AS 2015 DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Many of our Year 12 students have finished their exams and the Year 11 exams are well under way. Very soon our Year 10 students will commence their exam period. Students on the Middle Years Campus have also completed exams. We have been very pleased with how the students have approached this important time of the year. Students will soon commence their Step Up Programs. All current Year 9, 10 and 11 students are expected to attend their respective Step Up program to enable them to have a flying start to 2016. Valuable information and activities will occur which will not be repeated in the new school year.

ARTS FESTIVAL

I had the pleasure of attending our Art Show on Tuesday 10 November at the Council Offices. The Mayor, Cr Stevan Kozmevski kindly left a meeting, so he could open the Show. As usual the quality of the work was up to ‘Art Gallery’ standard. An amazing variety of art was also displayed in both Campus libraries. I would like to congratulate our students and thank all staff involved under the leadership of Gina Palamara.

REMEMBERANCE DAY 2015 COMMEMORATIONS

On Wednesday 11 November at 11am a minutes silence was observed to remember those who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts.

At Middle Years Campus, two student representatives, Ekaterina Terolli (9CR) and Benjamin Nicholls (9CW), delivered an eloquent Remembrance Day reading over the loud speaker. Well done Ekaterina and Ben!

Peter Tonis lead the commemorations at the Senior Campus.

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.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

An excellent tool is available to assist families using a second-hand uniform trading system.

Below is a hyperlink that is unique to MPSC and when clicked it will present an up to the minute, uniform Stocktake Report that shows all the school’s second-hand uniforms items that are currently listed for sale on the Sustainable School Shop.

The hyperlink provides parents with quick and easy access to see all the items for sale.

This Stocktake Report is responsive and works on all size screens including smart phones.


Trish Horner
IT’S NEARLY TIME TO STEPUP!

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 - Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December.
✓ StepUp10 – our Transition Week for Year 9 students – Monday 7 December to Friday 11 December.

Year 11 students have already received their 2016 programs and instructions for StepUp week, and Year 10 students will receive their Year 11 programs soon. Please contact Assistant Principal Kelli MacDonald if you have any queries about the program.

OUR YOUNG WRITERS TOP THE WHITTLESEA SHOW

Great news from last weekend where 5 of our Year 10 students scooped the pool in the short story writing contest at the Whittlesea Show.

Congratulations to:

✓ Jerilyn Chen
✓ Jemma Ashton
✓ Natalie Todaro
✓ Mahni Micallef
✓ Noor Mehio

ZUMBA

Yr 9 & 10 Dance students participated in yet another Zumba lesson this term which was directed by a professional Zumba instructor. Students thoroughly enjoyed grooving to the beats of salsa, flamenco, merengue which felt more like a dance party than a workout, which is exactly what makes Zumba so popular.

Abbie Jewell
Dance Teacher
Tis the season for the Year 10 Final free choice prac exam!

As we near towards the end of another semester of Year 10 Food electives, my students were busy preparing for their final free choice practical exam in both Junior Bakers and Junior Chefs. The students put their culinary thinking caps on and tested their food mettle to prepare some mouth-watering, complex dishes. At the conclusion of these sessions, students were busy checking out and tasting the work of their fellow students. Feast on the following images!

Christine Usher, Food Technology teacher

Junior Chefs

Khaled with his homemade burger buns filled with herbed chicken schnitzel and sweet potato chips.

Alexandra with her lemon curd meringue tarts.

Junior Bakers

Maria D. made her mouth-watering morello cherry and cream cheese strudel and Shian F. made her impressive quiche lorraines.

Imtithal made her decadent chocolate fudge cake.

Kayla M made her colourful berry and mascarpone tarts.
Design Technology Fashion Unit 2 on display at the Art and Design Exhibition
ARTS FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all students whose work was chosen to be displayed in the Middle Years Campus library as part of this week’s Art Festival. A huge thankyou to all the staff involved in creating the displays as well as organising to take our students to view the Senior Campus Art display at the City of Whittlesea Council offices. Please see below samples of work from our very talented students.

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

I have had the pleasure in attending local primary schools to award the following scholarships for 2016.

Music - Michelle Aloysius, Morang South Primary

Community - Tanner O’Mara, Meadowglen Primary

Leadership - Gabriella Taha, Epping Views Primary

Academic - Qasim Waraich, Mill Park Primary

Sport - Emily Maltezos, Mill Park Primary

Two former students of Morang South Primary, Alex Stevanoski (7AS) and Christian Del Tondo (7AS) did a fantastic job representing the College.

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients, we look forward to welcoming you to our school in 2016.
YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Students from 7AS made some great raps and poems in Science to describe Day and Night and the Seasons, below are two examples of the classes work.

Day and Night

“The sun’s light, as light as it can be right now is shining on me. Making it day as we leave the light. It’s dark and time to say goodnight. Don’t worry though, we will see that the light will shine back on me.”

from Gabby, Peter and Charlotte – 7AS

Rap on Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring

“Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring they all have different meaning. Summer is the time to be a good runner and your days can be even funner. In Autumn your days can be awesome, you can climb in the trees and jump in the leaves. Winter, just 90 of the 365 days but still plenty of time to enjoy the last of the sun rays. The world may be tilt but that doesn’t matter ’coz you’ve got your bed quilt. You can go outside and play with the snow. You’ll have plenty of fun well that’s what we all know. Spring, the birds will sing, the flowers will blossom and you might see a baby possum. The grass will be green and people will be keen to go to their houses and clean.”

from Gabe, Alex, Rayne and Christian – 7AS

Sarah Forbes, Science Teacher

FRIDAY 13TH CARNIVAL

On Friday 13 November the SRC and 8BS worked together to run a Costume Day and lunchtime Carnival for the Middle Years students. The SRC ran a series of activities including a bowling game, a three legged race, a donut eating competition and a costume competition. The SRC also hosted a Bake Sale and a popcorn stall. Mr Matthews and 8BS cooked a fantastic BBQ and did a great job of serving the sausages and drinks. Thank you to all the staff and students who dressed up or came along to the carnival. All proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Liz Ring, Student Leadership / Awards Coordinator
Do you have family or friends overseas who would like their children to study in Australia?

Mill Park Secondary College has had an International Student Program for over 13 years with many students, who successfully completed their VCE, continued at university and are now in rewarding careers.

English Language Centre

Students are able come to Australia to study in Years 7 to 11 on a 571 Visa. If required, they complete a 20 week Intensive English Language Program in our English Language Centre located on the Senior Campus.

4 Options for Accommodation and Welfare for international students.

**Option 1:** A parent or legal guardian

**Option 2:** Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) approved relative.

**Option 3:** A Nominated third Party

(A person that parents have chosen but the College must approve and monitor)

**Option 4:** Homestay (Arranged, approved and monitored by the College)

First language

International students are also able to study their first language while studying in Australia, through Victorian School of Languages (VSL)

Study Abroad

Another option is for students to come to Australia for a 3, 6 or 12 months short term study period.

If you would like information about our International Student Program, contact our International Student Coordinator:

Marilyn Pridmore on (03) 9409 8222 or 0448 980 419

Applications are done online: [www.study.vic.gov.au](http://www.study.vic.gov.au)

Quynh Ly is 15 years old and is from Vietnam. Her parents are still in Vietnam and Quynh is living with her grandparents in Reservoir. Quynh misses her parents and friends very much, but knows that learning English and studying in Australia will give her so many more opportunities in the future. She is very appreciative that her family have given her this opportunity and works extremely hard, wanting them to be proud of her. Quynh is currently in the English Language Centre and will commence Year 10 in Term 1 next year. Quynh loves to read and hopes to become a journalist. She would also like to write short stories for teenagers, something she did in Vietnam.

Zi Qi Chen is 17 years old and comes from China. Ziqi is very fortunate that his mother was able to come to Australia with him, however his father has remained in China where he works as a clerk. Ziqi is interested in physics and hopes to become an Astrophysicist. His parents have high hopes for Ziqi’s future and are working very hard for him to have this opportunity of studying in Australia. Like all parents of international students, they also believe that learning English and studying in Australia will give him a better future. Ziqi will commence Year 11 next Year after completing his Intensive English Language Program.
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