Calendar TERM 3 2015

Tuesday 8th September
SRC Carnival Day
Resources Committee Meeting

Friday 11th September
Year 10 Social
Year 7 Immunisation
Year 8 Sandown Excursion
Interim Reports available to view and download

Tuesday 15th September
College Council Meeting

Thursday 17th September
Parent/Teacher Interviews
1.00pm—8.00pm
Students not required at College

Friday 18th September
Last day of Term 3
Students dismissed 2.30pm

COLLEGE OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY—THURSDAY
8.15AM—4.00PM
FRIDAY 8.15AM—3.30PM

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
September 4, 2015

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Our Year 12 students have a little over one month left of their time at the College. This is a crucial time for them as they prepare for their exams and final assessments. Parents/Guardians this is a difficult time for your children. I urge you to guide them to focus on the tasks at hand, have set study times, take regular breaks, get plenty of rest and eat well. Late night, social media such as Facebook and other use of technology are major distractions and are proven to impact negatively on student performance. Suggest to your child to leave their phone in another room, limiting them in the short term is essential. The importance of this time cannot be underestimated.

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

Every year we participate in the ‘Principal for a Day’ Program. It is a program which invites Community Leaders to come into schools and Colleges to share their knowledge with students. In the past we have been very appreciative to have outstanding people come to our College, providing fabulous experiences for our students.

This year the Principal for a Day is on Wednesday 9th September. We have been fortunate to have the Hon. James Merlino, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education. It is a great honour to have the Minister choose our College to be Principal for the Day.

MASTER CLASSES

Mooroolbark College in conjunction with our neighboring government schools will commence a program of Master Classes to give our students completing their VCE in Year 12 the opportunity to participate in review presentations by expert teachers and VCE examiners. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to improve their knowledge in readiness for their exams. For information on these classes and for students to book into these classes please look at our College website www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Year 7-12 Interim Reports will be available on Compass Friday 11th September.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 17th September between 1.00pm and 8.00pm. Students are not required at the College during the day but are to accompany their parents/guardians to the interviews.

Simon Reid
Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

ACCOUNTS—INSTALMENT

Rubicon Instalment  
Friday 11th September  $110

China Tour Instalment  
Thursday 17th September  $800

German Camp Instalment  
Thursday 17th September  $140

QLD Tour Instalment  
Thursday 29th October  $150

German Camp Instalment  
Thursday 12th November  $100

Please ensure funds are available in your nominated account.

STUDENT CROSSINGS

Students are reminded that when crossing any roads as they are walking/riding to and from school to please ensure it is done in a safe manner.

Please encourage students to use the supervised crossing at Manchester Road/Bellara Drive rather than crossing via the median strip. During our wet weather months, the tanbark used in the median strip becomes quite slippery and dangerous for pedestrians.

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

If your need to update or change your account details, please contact the General Office on 9727 8100.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Earn and Learn program is designed to support primary and secondary schools across Australia in the purchase of valuable learning resources.

The College has again partnered with Modern Teaching Aids to bring these resources to you over the coming months.

Students have been given sheets to start filling up when shopping at Woolworths. If you are in need of any more, please visit Woolworths as they have further copies available in store.

Completed forms can be handed into the Student Administration Office.

We would appreciate your continued support and collecting your Earn & Learn points. This supports the College in our endeavours to purchase further resources.

Ann Stratford  
Assistant Principal

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 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 and there are always biscuits and drinks available. So come along as we would love to see you there.

Grant Olarenshaw  
Red House Leader

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, behavioral 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

COLLEGE INFORMATION

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).
SPORTS NEWS

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Mooroolbark College participated in the Maroondah District at Ringwood on Monday 24th August. This was the first time in the new region for us and the first time we have had hurdles, walks and 3000 metres added. Mooroolbark College finished in 4th position.

Our students were exemplary in their behaviour, participation and support of each other, being a credit to the College in the way they conducted themselves. Many students helped out in organizing relays, events and assisted officials on the day – another bonus. We won two relays and placed in several others which is always a highlight with so many students involved and cheering on the participants.

Students who won events automatically advance to the Eastern Zone Finals at Knox on the 9th October 2015. They were:
Acacia Pearce, Lateisha Willis (3), Jessica Payne (3), Tom Sheridan (2), Thomas Hardstaff, Joel Caruana, Relay runners 15 Boys Relay Jesse Jackson, Jaimeen Smirnow, Curtis Evans, Angus Fern, 16 Girls Relay Lateisha Willis, Bree Tindley, Nikita Jerram, Hayley Thompson. They will be joined by students from distance events where the first two qualify and they are: Ashlinn Walker, Sean Ackroyd, Nathan Rancie.

The District has announced that the District Age Champions for 2015 included two students from Mooroolbark College - Ashlinn Walker for the 14 Year Girls Division and Lateisha Willis for the 15 Year Girls Division.

Special thanks to our Teachers for running events on the day. Mr Ryan, Mr Mann, Mr Parr, Mr Price, Mr Bree, Mr Reid and Ms Cherry.

Trainings for competitors should be arranged for first week back Term 4 so participants should look for details early next term.

Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

MUSIC NEWS

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Last Friday members of our Choir, Senior Concert Band and Year 11 Rock bands visited Manchester and Chirnside Park Primary Schools.

Mooroolbark College students performed for around 400 children, showcasing some of the items from our Winter Concert the previous week.

It was wonderful seeing all the younger children enjoying the performances, and then dancing with our choir at the end of the programme.

Well done to all of our students who put on another great show.

Lisa Gaudion
Instrumental Music Coordinator

SRC 6TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL DAY
TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

The 6th Annual SRC Carnival Day is being held on Tuesday September 8th. There are a variety of stalls and activities which students will be able to participate in over the course of an extended lunch time. Students are permitted to bring their PE uniform and change into it at lunch. Please ensure that students bring smaller change as we have had difficulties in the past exchanging larger notes.

Robyn Cooper
S.R.C. Coordinator
STUDENT INFORMATION

ROAR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This year, six of our impressive Year 10 students took part in the ‘ROAR Leadership Program’ run by Yarra Ranges Youth Services. The ROAR program commenced with a very successful camp in March, which consisted of both group and personal activities that encouraged participants to challenge themselves and work well together as a team. There were also a number of workshops that explored developing leadership skills, and others that assisted each school group to initiate a community project.

Since the camp, our Year 10 students have been working during term 2 and 3 to developing and delivering a project to the local community. For their project, our students chose to work with grade 5 students at Manchester Primary School to deliver two workshops focusing on leadership and communication skills. The students designed the activities and content for the two sessions, and then facilitated the workshops over two weeks during August.

The ROAR Leaders were fantastic ambassadors for Mooroolbark College, and positive role models for the primary school students. As a group, they have worked well together, with all members regularly attending meetings and actively contributing to the project. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the grade 5 students involved.

The college would like to congratulate and acknowledge Axel Dankwort, Jaimee Field, Jessica Payne, Shanty Tamblyn, Lachie Beech and Lisa Lin for the great effort they provided to this program. Well done.

Matthew Donald
Green House Leader/Student Leadership Coordinator
FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

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.
Four 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

Thanking you

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 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.

www.love2read.org.au
MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE
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8TH OF OCTOBER
7PM
GOLD COIN DONATION
MANCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

FETE

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2015
10am till 3pm

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MONOMEITH STREET,
MOOROOLBARK
STUDENT EXCHANGE

There’s So Much To Gain From A WEP Student Exchange!

WEP student exchange is the opportunity for students to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

To find out more visit our website: wep.org.au

When you go overseas on a WEP student exchange program, your family, back at home, has no obligation to host an exchange student in return. However, hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

For more information and to request a free information pack, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

Foster Carers are desperately needed for adolescents aged between 12 and 18.

Foster Care is the temporary care of a young person within your home, during a time when they cannot live with their families for various reasons. It is for a planned period of time, with the aim of reuniting young people with their families.

There are different types of Foster Care. These include:
Respite Care, which gives parents or existing foster carers a regular break. This may be for weekends or other short periods.
Emergency and short to medium term care, this can be any time from overnight up to three months.
Longer term care, generally for several years until the young person can become independent.

Providing stable care and being a good role model for a young person can be both a challenging and rewarding experience.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Waverley Emergency Adolescent Care on 9563 2275 or admin@weac.org.au
Fill a box for $40!*

50-90% OFF!

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CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

Thousands of picture and chapter books, nonfiction and activity items.

3 DAYS ONLY!

Educator-only day
Wednesday 16 September 8am – 5pm
Open to public
Thursday 17 September: 8am – 5pm
Friday 18 September: 8am – 5pm

Scholastic Warehouse
9–11 Northern Road
West Heidelberg VIC

*Selected items only. Payment methods: EFTPOS, cash, VISA, MasterCard and school accounts. No trade resellers.

www.scholastic.com.au
The 2nd Annual
Great Mooroolbark College Bake Off

The Great Mooroolbark College Bake Off; is in its second year and students and staff have the opportunity to once again put their creative skills to the test and decorate a cake based on their favourite book.

Participants are asked to bring their finished cake to school on Thursday 22nd October. All participants will have their creations displayed and prizes presented at the Year 7 Showcase Night.