Calendar 2014 - TERM 2

Monday 9th June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th June
Resource Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10—Thursday 12th June
Year 10 & 11 Exams

Wednesday 11th June
VCE Unit 3 GAT

Thursday 12th June
Year 12 Social

Friday 13th June
Report Writing Day (No Students
required at the College)

Tuesday 17th June
College Council Meeting

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st June
Year 11 Debutante Balls

Friday 27th June
Last day Term 2—2.30pm finish

Monday 14th July
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 15th July
Start Term 3

WORK EXPERIENCE
From Monday 23rd June to Friday 27th June, we will have 200 Year 10 students participating in work experience. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain firsthand experience in the workforce. It will clarify and provide greater understanding for these students around their subject choices and their possible pathway through to employment. I would like to thank the Careers Team of Danielle Clarke, Eva Woodward, Maria Pisano and Jodie Tilley for their organisation of the program and the support they have provided to the students. I am sure that the students will gain a great deal from this experience.

If you require further information, or need support finding a placement for your child please do not hesitate to contact our Careers Team at the College on 9727 8100.

PUPIL FREE DAY
Reminder that the 13th June is a Pupil Free Professional Day for the teachers of Mooroolbark College. Students are not required at the College on this day.

REPORTS
Reports available for viewing by parent/guardians and students on Compass on Friday 27th June 2014.

NAIDOC WEEK 2014 – “Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond”
Australia is very fortunate to have a vibrant and dynamic indigenous culture that has stood the tests of time and gives so much to our National identity. Each year we celebrate and acknowledge this culture and the contributions that indigenous People have made to the broader Australian Society.

NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.

Activities take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week in the first full week of July from the 6th to 13th with this year's theme being “Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond”.

For more information about NAIDOC and local events go to: http://www.naidoc.org.au/. Copies of this year's poster can be accessed online at http://www.naidoc.org.au/naidoc-poster/order/

Do you know the history of NAIDOC Week?
NAIDOC stands for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. Today NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Performing Arts Festival on Thursday 29th May. It was a great success with the students demonstrating their talents and skills in music and art. Thank you to Lisa Gaudion and the music team for the huge success of the Festival.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Instalment Reminder:
The 3rd instalment for College Levies for 2014 will be directly debited from your account on the 19th June. If you need to change any of your account/card details, please call Jodi Matheson at the College on 9727 8100 before this date.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CHICKEN POX OUTBREAK

We have been informed that there has been an outbreak of Chicken Pox in the local area.
Please check your child for any spots and notify the College immediately if your child has Chicken Pox.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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.

Simon Reid
Principal

FACEBOOK PAGES

On this topic it is also important for all students to be aware of using online activities such as Facebook responsibly. This means understanding their own and others rights and responsibilities to ensure theirs and others safety. The school has provided workshops on the importance of cyber safety, but it is up to the students to ensure they set up privacy settings correctly. Students need to be aware that inappropriate use of Facebook could result in them being in trouble with the law. To prevent this we recommend that all parents/guardians be a friend of their child and monitor to some degree their activities on Facebook.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

DEBUTANTE BALL TICKETS

Second round Debutante Ball Tickets will be on sale from Friday 6th June at 9.00am. Ticket sales will close on Monday 9th June at 7.00pm.

This is the final opportunity to purchase tickets. There is now no limit on the amount of tickets you may purchase.
After this time, numbers must be finalised and NO more tickets will be available.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

HEAD LICE

Head lice appears as an issue from time to time in all schools. Checking for head lice is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. I would appreciate it if you could undertake a periodic check of your child’s hair in order to contain any potential problem.
For further information go to the website:
www.dermatology.svhm.org.au

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal

PTCA SHOPPING TOUR

A reminder to all regarding our shopping tour on Saturday 16th August 2014, seats are still available.
Cost is $60.00 per person, this includes your bus fare including a 2 course restaurant lunch, soft drink, tea, coffee and Champagne.
We will be visiting a variety outlets on the day including linen, books, electrical goods, clothing, shoe and cosmetics.
For further information please contact the College on 9727 8100.
DUKE OF EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL RANGES CAMP

Day 1: When we arrived at the camp site, we immediately set about getting our tents ready. James (my camp partner) and I chose a spot where water wouldn't reach our tent if it rained. We were then given some time to walk around and explore the area. Shortly after we were mustered at the tents and were instructed to build shelters in small groups of about 4-5 people. At the end we decided which was the best, unfortunately we didn't win, but we came pretty close. No sooner it was starting to get dark, so a group started the fire and then we all got down to cooking up our first dinner. James and I somehow managed to burn our soup, luckily we also had macaroni and cheese to eat instead. After everyone had eaten, we played a few games of spotlight. I was amongst the multiple winners in one of the three games played. When this was over, we gathered around the fire and played a game of Mafia, before going back to our tents for the night.

Day 2: In the morning (7am), I woke up the opposite way around to when I'd fallen asleep, which was bizarre. After opening the tent, I could see the campsite flooded with an abundance of puddles and the rain still falling. A raincoat was definitely needed. When everyone was up we started our breakfast, which was a simple meal of cornflakes with milk which we made using milk powder and water.

Day 3: From the moment I got up, I instantly buckled down to get the tent packed up as quickly as possible. It didn't take long, and we were one of the first groups to finish. For breakfast, we first attempted to make pancakes, which were possibly the biggest failure I've ever witnessed. Again, we were lucky, and had porridge as a backup, which ended up tasting amazing. We then went on a short drive to Sugarloaf Peak to climb up the mountain and have a short snack at the top but the weather had made it too dangerous to endeavour, so we settled with eating our food about halfway up. We then drove to Marysville for lunch at a park. Just before we left, Mr Olarenshaw bought everyone chips which seemed to raise everyone's moods. Not long after, we arrived back at school. We all collected our things, and then we were dismissed. Such an amazing camp, I'm really looking forward to the next one.

Matthew Blackley
Student

YEAR 7 LEADERSHIP CAMP
On Wednesday 21st May, John Nichol and I had the pleasure of taking 22 Year 7 students and four College Captains to Phillip Island for a leadership camp. Year 7 students were chosen based on the leadership skills and values that they have displayed throughout their initial months at Mooroolbark College.

The activities completed focused on initiative, teamwork, identification of leadership skills and personal values clarification, with the hope of empowering students to have a positive influence on the culture of their year level. Both John and I were impressed with the maturity and focus that students displayed throughout the camp. Personally I am very excited to see what this year level is capable of achieving during their time at our College.

Congratulations to Rhys Allen, Tyler Birchall, Tyler Waqanivalu, Kyle Crosby, Adam Spaulding, Nick Pinto, Jack Schofield, Thomas Hardstaff, Johnathon Lee, Josh Johansen, Max Travis, Cassie Mullens, Jayan Hartwick, Ashlinn Walker, Julia Donoghue, Matilda Finch, Shanae Hodgett, Kellie Stevens, Maddie Wilson, Laila Urquhart, Isabella Kennedy, Hayley Turner and Taylah Mcowan. Also a big thanks to our captains Eric Sidey, Mallory Burke, Bianca Heard and Lexy Maalouf for coming along to support the program.

Matthew Donald
Student Leadership Coordinator
TABLE TENNIS VICTORIA
The Year 11 & 12 Boys Table Tennis team won through to Eastern Zone on Friday 30th May by winning the District competition in a canter. The team won every singles and doubles throughout the day and were easily the most outstanding team there.
Next round of competition will be held at Kilsyth on Friday 1st August,
Our wonderful winners were; Daniel Marabita, Chris Siwek, Kevin Chavez, Chris Warren, Blake Meacham & Ryan Hayden.

CLOTHING
During the winter season students need to have a full change of clothing in a separate bag, including shoes and socks in case of inclement weather conditions.

MOUTHGUARDS
The wearing of mouthguards during PE can avoid the many unpleasant and even inadvertent problems and are recommended at all times.
Even the purchase of a plastic Mouthguard from the Chemist can give some protection for little cost.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
The District Cross Country event was held at Lilydale Lake on Thursday 29th May.
Mooroolbark College finished a creditable 3rd overall. We had the excitement of winning the 13 Boys Team event and the first 5 finishers in that team will automatically represent the District and our College at Eastern Zone at the Yarra Glen racecourse on Tuesday 17th June.
The Zone team members from our College will be:
13 Boys:
Thomas Hardstaff, Zac Matheson, Ethan Coles, Tyler Jones, Nathan Schwab,
13 Girls:
Cassie Mullens, Matilda Finch,
14 Boys:
Jiao Jin Rong, Angus Fern, Shaun Balkin,
14 Girls:
Melanie Barber, Sarah Mullens,
15 Boys:
Braedon Dobie-Delmo, James Tilker, Liam Cairnduff,
15 Girls:
Gideon O’Love,
16 Boys:
Liam Watson
Senior Girls:
Paula Hubben, Jade Hubben
Senior Boys:
Rhys Hubben, Jake Stanbury.
The Age Champions for the District were also announced and Thomas Hardstaff won the 13 Boys and Braedon Dobie-Delmo won the 15 Boys.
Our participants were wonderful representatives for Mooroolbark College, behaving impeccably, displaying determination and offering great support to runners of all ages.
Special thanks to the Staff who came and helped on the day, Ms Banens, Mr McCormick and Mr Lorkin.
Keith Clapp

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
The Music staff would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the Mooroolbark College Performing Arts festival last Thursday 29th May.
Students, staff and families were treated to a wonderful concert which ran through lunchtime, Period 4 and after school.
All of the College ensembles played, along with individual performances from singers, guitarists and student rock bands.
We also had some amazing Art work on display, courtesy of our College Art students.
We have some truly talented musicians at our school, and it is wonderful to see so many students performing and enjoying themselves.
Lisa Gaudion
Instrumental Music Coordinator
CAREERS

CAREERS PROGRAMS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS
Keeper for a Day at Healesville Sanctuary

Come to 'Winter Wonderland' at Healesville Sanctuary these school holidays and get up close to some of our most precious and endangered alpine animals such as Mountain Pygmy Possums and our Alpine She-Oak Skinks. Keeper for a Day participants will work with Sanctuary staff, helping out our keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs!

Vet for a Day at Healesville Sanctuary

Our Australian Wildlife Health Centre receives over 2,000 injured and orphaned wild animals each year. Come and work alongside our vets in a unique program on real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animal collection as well as injured wildlife brought to the hospital. These school holidays our theme is Winter Wonderland giving you the chance to also learn about our unique alpine species.

Get up close to amazing animals such as Mountain Pygmy Possums and Corroboree Frogs as well as Birds of Prey and Snakes.

Keeper for a Day at Werribee Open Range Zoo

If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo, caring for the amazing array of different animals, then come out to Werribee Open Range Zoo next school holidays. Come and discover what a keeper's day really involves! Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the Zoo for the day, helping out our keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs at a zoo!

All of the above are suitable for students in Years 7-12


Bookings: 9285 9406

Your visit helps us save wildlife. Zoos Victoria is a not-for-profit conservation organisation.

Jenny Roache
Pathways Leader

Mathew Neil
Library Coordinator

LIBRARY

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2014

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014 is now well underway with only 85 days to go until the end of the challenge. Already over 1,000 have been read with 15 students already completing the challenge.

Congratulations to the following students that have already completed the challenge.

Jack Schofield
Joshua Carroll
Connor Hilet
Cody Bell
Penelope Macneish
Kiara Price
Arnold Tan
Samantha Jacobs
Aleisha Hilet
Rebecca-John Gideon
Iris Kennedy
Tommy Voigt
Sebastian Zych
Kristy Barbara
Joshua Mackay

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

DIGITAL LIBRARY

Semester one has seen the digital library continue to be a huge success for staff and students of the College with over 1000 digital books being borrowed.

Staff and students are able to borrow books and read titles anytime, anywhere using the digital library system viewable via OverDrive Media Console which is available for mobile devises and computers Mobile:

- Android™
- BlackBerry®
- iOS (iPhone®/iPad®/iPod touch®)
- Windows® Phone 7

Computer:

- Windows
- Windows 8
- Mac®

For iPad

To log in, simply follow these steps.

1. Download the ‘OverDrive Media Console’ app from the iTunes app store.

2. If you don’t already have an Adobe id you will need to go to www.adobe.com.au and register.

3. Click add a library and search for Mooroolbark College. Select it once it comes up.

4. Login using your network username and password.

5. Search for the book that you are after. Click the book’s cover picture.

6. To borrow the book, click borrow then click Download.

7. The book will then download to your device. Click the 3 lines in the top left corner to bring back the side menu, then click Bookshelf to find the book that you have borrowed.
A unique cultural experience?

A week of your time could reap a lifetime of benefits.

Mooroolbark College has become truly international, with student tours to China and Cambodia. Once again as part of this program, a number of Chinese students from our sister school in Wujiang will be visiting us for a week of intercultural education in July, 2014.

(Arriving 23rd July—Leaving Melbourne 29th July).

We are looking for families prepared to host these students for seven days (including a weekend). Not only will you have the opportunity to share the Australian way of life with these young people, but you will be able to enrich your own children’s education through the cultural exchange.

This is a fabulous opportunity.

Please contact Mooroolbark College on 9727 8100 to express your interest.

An information evening will be announced shortly.
China, China, China! I still cannot believe we went to China. After flying for what seemed forever we (11 students and 2 teachers) finally arrived in Beijing where our 14 day adventure began. We had three jam packed days to explore the city. From The Great Wall to temples and acrobat shows, we had our days mapped out. On day 4 we took a five hour bullet train to Suzhou and finally arrived in Wujiang (2 hours south of Shanghai). Thoroughly exhausted we were welcomed by our Sister School Wujiang Senior Middle School. After 7 days of homestay we sadly waved our goodbyes and headed to Shanghai for some more exploring, shopping and eating before we headed home!

My vocabulary to explain my time in China seems to be overused but accurate. It has been amazing but tiring, mind-blowing and interesting but most of all it has been unbelievable. So far China has offered many cultural and unforgettable experiences I have ever been involved in. Such as visiting the Water Cube, climbing The Great Wall, walking in the Forbidden City and reflecting in temples. While all these experiences will stay with me, one experience many people will not receive is having the opportunity to see first-hand the education of another country. From the way the students sit and operate in class to their daily routines of learning and studying.

During my time at Wujiang Senior Middle School, I have come to learn that the students are hard-working, determined, talented individuals with extremely bright futures. It has been an eye-opening experience that I feel privileged to have had. The students have made us feel welcomed and at home in their school. It was sad to have to leave. I have thoroughly enjoyed the school’s Science and Cultural Arts Festival. It was a great day full of creative stalls, performances and games. (I think we need one at Mooroolbark College especially with their traditional BBQ!).

The work ethic of the students has encouraged me to work harder at my own studies and not take for granted the extra time I have outside of school. I have come to realise that students have it easy at Mooroolbark College, so I applaud everyone at Wujiang, for their undeniably hard working ethic. We at Mooroolbark College are so lucky to be associated with such a prestigious school. During our stay in China, the hospitality has been more than kind, from the hotel to our home-stays we have been spoiled (plus the food is much better there!!).

I had the best time exploring parts of the country and learning about its historic culture. I only hope I can come back in the near future to show my family.

Xie Xie,

Ivani Rimene
Year 11 Student
2014 FUTURE OPTIONS CAREER EXPO

5 August 2014 6pm - 8.30pm
Eastland Shopping Centre
Maroondah Highway Ringwood

Over 80 university, TAFE and industry organisations provide information about employment, apprenticeships, traineeships, diploma or degree studies.
Ideal for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and adults seeking career pathways.
For more information, contact your local school careers teacher.
**Asthma and Complementary Therapies**

Complementary or alternative therapies are becoming increasingly popular in Australia, and many people seek out complementary remedies to support their health. As with any health condition, if you or a family member have asthma and are considering using complementary therapies, we strongly advise that you communicate with your doctor about your asthma treatment. They may even be able to suggest safe therapies to try. It is equally important to communicate to any complementary therapists about your asthma so that they can avoid treatments that are known to potentially make ones asthma worse.

Complementary therapies considered safe for asthma are: exercise programs, vitamin D, low-salt diet, some Chinese herbal medicines, some Indian (ayurvedic) herbs, music therapy, tai chi, buteyko (breathing technique).

Complementary therapies considered potentially unsafe for asthma are: inhaled salt (small risk of a fungal respiratory infection), echinacea, bee pollen or royal jelly (propolis), and products containing aspin.

Remember, response to treatments and medications differs between people. Make sure you or your children continue taking any asthma medications prescribed unless otherwise instructed by your doctor. Stopping asthma medications suddenly can result in worsening asthma symptoms and even an asthma attack. For more information regarding complementary therapies and asthma please refer to The National Asthma Council (NAC) http://www.nationalasthma.org.au or contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria for your free copy of the new NAC Asthma & Complementary Therapies brochure.

For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au.

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**BPay – REMINDER**

If you are making a BPay payment for specific charges such as camps, excursions, iPad programs etc. it is essential that you contact the College for each transaction to ensure that your payment is allocated to the correct charges on your account.

This can be done by either:
- email – mooroolbark.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Phone – 9727 8100
- Fax – 9727 8188

Or a copy of your receipt brought in to the College Office.

By not notifying the College, BPay payments will automatically go towards the oldest outstanding invoice on your account.

Please address all your communication to Accounts Receivable at the College on 9727 8100.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

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**NO STANDING ZONES**

Shire of Yarra Ranges informs parents/guardians that Ross Pincott Drive is a NO STANDING area from 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm On the north side.

Manchester Road has no standing areas. Please check with the VicRoads website re No Standing.

Photos will be taken by Shire of Yarra Ranges and infringements will be posted out by the Shire.