PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Affirmation:
Ambition and love are the wings to great deeds.
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VALEDICTORY DINNER
On Thursday 20th November, we said our final goodbyes to our Year 12 students, their exams are over, they are free to reflect and celebrate 13 years of schooling and their time at Mooroolbark College. As a collective and as individuals they have made an excellent contribution to our College. The Valedictory Dinner was a wonderful night where each individual was recognised for their time at the College.

The following Subject Awards for 2014 were presented as follows:
- Accounting—Liam Plant
- Art—Rheece Wickens
- Biology—Sophie Dillema
- Business Management—Patrick Morrison
- Doug Fraser Award - Chemistry—Zoe Adams
- Doug Fraser Award - Specialist Maths—Christian Myers
- English—Zoe Adams
- English Language—Cassandra Davies
- Food—Sheridan Luglio
- Further Mathematics—Liam Bryan
- Health & Human Development—Paula Hubben
- History—Coleen Gatchalian
- Legal Studies—Kirsten Sinclair
- Mathematical Methods—Sophie Dillema
- Media—Catherine Schwab
- Outdoor Education—Amy Learmont
- Physical Education—Liam Plant & Paula Hubben
- Psychology—Liam Plant & Sophie Dillema
- Physics—Christian Myers
- Visual Communication and Design—Sophie Dillema
- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning A—Emma Metcalf
- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning B—Keegan Marsh

CALTEx ALL-ROUNDER AWARD
The Caltex All-rounder is awarded to the student who has contributed to the College and who has demonstrated our values of Excellence, High Standards and Success.

We congratulate Paula Hubben on being this year’s winner.

PREPARING FOR 2015
We are currently planning budgets, staffing and forms for the coming year. If your child is not returning for 2015 could you please notify the College in writing or contact your child’s House Leader or Cluster Coordinator at your earliest convenience.
CHINA VISIT

Mooroolbark College has been recognised for having a highly successful sister school relationship with our school in China by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD). Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education (JPDE) invited a selected group of Victorian principals to participate in the 10th Jiangsu International Forum for School Principals, held in Jiangsu China from 30 October to 5 November 2014. I was nominated by the Region Director to attend the Forum because of the quality of our sister school partnership with Wujiang Senior Middle School. This was wonderful acknowledgement of all the work that is being done by teachers in the College to provide wonderful opportunities for our students. I presented at the forum and met many influential educators from China and various countries from across the world. I had many opportunities to learn from others and to share some of the terrific things that are being achieved within our College.

I was honoured once again to sign another memorandum of understanding for further collaboration between Wujiang Senior Middle School and ourselves.

COURSE CONFIRMATION

Course confirmation for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (2015) will take place between Monday 24th November and Thursday 4th December. Students will have a meeting with their House Leaders to have their course for 2015 confirmed. Once their course is confirmed all essential education charges need to be paid to secure your child’s position in their chosen course.

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.

BEGINNING OF 2015

The College has two Professional Development days at the beginning of 2015, they will be on the 28th and 29th January 2015. Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 will commence on Friday 30th January with Years 8, 9, 10 and VCAL students commence on Monday 2nd February 2015.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2015 YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Orientation day for the Year 7 2015 students will be on Tuesday 9th December.

Current 2014 Year 7, 8 & 9 students are not required at the College on this day.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

COLLEGE AWARDS NIGHT

Just a reminder that our College Awards Night is on Tuesday 16th December at Mount Lilydale Mercy College.

It is a special evening where we acknowledge the students who have achieved exceptional academic results throughout the year. We are looking forward to another good night. Students who will be receiving an award or who will be performing during the award ceremony will receive an invitation during the week beginning Monday 8th December 2014.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note: The new address for purchasing of School Uniforms by PSW is as follows:
Unit 8A, 51 Lusher Road, CROYDON
Phone: 9725 4664
Term 4 & 1 Trading Hours:
Monday—Friday 8.30am—5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am—5.00pm
Sunday—Closed

SCHOOL BAGS

A reminder that in 2014 Mooroolbark College school bags were introduced as a compulsory uniform item for all future students.

Parents/Guardians of students in Years 8-11 are encouraged to buy a Mooroolbark College school bag if they need to replace their existing one. These can be purchased from the College’s uniform supplier PSW (Primary School Wear).

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal
VICTORIAN CHAMPION

Congratulations to Nikita Jerram in Year 8 for achieving first place in the recent Victorian State Gymnastic Championships. Nikita achieved this result at a Level 7 competing against girls 2–5 years older than herself. The highest level possible is Level 10. After that you are aiming to make an Olympic team – so we hope to see Nikita at the Olympics one day! Well done Nikita, we are proud to have you on our team.

STATE WIN

Congratulations to Lateisha Willis of Year 9 who won two State Titles at the All Schools Athletics Championships. She won both the 90 metres hurdles and the 200 metres hurdles, and came second place in the 100 metres flat. Lateisha achieved her personal best times for each of these races so is still improving her technique and performances. Lateisha has achieved automatic qualification for the Nationals in December. We wish her continued success!

Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

LILYDALE SHOW

The College would like to congratulate Sebastian Zych, from the Year 10 Ceramics class. Sebastian won prizes at the 2014 Lilydale Show for his outstanding terracotta clay bust. Sebastian not only won the Under 18 Pottery section, but also the Open Pottery section, as well as the overall best Craft exhibit, taking the honours from entries from all around the region. An amazing effort, Sebastian!

DEBUTANTE BALL 2015

The Debutante Ball is held in June each year and is an exciting opportunity that is offered to current Year 10 students who are continuing their studies at Mooroolbark College in 2015. An Information Night will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm in T Block. Detailed information regarding all aspects of the event will be discussed at this meeting so it is essential that all interested students and their parents attend. Please contact Sarah Garnaut or Claire Jones if you have any questions.

Sarah Garnaut & Claire Jones
Debutante Ball Coordinators

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

All students attending course confirmation need to return ALL Library books. If you have lost your overdue book please pay for it either at the Office or to the Library.

You need to have all books returned before commencing your course confirmation session. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to see the library staff.

Matthew Neil
Library Coordinator

DESPERATE NEED FOR SECOND-HAND BOOKS AND UNIFORM

With the State Government cutting the Education Maintenance Allowance for families, there will be more pressure than ever before on families who are facing financial hardship, getting uniform and books for their children.

If you have any good quality second hand uniforms or current used textbooks we would love you to donate them to the College so we can assist families. The greatest need will be at Year 7 and 8.

Simply drop any items to the General Office and ask they be donated for Student Welfare.

Your support will be greatly appreciated as we expect greater demand than in previous years due to the axing of the EMA.

John Nichol
Student Welfare Coordinator

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.
**MUSIC**

**MUSIC NEWS**
The Music Department would like to invite family and friends to our Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday 27th November at 7.00pm in the A3.

All keyboard and vocal students, together with the Year 7 Concert Band and Aspire Band will be performing.

*Hope to see you there.*

Lisa Gaudion
Instrumental Music Coordinator

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

**YEAR 9 DUKE OF EDINBURGH – WILSONS PROMONTORY JOURNEY**

Last week, Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students went out on their final adventurous journey to gain their Duke Award. Students planned and executed their 3 day trip to Wilsons Promontory to a high degree, taking into account all risks logistics.

Once arriving at the Prom, students split into three different groups and set out on different adventures. Groups visited the pristine beaches of Sealer's Refuge and Waterloo Bay. With one group making it to the southernmost point of the Australian mainland, the views were spectacular!

The Year 9 Duke students would like to thank the leaders that assisted them on their journey – Emma, Jess, Joel, Miss Lackman and Mr Olarenshaw. Students had an amazing experience and said it was the highlight of the year.

Glenn Esnouf
Health & PE KLA Head/
Yellow House Leader

**FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

**SPECIAL OCCASION FOODS**
Congratulations to the ‘Special Occasion’ foods class for the work completed this year. What a wonderful and talented group of Year 9 students.

**MYKI CARDS**
We have had a number of MYKI cards handed in to the Student Administration Office.

Please make sure your child’s MYKI is clearly named to allow the card to be returned.

There are markers in Student Administration to enable cards to be named.

Student Administration Office
Sources of income support for low income families

Mooroolbark College is below the SFO threshold and as a result will no longer receive the equivalent of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) in 2015. We are providing the material below which outlines some of the income supports and organisations that might be useful to parents.

Commonwealth Government financial support for low income families

The Commonwealth Government provides a range of payments and services to help families look after their children's education, health care and other family issues. See page 10 for links to key Commonwealth Government websites.

Family Tax Benefits A and B

This is a two-part payment to help with the cost of raising children. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A, the parent must care for a dependent child who is:

- aged 0-15 years, or
- aged 16–19 years, paid until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19, and:
- undertaking full-time education or training in an approved course leading towards a Year 12 or equivalent qualification
- with an acceptable study load, or
- has been granted an exemption from education or training requirements

Parents also need to satisfy an income test, meet residence requirements and be caring for the child at least 35 per cent of the time. The amount paid for Family Tax Benefit Part A depends on family income, the number of children in the family, and how old they are. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 0-12 years is $176.82 or $4,597.32 per year. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 13-19 years is $230.00 or $5,980.00 per year.

Family Tax Benefit Part B gives extra help to single parents and families with one main income. An example of this may be where one parent stays at home to care for a child full-time or balances some paid work with caring for a child. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B, the parent must have care of a child for at least 35 per cent of the time who is:

- a dependent child under 16 years of age, or
- a dependent full-time secondary student up until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18.

The rate of Family Tax Benefit Part B is based on an income test and the meeting of residence requirements. The amount paid for Family Tax Benefit Part B usually depends on the age of the youngest child in the family. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 5-18 years is $105.00 or $2,730.00 per year.

If a parent/family qualifies for Family Tax Benefit Part A or Part B, they may be entitled to other payments and services such as the SchoolKids Bonus (see below), Parenting Payment, Child Dental Benefits and many others.

Health Care Card

The Health Care Card provides help with the cost of prescription medicine under Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Australian government funded medical services, and access to state, territory and local government concessions. Families may be eligible for a Health Care Card if they get specific Commonwealth payments or supplements or the maximum rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A.

SchoolKids Bonus

The Schoolkids Bonus is a Commonwealth Government payment to assist eligible families with education costs. The Bonus is automatically paid by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services in two instalments each year. Parents do not need to make a claim for this payment.

To be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus, the parent/carer must:

- receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child in primary or secondary education
- have a primary or secondary student turning 19 years or younger in the calendar year, who receives certain government payments
- satisfy an income test (applicable from 1 January 2015)

From 1 January 2015, eligible families will receive the Schoolkids Bonus in:

- 2 instalments of $211 for each child in primary school - a total of $422 each year
- 2 instalments of $421 for each child in secondary school - a total of $842 each year.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

END OF YEAR SCHOLASTIC WAREHOUSE CLEARANCE

THOUSANDS OF PICTURE BOOKS, CHAPTER BOOKS, NONFICTION & ACTIVITY ITEMS.

WHERE:
9–11 Northern Road, WEST HEIDELBERG

WHEN:
TEACHER-ONLY DAY
Wednesday 26 November: 8am-5pm
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Thursday 27 and Friday 28 November: 8am-5pm

186 Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
Phone: (03) 9727 8100  Fax: (03) 9727 8188  Web: www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au
150th Anniversary 2014
Cudgee Primary School
You are warmly invited to a Celebratory Morning Tea
Sunday November 30, 2014 at 10am
for the 150th anniversary of

Fiona Selway (Principal) and Matt Dodson (Classroom Teacher) Cudgee Primary School
3 Hallowells Rd, Cudgee 3265 p: 55676346 m: 0438659095 e: cudgee.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.cudgeeps.vic.edu.au

Training Information Session
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (043823)

Hello

Want to be a Early Childhood Educator, Nanny or Kindergarten Assistant?
Would you like to work anywhere in Australia in a Childcare Centre,
Out Of School Hours Programs, in resorts or cruise ships?
Would you like to work in childcare while studying at University or TAFE?
Come along to our information session to learn how we can assist you to have a career in the childcare industry.
No need to apply through VTAC. No need for an ATAR. Bookings not required.

Join us -

Wednesday 17 December 2014
10.30 am to 12 noon
Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre
572 Park Road, Park Orchards
Call us if this time/date is not suitable for you.

Training is
• Face to Face Delivery
• Fun and Supportive training classes
• Small Groups
• Additional coaching from Trainers
• Work placements in local childcare centres

Training commences 10 March 2015
www.parkorchards.org.au
9876 4381
Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre

Summer School for School Leavers

Hospitality Training Australia is bringing back its popular Summer School for School Leavers program, commencing 15 December 2014.
For $50 get essential certificates in RSA, RSG, FSH and First Aid. Plus you receive practical skills training in Coffee, Bar, Waiter, Wine and Cocktails. It is specifically designed for school leavers and university students to help them transition from school to the workforce and start earning money.

Course Outline
Summer school participants complete the nationally recognised Certificate III in Hospitality (Stage one of Certificate IV in Hospitality). The units delivered include these industry recognised units of competence:

SITXWHS101 Participate in safe work practices
SITXFA101 Use hygienic practices for food safety (FSH)
SITHFAB101 Clean and tidy areas
SITHFAB202 Operate a bar (Bar Training)
SITHFAB201 Provide responsible service of alcohol (RSA)
SITHFAB206 Serve food and beverage (Waiter)
SITHGAM201 Provide responsible gambling services (RSG)
SITHFAB204 Prepare and serve espresso coffee (Coffee)
SITHFAB203 Prepare and serve non-alcoholic beverages (Mocktails)
HLTAD003 Provide first aid (Level 2)
SITHIND301 Work effectively in hospitality service
SITXCSS303 Provide service to customers
SITXHRM301 Coach others in job skills
SITHFAB303 Prepare and serve cocktails (Cocktail)
SITHFAB307 Provide table service of food and beverage
SITHFAB305 Provide advice on Australian wines (Wine)
SITHFAB304 Provide advice on beers, spirits and liqueurs

Dates & Duration
Summer School commences 15 December for 3 days a week for 3 weeks with 1 extra session for First Aid and concludes 16 January 2015. A detailed timetable is available online.

Location
Billicook College, 197 Cardigan Road
Mooroolbark 3138

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Phone: (03) 9727 8100 Fax: (03) 9727 8188 Web: www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au
FOSTER CARERS NEEDED
You could help kids achieve their dreams!

Carers come from all walks of life and can be single, married, with or without children, working full time, part time or not at all. Respite, emergency and longer term care opportunities available.

INFORMATION SESSION
Thursday 27 November @ 7.30pm
Anglicare Victoria
47-51 Castella St, Lilydale
1300 889 335
www.anglicarevic.org.au/events

Recycled Christmas Tree School Challenge
Grab your classmates and create a unique and innovative Christmas tree using only recycled materials.

Bunnings will donate a prize to the school with the most creative entry! All entries to be in store by 3rd December. Drawn at Xmas Family Night.

What’s on this Christmas at Bunnings Croydon?

Christmas Family Night
Thursday 4th December
Time: 6pm to 8pm

- Free for all Families
- Lilydale CFA team & Truck
- Colour In Competition Drawn
- Games: Sack Races, Egg & Spoon, 3 Leg Races
- Manchester Primary Carol Singers
- Balloonist
- Face Painting
- Noodles the Clown
- Fire Breathing
- Singers & Elf
- Santa Visit

Light Food & Refreshments Supplied
Booking Essential: 9722 4500 or email: croydonao@bunnings.com.au
Required for catering purposes (# of Adults & Children)

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