



MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE

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Calendar TERM 2 2016

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

Tuesday 24th May
Community Relations Meeting

Tuesday 31st May
Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday 7th June
Unit 3/4 GAT
Resources Committee Meeting

Thursday June 9
Year 12 Social

Friday June 10
Report Writing Day—Students not required at the College

Monday June 13
Queens Birthday

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**.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

April 29, 2016

Dear Community,

The first three weeks of this term have been extremely busy for both the staff and the students. Open Night followed by the ANZAC day assembly and finally the College Athletics Carnival has meant we have had a dynamic start to the term.

A record number of current Grade 4, 5 and 6 students and parents attended the Mooroolbark College Open Night last week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to showcase what we do so very well. Thank you to the many students who assisted on the night, be it in the role of a tour guide, singing in the choir, participating in sports activities or completing art projects. What sets us apart from other schools is the amount of student participation on our Open Night. I would like to thank Courtney Brown and Sean Frost, our College Captains for their presentation at Open Night, but I would particularly like to thank Georgia Gray and Jordan Blair, two current Year 8 students who presented well and spoke brilliantly about their experiences as Year 7 students.

As I wrote in my last report, our ANZAC Day General Assembly is an important event for the College as it provides an opportunity for the College to reflect on the sacrifices of others. This year the focus was on the local community and the impact war has had on the Mooroolbark community since the Boar War to the Vietnam War which extended into the 1970s. As we observed a minute silence I was proud of the level of respect and understanding shown by the Mooroolbark College students. Thank you to Jarrod Robinson and Jacob Ellum, 2015 House Captains, for returning to speak at the assembly. I would also like to acknowledge the attendance of Bimbadeen Heights Primary School's Assistant Principal Mr Garry Fowler, Mr Paul Garwood and School Captains Abby Lynn and Ben Wiltshire. As part of the General Assembly three Principal Awards were handed out. Congratulations to the following recipients:
 Cassie Haywood, Ayla Emerson and Yasmina Sims

On Tuesday 26th April, Mooroolbark College held its annual Athletics Carnival. We were extremely lucky to have perfect weather. It was a wonderful day and the level of participation was again exceptional. Congratulations to Yellow House who won the Carnival with 965 points. I was speaking to a Year 7 student at the end of the day and she was proudly telling me she had entered into seven different events but just could find time to enter into an eighth. Congratulations on an amazing level of participation showing tremendous competitive spirit. She earned House points for Yellow House and obviously enjoyed her first Athletics Carnival at Mooroolbark College.

I would also like to thank Keith Clapp for his organisation of another successful Athletics Carnival, the House Captains for supporting their Houses and all the staff for their enthusiasm and encouragement of students ensuring the day was memorable.

NAPLAN begins for Year 7 and Year 9 students on Tuesday 10th May. During this time there will be disruption to the daily bell times. Please watch Compass for updates. I encourage all students to do their best in their NAPLAN preparation and during the actual tests. As a school, we use the data from NAPLAN to inform our teaching practices, to evaluate the curriculum and introduce changes which will positively impact on the outcomes our students achieve. Therefore it is essential that students take NAPLAN seriously and do their best.

Ann Stratford
Acting Principal



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

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 or contact the College on 9727 8100.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

With the change in seasons comes the need to wear winter uniform. It is important that all students are wearing the correct uniform. If you are unsure of what the winter uniform consists of please check the College website www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au

or contact the General Office on 9727 8100.

Naming of all garments helps in the event of items being lost or returned to the correct student.

We thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards.

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

Rachael Williams
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

MATHEMATICS PARENT/GUARDIAN FORUM

As part of our continued journey to improve student numeracy, the College will be conducting a parent/guardian forum on how you can support your child in the area of Mathematics.

When: Thursday 5th May

Time: 7.00pm

Where: A Block (A5/A6)

Agenda:

- What does Year 7 Mathematics look like at Mooroolbark College?
- How can you support your child in the study of mathematics?
- Study and revision techniques for mathematics?
- What do you want to know? An opportunity to go through concepts/questions studied this semester as directed by you.

Please RSVP to the College on 9727 8100 if you would like to attend the session.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM — LITERACY AND NUMERACY NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test for Years 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday May 10, 2016 (Language and Writing), Wednesday May 11, 2016 (Reading) and Thursday May 12, 2016 (Numeracy x 2). **It is essential that your child brings a calculator for the numeracy tests on Thursday May 12.**

The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents/ guardians and teachers about your child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. It is imperative that your child is at school for all testing sessions. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve students' achievement.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's personal report. The report will give a snapshot of your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCCA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au.

NAPLAN – NUMERACY (CALCULATOR ENABLED)

All Year 7 and 9 students must **BRING A CALCULATOR** to the NAPLAN examination. **IPADS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

Adam Lorkin
Assistant Principal

COLLEGE INFORMATION

SRC CORNER

The SRC is the Student Representative Council and together we create the voice of the school. We are made up of 24 students; four from each year level within each House. Every Tuesday we have meetings to discuss the needs within our College and talk about suggestions our peers have brought to our attention.

Last week Tiana Oliver-Peel, James Petrella, Sarah Vrsecky and myself attended a regional conference at Mt Wellington Secondary College. This conference was hosted by the Victorian SRC which is a state leading and governing body that represents students in Victoria. Mooroolbark College was just one of the 15 other schools who attended on the day.

During the conference we participated in team building exercises with the other schools where we discussed ways to improve our College. Some of the key issues relevant to our school was the student voice and classroom relationships.

The SRC also helps support all staff and students by sponsoring people and charities in our community. From the money raised at Free Dress Day last term we donated \$250 to the Oxfam Trail Walker as Mrs Amanda Peters, teacher at Mooroolbark, participated in this event with her team Barking Mad. We also donated \$250 to the State Schools Relief Fund.

Just remember we are always here to help and listen to any concerns that the students, staff or parents in the Mooroolbark College Community may have. The SRC suggestion box is located in the Student Administration Office, so feel free to put your suggestions in.



Tiani Welch-Phillips
Year 10 SRC Student Rep

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

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.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION / ANTI BULLYING WORKSHOPS

Over the past few weeks all Year 7 students have participated in Anti Bullying workshops run by Student Welfare Coordinator, John Nichol. The sessions have been run in their House Cluster Groups to keep the groups small and so that the Cluster Coordinator could also be involved and spend time with their students. The sessions have combined humour and discussion to talk about how they are settling in to Mooroolbark College and to reinforce the very important message that "Bullying is not part of the culture of the College". It has been stressed to students that we care about each one of them and that we have an outstanding record in dealing with and stopping bullying. The data collected by the Government indicates that we are one of the safest schools for students.

The three key points were;

- We care about each one of them and their coordinator is committed to ensuring that they are looked after .
- If they are bullied then they must tell their coordinator who will follow it up to ensure it stops. The most powerful force against bullying is a student body who do not accept bullying as being ok or normal

We want to empower all our students to make our College a safe place for all students.

John Nichol
Student Welfare Coordinator

MOUTHGUARDS



The wearing of mouthguards during PE can avoid the many unpleasant and even inadvertent problems and are recommended at all times.

The purchase of a plastic mouthguard from the Chemist can give some protection for little cost.

Lucas Unland
KLA Head Health & PE

SPORTS NEWS

COLLEGE ATHLETICS SPORTS

Perfect weather was a catalyst for huge numbers of students enjoying Mooroolbark College's annual Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 26th April, at the distant but impressive Knox venue.

Our winning House was Yellow Stingers, but all who attended were successful, just being part of the fun and participation. The effort many students went to in attending in dress up colours to support their house added to the festive atmosphere and we started the day with Fashions on the Field to celebrate with them.

Yellow House blitzed the Relays to leap ahead achieving 965 points, to second place Blue Thunder with 855, Red Devils with 850 third and Green Machine 620 in fourth. This is the second year in a row for Yellow House who were also champions in 2015.

Our Carnival finished with time to spare due to going fully electronic thanks to Mr Chris Seabrook and his iPad recording system. Bar Code scanning meant less paper and less waiting with students able to move between Field events at will, whenever they wished.

The relays proved a highlight again this year with Mr Ryan and Mr Nichol running commentary adding to the excitement. This included the annual Staff vs Student race which saw the students first win against the teachers for many years, cheered on by hundreds of their teammates.

The innovation of the photo finish camera created considerable interest from participants with track winners having their picture taken on the victory dias. These can be viewed at school through Compass and in Home Group via media presentation.

A number of records were set during the day by the following individuals: Fraser Sheridan (2), Thomas Sheridan (2), Lateisha Willis (2), Tayleb Willis (3), Jessica Payne (2), Nyanaath (Monica) Tuagch, Georgia Booth and Ashlinn Walker. Many Relay records were also broken which means we should be most competitive when District Interschool Athletics occurs in Term Three.

A big thank you is extended to all staff who manned the activities and events all day, several who stayed at their post all day, and many who entered into the spirit of the day by dressing up in colours and outfits as well.

Age champions were:

BOYS

- 13 Tayleb Willis
- 14 Fraser Sheridan
- 15 Thomas Hardstaff
- 16 Hayden Watkins & Lachlan Hindmarsh-Brown
- 17 Daniel Miller
- 20 Gavin Fullerton

GIRLS

- 13 Hannah Leggo
- 14 Jasmine Leggo
- 15 Ashlinn Walker
- 16 Georgia Boundy
- 17 Hayley Thompson
- 20 Ayla Emmerson & Jessica Payne

SPORTS NEWS



Keith Clapp
Sports Coordinator

PINK STUMPS DAY



This is the second year for the raising of funds for the Jane McGrath Foundation for Breast Cancer Research and Awareness. The day was a huge success and was organized by the Year 12 VCAL students who raised over \$900. We are very pleased to have made a small contribution to the McGrath Foundation reaching its goal of helping as many families affected by breast cancer as possible.

Lucas Unland
Health & PE KLA Head

ANZAC DAY

The College Captains represented the College at Hookey Park in Mooroolbark on Monday 25th April, to commemorate Anzac Day. Once again our students spoke well with the reading of a prayer and then laid a wreath. Our Middle School Captains were in attendance at the Dawn Service in Lilydale and laid a wreath. Congratulations to all our Captains who represented the College with pride and dignity.



MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE BUS SERVICE

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.

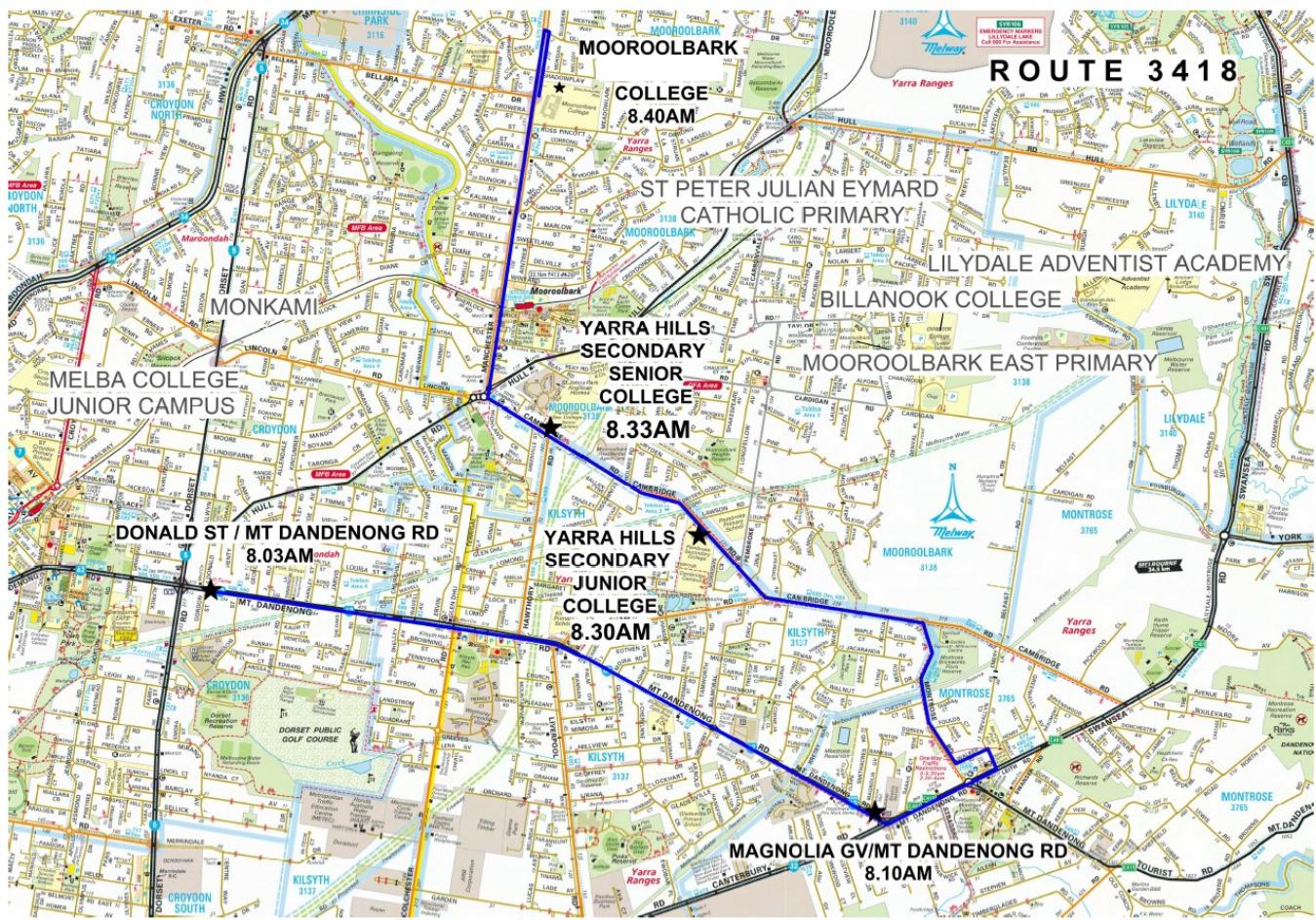
The 2nd bus will then follow the same route, dropping off & picking up students between Mooroolbark College & Montrose (including Yarra Hills SC).

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



MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE

CHINA STUDY TOUR

12–22 October 2016
(Years 7–11)



**Ancient
Sites**



Art



**Modern
Cities**



**School
Activities**



Culture



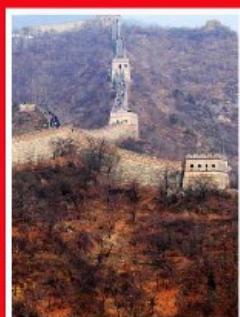
Cuisine



**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

