PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

May 22, 2015

Affirmation:

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

CROSS COUNTRY

Our College Annual House Fun Run and Cross Country was held at Lilydale Lake on Friday 8th May. All Year 7 & 8 students and a dedicated selection of senior runners completed the walk/run. It was great to see many students using this event as a fundraiser for the SRC.

Congratulations to Red House, the overall Champion House for 2015. Once again the event was largely successful with an increased support shown by senior students. It was wonderful to see the number of parents/guardians in attendance, watching and helping, adding to the whole atmosphere.

NAPLAN TESTING

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 9 students who undertook the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests last week. I was very impressed with the students approach to the assessments. It was evident that the students wanted to do their best. These tests are important to the College as they provide us with an external measure of the students’ knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy.

When we receive the information about student achievement we will use it to inform our teaching and learning programs.

EXAM PREPARATION

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will need to be preparing for their end of unit exams. Years 10, 11 & 12 exam period runs from Wednesday 3rd June to Thursday 11th June, with the Year 12 GAT being held on Wednesday 10th June.

Students from Years 10, 11 and 12 will be receiving their exam timetables shortly, including a copy of the Mooroolbark College and VCAA exam rules. Both these documents will be posted on Compass for students to access.

It is important that all students take these exams seriously and prepare well. We expect students to do their best and achieve results.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that on the Friday 12th June, students are not required at the College as it is a Pupil Free Report Writing Day for the teachers of Mooroolbark College.

Simon Reid
Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA OF SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Mooroolbark College is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form.

More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: https://www.education.vic.gov.au or contact Mr Simon Reid, Principal, at Mooroolbark College on 9727 8100 if you require further information or have any further questions.

Samantha McIntosh
Assistant Principal

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PLEASE NOTE:

On Thursday 18th June 2015, the 3rd instalment for the College Levies will be directly debited from your account. If you need to change any of your account/card details, please call Jodi Mathieson at the College on 9727 8100 before this date.

Ann Stratford
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).
MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE DEBUTANTE BALL 2015
Please note rehearsal times for the 2015 Debutante Ball:
- Monday 25th May 1.15-3.45pm
- Monday 1st June 1.15-3.45pm
- Monday 15th June 1.15-3.45pm
- Wednesday 17th June 7-9pm (This day is to compensate for a missed rehearsal on Monday 8th June due to a long weekend).

Reminder to students who are participating in this year’s Debutante Ball, ticket sales open at 5.00pm on Thursday 7th May and will close at 5.00pm on 28th May.

Please note, there is a limit of 4 guest tickets per participant at this stage.
To purchase tickets, please visit:
http://www.trybooking.com/HNQL or follow the link from the College website.

If you have any problems, please don’t hesitate to contact Jodi Mathieson in the General Office on 9727 8100.

Claire Jones & Sarah Garnaut
Debutante Ball Coordinators

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!

STUDENT WELFARE INFORMATION

[engage] 1 on 1

Helping young people Engage with Life
Engage 1 on 1 are a team of child/adolescent psychologists, specialising in work with children, adolescents, parents and families in schools across Melbourne. Our services are now available to students and their families at Mooroolbark College, and are provided at no cost to parents or the school.

We help children and families cope with a wide range of issues, including anxiety, behavioural problems, low mood, anger management, social skills, attention problems, and family difficulties. This service is professional, confidential and provided on-site at your school, offering evidence based counselling strategies to help your child ‘engage with life’ and improve their happiness and well-being.

If you are interested in obtaining our services, or would like more information, please contact Mr John Nichol, Student Welfare Coordinator, at Mooroolbark College on 9727 8100 or www.engage1on1.com.au

John Nichol
Student Welfare Coordinator
YEAR 11 OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Last week the Year 11 Outdoor Environmental Studies class set out on their three day hike to the Victorian High Country in the area of Mount Stirling. It was planned to be a 3 day bushwalk, but quickly turned into a 3 day snow camp. Students started their hike amongst the Mountain Ash and Ferns covered in a layer of fresh snow. As we hiked up the mountain, the snow cover started to increase with patchy views of the nearby Mount Buller. We camped at Bluff Spur Hut and luckily we had a campsite to ourselves, allowing everyone to warm up in front of the fire inside the hut.

It snowed into the evening and we awoke to a fresh cover of snow throughout camp. The group set off to conquer the summit of Mount Stirling, with thick cloud covering the top, it was difficult to see very far. Students encountered battering winds and snow pelting down, but was well worth the effort.

We left camp on the third day with the hope of a great view as the cloud disappeared overnight. After reaching the summit, we were able to look for kilometers in every direction across the rooftop of the Alps – a highlight of the camp, the views were amazing!

All students coped well with the challenging weather and made the most of the experience over the three days. A camp with many highlights and achievements – well done to all.

Glenn Esnouf
Yellow House Leader

YEAR 7—9 JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL

We faced classic winter weather as we ventured out for junior girls football, with frosty, wet conditions. Fortunately this did not dampen the spirit of our girls who represented the College with plenty of gusto. We were all a bit uncertain at the start of the day with only 2 members of our team having played previously. After a little assistance with positions and a few queries what they were supposed to do, away they went. The girls were fearless and relentless with their efforts. They ran hard, chased and tackled like a seasoned football team. At the end of the 3 games we had won two of them convincingly! It was a thrill to see the girls rapid improvement as the day progresses. By the end of the third game our girls were still keen for more, which is a great indication of the success of the day. The behavior and attitude of the team throughout the entire day was again superb and another experience that makes me think we have the best job in the world! Great job girls!

Adam Lorkin
Assistant Principal/Transition

SPORTS LEADERSHIP - AUS KICK UMPIRES

Congratulations to the Students who represented Mooroolbark College as Aus Kick Umpires at the MCG on Saturday 2nd May as part of their Sports Leadership program;

- Nicholas Turner
- Fraser Noonan
- Breanna Meloni
- Keeley Hocking
- Nikita Jerram
- Aimee Mackenzie
- Ruby Macdonald
- Anja Siljander

Paul Ryan
Sports Leadership Coordinator
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Mooroolbark College’s annual Cross Country Carnival was held at Lilydale Lake on Friday 8th May. It provided good running weather and some 600 competitors accepting the challenge to run the Lake course, gain a little fitness and supporting their houses. The excellent turn out from the Seniors and Student Leaders was a highlight.

It was great to see our House Leaders Mr U'Ren and Mr Donald running and competing with their students, giving the runners a target to chase. The Red Devils were judged the winning house with a total of 294 points.

It was a very even event this year with second place going to Green Machine, with 285 points, third place awarded to Blue Thunder with 264 points and fourth spot Yellow Stingers with 259 points. Our new Bar Code system introduced by Mr Seabrook and Mr Ryan was a welcome improvement eliminating lines of students waiting to have their name recorded as a simple zap by the scanner registered all their details.

The traditional ICY POLES were welcome and very popular after an invigorating run and all declared it a fun and enjoyable afternoon.

Four new records were set on Friday in the Boys 13 Age Group where Thomas Sheridan set a new mark and in the Boys 14 Age Group when Thomas Hardstaff reduced the winning time. For the longer 5 kilometre course in 17 Age Group Lachlan McGee in the Boys 17 Age Group and Braedon Dobie (taking State runner Rhys Hubben’s record) in the Boys 16 age Group.

Age champions were:

**BOYS**
13 Thomas Sheridan
14 Thomas Hardstaff
15 Hayden Watkins
16 Braedon Dobie
17 Lachlan McGee
20 Dylan Mather

**GIRLS**
13 Jasmine Leggo
14 Cassie Mullens
15 Melanie Barber
16 Ashleigh Ledwidge
17 Jessica Payne
20 Noel Boersma

All students who featured high up in the finishing order were invited to run again in the Interschool Cross Country race held on Friday 15th May at the new venue of H.E Parker reserve in Ringwood.

Thanks to all staff who attended and gave up their time to make sure the event ran smoothly.

Keith Clapp
Sports Co-Ordinator
LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2015
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2015 is now well underway. All students in Years 7-10 are registered. To complete the challenge students only need to read 15 books before the end of August.

Students that complete the challenge will receive 30 house points and a free pizza lunch.

Congratulations to the following students that have already completed the Challenge.
- Peter BELL-MUYS
- Asher DRYDEN
- Jamison EDWARDS
- Connor HILET
- Kristian KATO
- Jasmine LEGGO
- Taylah MCGUILLEN
- Zachary MEDLIN
- Jesse MIERSCH
- Tara MOIR
- Acacia PEARCE
- Sophie SCHOFIELD
- Isabellah SMIRNOW
- Arnold TAN
- Hayden TODD
- Cody WILTON

Once again we are also running a special Year 7 competition with the form group (as per their IT classes) that reads the most books winning an extra special prize.
The current standings are:

- 7G — 137 books completed
- 7E — 129 books completed
- 7C — 114 books completed
- 7A — 106 books completed
- 7F — 59 books completed
- 7B — 56 books completed
- 7D — 34 books completed

If you require more information, please contact Mr Neil at the College on 97278100 or via Compass.


LIBRARY NEWS

DIGITAL LIBRARY
Semester one has seen the digital library continue to be a huge success for staff and students of the College with over 1000s 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 devices 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.

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ATTENTION JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS

EASTERN RANGES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRAINING CAMP IS HERE!

Join our School Holiday Training Camp!
July 3 9.30am - 3.00pm

The Eastern Ranges are holding a development and testing holiday program for all junior footballers aged between 12 and 15.

Registrations now open!

PROGRAM INCLUDES

• AFL Draft Combine style testing including AFL agility, 20m sprints, vertical leap and more
• Skill development session with Eastern Ranges coaches
• Individualised detailed fitness testing report
• Certificate of completion
• High performance nutrition advice
• Injury prevention & recovery session with Eastern Ranges High Performance team member
• Talent pathways to the AFL discussed with Eastern Ranges Talent Manager, Len Villani
• Lunch, snacks and drinks provided

DETAILS
DATE July 3 9.30am-3.00pm
VENUE Rowville Secondary College
Eastern Campus
Humphreys Way, Rowville 3178
AGE 12-15 year olds
COST $100 per player
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE JUNE 30

REGISTER HERE!
LIMITED CAPACITY!

CONTACT THE CLUB
Marc D’Cruze
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Phone 9724 9499
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... a decade of remembrance

Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service
Honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service Men and Women

In the spirit of reconciliation, The Hon Natalie Hutchins MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Committee cordially invite you to attend the 10th annual Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service

Date: Sunday 31 May 2015
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Shrine of Remembrance
Birdwood Avenue
Melbourne
Forecourt, Eternal Flame
Tram stop 19, St. Kilda Road

The service will be followed by a light luncheon
You are welcome to lay a wreath or a poppy at the conclusion of the service

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