MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE
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Calendar TERM 1 2016

Monday 15th February
Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 16th February
College Council Meeting

Tuesday 23rd February
Community Relations Meeting

Tuesday 1st March
Education Committee Meeting
PTCA AGM 7.00pm
PTCA Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th March
Tassie Tour Parent Info Night
Resources Committee

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 15th March
College Council AGM 7.00pm
College Council 1st Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 22nd March
SRC Free Dress Day
Community Relations Meeting

Wednesday 23rd March
Parent/Teacher Interviews

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

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.**

Dear Community

Welcome to 2016. I hope everyone had a restful break

I would especially like to welcome our 262 new Year 7s who began their journey at Mooroolbark College today. I had the opportunity to speak to many of these new students as I visited their classes and it was a mixture of nerves and excitement.

We also cannot forget the 30 new students who are beginning at Mooroolbark College in Years 8 to 12. Changing schools can be a daunting experience and I wish those students all the best in their transition to Mooroolbark College.

I also wish to welcome our new staff to Mooroolbark College. Whilst each year we sadly say goodbye to staff. it is always exciting to welcome new staff into our College.

Stephanie Bell - English and Humanities
Allie Grey-Smith - Mathematics
David Grey-Noble Information Technology
Zac Parr - Mathematics and Science
Sarah Rosendale - PE/Health and English
Hanieh Langroodi - Mathematics and Science
Jordan Van Keulen - Music and German
Fiona Barnett & Amanda Giblett, who have joined our curriculum support team.

On Friday, 22nd January, our senior student College Leaders spent a day working to develop their leadership skills. Part of the day also consisted of developing their goals for the coming year. These goals fell into three categories: recognition of students, developing relationships between students at different year levels and enhancing home group activities.

Term 1 is always a busy term with the College Swimming Carnival, the Year 7 Camp, recruitment for our instrumental program, Summer Interschool Sport and Year 7 SRC elections. I encourage all Mooroolbark College students to take advantage of the wonderful extra-curricula opportunities which Mooroolbark College offers.

RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LYN GODFREY

Mrs Lyn Godfrey, Assistant Principal, has retired, due to illness, from a 42 year career in education. Lyn was a student teacher at Mooroolbark High School before joining the staff at the College in 1978. Apart from six months teaching at Healesville High School, she has spent her teaching career at the College positively influencing the lives of thousands of Mooroolbark children. Lyn has held numerous positions including Health and PE Coordinator, Head of Junior School and most recently Assistant Principal. Lyn has been responsible for initiating many programs within the College including the successful physical education program, peer support, the four period day, setting up our sister school relationship in China and was integral in the development of the College's House System. Lyn and her family have been an active part of the College community; with all four of Lyn and Mark's children Chris, Kellie, Amy and Casey attending Mooroolbark College. Lyn's ongoing contribution to the College with a continual focus on improving student learning outcomes will be her legacy to the College. Lyn's many friends and colleagues will miss her counsel and friendship.

Ann Stratford
Principal

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The College Council comprises fifteen members – six parents, five Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees, and four community members. Each year half of the membership in the first two categories must present for re-election. Positions in the third category are filled by co-option from the College or wider community when the elected Council meets. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in the two categories open for election this year are as follows:

Parent - Three

DEECD - Two

Community - One

Nomination forms for the above positions are available from the General Office from Wednesday 17th February. Members of the College community are invited to nominate for these vacancies. Nomination forms must be lodged at the General Office by 4.00pm on Tuesday 23h February 2016. If the number of nominations in each category is greater than the number of vacancies, an election by ballot will be held. Ballot papers and voting procedures will be distributed on Tuesday 8th March (if required). The names of the nominated candidates will be posted on Tuesday 1st March outside the General Office. The voting procedure will be finalised by Tuesday 8th March. The new College Council will meet for the first time on Tuesday 15th March 2016.

PTCA NEWS

The PTCA is holding its **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st 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 option to represent your family, as part of the College community. The PTCA does 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.

PTCA Morning Tea for all new parents/guardians in 2016

When: Thursday 25th February, 2016

Where: T3

Time: 9am-10am

We invite you to come along and meet other new Parents/Guardians and also the Year 7 Transition Coordinator.

We look forward to meeting you on the day.

Deb Alsop
PTCA President

COMPASS APPS

Compass has released an update for their Smart Phone App (iPhone, iPad and Android). This can be easily downloaded from the Apple App Store and the Google Play store. There are new features as well as a new modern design. If you have any questions on using the app please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9727 8100.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

COLLEGE INFORMATION

IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

Only Year 7s to receive vaccinations in 2016

Parents of older children may be aware that in previous years vaccinations were given to students in Years 7 to 10. However, the vaccine program for secondary students has been simplified this year so that all vaccines will only be offered to Year 7 students. This includes:

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis combined vaccine (dTp) – one dose

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – three doses

Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine – one dose

Parents of Year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Shire of Yarra Ranges immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide parent/ guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. **Contact the College on 9727 8100 by 29 February 2016 if you do not want your contact details given to the Shire of Yarra Ranges.**

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE

It is essential that all visitors to the College sign in at the General Office. If you require to see any member of staff please be aware that an appointment is necessary due to timetable commitments and meetings before and after school. It is inappropriate for visitors to go directly to individual staff offices or to stop staff in College grounds. The General Office will call staff to check their availability for an appropriate meeting time. If you would like to make an appointment please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9727 8100.

Thank you for your continued support of the College.

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.

COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

The College Swimming Sports will be held on Monday 15th February at Croydon Swimming Pool - a heated outdoor venue in Hewish Road Croydon; phone number is 9294 5630.

All students are fully included in the College program and are expected to attend; no alternative program is running back at school.

There is a cost of $5-00 for each student attending (who have not paid their school fees). This should be given to the Student Attendance Office in an envelope, with their name and form on the outside, and marked *"Swimming Carnival"* on the outside.
Students will be bussed to and from the pool from 9am and will be returned by 3pm, being dismissed upon arrival back at school. **Parents/Guardians are asked to ensure appropriate sun protection is provided including drinks, sunscreen and hats.** The canteen will be running throughout the day at the venue.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in clothes with colours supporting their particular House.

Parents/Guardians are invited to be part of the day and come as spectators. Anyone interested in acting as officials are particularly welcome and should contact Mr. Clapp at the College on 9727 8100.

If students are to be picked up from the venue, parents/ guardians are asked to provide a written note to that effect.

MOUTHGUARDS

Parents and Students participating in both Physical Education and Interschool Sport are advised that MOUTH GUARDS are highly recommended additions to many sports, especially those that may have a contact element. While all care is taken to ensure the full safety of participants, accidents can happen and a small fee can ensure big dental costs are avoided.

STUDENT – STATE TEAM SELECTIONS

Students wishing to try out for Victorian State sporting teams should look on the School Sport Victorian website and click on the Team State Victorian Team https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/default.aspx Applications are on line this year and Age Groups and trial dates vary with each sport.

State Sports Teams for students aged 12 and Under is now open for selection on the School Sport Victoria website. Interested players and parents should click on https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/default.aspx and select their chosen sport(s) for details and registration.

Contact Mr Clapp at the College on 9727 8100 for more information .

Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

COLLEGE INFORMATION

UPCOMING IMPORTANT INSTALMENT DUE DATES—TERM 1

15th February	Year 9 Tasmania Tour (Final Payment)-
15th February	VET Material Fees due
18th February	**College Levies Debit Payment Plans Instalment***
26th February	Year 7 Camp Balance due
28th February	Debutante Ball (Deposit) due
11th March	Central Camp 2hd Instalment due
24th March	QLD Camp (Deposit) due

***Please ensure funds are available in your nominated account on Thursday 19th February if you are on a Debit Payment Plan.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding payment, please contact Jodi Mathieson in Accounts at the College on 9727 8100.

Jodi Mathieson
Accounts Department

COLLEGE CAPTAINS

On Friday the 22nd of January, our 2016 College Captains, House Captains and SRC president took part in an introduction and training day at Chirnside Park Country Club. Mrs Ann Stratford, Mr David Innes and Mr Matthew Donald all provided training sessions on the day and were impressed by the students commitment and enthusiasm towards their new positions. These students should do an outstanding job for the College in 2016.

Matthew Donald
Student Leadership/Green House Leader

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.

Adam Lorkin
Assistant Principal/Year 7 Transition Coordinator

YEAR 12 START UP DAY 2016

On Friday, February 5, we spent a day with the Year 12 students at the Baptist Church in Mooroolbark. The day served several purposes. It provided 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 their time at Mooroolbark College. There were formalised presentations from Elevate – study sensei and time management, and the day also provided 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 program that is a blend of challenging physical and metal activities, along with a series of high-level presenters.
A follow up Elevate session on Exam preparation will run later in the year and a complementary parent session will run on Tuesday, March 8. The Parent Evening includes a representative from Elevate presenting the 'parent' version of sessions presented at the student Start-Up day. The presentation will occur in X Block and commence at 7.00 pm.

Thank you to Mr Nichol, Mrs Roache, Mrs Davis, Miss Clarke, Mrs Stratford and Mr U'Ren for their support and assistance with the day.

Most importantly, thank you to the Year 12 attendees. They were an absolute pleasure to work with.

Samantha McIntosh
Assistant Principal/VCE Coordinator

KILSYTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED

Under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s & 17s

NEW PLAYERS
FREE REGISTRATION

CONTACTS
Danny 0419 348 669
Bonnie 0411 406 443

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Pinks Reserve, Liverpool Rd Kilsyth
Behind the Kilsyth Basketball Stadium
Next to the new Netball complex

TALKING TEENS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL IN, ASK QUESTIONS, MEET OTHER PARENTS AND SHARE IDEAS THAT WORK!

- Do you wonder why they aren't listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
- How do we talk so they will listen?
- Do you want to maintain a connection with them?
- Take some time out for parents

WHERE: Upper Yarra Secondary School, 81 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction

WHEN: Thursday Feb 25 to March 24, 7pm – 9pm (5 weeks)

WHO: Dads, Mums & Carers of teenagers 12-18 years

COST: FREE (bookings essential)

CONTACT: Helena at Parentzone 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204

Anglicare Victoria

Parentzone Eastern

anglicarevic.org.au/parent-zone

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COLDSTREAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 21st February 2016, 11am-2pm

COLDSTREAM SPORTING CLUBROOMS
Halley Supple Reserve – South Gateway, off Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream

Free Sausage Sizzle!!

U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15*, U17* &
GIRLS ONLY U15 & U18 teams

* Boys only

2016 FEES
U9 & U10 $150
U11-youth $160
Or ½ price if you sign up a friend!
Includes EFL insurance, team photo, year book, jumper & helmet supplied, accredited & supportive coaches & a free bag for all new players!

ALL NEW PLAYERS RECEIVE ½ PRICE REGISTRATION!!!

Contact us on 'Coldstream Junior FC'
Phone President, Mick Kollosche: 0451 460 024
or Secretary, Nicole Cantle-Arthur: 0412 571 422

Proudly affiliated with Coldstream Auskick

All current & new Auskick families are encouraged to come along and join in the fun, enjoy the free sausage sizzle & register online!

MOOROOLBARK FOOTBALL CLUB
2016 JUNIOR
REGISTRATION DAY

Registrations accepted for players in
Under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17's
***a player must turn 8 during 2016 to play**
DATE: Tuesday 9th February 2016

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
VENUE: MFC – Heights Reserve
Longfellow Avenue, Mooroolbark

All registration forms and information is available on our website

www.mooroolbarkfc.com.au

If you have any queries regarding registration for 2016 please contact
Mick Kist (President) 0409 460 499 or Tina Danisch (Registrar)
tina.danisch@gmail.com