WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2015

World Teachers’ Day is a day that celebrates the efforts of teachers on a global scale, acknowledging the important contribution made to our community in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological world. Inaugurated on 5 October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Teachers’ Day is celebrated annually in over 100 countries. The day allows students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for teachers and the positive impact they make on society.

In Victoria 30 October has been nominated to celebrate this day. We celebrated World Teachers Day by providing staff with a very special cake at each Campus for morning tea to show our appreciation for their dedication.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS CELEBRATE

Last week we said goodbye to our Year 12 students from formal classes to settle down to study for their VCE exams. The spirit of the celebration was wonderful and the students were excellent models of our values. Their costumes on the last day were fantastic and it is wonderful that they could come together with their teachers and celebrate their secondary education with such joy. The week was capped off by the formal which was also attended by a huge number of current and former staff. Helen Burnett is to be congratulated for organizing a well thought out, entertaining and enjoyable evening.

PARENT OPINION IS IN!

The results from the annual Parent Opinion Survey have been sent to us and for the most part parent opinion is at or above State Secondary School means and similar to previous years. Particularly pleasing were some of the comments. We will use the data from the survey to identify opportunities for improvement. Thank you to all the parents who participated in the survey.

PARENT GUIDE TO EXAMINATIONS

STUDYING

✓ Check they have met all coursework requirements
✓ Set up a dedicated study space and help them keep books and notes tidy and organised.
✓ Provide a steady supply of healthy snacks and drinks of water. The brain works better!
✓ Plan a short break between chunks of study, to refresh both the brain and the body.
✓ Help map out a study programme that leads up sensibly to each subject exam.
✓ Encourage the use of revision methods they have been taught like mind maps, brief notes, pictures, spider diagrams, self-testing. Just reading things through doesn't usually work. The more they process information, the more likely it is to stick.
✓ Television, devices and loud music do not help revision, but quiet background music might.
✓ Working with a friend can help by letting them test each other and talk about the work. Just check they stay focused on study.
✓ Find out what teachers have recommended for study as different subjects may take different approaches.
✓ Encourage them to explain something to you. If you can understand their explanation, then they will be able to produce a good answer in the exam.
Stay positive and reassuring to build their confidence and calm any nerves.

EXAM TIME
- Go over the exam timetable thoroughly so you both know exactly when and where each exam is scheduled.
- Organise transport.
- Make sure school attendance stays regular and they go to revision classes.
- Make sure the rest of the family gives them space and peace while they work.
- Emphasise the need for plenty of sleep, especially the night before an exam.

ON THE DAY OF THE EXAM
- Get them up on time and at the venue in plenty of time before the exam is due to start.
- Check they have everything they need.
- Check what is banned from the exam room and make sure devices are left at home if they are not needed.
- Afterwards, forget about that exam and focus on the next one.

ARTS FESTIVAL
A reminder that the Arts Festival will be held in Week 6, from Monday 9 November until Friday 13 November. The opening night will be held on Tuesday 10 November at the Whittlesea Council offices.

SENTRAL
We have been evaluating Sentral – our new school information system. At the same time Sentral has enhanced and developed the package. We are currently working on an implementation plan to activate the various modules. We have had some problems with the parent portal and for the time being if parents require any changes to personal details on the Sentral system they need to contact the general office.

CLK2SELL
clk2sell app – a fast way for parents to buy and sell second hand uniforms.

Last year State Schools' Relief launched clk2sell – a smartphone solution to buy and sell second-hand school uniforms. Close to 100 schools are now using the app - saving time and money. State Schools’ Relief is encouraging more schools and parents to get on board to reap the benefits. “Parents have saved 50-70 per cent”, said State Schools' Relief CEO, Stephen Isles. By the end of this month clk2sell will be expanding its functionality to include musical instruments and text books.

For more information about this resource go to www.clk2sell.com or email: info@clk2sell.com.

REMEMBERANCE DAY 2015 COMMEMORATIONS
At 11.00am on 11 November each year, a minute’s silence is traditionally observed to remember those who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts.

Wednesday 11 November 2015 commemorates the 97th anniversary of Remembrance Day.

Historical information on the background and development of Remembrance Day is available from the Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL) – Victorian Branch website at: www.rslvic.com.au

Poppies, as the emblem of remembrance, are available throughout Victoria from late October, with sale proceeds going towards the welfare of needy veterans and their dependants.

IMPORTANT DATES
We celebrate the success and achievements of our students and the graduation of the Year 12 students annually at our Awards evenings. With December being such a busy time of year I encourage you to pencil in these very important days:

- **Middle Years Campus Awards Night** – Tuesday 15 December
- **Senior Campus Awards Night** – Wednesday 16 December
- **Reports will be distributed** – Tuesday 15 December.

Trish Horner
YEAR 12 FORMALITIES

CELEBRATION DAY
Our Year 12 students had a hugely fun and celebratory last day of school on the 21 October. Not to be deterred by the awful weather, students wore their traditional fancy dress costumes for the festivities, which included spending time in class with their teachers and classmates, a free breakfast, a fashion parade at recess and a final assembly. During the final assembly a number of awards were distributed and a very good farewell video created by Sarah Horner was shown to students. The video highlighted how much students had grown and changed since Year 7, and was a great amount of fun.

As part of the lead up to celebration day, students were taken through a large amount of information concerning safe behaviour during the Year 12 celebration period. Year 12 Coordinators spoke with students about safe partying, safe driving, being well behaved in public and protective behaviours. They also discussed how to avoid issues at schoolies events etc.

FORMAL
Last week also saw the Year 12 Formal, which was held at L’Unica in Parkville. This was another highly successful event, organised by Helen Burnett in conjunction with the School Captains.

We now look forward to Year 12 Graduation which takes place at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Wednesday 16 December.

EXAMS
Despite the festivities, of course it isn’t over for Year 12 VCE students, as the most important part of the year started this week with the English exam. Best of luck to students undertaking all of the Unit 4 exams over the coming weeks.

UPCOMING STEPUP PROGRAMS
A hugely important part of the year is coming up soon, our StepUp Programs. Students currently in Years 9, 10 and 11 will complete a very important week of classes and activities. The StepUp Week is a compulsory part of the student program, and essential for students to get a great start for the 2016. Details will be sent home soon with students outlining their programs.

- **StepUp 12** – for current Year 11 students Monday 23 November to Friday 27 November.
- **StepUp11** – for current Year 10 students is Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December.
- **StepUp10** – our Transition Week for Year 9 students – is Monday 7 December to Friday 11 December.

During term 3 the annual Mill Park SC chess tournament was held. Congratulations to Thomas Howe (Yr 10), Nicholas Bega (Yr 11) and Marklee Magatse (Yr 12) for winning their year level matches.

Thomas Howe was the overall College Champion, the students were presented with their medals by Assistant Principal Mr Peter Tonis.

Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated in the tournament.

HARRY SINGH - 8BW
Harry has enjoyed learning how to cook a variety of foods this year in Food Technology and is very proud of the Damper that he made last week. Harry received full marks for this effort.

Well done Harry!
REEGAN QUICK: SENIOR CAMPUS RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 CITY OF WHITTLESEA STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Student Recognition Program is part of the City of Whittlesea’s commitment to recognising student ability and dedication across a range of areas, environment, community service, respect for others and strong leadership.

This week at a special ceremony, the Mayor and former student of Mill Park Secondary College, Ricky Kirkham, announced Reegan Quick of Year 12 as the recipient of the Senior Campus Award for 2015. Reegan was presented with a certificate and a cheque for $150.

Reegan came to the College as part of our Year 7 intake in the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program.

In 2014 he received the La Trobe University Business School Award in both Economics and Accounting. Reegan is a Young Scholar of The University of Melbourne’s Kwong Lee Dow Program. He was nominated and endorsed in 2013 when he was in Year 10 as an outstanding student whose VCE studies would benefit via an association with the university.

Reegan has been very active within the school community including debating since Year 7, he was elected the College Vice-Captain this year and has been an enthusiastic member of the Student Representative Council. Reegan was also member of the College Student Engagement & Well-being Committee, offering the student voice when policies were drafted for School Council endorsement.

He participated in the United National Australia’s Victoria State Conference highlighting his commitment to youth issues. Reegan also attended the ‘Feel Think Flow’ a Refugee Human Rights Summit and also participated in the United Nations Youth Australia LGBTIQ Summit. This year he organised a presentation to be delivered on Climate Finance by the Oak Tree Foundation.

Finally, Reegan has been an army cadet with the 312 Unit at Puckapunyal. He was a Corporal in charge of a platoon of recruits that administered flood relief.

SSV STATE ATHLETICS 2015

On Tuesday 20 October ten of Mill Park’s most talented Track and Field Athletes travelled to Albert Park’s Lakeside Stadium to compete at the pinnacle of the SSV competition – the State Championships! On what was a very hot and humid day each student put in 110% effort competing against the best of the best and leaving with huge Cheshire Cat smiles at their efforts.

Our mantra of the day was “getting here is the achievement, whatever else happens is a bonus” and we sure had some bonuses with Emerson placing a massive 3rd in is 100m and 200m sprint with Personal Best times of 11.26 sec and 22.57 sec respectively. A huge congratulations to our distance runners Manda, Kyle and Maighan in the 1500m and Marnie in the 3000m who definitely pushed their endurance to the limit in the bone-dry weather, with Marnie calling “I’m gonna die!” as she ran past the Mill Park Cheer Squad! On the Field, Joel and Kellie displayed amazing skill in the Javelin competing against not only the other athletes, but the wind as well while Tamara and Jack showed their true strength and power in the very competitive Shot Put and Triple Jump.

RESULTS:
- Kellie Lynn: 13 Girls Javelin – 5th
- Marnie Jarvis: 12-20 Girls 3000m – 9th
- Tamara Geddes: 15 Girls Shot Put – 6th
- Emerson Shiel: 16 Boys 100m – 3rd
- Emerson Shiel: 16 Boys 200m – 3rd
- Jack Rose: 16 Boys Triple Jump – 6th
- Joel Rowe: 16 Boys Javelin – 7th
- Manda Mirt: 17 Girls 1500m – 11th
- Maighan Corps: 18-20 Girls 1500m – 10th
- Kyle Fitzgerald: 18-20 Boys 1500m – 7th

And a special mention to Larissa Cullen who qualified for the 17 Girls Javelin, Discuss and Long Jump but was unable to compete on the day.

A big “well done” to everyone who competed or supported our athletes on the day, you have all made Mill Park proud!

Miss Grounds, PE teacher
EXAMS AT MYC
Exams will be held during Week 5, Wednesday 4 November – Friday 6 November of Melbourne Cup Week for all Year 9 students as well as Year 7 & 8 SEAL and Extension class students. Please refer to the table below for details.

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Please Note: Year 9 students are permitted to complete their private study on Wednesday 4 November either in the library on the Middle Years Campus or at home. There will be no formal classes during those sessions for Year 9.

YEAR 7 & 8 SEAL & EXTENSION EXAMS

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These exams are being held early in this term in order to provide an opportunity for classroom teachers to mark them and provide feedback to their students on their level of achievement. The exams do not signal the end of the Year 9 curriculum. There is still another 4 weeks of formal Year 9 classes that students are expected to attend as normal where regular learning and assessment tasks will be conducted.

For the information of parents, this year an ‘Exam Summary’ page will be included in the Semester Two reports that each student will receive.

I expect all students will take the exams seriously and conscientiously. This opportunity to sit for exams will provide invaluable experience for Year 9 students as they prepare to move to the Senior Campus to commence their final three years of secondary education.

KOOL SKOOLS 2015
We are expecting to release our latest College CD "Translucent Skyline" in early November. Some of our Year 10 students have been selected to perform at the Victoria Awards on Saturday 14 November, Daniel Cropley singing his original “Running Deep” and Bonnie Jarrett, John Zacharias, Daniel Farrugia and Jacob Jankovski performing “Stains”. It is a fantastic achievement to be selected to perform at the awards evening.

Here's a quote for Matthew Maisano who was also involved this year "For me Kool Skools is the best part of the year. I love going down to the studio and recording a mediocre song then watch it turn into an amazing track once the editing begins. It's an amazing experience that I love doing every year."

Wendy Nagel, Assistant Manager of the Arts, Instrumental & Classroom Music
Mill Park Secondary College
Year 12 Graduation & Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 16 December 2015
Moonee Valley Racecourse (Celebrity Room)

Arrive 7.00pm
for 7.30pm start

All students must be in their assigned
seats by 7.15pm

All graduating students will be presented with their VCE/VCAL &
VET Certificates

Who will receive the award for the top
Study Score in each subject?

Who will become the 2015 DUX of the College?

Dress Code:
Graduates - black & white semi-formal.
Family & friends – semi-formal

Graduates are encouraged to bring two family members with them to celebrate their achievements.
Please RSVP to Carissa Strangis on 9409 8221 before 1 December 2015

Venue details overleaf.
Mill Park Secondary College now allows students to bring their own devices to school for educational use within the classroom.

Our network provides every student with continual access to a broad range of licensed software and their network storage - anytime & anywhere.*

Want to BYOD?
Linking your own device is simple. Just ask the General Office for a BYOD Expression of Interest Form or download a copy from the link below, complete the form and return it to the General Office. You will then be provided with a BYOD welcome pack that provides all the instructions you need to link your device with the school’s wireless network.

No Device yet?
Not a problem. Mill Park Secondary College can put you in contact with a supplier of approved digital devices. Just see our website for more details...

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*Depending on Wi-Fi access.
ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION
MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE
10 - 13 November 2015
Opening Tuesday 10 Nov 7.30 pm

VCE - 10
City of Whittlesea Great Hall 9 - 5pm Fri 9 - 11am
Ferres Blvd Sth Morang
Wed 11 Thu 12 Fri 13 NOV

Yr 7 - 9
Middle Years Campus Library 9 - 4pm
Moorhead Dve Mill Park

Artwork by Mar Jan Teen Cruz Yr 12 Studio Arts