PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 11 September at the Senior Campus. Shortly parents will receive a letter with details about making appointments via the Parent Portal. The interviews are very important in terms of our partnership with you to create our students’ futures.

Parents are reminded that classes are not run on this day and students are not required to attend however students are expected to attend the interviews with their parents.

CURRICULUM DAY

On Curriculum Day, staff attended presentations and workshops focused on assessment and feedback. We commenced the day with a Keynote presentation from Glen Pearsall. Glen was a Leading Teaching at Eltham High School and a board member of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Glen is the co-author of ‘Literature for Life’ and ‘Work Right’ and the author of ‘Classroom Dynamics’ and the best-selling ‘And Gladly Teach’. He works throughout Australia as an educational consultant, specialising in engagement, assessment and workload reduction strategies for teachers. He has a particular interest in the work of graduate and pre-service teachers and has worked as a seminar leader and research fellow at the Centre for Youth Research. Glen’s eBook ‘The Top Ten Strategic Questions for Teachers’ has just been translated into Khmer for Cambodian teachers. His presentation was outstanding in that he gave us strategies that we could use easily and immediately. Following this the staff chose two workshops related to the theme for the day. A big thank you to Colin Burke, the members of the Improvement Focus Group and the 14 staff who presented workshops. The day was a massive success.

PREPARATIONS FOR 2015

Preparations for 2015 are well under way. Student subject selections have been collated and the units being run in 2015 are being determined. We have reviewed changes made to the process and have been given very positive feedback about the increased opportunities for parents to seek pathway advice. Of concern, however, are the students who have not submitted their subject selection forms. These forms are required urgently. Students and parents are encouraged to seek advice from our excellent Careers team should they have any questions.

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved home, changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses please contact the office on 9407 9700 or via email: mill.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au - to notify us of the change. It is important that we have up to date records in the event that we need to contact you.

Trish Horner
BOOK WEEK @ SENIOR CAMPUS LIBRARY – A WONDERLAND

Book Week was an exciting and fun-filled event at Senior Campus this year. The program was packed with competitions and the library was colourfully decorated and filled with beautiful displays.

This year's theme was 'Connect to Reading'. MPSC decided to 'Connect to Another World', creating an Alice in Wonderland themed space. Fairy lights, a Mad Hatter's Tea Party, pink flamingos, red and white roses and a giant caterpillar all featured in our wonderland.

Students had the opportunity to participate in many 'Puzzles in Wonderland' including Alice’s Alternative Book Titles, Mad Hatter’s Riddles and the ‘Why is a raven like a writing desk’ creative competition.

Thank you to all students who participated in the activities and to our dedicated volunteer Julie Brazatis for assisting us with the creation of our displays.

Ms Quayle, Ms Gardner and Mr Harris
Senior Campus Library Staff

VET SPORT AND RECREATIONS STUDENTS – BEING THE TEACHER

Congratulations to students studying VET Sport & Rec at the Senior Campus. Recently they travelled to our Middle Years Campus to deliver their well-planned activities to Year 8 PE classes on the finer skills of basketball. This was part of their assessment task and how they demonstrate competencies within the subject.

Congratulations to the Senior Campus Student Representative Council (SRC) for their initiative in holding a Career Expo for all Year 12 students. All Year 12 students were provided an opportunity to visit the stands of a wide variety of university and TAFE providers and speak to their representatives. A highly successful event kicked off as an idea from College Captain Bushra Mumin and supported by staff Elif Yurtserver, Josie Vickers, Shaun Isbister and Geoff Matheson. Well done to the team of staff and SRC representatives for making this a highly successful and rewarding event.
Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Ski Camps and Year 12 VET Sport and Rec Trip

While most people have been hiding inside next to the heater this winter, Mill Park students have been out and about, making the most of the incredible snow season. The Year 12 VET Sport and Recreation classes thoroughly enjoyed a day on the slopes of Mt. Buller, learning about how to manage risks in recreational activities. Many also learned that snowboarding is far harder than people think and spent a lot of their lesson falling over (and over, and over). The Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies classes also ventured out into the Victorian Alps, exploring the lesser known but incredibly beautiful Mt. Stirling. They have been examining the ways that humans impact natural environments and how this can be minimised, which is well demonstrated on the pristine and natural Mt. Stirling. This group was skiing cross country rather than downhill, which means they spent far more time upright and were able to really advance their skills over the two day camp. For many students, this was the first time they had been to the snow which is a very memorable experience filled with those “quintessential must do’s”: making a snow man, having a snowball fight, making a snow angel, sitting on the snow for a minute then realising the cold has seeped through your pants and of course skiing straight into a tree, a fence, a sign, a person, or the snowman someone just finished making.

Thanks to all of the students for making all of these trips so much fun and a big thanks to the staff who get up at 4am to drive the buses and make it all possible.
On Friday 8 August, our College hosted its very first careers expo which was organised exclusively for Year 12 students by student leaders in the Student Representative Council (SRC). A number of universities as well as TAFEs and apprenticeship providers accepted our invitation to attend this MPSC only exclusive event, which included Melbourne University, Latrobe University, RMIT University, NMIT, JMC Academy, Swinburne University, Victoria University, and Australian Catholic University. Representatives from each of these institutions made their way to the Senior Campus Gym where they set up their stands in preparation to meet our ambitious Year 12 cohort.

During sessions 3 and 4, the Year 12’s made their way to the expo to ask questions, find out about courses they were considering applying for as part of their VTAC applications. Our students showed great interest in the courses that were offered by the universities and asked a lot clever questions that left the representatives impressed with their diverse career aspirations. Students collected course guides and freebies along the way, but most importantly walked away from the expo having clarified the prerequisites and ATAR scores and also other requirements they need to be admitted into their prospective courses. During lunchtime time, the expo was open to include all Year 10 and 11 students.

I would like to thank College Captain, Bushra Mumin and all student leaders involved in organising this successful event which has been very well received by students. Thank you also to Josie Vickers for ensuring the smooth running of the event. I am extremely proud of our students for displaying such great enthusiasm and determination for their future career aspirations.

Ms. Elif Yurtsever  
Student Leadership Coordinator
Year 11 Legal Studies students attended the County and Supreme Courts of Victoria on Monday 18 August. Students were able to see the County and Supreme Courts in action, including viewing pre-trial proceedings, pleadings and an arraignment of an accused. The classes were also able to tour the Supreme Court with volunteer staff from the Court Network and to engage in a mock jury empanelment. Students were accompanied by Legal Studies teachers, Ms Milbourn, Mr Campbell and Ms Manunzio.

Ms Manunzio said it was important for students to see Australian courtrooms and their function, as students often have different ideas of how a courtroom operates from watching legal dramas on television. “The visit to the courts shows students what courts are really like, and allows them to see the laws we have learnt in class being put into practice.” Students mutually agreed that the visit expanded their knowledge of the legal system and that the excursion was both thought-provoking and informative.

Ms Milbourn concurred that the excursion allowed students a fantastic opportunity to observe the practical application of the Legal studies curriculum and to apply it to their understandings. “Students witnessed the gravity of particular offences and how penalties are imposed to reflect the seriousness of the offence.”

Many students, after their courtroom visit, were inspired and energised to forge their own path into the legal profession or to use their knowledge of the justice system to remain an active and informed citizen.

CONGRATULATIONS ANDREW KARLIS—YEAR 11 VCAL STUDENT

Year 11 VCAL student, Andrew Karlis, visited the Careers centre earlier in the year for assistance with his resume as he was applying for a job at Woolworths. Not only did Andrew manage to secure a part-time job with Woolworths, but they also agreed to allow Andrew to complete the Structured Workplace Learning component of his VCAL program with them. This means that as well as working for the store outside of school hours, Andrew is also there on a Tuesday to further develop his work related skills. Careers Teacher, Josie Vickers, was delighted to receive a call from one of the Woolworth’s managers to report that Andrew has performed so well that he has been awarded ‘Employee of the Month’. In fact, they are so happy with Andrew that they have offered to take on more Mill Park Secondary College students requiring a Structured Workplace Learning placement.

Well done Andrew!
CITY SCHOOL
Next week will be the last City School experience for the remaining students in Year 9. I am sure that like all previous groups they will do us proud and wish them an enjoyable week!

BOOK WEEK @ MYC—"CONNECT TO READING"

This week, Middle Years Campus celebrated Book Week with this year’s theme being “Connect to Reading” - an interesting and moving concept for this year’s Book Week! Students and teachers participated in a variety of lunchtime activities and competitions such as a Book Scavenger Hunt, Puzzles, Bookmarks and ‘Connect to Reading’ Cupcake decorating.

D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything and Read
Every day, everyone in the school dropped everything and read their favorite book during Book Week. For twenty minutes, students, teachers, principals and office staff connected to concepts that interested them through reading. They read Australian and international authors and enjoyed a diversity of genres like fantasy, historical fiction, love stories and more.

Visiting author for Year 7 – Isobelle Carmody
Isobelle Carmody is an Australian writer of science fiction, fantasy, children’s and juvenile literature. She has written many award winning short stories and books since 1987. Some of her book titles include: The Red Wind, The Cloud Road and The Sending.

What a thrilling experience for our Year 7 students and their teachers to meet and talk to her in person. Isobelle delighted our students and teachers with her vivid presentation. Isobelle spoke about her humble background, growing up in a disadvantaged suburb in public housing. From a very young age she had to take on responsibility and help her mother to look after her seven siblings. She connected with many of our students, who hung off her every word waiting to hear her next story. Isobelle proved that you don’t need to come from a privileged family to become famous and valued in your life. We thank Isobelle for her inspiring talk that electrified the audience.

Regards
The MYC Library staff
Mill Park Secondary College  
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**Reminders**
- **Open Days** - 24 Aug: Box Hill, Deakin (Melb), La Trobe (Melb), Victoria, William Angliss  
- **Open Days** - 31 Aug: ACU (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)  
- **RMIT Flight Training Open Day** – Sun 31 August; RMIT Flight Training, Point Cook site, Bldg 202, Williams Rd, RAAF Base, Point Cook.  
- **Occupational Therapy Evening** – Thurs 4 Sept; Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; **Book:** renee.bartlett2@austin.org.au

**YEAR 12 – APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2015** – Hopefully Year 12’s have been searching the VTAC website for courses, and making a start on applications. Remember that once you have applied, you can change your application at no extra cost. Application fees rise from $28 to $93 after 5pm, 30 Sept. Remember to consider the ACU Early Achievers and La Trobe Aspire Programs; See: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/early_entry and www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire. In these schemes, both universities look at contributions (in addition to your ATAR) when making offers for their courses. Also check out SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) on pages 30-43 of VTAC Guide. If you have been disadvantaged in some way, you may be able to access your desired course on a lower ATAR. All applicants are advised to apply for Category 1, Personal Information and Location. Applications close on 7 October.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVENING** –  
Note the change of date from Thursday 11 September to Thursday 4 September.

**‘WHERE GRADUATES GO’** – Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest you will make. Where Grads Go is dedicated to helping you make informed choices by providing the latest information. Figures here are from the 2013 Australian Graduate Survey, conducted by Graduate Careers Australia. In 2013, the average bachelor graduate earned a full-time salary of $55,000. Examples: engineering - $65,000; medicine - $60,000; education - $57,000; nursing - $52,000; social work and welfare - $55,000; visual and performing arts - $40,000. Getting a job after graduation can be a different matter. In 2013, full time employment of graduates was as follows (four months after graduating): in engineering: 82.6%; medicine: 96.9%; education: 70.8%; banking and finance: 75.4%; psychology and behavioural sciences: 56%; law/justice: 75.4%; visual and performing arts: 48.3%. In some fields (eg engineering, nursing) most graduates work in the field they trained for. Graduates of other fields often find work in a wide variety of jobs. Postgraduate study can lead to a higher salary and more likely employment. See: www.graduatecareers.com.au, www.graduateopportunities.com.

**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS** -
- **NEW MEDICAL IMAGING DEGREE** – Deakin is offering Medical Imaging from 2015 at its Geelong (Warrnambool) campus. Medical imaging (sometimes known as Medical Diagnostic Radiography) is the production of high quality images of the structure and function of the body to assist medical diagnosis and decision making. Radiographers play a pivotal role in medicine and health care, contributing to improving patient outcomes. They work with doctors and allied health professionals. The university is seeking accreditation with the Australian Health Practitioner Agency (AHPRA), with statutory direction provided by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (MRPBA). Salaries range from $41,000 to $115,000 plus, depending on your position, experience, chosen work area and possible future study. Pre-requisites: 3/4 English; biology, physics or chemistry; maths methods or spec maths. Info: ph 03 9251 7777 health-enquire@deakin.edu.au

- **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** – Year 11/12’s are invited to this ‘Making a Difference’ event. It will celebrate 30 years of environmental science courses at Deakin, with speaker the former leader of the Australian Greens, Dr Bob Brown. **When:** 6-8pm, Mon 25 Aug; **Where:** Deakin Burwood, 221 Burwood Highway, Lecture Theatre 1, (Building I, 2.02); **Parking:** Car park 6 (multi-level); **Information & bookings:** sebe-events@deakin.edu.au

- **DEAKIN SCHOLARSHIPS** – See www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships to find out current scholarships and award schemes now available for 2015 study.
BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE – This is being offered from 2015. Acquire skills to design and develop advanced software systems integrating new technologies that enhance business operation. Develop work-ready skills by participating in internships and industry placements during the course, learning skills in critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication. Graduates are highly sought-after in areas like software development, system analytics, business analytics, database development, research, project management, solutions architecture and programming.

DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS – To find out more about defence force jobs, attend one of these sessions: 1 Sept – ADF Technical Trades; 2 Sept – Engineering Information Session; 3 Sept – Army 1 Year Roles; 10 Sept – ADFA Information Session; 17 Sept – Royal Military College; 23 Sept – Army Reserve; 24 Sept – Women in Defence. All 6-7pm. Where: Defence Force Recruiting, Level 14, 501 Swanton St, Melbourne; RSVP: CPTVIC@def.com.au (date/session/seats no’s).

RMIT NUCLEAR MEDICINE LAB VISITS This program is for students interested in finding out more about nuclear medicine and the role of nuclear medicine technologists in the investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease. In this full day tour, students will visit nuclear medicine departments that support the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) programs. When: 25 and 26 Sept; Info/reg’n: 9925 7075, medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS – The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of $10,000 for nuclear medicine students commencing the RMIT Bachelor of Applied Health (Medical Radiations) in 2015 and 2016. Info: www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –

MONASH GUARANTEE - Students who are financially disadvantaged, Indigenous Australians or completing Year 12 at a Monash listed under-represented school could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash. See: www.monash.edu/guaranteed-entry.

THEATRE, PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC – The final ’At Monash’ seminar for 2014 covers these areas. Get an overview of the area, current and graduate perspectives, and collect information. When: 6.30-8pm, Tues 19 Aug; Where: Clayton; Register: www.monash.edu/seminars.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Many scholarships are on offer:

MERIT - Students who list Monash as a course preference via VTAC will automatically be considered for most merit - scholarships. See: www.monash.edu/scholarships/merit.

EQUITY AND MERIT & EQUITY – All Year 12 students should apply for these via VTAC. Applications close on 17 October. See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html.

SIR JOHN MONASH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – For students who have excelled – a comprehensive and generous scholarship program. See: www.monash.edu/scholarships/sir-john.

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT – ATAR eligibility: 99.95, value to $70,000, offered to all eligible students

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT – ATAR eligibility: 99.00, value to $40,000, offered to all eligible students

EXCELLENCE – ATAR eligibility: 98.00; value to $30,000; 40 available

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE – ATAR eligibility: 98.00, value to $50,000; 10 available

EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY – ATAR eligibility: 95, up to $30,000; 130 available

COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS – ATAR eligibility: 90; value to $4000; 220 available.

See: www.monash.edu/scholarships for details.

WHAT IS MIBT? Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology provides certificate and diploma courses in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science. The Diploma courses are offered in association with Deakin University campuses. This is an alternative pathway to university. If successful in the Diploma, students are able to move to the second year of an appropriate degree. Consider applying through VTAC for MIBT (or other pathway institution such as La Trobe Melbourne or Monash College) if you are concerned that you may not achieve a high enough ATAR to access your university choices.

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