearing our content towards optimising Year 12 success which our students seem to be responding well to. Part of their studies, allowed students to undertake a 6 week intensive training program and monitor their own progress, then compare results. Year 12 grades within the faculty are excellent, continuing to lead the school with high results. This year’s cohort of students is very competitive, pushing each other and are hopefully going to set a new benchmark.

The top 10 beep test results have been posted up in the front of the ECA and it is good to see students striving to make this list. It will be interesting to see if any new names make it up there in the second half of the year and possibly into our ‘Hall of Fame’.

We’ve continued our links across all year levels with the local community, involving visits to Good Life Gym and Subway as part of leading a healthy lifestyle and nutrition. A new initiative this year is the introduction of a female only day in the weights room on Monday and it’s been great to see a number of new students attending regularly. We’ve also had a big upgrade in the weights room this year with some new equipment and fresh carpet laid. Certainly the place to be at lunchtime.

Looking forward to an even better, energised second half of the year, with students ready to tackle new activities and challenges as they arise.

Glenn Esnouf—Health & PE KLA Head
VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies
Students have been committed to the subject since day 1, it all started last year for students during their orientation week and they are still going strong. They started learning about how people have interacted with the outdoor environment since the first Aboriginal inhabitants of this great country, through to how we now interact and use the outdoor environment for both profit and pleasure.

Our first experience was at Kilsyth Pool in preparation for Coastal Camp on the Bellarine Peninsula. Students investigated various issues relating to the region whilst taking part in an Aboriginal Cultural Tour, a canoe expedition on Swan Bay, and Snorkelling at Popes Eye and swimming with the seals and dolphins. What an experience, being only metres away from a dolphin in the wild!

Hiking Camp took the group to the high country, starting at Mount Buller and camping in the Howqua Valley for 2 nights. Students explored the region, hiking with all their belongings required for the 3 days. They did numerous river crossings, carrying packs, knee high in flowing water, and no one fell in... Students discovered Cattlemen’s Huts along the way and learnt about the history of the area, whilst doing some off track navigation.

But it’s not all fun, the content in class is linked to the experiences students have in the field and must be recorded in detail in students’ logbooks. They will investigate a number of environmental issues during semester 2, both past and present. Students have completed a number of SACs already, but still have quite a few to complete yet and then the end of year exam.

Students final upcoming camp is during Term 3, when we visit the Victorian Alps for 5 days of exploring, investigating, cross country skiing, downhill skiing and camping out in the snow. The excitement is building as students prepare for their last camp of the year. Keep up the great work!

Glenn Esnouf—VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies Teacher
SPORTS CARNIVALS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A close result saw Yellow Stingers take the Swimming title by 30 points with 434 points for the day. They were strongest in the ever popular Walking Lane and had participants in all events throughout the day.

Apart from the swimming races there were a multitude of activities and events to cater for all interests and tastes. Music is a constant and Mr Ryan added 3 DJ mixer platters to the Dance Party in the Toddlers Pool so that the Carnival atmosphere there reached loud and noisy heights.

The Learners Pool was also a hive of activities and fun with Wading Polo the main event with hundreds of competitors displaying their skills and enthusiasm.

Hundreds of students used the opportunity to Dress Up in colours and outfits supporting their House. Many took the trouble to co-ordinate fashions and some spectacular war paint and hired outfits were on show.

Congratulations to Jorja-Shae Baker who was the only one to set a record in the Junior Girls Medley race, swimming a time of 3.25.12 on the day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Red Devils House won a close competition with 982 points to their nearest rival Yellow Stingers 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 the Mr Ryan and Mr Nichol running commentary 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 track 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 big thank you is extended to all staff who ran the activities and events all day, many who entered into the spirit of the day by dressing up in colours and outfits as well.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
All Year 7 and 8 classes attended the event at Lilydale Lake, 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.

A special thanks to Mr Ryan for introducing Digital Scanning via the library Bar Code system which allowed many participants the fun of Being “zapped” before heading off for refreshing ice creams.

Results:

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

INTERESCHOOL SPORTS
Mooroolbark College has entered a full complement of Summer and Winter sports for 2014, with Volleyball, Soccer, AFL Football and Netball the most popular sports so far. The Seniors have had an especially successful year qualifying for Zone representation in Football, Basketball and Table Tennis. Hockey, Badminton, Table Tennis and Basketball still to come for most year levels means there is always something happening at Mooroolbark College.

Keith Clapp Interschool Sport Coordinator
YEAR 9 ADVANCED SPORTS LEADERSHIP

Another exciting semester in the world of Sport Leadership. Students have organised and budgeted for several team building activities this semester. These have included a commando course, laser strike, rock climbing, paddle boarding, pool snorkelling games, bush walking, and kayaking. They have also completed a bike programme in preparation for their end of year camp to Warburton, a 90km bike ride over 2 days.

Students are presently working hard to complete their level one first aid course and have also completed their AFL umpiring course. They are now officially qualified AFL umpires. They will later in their year have the privilege of umpiring three half time Auskick matches at the MCG.

The sports leaders have also been working with Manchester and Bimbadeen Primary School umpiring several AFL, Netball and Soccer inter-school matches. They were rewarded for all their hard work with a surf trip and excursion to a trampolining park.

They will also be meeting the Melbourne Rebels players and coaching team this term to talk about sporting codes of conduct and leadership responsibilities. They will be learning about the Rebels 5 Star Pledge and later work with the club to promote the codes of conduct with our local primary schools through a ruby 7’s competition.

They are presently writing their lesson plans in preparation for running sport lessons in term 3 for Manchester and Bimbadeen Primary School. In term 4 they will run an athletics programme for Kilsyth Primary school.

There is clearly a lot of hard work to come next semester on top of completing their Pool Bronze certificate. I know the students will rise to the challenge and complete their community work with the high standards they set themselves.

Paul Ryan - Sports Leader Coordinator
Getting through the Slump

So here we are...halfway through the year already. The coming term is usually the hardest one for many of our students – the weather is dismal, the days short and grey and cold. Many Year 12 students struggle with their motivation at this time of year. All of us who have taught Year 12 over the years agree on this. And, honestly, I don't know what the solution is except to be forewarned. It is very important for our Year 12 students to stay as positive and as focused as they can be next term. I'm a regular attendee at Club 34 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and sometimes the study centre is overflowing with staff and VCE students – all there to deepen the learning experience. The place is really buzzing. This is extremely encouraging and I believe regular attendance at this academic melting pot as one way of sustaining motivation.

We’re through the NAPLAN tests again this year and we’ll see the results at the end of the year. As English teachers, we’ve put some thought and effort into assisting our Year 7s and Year 9s through this process. As someone who had to supervise the Year 11 English exam, I was very impressed with the focus many of our students brought to bear under exam conditions. The VCE Unit 1 English course has been a challenge for some of our Year 11 students and it was fantastic to see them coming out the other side of the tunnel in terms of planning and writing essays under exam conditions. Equally impressive was the same focus that many of our Year 10 students displayed in their English exam.

So we can all look back on the first half of 2014 with a fair amount of satisfaction for a job well done. The trick is to keep the fire stoked and burning – particularly for Year 12 students because, really, term 3 is their final term and they need to make the most of it.

On a sad note we say farewell to Mr Jesse Johnson who has been a stalwart member of the English department for many years. Jesse is retiring. A calm and positive presence in any situation, Jesse will be missed by everyone in our College community.

Jev Telford - Head of English - KLA

FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Another busy semester in the Maths department. Once again, our world famous Numeracy Emporium has returned with many students seeking help after school every Tuesday and Thursday. Special thanks to Mrs Brightling, Ms Young, Ms Roche, Mr Smalley, Mr Zarebski and Mr Bryan who joined me in taking the time to volunteer their services to help our students achieve to the best of their ability.

This semester we say goodbye to two wonderful teachers in the department. Mr Bryan has been at the College for 6 years and is now retiring. His expertise, wisdom and humour will be much missed from the Maths Staffroom. In addition, we are sad to see Ms Roche leave after a short stay. We wish both Mr Bryan and Ms Roche success in their endeavours after the Mooroolbark College experience.

Our Further Maths students have just finished their major Data Analysis Task and boy, are they glad it’s over! Our Year 12 Mathematical Methods students have nearly finished half way through the course, having just completed their SAC Task on Circular, Exponential, Logarithmic and Inverse Functions. I was most impressed to see a lot of our Year 12 Methods students doing exceptionally well on the Circular Functions topic, which most students in the state generally find quite difficult. Our Year 7s are tackling Measurement at the moment, our Year 8s have just been introduced to Negative Numbers and our Year 9s have currently finished studying Pythagoras and Trigonometry. Our Year 10s and 11s have been working hard to prepare for their exams and getting used to their new CAS Calculator; an essential tool for VCE Mathematics.

Next semester we have the Australian Mathematics Competition. If your son or daughter would be interested in participating, they should contact me at the Maths Office to put your name down. The entry is $3.

David Innes - Head of Maths - KLA
Students and staff have been very busy in Science this semester! We have been impressed with the enthusiasm and enjoyment displayed by our Science students. It is important that students learn by many ‘hands-on’ practical activities. We have also been pleased with their hard work and efforts.

Year 7 students have enjoyed completed lots of experiments in the ‘Introduction to Science’, ‘Separating Mixtures’ and ‘Classification’ units. They have identified and used a range of scientific equipment. They particularly enjoyed classifying our collection of animal specimens!

Year 8 students have continued increased their understanding of Chemistry, looking at states of matter, elements, compounds and the periodic table. This involved many practical activities. The loud popping of testing for hydrogen was popular! Students also enjoyed using microscopes to look at and identify different types of cells. A whole new world! They are currently identifying different types of energy and finding the most effective insulators for a can of hot drink.

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. Many students have efficiently completed a bull’s eye dissection. Very interesting! The students have also studied heat and electricity and ways to make our homes better insulated to save on energy.

Senior School students are continuing to enjoy their studies in their chosen Science field – Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology. They are in the midst of sitting their end of semester exams or continuing to complete their school assessed coursework tasks.

Year 11 Psychology students visited local primary schools to conduct some observations and practical activities. Both the senior students and the primary school students enjoyed this greatly.

The Science department has been busy helping with the transition program that the college conducts. We have had many grade 5 and 6 students come to the college and have used the laboratory to perform experiments. The students have been creating explosions and determining the strength of different brands of chips.

We also ran a “Meter Licence” session with primary schools and our Year 8 students mentored the younger students through various activities and then successful students were awarded their licence. All levels enjoyed the experience. Some of our students have sat for Science competitions called “the Big Science Competition” and also “The University of N. S. W. science competition”. We were pleased with the response of the students who applied and of course, we hope they went well.

Enjoy the holidays!

Debra Curciev - Head of Science - KLA
The year has started off smoothly, with a new batch of Year 7 students enthusiastically starting their German studies at Mooroolbark College. Of course, some students had already begun a German program in primary school but the expectations are much higher at high school. The progress has been so fast that we now have top students in Year 7 German who had no prior knowledge of the language. The Year 7 German students have been busy making a poster in German about themselves, as well as preparing for spoken and written assessment.

Year 8 German classes consist solely of students who have proven ability in German. These classes have worked extremely well and they have most recently been preparing a poster in German about a person they admire. In the alternative study, Cultural Studies, the students have been examining the indigenous history of Australia, after watching the powerful movie, "The Rabbit Proof Fence."

The students of the Year 9 German class have taken the greater workload in their stride and the class has been performing student composed dialogues in class, based on their course work. At the beginning of the year, Steven Mullins, a Year 11 student, visited the class to speak about his exchange trip to Germany over the Christmas holidays with the BJR Exchange Organisation. The Year 9 students thoroughly enjoyed listening to all he had to report.

The main focus of Term 2 has been the global Language Perfect Competition. All German classes competed for a full 10 days in May and this year we gained even more awards than in previous years. We jumped up to an impressive 82 awards this year, after winning 44 in 2013. Sam Allen in Year 7 obtained the only Gold Award at Mooroolbark College. This is a magnificent result for Sam, who competed for the first time. It is astounding that 2nd place, a Silver Award, was won by another Year 7 student, Kellie Stevens. The other winners, in order of achievement were: Sophie Schofield (3rd place) and Ally McNabb (4th place) who also gained a Silver Award, whilst Kimberley Barkwith, Charlotte Paps, Madison McQuillen, River Stevens-Dobby, Tommy Voigt, Holly Paps and Baylee Ablett all gained a Bronze Award after earning over 1300 points. Congratulations to the other 17 students who won Bronze and to the 54 students who won a Credit Award. The competition was intense! Mooroolbark College can be very proud of coming 6th in German out of 164 Victorian schools and 10th for German out of 599 Australian schools.

It was an amazing effort by all students of German at Mooroolbark College.

GERMAN HERITAGE TOUR
The wonderful Year 8 German tour to Hahndorf in South Australia occurs every year in the second week of December. The students at the end of 2013 thoroughly enjoyed their time discovering the German history of the area, as well as participating in lots of fun activities. All Year 8 students are invited to come this year and notices have already been distributed to Year 8 students, asking for an expression of interest. Below are some of the photos taken on the 2013 trip.
Mr Dimitra-Lyons was away on long service leave during this term, and the Humanities KLA was pleased to welcome Mr Cameron on board to take his place. We thank him for his efforts over the term and wish him well in the future.

Exploration Evening provided an opportunity for the Humanities KLA to showcase the fantastic efforts of our students. The classroom walls displayed posters of our History and Geography students. Egyptian, Roman and Medieval models created by our students were also on display. Staff were available to talk to prospective students and their parents. The Geography room was alive with activity, as students created contour models out of sand. Year 7 and 8 student PowerPoints featured on the E3 computers.

Each year the Australian Securities Exchange Limited (ASX) operates a simulation exercise based on the buying and selling of shares on the stock market. It is designed to give an understanding of the securities market, without the risks normally faced. Students form syndicates of two to four people who are allotted a theoretical $50,000 to buy shares. Each syndicate establishes a portfolio at the commencement of the game and may either trade or hold their portfolio. The challenge is to be the most profitable syndicate in the State. Mooroolbark College entered nineteen syndicates in the first game of 2014. These potential millionaires are all studying VCE Accounting! The syndicate comprised of Nicole Danker, Liam Plant and Jake Smith came first in the College, making a profit of $3,802.62.

In May, the VCE History students made a visit to the Holocaust Museum. This turned out to be a moving and enlightening experience for both students and staff.

The Year 11 Geography class enjoyed a fun, busy day on the Mornington Peninsula. Students examined geographic characteristics and management techniques at Rosebud, Blairgowrie, Koonya, Cape Schanck and Hastings. It was a great day where students experienced the ‘real’ Geography, next to the roar of the surf and the wild energy of the coast.

Arran Stuart—Head of Humanities KLA

It has been a busy start to the year for the Library. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is in full swing with a number of students already completing the challenge and the school as a whole registering over 1,000 books.

Already this year we have had two Australia authors visit the College. In celebration of Multicultural Week, Alice Pung visited the College to talk to students about her experiences of Growing up Asian in Australia. Alice spoke about the experiences of her family’s life in Cambodia and growing up in Australia with a diverse background. Students were enthralled by her stories and her family’s experiences.

The second author that visited our college was Sue Lawson, author of 20 books including “Pans Whisper”. Sue set up 3 workshops with Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 students in developing their writing skills as well as teaching our young writers the art and secrets of a good story.

Semester two in the library will see Sue Lawson return to speak to the Year 9s, the end of the Premier’s Reading Challenge and the MS Readathon, which will take place in August.

Matthew Neil—Head of Library
The Music staff would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the Mooroolbark College Performing Arts festival on Thursday 29th May. Students, staff and families were treated to a wonderful concert which ran through lunchtime, Period 4 and after school.

The College ensembles played, along with individual performances from singers, guitarists and student rock bands. We also had some amazing Art work up on display, courtesy of our College Art students.

We have some truly talented musicians at our school, and it’s wonderful to see so many students performing and enjoying themselves.

Our next concert will be our annual Winter Concert, which will be held on Monday 18th August at 7.00pm. Family and friends are all welcome to come along. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Lisa Gaudion—Instrumental Coordinator
FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

I would like to welcome the addition of Andrew Dingey to the Technology department; he brings with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise and a fantastic attitude and rapport with the student.

It has once again been an exciting and highly productive start to the year in Technology. Student work has been outstanding across all subject's areas, in particular our VCE students have worked extremely well to demonstrate highly creative and well thought out folios and final pieces based on sustainability.

Our “Taste for All seasons” program continues to provide a great opportunity for our feeder schools. Students have the opportunity to experience real life cooking over a number of weeks under the expert guidance of Mrs Metaxas.

The new Master Foods class has been a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their passion for cooking, getting the opportunity to experience the various aspects of the industry. This program has been sponsored by the RACV Club (Healesville), who has generously donated the time of experts in the various fields to presents and help guide our students. (Presentations will take place second semester). I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Lucas and Janine Archer for their ongoing commitment to Mooroolbark College.

Again we have seen great results in IT with the introduction of the “Game Maker” program at Years 9 and 10, allowing students to express themselves in a highly creative manner by designing and making their own games of varying difficulties.

As always the textiles and fashion students have not let themselves down, producing extremely high quality products ranging from the designer aprons in Year 7 to the personal bags in Year 9. Students have also been given the opportunity to extend themselves by attending extra lunch and afterschool sessions where they get the opportunity to create their own garments.

It has been great to see some fantastic projects including jewellery being produced in the junior metal work classes. Allowing students to be creative and create personal items for themselves or loved ones.

Students in woodwork have again not failed to impress with a range of high quality tasks being undertaken from the Tangram (Chinese puzzle) in Year 7 through to some highly creative wooden toys being designed and produced by the year ten wood class.

My final thoughts for the year are, Mooroolbark College is overflowing with gifted and talented students and we look forward to seeing you all in one or more of our numerous technology classes next semester.

Grigor Cummings—Head of Technology KLA

COLLEGE CAPTAINS

On ANZAC Day some fellow Junior Captains and myself visited the Lilydale dawn service to commemorate our fallen diggers. It was such an eye opening experience to hear the many brave stories of our local heroes. We laid a wreath representing Mooroolbark College which I was very honoured to be a part of.

There was a great turn out at Lilydale despite the freezing cold weather and the organisers were very happy. It is so important for the new generations to continue the legacy of ANZAC day as it is very important to remember those who sacrificed their lives for us.

Later in the day our Senior Captains were involved in the midday ANZAC ceremony at Hookey Park in Mooroolbark. Paula Hubben and Eric Sidey read a prayer while the Senior House Captains laid a wreath on behalf of Mooroolbark College.

Lest we forget

Hayley MacKenzie
Yellow House Middle School Captain
This year’s Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh team consists of 24 students that have proven their abilities both within the classroom and out in the field so far. Their determination and commitment to the subject has shown why they will make great leaders in the future.

Duke of Edinburgh isn’t just a class; it’s an experience and a qualification. To complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, each student has to complete 3 months (minimum 1 hour per week) of Physical Recreation, a new individual Skill, Community Service (volunteering) and 2 Adventurous Journeys.

We started the year on equal ground – we were all new to the subject. We kicked it off with some team challenges, trust games and initiative activities to get to know each other and begin to work as a team. Throughout the semester students have worked on developing their leadership skills by leading activities and setting the standards within the class and around the school. They have also begun to develop more confidence, self-esteem, and respect within the classroom.

They will continue to learn basic survival skills to enable them to put these skills put into action in preparation for their final adventurous journey in Semester 2.

The class has already taken part in such activities as; Surfing, a Commando Course, Swimming and Snorkelling techniques, Ice Hockey, 3 day camp in the Cathedral Ranges, and has played Wheel Chair Basketball after an educational session with a disabled athlete.

There a many more experiences and activities to attempt during the second semester to enable students to make the most of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

A fantastic semester so far, but the adventure has just begun….

Glenn Esnouf – Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator
Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in their chosen pursuits.

JAMAINE URQUHART
We would like to congratulate Jamaine Urquhart of Year 9 for making the Under 15 A.F.L Indigenous Australian Squad this year. Jamaine will be representing the Indigenous team in Queensland over ten days in the school holidays playing against the World, St Pacific and Kimberly Academy teams. After this, Jamaine will travel internationally to play on the International tour, TBA.

Jamaine, a 194cm right footed versatile player has previously played within the Easter Rangers Under 15 team in 2014, the Victorian under 15 team in 2013 and the Interleague squad in 2013 and 2014. Jamaine looks up to Patrick (Paddy) Ryder, an Indigenous superstar from Essendon Football Club and he shares some very similar traits with his favourite player. Jamaine plays in the Ruck and up forward. He is freakishly good in the air and has some impressive skills.

We all congratulate Jamaine on his spot in the Indigenous team and we wish him all the best.

LATEISHA WILLIS
Congratulation to Lateisha Willis of Year 9 who competed in the Australian Junior Track and Field competitions in Sydney on the 21st and 22nd March 2014.

Leteisha won Gold in the Junior Nationals in the U15 90 metre Hurdles and finished with a Silver Medal in the Junior 200 metre U15 Hurdles.

Bring on the 2016 Olympic Games

JARRYD KELBERG
Jarryd Kelberg of Year 12 was awarded the Outstanding Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce School Based Trainee of the Year Award at a function held at Crown Casino earlier in the year.

There are over 100 school based trainees in Victoria and Jarryd had some excellent competition for this award. He has been highly complimented on his approach to training in the Automobile Industry and his employer is highly pleased with his efforts at work.

BRENDAN STAGGARD-HAWKER
Brendan Staggard-Hawker of Year 11 was the recipient of a Yarra Valley VET Cluster Scholarship. Brendan receives $200 towards his VET Horticulture studies that he undertakes at Ranges Tec on a Wednesday afternoon as part of his VCAL program.

SARAH TAIG
Sarah Taig of Year 11 is a scholarship holder at the Victorian institute of sport for aerial skiing. Sarah's background was as an elite gymnast where she won an Australian title and numerous Victorian titles but because of injury she had to retire. She then went to trampolining where she has attained another two Australian titles.

Sarah started with the Australian aerial skiing development team 3 years ago and trains between Utah, Mt Bulla, Gruyere and the Institute of Sport.
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In order that our records are kept up to date, could you please contact the General Office on 9727 8100 OR update though Compass if you have any changes to yours or your child’s contact details and/or medical details.

It is imperative that during emergencies we are able to contact families immediately.

ABSENCE LINE

You can advise us of your child’s absence by phoning 9727 8198 and leaving a message on the answering service or through Compass.

EMA

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of the children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen:
- 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 foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (14th July 2014).

The EMA application must be submitted to the College by August 3rd 2014.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2013 through this College, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the General Office

Carmel Gibbs – EMA Administrator