College Principal’s Report

SCHOOL PRODUCTION – “THE WEDDING SINGER”

Don’t forget to mark your diary for the 2014 school production “The Wedding Singer”.

Term 3 Week 2 Wednesday 23 July, Thursday 24 July and Friday 25 July.

Tickets can be purchased online at:

http://www.trybooking.com/85379

EARLY LEAVERS

Parents are reminded to give their child a note in the morning if the child needs to leave school early for an appointment. This ensures the student is ready and waiting for the parent when they arrive to collect them. If there is no note, it can take considerable time for students to be located and brought to the office.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS ARE IN THE PIPELINE

Staff have been very busy writing the Semester 1 Reports which will be available either on the last day of term or at the beginning of Term 3. It is very important that you take time to discuss the reports with your children and do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any queries.

RUG UP – WINTER IS HERE

It seems that there is no doubt that winter is here. I am concerned that some students do not seem to wear warm enough clothes and some students have been wearing hooded tops, which are not part of our uniform. I remind parents that there is a very warm coat available at the uniform shop. PSW is located at 2/283 Rex Road, Campbellfield, Phone: 03 9303 7845.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students. The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included; however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form.

More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx or contact the College if you have any further questions.

BYOD - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

As you may have heard, the federally funded ‘Digital Educational Revolution’ (DER) program, which provided every Year 9 to 12 student with a laptop has ended. While the ongoing funding is being discontinued, the college has been left with robust infrastructure that will allow us to continue to provide wireless connectivity to students on a range of portable digital devices to support the digital teaching and learning process.

Mill Park Secondary College considers that access to technology is vital in a future-focused learning environment. Whilst it is unfortunate that the funding for the DER program has been discontinued, we wish to make it as practicable as possible for students and families to be educated in a 21st century model of teaching and learning.

In response to the end of federal government funding for laptops, Mill Park Secondary College has been investigating the adoption of a ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) program. In order to enable 21st century learning programs to be offered and implemented, this will
mean that students will be allowed to bring their own suitable laptop, tablet or netbook to school on a daily basis. We recognise that just like uniforms, supplies, and extracurricular activities, a digital device specifically for school use represents a significant investment for families. We are exploring options for providing students with safe storage while at school, or a loan pool of devices for occasional use, providing devices to students experiencing genuine financial hardship and minimising the impact of a device’s purchase through the offsetting of printed textbooks and other traditional booklist resources. We appreciate your support and participation as we make this transition to 21st century teaching and learning methods and environments. Next term we would like to gain feedback from you, our college community, by requesting parents, caregivers and students to participate in a simple survey. The link will be provided in a future newsletter. This is a substantial change in our educational environment and the success of such a program relies upon the cooperation and trust of parents, caregivers and students. We value our college community in the decision making process and wish to keep you informed about all stages of the possible BYOD program implementation.

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**Year 9 & Year 10 Netball Tournament**

On Tuesday 10 June, Year 9 students Imtithal Diedericks, Brooklyn Anderson, Monica Moore, Christen Velevski, Ebony Butera, Kira Crowe-Botterill, Steph Paolucci, Angie Solomon, Hope Andrews and Samantha Thomas were selected to attend the Year 9 and 10 netball tournament at Mill Park Basketball Stadium.

The girls played three full games back to back and put in a tremendous effort.

The girls started off strong with a win against Epping. It was a challenging half, but with strong shooting from Kiera, Imtithal and Brooklyn and outstanding defensive strategies from both Steph and Angie, we were able to break free and win comfortably.

The second game against Lalor, was again an easy win. From the very first center pass, Monica, Hope, Christen and Ebony worked tirelessly in the center court, to help turn over the ball to successfully convert these into goals. Again we won comfortably.

Sadly, the girls went down in the “do or die” game against Whittlesea, our rivals since year 7. The girls worked determinedly unfortunately going down by only 5 goals in the last quarter. A special mention to Samantha Thomas who was such a fantastic sport and came along to score for the three games.

All ten girls are to be commended on how hard they worked and how they represented Mill Park Secondary College.

Courtney Magdalani, Year 7 Co-Ordinator
How to keep up to date with what’s going on at Mill Park Secondary College

Sync Your Calendar
Did you know you can sync your device with the school’s calendar of events?
Step 1. Just go to the website homepage www.millparksc.vic.edu.au, and click on the View Calendar button under latest news.

Step 2. This takes you to our calendar of events, where you hit the Subscribe button. This will allow you to sync the calendar program on your device to the College events calendar.

Follow us on Twitter
Mill Park Secondary College is now on Twitter. We regularly tweet news stories, upcoming events and website links.
Our Twitter handle is @MillParkSC
How to keep up to date with what’s going on at Mill Park Secondary College

The website
We are working to keep our newsletter regularly updated throughout the year. Pressing notices for parents and students are often on the homepage as seen below, as are Upcoming Events in our Calendar function. You can also access an archive of our newsletters from the newsletter tab, or subscribe to our newsletter via email.

Important stories here

Past newsletters

Full event calendar here

Subscribe to the newsletter here
We wish all our Year 10 students the very best with their forthcoming Work Experience placements from 16-20 June. Work Experience is a very exciting opportunity to look into the world of employment and to find out more about possible career pathways. Please remember that you are representing Mill Park Secondary College and should show our core values at all times but most of all you are representing yourself. Many students often receive employment offers for part-time work resulting from their placement which builds their skills base and enhances their employability once they leave school. Any student who has not organised a placement **MUST** still attend school as normal where classes with a focus on Careers will be delivered. We would also welcome any photos of students while on placement and look forward to hearing about their experiences. Good luck and most of all, we hope you enjoy your placement.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK**

It’s been a long time, but we’re bringing back breakfast!

This Wednesday will be a busy one, so best get in early to get some breakfast in your belly! Doors will open at 8am. We’ve got the best, fluffiest pancakes in town and the most delicious hot chocolate to wash it down in it down!

**FACT 101:** Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! Not only does it give you energy to start the day, but breakfast is linked to many health benefits, including concentration and performance in the classroom. Eating breakfast gives you more energy and endurance to engage in physical activity. What kind of physical activity? Dancing! We’re also putting on some awesome tunes, so don’t forget to bring your funky moves!

Remember, you can’t drive a car without petrol and the same goes with your body and mind! Let’s refuel together!

**FREE** breakfast is available from 8am outside block 12/canteen area.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** starting 18 June!

Tara Xuereb - Student Welfare

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**Chemistry at La Trobe University**

In week 7, all Year 11 Chemistry students went on an excursion to La Trobe University to participate in a nanotechnology workshop. They performed experiments with memory wire that reforms its shape when heated, magnetic fluids, gold nanoparticles and magic sand. Students found the experience worthwhile and a good experience of a university environment.

Georgios Zonnios, Science

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**Alumni Stories**


Each week we will be showcasing some of the exciting things our graduates are up to.

This week we would like to introduce: **Rebecca Kerley - International Engagement Advisor**

Age: 24

Years at MPSC: 2002-2007

Rebecca was an outstanding writer as a student at Mill Park Secondary College. She has used her writing skills and love of politics to forge a career as an International Engagement Advisor for Australian Customs.

To read more of Rebecca’s and other past student’s stories head to our website.
Casual clothes day and Barbecue for the White Ribbon Foundation.

On the 6 June, the Senior Campus SRC hosted a fundraiser for the White Ribbon Foundation who promote campaigns to prevent violence against women. On the day we raised just over $700, a terrific effort! A scrumptious sausage sizzle was kindly organised by past student Joshua Nessim. Live performances were held by our extremely talented music students who impressed the crowds and created a sense of unity to the outstanding event. Overall, it was a successful day for our college. Thank you and well done to everyone who contributed, your efforts were appreciated and all the money was donated to the White Ribbon Foundation. Also a big thank you to Bakers Delight Plenty Valley for donating the bread. We hope the generosity of the college community continues throughout the year, supporting other foundations who need it.

Senior Campus SRC

Year 11 History Excursion at the National Gallery of Victoria

On Thursday 5 June, the two Year 11 History classes attended an excursion at the National Gallery of Victoria. Our students participated in a guided tour of the Gallery, with a focus on ‘cultural expression’ from the period 1900-1945. We were guided through some significant works of art, analysing how these works expressed the historical period in which they were produced. The famous works we saw included ‘The Weeping Woman’ by Pablo Picasso which depicts a screaming woman with a dead child in her arms. Picasso painted this after seeing newspaper photographs of the Luftwaffe's (German Airforce) bombing of Guernica under the instruction of Spanish Dictator Franco in the Spanish civil war in 1937. Art was just one way of expressing emotion and opinion at a time when Europe was ruled by Fascist regimes that limited the freedom of speech, ideas and beliefs. The tour wasn’t all about paintings. We were also shown other forms of cultural expression including furniture, moving images and sculptures. Overall, it was a highly engaging and interactive tour where our students showed off their historical knowledge when asked for input by the tour guide. It was extremely beneficial to be able to step outside the classroom and see some of the cultural products that we studied in the textbook.

Elif Yurtsever & Daniel Kyte,
Year 11 History Teachers
Reegan Quick 11A was recently awarded a scholarship and government-subsidised place in The University of Melbourne and Trinity College’s Young Leaders Program.

The week-long program provides students with an opportunity to experience life at Australia’s No. 1 ranked University; The University of Melbourne. Students from Australia and abroad are able to select from a number of different pathway areas or ‘streams’, including Arts, Commerce, Social Justice, Fine Arts and Biomedicine.

The ‘stream’ Reegan will be undertaking is in the area of ‘Commerce’; a pathway he is interested in pursuing at The University of Melbourne upon finishing school.

The program will feature tours of The University of Melbourne’s Parkville campus, information about Trinity College itself and tours of the city of Melbourne. There are also a number of recreational activities such as trivia nights and a visit to Westside Circus.

There will be a strong focus placed on Commerce throughout the week. Reegan will gain an invaluable insight into the Bachelor of Commerce offered by The University of Melbourne, including an introduction to the Australian economic system; Accounting in Australia; and an introduction to the Victorian legal system.


Reegan submitted a statement expressing interest in the program and received a supporting statement from a teacher. There are several scholarships and subsidies offered, enabling anyone with a passion to take part in the programs offered.

On behalf of everyone at Mill Park Secondary College, I congratulate Reegan on this excellent achievement and wish him every success in the program.

Mr. Shaun Isbister
College Pathways & Transitions Leader
Immunisations
Another round of immunisations will be held for Year 7 students and Yr 9 boys on Monday 16 June.

City School
Students in Year 9CS, 9AW and 9BE participated in a very successful City School experience last week as can be seen by the report below in this newsletter. A big thank you to Mr Liam McNaughton and his team for organising a varied and interesting program and to the students who by all accounts conducted themselves beautifully! All other Year 9 classes will participate in the program next term.

Uniform
Parents and guardians are asked to use the upcoming break to ensure that your child has correct uniform. Please note that leggings and tracksuit pants are NOT part of the uniform and should not be worn. Students be warned that term three will begin with a uniform blitz so please get yourselves organised!

Showcase Debate at Plenty Parklands Primary School
On Friday 30 May, 6 students from Years 7 & 8 went to Plenty Parklands Primary School to do a showcase debate to the Grade 6 classes.

The students debated on the topic, ‘Junk food should be banned in schools’ and put forward many convincing arguments on both sides.

The Grade 6 students had been learning about debating and were able to tell our students what we did well and some things we can improve on for next time. It was great to visit one of our local primary schools, meet some of their students and share ideas about debating with them.

Well done to the following students for their hard work preparing for the debate and the confidence they displayed in speaking to a large group of people.

Affirmative team
Priya Rajiv (7BS)
Zachary Sprague (7AW)
Batoul Mansour (8BE)

Negative team
Jack Hoar (8BE)
Bhanu Wijekoon (8CW)
Darci Claridge (7AE)

Year 9 MPSC City School
The first round of this year’s Year 9 MPSC City School got under way last week with 9BE, 9AW and 9CS participating in a range of activities in the Melbourne CBD. This compulsory activity is a highlight for students while at the Middle Years Campus and is designed to provide students with unique external learning opportunities which complement their classroom experiences.

The theme for this year’s City School was "Change and Continuity in Melbourne" and students participated in a range of activities including Hardrock Rock Climbing, a visit to Old Melbourne Gaol, Federation Square, Eureka Tower, SYN radio and the Big Issue classroom which provided physical, intellectual and moral challenges.

Both staff and students alike enjoyed the opportunities provided by the City School Program and our students proved themselves to be resourceful, independent and responsible and were excellent ambassadors for our College.
Year 9 Parent Pathways

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Wednesday 25th June 2014, 7pm – 8pm
Middle Years Campus Library – Moorhead Drive, Mill Park

Thursday 26th June 2014, 7pm – 8pm
Senior Campus Library – Civic Drive, Epping

An excellent opportunity for parents of Year 9 students in 2014 to hear about a range of information that can be used to support your child in creating their future at Mill Park Secondary College.

The session will include information regarding:
- Making a smooth transition from Year 9 to Year 10.
- The structure of Year 10 at Mill Park Secondary College.
- Choosing the most appropriate program in Year 10.
- Supporting your child through the Subject selection process.
- Post-compulsory pathways beyond Year 10: VCE, VCAL and VET.
- Where to go for advice and support.

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Reminders

- **‘At Monash’** – 17 June Student Experience; 26 June Teaching, Sport/Outdoor Recreation; Book: [www.monash.edu/seminars](https://www.monash.edu/seminars).

**ACU BREAKS DOWN THE BUDGET** – The recent Federal Budget included changes to higher education funding which will have significant implications for Australian universities. The Australian Catholic University summarised the proposed changes that will affect students:

- **Universities will set their own fees** – from 1 Jan 2016, universities will set their own fees for Australian undergraduate courses.
- **The government will contribute less** – from 1 Jan 2016, students will pay more towards the cost of their degree, and the government will pay less. The Commonwealth contribution will reduce by 20% overall.
- **Extending the demand driven system** – this system has been expanded to provide Commonwealth Supported Places for any undergraduate qualification offered by a university – diplomas, associate degrees. Government funding has also been extended to students studying at registered higher education providers (incl TAFE).
- **Repaying the debt sooner** – The HELP loan will still be available, so students will not have to pay their fees upfront. However, the government has reduced the income threshold so graduates will start making their repayments sooner – when they are earning approx. $50,638. For ACU students (if the changes pass in parliament), this means:
  - Current ACU students or those who have accepted a place at ACU and elected to defer that offer on or before 13 May, 2014, will **not be affected as long as they complete their degree by the end of 2020**. Students who accept an offer of enrolment from 14 May 2014 until 1 Jan 2016 will be charged under the existing arrangements till 31 Dec 2015. After that, they will be charged under the **new arrangements**. ACU will be consulting with stakeholders over the coming months to determine the appropriate fees for ACU’s courses. Other universities will, no doubt, make statements in due course.

**NEW WEBSITE FOR MONASH UNIVERSITY** – CHECK IT OUT! Monash has created a new website to help you succeed in the final years of secondary school, and to access vital information in one place. For example, it includes important dates, deadlines, registration for Monash events, VCE tips, study options and information about career paths. See: [www.destination.monash](http://www.destination.monash).

**ARTS AT MONASH** - The Faculty of Arts has interviewed some new Arts students to ask them about their aspirations, why they chose Arts at Monash, and their hopes for after graduation. See videos at YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxWbq_J0vk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxWbq_J0vk). For more information about Arts degrees, see [www.arts.monash.edu](http://www.arts.monash.edu).

**BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS** – What is problem-based learning (PBL)? PBL is offered as part of the Bachelor of Business at the Monash Peninsula campus. PBL uses a small group approach, and focusses on problems similar to those in the workforce. Working in a small team with a mentor, students create solutions to real-life problems, learning the principles of each subject. Site visits/industry placement form an integral part of this approach. Three ‘majors’ are offered at the campus: business strategy, sports management, and marketing and communication. Students may also undertake a different major, including accounting, at another Monash campus. [Information on YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5_b5UuA4Ds).

**COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP** – This seven-day event is for students in Years 9-12, giving an opportunity to experience everything connected to computer games and information technology. Learn from experienced industry professionals, talk to like-minded individuals and expand your networks by participating in workshops, tournaments, presentations, and activities. If you are interested in multimedia, designing or playing games, or looking to a career in IT, this is for you. **When**: Sat 5 – Fri 11 July; **Where**: Monash Clayton; **Info/register**: [https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/](http://https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/).
ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE (MADA) – MADA is hosting a range of three-day workshops for Year 11/12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. Students can build folios and attend foundation workshops in architecture, interior architecture, communication design, industrial design and fine art, and experience life at MADA. Industry professionals and academics will run the workshops and guide students through the lessons and activities. When: 1-3 July & 24-26 Sept; Where: MADA, 900 Dandenong RD, Caulfield East; Enquiries: 9903 1517, mada@monash.edu; Information: monash.edu/mada/workshops.

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY - Deakin University invites you to information evenings to learn about courses. Where/When: Burwood – 6-8pm, Wed 23 July & 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 26 July, Building Y, room 1.11 A and B; Geelong: 6-8 pm, Wed 23 July & 2.30- 4.30pm, Sat 26 July, Building AD, room 2.217; Warrnambool: 7.30pm, Fri 25 July, Timor St. Info: health-enquire@deakin.edu.au or ph 9251 7777.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH ANIMALS? Holiday programs are on offer: ‘Winter Wonderland’ is the theme this year.

Healesville Sanctuary - a chance to get close to some of our most endangered alpine animals. The Keeper for a Day program allows you to help keepers and learn about their job.

Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary - see the vets working with real life cases

Keeper for a Day at Werribee Open Range Zoo - find out what a keeper’s day is really like. Who? Year 7-12; Booking: 9285 9406; Info: www.zoo.org.au/ whats-on/school-holidays-at-zoo-victoria.

LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – The annual Melbourne JD Showcase is coming up. At this workshop, master classes will be held on legal issues like So Sue Me! (what a negligence action is all about); dispute resolution interactive session, refugee law, and the environment – who is responsible for contamination? The Showcase will give school students an interactive experience, combining sample law classes with information about Melbourne Law School and the JD degree. When: Wed 2 July; Cost: $66 (incl morning tea and lunch); Registration and payment: by 25 June at www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/schools; Info: Yvonne Au, 8344 8879, y.au@unimelb.edu.au.

A CAREER WITH BOATS? The 2014 Boating Industry Association Boat Show will have a stand offering a range of information about careers associated with the boating industry including boat and engine manufacturing and retailing, marine accessories manufacturing and retailing, boat and marine engine repairs, marine distributing and wholesale, and tourism. Visit stand A36 from 11am-6pm, Thurs- Sun for career advice. Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank; When: 11am-6pm, Thurs 12 – Mon 16 June. (Some free tickets are available for students from kaz@oellen.org.au). NOTE: Are you aware that the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania offers courses from certificates through to degrees in areas like boating, fishing, engineering and maritime architecture? Check out courses at: www.amc.edu.au.

WANT TO STUDY ACCOUNTING? Many accounting firms offer cadetships to Year 12 students planning to study business/ accounting at university. For example, Deloitte, EY, PwC, KPMG, and many others offer cadetships. The usual arrangement is that cadetship holders study part-time and work with the company offering the cadetship part-time. This means that recipients gain real-world work experience, are likely to be offered employment on completion of their degree, and are financially rewarded. A good starting point to find out what is available is at: http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/National-event-info/Cadetships.aspx.

EXPERIENCE RMIT – If you are considering studying at RMIT, and in Years 10-12, don’t forget the RMIT ‘Experience Days’ and Tours on offer in the coming holiday break. They cover marketing, advertising, public relations, journalism, engineering, information systems, science laboratory visits, a science day, a trades’ day, and many more. See details at www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays and www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover.
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the wedding singer

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