MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE
Newsletter your child – our world

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Calendar TERM 2 2016

Thursday 21st April
COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT 7.00PM
STUDENTS DISMISSED 1.00PM

Monday 25th April
Anzac Day Holiday

Tuesday 26th April
College Athletics Carnival

Thursday 28th April
Year 7 only Immunisations

Tuesday 3rd May
Education Committee Meeting
P.T.C.A. Meeting

Tuesday 10th May
Resources Committee Meeting

Tuesday 17th May
College Council Meeting
Central Australia Tour Parent Information Evening

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 Term 2. I hope everyone had the opportunity to recharge your batteries and took some time to enjoy being with your family over the Easter break.

This term we say farewell to Mrs Elaine (Gill) Donald. Mrs Donald is leaving Mooroolbark College after 36 years commitment to the College. She has worked tirelessly to providing opportunities for students to be involved in music at Mooroolbark College. Mrs Donald's contributions to the College are many and include numerous productions, camps and coaching sporting teams. Gill will be missed by her friends, colleagues and the students of Mooroolbark College.

There have been several staff changes for Term 2. Ms Samantha McIntosh is currently fulfilling the role of Assistant Principal working from the General Office and Mr Grant Olarenshaw is in the role of Assistant Principal (VCE and Teaching and Learning). Congratulations to both for their promotions.

As a result, queries regarding students in Red 1 and 2 should be directed to Mr Matthew Bell and Red 3 should be directed to Ms Laura Bevan during Term 2.

We also welcome Mrs. Nicola Mackey to the College in the library and Ms Alisa Hammersley who is working with our Curriculum Support team.

Thursday 21st April is our annual Open Night. This is an important opportunity for our staff and students to engage with our local community and promote the College they are so proud of. Students will be dismissed at 1.00 pm on Thursday to allow staff to set up for Open Night.

On Friday 22nd April, the College will commemorate ANZAC Day at the General Assembly. Students will observe a minutes silence, have time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our service men and women and how lucky we are to live in a country where we experience freedom and peace on a daily basis and hear stories of local service men and women. In addition, our students will be attending two local ANZAC Day services on Monday 25th April. Our Middle School Captains will lay a wreath at the Dawn Service at the Lilydale Cenotaph at 5.30 am and our Senior Captains will lay a wreath and read a prayer at the Commemorative Service in Hookey Park in Mooroolbark at 12 noon. I encourage students and parents/guardians from our school community to join our Captains at one of the events on ANZAC Day.

We finished Term 1 with Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please take the time to reflect on the conversations held at the meetings with your child. Mooroolbark College operates two homework Clubs. Junior Club 34 operates four times a week; lunchtimes on Monday and Wednesday in A7 and afterschool on Tuesday and Thursday in the library. Students from Years 7 – 10 are invited to Junior Club 34. Senior Club 34 is available for students in Years 11 and 12. This operates from the Year 12 Centre every Tuesday and Thursday. Both the Junior and Senior Club 34 have staff in attendance to assist students and students do not need to book in. Simply drop in and get some help or use the opportunity as 'quiet time' to get homework completed.

Ann Stratford
Acting Principal

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MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE WARMLY INVITES
PROSPECTIVE PARENTS & STUDENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR

OPEN NIGHT

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016 – 7PM

7:00pm – Principal's address & speeches in the Technology Wing.

7:45pm – Guided & self-guided tours, concludes at 9.00pm.

Light refreshments will be served and families will be provided the opportunity to meet and chat with staff and students.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

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

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.

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.

CSEF
Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund

A reminder that if you have not already done so and wish to apply for the 2016 CSEF, please collect a form which is available from the General Office.

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).

COLLEGE INFORMATION

IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

A reminder that Year 7 immunisations will be held on Thursday 28th April. If you have not already done so, could you please make sure Cards are completed and returned to the College as soon as possible.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Whilst staff are often on school premises early and late in the day, supervision of students only occurs officially when teachers are on yard duty between the following times.
Before school - 8.25 - 8.45am
After school
Bus Area (on East side of Manchester Road)
from 3.00—3.20pm
Club 3/4 (as scheduled) - 3.00—4.00pm
Students who arrive at school prior to the commencement of supervision or leave after supervision has ceased please note that they are not under direct supervision from Mooroolbark College staff.

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 and at lunchtime in Room A7 on Thursday and Friday.

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.

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES SCIENCE COMPETITION.

We will be conducting the Science competition that is organised by the University of New South Wales. Students are encouraged to enter this competition as it provided detailed feedback on where their strengths are. Students also get information about their abilities compared to other students who have competed.

The competition is conducted at Mooroolbark College, during school hours. Most papers have a time limit of 1 hour. They are held under examination conditions, and are supervised by staff from the College.

The cost is $5.00 per student and needs to be paid by 29th April, 2016. Refunding is not possible as we have to order all the papers shortly. Students are able to look at previous papers as a guide.

Any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Curciev at the College on 9727 8100 or students can go to the Science area.

Debra Curciev
Science KLA Head

MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE NEWS

OPEN NIGHT

Our Open Night will be held on

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL, 2016

commencing at 7.00pm in T Block.

Our Open Night is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the outstanding work being undertaken by our students. I expect large numbers of prospective students and their parents/guardians to attend the evening. Since it is an evening of celebration I also extend an invitation to all our parents/guardians to come along and see our College on display.

PLEASE NOTE;

Students will be dismissed at 1.00pm

on

Thursday 21st April, 2016

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA

MONTROSE BUS ROUTE

PTV have approved an additional bus to assist with carrying students from Mooroolbark College – Montrose.

This bus will operate express from Mooroolbark College – Montrose – a sign with "EXPRESS" will be placed in the front window.

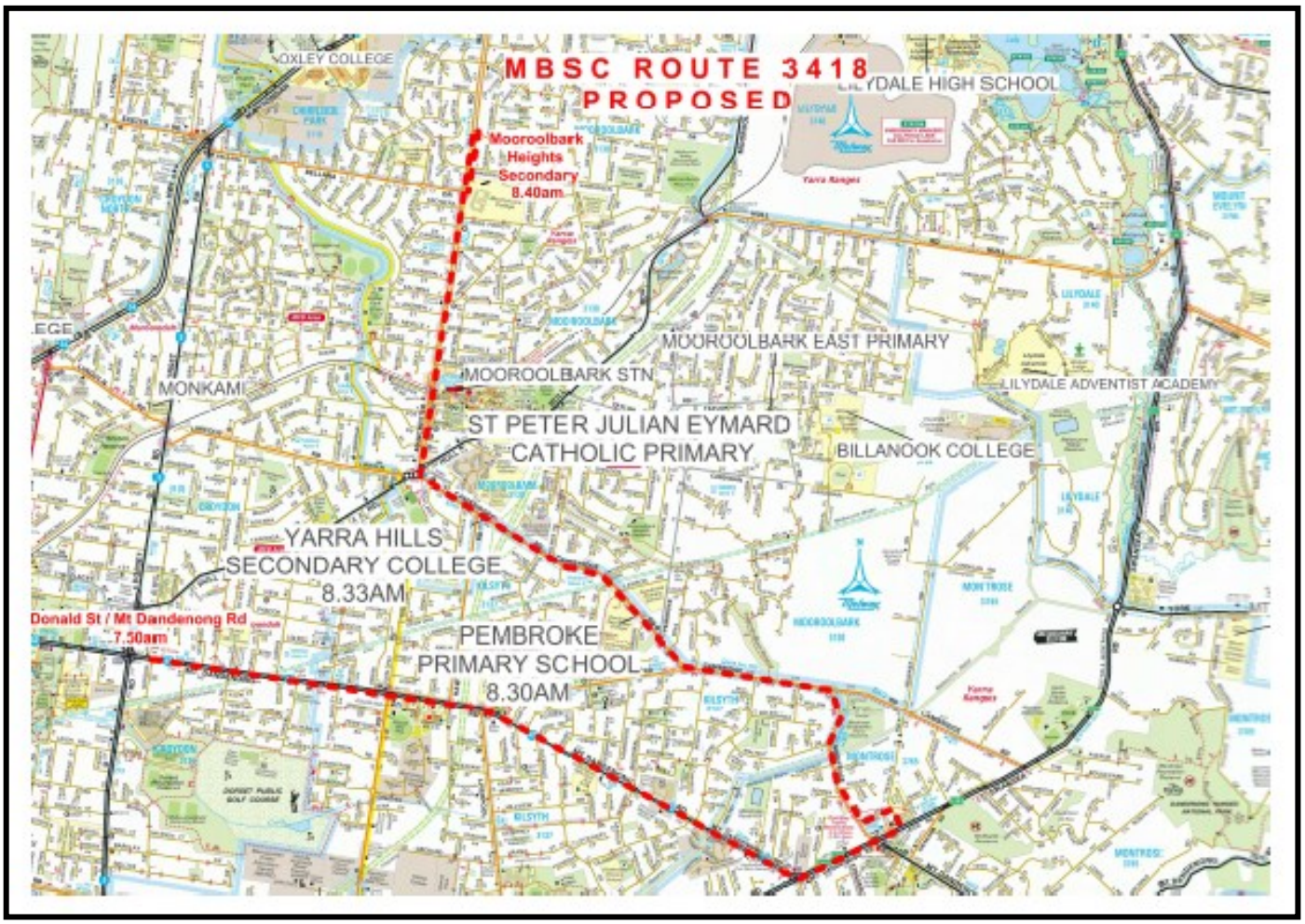
The 2nd bus will then follow the same route, dropping off & picking up students between Mooroolbark College & Montrose (including Yarra Hills SC).

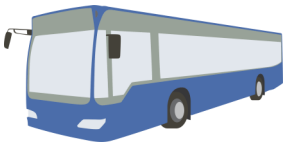
We have also managed to have the morning bus route (3418) extended to commence at the corner of Donald St / Mt Dandenong Rd Croydon (please see attached map).

It will depart this location at 8.03am & travel along Mt Dandenong Rd until it reaches its original starting point of Magnolia Gve / Mt Dandenong Rd at 8.20am – it will then continue on its original path.

Both services will commence Monday 11 April 2016.

Adam Lorkin
Assistant Principal





A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SRC!

We would like to sincerely thank the SRC for kindly donating part of the money raised from the free dress day last term to Oxfam Australia. On the 8th and 9th April, our team of four finished the Oxfam 100km trail walker in 35 hours. The challenging walk was through the Dandenong Ranges and Yarra Valley. We took on the challenge to support Oxfam by fundraising to bring about positive change in the lives of people living in poverty throughout the world. Our team, 'Barking Mad', was formed by the Mt Evelyn Veterinary Clinic and included two vets (one being an ex-student), a client from the Vet Clinic and myself. The vet nurses were our amazing support crew. Thank you so much to the SRC for your support. We greatly appreciate it!

Amanda Peters
Science teacher

COLLEGE ATHLETICS SPORTS

The College Athletics Sports will be held on Tuesday 26th April, the day after Anzac Day, at Knox Athletics Track. Attendance is expected for all students, no alternative program is running back at the College. Parents who would be interested in acting as officials on the day are asked to contact the Sports Co-Ordinator Mr. Keith Clapp, as soon as possible.

All parents are invited as spectators.
Students will be dismissed from the College at 3.00pm

Students are encouraged to wear Free Dress in support of their House Colours to add to the atmosphere.

Students who have not paid the annual levy need to bring $5 in an envelope with their name and form and the words ATHS SPORTS on the outside, to pay for the transport costs.

Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

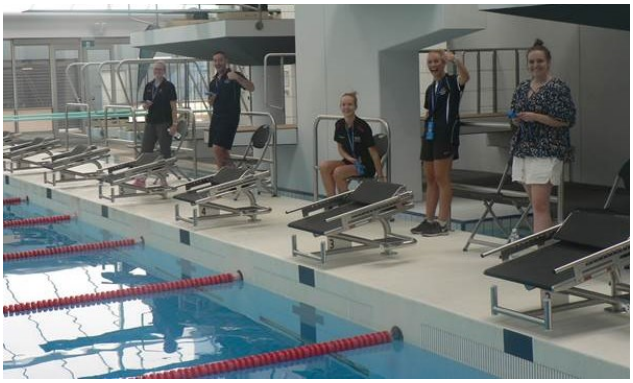
Mooroolbark College competed in the Maroondah District Swimming Championships at the newly renovated Aquanation Stadium on Tuesday 15th March. They finished a creditable 3rd overall.

It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm displayed between the athletes and watching the camaraderie develop as they cheered each other and often the opposition students as well.

A special thanks to Mr Parr for running the team and making sure every student made their event on time.

Mooroolbark had 9 students progress through to the next round, at the Eastern Zone Finals on Wednesday 23rd March.
They were: Caitlyn Kavanagh, Jorja-shae Baker, Skye Godfrey, Sophie Weir , Brooke smith, Gavin Fullerton, Sean Ackroyd, Angus Fern and Jack Hardstaff.

A big thank you to Mooroolbark College staff, Ms Rosendale, Mr Taylor, Mr Anderson, Mr Olarenshaw and Ms Presnell for running the events and acting as officials on the day.



ZONE SWIMMING

Mooroolbark College students Jorja-Shae Baker, Gavin Fullerton and Caitlyn Kavanagh competed at the very prestigious Eastern Zone finals at Aquanation Pool in Ringwood on Wednesday 23rd March.

Our participants were able to win and progress to the State Final and finished in the last 8 positions of the thousands of students from the 64 competing schools. Due to problems with the new centre's timing and electronics, no places or times have been published but Mooroolbark College congratulates all students on such a high level of achievement.

Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE CHINA STUDY TOUR

12—22 October 2016

(Years 7—11)

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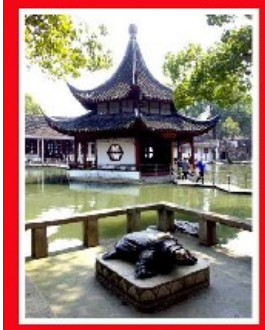


Ancient Sites

Art

Modern Cities

School Activities

Culture

Cuisine

In-school Experience

Markets

History

Tourist Sites

Mooroolbark College is a local school with a global outlook. After the successful visit by our Chinese sister school in 2015, we are delighted to offer this unique tour to study in China this year.
Including time in Beijing, Shanghai and Wujiang, this tour offers a range of cultural geographical, historical and culinary experiences.
Students will visit The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, Tiannamen Square, Pearl Tower, The Bund, temples, markets, museums and other sights.
The trip includes classroom time at Wujiang Senior Middle School, which offers a superb opportunity to learn to exchange ideas and viewpoints, and to develop a true intercultural understanding.
With an anticipated cost of $3,900 (based on a minimum number of students), inclusive of all flights, transfers, hotel accommodation, meals, tours, guides and entrance fees, this program offers unbelievable value for money.

Places are strictly limited to 10 students.
If interested please contact Mr Loh at the College on 9727 8100

FUNDRAISING

Mooroolbark College is pleased to be selling the 16|17 Entertainment™ Memberships as a fundraiser in 2016 – the memberships are now available to pre order!

You can now choose between the traditional Entertainment™ Book or you can purchase the Digital Membership which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone, all for just $65!

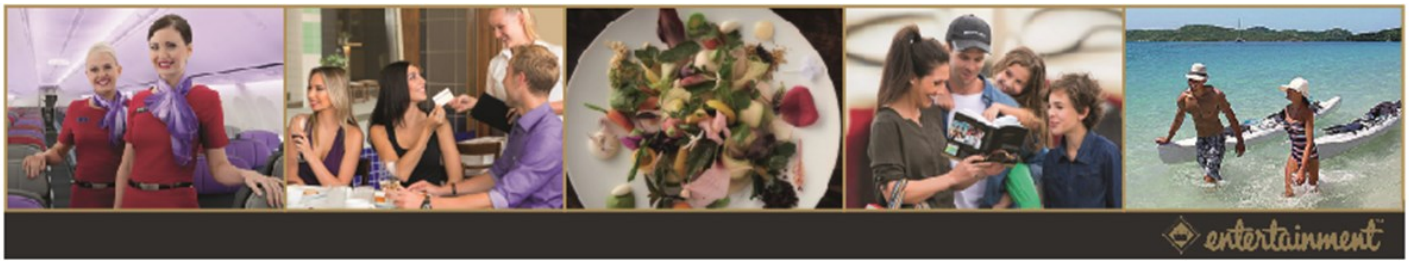
The Entertainment™ Memberships contain over 800 valuable 2-for-1 and 25% off offers for many of the best restaurants, attractions, hotels and retailers in Melbourne. Each Membership sold raises $13 for Mooroolbark College to help us raise much needed funds.

Please show your support by visiting the link below and purchasing your membership today:

www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1939w84

For any enquiries please contact:

Carmel Gibbs on mooroolbark.co@edumail.vic.gov.au



UNDERSTANDING 'YOUR KIDS'

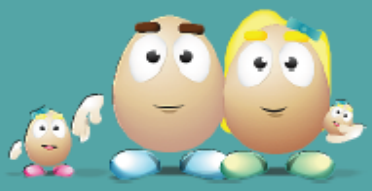
seminar

with Phil Stenhouse OAM

Do you have a teenage son or daughter? Are you finding it hard to connect with your kids? Are your kids displaying behaviors you don't understand?

Join Phil on Wednesday 4th May as he presents his; "Understanding Yours Kids' Seminar.

Phil Stenhouse OAM has been working with young people for over 30 years, and has two young adult children of his own. Over the hour and a half Phil will share his insights into the teenage brain, and give you and/or your partner some strategies that will help you understand and connect better with yours kids.



JOIN US ON THE 4TH OF MAY

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7PM - 8:30PM
$25 pp

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