Middle Years Principal’s College Report

The College Athletics Carnival was held on Friday and once again was an outstanding success. Congratulations to David Maltby and the PE team for their fabulous organisation and to the students who participated and cheered on their teams. Look out for the photos and reports later in this newsletter!

Parent Teacher Interviews
By now all parents should have received instructions on how to access the online booking portal for Parent Teacher Interviews. If you are having difficulty accessing the site, please contact the office at the relevant Campus. The interviews will take place on the Senior Campus next Wednesday 27 March from 12.40am to 8.20pm. Please print off your child’s report prior to the evening or arrive at the Senior Campus early and one can be printed at the office. These interviews are an opportunity for you to talk briefly with your child’s subject teachers about your child’s progress and to consider a plan to improve future learning outcomes. Students should attend with their parents / carers.

Showcase Evening
On Monday 18 March the College held its annual Showcase Evening for parents wishing to find out more about the school before making the important decision of where to send their child to secondary school. The evening was well attended. Parents were spoken to as a group and headed out with staff and students on guided tours to observe displays showcasing the curricular and extra-curricular offerings at the College. Thank you to all the staff and students who volunteered their time to take tours, organise and man the displays. Thank you also to Renee Colby and Melissa Barnard for their behind the scenes organisation.

2013 School Council Sub Committee Vacancies
All vacancies on the School Council have been filled, however, we still need parents to join our sub committees. These committees meet at least twice a term on a Tuesday night (usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month).

These committees are: Community Education Finance Resources Student Engagement & Well Being

WE STILL NEED YOU!

It is vitally important that we have parent input. If you are interested in joining one of the committees or have any questions, please contact Joanne Armarego on 9407 9700.

End of Term
The last day of term is Thursday 28 March. Term 2 will begin on Monday 15 April.

We wish all students, staff and families a safe and happy break.
Year 9 Surf Trip.

The Year 9 Recreation class visited Torquay on Tuesday 19 March. They joined up with West Coast Adventure and had a surf lesson.

The group’s surfing ability improved with every wave. Conditions were perfect, though the water was a little chilly at times.

It was a fantastic day visiting a coastal environment and trying a new recreational activity.

Well done.

Ms Shiels.

Crazy Hair Friday - Middle Years Campus

The SRC completed its first project for this year by successfully running the ‘Crazy Hair Friday’ fundraising campaign. In a shower of coloured hairspray and the noise of clippers, staff and students of Mill Park turned their nice normal heads into a kaleidoscope of crazy hair. Getting the drinks served, blasting great music and cleaning up the area afterwards all required great teamwork. All this activity was in support of the Leukemia Foundation which funds vital research into the causes and treatment of various blood cancers. The Foundation also offers support services to those affected by leukemia.

Participants needed: FREE study for overweight young people looking for help.

Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program for overweight adolescents. Participation involves completing height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measurements and an online questionnaire at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months. Parents are also invited to participate. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those participants who have kept their appointments. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for 550 overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne.

Enquiries Karly Cini 9345 6954 stayingfit@mcri.edu.au
For more info: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit
WHITTLESEA REGION GOLF COMPETITION

If the Mill Park golf team were asked about what diet they’re on, the simple answer would be.....that they only live on greens! Healthy choice, if we were talking about food. The reference however relates to golf. On Friday 22 March, five Mill Park students represented the school in the Regional Golf competition at Whittlesea Golf Course. The conditions were picture perfect and the golf just as pleasant. The Mill Park golf team worked through 18 holes with amazing efforts from each player. These efforts contributed to the outstanding result with Matthew Hassel receiving a medal for 1st place in the nett score results, not to mention Hassan, Ben, Tyrese and Jack who were awarded with the team award for their result. Mill Park will now progress to the State Finals in Term Four. Well done!

Sev Bektash

Athletics Carnival 2013

Redleap are the winners of the 2013 Athletics Carnival.

Well done!

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Well done to every student who participated by either being in an event or urged their fellow students on to personal victory.

To all who achieved their personal best.

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge thank you to everyone involved. It was a great day.

Melissa Whitaker
Assistant PE Learning Manager (Middle Years Campus)
Sports Coordinator (Middle Years Campus)
As this short term draws to a close, I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication which has enabled all students to settle in to productive and positive routines. I wish all staff, students and their families a safe and enjoyable term one break.

Term two classes commence on Monday 15 April. All students should ensure they take all required books home with them on Thursday 28 March to enable the completion of homework tasks as set by their classroom teachers.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM – PERSONAL PROFILES

Celine Tsatsalmas
Year 12
College Captain

Favourite quote: “Be so good they can’t ignore you” - Steve Martin

My name is Celine and I’m the female College Captain. When I applied for this position my main aim was helping each and every student reach their utmost potential and now that I have acquired this position I’m able to do that. The subjects I am studying in Year 12 include; Legal Studies, Psychology, Philosophy, Literature and Math Methods so I am capable of helping anyone who needs help in these areas to the best of my ability.

I love being involved in the SRC as well as extra curriculum activities from all different areas and encourage the rest of the student body to also get involved. This year I am planning on being an active member in the school community by joining school sports teams and other different groups. For Year 12s this year is the big one. I’m really looking forward to all the celebration days and of course graduation, so my goal is to make this year as memorable as possible for the class of 2013 and also the rest of the school. All in all I’m here to listen, help or just talk to you. So don’t be shy to come say hello.

BUILDING MOMENTUM IN THE HOMEWORK CLUB

Every Thursday after school the Library opens its doors to an ever-growing number of students who are demonstrating a commitment to excelling in their final years of schooling at the College. The Homework Club has been a huge success at the Senior Campus over the last few years, and it is getting bigger and better every week.

The burgeoning student numbers has led to our aspiring Year 12 Business Management students relocating to another room, where ‘maximising your study score’ is the focus. A turn out of more than 50 students for last week’s session, and another inspiring turn out of 35 students, despite the Outdoor Education Camp, this week has Ms. Eva Rivera and Mr. Shaun Isbister scratching their heads as to where they can go next.

It is truly inspiring to see so many students and teachers dedicated to going above and beyond in the pursuit of excellence and success. If you haven’t had the chance yet; check it out for yourself, grab a slice of toast and other treats, while getting some help with your homework, study skills or exam skills. It’s never too early or too late!
Exam Excellence

It is essential for students to understand that in order to learn they must have the right attitude. That, ‘Attitude is Everything’.

We are encouraging students to remember the four P’s; Participation, Planning, Practice and Persistence

Exam time? Well sort of...

It’s nearly holiday time and even though the exam period is still some months away, we need to start thinking about preparation now, more so now than years before. For the first time, exams for all Units 3&4 subjects will be held during October/November. The whole year’s material for each subject will be assessed in the end of the year exams, so it’s a wise idea to make use of the first set of holidays for some early preparation for the exam period.

Year 12 students should be dedicating the bulk of their school holidays to study. Students should aim for at least 4 hours of study per weekday across the school holidays.

Here are a few things students could be doing:

- Re-organising their folders, filing away material under areas of study topics
- Looking at the material they have learnt so far and making a list of topics they understand well and topics that they still need to revise
- Practicing a couple of exam questions for each subject related to the material they have learnt so far
- Creating flash cards or summary notes of topics covered to date
- Playing some brain training games to improve their memory retention
- Resting and eating well
- Exercising, getting some sunshine and incidentally some Vitamin D

We will be looking at many exam strategies over the course of the year in the pursuit for exam excellence. In each newsletter, we will feature exam tips that students have covered in their classes for you to encourage them to practice at home. We wish you and your family a wonderful break.

VCE Excellence Team

DEBATING

The Debating Association of Victoria’s regional rounds for 2013 commenced this week. Our College was proudly represented by Daniella Toka 12I, Dimostheni Micheloudakis 12I and Paloma Kostur 11N. They confidently presented strong arguments to support the topic ‘That we should abolish special youth wages’. We congratulate them for their fantastic organisational and debating skills. We wish to thank Ms Samantha Gonzales for her support of the team.

Geeta Philip
Debating/Public Speaking Coordinator, Humanities Coordinator

Soccer Tournament

With some up and down results throughout the tournament with Untitled F.C. upsetting Puddy Cash in the very first game, Lads United came in as red hot favourites with the results during the round robin highlighting their favouritism. They excited the crowd with highlight plays, including tournament MVP Mende Petrevski scoring from the kick-off! It was the absence of Mende in goals during the Grand Final that allowed SGOW F.C. to score against the run of play and stitch up the tournament win.
VCAL CAFÉ

VCAL Year 12 students set the VCAL rooms up as a café. We then prepared and served delicious treats such as cakes, slices, scones and amazing coffee to students and staff of Mill Park Secondary College. We had the cafe from 12 noon to 2:30pm. Cody and I had the privilege of creating chocolate balls and then sold them to the students and teachers while they sat down and waiting for their delicious desserts and coffees. Making the chocolate balls was pretty easy. We had to crush the biscuits, mix them with cocoa and condensed milk and mix together to make the chocolate balls. We had to hand roll them and it got really sticky.

I had to handle the desserts for the café by getting the orders and putting any dessert they liked on a plate. It was a very stressful job because the orders were coming through all at one time so I had a bit of trouble. My performance was pretty good I think. I had trouble with the orders because they weren’t organized and they kept coming back. The team work Cody and I did was very good considering we got to make two batches of chocolate balls and they were all gone by the end of the day. I learnt how to make the chocolate balls and what materials to use.

by James Stisnijovsky

Mill Park’s Bravest in World’s Greatest Shave

There is a new hairstyle at Mill Park Secondary College and for some it doesn’t involve any hair – at all. Beanies, berets and basketball caps are being bought as students and staff shaved and coloured their hair in a bid to raise money and awareness for critical medical research and patient services for those suffering Leukaemia. Teachers and pupils last week braved the razor and coloured spray cans in a gesture to support those suffering from the devastating blood cancer and their families.

The topic has special significance for students who have lost a loved one to Leukaemia or other cancers. Whilst many were nervous about the shave or the temporary colour, the crowd of Mill Park Senior Campus, with the commentating of Assistant Principal Peter Tonis, cheered on their peers throughout the event and buoyed them on. The event raised in excess of $400 for the Leukaemia Foundation with students generously giving a gold coin donation.

Teachers and students were enthusiastic and keen to support the initiative with the SRC admirably taking part in organising and executing every aspect of the event, from the little details of art smocks, donation boxes and balloons to the more problematical tasks of collecting money, rallying support and garnering school wide attention. Leading teacher Andy Keating and VET hairdressing student, Chantelle Attard, donated their services to ensure a clean shave for everyone involved.

The funds raised go towards providing support and care for the patients and families living with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma, and other blood related disorders. The Leukaemia Foundation also funds vital research into treatments and cures.
Year 10 Fashion Elective Excursion to National Gallery of Victoria
Wednesday 6 March 2013

On this excursion the Year 10 Fashion class had the opportunity to view the art work depicting fashion garments worn centuries ago and discover some very interesting facts about the evolution of fashion over time. We viewed many paintings and were given information about the types of clothing worn, why it was worn and the fabrics that were used throughout these times.

Following this we then viewed the exhibition on ‘Fashion and Ballet’ showing garments from many famous Ballet Productions and also garments created by current Australian Fashion Designers commissioned by the Ballet Company, to show at exhibitions such as this. The students found it all very interesting and inspiring for when we moved into the TUTU workshop. We spent the rest of the afternoon busily making Tutus in the Education Centre of the Gallery. The students were all very enthusiastic and have created some great looking tutus which we will be finishing off back at school.

Following our workshop we made our way home by train and I would just like to say congratulations to all the students on the excursion, you were excellent role models for our College and behaved excellently for the entire day. Well done!

Included are some snap shots of the students and also some pieces from the exhibition.

Karen Szitarity
Product Design and Technology Teacher
Vet Fashion Teacher
Year 11 Coordinator
Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Wilson’s Prom Camp

The start of March saw the Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class load up the bus and head off to Wilson’s Prom for a four day camp full of sunshine, beaches, wombats and plenty of games. The extreme heat affected everyone’s energy levels but created a relaxed vibe around camp. After a few minor campsite issues (1 hammer + 15 tents + rock hard earth + 30 degree heat = longest campsite set up ever!), we explored Tidal River and our new home for the week. The first night resulted in lessons learned, mainly why we don’t feed the birds, and why we don’t leave food around our tents for nocturnal visitors. The next few days and nights provided opportunities to explore the Prom further, such as hiking to Squeaky Beach to see if it really does squeak (it does!), watching the entire beach turn to a flurry of movement as thousands of tiny crabs all moved at once, discovering a cubby house made of drift wood, finding south using only the southern cross, helping the park rangers with some conservation work, improving our camp cooking skills on the trangia stoves and paddling out into Corner Inlet in sea Kayaks. One group also learned the hard way about tides and tidal mud flats, after a leisurely lunch break on a nearby island resulted in a lengthy drag of kayaks through the mud. Students enjoyed the Life of Pi at the outdoor cinema but it was the final night of camp and the first annual Mill Park Outdoor Ed Trivia night that showed their competitive sides. This was followed by plenty of ghost stories, which is exactly what you want to hear just before getting into your tent surrounded by the mysterious sounds of the Prom at night.
When the lunch bell rang on Wednesday 20 March the majority of the Senior School dispersed homeward bound for their study break, but 24 diligent History students (wisely) decided instead to make their way to Latrobe University Library. Upon arriving at Latrobe, Year 12 History students were escorted by red t-shirt clad Student Learning Advisers on a guided tour around the enormous multi-level Library. The level containing row upon row of study carrels was described by one student as, “almost unnervingly quiet” and some agreed it would be possible for individuals less geographically gifted than us to lose themselves in the stacks of the Library, possibly forever. As we are on the eve of completing SAC 1 for the American Revolution, students eagerly took advantage of the School Partnership Program between Mill Park Secondary College and Latrobe. After a quick stick of a barcode on the back of their MPSC student card and a tutorial on how to search/understand the catalogue, we walked out the door at 3pm with arms full of books and bellies still full from McDonald’s. A million thanks to Jenny Snelling, the Library staff and Student Learning Advisers at Latrobe Uni. You made us feel so welcome, and we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to have access to your Library resources and expertise. Mr George and Miss Williams would also like to commend the Year 12 History cohort of 2013 for their promising display of diligence; we look forward to reading your Research SACs!

If you haven’t studied the American Revolution, here’s a story you might appreciate: In 1778, 18 year old Deborah Sampson wanted to enlist in the Continental Army to fight for America’s independence from Britain. Since females were not yet recognised as the superior gender, she disguised herself as a man and enlisted under the name of her dead brother, Robert. ‘Robert’ was teased by the other soldiers as he never had to shave. Samson fought in several battles and when she was wounded, she dug a musket ball out of her own thigh (using a pocket knife and a sewing needle) to avoid going to hospital and being discovered as a woman. Her leg never fully healed but Debbie lived till the ripe old age of 66 and there’s a statue of her in Massachusetts which commemorates the small handful of women who, like her, enlisted under male aliases and fought side by side with their brothers in arms.
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Reminders

• Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test; Early April – registrations open (needed for Monash medicine and physiotherapy and some interstate medical course applicants)

• ‘At Monash’ university series continues: Physiotherapy/occupational therapy 19 Mar; IT 20 Mar; Pharmacy/pharmaceutical sciences: 21 Mar; Design/fine art: 17 April; Psychology: 18 April; All: 6.30-8.00pm; Info/reg’: 1800 MONASH or www.monash.edu/seminars, Places limited.

• Engineers Expo: 11am-7pm, 21 Mar; Etihad stadium; Info: www.engineeringexpo.org.au; Sarah 9321 1703, scooke@engineeringaustralia.org.au.

1. CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe University is inviting Year 10-12 students and families to ‘Experience La Trobe’. This is an opportunity to check out courses, see facilities, participate in a workshop of your choice, and speak to staff. When: Melbourne (Bundoora), Fri 5 April; Bendigo, Fri 21 June (school holidays). This is a free event with lunch/entertainment provided.


NOTE: La Trobe will be offering the Bachelor of Civil Engineering at both the Melbourne campus and the Bendigo campus from 2014.

2. FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY –Labour Market News – At a recent Deakin conference, career practitioners were told the following:

• 37% of employees in Australia now work part-time, but of these, 40% want more work: they have been forced into part-time work

• Currently 35% of males are working part-time. Part-time work is common in sales, communications and personal services

• More work roles now require a university degree, such as in information technology, banking and nursing

• Job security has become an illusion, with outsourcing and the use of technology creating more job insecurity

3. ZOO KEEPER OR VET FOR A DAY – Thinking of a career working with animals? Then, what about a ‘Keeper for a Day’ or ‘Vet for a Day’ program in the coming school holidays? Participate in a range of hands-on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. On offer:

• Werribee open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program; Ages: 13-18yrs; Cost: $103 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

• Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program; Ages: 15-18 yrs; Cost: $125 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day

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RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT RESPONSIBILITY ENJOYMENT
Together, we engage, educate and celebrate excellence, developing students who are respectful and responsible
4. **YOU WANT TO STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY?**
Courses are available at university, TAFE and at some independent colleges. This is a range of suggestions only.
- RMIT offers a *Bachelor of Arts (Photography)* at its City campus, and also a ‘major’ in photography in its fine arts degree; Deakin offers a ‘major’ in *photography* in its arts and TV, film and digital media and its media and communications degrees, La Trobe offer a ‘major’ in *photojournalism* in its arts degree and Monash (Caulfield) offers *photography* in its visual and fine art degrees.
- A *Diploma of Photoimaging* is available at a number of TAFEs including Holmesglen, NMIT, RMIT, while photography is offered in a number of TAFE visual arts diplomas (eg NMIT, Swinburne, VU).
- Photography is also offered at independent colleges such as the *Photographic Imaging College* in Hawthorn and the *Photography Studies College* at Southbank.

Want to study photography? Then attend Open Days. Choosing a course without visiting is unwise.

5. **DID YOU KNOW?** Victoria is the second largest employing state, with a quarter of the nation’s employment (almost 2.9 million). The largest employing industries are *health care and social assistance* (336,700), *retail trade* (317,200) and *manufacturing* (302,700), which combined have around one third of state employment. The Victorian workforce is relatively highly skilled with 30% of workers holding a *bachelor degree or higher qualification*, compared with 27% nationally. The proportion of Victorian workers who are aged 45 years and older is the same as the national average (38%) (From the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations report, Australian Jobs 2012).

6. **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** – The annual ‘Age’ VCE and careers expo 2013 is coming up soon. There will be around 190 institutions to provide future study advice to prospective students. Also featured are seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career and employment advice. When: 10am-3pm, Thurs 2/Fri 3 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 4/ Sun 5 May; Where: Caulfield Racecourse, Station St; Cost: $10; $25 per family (covers all 4 days).

7. **FANTASTIC NEW WEBSITE** – You really need to check out this new website at: www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au. This site provides you with the ability to search for a range of institutions (universities, TAFEs, private providers), explore links between courses and careers, search for scholarships, and access information about tertiary study. You are encouraged to spend some time on this website.

8. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS** -
- **CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY** - ‘Access all Areas’ is designed for Years 10-12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the university. This is your opportunity to explore the Melbourne Parkville campus. When: Friday 5 April or 12 July; Information/registration: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas.
- **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AT MELBOURNE** – This degree provides an enormous range of study options, graduate pathways and career outcomes. Over 70% of students who enrol in the Bachelor of Science degree go on to further study, especially into *health science* and *engineering* programs or to further their *scientific research* interests. Students have the opportunity to undertake their own research in their B. Science by either taking a science research project as a subject, or applying for a number of undergraduate research opportunities over the summer break. There are 35 majors to choose from in the B. Science...and did you know that the inventor of vegemite, Cyril Callister, studied chemistry at Melbourne? Find out more at www.sciencefacts.unimelb.edu.au.
- **WHAT IS THE LSAT?** The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is a standardised test required for admission by more than 200 law schools around the world. Melbourne Law School is the only Australian law school uit. It is designed to measure aptitude for the study of law; no prior knowledge of law is required. Selection to the Melbourne JD is based on: academic results from all previous tertiary studies, LSAT score and essay, and a personal statement (up to 850 words). www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/how-to-apply/about-the-lsat. (NOTE: As with many of its degrees, Law at Melbourne is a post-graduate degree).

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Outdoor Youth Festival

Midday – 5pm
Saturday 13 April 2013
Lawn area at the Council Offices
25 Ferres Boulevard
South Morang
(Melway 185 A10)

Entertainment
Free entry
Rides & food available

Fully supervised, drug, alcohol & smoke free event

National Youth Week 2013
BE ACTIVE. BE HAPPY. BE YOU.
Tell us what you think about your community

FREE ACTIVITIES
For Young People Aged 10-17 years
11am – 3pm
Lunch provided
Prizes & Giveaways

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Bookings Essential contact Emma for more information on 9404 8800