College Principal’s Report

WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 3

It has proven to be very busy for both staff and students alike with a myriad of activities taking place. The Semester 1 reports were distributed at the end of term 2 and many students achieved fantastic results with numerous certificates being awarded. If you have any concerns with respect to the reports, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator.

BUSY TERM

Included in this bumper edition of the newsletter is a Parent Calendar so you can plan ahead and not miss any important dates. I would like to re-enforce the importance of students submitting their 2016 Subject Selection forms by the due dates. I particularly want to draw attention to an important event for parents of Year 12 students. They are invited to attend a VTAC information Night on Monday 3 August when they will be provided with the details of how students will access entry into further education. It is most important that Year 12 students and their parents attend this session.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for the 2015 school production of “Beauty and the Beast”.

Wednesday 29 July, Thursday 30 July and Friday 31.

Bookings can be made via www.trybooking.com/HRFA or the General Office at both Campuses

Artwork for poster by Olga Antoniadis, Year 10

GET THOSE SUBJECT SELECTION FORMS IN!

This term sees the commencement of the very important preparations for 2016. We want to involve parents as much as possible so I have included some important dates.

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It is very important that students submit their Subject Selection forms for 2016. All students from Year’s 8 to 10 should have submitted their forms by Friday 31 July. Enquiries for those who need some assistance should be directed to the Careers Team at either Campus.

Parents of Year 12’s are about to go through the process of choosing a course for 2016. From my own experience as a parent it was a little daunting the first time. We are running a VTAC Information Night on Monday 3 August to help parents learn the “tricks of the trade” to support their children in the next very important stage of their pathway.
EARLY LEAVERS

Parents are reminded to give their child a note in the morning if their 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.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

School Council has recently reviewed the Attendance Policy which I have included in this newsletter. Attendance is critical to success. The policy outlines the expectation with respect to attendance. I draw your attention to the requirements with respect to medical certificates which are particularly important for students who miss assessments, specifically VCE School Assessed Coursework (SAC).

Back dated certificates will not be accepted. If you have any concerns relating to your child’s health, please do not hesitate to contact the school. It is also important to note that if you are aware of an absence for a significant period of time that you contact the school as early as possible so appropriate arrangements can be made.

CAR PARKS

I am very concerned about safety in the car parks, particularly at the end of the school day when the students are dismissed. We have many staff who travel between the Campuses at the end of the school day to attend very important meetings. Parents are not to enter the car park at this time and should arrange to meet students offsite.

Trish Horner

TERM 3 PARENT CALENDER 2015

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ABSENCES

Parents can notify the school of their child’s absence via SMS. The SMS number for both Campuses is 0458 030 632
Mill Park Secondary College

Attendance Policy

Preamble
Mill Park Secondary College recognises that one of the crucial factors to student success is good attendance at school. Students who attend school regularly build more positive relationships with both their peers and teachers and are less likely to become early school leavers.

Students of school age (6 – 17 years) who reside in Victoria are required to be in full time attendance at school unless they are receiving approved home tuition, have shared enrolment with a specialist setting, have received an exemption from the Regional Director or are enrolled in correspondence education.

Aims
- To maximise learning opportunities by ensuring student absenteeism is kept to a minimum
- To support families in achieving regular attendance for their children
- To support staff in monitoring and following up all student absences
- To put in place agreed processes for managing student absences within the school

Implementation
1. The roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders will be outlined and communicated across the College community
2. Students are expected to maintain high attendance rates each semester
3. Accurate record keeping will be maintained and readily available and data analysis will occur
4. A range of responses to low levels of student attendance will be implemented
5. Attendance processes and practices will be reviewed regularly with a view to fine-tuning strategies and identifying targets for improvement

Related Documents
- Student Engagement and Well Being Policy
- Student Engagement and Well Being Guidelines
- Positive Relationships Policy
- Attendance Policy Implementation Guidelines

External Links
- DET Victoria – School Attendance Guidelines
- DET Victoria – Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidance
- DET Victoria – Every Day Counts

Ratified Date
This Policy was ratified by School Council 23 June 2015

Review Date
This policy will be reviewed as part of the College’s three year review cycle
WELCOME BACK FROM WORK EXPERIENCE

It has been great to hear stories from our Year 10’s as they returned from work experience at the end of last term. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the employers in the local area, and greater Melbourne who accepted our students and made them part of the workplace. Research shows that students who engage in meaningful work experience, tend to do better in their later years of schooling and are able to develop important networks and connections within industries.

YEAR 9’S START THINKING ABOUT WORK EXPERIENCE NOW

It’s not too early for Year 9’s to start thinking about and planning work experience. Students should be aiming to find a quality work experience placement, which helps them to build skills and connections in the industries they are interested in. Start researching now.

YEAR 12 PASSPORTS

In the next couple of weeks, Year 12’s who have earned their passports may begin to use them. Passports will be distributed to eligible students by Assistant Principal Kelli MacDonald and the Year 12 Coordinators.

Students who don’t receive their passports straight away should use their study sessions effectively, wear correct uniform and keep up to date in classes to earn their passport across the rest of the term.

Students who do receive their passports are allowed to not attend school during two of their study sessions a week. Students should always keep their passport with them, to avoid issues with leaving the grounds early.

LATROBE YOUNG WRITERS’ AWARDS

Year 10 students are invited to write a short creative piece on the theme Home.

Your piece can be about any aspect of this theme – take it where you wish! You might like to enter one of the writing pieces completed at the beginning of this year when we studied Family/Relationships!

Prizes are sensational, and involvement in extra-curricular opportunities like this looks great on your resume.

⇒ Entries should be between 800 – 1,000 words
⇒ Your story should be typed, with each page numbered
⇒ 1st place is $500
⇒ 2nd place is $250
⇒ 3rd place is $125
⇒ It is free to enter – simply upload your piece to Latrobe.edu.au/young-writers-awards or email it to Mrs Gordon at gordon.felicity.c@edumail.vic.gov.au
⇒ Closing date is 21 August 2015
At the end of term two all year levels attended assemblies with their Year Level Teams to celebrate achievements of students throughout the semester and to set the tone for the start of the next. I would like to thank all Year Level Coordinators, the Program Learning Outcomes Coordinators and the Year Level Captains for their input and running these important events. A big thank you also to Ms Wendy Nagel and the Music students who provided the entertainment.

As is tradition, students were recognised for their outstanding display of the College values as well as their commitment to their overall educational program. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students for their exemplary efforts:

**YEAR 7 ASSEMBLY**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**
- 7BR - Caitlyn Olive
- 7BW - Kevin Ceballos-Bascur
- 7BS - Natalie D’Archi
- 7BE - Bernadette Neemia
- 7CE - Tarsha Lyng
- 7AS - Sharleen Prakash
- 7AW - Abhishek Chetty
- 7AR - Aliyah Moosoody
- 7AE - Mia Mosbey

**VALUES AWARDS**
- Enjoyment - Christopher Manley - 7BE
- Respect - Caleb Smith - 7AR
- Responsibility - Claudia Addamo - 7CE
- Achievement - Rosemary Tran - 7CE

**YEAR 8 ASSEMBLY**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**
- 8BR - Shakira Furlanetto
- 8BW - Rovin Korale
- 8AR - Ahmad Inam
- 8AW - Andrea Tsobanopoulos
- 8BE - Laura Tirpkou
- 8BS - Boey Wong
- 8AS - Alanah Scuderi
- 8AE - Jerome Chung

**VALUES AWARDS**
- Enjoyment - Nikita Proctor - 8AS
- Respect - Mikayla Ammoun - 8AE
- Responsibility - Joshua Gallagher - 8BW
- Achievement - Skye Shaw - 8BE
During this semester a group of Year 9 students got the opportunity to participate in a leadership course called High Resolves. We learnt many things such as how to be a good communicator, what it takes to be a good leader, and how to work in groups we wouldn’t necessarily put ourselves in. We have participated in many things such as leadership strategies, leadership games, and leadership group conversations. We are currently working on a major project on Homelessness that will take place later on this term. The theme of Homelessness is a really important theme because there are many Australians that are living out on the streets for various reasons that are struggling, whilst sometimes we take for granted the things we have and they don’t. Whilst working on this project we have been privileged to have mentors mostly from NAB come to our school and help us with our project and give us tips. By completing this project we hope to raise awareness for Homelessness and raise money for Front Yard Youth, an organisation aimed at getting youth off the streets. I would strongly recommend the High Resolves program to next year’s Year 9’s because it gives you great leadership skills and makes you a more confident leader.

Eryn George 9CS
OPEN DAYS COMING SOON…..make sure you attend!

- Sat 1 Aug – Monash (Peninsula campus)
- Sun 2 Aug – Deakin (Warrnambool); Monash (Caulfield & Clayton); Swinburne (Hawthorn)
- Sun 9 Aug – Australian Catholic University (ACU) (Fitzroy); Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bundoora); RMIT; William Angliss
- Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy); La Trobe (Bendigo)
- Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Burwood); Victoria (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Federation (Ballarat & Gippsland)

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS – Don’t just wander, try these:

- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff about courses which interest you - note your questions beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses which interest you
- Collect information/brochures
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities; ask about international study opportunities – a popular option
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

NOTE: If you are applying for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process, attendance is A MUST! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS IN 2016 – All Year 12 students planning tertiary education in 2016 need to be aware of scholarship opportunities. A good starting point to find out about them is go to the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) and then Scholarships at the top of the screen. You can apply for many of the available scholarships on the VTAC site, often awarded on the basis of your ATAR. However, some scholarships require an actual application. To find these, go the individual institution websites (eg www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships). Many scholarships are offered on the basis of equity issues, not just academic performance.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS – information regarding tertiary entry for 2018 is available on the VTAC website (look for VIC TER 2018 in Publications); some information will also be in the Herald Sun on Tues 21 July.

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY AT DEAKIN – Find out about nursing degrees. When/Where: Burwood - 6-8pm, Wed 22 July, Building BC, Burwood Corporate Centre, Level 2 or 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 25 July, The Point, Level 1; OR Geelong Waterfront – 6-8pm, Wed 22 July or 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 25 July, Building AD, Western Beach Room 6.104; Register: ph 9244 6032 or nursinfo@deakin.edu.au (say which session you wish to attend); Information: www.deakin.edu.au/nursing.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –

STATISTICS – In the 2014-15 period, first preference applications for Monash went up by 3.5% (in a time of less VTAC applications). Monash ‘Guarantee’ and Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) places went up by 26.3%.

WHAT IS THE MONASH GUARANTEE? Ability to succeed at university is about more than your ATAR. The Monash Guarantee can provide you with a course offer even if your ATAR is below the 2015 Clearly-In. If you have experienced financial disadvantage, are an Indigenous Australian or, attend a Monash University under-represented school (from 2015 it will depend on your home postcode rather than school). To find out more go to: www.monash.edu/guaranteeentry.
BERWICK CAMPUS – Is having a Careers and Education Festival, 4-8pm, Wed 29 July.

Monash is examining how it can offer higher education in the south-east of Melbourne. It is expected that this will involve the Monash Berwick Campus, but for 2016 it will be ‘business as usual’ there. It’s hoped that extra courses will be offered at the campus soon. The only immediate change is that Nursing will be consolidated at Clayton and Peninsula and as a result, first year nursing will not be offered at Berwick in 2016.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS – Elite athletes are able to apply for scholarships at Monash. You need to apply for your course through VTAC, and then to TeamMONASH for your scholarship (not applied for through the VTAC scholarship application process). See: www.monash.edu/teammonash.

NEW DOUBLE DEGREES IN DESIGN AT CAULFIELD – From 2016 Monash will offer double degrees in Design and Business, Design and Information Technology, and Engineering and Industrial Design. Double degrees allow you to study broader areas than a single degree, in less time than it takes to do them separately. They can improve career options as well. Many students study overseas for part of their degree. The Monash campus at Prato in Italy, is a popular option for design. Applicants for design courses apply through VTAC (www.vtac.edu.au) as usual (from 3 August), but must contact MADA (Monash Art Design and Architecture) via their website for an interview as well (www.monash.edu/mada). Most Monash staff work in industry – a big plus for students.

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS – From 2016, Dietetics will be a Masters qualification at Monash. The most direct pathway into the Masters degree will be after completing the Bachelor of Nutrition Science at Monash. It will not be possible to study dietetics as an undergraduate degree – the same as at Deakin. The Bachelor of Nutrition Science Scholars program is offered for VCE high achievers. These students are guaranteed a place in the Masters program so long as they maintain at least a credit average. If you complete the Bachelor of Nutrition Science at Monash, the Masters will take 18 months. For those coming from another degree it will take two years. See: www.daa.asn.au for information about dietetics.

RMIT ADVICE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - CHANGING VISAS – International students going from a school visa (571) to a higher education visa (573) are advised to apply onshore. This can avoid delays and ensure applicants are able to commence classes on the expected date. The requirements are simpler too – see: www.immi.gov.au/visas/Pages/checklists/Student-573-Assessment-Level-1-checklist.aspx. Get advice from John Crowder (Registered MARA Migration Agent) at International Recruitment, john.crowder@rmit.edu.au.

‘ASPIRE’ AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – In 2014, Aspire saw over 1,100 students receive early offers of places for 2015. Most courses have a minimum ATAR of 50.00, however, some programs have a higher requirement. La Trobe is working with the Country Fire Authority and the Duke of Edinburgh program, and hoping other organisations will join. These partnerships reflect La Trobe’s desire to work with organisations that have the vision of making a positive difference, and will further help recognise the valuable impact students make in their communities. Applications are open and close on 31 August. See: www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire.

EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS – Experience being an Outdoor and Environmental Education student at La Trobe. The 5-day program, for Year 10-12s, offers either climbing and bushwalking or paddling and bushwalking. When: 28 Sept- 2 Oct; Where: Begins at Bendigo campus; Cost: $100; Info: www.latrobe.edu.au; Search: Experience the Outdoors.

WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS? An apprenticeship or traineeship is a pathway to skilled employment and further training opportunities. They can be undertaken on a full or part-time basis and can be used as a stepping stone to a career in one of 500 occupations across a wide range of industries. To do an apprenticeship/ traineeship you must have a job. Apprentices/trainees learn industry skills by combining paid work with training through a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). The training leads to a vocational qualification, ranging from a Certificate I to an Advanced Diploma level, and is recognised throughout Australia. Info: www.education.vic.gov.au/training/employers/apprentices/Pages/default.aspx. Also see: www.grouptraining.com.au.
TUNING IN TO TEENS
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six session parenting program for parents & carers of adolescents aged between 11-18 years

PROGRAM DETAILS
WHEN: Mondays
12, 19 & 26 Oct
9, 16, 23 Nov 2015
(6 x 2.5 hour sessions, with a break in Melbourne Cup week)
TIME: 10am to 12.30pm
WHERE: Family Services
City of Whittlesea
Westfield Plenty
Valley Shopping Centre
Shop MM9, Level 1
418 McDonalds Road
MILL PARK

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Parentzone.preston@anglicarevic.org.au
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Disney's

Beauty and the Beast

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton

Originaly Directed by Robert Jess Roth
Originaly Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agent for Music Theatre International, NY

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WED 29th July 10am & 7:30pm
THU 30th July 10am & 7:30pm
FRI 31st July 10am & 7:30pm

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Artwork by Olga Antonaidis (Yr.10)