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Calendar TERM 1 2015
Tuesday 3rd March
Education Committee 5.30pm
PTCA—AGM 7.00pm
PTCA Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 4th March
Yr12 Elevate Parent Information
Night 7.00pm

Friday 6th March
Year 7—10 Immunisation

Monday 9th March
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 10th March
Resources Committee 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th March
College Council AGM 7.00pm
College Council Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 19th March
Mid-Semester Reports available on Compass

Tuesday 24th March
Community Relations Committee 4.30pm

Saturday 21st—Wednesday 1st April—Year 10 Central Australia

Sunday 22nd—Friday 27th March
Groups A & B Tassie Tour

Friday 27th March
Last Day Term 1—2.30pm finish

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
February 27, 2015

Affirmation:
Be positive. Not just a blood group, a whole way of life!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 16th February. It was an amazing day! I was so impressed to see all the students and staff enthusiastically participating in an array of events. Feedback from the Pool Management said ‘We always like having Mooroolbark College, they always have the most students, the students get involved in the day and are they are the best behaved.’

I would like to thank Keith Clapp, for his organisation of an excellent program. I would also like to thank all the staff for their enthusiasm and support on the day.

YEAR 7 CAMP
Parents/Guardians of Year 7 students, please make a note that the Year 7 camp will be held at Marysville from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd April. It is always a highlight for students in their first year.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
The Premiers Reading Challenge is off to a flying start, and there are some terrific readers in our College, I am looking forward to seeing how many books are read by August. It was also exciting to see the large numbers of students who have signed up to use the College digital library. I have seen numerous students across the school using it to read the books they enjoy. The students in this College certainly get some amazing opportunities.

PTCA
The PTCA is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March. The PTCA is an important part of the College and they play an integral role in the College. They do a superb job supporting the College through the organisation of events and providing timely and valued advice and feedback about the College. We are always appreciative of their support and encourage you to be part of the PTCA, where you can make a difference. I therefore urge you to come along to the A.G.M.

YEAR 12 CAMP
The Year 12 students attended their study camp on Monday and Tuesday of this week. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to get together, learn more about themselves, set goals for the year and acquire strategies to achieve them. Ms McIntosh, Mr Nichol and Mrs Roache need to be thanked for their work in organising the camp.

MID-SEMESTER REPORTS
This is a reminder that Mid-Semester Reports are being uploaded onto Compass on the 19th March. Please read your child’s report carefully and discuss it with your son or daughter. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held Wednesday 16th April. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with your children’s teachers.

Bookings will be made via Compass and a link can be found on the College website www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au. A computer will be available in the library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

Simon Reid
Principal

COLLEGE CAR PARK
The College Staff Car Park off Ross Pincott Drive
MUST NOT BE USED TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS AT THE START AND FINISH OF THE SCHOOL DAY.
THE RESULTING CONGESTION IS PRESENTLY A HAZARD TO THE STUDENTS AND ALSO MAKES PARKING DIFFICULT.
PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF IN THE NORTHERN CAR PARK OFF MANCHESTER ROAD OR ON THE ROADS BORDERING THE SCHOOL AND ARRANGE TO PICK UP IN THE SAME PLACE.
THE NO STANDING SIGN ON MANCHESTER ROAD MUST BE ADHERED TO.
A REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS THAT THE SPEED ZONE AROUND SCHOOLS IS 40KPH.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS
Please note that National Photography is still taking orders for your child’s photos. They can be purchased online at www.nationalphotography.com.au and enter the unique shoot key: LGSSNX9D.

For any queries please contact National Photography on 1300 677 000.

COMPASS—COLLEGE INFORMATION
Compass the College Learning Management System (LMS) is a communication tool to support the students and parents/guardians in Years 7 to 12. The introduction in 2014 was made to ensure more efficient communication of information for parents/guardians, students and teachers.

Attendance, student learning and College News and Events are a few of its features.

If you have misplaced your login details please contact the College on 9727 8100.

FACIAL PIERCING
Facial jewellery is not permitted at the College. Students can have a clear facial stud that does not protrude from the skin and cannot be caught on anything. This also includes ear jewellery that is sharp or excessive.

Students wearing facial jewellery will be asked to remove it and it will be placed in a plastic bag and the student can pick it up from the Student Administration Office at the end of the day.

If students are contemplating having facial piercing we highly recommend that they do so during the school holidays, giving them time to have it heal so they can put in a plastic plug when they come back to school. It is best to plan these things so the student isn’t faced with a difficult situation of having to remove the piercing or be sent home from school.

We thank you for your support.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

PTCA NEWS
The PTCA is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in the “B” Block Staffroom. New Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend as it is a great opportunity to socialise with new and current parents. It also gives you the opportunity to represent your family, as part of the College community.

The PTCA do a superb job supporting the College through the organisation of events and providing timely and valued advice and feedback about the College as well as some fundraising. We encourage you to think about attending a meeting.

Deb Alsop
PTCA President

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

YEAR 7 WELCOME
Our Year 7 students have made an excellent transition into secondary school. It was also great to see and speak to so many families at our parent BBQ held on the 12th February. Several teachers have reported a positive and co-operative attitude from their Year 7 classes. I have personally been met with a lot of content, happy students, excited about this chapter in their lives.

In the opening Year 7 assembly, students were assured we strive to create a safe, friendly and inclusive environment. We value developing our students not only academically, but also to become quality people who we expect to leave a positive mark on our community both outside and within the boundaries of the school gates.

We have emphasised the importance of some basic steps that are building blocks to academic success, one being the need to be organised and ensure appropriate equipment is taken to every class.

Compulsory equipment:
- A fully equipped pencil case,
- Paper/workbook
- Planner
- Text book where appropriate
- Pages ruled up, the date at the top of the page and a title for the lesson ahead.

I continued to be amazed at the quality of people who we have the privilege of embracing as one of ‘ours’. I am constantly reminded how fortunate teaching is when you are given the opportunity to contribute to an individual’s life story. I am looking forward to a productive year ahead and seeing this Year 7 cohort embrace and value their learning opportunities.

YEAR 7 CAMP MARYSVILLE
Just a reminder if your son/daughter is intending to attend the Year 7 Camp to Marysvile in Term 2, the first deposit of $140 needs to be paid by Wednesday 4th March.

Adam Lorkin
Year 7 Transition Coordinator

SCHOOL BAGS
A reminder that in 2015 Mooroolbark College school bags are a compulsory uniform item for all Year 7 and 8 students.

Parents/Guardians of students in Years 9-11 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

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College Uniform Policy
Tattoos cannot be visible and must be covered at all times. In Victoria the legal age for a Tattoo is 18.
Department of Health; Regulations of tattooing and body piercing:
Legal restrictions on tattooing in Australia.
YEAR 12 CAMP 2015

On Monday February 23rd, we left for Camp Oasis for the annual Year 12 Study Camp. The camp serves several purposes. It provides an opportunity for Year 12 students to mingle and get to know their peers, to reflect on their schooling and how they would like to finish. There are formalised presentations from Elevate – study sensei and time management, and a motivational speaker Mark Dobson who has worked with international universities and Olympic athletes, challenges our students to think about why they are studying Year 12 and what they want to achieve. The camp also provides an opportunity for students to get to know the Senior School team in an informal and relaxed manner.

John Nichol, our Well-Being program manager, has developed an excellent camp program that is a blend of challenging physical and mental activities, along with a series of high-level presenters. There is also an element of silliness, making the retro karaoke night a huge success this year.

The feedback from students is always positive and the program is tweaked according to their suggestions and current educational thinking.

A follow up Elevate session on Exam preparation will run later in the year and a complementary parent session will run on Wednesday 4th March.

Thank you to Mrs Roache, Mrs Davis, Miss Clarke, Mrs Jennings, Mr Innes, Mr Reid and Mr U’Ren for their support and assistance with the camp. Most importantly, thank you to the Year 12 attendees. You were an absolute pleasure to have on camp.

Samantha McIntosh
Year 12 Coordinator

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunisations forms were distributed. If you have not already done so please sign and return by Monday 2nd March.

Immunisations will be held on Friday 6th March.

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER

This is a reminder to parents/guardians that the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred because of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs.

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YEAR 10 2015

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR

21st March to Wednesday 1st April 2015

A reminder that on Tuesday 10th March a Parent Information Night will be held in T Block at 7.00pm.

It is ESSENTIAL that one parent/guardian attend. All staff will be present and able to answer any further questions you may have.

Chris Seabrook & Andy U’Ren
Camp Coordinators

YEAR 9 TAZZIE TOUR 2015

Group A: Departs Sunday 22nd March 4:00pm

Group B: Departs Monday 23rd March 4:00pm

Please ensure that all forms have been returned.

Jodie Tilley, Elisabeth Nickel & Janet Whitby
Tour Organisers

FROM THE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

BPAY
If you are making a BPay payment for specific charges such as camps, excursions, iPad programs etc. it is essential that you notify 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

By not notifying the College BPay payments will automatically go towards the oldest outstanding invoice on your account. Please address all communication to Accounts Receivable at the College.

Ann Stratford
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TASSIE TOUR 2015
The 2015 Tassie Tour Parent Information Night was held on Thursday 26th February. Parents/Guardians handed in students’ Medical forms and Behaviour contracts and the itinerary was given to the parents/guardians.

All payments should now be finalised.

If you did not attend please hand in your medical and behaviour forms to the Student Administration Office and collect the Itinerary from Mrs Whitby, Mrs Tilley or Mrs Nickel.

See you at 3.45pm SHARP Sunday 22 March (Group A) and Monday 23 March (Group B)!

Janet Whitby, Jodie Tilley & Elisabeth Nickel
Tassie Tour Coordinators

INTERMEDIATE TENNIS
Mooroolbark College competed in the Maroondah District Sports Association for the first time on Monday 23rd February. The Intermediate Tennis Team journeyed to Wantirna Tennis Club to play the Ringwood group of schools and finished victorious in the Girls Division undefeated.

Our ladies now play in the Eastern Zone finals, first week back in Term 2 on Friday April 17th. Their venue is yet to be decided but is often North Ringwood on en-tout-cas clay courts.

The Boys Team were unfortunately rained out as Melbourne’s weather went from 30 degrees to below 20 in half an hour, accompanied by a significant rain storm.

They had won one, lost won and drawn one match so were likely to finish in the middle of the 5 teams present. As the Ringwood boys team had hadn’t lost after 3 rounds and were due to play their second team in the final round they were declared the section winner.

An unusual sport day but one in which the patience, sportsmanship and co-operation of all concerned displayed the best qualities that our College works to promote.

Congratulations to our winning Girls Team who was made up of Caitlyn ADAMS, Courtney BEALE, Sophie WEIR and Brooke SMITH.

COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS
On Monday 16th February, Mooroolbark College held their annual Swimming Sports on a perfect day. Not too hot but with enough sunshine to show off the wonderful colours and outfits many students chose to wear on the day in support of their signature Houses.

It was a fun way to start the year and the enthusiasm displayed by both staff and students was exceptional. The non-stop dance party attracted hundreds of spectators and participants and it was great to see teachers involved and not afraid to get wet. The learners pool supplied more active matches with the traditional Wading Polo a favourite. Music is a constant so that the Carnival atmosphere again reached loud and noisy heights.

The actual races were still active and when all were completed the results saw Blue Thunder the new title holder with a clear victory 472 points to last year’s winner Yellow Stingers who scored 374 points. Third place went to Green machine with 356 points and fourth place were Red Devils with 286 points.

Age Champions were:
- Boys 13: Sheridan Fraser
- Girls 13: Georgia Gray
- Boys 14: Thomas Hardstaff
- Girls 14: Ashlind Walker
- Boys 15: Angus Fern
- Girls 15: Makayla Wilson & Jorja - Shae Baker
- Boys 16: Daniel Clark
- Girls 16: Skye Godfre
- Boys 17: Sean Ackroyd
- Girls 17: Courtney Brown
- Boys 20: Kenneth Treminio
- Girls 20: Jennifer Ringer

There were two records broken in the Relays by the 20 Boys and 20 Girls and with the customary Staff/Student race to complete proceedings many declared it the best day ever.

Students who collected a ribbon in the swimming races should look out for an invitation to swim again at Interschool competition to be held on Friday 13th March.

Overall just a marvellous day.

Keith Clapp
Sports Co-Ordinator

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Keith Clapp
Sports Co-Ordinator
Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards

Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

Beware of Tax Related Scams

The ATO will never send you an email requesting you to confirm, update or disclose confidential details via a non secure channel such as email.

You should always independently verify the source before taking any action. If you receive a communication of this nature, do not respond to it. Forward it to ReportEmailFraud@ato.gov.au

This email contains hyperlinks. To protect your security we recommended you copy and paste them into the address bar on your browser. For more information about ensuring your online security and to confirm that this email is from the ATO visit ato.gov.au/onlinesecurity
COLEGE INFORMATION

KILSYTH AUSKICK
18th April
SATURDAYS
10am - 11:30am
PINKS RESERVE
LIVERPOOL RD KILSYTH

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ONLINE
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DETAILS
DANNY LAMB
0419 348 669
www.kilsythfootballclub.com.au

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robyn@infoxchange.org.au
Breaking the Cycle
A group for mothers, fathers, stepparents and carers whose
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Do you feel threatened, frightened or
even controlled by your son or daughter?
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feeling scared?
Feeling anxious, isolated,
ashamed, resentful?
YES? Then join the ‘Breaking the Cycle’
group. It gives you an opportunity to
discuss all issues and learn new skills to
better manage challenging situations.
It’s an eight-week therapeutic program,
that’s supportive, informative
and affirming.

PROGRAM FOR 2015 at Anglicare Victoria
7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill, Melbourne

Times:
Wednesday evening: April 29 to June 17
Monday daytime: July 20 to Sept 7
Thursday evening: Oct 15 to Dec 3
Evening: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Daytime: 10 am to 12 noon

COST:
$50 per person or
$80 per couple (negotiable)

Feedback from participants?
They report the violence stopped or
significantly reduced and the group has
provided them with ideas for change, ways
of handling their situation differently.

This group is appropriate if you are caring for someone aged between: 10 to 23

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Find out more or register:
Meridian Intake at Anglicare on 9896 6322
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Fri 6 March:
8am–5pm

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