Calendar  TERM 1/2  2015

Tuesday 17th March
College Council AGM 7.00pm
College Council E/O 7.20pm
College Council 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

Thursday 16th April
Parent/Teacher Interviews 1.00pm (Students are not required at the College on this day)

Thursday 23rd April
Immunisations for Years 8 & 9

Monday 20—Wednesday 22 April
Year 7 Camp—Marysville

Tuesday 28th April
Athletics Carnival

Thursday 29th April
Open Night
Students dismissed 1.00pm

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

March 13, 2015

**Affirmation:**  
“All of us can become great people”  
Les Brown

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**
On Tuesday 10th March, we had our second General Assembly for the year and it was an opportunity to celebrate the upcoming Multi Cultural Week from Monday 16th to Friday 20th March. We are blessed by having a large number of cultures in our school. What makes our school standout is the prevailing culture in our College. There is a genuine interest in other cultures and the benefits that they bring to our school community.

We also launched two powerful and important actions in our College. Firstly is Pink Stumps Day which will be held on Tuesday 17th March. Students will have a free dress day to wear pink for the day. Every student will be asked to bring a gold coin to donate to the McGrath Foundation to raise money for Breast Cancer across Australia.

Secondly we launched our whole school focus on Respectful Relationships. We are all aware of the worldwide campaign “Why is it so hard to see black and blue?” This is a major focus from the Federal and State Governments. We have been asked to be a trial school because of our very high safety rating. Staff will be undergoing specific training then the program will be implemented across the Year 8 and 9 health program. This is a great program aimed at boys and girls having healthy and happy relationships throughout their lives.

**BULLYING WORKSHOPS**
Mooroolbark College prides itself on having one of the best safety records in the state. One of the reasons for this is our outstanding bullying workshops we undertake with our Year 7 students which is run by Mr John Nichol, our Student Welfare Coordinator.

These workshops give the students the skills and knowledge about bullying, how to protect themselves and how to prevent it from happening. I highly recommend all Year 7 parents/guardians to talk to your child about the program.

**OPEN NIGHT**
A reminder that our Open Night will be held on **Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm**. We invite current and new parents/guardians to come to our College and find out about the fabulous opportunities that are available to the students who attend our College.

Students will be dismissed at 1.00pm.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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).

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.

Lyn Godfrey
Assistant Principal

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.

LOCKERS
It is compulsory for all students to have a lock on their locker. We believe that by having a lock ensures the safety of their belongings.

We also recommend that mobile phones/iPads not be taken to PE Classes.

Thank you for supporting the College in this matter.

Ann Stratford
Assistant Principal

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
International Women’s Day was on Monday 9th March. It is a significant day in our calendar and we recognise the importance of women in our lives and how they make an incredible difference to making this world a better place. It is also an important day for supporting women across the globe and our school community.

Simon Reid
Principal

PTCA
The PTCA plays an important role in supporting the College through the coordination and organisation of key events. I urge all parents/guardians to be part of the PTCA as their support is critical to our operation of the College.

The PTCA had its Annual General Meeting on the 3rd March. I would like to thank all who attended the meeting.

Congratulations to the following people who were elected to the following positions.

President: Deb Alsop
Vice President: Anne Woolley
Secretary: Mandy Hocking
Treasurer: Jenny Brown
PTCA School Council Rep: Linda Hill
General Committee: Carol Wells, Kellie Wright, Peter Phillips, Michaela Gray

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Please note that the Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted on Thursday 16th April commencing at 1.00pm and concludes at 8.00pm. Students are not required at the College but should accompany parents/guardians to the interviews.

Bookings on Compass for Parent/Teacher interviews will open on Thursday 9th April at 9.00am and will close on Monday 13th April at 3.00pm.

Interim reports will be posted on Compass on Thursday 19th March.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

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)

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JUNIOR CLUB 3/4
Junior Club 3/4 is a designated homework club for students in Years 7-10. It runs from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the Library every Tuesday and Thursday. During this time students have the ability to use school computers, printers, work in groups or individually as well as getting extra one on one support from teachers. We try and create a relaxed work friendly environment. So come along as we would love to see you there.

Grant Olarenshaw
Red House Leader

VCE INTERSCHOOL BASEBALL
Congratulations to the VCE interschool baseball Team who advanced to Zone. It was a real team effort, Mooroolbark College played smart with River Stevens-Dobby leading the way with captains duties, while Forrest Stevens-Dobby and Lachlan Williams-Dyson pitched extremely well. Congratulations to Shaun Balkin, Thomas Balkin, Benjamin Rigby, Shannon Rigby, Tristan Skell, Forrest Stevens-Dobby, River Stevens-Dobby Ethan Wildner and Lachlan Williams-Dyson.

Go the Barkers

Grant Olarenshaw
Red House Leader

SENIOR TENNIS
Mooroolbark College Senior Boys contested the Maroondah District competition at Wantirna Tennis Club on Tuesday 3rd March. They won their three lead up matches in fine style and played off against Ringwood in the Grand Final. They finished 3 sets all but collected the Runner Up position as Ringwood stream won more games in the final match. The sportsmanship the boys displayed throughout the day was exceptional, and I believe they all enjoyed the occasion.


Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

FUNDRAISING - P.T.C.A.
It’s that time of year again – the frenzy of sales & bargain hunting.

Did you know you can help raise funds for Mooroolbark College without even trying & without spending any precious time. Three easy ways:

AMART CHIRNSIDE PARK.
Sign up to their Loyalty program & swipe your card every time you make a purchase. Mooroolbark College gets 5% of the sale as a fundraiser.

REBEL SPORT
Sign up to their Loyalty program & swipe your card every time you make a purchase. Mooroolbark College gets 5% of the sale as a fundraiser. And you get a 5% discount as well!

THE GOOD GUYS AT CANTERBURY RD, BAYSWATER
Bayswater Bucks Program – for every $25 spent - $1 voucher generated for the College. All you have to do is mention the program when completing your purchase & send the vouchers to the College with your child to drop off at the office. How easy is that!

BAKERS DELIGHT AT MOOROOLBARK & CHIRNSIDE PARK.
5% of your purchase is generated as a fundraiser – just remember – Code 22 – simply ask for your purchase to be recorded against Code 22

That's all!
Hello Mooroolbark College community, my name is Benjamin Rhodes and I am the Student Representative Council Vice-President for 2015. Welcome to the SRC section of the newsletter. This is where the members of the SRC, from the Year 7s to the Executive Team, will let you, the community, know about what is happening and has happened in the SRC.

What we've done: So far the SRC has run the annual Swimming Carnival BBQ. It was a great day, everything sold out, and we raised $700. Thanks to everyone who bought a sausage or a drink. A few weeks ago, we ran our SRC training day. It was a good day, spent brainstorming ideas, bonding, and learning the do's and don'ts of public speaking. Thanks to Amy Learmont and Daniel Molesworth, Year 12 members of last year who came back to run some sessions.

Finally, last Friday Ms Cooper and a group of Year 12s went to the blood bank for the Year 12 Blood Drive. Of the eight who attended, six were able to donate. Thanks to the Year 12s who volunteered their time for a great cause.

Up and coming Events
On March 18th, as part of Multicultural Week, we are having an Italian Day. We're selling pizzas at $2 each or 2 for $3.50 and ice cream from $4. Remember to bring some money. Also, keep an eye out for any of the great ideas that were raised at the training day. Thanks for reading the first SRC spot in the newsletter. Look forward to another SRC member writing the next newsletter spot.

Benjamin Rhodes
SRC Vice-President
Green House Year 12 Representative

Reminders

YEAR 9 TASSIE TOUR 2015
Group A: Departs 4.00pm sharp from Northern Carpark on Sunday 22nd to Thursday 26th March.

Group B: Departs 4.00pm sharp from Northern Carpark Monday 23rd to Friday 27th March.

YEAR 10 2015 CENTRAL TOUR
Departs Saturday 21st March. Students need to be at the College at 5.30am for a 6.15am departure. Tour returns Wednesday 1st April.

The VCE and Careers Expo 2015
The VCE and Careers Expo is Australia’s biggest careers and education event with 170 exhibitors providing VCE, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. The Expo also features 156 seminars on VCE subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice.

Admission is $10 or $25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all 4 days of the Expo. Admission includes all seminars.

For more details visit vceandcareers.com.au

Jenny Roache
Pathways Coordinator

THE YARRA VALLEY & YARRA RANGES VCE NETWORK
The Whole Network Professional Learning Meeting for VCE Teachers Program was held on Thursday 26th February 2015, at Lilydale High School.

Teachers from six schools in the Cluster listened to guest presenter Mr Nick Dobroff, Manager Statistical Moderation from the VCAA.

This provided excellent up to date professional learning for over 150 VCE Teachers including teachers from Mooroolbark College and the teachers from the Yarra Valley and Yarra Ranges VCE Network.

Samantha McIntosh
VCE Coordinator
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So you can see what is in the Entertainment™ Book for you and your family, we will be sending one home with year 7 and 8 students on 28th April 2015

If you do not need a Book sent home, please return this form to the school office by: 27th March 2015

[ ] I am purchasing a Digital Membership. Email: ___________________________

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18th April
SATURDAYS
10am - 11:30am
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A group for mothers, fathers, stepparents and carers whose adolescents are abusive or violent in the home

Do you feel threatened, frightened or even controlled by your son or daughter? Are family members and younger siblings 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

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Saturday 28th March 10am-11:30am

Ringwood Saints Baseball Club
Proclamation Park, Sylvia Grove, Ringwood

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